

**B.A.T. INTERNATIONAL FINANCE p.l.c.**

**2021  
Annual Report**

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## **ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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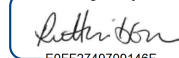
### **Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c. will be held at Globe House, 4 Temple Place, London, WC2R 2PG on 11 February 2022 at 10.00am for the transaction of the following business:

1. To receive the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 and the reports of the Directors and the Auditor thereon.
2. To re-elect Directors.
3. To reappoint the Auditor.
4. To authorise the Directors to determine the Auditor's remuneration.

By Order of the Board

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Ruth Wilson, Secretary

10 February 2022

Note:

A member entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. Such proxy need not be a member of the Company.

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### **Secretary and Registered Office**

Ruth Wilson Globe House  
4 Temple Place  
London WC2R 2PG

**Registered Number 01060930**

### **Independent Auditor**

KPMG LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
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# Strategic Report

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The Directors present their Strategic Report on B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c. (the “Company”) and its subsidiaries (the “Group”) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## Principal activities

The principal activities of the Group and the Company comprise the raising of finance for British American Tobacco p.l.c. and its subsidiaries (the “BAT Group”), the management of financial risks arising from the BAT Group's underlying operations and the management of the BAT Group's cash resources. The Group's treasury operations and management of financial risks are described fully in note 12 on pages 20-26. All these activities are carried out under defined policies, procedures, and limits. It is intended that the Group will continue to undertake business relating to these activities.

## Review of the year ended 31 December 2021

The Group's profit for the financial year amounted to **£156 million** (2020: £259 million). Total equity has increased by **£178 million** (2020: increased by £201 million).

The Group exercised the one-year extension options on both tranches of the revolving credit facility, effective March 2021. The £3.0 billion 364-day tranche was reduced to £2.85 billion and extended to March 2022 (a further one-year extension option and one-year term-out option remains). The £3.0 billion five-year tranche remains available until March 2025 after which it will reduce to £2.85 billion until March 2026 (a further one-year extension option remains). Accordingly, the Group has access to a £5.85 billion revolving credit facility. This facility was undrawn at 31 December 2021.

During 2021, the Group extended short-term bilateral facilities totalling £2.5 billion until March or April 2022, some with extension options to extend for further periods. In December, the Group amended and extended £500 million until December 2022. As at 31 December 2021, £500 million was drawn on a short-term basis.

In February 2021, the Group repaid a €650 million bond at maturity.

In June 2021, the Group repaid £500 million of the £1,929 million term loan that has a maturity date in January 2022, the remaining £1,429 million was repaid in September 2021.

In July, September and November 2021, the Group repaid £500 million, CHF 400 million and €500 million of bonds at maturity respectively.

The Directors expect the Group's activities to continue on a similar basis in the foreseeable future.

## Key performance indicators

Given the nature of the Group's activities, the Group's capital base is managed within the overall framework of the BAT Group and the Company's Directors consider that key performance indicators based solely on the Group's results are not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the Group's specific development, performance, or position of its business. However, key performance indicators relevant to the BAT Group, are disclosed in the Strategic Report of the Annual Report and Form 20-F of British American Tobacco p.l.c. (“BAT ARA & 20-F”) and do not form part of this report.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The Board of British American Tobacco p.l.c. reviews and agrees the overall treasury policies and procedures, delegating appropriate authority to the Company. The BAT Group Finance Director is a member of the Board of the Company and any significant change to agreed policies is subject to prior approval by the Board of British American Tobacco p.l.c..

Clear parameters have been established, including levels of authority, on the type and use of financial instruments the Group can use to manage the financial risks facing the BAT Group. Such instruments are only used if they relate to an underlying exposure; speculative transactions are expressly forbidden under the BAT Group's treasury policy. The Group's treasury position is monitored by the BAT Group Corporate Finance Committee (“CFC”), which meets regularly and is chaired by the BAT Group Finance Director. Regular reports are provided to senior management and the treasury operations are subject to periodic independent reviews and audits, both internal and external. Details of the risks mitigated are detailed in note 12 of the Group's financial statements.

## Governance on climate strategy

As a member of the BAT Group, the Company adheres to the BAT Group's climate-related strategy. Details of the BAT Group's reporting in alignment with the recommendations and recommended disclosures of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) are set out on pages 58 to 67 of the BAT ARA & 20-F.

## Strategic Report Continued

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### UK Companies Act: Section 172(1) Statement

The Company is part of the BAT Group and is ultimately owned by British American Tobacco p.l.c.. As set out above, the Company's principal activities comprise the raising of finance for the BAT Group, the management of financial risks arising from BAT Group operations and the management of the BAT Group's cash resources.

Under section 172(1) of the UK Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") and as part of the Directors' duty to the Company's shareholders to act as they consider most likely to promote the success of the Company, the Directors must have regard for likely long-term consequences of decisions and the desirability of maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct. The Directors must also have regard for business relationships with the Company's wider stakeholders, and the impact of the Company's operations on the environment and communities in which it operates. Consideration of these factors and other relevant matters is embedded into all Board decision-making and risk assessments throughout the year.

The Company's key external stakeholders are the financial institutions it engages with in relation to the Company's financial activities and investors in its issued securities. Primary ways in which the Company engages with financial institutions are through regular meetings, ongoing dialogue and relationship management conducted by the BAT Group's Treasury and Finance teams. The Company's key internal stakeholders are those members of the BAT Group to which it provides finance-related services. There is regular engagement within the BAT Group on finance-related matters, which is taken into account in the Company's decision-making. The Company does not have any employees, customers, or other suppliers outside the BAT Group.

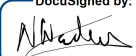
Where the Directors do not engage directly with the Company's stakeholders, they are kept updated on stakeholder perspectives, the impact of decisions on relevant stakeholders and engagement conducted with stakeholders, where applicable including through the use of management reporting and board notes relating to matters presented to the Board during the year. This enables the Directors to maintain an effective understanding of what matters to those stakeholders and to draw on these perspectives in Board decision-making.

In accordance with the BAT Group's overall governance and internal controls framework and in support of the Company's purpose as part of the BAT Group, the Company applies and the Directors have due regard to all applicable BAT Group policies and procedures, including the BAT Group Statement of Delegated Authorities ("BAT Group SoDA"), and the BAT Group Standards of Business Conduct, International Marketing Principles, Health and Safety Policy, and Environmental Policy as set out at pages 48 and 73 of the BAT ARA & 20-F. As a BAT Group company, the Company acts in accordance with the BAT Group's policies in relation the safeguarding of human rights and community relationships, which are set out at page 48 of the BAT ARA & 20-F. Certain authorities for decision-making are delegated to management under the BAT Group SoDA, part of the Group's governance and internal controls framework through which robust corporate governance, risk management and internal control are promoted within the Group. Application of the SoDA, does not derogate from any requirement for Board review, oversight, or approval in relation to the Company's activities.

