

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC

Interim Financial Report 2017

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Interim results
Strategy on track

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Highlights	H1 2017	H1 2016	Change
Total revenue	£203.2 m	£194.2 m	5%
Adjusted results			
• Adjusted operating profit	£49.0 m	£46.8 m	5%
• Adjusted profit before tax	£49.1 m	£46.9 m	5%
• Adjusted diluted earnings a share	32.7 p	29.9 p	9%
Statutory results			
• Operating profit	£15.6 m	£26.0 m	
• Profit before tax	£15.6 m	£23.4 m	
• Diluted earnings a share	11.4 p	13.4 p	
Net (debt)/cash	(£83.6) m	£55.9 m	(£139.5m)
Interim dividend	8.8 p	7.0 p	26%

A detailed reconciliation of the group's adjusted results is set out in the appendix to this statement.

- Strategy on track in this year of transition. The recent DMGT sell-down has allowed us to accelerate the strategy.
- First-quarter revenues reflected, as expected, the continuation of the headwinds experienced last year. Second quarter shows some signs of the business turning.
- Total revenues up 5%, underlying¹ revenues down 2%.
- Adjusted profit before tax up 5% to £49.1m.
- Results continued to be boosted by a strong dollar compared to last year.
- Statutory profit before tax reflects exceptional items of £24.6m and acquired intangible amortisation of £8.8m.
- Net debt at March 31 of £83.6m, from net cash position at year-end, following the £193.6m share buyback in January.
- Strong 12-month cash conversion of 120% (2016: 107%) continues to strengthen the balance sheet.
- Active portfolio management continues. Four businesses sold and one acquisition made in first half together with two more acquisitions in April, including the US\$125m purchase of RISI.
- New dividend policy: interim dividend increased by 26% to 8.8p.

¹ Underlying revenues are at constant exchange rates, including pro forma prior year comparatives for acquisitions and excluding disposals and significant event timing differences as reconciled on page 8.

Commenting on the results, Andrew Rashbass, CEO, said:

“The first-half results reflect good progress with our strategy: investing in strategic themes; creating a best-of-both-worlds operating model which combines Euromoney’s well-known entrepreneurial culture with the benefits of a more corporate approach; and active portfolio management. DMGT’s sell-down has helped us accelerate this strategy. We are already seeing payback from our investments last year. During the first half we continued to invest for growth and to address the drag from cyclically and structurally challenged businesses. Although headwinds remain for our customers and therefore for us, particularly in asset management, the commodities and banking & finance markets are showing signs of improving. The progress we are seeing gives us confidence that we will meet the board’s expectations for the full year. It is in this context that the board has changed its dividend policy to increase the dividend to approximately 40% of adjusted earnings each year.”

Strategy

Our strategy is to manage a portfolio of businesses in markets where information, data and convening market participants are valued. We deliver products and services that support our clients' critical activities.

In particular, we look to serve markets which are semi-opaque; that is, where there is information which organisations need in order to operate effectively but the information is hard to find. Price discovery is a good example.

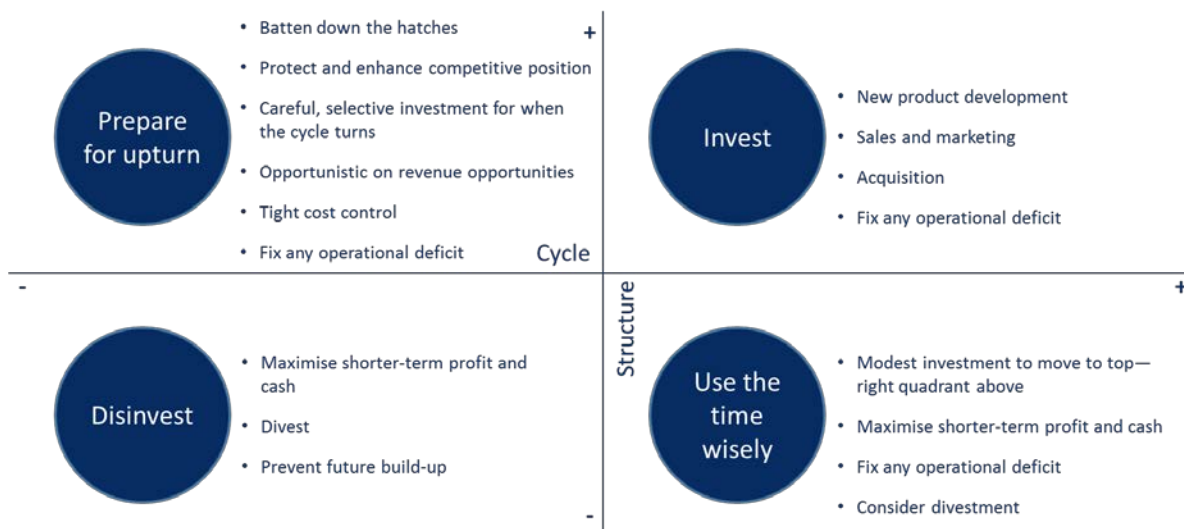
B2B 3.0: How information markets are evolving

We characterise the business models of B2B information companies into three generations, which we call B2B Media 1.0, 2.0 and 3.0. Their characteristics are typically as follows:



Euromoney has been successful in becoming a 2.0 business over the past 10 or more years. We are becoming a 3.0 business, pacing the transition to meet and anticipate our customers' needs.

Quadrants: As we manage our portfolio to achieve our strategy, we categorise our businesses into four quadrants:

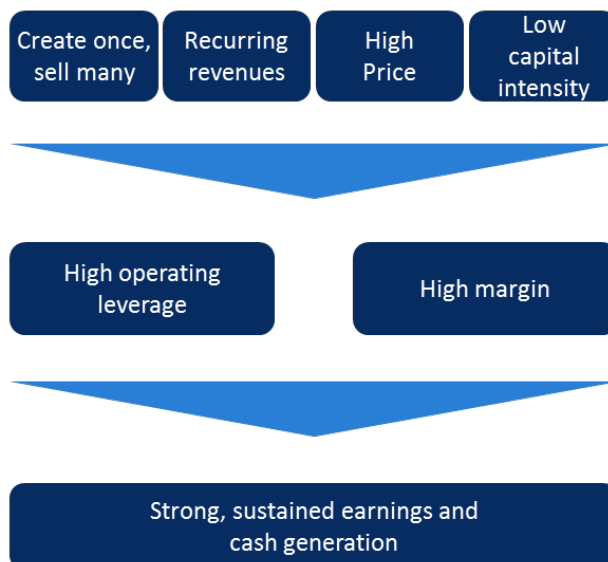


Three pillars of strategic activity

This analysis results in three pillars of strategic activity:

1. **Invest around big themes.** These include price discovery, post-trade activities, asset management and telecoms. Some examples from the half year:
 - a. Price discovery: Following the acquisition of FastMarkets in September 2016 which confirmed Metal Bulletin as a leading metals price reporting agency, we purchased RISI in April 2017 for US\$125m. RISI is the leading price reporting agency for the global forest-products market.
 - b. We continue to invest in new products at, for instance, CEIC, BCA and Institutional Investor.

2. **Transform the operating model.** There are two aspects to our model. One is our target business model:



The second is what we call a “best-of-both-worlds” operating model. Euromoney is known for its entrepreneurial culture – our people are creative, action-oriented, close to their customers, passionate about their brands, knowledgeable about the industries they serve and accountable for their results. Over the past six months, we have reorganised the business into seven divisions: price reporting, investment research, Institutional Investor, banking and finance, specialist information, events and data. Alongside, we are building strong central functions to support the businesses and to ensure we take advantage of Euromoney’s scale, share best practice, operate strategically and create career paths for staff across the whole company.

3. **Actively manage the portfolio.** Acquisitions have always been, and remain, an important part of Euromoney’s strategy. We have a record of identifying good businesses where our ownership adds value. In many cases, we buy founder-run businesses; and those founders often stay and grow their business within Euromoney. So far this year we have acquired the small telecoms events businesses BroadGroup (49% in March 2017) and Layer123 (61% in April 2017), as well as RISI (100% in April 2017)

We also sell businesses where we believe we are not the best owners, and to generate funds (alongside our strong cash-flows and debt capacity) to invest in the themes discussed above. During the period, we sold four businesses: HedgeFund Intelligence (December 2016), II Intelligence (December 2016), Euromoney Indices (March 2017) and LatinFinance (March 2017) for a combined exceptional profit on disposal of £4.8m.

Strategy overall. Our strategy is designed to develop the businesses we own and deliver strategic, timely, and well-executed acquisitions and disposals. We aim to allocate and recycle capital efficiently to good organic and inorganic opportunities via our “best-of-both-worlds” operating model. Our ambition is to generate consistent and meaningful returns for our shareholders at relatively low risk.

Outlook

The outlook for the commodities and banking markets is improving whereas the asset management sector is now facing headwinds. Currency remains a tailwind at the moment and we are seeing good progress from the strategic actions we are taking. Therefore, we expect to deliver a full year performance in line with the board’s expectations.

Operating and Financial Review

Trading Review

Total revenue for the six months to March 31 increased by 5% to £203.2m. The group's businesses focused on price discovery, data and market intelligence improved. The commodity events and banking & finance segments, which together accounted for 24% of revenues, declined as we removed unprofitable events in the face of challenging trading conditions, particularly in the first quarter. Despite a tougher market outlook for asset management, the group modestly increased its subscription revenues from this segment, benefitting from the strategic actions initiated last year around new products, pricing and sales.

On a reported basis, the high-margin flow-through from the growth of the *Invest* quadrant and favourable exchange rates more than offset the drag from businesses in the *Disinvest* quadrant.

Revenue (£m)*	Subscriptions/ Content	Advertising	Sponsorship	Delegates	Other	Total
Asset management	69.1 1%	7.1 (8%)	6.1 4%	0.6 (99%)	0.0 62%	82.9 0%
Pricing, data & market intelligence	52.5 3%	5.0 (23%)	6.8 10%	8.9 -	0.6 (23%)	73.8 1%
Banking & finance	4.2 (8%)	4.1 (1%)	10.0 (12%)	10.9 (13%)	0.6 (25%)	29.8 (11%)
Commodity events	N/A	N/A	4.0 (10%)	14.6 (7%)	0.4 1%	19.0 (10%)
	125.8 1%	16.2 (14%)	26.9 (3%)	35.0 (6%)	1.6 (18%)	205.5 -
Sold/closed businesses						4.7 -
Foreign exchange losses on forward contracts						(7.0) -
Total revenue						203.2 (2%)^

* Figures are 2017 reported revenues and percentages are underlying growth rates.