The Directors receive training in relation to their role and duties on a periodic basis. All newly appointed Directors receive an induction and training in respect of their role and duties on appointment, including on directors' duties under Section 172 of the Companies Act. Director training is provided through the Company Secretary.

The principal decisions made by the Directors during the year included the update to the Euro Medium Term Note Programme under which the Company is an issuer and guarantor of the notes issued by certain other BAT Group companies, entry into amended and new bilateral credit facilities with the Company's external bank group, renewal of intra-group credit facilities provided to other BAT Group companies and entry into a term loan provided by British American Tobacco p.l.c. (as referred to in the Notes on the Accounts below). In making these decisions the Directors considered, amongst other relevant factors, the Company's capital and cash positions, the Company's actual and contingent liabilities and its ability to pay its debts as they fell due, and the interests of its shareholder, investors in its securities and applicable financial institutions. Principal decisions are those decisions and discussions by the Board that are strategic or material to the Company and those of significance to any of Company's key stakeholders.

On behalf of the Board

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Neil Arthur Wadey, Director  
10 February 2022

# Directors' Report

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## Introduction

The Directors present their Annual Report and the audited financial statements for the Company and the Group for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## Board of Directors

The names of the persons who served as Directors of the Company and the Group during the period 1 January 2021 to the date of this report are as follows:

Andrew James Barrett (resigned on 26 November 2021)  
Neil Arthur Wadey  
Paul McCrory  
Steven Glyn Dale  
Tadeu Luiz Marroco  
Pablo Daniel Sconfianza (appointed on 26 November 2021)

All of the Directors will seek re-election at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

## Dividends

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend for the year (2020: £nil).

## Directors' indemnities

Throughout the period from 1 January 2021 to the date of this report, an indemnity has been in force under which Tadeu Luiz Marroco, as a Director of the Company and the Group, is, to the extent permitted by law, indemnified by British American Tobacco p.l.c., the ultimate parent undertaking, in respect of all costs, charges, expenses or liabilities which he may incur in or about the execution of his duties to the Company and the Group or as a result of things done by him as a Director on behalf of the Company and the Group.

Throughout the period from 1 January 2021 to the date of this report, indemnities have been in force for each of the Directors under which they, as Directors of the Company and the Group, are, to the extent permitted by law, indemnified in respect of all costs, charges, expenses or liabilities which they may incur in or about the execution of their duties to the Company and the Group or as a result of things done by them as Directors on behalf of the Company and the Group since their appointment.

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report, the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the Group and parent Company financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Applicable law requires the directors to prepare Group and parent Company financial statements for each financial year. Under applicable law they are required to prepare the Group financial statements in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards and applicable law and have elected to prepare the parent Company financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law, including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*.

Under applicable law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and parent Company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the Group and parent Company financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant, reliable and prudent;
- for the Group financial statements, state whether they have been prepared in accordance with UK-adopted International Accounting Standards and applicable law;
- for the parent Company financial statements, state whether they have been prepared in accordance with the Act and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ('FRS 101');
- assess the Group and parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

## Directors' Report continued

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### Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the Annual Report and the Financial Statements continued

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the parent Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the parent Company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Act. They are responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Under applicable law and regulations, the Directors are also responsible for preparing Strategic Report and Directors' Report that comply with that law and those regulations.

### Responsibility statement of the Directors in respect of the annual financial report

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge:

- the financial statements, prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole; and
- the Strategic Report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the issuer and the undertakings included in the consolidation taken as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties that they face.

The names of the Directors are listed in this Directors' Report on page 4. Neither the Company, the Group nor the Directors accept any liability to any person in relation to this Annual Report, except to the extent that such liability could arise under English law. Accordingly, any liability to a person who has demonstrated reliance on any untrue or misleading statement or omission shall be determined in accordance with section 90A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

### Corporate Governance Statement

The Company and the Group are wholly-owned subsidiaries of British American Tobacco p.l.c.. Therefore, there is no requirement for any further disclosure under paragraph 13(2)(c) and (d) of Schedule 7 to the Large and Medium-sized and Group's (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 ("Schedule 7"), nor are there any restrictions on the voting rights of the shares held (Schedule 7, 13(2)(f)).

There are no specific rules regarding the appointment and replacement of Directors other than the provisions set out in the Company's and the Group's Articles of Association ("Articles"), nor are there any pertaining to the amendment of those Articles.

Subject to the provisions of the Companies Acts 1985 and 2006 and the Articles, the Directors may issue, offer, allot or grant rights to subscribe for, or convert any security into shares in the Company and the Group and the Company and the Group may also purchase, or may enter into a contract under which it will or may purchase, its own shares.

The Company and the Group has established internal control and risk management systems in relation to the process for preparing consolidated financial statements. The key features of these internal control and risk management systems are:

- the risk assurance function and management of the BAT Group conduct periodic review of the Group's risks and mitigation;
- management regularly monitors and considers developments in accounting regulations and best practice in financial reporting, and, where appropriate, reflects developments in the financial statements. Appropriate briefings and/or training are provided to key finance personnel on relevant developments in accounting and financial reporting;
- the Group's consolidation is subject to various levels of review by the Group Finance function;
- the draft financial statements are reviewed by an individual independent from those individuals responsible for preparing the financial statements. The review includes checking internal consistency, consistency with other statements, consistency with internal accounting records and arithmetical accuracy; and
- the BAT Group receives reports from management on significant judgements, changes in accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and other pertinent matters relating to the consolidated BAT Group financial statements. These are then assessed and applied consistently to the Group.

The above disclosure is made in accordance with Disclosure and Transparency Rules 7.2.

### Directors' declaration in relation to relevant audit information

Having made appropriate enquiries, each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Annual Report confirms that:

- to the best of his knowledge and belief, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- he has taken all steps that a Director might reasonably be expected to have taken in order to make himself aware of relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

## Directors' Report continued

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### Research and development

No research and development expenditure has been incurred during the year (2020: £nil).

### Political contributions

The Group made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2020: £nil).

### Employees

The average number of employees employed by the Group during the year was nil (2020: nil).

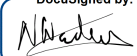
### Going concern

After reviewing the Group's annual budget, plans and liquidity requirements, the Directors consider that the Group and Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

### Auditor

A resolution to reappoint KPMG LLP as auditor to the Company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board

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Neil Arthur Wadey, Director  
10 February 2022  
B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.  
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## Group Income Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£m	£m
Interest income (note 3)	672	833
Interest expense (note 4)	(625)	(677)
Net commitment fee expense (note 5)	(8)	(3)
Net fair value gains on derivatives and exchange differences (note 6)	<u>111</u>	<u>103</u>
<b>Net finance income</b>	<b>150</b>	256
Other operating income (note 7)	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	<b>157</b>	261
Taxation on profit (note 8)	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(2)</u>
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b><u>156</u></b>	<b><u>259</u></b>

All the activities during both years are in respect of continuing operations.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Group financial statements.

## Group Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£m	£m
<b>Profit for the year</b>	<b>156</b>	259
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
<b>Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>		
Gains/(losses) on exchange	13	(44)
Cash flow hedges		
- net fair value (losses)/ gains	(35)	25
- reclassified and reported in profit for the year	<u>44</u>	<u>(39)</u>
Total other comprehensive income/(loss) for the year	<u>22</u>	<u>(58)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b><u>178</u></b>	<b><u>201</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Group financial statements.



## Group Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 December 2021

					2021
	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Translation reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,716</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year (page 7)	-	9	13	156	178
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,894</b>
					2020
	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Translation reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2020	231	9	389	1,886	2,515
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the year (page 7)	-	(14)	(44)	259	201
Balance at 31 December 2020	231	(5)	345	2,145	2,716

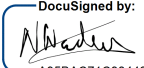
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## Group Balance Sheet at 31 December 2021

	2021 £m	2020 £m
<i>Assets</i>		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 9)	20	52
Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries (note 10)	18,102	11,407
Derivative financial instruments (note 11)	529	937
Other receivables	6	9
Loans due from parent undertaking (note 13a)	1,572	1,571
Loans due from fellow subsidiaries (note 13b)	39,278	39,425
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>59,507</b>	<b>53,401</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Bank overdrafts (note 14)	2	89
Borrowings (note 14)	13,884	17,456
Amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries (note 15)	40,317	31,107
Derivative financial instruments (note 11)	436	609
Other payables	11	8
Term deposits repayable to parent undertaking (note 16a)	1,684	-
Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries (note 16b)	279	1,416
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>56,613</b>	<b>50,685</b>
<i>Equity</i>		
Share capital	231	231
Hedging reserve	4	(5)
Translation reserve	358	345
Retained earnings	2,301	2,145
<b>Total equity (note 17)</b>	<b>2,894</b>	<b>2,716</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>59,507</b>	<b>53,401</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Group financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 33 were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by

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Neil Arthur Wadey, Director  
10 February 2022

## Group Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£m	£m
<i>Cash flows from operating activities</i>		
Interest receipts	887	596
Interest payments	(642)	(669)
Net outflow on fees	(8)	(5)
Other (payments)/ receipts	(8)	26
	<u>229</u>	<u>(52)</u>
<i>Increase/(decrease) in operating assets and liabilities:</i>		
Net short-term funds inflow to fellow subsidiaries	2,568	886
Proceeds from external debt	811	3,792
Repayment of external debt	(3,732)	(6,028)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow relating to derivative financial instruments	(37)	129
Net cash (outflow)/ inflow on loans from fellow subsidiaries	(332)	796
Net cash outflow on loans to parent undertaking	1,681	-
Net cash (outflow)/inflow on borrowings from fellow subsidiaries	(1,108)	642
Net cash inflow from operating activities	<u>80</u>	<u>165</u>
Losses on exchange	(25)	(70)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<u>55</u>	<u>95</u>
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents at 1 January</b>	<u>(37)</u>	<u>(132)</u>
<b>Net cash and cash equivalents at 31 December (note 9)</b>	<u>18</u>	<u>(37)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Group financial statements.

Notes are shown on pages 11 to 33.

## Group Notes on the Accounts

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### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The Group consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards. UK-adopted international accounting standards differ in certain respects from IFRS as issued by the IASB. The differences have no impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements for the periods presented.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention except as described in the accounting policy below on financial instruments. After reviewing the Group's annual budget, plans and financing arrangements, the Directors consider that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements, and that it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

The preparation of the Group financial statements has led to the use of the 'liquidity format' for the balance sheet in those financial statements in order to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group.

The preparation of the Group financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The key estimates and assumptions relate to calculation of fair value assets and liabilities using exchange rates and market expectations of future interest rates as at the balance sheet date. These are set out in the accounting policies below, together with the related notes on the accounts.

Due to the nature of the entity, investing and financing activities are captured as part of operating activities within the Group cash flow statement.

#### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c. and its subsidiaries.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the Group. The Group controls an entity when the Group is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity.

Intragroup balances and transactions, and any unrealised gains arising from intragroup transactions, are eliminated in preparing the consolidated financial statements.

#### Foreign currencies

The functional currency of the Company is sterling ("£") and this is also the presentation currency of the Group.

The income and cash flow statements of Group undertakings expressed in currencies other than sterling are translated to sterling at average rates of exchange in each year, provided that the average rate approximates the exchange rate at the date of the underlying transactions. Assets and liabilities of Group undertakings are translated at rates of exchange at the end of each year.

The differences between retained profits translated at average and closing rates of exchange are taken to reserves, as are differences arising on the retranslation to sterling (using closing rates of exchange) of overseas net assets at the beginning of the year, and are presented as a separate component of equity. They are recognised in the income statement when the gain or loss on disposal of a Group undertaking is recognised.

Foreign currency transactions are initially recognised in the functional currency of each entity in the Group at the exchange rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of foreign currency assets and liabilities at year-end rates of exchange are recognised in the income statement, except when deferred as qualifying cash flow hedges in the hedging reserve.

#### Accounting for income

As a financing vehicle, the Group's primary sources of income comprise interest on loans to its parent, British American Tobacco p.l.c. and its subsidiaries ("BAT Group") and net fee income. These are recognised on an effective interest rate method, and income is only recognised to the extent that it is considered to be collectable.

Net fee income comprises commitment fees received in respect of undrawn revolving credit facilities provided to its parent, British American Tobacco p.l.c. and its subsidiaries ("BAT Group"), and commitment fees paid in respect of borrowing facilities provided by external banks.

## Group Notes on the Accounts

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### 1. Accounting policies continued

#### Taxation

Taxation is chargeable on the profits for the period, together with deferred taxation.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax laws enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the Group operates and generates taxable income.

Deferred taxation is provided in full using the liability method for temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amount used for taxation purposes. A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. As required under IAS 12 *Income Taxes*, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Deferred tax is determined using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or deferred tax liability is settled.

Tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case it is recognised in other comprehensive income or changes in equity.

As a UK-resident wholly-owned subsidiary within the British American Tobacco group of companies (the “BAT Group”), the Company is eligible to surrender tax losses to, or claim tax losses from, fellow members of the same UK group for the purposes of calculating corporation tax due in the UK (“group relief”). It is BAT Group policy that tax losses are surrendered unless the Company generating the losses has a particular need to carry the loss forward and it is also Group policy not to reimburse companies for group relief surrendered unless, on a stand-alone basis and assuming the Company were not in the BAT Group, these losses would be recognised as a deferred tax asset in the Company generating the loss.