^ Calculates the growth rate for underlying revenues of £198.5m for the six months to March 31 (i.e. total revenue of £203.2m less sold/closed businesses revenue of £4.7m) over the equivalent six month period in 2016.

Underlying revenue fell by 2% in the period, but with a marked difference in performance between the two quarters. After a 5% decline in the first quarter, underlying revenue increased by 1% in the second, with the return to growth largely due to a recovery in the events businesses, particularly in banking & finance and commodities (see table below).

Revenue change by quarter (underlying [#]) year-on-year % change	2016				2017	
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2
Subscriptions and content	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	2%
Advertising	(2%)	(16%)	(14%)	(12%)	(16%)	(10%)
Sponsorship	(7%)	(8%)	9%	(7%)	(14%)	5%
Delegates	(18%)	(17%)	(9%)	(12%)	(14%)	1%
Total ^Q	(6%)	(6%)	(1%)	(4%)	(5%)	1%

[#] At constant exchange rates, including pro forma prior year comparatives for acquisitions and excluding disposals and significant event timing differences.

^Q Includes other revenues but excludes revenues from sold/closed businesses. Foreign exchange hedging losses restated in prior year at current year level.

Underlying subscriptions and content revenues increased by 1%. Despite the cost and fee pressures facing the asset management sector, subscription revenues from this segment increased by 1% on an underlying basis, with some of the strategic initiatives undertaken in 2016 starting to bring benefits. Pricing, data and market intelligence subscription revenues increased by an underlying 3%, mainly due to a strong performance from Metal Bulletin including the successful integration of last year's FastMarkets acquisition.

Underlying advertising revenues remained weak and decreased by 14%, but advertising now represents less than 10% of revenues.

Underlying event revenues fell by 5% (sponsorship fell by 3% and delegates by 6%), with the banking & finance and commodity events segments providing a significant drag. However, much of this revenue decline comes from strategic actions taken in 2016 to consolidate some of the group's event activities and cut out a significant number of low margin events and unprofitable training courses, which is now starting to improve profitability. There are also signs of a recovery in these segments as a first quarter revenue decline of 14% was followed by growth of 2% in the second quarter. Large events, particularly in the telecoms and structured finance sectors, have continued to perform well.

The adjusted operating margin was 24%, the same as last year, reflecting the benefit from the *Invest* quadrant businesses and the elimination of unprofitable events training courses, offset by some remaining drag from the *Disinvest* quadrant and increased costs attributable to the DMGT sell-down and the need to operate as a standalone group. Adjusted operating profit increased by 5% to £49.0m.

Adjusted and statutory results

Adjusted profit before tax increased by 5% to £49.1m, with an increase in financing costs following the share buyback offset by an improvement in profits from the group's equity interest in associates and joint ventures, principally Dealogic. Adjusted diluted earnings per share increased by 9% to 32.7p (2016: 29.9p), largely reflecting the benefit from the reduction in the number of shares in issue following the share buyback.

The statutory profit before tax of £15.6m is lower than the adjusted profit before tax due to exceptional items of £24.6m and acquired intangible amortisation of £8.8m. The exceptional items largely arise from a goodwill impairment charge for one of the group's asset management

businesses, following its disappointing financial performance in the face of tough market conditions and recent management changes. A detailed reconciliation of the group's adjusted and statutory results is set out in the appendix to this statement.

Tax

The adjusted effective tax rate based on adjusted profit before tax and excluding deferred tax movements on intangible assets, prior year items and exceptional items is 21% (2016: 19%). The group continues to benefit from reductions in the UK corporate tax rate and the tax effects of acquisitions. The tax rate in each year depends mainly on the geographic mix of profits and applicable local tax rates. The group's reported effective tax rate decreased to 12% compared to 26% in 2016. A reconciliation of the tax rate and a description of the group's uncertain tax positions are set out in note 6 to this statement.

DMGT sell-down

In December 2016, DMGT announced its intention to reduce its equity interest in Euromoney from 68% to 49% through a combination of a 15% share buyback by Euromoney and a 10% placing with institutional shareholders, which was completed in early January. The sell-down gives Euromoney balance sheet independence from DMGT and will enable Euromoney to accelerate its active portfolio management strategy. The £193.6m share buyback was funded by a mix of cash and new borrowing facilities arranged by Euromoney, and its borrowing facility with DMGT was terminated.

Following the DMGT sell-down, Euromoney has been investing in its operating model, including replacing the functions previously provided by DMGT and building a strong centre to support its growth strategy as a stand-alone entity. Once complete, this investment is expected to increase costs by approximately £4m a year, of which £1m were incurred in the first half.

Net debt and cash flow

Net debt at March 31 2017 was £83.6m compared with net cash of £55.9m at March 31 2016 and net cash of £83.8m at the last year end. The move to a net debt position reflects the share buyback completed in early January at a cost of £193.6m, funded by £75.4m of the group's cash and new bank term-loans of £118.2m. This was partly offset by strong operating cash flows of £73.7m and net cash proceeds of £2.9m from M&A activity in the period. The completion of the RISI and Layer123 acquisitions in April increased net debt by a further £103.3m.

The group's new five-year external borrowing facilities comprise term-loans of US\$100m and £40m (total £119m) and a £130m multi-currency revolving credit facility. There is a further accordion facility of £130m should the group wish to request it. The term-loans and drawings under the revolving credit facility bear interest charged at LIBOR plus a margin, the applicable margin being based on the group's ratio of net debt to adjusted EBITDA. At March 2017, the group's ratio of net debt to adjusted EBITDA was 0.7 times and the committed undrawn facility available to the group was £130m. Following completion of the RISI acquisition, the group's net debt increased to approximately 1.5 times adjusted EBITDA.

The group's underlying operating cash conversion for the 12 months to March was 120% (2016: 107%), reflecting better working capital management and an increase in deferred revenue.

Dividend

When the DMGT sell-down was announced in December 2016, the board committed to reviewing the company's dividend policy. Following this review, the board has approved a new, progressive dividend policy with an increase in the dividend pay-out ratio from approximately 33% to approximately 40% (a reduction in the dividend cover from 3.0 to 2.5 times earnings), subject to the capital needs of the business. The interim dividend will be paid at a rate of approximately 33% of the previous year's total dividend. The 15% reduction in the number of shares in issue following the share buyback, combined with the increase in the dividend pay-out ratio, has enabled the board to approve a 26% increase in the interim dividend to 8.8p per share (2016: 7.0p), to be paid to shareholders on June 22.

Currency

The group generates approximately two thirds of both its revenues, including approximately a third of its UK revenues, and profit before tax in US dollars. The exposure to US dollar revenues in its UK businesses is hedged using forward contracts to sell US dollars, which delays the impact of movements in exchange rates for at least a year. However, the group does not hedge the foreign exchange risk on the translation of overseas profits.

The average sterling-US dollar rate for the six months to March 31 was \$1.25 (2016: \$1.48). This improved headline revenue growth rates for the year by approximately ten percentage points and adjusted profit before tax by £6.4m. Each one cent movement in the US dollar rate has an impact on profits on translation of approximately £0.6m on an annualised basis. The group also benefitted from the revaluation of non-sterling denominated balance sheet items resulting in a gain of £0.2m (2016: £1.7m gain).

Further trading updates

Further coverage of these half-year results will be provided to analysts at a presentation starting at 9am on May 18 at the offices of UBS in London. The group intends to provide a brief third-quarter trading update on July 21.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT

This Interim Financial Report (IFR) has been prepared solely to provide additional information to shareholders to assess the Euromoney group's results and strategy and the potential for that strategy to succeed. The IFR should not be relied on by any other party for any other purpose. This IFR contains certain forward-looking statements. These statements are made by the directors in good faith based on the information available to them up to the time of their approval of this report but such statements should be treated with caution due to the inherent uncertainties, including both economic and business risk factors, underlying any such forward-looking information.

NOTE TO EDITORS

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC (www.euromoneyplc.com) is listed on the London Stock Exchange and is a member of the FTSE 250 share index. It is an international business-information group covering asset management, price discovery, data & market intelligence, and banking & finance under brands including Euromoney, Institutional Investor, BCA Research, Ned Davis Research and Metal Bulletin. The group also runs an extensive portfolio of events for the telecoms, financial and commodities markets.

Appendix to Interim Statement

Reconciliation of Consolidated Income Statement to adjusted results for the six months ended March 31 2017

The directors believe that the adjusted profit and earnings per share measures provide additional useful information for shareholders to evaluate and to compare the performance of the business from period to period. These measures are used by management for budgeting, planning and monthly reporting purposes. The non-IFRS measures also enable the group to more easily and consistently track the underlying operational performance by separating out the following types of income, charges and non-cash items.

Adjusted figures are presented before the impact of amortisation of acquired intangible assets (comprising trademarks and brands, databases and customer relationships), exceptional items, share of associates and joint ventures' acquired intangibles amortisation, exceptional items and tax, and net movements in deferred consideration and acquisition commitments. The amortisation of acquired intangible assets is excluded to allow an easier comparison of the results of organically developed businesses with acquired businesses. In respect of earnings, adjusted amounts reflect a tax rate that includes the current tax effect of the goodwill and intangible assets. Many of the group's acquisitions, particularly in the US, give rise to significant tax savings as the amortisation of goodwill and intangible assets on acquisition is deductible for tax purposes. The group considers that the resulting adjusted effective tax rate is therefore more representative of its tax payable position. Further analysis of the adjusting items is presented in notes 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 to the Consolidated Condensed Interim Financial Report.

The group has consistently applied this definition of adjusted measures as it has reported on its financial performance in the past and it is the group's intention to continue to consistently apply this definition in the future.

The reconciliation below sets out the adjusted results of the group and the related adjustments to the Condensed Consolidated Income Statement.