#### Financial instruments

The Group’s business model for managing financial assets is set out in the Group Treasury Manual of the BAT Group (“BAT Group” referred as British American Tobacco p.l.c. and its subsidiaries) which notes that the primary objective with regard to the management of cash and investments is to protect against the loss of principal. Additionally, the Group aims to maximise BAT Group liquidity by concentrating cash at the Group, to align the maturity profile of external investments with that of the forecast liquidity profile, wherever practicable, match the interest rate profile of external investments to that of debt maturities or fixings, and to optimise the investment yield within the Group’s investment parameters. The majority of financial assets are held in order to collect contractual cash flows (typically cash and cash equivalents and loans and other receivables).

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the relevant instrument and derecognised when it ceases to be a party to such provisions. Such assets and liabilities are classified as current if they are expected to be realised or settled within 12 months after the balance sheet date. If not, they are classified as non-current.

*Non-derivative financial assets* are classified on initial recognition in accordance with the Group’s business model as loans and receivables, or cash and cash equivalents and accounted for as follows:

- **Loans and other receivables:** These are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding that are primarily held in order to collect contractual cash flows. These balances include other receivables, loans due from parent undertaking and from fellow subsidiaries and are measured at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method, and stated net of allowances for expected credit losses.

The Group has measured the loss allowance for financial instruments at an amount equal to the 12-month expected credit loss, whether or not any actual losses have been recognised, and whether or not the counterparty has insurance cover or guarantees in place to cover the potential economic loss. The effective interest rate is based on gross (pre-impairment) assets.

- **Cash and cash equivalents:** Cash and cash equivalents include deposits held on call, together with other short-term highly liquid investments including investments in certain money market funds. Cash equivalents comprise instruments with maturities of three months or less at date of acquisition. In the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts, which are included as current borrowings in the liabilities section on the balance sheet.

Non-derivative financial assets are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, subject to reduction for allowances measured under the expected credit loss method.

*Non-derivative financial liabilities*, including borrowings and trade payables, are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method. For borrowings, their carrying value includes accrued interest payable, as well as unamortised issue costs. As shown in note 14, certain borrowings are subject to fair value hedges, as defined below.

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### 1. Accounting policies continued

#### Financial instruments continued

*Derivative financial assets and liabilities* are initially recognised, and subsequently measured at fair value, which includes accrued interest receivable and payable, where relevant. The fair values of derivatives are determined based on market data (primarily yield curves, implied volatilities and exchange rates) to calculate the present value of all estimated flows associated with each derivative at the balance sheet date. Changes in their fair values are recognised as follows:

- for derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges, the changes in their fair values are recognised directly in other comprehensive income, to the extent that they are effective, with the ineffective portion being recognised in the income statement. Where the underlying transaction does not result in such an asset, the accumulated gains and losses are reclassified to the income statement in the same periods as the hedged item;
- where the intrinsic value and time value of an option contract are separated, the change in fair value of the time value of an option is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent it relates to the hedged item, and is subsequently amortised on a systematic and rational basis over the period during which the hedge adjustment for the option's intrinsic value could affect profit or loss. Where material, these amounts are disclosed as a separate component of equity. The same accounting is applied where the forward element of a forward contract, or a foreign currency basis spread, are separated from the relevant hedging instrument;
- for derivatives that are designated as fair value hedges, the carrying value of the hedged item is adjusted for the fair value changes attributable to the risk being hedged, with the corresponding entry being made in the income statement. The changes in these derivatives are also recognised in the income statement; and
- for derivatives that do not qualify for hedge accounting or are not designated as hedges, the changes in their fair values are recognised in the income statement in the period in which they arise. These are referred to as "held-for-trading".

#### Hedge accounting

In order to qualify for hedge accounting, the Group is required to document prospectively the economic relationship between the item being hedged and the hedging instrument. The Group is also required to demonstrate an assessment of the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, which shows that the hedge will be highly effective on an on-going basis. This effectiveness testing is re-performed periodically to ensure that the hedge has remained, and is expected to remain, highly effective.

Hedge accounting is discontinued when a hedging instrument is derecognised (e.g. through expiry or disposal), or no longer qualifies for hedge accounting. Where the hedged item is a highly probable forecast transaction, the related gains and losses remain in equity until the transaction takes place, when they are reclassified to the income statement in the same manner as for cash flow hedges as described above. When a hedged future transaction is no longer expected to occur, any related gains and losses, previously recognised in other comprehensive income, are immediately reclassified to the income statement.

Derivative fair value changes recognised in the income statement are in net fair value gains on derivatives.

#### Segmental analysis

Senior management of the BAT Group Treasury function, including the BAT Group Head of Treasury, who is also a Director of the Company, are identified as the chief operating decision makers ("CODM"), and are responsible for managing within an overall policy framework the BAT Group's exposure to funding and liquidity, interest rate, foreign exchange and counterparty risks. The Group is the central vehicle used by BAT Group Treasury for managing these risks. The Group does not report segment information internally as the Group is managed by senior management of the BAT Group Treasury function as a single segment entity in the context of the BAT Group as a whole.

The prices agreed between Group companies, and with BAT Group entities, for intra-BAT Group loans and borrowings, and charges for such are based on normal commercial practices, which would apply between independent businesses.

#### Dividends

The Group recognises dividend in the period in which it is paid.

#### Future changes to accounting policies

A number of interpretations and revisions to existing standards have been issued which will be applicable to the Group's financial statements in future years, but are not expected to have a material effect on reported profit or equity or on the disclosures in the financial statements.

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### 2. Segmental reporting

As the Company, which is domiciled in the UK, is the central financing vehicle for the BAT Group, all income other than interest on cash and cash equivalents is earned from counterparties within the BAT Group. Interest on cash and cash equivalents of **£nil** (2020: £2 million) includes **£nil** (2020: £1 million) from money market funds.

Interest income from cash and cash equivalents attributable to the UK is **£nil** (2020: £2 million) and **£nil** (2020: £nil) attributable to foreign countries.

IFRS 8 *Operating Segments* considers a group of entities under common control as a single customer. **£23 million** (2020: £31 million) of interest income is generated from the loans to parent undertaking and **£649 million** (2020: £800 million) from loans to fellow subsidiaries controlled directly or indirectly by the parent undertaking, British American Tobacco p.l.c..

### 3. Interest income

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Interest income		
From the parent undertaking	23	31
From fellow subsidiaries	649	800
Cash and cash equivalents	-	2
	<u>672</u>	<u>833</u>

### 4. Interest expense

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Interest expense		
Issued debt	412	514
Other borrowings	14	47
Commercial paper	1	8
	<u>427</u>	<u>569</u>
To the parent undertaking	6	-
To fellow subsidiaries	192	108
	<u>625</u>	<u>677</u>

### 5. Net commitment fee expense

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Fee income		
Commitment fees on undrawn revolving credit facilities to fellow subsidiaries	10	20
Fee expense		
Fees charged on committed borrowing facilities	(18)	(23)
	<u>(8)</u>	<u>(3)</u>

100% of the above fees charged on the committed borrowing facility in 2021 are borne by the Group (2020: 100%).