	Notes	Adjusted £000	Adjust- ments £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 Total £000	Adjusted £000	Adjust- ments £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 Total £000	Adjusted £000	Adjust- ments £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 Total £000
Total revenue	2	203,219	-	203,219	194,198	-	194,198	403,112	-	403,112
Adjusted operating profit	2	48,984	-	48,984	46,830	-	46,830	101,450	-	101,450
Acquired intangible amortisation	11	-	(8,824)	(8,824)	-	(7,850)	(7,850)	-	(16,733)	(16,733)
Exceptional items	4	-	(24,559)	(24,559)	-	(12,940)	(12,940)	-	(37,264)	(37,264)
Operating profit		48,984	(33,383)	15,601	46,830	(20,790)	26,040	101,450	(53,997)	47,453
Share of results in associates and joint ventures	10	1,168	(2,274)	(1,106)	641	(1,936)	(1,295)	2,186	(4,009)	(1,823)
Finance income	5	175	2,171	2,346	164	-	164	694	-	694
Finance expense	5	(1,247)	-	(1,247)	(763)	(789)	(1,552)	(1,801)	(601)	(2,402)
Net finance (costs)/income	5	(1,072)	2,171	1,099	(599)	(789)	(1,388)	(1,107)	(601)	(1,708)
Profit before tax		49,080	(33,486)	15,594	46,872	(23,515)	23,357	102,529	(58,607)	43,922
Tax expense on profit	6	(10,243)	8,299	(1,944)	(8,897)	2,744	(6,153)	(18,066)	5,157	(12,909)
Profit for the period		38,837	(25,187)	13,650	37,975	(20,771)	17,204	84,463	(53,450)	31,013
Attributable to:										
Equity holders of the parent		38,556	(25,187)	13,369	37,773	(20,771)	17,002	84,194	(53,450)	30,744
Equity non-controlling interests		281	-	281	202	-	202	269	-	269
		38,837	(25,187)	13,650	37,975	(20,771)	17,204	84,463	(53,450)	31,013
Diluted earnings per share	8	32.72p	(21.37)p	11.35p	29.86p	(16.42)p	13.44p	66.51p	(42.22)p	24.29p

Underlying results

When assessing the performance of our businesses, the board considers the adjusted results. The year-on-year change in adjusted results may not, however, be a fair like-for-like comparison as there are a number of factors which can influence growth rates but which do not reflect underlying performance.

When calculating underlying growth, adjustments are made to give a like-for-like comparison. For example, the adjusted results in 2017 benefitted from the strengthening of the US dollar relative to sterling. To calculate underlying growth, the prior year comparatives are restated using 2017 exchange rates. Similarly, adjustments are made to exclude disposals from both years. When businesses are acquired, the prior year comparatives are adjusted to include the acquisition. The timing of events can also be a distortion. To give a fair like-for-like comparison when calculating underlying growth, significant timing event differences are excluded from the year in which they were held.

The group's adjusted and underlying measures should not be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, financial information presented in compliance with IFRS. The adjusted and underlying measures used by the group are not necessarily comparable with those used by other companies.

The following table sets out the reconciliation from reported revenues to underlying revenues:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 Total £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 Total £000	Change %
Reported revenue	203,219	194,198	5%
M&A	(4,716)	(10,324)	
Timing differences	-	(2,977)	
Foreign exchange	-	22,501	
Underlying revenue	198,503	203,398	(2%)

Cash conversion

Cash conversion measures the percentage by which cash generated from operations covers adjusted operating profit.

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Adjusted operating profit	48,984	46,830	101,450
Cash generated from operations	67,280	53,317	103,764
Exceptional items	6,432	-	3,734
Other working capital movements	(3,055)	(567)	(1,365)
Underlying cash generated from operations	70,657	52,750	106,133
Cash conversion %	137%	114%	102%
Underlying 12-month rolling cash conversion %	120%	107%	105%

The underlying basis is after adjusting for significant timing differences affecting the movement on working capital and exceptional items. For the period ended March 31 2017, exceptional items largely consist of cash payments for the 2016 restructuring costs, legal and professional fees and share buyback costs. The other working capital movements are largely the result of the landlord's one-off contribution to the fit-out of the New York office which will be amortised over the period of the lease. For the year ended September 30 2016, exceptional payments related to the strategic review in 2016 and the development of the group's new strategy. The other working capital movements in prior year related to the rent-free period of the new London offices. At the interim period an underlying 12-month rolling cash conversion percentage is used to eliminate any seasonality.

Condensed Consolidated Income Statement for the six months ended March 31 2017

	Notes	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Total revenue	2	203,219	194,198	403,112
Operating profit before acquired intangible amortisation and exceptional items	2	48,984	46,830	101,450
Acquired intangible amortisation	11	(8,824)	(7,850)	(16,733)
Exceptional items	4	(24,559)	(12,940)	(37,264)
Operating profit	2	15,601	26,040	47,453
Share of results in associates and joint ventures	10	(1,106)	(1,295)	(1,823)
Finance income	5	2,346	164	694
Finance expense	5	(1,247)	(1,552)	(2,402)
Net finance income/(costs)	5	1,099	(1,388)	(1,708)
Profit before tax		15,594	23,357	43,922
Tax expense on profit	6	(1,944)	(6,153)	(12,909)
Profit for the period	2	13,650	17,204	31,013
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent		13,369	17,002	30,744
Equity non-controlling interests		281	202	269
		13,650	17,204	31,013
Basic earnings per share	8	11.36p	13.45p	24.31p
Diluted earnings per share	8	11.35p	13.44p	24.29p
Adjusted basic earnings per share	8	32.76p	29.88p	66.57p
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	8	32.72p	29.86p	66.51p
Dividend per share (including proposed dividends)	7	8.80p	7.00p	23.40p

A detailed reconciliation of the group's statutory results to the adjusted results is set out in the appendix to the Interim Statement on pages 7 to 8.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income for the six months ended March 31 2017

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Profit for the period	13,650	17,204	31,013
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:			
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges	10,832	(2,267)	(5,202)
Transfer of gains on cash flow hedges from fair value reserves to Income Statement:			
Foreign exchange losses in total revenue	(5,901)	(1,457)	(819)
Foreign exchange gains/(losses) in operating profit	33	913	(1,214)
Net exchange differences on translation of net investments in overseas subsidiary undertakings	28,241	27,115	86,984
Net exchange differences on foreign currency loans	(14,589)	(13,633)	(43,401)
Translation reserves recycled to Income Statement	(285)	-	(636)
Tax on items that may be reclassified	(869)	729	1,437
Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:			
Actuarial gains/(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes	5,201	(1,565)	(7,215)
Tax (charge)/credit on actuarial losses/gains on defined benefit pension schemes	(884)	282	1,227
Other comprehensive income for the period	21,779	10,117	31,161
Total comprehensive income for the period	35,429	27,321	62,174
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent	34,806	26,924	60,575
Equity non-controlling interests	623	397	1,599
	35,429	27,321	62,174

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as at March 31 2017

	Notes	Unaudited as at March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited as at March 31 2016 £000	Audited as at Sept 30 2016 £000
Non-current assets				
Intangible assets				
Goodwill	11	381,162	377,072	396,105
Other intangible assets	11	149,299	146,248	155,034
Property, plant and equipment		17,438	9,852	10,472
Investment in associates	10	29,802	31,313	29,810
Investment in joint ventures	10	190	200	215
Available-for-sale investments	10	5,835	5,835	5,835
Deferred consideration	16	1,515	-	526
Deferred tax assets		1,059	3,159	3,886
Derivative financial instruments		36	122	9
		586,336	573,801	601,892
Current assets				
Trade and other receivables		71,652	69,036	73,491
Deferred consideration	16	1,554	192	-
Current income tax assets		7,871	6,123	7,112
Group relief receivable		-	-	121
Cash deposit with DMGT group company		-	43,727	73,639
Cash and cash equivalents (excluding bank overdrafts)		37,371	12,410	10,561
Derivative financial instruments		468	410	410
Total assets of businesses held for sale	9	-	6,578	5,013
		118,916	138,476	170,347
Current liabilities				
Acquisition commitments	16	(9,086)	-	(326)
Deferred consideration	16	-	-	(480)
Trade and other payables		(26,277)	(25,780)	(23,866)
Current income tax liabilities		(20,861)	(17,576)	(21,905)
Group relief payable		(172)	(787)	-
Accruals		(64,571)	(44,347)	(73,375)
Deferred income	12	(138,512)	(125,285)	(113,446)
Loan notes		-	(256)	(185)
Bank overdrafts		(2,050)	-	(233)
Derivative financial instruments		(5,499)	(5,265)	(9,671)
Provisions		(2,122)	(285)	(353)
Total liabilities of businesses held for sale	9	-	(1,917)	(5,549)
		(269,150)	(221,498)	(249,389)
Net current liabilities		(150,234)	(83,022)	(79,042)
Total assets less current liabilities		436,102	490,779	522,850
Non-current liabilities				
Acquisition commitments	16	(1,082)	(10,201)	(11,445)
Borrowings	14	(118,963)	-	-
Other non-current liabilities		(485)	(567)	(486)
Preference shares		-	(10)	(10)
Deferred income	12	(5,947)	(3,709)	(5,340)
Deferred tax liabilities		(4,099)	(17,147)	(14,179)
Net pension deficit		(4,641)	(3,316)	(9,995)
Derivative financial instruments		(70)	(873)	(778)
Provisions		(2,979)	(2,955)	(3,116)
		(138,266)	(38,778)	(45,349)
Net assets		297,836	452,001	477,501
Shareholders' equity				
Called up share capital	15	273	320	321
Share premium account		103,042	102,749	102,835
Other reserve		64,981	64,981	64,981
Capital redemption reserve		56	8	8
Investment in own shares		(21,005)	(21,582)	(21,005)
Reserve for share-based payments		37,873	37,750	37,334
Fair value reserve		(29,777)	(30,317)	(34,741)
Translation reserve		108,062	66,707	95,037
Retained earnings		26,108	224,618	224,218
Equity shareholders' surplus		289,613	445,234	468,988
Equity non-controlling interests		8,223	6,767	8,513
Total equity		297,836	452,001	477,501

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the six months ended March 31 2017

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Other reserve £000	Capital redemp- tion reserve £000	Own shares £000	Reserve for share- based pay- ments £000	Fair value reserve £000	Trans- lation reserve £000	Retained earnings £000	Total £000	Non- control- ling interests £000	Total £000
At September 30 2015	320	102,557	64,981	8	(21,582)	37,169	(27,506)	53,420	228,823	438,190	6,754	444,944
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,744	30,744	269	31,013
Other comprehensive (expense)/income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,235)	41,617	(4,551)	29,831	1,330	31,161
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,235)	41,617	26,193	60,575	1,599	62,174
Recognition of acquisition commitments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(665)	(665)	-	(665)
Non-controlling interest recognised on acquisition	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	363	363
Exercise of acquisition option commitments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	40	(40)	-
Adjustment arising from change in non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(356)	(356)	228	(128)
Charge for share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-	742	-	-	-	742	-	742
Cash dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(29,592)	(29,592)	(391)	(29,983)
Exercise of share options	1	278	-	-	577	(577)	-	-	-	279	-	279
Tax relating to items taken directly to equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(225)	(225)	-	(225)
At September 30 2016	321	102,835	64,981	8	(21,005)	37,334	(34,741)	95,037	224,218	468,988	8,513	477,501
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,369	13,369	281	13,650
Other comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,964	13,025	3,448	21,437	342	21,779
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,964	13,025	16,817	34,806	623	35,429
Adjustment arising from change in non-controlling interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(423)	(423)	(436)	(859)
Charge for share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-	539	-	-	-	539	-	539
Cash dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,755)	(20,755)	(477)	(21,232)
Exercise of share options	-	207	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	207	-	207
Share buyback	(48)	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	(193,657)	(193,657)	-	(193,657)
Tax relating to items taken directly to equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(92)	(92)	-	(92)
At March 31 2017	273	103,042	64,981	56	(21,005)	37,873	(29,777)	108,062	26,108	289,613	8,223	297,836

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity for the six months ended March 31 2016

	Share capital £000	Share premium account £000	Other reserve £000	Capital redemp- tion reserve £000	Own shares £000	Reserve for share- based pay- ments £000	Fair value reserve £000	Trans- lation reserve £000	Retained earnings £000	Total £000	Non- control- ling interests £000	Total £000
At September 30 2015	320	102,557	64,981	8	(21,582)	37,169	(27,506)	53,420	228,823	438,190	6,754	444,944
Profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,002	17,002	202	17,204
Other comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,811)	13,287	(554)	9,922	195	10,117
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,811)	13,287	16,448	26,924	397	27,321
Exercise of acquisition commitments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7)	(7)	7	-
Charge for share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-	581	-	-	-	581	-	581
Cash dividend paid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(20,737)	(20,737)	(391)	(21,128)
Exercise of share options	-	192	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	192	-	192
Tax relating to items taken directly to equity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91	91	-	91
At March 31 2016	320	102,749	64,981	8	(21,582)	37,750	(30,317)	66,707	224,618	445,234	6,767	452,001

The other reserve represents the share premium arising on the shares issued for the purchase of Metal Bulletin plc in October 2006.

The investment in own shares is held by the Euromoney Employees' Share Ownership Trust (ESOT) and Euromoney Employee Share Trust (EEST). The trusts waived the rights to receive dividends. Interest and administrative costs are charged to the profit and loss account of the trusts as incurred.

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016
Number of shares held:			
Euromoney Employees' Share Ownership Trust	58,976	58,976	58,976
Euromoney Employee Share Trust	1,700,777	1,747,631	1,700,777
Total	1,759,753	1,806,607	1,759,753
Nominal cost per share (p)	0.25	0.25	0.25
Historical cost per share (£)	11.94	11.95	11.94
Market value (£000)	18,706	17,018	19,516

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the six months ended March 31 2017

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Cash flow from operating activities			
Operating profit	15,601	26,040	47,453
Long-term incentive expense	539	581	1,198
Acquired intangible amortisation	8,824	7,850	16,733
Licences and software amortisation	1,801	1,487	3,675
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,470	1,329	2,806
Loss/(profit) on disposal of property, plant and equipment	1	(13)	(4)
Goodwill impairment	27,360	12,940	26,987
Intangibles impairment	-	-	1,652
Investment in associate impairment	-	-	111
Recognition of deficit on defined benefit scheme	-	-	1,249
Profit on disposal/closure of businesses	(4,838)	-	(7,094)
Decrease in provisions	(270)	(528)	(387)
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	50,488	49,686	94,379
Decrease in receivables	6,250	2,643	1,719
Increase in payables	10,542	988	7,666
Cash generated from operations	67,280	53,317	103,764
Income taxes paid	(13,029)	(6,967)	(17,242)
Group relief tax received	-	515	549
Net cash generated from operating activities	54,251	46,865	87,071
Investing activities			
Dividends received from associate	-	-	83
Interest received	42	169	699
Purchase of intangible assets	(912)	(1,417)	(2,402)
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(8,338)	(1,451)	(3,231)
Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment	3	16	20
Purchase of subsidiary undertaking, net of cash acquired	-	-	(14,092)
Proceeds from disposal of businesses	4,358	-	10,796
Purchase of associates and joint venture	(552)	(180)	(180)
Proceeds from redemption of preference share capital	-	14,370	14,370
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(5,399)	11,507	6,063
Financing activities			
Dividends paid to equity holders	(20,755)	(20,737)	(29,592)
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	(477)	(391)	(391)
Interest paid	(2,131)	(294)	(1,121)
Issue of new share capital	207	192	279
Share buyback	(193,657)	-	-
Increase in borrowings	119,940	-	-
(Payment)/receipt of deferred consideration	(139)	406	662
Purchase of additional interest in subsidiary undertakings	(726)	(239)	(367)
Redemption of loan notes	(185)	(11)	(82)
Deposit received/(repaid) with DMGT group company	73,618	(33,834)	(62,326)
Net cash used in financing activities	(24,305)	(54,908)	(92,938)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,547	3,464	196
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10,328	8,148	8,148
Effect of foreign exchange rate movements	446	798	1,984
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	35,321	12,410	10,328

Cash and cash equivalents include bank overdrafts.

Note to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Net (debt)/cash

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Net cash at beginning of period	83,782	17,680	17,680
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	24,547	3,464	196
Increase in borrowings	(119,940)	-	-
Deposit (received)/repaid with DMGT group company	(73,618)	33,834	62,326
Redemption of loan notes	185	11	82
Effect of foreign exchange rate movements	1,402	892	3,498
Net (debt)/cash at end of period	(83,642)	55,881	83,782
Net (debt)/cash comprises:			
Cash at bank and in hand	37,371	12,410	10,561
Bank overdrafts	(2,050)	-	(233)
Total cash and cash equivalents	35,321	12,410	10,328
Cash deposit with DMGT group company	-	43,727	73,639
Borrowings	(118,963)	-	-
Loan notes	-	(256)	(185)
Net (debt)/cash	(83,642)	55,881	83,782

Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Report

1 Basis of preparation

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC (the 'company') is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The group financial statements consolidate those of the company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the 'group') and equity-account the group's interest in joint ventures and associates.

This Interim Financial Report was approved by the board of directors on May 17 2017.

These condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the disclosure and transparency rules of the Financial Conduct Authority and using accounting policies consistent with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 34 'Interim Financial Reporting'.

The financial information for the year ended September 30 2016 does not constitute statutory accounts as defined in section 434 of the Companies Act 2006. A copy of the statutory accounts for that year has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies. The auditor's report on those accounts was not qualified, did not draw attention to any matters by way of emphasis and did not contain statements under section 498(2) or 498(3) of the Companies Act 2006.

Accounting policies

The Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Report has been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for the revaluation of certain financial instruments.

The same accounting policies, presentation and methods of computation are followed in these condensed financial statements as were applied in the group's latest annual audited financial statements.

Retirement benefit schemes

The group operates the Metal Bulletin plc Pension Scheme and participates in the Harmsworth Pension Scheme, defined benefit schemes which are closed to new entrants. The assumptions for the discount rate and mortality rates have been reviewed and adjusted to reflect the latest market rates decreasing the net pension deficit from £10.0m at September 30 2016 to £4.6m at March 31 2017.

Going concern, debt covenants and liquidity

The results of the group's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and financial position, are set out in the Interim Statement on page 1 to 6.

The financial position of the group, its cash flows and liquidity position are set out in detail in this Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Report. At March 31 2017 the group's net debt position was £83.6m. In addition, the group has access to a committed £130m multi-currency revolving credit facility which is available until December 2021. The facility's covenant requires the group's net debt to be no more than three times adjusted EBITDA and require minimum levels of interest cover of three times on a rolling 12-month basis. The amounts and foreign exchange rates used in the covenant calculations are subject to adjustments as defined under the terms of the arrangement. At March 31 2017 the group's net debt to adjusted EBITDA covenant was 0.7 times and the committed undrawn facility available was £130m.

The group's forecasts and projections, looking out to September 2020 and taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the group should be able to operate within the level and covenants of its current and available borrowing facilities.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence. Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing this Condensed Consolidated Interim Financial Report.

1 Basis of preparation *continued*

Principal risks and uncertainties

The principal risks and uncertainties that affect the group are described in detail on pages 15 to 20 of the 2016 annual report available at www.euromoneyplc.com. In summary, they include:

- Downturn in key geographic region or market sector;
- Product and market transformation/disruption;
- Exposure to US dollar exchange rate;
- Information security breach resulting in challenge to data integrity;
- Reputational damage or legal/regulatory challenge arising from price, benchmark and index reporting activities;
- Disruption to operations from a business continuity failure;
- Catastrophic or high impact risk affecting key events or wider business;
- Acquisition or disposal fails to generate expected returns;
- Unforeseen tax liabilities or losses from treasury operations.

These are still considered to be the most relevant risks and uncertainties at this time. A number of these risks and uncertainties could have an impact on the group's performance over the remaining six months of the financial year and could cause actual results to differ from expected and historical results. Where a risk that was disclosed in the annual report is unchanged, or is not expected to have a specific impact in the remaining period, further disclosure in this report is considered unnecessary.

2 Segmental analysis

Segmental information is presented in respect of the group's business divisions and reflects the group's management and internal reporting structure. The group is organised into four business divisions: Asset management; Pricing, data & market intelligence; Banking & finance; and Commodity events.

Asset management and pricing, data & market intelligence consist primarily of subscription revenue. Banking & finance consists mainly of both sponsorship income and delegates revenue. Commodity events consists primarily of delegates revenue. A breakdown of the group's revenue by type is set out below.

During the period to March 31 2017, the group sold/closed HedgeFund Intelligence, II Intelligence, Euromoney Indices and LatinFinance (note 9). As a result segment information of these businesses has been reclassified as sold/closed businesses and the comparative split of divisional revenues, revenue by type and operating profits has been restated.

The period to March 31 2016 has been restated to reflect the changes in the group's operations following the implementation of the new group strategy in the 2016 Annual Report and Accounts.

Analysis of the group's three main geographical areas is also set out to provide additional information on the trading performance of the businesses.

Inter-segment sales are charged at prevailing market rates and shown in the eliminations columns.