### 6. Net fair value gains on derivatives and exchange differences

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Fair value changes on derivatives and hedged items comprise:		
Fair value hedging instruments – exchange related movements	(77)	87
Fair value hedging instruments – net interest income	16	24
Fair value hedging instruments – interest related movements	(29)	2
Fair value changes on hedged items	118	80
Cash flow hedging instruments – exchange related movements	(44)	39
Cash flow hedging instruments – net interest expense	(7)	(7)
Instruments held-for-trading	(139)	(30)
Net fair value gains/(losses) on derivatives	<u>(162)</u>	<u>195</u>
Exchange differences	<u>273</u>	<u>(92)</u>
	<u>111</u>	<u>103</u>

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### 6. Net fair value gains on derivatives and exchange differences continued

The Group's borrowings are arranged on both a fixed rate and a floating rate basis and in different currencies. The Group uses a combination of currency and interest rate derivatives to achieve the desired debt profile on a post-hedged basis. The impact from these derivatives, together with the fair value adjustment and exchange differences on the debt are shown within "Net fair value gains on derivatives and exchange differences" whereas the interest expense on the debt is shown within note 4 "Interest expense".

The "Net fair value gains on derivatives and exchange differences" represents the net impact of the debt and related derivatives, this includes:

- net interest income on swaps for the year of **£6 million** (2020: £16 million) to offset the interest expense on issued debt reported within note 4 "Interest expense". This comprises of net interest income from swaps used as fair value hedge instruments of **£16 million** (2020: £24 million) and net interest expense on swaps used as cash flow hedge instruments and net interest expense held for trading of **£7 million** and **£3 million** respectively (2020: £7 million and £1 million respectively).
- a gain of **£2 million** (2020: £4 million gain) due to the ineffective portion of fair value hedges.
- A gain of **£62 million** (2020: £41 million gain) relating to the amortisation of the fair value gain on novated bonds from fellow subsidiary.
- A gain of **£24 million** (2020: £39 million gain) in respect of amortisation of cancelled hedges which are included in the carrying value of existing hedged items.
- Exchange differences include most foreign currency assets and liabilities that are maintained in US dollars and euro, which have been translated to sterling at the closing rates on 31 December 2021 of **US\$1.35445** and **€1.191039** (2020: US\$1.36695 and €1.1172).

### 7. Other operating income

Other operating charges include remuneration of **£330,395** payable to KPMG LLP for the audit of the Group and Company's annual financial statements (2020: £291,928). Costs relating to non-audit fees payable to KPMG LLP is **£nil** (2020: £nil)

A gain of **£8 million** (2020: gain of £8 million) relating to the movement in the expected credit loss provision on loans and receivables is included in other operating expenses.

The Group has no directly employed employees (2020: nil) and consequently utilises the services of a number of employees whose contracts of service are with fellow subsidiaries, and their remuneration is included in the financial statements of those subsidiaries. An annual management charge is levied from a fellow subsidiary in respect of the cost of employees in the British American Shared Service Centre (Romania) and such charges are accounted as other operating expenses.

### 8. Taxation on ordinary activities

#### a) Summary of tax

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK corporation tax		
Comprising:		
- current tax at <b>19%</b> (2020: 19%)	1	2
- double tax relief	(1)	(2)
Overseas tax comprising:		
- tax on current income	1	2
Total taxation charge for the year	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
Deferred tax		
Comprising:		
- current year	-	-
- prior year adjustment	-	-
Total current and deferred tax expense (note 8b)	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>



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### 8. Taxation on ordinary activities continued

#### b) Factors affecting the tax charge

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 19% to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016. The March 2020 Budget announced that a rate of 19% would continue to apply with effect from 1 April 2020, and this change was substantively enacted on 17 March 2020.

An increase in the UK corporation rate from 19% to 25% (effective 1 April 2023) was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. This will increase the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

The taxation charge for the year differs from the charge that would be expected based on the statutory 19% (2020: 19%) rate of corporation taxation in the UK. The major causes of this difference are listed below:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Profit before taxation	<u>157</u>	<u>261</u>
UK corporation tax at <b>19%</b> (2020: 19%)	<u>30</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Factors affecting the tax rate:</b>		
Income not taxable	(2)	(1)
Overseas taxation	1	2
Double tax relief	(1)	(2)
BAT Group relief claimed for no consideration	<u>(27)</u>	<u>(47)</u>
Total tax expense ( <i>note 8a</i> )	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>

### 9. Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Cash and bank balances	20	52
Cash equivalents	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>52</u>

As part of its short-term cash management, the Company invests in a range of cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, which are regarded as highly liquid and are not exposed to significant changes in fair value. These are kept under continuous review as described in the credit risk section. As at 31 December 2021, the Group does not have any money market funds invested (2020: nil).

The currency in which cash and cash equivalents are held, are as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	-	-
Other	<u>20</u>	<u>52</u>
	<u>20</u>	<u>52</u>

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### 9. Cash and cash equivalents continued

In the Group cash flow statement, net cash and cash equivalents are shown after deducting bank overdrafts (note 14):

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Cash and cash equivalents as above	20	52
Less: bank overdrafts (note 14)	(2)	(89)
Net cash and cash equivalents	<u>18</u>	<u>(37)</u>

### 10. Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries

Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries comprise unsecured current accounts and cash pooling accounts referred to as In-House Cash (“IHC”) accounts between fellow subsidiaries and the BAT Group. These are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	23	-
US dollar	7,878	4,793
Swiss franc	380	204
Euro	2,366	1,620
New Zealand dollar	301	207
Japanese yen	1,836	1,246
South African rand	1,127	659
Romanian leu	1,064	698
Australia dollar	914	644
Czech krona	193	124
Danish krone	247	165
Mexican peso	203	121
Norwegian krone	298	155
Russian rouble	302	175
Other	970	596
	<u>18,102</u>	<u>11,407</u>

The balance above is measured at amortised cost, with an immaterial impact of expected credit losses (as explained in accounting policies in note 1).

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries.

### 11. Derivative financial instruments

The fair values of derivatives are determined based on market data (primarily yield curves and exchange rates) to calculate the present value of all estimated flows associated with each derivative at the balance sheet date. In the absence of sufficient market data, fair values would be based on the quoted market price of similar derivatives. The classification of these assets and liabilities under the IFRS 13 fair value hierarchy is given in note 12.