	Unaudited six months ended March 31					Total revenue £000
	Subscriptions and content £000	Advertising £000	Sponsorship £000	Delegates £000	Other £000	
2017						
Revenue						
by division and type:						
Asset management	69,081	7,066	6,117	640	26	82,930
Pricing, data & market intelligence	52,507	5,032	6,817	8,839	575	73,770
Banking & finance	4,165	4,087	10,043	10,881	618	29,794
Commodity events	16	4	3,929	14,630	405	18,984
	125,769	16,189	26,906	34,990	1,624	205,478
Sold/closed businesses						4,716
Foreign exchange losses on forward contracts						(6,975)
Total revenue						203,219

2 Segmental analysis *continued*

Unaudited six months ended March 31						
	Subscriptions and content	Advertising	Sponsorship	Delegates	Other	Total revenue
2016	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenue						
by division and type:						
Asset management	58,376	6,628	5,012	293	15	70,324
Pricing, data & market intelligence	43,434	5,412	5,150	7,767	691	62,454
Banking & finance	3,926	3,672	9,834	11,287	776	29,495
Commodity events	38	10	3,812	16,279	377	20,516
	105,774	15,722	23,808	35,626	1,859	182,789
Sold/closed businesses						12,758
Foreign exchange losses on forward contracts						(1,349)
Total revenue						194,198

Unaudited six months ended March 31										
		United Kingdom	North America	Rest of World	Eliminations		Total			
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenue										
by division and source:										
Asset management	1,214	1,310	80,830	68,524	1,066	902	(180)	(412)	82,930	70,324
Pricing, data & market intelligence	47,752	42,660	11,685	10,198	16,396	12,320	(2,063)	(2,724)	73,770	62,454
Banking & finance	17,102	17,761	11,226	9,433	1,683	2,706	(217)	(405)	29,794	29,495
Commodity events	12,546	13,470	-	-	6,438	7,046	-	-	18,984	20,516
Sold/closed businesses	2,429	6,297	2,302	6,718	-	-	(15)	(257)	4,716	12,758
Foreign exchange losses on forward contracts	(6,975)	(1,349)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(6,975)	(1,349)
Total revenue	74,068	80,149	106,043	94,873	25,583	22,974	(2,475)	(3,798)	203,219	194,198
Revenue by destination	19,724	25,366	94,884	86,909	88,611	81,923	-	-	203,219	194,198

Unaudited six months ended March 31										
		United Kingdom	North America	Rest of World	Total					
	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Adjusted operating profit										
by division and source:										
Asset management	65	128	29,056	22,345	99	(424)	29,220	22,049		
Pricing, data & market intelligence	13,470	12,754	4,872	3,230	4,809	3,069	23,151	19,053		
Banking & finance	744	(563)	3,389	3,078	(5)	79	4,128	2,594		
Commodity events	5,889	5,665	-	-	1,107	2,802	6,996	8,467		
Sold/closed businesses	83	461	(48)	348	-	-	35	809		
Unallocated corporate costs	(12,089)	(4,295)	(1,117)	(1,629)	(1,340)	(218)	(14,546)	(6,142)		
Operating profit before acquired intangible amortisation and exceptional items	8,162	14,150	36,152	27,372	4,670	5,308	48,984	46,830		
Acquired intangible amortisation (note 11)	(3,607)	(3,173)	(5,058)	(4,569)	(159)	(108)	(8,824)	(7,850)		
Exceptional items (note 4)	(3,454)	-	(19,862)	-	(1,243)	(12,940)	(24,559)	(12,940)		
Operating profit	1,101	10,977	11,232	22,803	3,268	(7,740)	15,601	26,040		
Share of results in associates and joint ventures (note 10)							(1,106)	(1,295)		
Finance income (note 5)							2,346	164		
Finance expense (note 5)							(1,247)	(1,552)		
Profit before tax							15,594	23,357		
Tax expense on profit (note 6)							(1,944)	(6,153)		
Profit for the period							13,650	17,204		

2 Segmental analysis *continued*

	Unaudited six months ended March 31					
	Acquired intangible amortisation		Exceptional items		Depreciation and amortisation	
	2017 £000	2016 £000	2017 £000	2016 £000	2017 £000	2016 £000
Other segmental information by division:						
Asset management	(4,824)	(5,004)	(28,514)	-	(924)	(644)
Pricing, data & market intelligence	(2,403)	(1,732)	(1,089)	-	(221)	(132)
Banking & finance	(120)	(101)	-	-	-	-
Commodity events	(1,337)	(869)	(89)	(12,940)	(70)	(19)
Sold/closed businesses	(140)	(144)	4,838	-	(1)	(17)
Unallocated corporate income/(costs)	-	-	295	-	(2,055)	(2,004)
	(8,824)	(7,850)	(24,559)	(12,940)	(3,271)	(2,816)

	United Kingdom		North America		Rest of World		Total	
	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
	Non-current assets (excluding derivative financial instruments, deferred consideration and deferred tax assets) by location:							
Goodwill	99,786	99,751	273,586	288,680	7,790	7,674	381,162	396,105
Other intangible assets	63,102	66,519	85,455	86,972	742	1,543	149,299	155,034
Property, plant and equipment	6,337	6,894	10,029	2,785	1,072	793	17,438	10,472
Investments	35,827	35,860	-	-	-	-	35,827	35,860
Non-current assets	205,052	209,024	369,070	378,437	9,604	10,010	583,726	597,471
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(102)	(993)	(7,722)	(2,275)	(514)	(494)	(8,338)	(3,762)

The group has taken advantage of paragraph 23 of IFRS 8 'Operating Segments' and does not provide segmental analysis of net assets as this information is not used by the directors in operational decision making or monitoring of business performance.

3 Seasonality of results

The group's results are not materially affected by seasonal or cyclical trading. For the year ended September 30 2016 the group earned 47% of both its revenues and adjusted operating profits in the first six months of the year (2015: 49% of both its revenues and adjusted operating profits).

4 Exceptional items

Exceptional items are items of income or expense considered by the directors, either individually or if of a similar type in aggregate, as being significant and which require additional disclosure in order to provide an indication of the underlying trading performance of the group.

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
	Note		
Profit on disposal/closure of businesses and recycled cumulative translation differences	a	-	7,094
Goodwill impairment	b	(12,940)	(26,987)
Intangibles impairment	e	-	(1,652)
Investment in associate impairment	e	-	(111)
Release/(provision) for overseas sales tax	c	-	(7,851)
Recognition of deficit on defined benefit scheme	e	-	(1,249)
Restructuring and other exceptional costs	d	-	(6,508)
		(24,559)	(37,264)

a. During the period ended March 31 2017 the group sold/closed HedgeFund Intelligence (loss £4k), II Intelligence (profit £2.1m), Euromoney Indices (loss £0.9m) and LatinFinance (profit £3.6m), resulting in a net profit on disposal/closure of £4.8m (note 9). For the year ended September 30 2016, the group sold 100% of its equity shareholding of Gulf Publishing. and Petroleum Economist which gave rise to a profit on disposal of £7.1m.

b. The goodwill impairment charge consists of:

- March 2017: Ned Davis Research (NDR) (£27.4m)
- March 2016: Mining Indaba (£12.9m)
- September 2016: Total of £27m includes Mining Indaba (£12.9m), HedgeFund Intelligence (£5.9m) and Total Derivatives (£8.2m)

The impairment of NDR stems from a disappointing financial performance of the business in the face of tough market conditions and recent management changes.

c. For the period ended March 31 2017, an element of the provision for overseas sales tax was released resulting in a credit of £3.9m, following settlement of the sales tax exposure (including interest). For the year ended September 30 2016, the group recognised a provision of £7.9m following an adverse tax ruling in June 2016. Given that the provision was classified as exceptional in 2016, the release of the surplus provision has been consistently treated as exceptional in 2017.

d. Restructuring and other exceptional costs for the period ended March 31 2017 consist of professional fees associated with the share buyback transaction with Daily Mail and General Trust plc (DMGT); professional fees from the legal dispute with the previous owners of Centre for Investor Education (CIE); non-recurring costs relating to the relocation of the New York office; and one-off costs for the acquisition of RISI (note 19). For the year ended September 30 2016, the costs mostly comprised one-off costs incurred as a result of the strategic review undertaken during the year and professional fees from the CIE legal dispute.

e. For the year ended September 30 2016, the other exceptional items included an intangibles impairment charge of £1.7m for Euromoney Indices; the group increased its equity shareholding of World Bulk Wine to 57% whereby the transfer from associate to a subsidiary resulted in an impairment of associate of £0.1m; and the group recognised its share of the deficit in the Harmsworth Pension Scheme (HPS), a defined benefit scheme, of £1.2m.

The group's tax charge includes a related tax charge on exceptional items of £9.6m (March 2016: £2.4m, September 2016: £5.3m) (note 6).

5 Finance income and expense

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Finance income			
Interest on cash deposit with DMGT group company	137	81	391
Interest receivable from short-term investments	38	83	303
Movements in acquisition commitments	2,077	-	-
Movements in deferred consideration	94	-	-
	2,346	164	694
Finance expense			
Interest payable on committed borrowings with DMGT group company	(152)	(429)	(1,346)
Interest payable on borrowings	(920)	-	-
Net interest expense on defined benefit liability	(101)	(32)	(66)
Movements in acquisition commitments	-	(789)	(601)
Interest on tax	(74)	(302)	(389)
	(1,247)	(1,552)	(2,402)
Net finance income/(costs)	1,099	(1,388)	(1,708)

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Reconciliation of net finance income/(costs) in Income Statement to adjusted net finance costs			
Total net finance income/(costs) in Income Statement	1,099	(1,388)	(1,708)
Add back:			
Movements in acquisition commitments	(2,077)	789	601
Movements in deferred consideration	(94)	-	-
	(2,171)	789	601
Adjusted net finance costs	(1,072)	(599)	(1,107)

The reconciliation of net finance income/(costs) in the Income Statement has been provided since the directors consider it necessary in order to provide an indication of the adjusted net finance costs. Refer to the appendix to the Interim Statement.

Charges and credits relating to the movements in acquisition commitments and deferred consideration reflect future payments and receipts expected on historical transactions that do not directly relate to the current year results.

6 Tax expense on profit

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Current tax expense			
UK corporation tax expense	1,184	1,898	2,350
Foreign tax expense	8,629	6,805	20,682
Adjustments in respect of prior years	1,656	1,749	(14)
	11,469	10,452	23,018
Deferred tax expense			
Current year	(9,607)	(3,973)	(11,076)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	82	(326)	967
	(9,525)	(4,299)	(10,109)
Total tax expense in Income Statement	1,944	6,153	12,909
Effective tax rate	12%	26%	29%

As set out below the adjusted effective tax rate for the 2017 interim period is 21% (2016: 19%). The forecast adjusted effective tax rate for 2017 full year is 20% (2016: 18%).