	2021		2020	
	Assets £m	Liabilities £m	Assets £m	Liabilities £m
Fair value hedges				
Interest rate swaps	5	-	20	-
Cross-currency swaps	114	-	255	-
Cash flow hedges				
Interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-
Cross-currency swaps	107	-	143	-
Held-for-trading*				
Interest rate swaps	30	35	45	53
Cross-currency swaps	35	35	46	46
Forward foreign currency contracts	238	366	428	510
	<u>529</u>	<u>436</u>	<u>937</u>	<u>609</u>

Derivative balances included above that are with related parties are disclosed in note 19.

\* Derivative financial instruments which are not designated as hedges are classified as held-for-trading as explained in note 1.

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### 11. Derivative financial instruments continued

The maturity dates of all derivative financial instruments as recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Assets £m	Liabilities £m	Assets £m	Liabilities £m
Within one year	230	355	552	534
Between one and two years	184	76	20	14
Between two and three years	1	-	219	57
Between three and four years	4	2	-	-
Between four and five years	-	-	4	4
Beyond five years	110	3	142	-
	<b>529</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>609</b>

There were no derivative liabilities which included interest rate swaps where the contracting parties hold the right to exercise mutual break clauses.

The tables below set out the maturities of the Group's derivative financial instruments on an undiscounted contractual basis, based on spot rates.

The maturity dates of all gross-settled derivative financial instruments are as follows:

	2021			
	Assets		Liabilities	
	Inflow £m	Outflow £m	Inflow £m	Outflow £m
Within one year				
- Cross-currency swaps	50	(39)	17	(36)
- Forward foreign exchange contracts	9,797	(9,562)	17,182	(17,547)
Between one and two years				
- Cross-currency swaps	1,394	(1,258)	665	(689)
- Forward foreign exchange contracts	927	(915)	915	(927)
Between two and three years				
- Cross-currency swaps	24	(24)	10	(15)
Between three and four years				
- Cross-currency swaps	454	(475)	460	(445)
Between four and five years				
- Cross-currency swaps	9	(15)	-	-
Beyond five years				
- Cross-currency swaps	726	(579)	-	-
	<b>13,381</b>	<b>(12,867)</b>	<b>19,249</b>	<b>(19,659)</b>

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### 11. Derivative financial instruments continued

	2020			
	Assets		Liabilities	
	Inflow £m	Outflow £m	Inflow £m	Outflow £m
Within one year				
- Cross-currency swaps	1,756	(1,655)	987	(1,006)
- Forward foreign exchange contracts	11,356	(10,949)	15,667	(16,154)
Between one and two years				
- Cross-currency swaps	33	(54)	36	(17)
- Forward foreign exchange contracts	792	(779)	779	(792)
Between two and three years				
- Cross-currency swaps	1,446	(1,261)	676	(701)
Between three and four years				
- Cross-currency swaps	19	(29)	15	(10)
Between four and five years				
- Cross-currency swaps	469	(451)	436	(460)
Beyond five years				
- Cross-currency swaps	767	(594)	-	-
	<u>16,638</u>	<u>(15,772)</u>	<u>18,596</u>	<u>(19,140)</u>

The maturity dates of net-settled derivative financial instruments are as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Assets (outflow)/ inflow	Liabilities (outflow)/ inflow	Assets inflow/ (outflow)	Liabilities (outflow)/ inflow
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Within one year	(13)	(4)	41	(26)
Between one and two years	15	(19)	17	(18)
Between two and three years	35	(11)	16	(18)
Between three and four years	9	(11)	-	-
Between four and five years	12	(12)	-	-
Beyond five years	(17)	17	-	-
	<u>41</u>	<u>(40)</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>(62)</u>

The above maturity analysis comprises the Group's interest rate swaps and non-deliverable forwards.

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### 12. Management of financial risks

One of the principal responsibilities of the Group is to manage the financial risks arising from the BAT Group's underlying operations. Specifically, BAT Group Treasury manages, within an overall policy framework set by the Board of British American Tobacco p.l.c. and the BAT Group's Corporate Finance Committee ("CFC"), the BAT Group's exposure to funding and liquidity, interest rate, foreign exchange and counterparty risks. The overall BAT Group Treasury position is monitored by the CFC, which meets regularly throughout the year and is chaired by the BAT Group Finance Director.

Given the nature of the Group's activities, the Group is managed in accordance with BAT Group Treasury policies and procedures. BAT Group policies include a set of financing principles that provide a framework within which the BAT Group's capital base is managed. The Group defines capital as equity (see note 17) and net debt, which is defined as external borrowings, including derivatives in respect of debt, less cash and cash equivalents. The Group's net debt balances, which are managed as part of the BAT Group's net debt, are as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Bank overdrafts and borrowings (note 14)	13,886	17,545
Derivatives in respect of debt:		
- Assets	(266)	(496)
- Liabilities	173	167
Cash and cash equivalents (note 9)	(20)	(52)
	<u>13,773</u>	<u>17,164</u>

The Group manages its financial risks in line with the classification of its financial assets and liabilities in the Group's balance sheet and related notes.

The Group's management of specific risks is dealt with as follows:

#### Liquidity risk

It is the policy of the Group to maximise financial flexibility and minimise refinancing risk by issuing debt with a range of maturities, generally matching the projected cash flows of the BAT Group, and to obtain this financing from a wide range of providers. The BAT Group has a target average centrally managed debt maturity of at least five years with no more than twenty per cent of centrally managed debt maturing in a single rolling year. The debt held by the Group is part of the BAT Group's centrally managed debt and is therefore managed within the Group's target.

Available facilities in current year:

At 31 December 2021, the Group had access to a £5.85 billion revolving credit facility. This facility was undrawn at 31 December 2021. In 2021, the Group exercised the first of the one-year extension options on both tranches of the revolving credit facility, with the second one-year extension subsequently exercised in February 2022. Effective March 2022, therefore, the £2.85 billion 364-day tranche will be extended to March 2023 at the reduced amount of £2.7 billion and £2.5 billion of the five-year tranche will be extended from March 2026 to March 2027 (with £3.0 billion of this tranche remaining available until March 2025 and £2.85 billion remaining available from March 2025 to March 2026).

During 2021, the Group extended short-term bilateral facilities totalling £2.5 billion until March or April 2022, some with extension options to extend for further periods. As at 31 December 2021, £500 million was drawn on a short-term basis. Of such short-term bilateral facilities, in December 2021, the Group amended and extended a total of £500 million until December 2022 and subsequent to year end, the Group amended and extended a further £500 million until January 2023 and effective April 2022, an additional £350 million was agreed to be extended until October 2022 and £500 million until April 2023. Cashflows relating to bilateral facilities that have maturity periods of three months or less are presented on a net basis in the Group's cash flow statement.

Issuance, drawdowns and repayments in the current year:

- In February 2021, the Group repaid a €650 million bond at maturity;
- In June 2021, the Group repaid £500 million of the £1,929 million term loan that has a maturity date in January 2022, the remaining £1,429 million was repaid in September 2021; and
- In July, September and November 2021, the Group repaid £500 million, CHF 400 million and €500 million of bonds at maturity respectively.