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Reconciliation of tax expense in Income Statement to adjusted tax expense			
Total tax expense in Income Statement	1,944	6,153	12,909
Add back:			
Tax on acquired intangible amortisation	2,018	2,417	4,397
Tax on exceptional items	9,550	2,396	5,267
	11,568	4,813	9,664
Tax on goodwill and intangible amortisation	(1,881)	(838)	(4,210)
Share of tax on associates and joint ventures	350	192	656
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(1,738)	(1,423)	(953)
	8,299	2,744	5,157
Adjusted tax expense	10,243	8,897	18,066
Adjusted profit before tax (refer to the appendix to the Interim Statement)	49,080	46,872	102,529
Adjusted effective tax rate	21%	19%	18%

The group presents the adjusted effective tax rate to help users of this report better understand its tax charge. In arriving at this rate, the group removes the tax effect of items which are adjusted for in arriving at the adjusted profit disclosed in the appendix to the Interim Statement. However, the current tax effect of goodwill and intangible items is not removed. The current tax benefit of tax deductible goodwill and intangibles amounting to £1.9m is recognised in the adjusted effective tax rate as the group considers that the resulting adjusted effective tax rate is more representative of its tax payable position, as the deferred tax effect on the goodwill and intangible items is not expected to crystallise. The deferred tax effect on goodwill and intangible items would only crystallise in the event of a disposal, and that is not the current intention. Adjustments in respect of prior years are excluded from the adjusted tax expense as they do not relate to current year trading.

The movement in net deferred tax liabilities since year-end is largely attributable to the impact of the NDR goodwill impairment (note 4).

Uncertain tax positions

At March 31 2017 the group held provisions for uncertain tax of £11.7m (September 2016: £12.5m) relating to permanent establishment risk and challenges by tax authorities. The maximum potential additional exposure for the group in relation to challenges by tax authorities not provided for is approximately £29m if all cases were to be settled at the maximum potential liability. These additional exposures include challenges by: the Canadian Revenue Agency on a foreign currency trade in 2009, which has a maximum exposure of £21m; and the UK's HMRC on a share-for-share exchange with the group's investment in Dealogic, which has a maximum exposure of £11m of which £2.8m has been provided. The group considers each uncertain tax matter on the technical merits of the case law, taking into account all relevant evidence, including the known attitude of tax authorities in making an assessment of the likelihood a matter will crystallise. The provisions for uncertain tax are calculated by determining the directors' best estimate of the single most likely cash flow for each issue.

7 Dividends

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Amounts recognisable as distributable to equity holders in period			
Final dividend for the year ended September 30 2016 of 16.40p (2015: 16.40p)	21,044	21,033	21,033
Interim dividend for the year ended September 30 2016 of 7.00p	-	-	8,981
	21,044	21,033	30,014
Employee share trust dividends	(289)	(296)	(422)
	20,755	20,737	29,592
Interim dividend for the period ended March 31 2017 of 8.80p (2016: 7.00p)	9,600	8,980	
Employee share trust dividends waived	(155)	(126)	
	9,445	8,854	

The final dividend for the year to September 30 2016 was approved by shareholders at the AGM held on January 26 2017 and paid on February 9 2017.

It is anticipated that the interim dividend of 8.80p (2016: 7.00p) per share will be paid on June 22 2017 to shareholders on the register on May 26 2017. It is expected that the shares will be marked ex-dividend on May 25 2017. The interim dividend has not been included as a liability in this Interim Financial Report in accordance with IAS 10 'Events after the Reporting Period'.

8 Earnings per share

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Basic earnings attributable to equity holders of the parent	13,369	17,002	30,744
Adjustments (refer to the appendix to the Interim Statement)	25,187	20,771	53,450
Adjusted earnings	38,556	37,773	84,194
	Number 000	Number 000	Number 000
Weighted average number of shares	119,436	128,259	128,280
Shares held by the employee share trusts	(1,760)	(1,807)	(1,807)
Weighted average number of shares	117,676	126,452	126,473
Effect of dilutive share options	159	79	111
Diluted weighted average number of shares	117,835	126,531	126,584

8 Earnings per share *continued*

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016
	Pence	Pence	Pence
Basic earnings per share	11.36	13.45	24.31
Adjustments per share	21.40	16.43	42.26
Adjusted basic earnings per share	32.76	29.88	66.57
Diluted earnings per share	11.35	13.44	24.29
Adjustments per share	21.37	16.42	42.22
Adjusted diluted earnings per share	32.72	29.86	66.51

The adjusted diluted earnings per share figure has been disclosed since the directors consider it necessary in order to give an indication of the underlying trading performance. Refer to the appendix to the Interim Statement.

All of the above earnings per share figures relate to continuing operations.

9 Acquisitions and disposals

INCREASE IN EQUITY HOLDINGS

Euromoney Consortium Limited

On December 8 2016, the group acquired 0.3% of the equity of Euromoney Consortium Limited for a cash consideration of £0.7m. This transaction was enacted by purchasing 7,258,408 Ordinary Class B shares of £0.10 each from DMG Charles Limited. The group's equity shareholding in Euromoney Consortium Limited increased to 100%.

SALE/CLOSURE OF BUSINESSES

HFI Media Limited (HedgeFund Intelligence)

On December 30 2016, the group sold 100% of the equity share capital of HedgeFund Intelligence, part of the asset management division, for a consideration of £2.2m, offset by a working capital settlement of £0.1m. At the date of disposal deferred consideration receivable of £1.9m was recognised which included the working capital settlement of £0.1m (note 16). The disposal of HedgeFund Intelligence gave rise to a loss on disposal of £4k, after deducting disposal costs incurred, which was recognised as an exceptional item (note 4) in the Income Statement.

Institutional Investor Intelligence (II Intelligence)

On December 30 2016, the group completed the sale of the assets of II Intelligence, part of the asset management division, for a consideration of US\$0.9m (£0.7m). Deferred consideration receivable of US\$0.5m (£0.4m) was recognised (note 16). The disposal gave rise to a profit on disposal of US\$2.7m (£2.2m), after deducting disposal costs incurred, which was recognised as an exceptional item (note 4) in the Income Statement.

Euromoney Indices

On March 13 2017, the group completed the sale/closure of the Euromoney Indices business, part of the asset management division, for a consideration of £2.0m, offset by a working capital settlement of £0.1m. At the date of disposal deferred consideration receivable of £0.4m was recognised which included the working capital settlement of £0.1m (note 16). The disposal/closure of Euromoney Indices gave rise to a loss on disposal/closure of £0.9m, after deducting disposal/closure costs incurred which include the costs associated with the transitional service agreement. The loss on disposal/closure was recognised as an exceptional item (note 4) in the Income Statement.

Latin American Financial Publications, Inc. (LatinFinance)

On March 31 2017, the group sold 100% of the equity share capital of LatinFinance, which formed part of the banking & finance division. The consideration for this transaction was US\$3.9m (£3.1m), offset by a working capital adjustment of US\$0.9m (£0.7m) (note 16). The disposal of LatinFinance gave rise to a profit on disposal of US\$4.5m (£3.6m), after deducting disposal costs incurred, which were recognised as an exceptional item (note 4) in the Income Statement.

The assets and liabilities of the businesses held for sale and disclosed separately on the face of the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Financial Position for the year ended September 30 2016, included HedgeFund Intelligence, II Intelligence and Euromoney Indices; and for the period ended March 31 2016, Gulf Publishing Company, Inc. and The Petroleum Economist Limited.

9 Acquisitions and disposals *continued*

The net assets of the businesses at the date of disposal were as follows:

	HedgeFund Intelligence £000	II Intelligence £000	Euromoney Indices £000	Latin Finance £000	Total £000
Net assets/(liabilities):					
Goodwill	4,020	-	-	-	4,020
Intangible assets	-	-	294	-	294
Property, plant and equipment	-	-	-	2	2
Trade and other receivables	389	-	472	374	1,235
Cash at bank and in hand/(bank overdraft)	46	-	-	(76)	(30)
Trade and other payables	(100)	-	(27)	(158)	(285)
Deferred income	(2,232)	(1,495)	(445)	(1,097)	(5,269)
	2,123	(1,495)	294	(955)	(33)
Net assets/(liabilities) disposed	2,123	(1,495)	294	(955)	(33)
Directly attributable costs	60	50	2,573	32	2,715
Recycled cumulative translation differences	-	-	-	(285)	(285)
(Loss)/profit on disposal/closure (note 4)	(4)	2,166	(931)	3,607	4,838
Total consideration	2,179	721	1,936	2,399	7,235
Consideration satisfied by:					
Cash	250	321	1,500	3,086	5,157
Deferred consideration	1,929	400	436	-	2,765
Working capital adjustments	-	-	-	(687)	(687)
	2,179	721	1,936	2,399	7,235
Net cash inflow arising on disposal:					
Cash consideration (net of directly attributable costs paid and working capital adjustments)	190	271	1,500	2,367	4,328
Cash and cash equivalent balances disposed	(46)	-	-	76	30
	144	271	1,500	2,443	4,358

10 Investments

	Investment in associates £000	Investment in joint ventures £000	Available- for-sale investments £000	Total £000
At September 30 2015	32,437	30	5,835	38,302
Repayment/additions	(52)	180	-	128
Impairment	(111)	-	-	(111)
Transfer to subsidiary	(629)	-	-	(629)
Revaluation	-	12	-	12
Provision against investment losses	-	64	-	64
Share of losses after tax retained	(1,752)	(71)	-	(1,823)
Dividends	(83)	-	-	(83)
At September 30 2016	29,810	215	5,835	35,860
Additions	552	-	-	552
Revaluation	34	8	-	42
Provisions against investment losses	-	479	-	479
Share of losses after tax retained	(594)	(512)	-	(1,106)
At March 31 2017	29,802	190	5,835	35,827

10 Investments *continued*

	Investment in associates £000	Investment in joint ventures £000	Available- for-sale investments £000	Total £000
At September 30 2015	32,437	30	5,835	38,302
Additions	-	180	-	180
Provisions against investment losses	-	167	-	167
Share of losses after tax retained	(1,124)	(171)	-	(1,295)
Exchange difference	-	(6)	-	(6)
At March 31 2016	31,313	200	5,835	37,348

All of the above investments in associates and joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method in these condensed consolidated financial statements.