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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Liquidity risk continued

Available facilities in prior year:

In March 2020, the Group refinanced its £6 billion revolving credit facility consisting of a £3 billion 364-day tranche (with two one-year extension options and a one-year term-out option), and a £3 billion five-year tranche (with two one-year extension options). The facility no longer contains a financial covenant. As at 31 December 2020, the facility was undrawn.

In March and April 2020, the Group arranged short term bilateral facilities with core relationship banks for a total amount of approximately £4.8 billion. The bilateral facilities have since been reduced to a total amount of approximately £3.4 billion. At 31 December 2020, these facilities were undrawn.

Issuance, drawdowns and repayments in prior year:

- In April 2020, the Group accessed the European market under its EMTN Programme, raising a total of €1.7 billion across two tranches;
- In June 2020, the Group raised £500 million in the Sterling market under its EMTN Programme;
- In July 2020, the Group repaid a €600 million bond and a £1.9 billion term loan at maturity;
- In September 2020, the Group raised US\$ 1.5 billion in US dollar market under its SEC Shelf programme. The Group also made a tender offer to repurchase portions of four series of bonds prior to their maturities. The tender offer was completed in October 2020, totalling US\$ 750 million under two series of bonds, £70 million and €100 million under two separate series of bonds, all of which would have otherwise matured in 2021 and 2022; and
- Following the tender offer, in October 2020, the Group exercised the make whole redemption provision to fully redeem the remaining amount of US\$ 230 million on one bond that would have otherwise matured in 2022.

The Group ensures that there is flexibility in funding arrangements with fellow subsidiaries by providing short-term facilities or early repayment rights.

As the Group is the principal central financing vehicle for the BAT Group, it is used to mobilise cash for the BAT Group through participation in cash pooling and zero balancing bank account structures with fellow subsidiaries.

It is BAT Group policy that short-term sources of funds (including drawings under both the Group US\$4 billion US commercial paper (US CP) programme and the Group £3 billion euro commercial paper (ECP) programme are backed by undrawn committed lines of credit and cash. Commercial paper is issued by B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c., B.A.T Capital Corporation and B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V. and guaranteed by British American Tobacco p.l.c.. At 31 December 2021, commercial paper of **£269 million** was outstanding (2020: £nil). Cashflows relating to commercial paper that have maturity periods of three months or less are presented on a net basis in Group's cash flow statement.

As part of its short-term cash management, the Group invests in a range of cash and cash equivalents, including money market funds, which are regarded as highly liquid and are not exposed to significant changes in fair value. These are kept under continuous review as described in the credit risk section below. At 31 December 2021, cash and cash equivalents include **£nil** (2020: £nil) invested in money market funds.

Although term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries (as shown in note 16) fall due within one year, they are typically renewed subject to the funding requirements of the counterparty. Loans to fellow subsidiaries, subsidiary companies and the parent undertaking are made on commercial terms. All contractual borrowing covenants have been met and none of them are expected to inhibit the Group's operations or funding plans.

#### Currency risk

The Group is subject to exposure on the translation of the net assets of foreign currency subsidiaries into its reporting currency, sterling. Lending and borrowing activities with fellow subsidiaries are usually in the currency of the counterparty resulting in primary balance sheet translation exposures to the US dollar, euro, and Danish krone. These exposures are kept under continuous review and the Group's policy is to minimise all balance sheet translation exposure where it is practical and cost effective to do so through matching of currency assets with currency borrowings. At 31 December 2021, the currency profile of the Group's gross issued debt, after taking into account derivative contracts, was **44 per cent** (2020: 50 per cent) sterling, **32 per cent** (2020: 33 per cent) euro, **19 per cent** (2020: 12 per cent) US dollar, **3 per cent** (2020: 3 per cent) Danish krone and **2 per cent** (2020: 2 per cent) other currencies.

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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Currency risk continued

The Group faces currency exposures arising from the translation of profits earned in foreign currency subsidiaries; these exposures are not normally hedged.

IFRS 7 requires a sensitivity analysis that shows the impact on the income statement and on items recognised directly in equity of hypothetical changes of exchange rates in respect of non-functional currency financial assets and liabilities held by the Group. All other variables are held constant although, in practice, market rates rarely change in isolation. All financial assets and liabilities held in the functional currency of the Company and subsidiaries, as well as non-financial assets and liabilities and translation risk, are not included in the analysis. The Group considers a 10 per cent strengthening or weakening of the functional currency against the non-functional currency of its Company and subsidiaries as a reasonable possible change. The impact is calculated with reference to the financial asset or liability held as at the year-end, unless this is unrepresentative of the position during the year.

The Group hedges substantially all of its financial currency exposures not denominated in the functional currency either economically or through use of derivative contracts. This mitigates the sensitivity of fluctuations in the underlying exchange rates. As a result, a 10 per cent strengthening of functional currencies against non-functional currencies would result in no material change to pre-tax profit (2020: no material change to pre-tax profit). A 10 per cent weakening of functional currencies against non-functional currencies would result in no material change to pre-tax profit (2020: no material change to pre-tax profit).

A 10 per cent change in exchange rates would have no material impact on items recognised directly in other comprehensive income for the current and prior year.

#### Interest rate risk

The objectives of the Group's interest rate risk management policy are to lessen the impact of adverse interest rate movements on earnings, cash flow and economic value of the Group and to safeguard against any possible breach of its financial covenants. Additional objectives are to minimise the cost of hedging and the associated counterparty risk.

During 2020, the Group financial covenant related to gross interest cover was removed from the centrally managed banking facilities.

In order to manage its interest rate risk, the Group maintains both floating and fixed rate debt. The Group sets targets (within overall guidelines) for the desired ratio of floating to fixed rate debt on a net basis (at least 50 per cent fixed on a net basis in the short to the medium-term); market conditions and strategy are reviewed by the CFC on regular basis. The debt and associated derivatives held by the Group are part of the BAT Group's centrally managed debt and derivatives and are therefore managed within Group's targets. Underlying borrowings are arranged on both a fixed and a floating rate basis and, where appropriate, the Group uses derivatives, primarily interest rate swaps, to vary the fixed and floating mix. The interest rate profile of liquid assets is taken into account in determining the net interest rate exposure.

In accordance with the UK Financial Conduct Authority's announcement on 27 July 2017, and following the decision taken by global regulators in 2018 to replace Interbank Offered Rates with alternative nearly risk-free rates, such benchmark rates are expected to be largely discontinued after 2021. The IASB addressed the effects of interest rate benchmark reform on financial reporting, with two phases of Amendments to IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* (and other Standards) which the Group adopted in its Year End 2019 and 2020 accounts respectively, as explained in the accounting policies (note 1). The impact on the Group's profit or equity from the application of these amendments was not material.