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Reconciliation of share of results in associates and joint ventures in Income Statement to adjusted share of results in associates and joint ventures			
Total share of results in associates and joint ventures in Income Statement	(1,106)	(1,295)	(1,823)
Add back:			
Share of tax on profits	350	192	656
Share of tax on acquired intangible amortisation and exceptional items	(823)	(746)	(1,437)
Share of acquired intangible amortisation	2,431	2,220	4,427
Share of exceptional items ¹	316	270	363
	2,274	1,936	4,009
Adjusted share of results in associates and joint ventures	1,168	641	2,186

¹ The share of exceptional items relates to one-off restructuring and earn-out costs in Dealogic. IFRS requires that earn-out payments to selling shareholders retained in the acquired business for a contractual time period are treated as a compensation cost. These payments are in substance part of the cost of an investment and are thus excluded from the share of adjusted profit.

The reconciliation of share of results in associates and joint ventures in the Income Statement has been provided since the directors consider it necessary in order to provide an indication of the adjusted share of results in associates and joint ventures. Refer to the appendix to the Interim Statement.

The share of losses after tax retained includes a finance expense of £1.2m (March 2016: £1.0m, September 2016: £2.1m).

10 Investments *continued*

Information on investment in associates, investment in joint ventures and available-for-sale investments:

	Principal activity	Year ended	Date of acquisition	Type of holding	Group interest	Country of incorporation
Investment in associates						
Diamond TopCo Limited (Dealogic)	Capital market software solutions	Dec 31	Dec 2014	Ordinary	15.5%	UK
Broadmedia Communications Limited (BroadGroup) ²	Events and publishing business	Sep 30	Mar 2017	Ordinary	49.0%	UK
Investment in joint ventures						
Institutional Investor Zanbato Limited (II Zanbato)	Hedge fund manager trading signals	Sep 30	Nov 2014	Ordinary	50.0%	UK
Sanostro Institutional AG (Sanostro)	Hedge fund manager trading signals	Dec 31	Dec 2014	Ordinary	50.0%	Switzerland
EIIZ Discovery LLC	Private capital placement and workflow	Sep 30	Nov 2015	Ordinary	50.0%	Delaware, US
Available-for-sale investments						
Estimize, Inc (Estimize)	Financial estimates platform	Dec 31	July 2015	Ordinary	10.0%	Delaware, US
Zanbato, Inc (Zanbato)	Private capital placement and workflow	Dec 31	Sept 2015	Ordinary	9.9%	California, US

² In March 2017 the group acquired 49% of the equity share capital of BroadGroup for a cash consideration of £0.6m.

The group interests in the above investments remained unchanged since their respective dates of acquisition.

11 Goodwill and other intangibles

	Acquired intangible assets						Goodwill	Total
	Trademarks & brands	Customer relation-ships	Databases	Total acquired intangible assets	Licences & software	Intangible assets in development		
	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017		
As at March 2017								
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost/carrying amount								
At October 1 2016	193,879	116,759	14,773	325,411	17,715	980	464,313	808,419
Additions	-	-	-	-	236	676	-	912
Transfer	-	-	-	-	282	(282)	-	-
Exchange differences	5,697	3,124	388	9,209	376	24	13,450	23,059
At March 31 2017	199,576	119,883	15,161	334,620	18,609	1,398	477,763	832,390
Amortisation and impairment								
At October 1 2016	90,934	75,185	11,030	177,149	11,923	-	68,208	257,280
Amortisation charge	4,433	4,113	278	8,824	1,801	-	-	10,625
Impairment (note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,360	27,360
Exchange differences	2,911	2,080	388	5,379	252	-	1,033	6,664
At March 31 2017	98,278	81,378	11,696	191,352	13,976	-	96,601	301,929
Net book value/carrying amount at March 31 2017	101,298	38,505	3,465	143,268	4,633	1,398	381,162	530,461

11 Goodwill and other intangibles *continued*

	Acquired intangible assets				Licences & software	Intangible assets in development	Goodwill	Total
	Trademarks & brands	Customer relation-ships	Databases	Total acquired intangible assets				
	2016	2016	2016	2016				
As at September 2016								
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost/carrying amount								
At October 1 2015	171,861	102,777	12,616	287,254	15,165	-	429,272	731,691
Additions	3,834	6,874	886	11,594	1,445	957	8,919	22,915
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(69)	-	-	(69)
Balance at disposal of company	-	-	-	-	(33)	-	(7,217)	(7,250)
Exchange differences	19,387	10,477	1,271	31,135	1,207	23	45,155	77,520
Classified as held-for-sale	(1,203)	(3,369)	-	(4,572)	-	-	(11,816)	(16,388)
September 30 2016	193,879	116,759	14,773	325,411	17,715	980	464,313	808,419
Amortisation and impairment								
At October 1 2015	73,510	63,147	8,769	145,426	7,607	-	47,279	200,312
Amortisation charge	7,956	7,764	1,013	16,733	3,675	-	-	20,408
Impairment (note 4)	1,022	630	-	1,652	-	-	26,987	28,639
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(62)	-	-	(62)
Balance at disposal of company	-	-	-	-	(33)	-	(1,935)	(1,968)
Exchange differences	9,649	6,700	1,248	17,597	736	-	3,673	22,006
Classified as held-for-sale	(1,203)	(3,056)	-	(4,259)	-	-	(7,796)	(12,055)
September 30 2016	90,934	75,185	11,030	177,149	11,923	-	68,208	257,280
Net book value/carrying amount at September 30 2016	102,945	41,574	3,743	148,262	5,792	980	396,105	551,139

	Acquired intangible assets				Licences & software	Goodwill	Total
	Trademarks & brands	Customer relation-ships	Databases	Total acquired intangible assets			
	2016	2016	2016	2016			
As at March 2016							
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cost/carrying amount							
At October 1 2015	171,861	102,777	12,616	287,254	15,165	429,272	731,691
Additions	-	-	-	-	1,417	-	1,417
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(68)	-	(68)
Exchange differences	6,405	3,368	402	10,175	366	15,895	26,436
Classified as held-for-sale	-	-	-	-	(34)	(7,475)	(7,509)
At March 31 2016	178,266	106,145	13,018	297,429	16,846	437,692	751,967
Amortisation and impairment							
At October 1 2015	73,510	63,147	8,769	145,426	7,607	47,279	200,312
Amortisation charge	3,733	3,563	554	7,850	1,487	-	9,337
Disposals	-	-	-	-	(62)	-	(62)
Impairment (note 4)	-	-	-	-	-	12,940	12,940
Exchange differences	3,088	2,068	382	5,538	215	2,336	8,089
Classified as held-for-sale	-	-	-	-	(34)	(1,935)	(1,969)
At March 31 2016	80,331	68,778	9,705	158,814	9,213	60,620	228,647
Net book value/carrying amount at March 31 2016	97,935	37,367	3,313	138,615	7,633	377,072	523,320

Intangible assets, other than goodwill, have a finite life and are amortised over their expected useful lives at the rates set out in the accounting policies in note 1 of the September 2016 annual report.

12 Deferred income

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Deferred subscription income	106,722	95,382	93,518
Other deferred income	37,737	33,612	25,268
	144,459	128,994	118,786
	138,512	125,285	113,446
Within one year	5,947	3,709	5,340
In more than one year	144,459	128,994	118,786

13 Financial instruments

The group's financial assets and liabilities are as follows:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Financial assets			
Derivative instruments in designated hedge accounting relationships	504	532	419
Available-for-sale investments (note 10)	5,835	5,835	5,835
Deferred consideration (note 16)	3,069	192	526
Loans and receivables (including cash at bank and short-term deposits)	109,023	115,700	147,478
	118,431	122,259	154,258
Financial liabilities			
Derivative instruments in designated hedge accounting relationships	(5,569)	(6,138)	(10,449)
Deferred consideration (note 16)	-	-	(480)
Acquisition commitments (note 16)	(10,168)	(10,201)	(11,771)
Borrowings and payables (including bank overdrafts)	(211,861)	(70,383)	(97,659)
	(227,598)	(86,722)	(120,359)

There have been no transfers of assets or liabilities between levels of the fair value hierarchy and there are no non-recurring fair value measurements.

The fair value of the financial assets and liabilities above are classified as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy other than acquisition commitments and deferred consideration (which are classified as level 3) and available-for-sale investments (which are measured at cost less any identified impairment losses as they do not have a quoted market price in an active market and the fair value cannot be reliably measured). The directors consider that the carrying value amounts of financial assets and liabilities are equal to their fair value.

Fair value of financial instruments

The fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities are determined as follows:

Level 1

- The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities with standard terms and conditions and traded on active liquid markets is determined with reference to quoted market prices.

Level 2

- The fair value of other financial assets and financial liabilities (excluding derivative instruments) is determined in accordance with generally accepted pricing models based on discounted cash flow analysis using prices from observable current market transactions and dealer quotes for similar instruments.
- Foreign currency forward contracts are measured using quoted forward exchange rates and yield curves derived from quoted interest rates matching maturities of the contracts.

Level 3

- If one or more significant inputs are not based on observable market data, the instrument is included in level 3.

13 Financial instruments *continued*

Other financial instruments not recorded at fair value

The directors consider that the carrying amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities recorded at amortised cost in the financial statements approximate their fair values. Such financial assets and financial liabilities include cash and cash equivalents, receivables, accrued income, payables and loans.

14 Borrowings

	Unaudited as at March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited as at March 31 2016 £000	Audited as at Sept 30 2016 £000
Borrowings	(118,963)	-	-
Undrawn available committed facilities	130,000	111,266	122,954

The group's principal source of borrowings are provided through committed bank facilities available to the group until December 2021. These syndicated facilities include two five-year term-loans of US\$100m and £40m (total £119m) and a £130m multi-currency revolving credit facility which was undrawn as at March 31 2017. There is a further accordion facility of £130m should the group wish to request it. The term-loans and drawings under the revolving credit facility bear interest charged at LIBOR plus a margin, the applicable margin being based on the group's ratio of net debt to adjusted EBITDA. These facilities contain covenants based on a maximum 3.0 times net debt to adjusted EBITDA and a minimum interest cover ratio of 3.0 times. The amounts and foreign exchange rates used in the covenant calculations are subject to adjustments as defined under the terms of the arrangement. Management regularly monitors the covenants and prepares detailed cash flow forecasts to ensure that sufficient headroom is available and that the covenants are not close or potentially close to breach. At March 2017, the group's net debt to adjusted EBITDA was 0.7 times.

In 2016, the group had access to a committed multi-currency credit facility from DMGT. This facility was terminated as part of the share buyback transaction.

15 Called up share capital

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid			
109,087,969 ordinary shares of 0.25p each (March 2016: 128,289,086 ordinary shares of 0.25p each) (September 2016: 128,313,356 ordinary shares of 0.25p each)	273	320	321

During the period, 21,786 ordinary shares of 0.25p each with an aggregate nominal value of £54 were issued following the exercise of share options granted under the company's share option schemes for a cash consideration of £207,211. On January 6 2017, the group completed the purchase for cancellation of 19,247,173 ordinary shares from its then majority shareholder DMG Charles Limited, a DMGT group company. The aggregate nominal value of the shares cancelled was £48,118.

16 Acquisition commitments and deferred consideration

The group is party to contingent consideration arrangements in the form of acquisition commitments, acquisition deferred consideration payments and deferred consideration receipts on disposals. The group recognises the discounted present value of the contingent consideration. This discount is unwound as a notional interest charge to the Income Statement. The group regularly performs a review of the underlying businesses to assess the impact on the fair value of the contingent consideration. Any resultant change in these fair values is reported as a finance income or expense in the Income Statement.

	Acquisition commitments			Deferred consideration payments		
	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Liability						
At October 1	(11,771)	(9,171)	(9,171)	(480)	-	-
Net movements in finance income and expense during the period (note 5)	2,077	(789)	(601)	15	-	-
Exercise of commitments	-	239	239	-	-	-
Additions from acquisitions during the year	-	-	(665)	-	-	(480)
Payment during the year	-	-	-	465	-	-
Exchange differences to reserves	(474)	(480)	(1,573)	-	-	-
At end of period	(10,168)	(10,201)	(11,771)	-	-	(480)
Within one year	(9,086)	-	(326)	-	-	(480)
In more than one year	(1,082)	(10,201)	(11,445)	-	-	-
	(10,168)	(10,201)	(11,771)	-	-	(480)

	Deferred consideration receipts		
	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Asset			
At October 1	526	589	589
Additions from disposals during the period	2,765	-	450
Net movements in finance income and expense during the period (note 5)	79	-	-
Receipts during the year	(326)	(406)	(662)
Exchange differences to reserves	25	9	149
At end of period	3,069	192	526
Within one year	1,554	192	-
In more than one year	1,515	-	526
	3,069	192	526

Reconciliation of finance income and expense (note 5):

	Acquisition commitments			Deferred consideration payments		
	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Fair value adjustment	2,618	(375)	258	15	-	-
Imputed interest	(541)	(414)	(859)	-	-	-
Net movements in finance income and expense during the period	2,077	(789)	(601)	15	-	-

16 Acquisition commitments and deferred consideration *continued*

	Deferred consideration receipts		
	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Fair value adjustment	79	-	-
Net movements in finance income and expense during the period	79	-	-

The non-controlling interest of Ned Davis Research (NDR) have exercised their put options over the remaining 15% stake in NDR. The liability has been re-measured using the contractual mechanism which has resulted in a fair value adjustment.

The value of the acquisition commitments, acquisition deferred consideration payments and deferred consideration receipts on disposal is subject to a number of assumptions. The potential undiscounted amount of all future payments that the group could be required to make under the acquisition contingent consideration arrangements is as follows:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017		Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016		Audited year ended Sept 30 2016	
	Maximum £000	Minimum £000	Maximum £000	Minimum £000	Maximum £000	Minimum £000
NDR	48,277	-	41,912	-	46,314	-
World Bulk Wine	15,811	-	-	-	672	-
FastMarkets	-	-	-	-	480	-
ReSec	398	-	-	-	-	-
	64,486	-	41,912	-	47,466	-

The potential undiscounted amount of all future receipts that the group could receive under the disposal contingent consideration arrangement is as follows:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017		Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016		Audited year ended Sept 30 2016	
	Maximum £000	Minimum £000	Maximum £000	Minimum £000	Maximum £000	Minimum £000
II Newsletters	-	-	192	-	142	-
Gulf Publishing	312	-	-	-	312	-
Petroleum Economist	72	-	-	-	72	-
HFI	2,084	-	-	-	-	-
II Searches	303	-	-	-	-	-
Euromoney Indices	500	-	-	-	-	-
	3,271	-	192	-	526	-

The discounted acquisition commitments, acquisition deferred consideration payments and deferred consideration receipts on disposal are based on predetermined multiples of future profits of the businesses, and have been estimated on an acquisition-by-acquisition basis using available performance forecasts.

A one percentage point increase or decrease in growth rate in estimating the expected profits, results in the acquisition commitment at March 31 2017 increasing or decreasing by £0.1m with the corresponding change to the value charged or credited to the Income Statement in future periods.

17 Contingent liabilities

Claims in Malaysia

Four writs claiming damages for libel were issued in Malaysia against the company and three of its employees in respect of an article published in one of the company's magazines, International Commercial Litigation, in November 1995. The writs were served on the company on October 22 1996. Two of these writs have been discontinued. The total outstanding amount claimed on the two remaining writs is Malaysian ringgits 83.1m (£15.1m). No provision has been made for these claims in these financial statements as the directors do not believe the company has any material liability in respect of these writs.

18 Related party transactions

The group has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under IAS 24 'Related Party Disclosures' not to disclose transactions and balances between group companies that have been eliminated on consolidation. Other related party transactions and balances are detailed below:

- (i) The group had borrowings under a US\$160m multi-currency facility with Daily Mail and General Holdings Limited (DMGH), a Daily Mail and General Trust plc (DMGT) group company:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Fees on the available facility for the period	153	263	525

This facility was terminated on December 29 2016.

- (ii) The group had a deposit agreement with DMGH and DMGB Limited, a DMGT group company:

	Unaudited as at March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited as at March 31 2016 £000	Audited as at Sept 30 2016 £000
Deposits at end of period	-	43,727	73,639

This agreement was terminated on January 6 2017.

- (iii) During the period the group expensed services provided by DMGT, and other fellow group companies, as follows:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Services expensed	209	290	960

From January 2017 the services expensed include a charge under the transitional service agreement with DMGT signed on January 3 2017.

- (iv) During the period DMGT group companies surrendered tax losses to Euromoney Consortium Limited under an agreement between the two groups. These tax losses are relievably against UK taxable profits of the group under HMRC's consortium relief rules:

	Unaudited as at March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited as at March 31 2016 £000	Audited as at Sept 30 2016 £000
Amounts payable	172	787	1,633
Tax losses with tax value	229	1,049	2,177
Amounts owed by DMGT group at end of period	172	787	(121)

- (v) On January 6 2017, the group completed the off-market purchase of 19,247,173 ordinary shares from the DMGT group for cancellation at a price of £9.75 per share. The transaction was approved by shareholders at the company's general meeting held on December 29 2016.

18 Related party transactions *continued*

- (vi) The group participates in the Harmsworth Pension Scheme (HPS), a defined benefit scheme operated by DMGT, which up to September 30 2016 was accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The scheme is now closed to new entrants. The group's share of the HPS deficit is:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
Deficit on defined benefit scheme	1,260	-	1,249

- (vii) During the period the group received dividends from its associate undertaking:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 £000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 £000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 £000
World Bulk Wine	-	-	83

- (viii) During the period, Ned Davis Research (NDR), a subsidiary undertaking, leased office space at market rates from a separate entity, Bird Bay Properties, LLC, which is owned by a minority shareholder of NDR:

	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2017 US\$000	Unaudited six months ended March 31 2016 US\$000	Audited year ended Sept 30 2016 US\$000
Amount expensed	194	190	382

19 Events after the balance sheet date

Purchase of new business

RISI US (Holdco) Inc, (RISI)

On April 6 2017, the group acquired 100% of the equity share capital of RISI, the leading price reporting agency for the global forest products market, for US\$125m (£100m).

Layer123 Events & Training Limited (Layer123)

On April 13 2017, the group acquired 61% of the ordinary share capital of Layer123, a content and sponsorship-led events business focusing on innovation in the rapidly-evolving space of telecoms network strategy. The initial consideration paid was £6.4m.

World Bulk Wine Exhibition, S.L (World Bulk Wine)

On May 3 2017, the group acquired a further 17% of the equity share capital of World Bulk Wine, increasing the group's equity shareholding to 74%, for a consideration of €0.6m (£0.5m).

Responsibility Statement

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- (a) these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 'Interim Financial Reporting';
- (b) this Interim Financial Report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.7R (indication of important events during the first six months and description of principal risks and uncertainties for the remaining six months of the year); and
- (c) this Interim Financial Report includes a fair review of the information required by DTR 4.2.8R (disclosure of related party transactions and changes therein).

By order of the board,

Andrew Rashbass
Chief Executive
May 17 2017

Colin Jones
Finance Director
May 17 2017

Independent review report to Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC

Report on the condensed consolidated financial statements

Our conclusion

We have reviewed Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC's condensed consolidated financial statements (the "interim financial statements") in the Interim Financial Report of Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC for the six month period ended March 31 2017. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the interim financial statements are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

What we have reviewed

The interim financial statements comprise:

- the condensed consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31 2017;
- the condensed consolidated income statement and condensed consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the period then ended;
- the condensed consolidated statement of changes in equity for the period then ended;
- the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows for the period then ended; and
- the explanatory notes to the interim financial statements.

The interim financial statements included in the Interim Financial Report have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 "Interim Financial Reporting" as adopted by the European Union and the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

As disclosed in note 1 to the interim financial statements, the financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the full annual financial statements of the Group is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) as adopted by the European Union.

Responsibilities for the interim financial statements and the review

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

The Interim Financial Report, including the interim financial statements, is the responsibility of, and has been approved by, the directors. The directors are responsible for preparing the Interim Financial Report in accordance with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority.

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the interim financial statements in the Interim Financial Report based on our review. This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for and only for the company for the purpose of complying with the Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules sourcebook of the United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this conclusion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

What a review of the interim financial statements involves

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (UK and Ireland) 2410 "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Auditing Practices Board for use in the United Kingdom. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures.

A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and, consequently, does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We have read the other information contained in the Interim Financial Report and considered whether it contains any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the information in the interim financial statements.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants
London
May 17 2017

Notes:

- (a) The maintenance and integrity of the Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC website is the responsibility of the directors; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the interim financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- (b) Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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Shareholder Information

Financial calendar

2017 interim results announcement	Thursday May 18 2017
Interim dividend ex-dividend date	Thursday May 25 2017
Interim dividend record date	Friday May 26 2017
Payment of 2017 interim dividend	Thursday June 22 2017
Trading update	Friday July 21 2017*
2017 final results announcement	Thursday November 23 2017
Final dividend ex-dividend date	Thursday November 30 2017*
Final dividend record date	Friday December 1 2017*
Trading update	Thursday January 25 2018*
2018 AGM (approval of final dividend)	Thursday February 1 2018*
Payment of final dividend	Thursday February 15 2018*

* Provisional dates and subject to change.

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