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has no outstanding floating rate bond. £1,929 million of floating rate borrowings outstanding at 31 December 2020 were repaid during the year. In addition, the Group has bilateral facilities totalling £2.5 billion of which £500 million was drawn down at 31 December 2021. The contractual language on these facilities was updated during 2021 such that all drawings are based on SONIA with effect from the end of November 2021. The Group's syndicated revolving credit facility (undrawn at 31 December 2021 and 2020) has historically had references to USD LIBOR, EURIBOR and GBP LIBOR. This facility includes market standard LIBOR replacement language, and with effect from June 2021 the agreement has adopted SOFR and SONIA as the alternative benchmark rates in respect of USD LIBOR and GBP LIBOR respectively.

Following announcements by the respective regulators, EURIBOR and USD LIBOR are now expected to continue for the foreseeable future, with certain USD LIBOR rates potentially discontinued after June 2023.

In January 2021, BAT Group confirmed adherence to the ISDA 2020 IBOR Fallbacks Protocol as published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) on 23 October 2020 (the Protocol), ensuring that appropriate fallback rates can apply to derivatives in the event of LIBOR discontinuation.

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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Interest rate risk continued

The Group has a total of nine derivatives that may be impacted by interest rate benchmark reform of which two are free-standing derivatives (EUR interest rate swaps) maturing in January 2023 with nominal values of **€750 million (£630 million)**. There are three derivatives (USD Interest rate swaps) in fair value hedge relationship with nominal value **US\$300 million (£221 million)** maturing in June 2022 (before USD LIBOR cessation) and therefore no further exposure arises.

The remaining four impacted derivatives (cross currency interest rate swaps) with nominal values totalling **€800 million (£672 million)** maturing in October 2023 are in fair value hedge relationships which are indexed to sterling LIBOR interest rates. The Group is party to the ISDA fallback protocol and in January 2022, it automatically replaced GBP LIBOR with an economically equivalent interest rate derivatives referencing SONIA on their reset date. The Group has updated the respective hedge documentation accordingly since the uncertainty regarding the transition for these four derivatives has ceased. The hedge relationships on these derivatives will continue with any resulting ineffectiveness likely to be immaterial.

During 2021, the standard lending agreements within the Group were revised to take account of the global benchmark interest rate reform and certain GBP and CHF loans entered during the year are based on Sterling Overnight Index Average (SONIA) and Swiss Average Rate Overnight (SARON) respectively. Intercompany loans in currencies where LIBOR rates are available will continue to apply these until they are no longer available. Management considers the replacement rates in the revised intercompany agreement to be economically equivalent to those used previously and impact of the change in rates will not be significant to the Group. During the course of the year, interest rates on in-house balances, where interest accrues on a daily basis, have been transitioned from LIBOR to alternative risk-free rates.

For any new GBP and CHF contracts, the interest rates will be based on alternative rates. As at 31 December 2021, any existing GBP and CHF related loans that applied LIBOR, interest will be based on alternative rates plus an appropriate credit adjustment spread from its next reset date until its maturity date. This will be in accordance with the changes to the BAT Group's intercompany lending agreements. The Group has not been materially adversely affected by these changes.

As at 31 December 2021, the Group has **£7,927 million** (2020: £10,923 million) due from fellow BAT Group subsidiaries and **£1,564 million** (2020: £1,562 million) due from parent undertaking that mature after 1 January 2022 which bear interest at floating rates that are based on the LIBOR. Further details on these loans are disclosed in note 13.

The Group therefore believes that any outstanding contracts on 1 January 2022 with interest rates based on LIBOR or similar benchmarks will adequately provide for alternate calculations of interest in the event that they are unavailable.

IFRS 7 requires a sensitivity analysis that shows the impact on the income statement and on items recognised directly in other comprehensive income of hypothetical changes of interest rates in respect of interest-bearing financial assets and financial liabilities of the Group. All other variables are held constant although, in practice, market rates rarely change in isolation. For the purposes of this sensitivity analysis, financial assets and liabilities with fixed interest rates are not included. The Group considers a 100 basis point change in interest rates as a reasonably possible change except where rates are less than 100 basis points. In these instances, it is assumed that the interest rates increase by 100 basis points and decrease to zero for the purpose of performing the sensitivity analysis. The impact is calculated with reference to the financial asset or liability held as at the year-end, unless this is unrepresentative of the position during the year.

A 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in pre-tax profit being **£110 million** higher (2020: £249 million higher). A 100 basis point decrease in interest rates, or less where applicable, would result in pre-tax profit being **£358 million** lower (2020: £401 million lower).

A 100 basis point change in interest rates would have no material impact on items recognised directly in other comprehensive income for the current and prior year.



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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Credit risk

The Group has no significant concentrations of counterparty credit risk in respect of its external financial assets. As the central financing vehicle for the BAT Group, concentrations of credit risk arise from financial assets due from fellow subsidiaries and the parent undertaking. All loans to fellow subsidiaries, subsidiary companies and the parent are priced on an arm's length basis. To determine the appropriate risk premium, the Group consults, where appropriate, with independent financial institutions who assess the asset base and sovereign risk specific to the relevant counterparty. The Group recognises that the sovereign risk of a fellow subsidiary can be the determining factor of default.

Intra-BAT Group counterparties have appropriate capital structures to meet their obligations as they fall due. All loans to fellow subsidiaries and the parent undertaking are therefore between parties which have been individually reviewed and are considered to be in a position to continue to meet their obligations.

All external derivatives are subject to ISDA (International Swaps and Derivatives Association) documentation.

Cash deposits and other financial instruments give rise to credit risk on the amounts due from the related counterparties. Generally, the Group aims to transact with counterparties with strong investment grade credit ratings. Counterparty credit risk is managed on a global basis by limiting the aggregate amount and duration of exposure to any one counterparty, taking into account its credit rating. The credit ratings of all counterparties are reviewed regularly.

External counterparty credit risk is managed on a global basis by limiting the aggregate amount and duration of exposure to any one counterparty, taking into account its credit rating. The credit ratings of bank counterparties are reviewed regularly. The Group ensures that it has sufficient counterparty credit capacity of requisite quality to undertake all anticipated transactions.

The maximum exposure to credit risk of financial assets at the balance sheet date is reflected by the carrying values included in the Group balance sheet. In addition, the Group provides committed credit facilities to certain fellow subsidiaries. The undrawn portion of these committed facilities at 31 December 2021 is **£7,246 million** (2020: £8,680 million). Guarantees provided to third parties are shown in note 18 on page 32.

#### Hedge accounting

In order to qualify for hedge accounting, the Group is required to document prospectively the economic relationship between the item being hedged and the hedging instrument. The Group is also required to demonstrate an assessment of the economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument, which shows that the hedge will be highly effective on an ongoing basis. This effectiveness testing is re-performed periodically to ensure that the hedge has remained and is expected to remain highly effective. The prospective effectiveness testing determines that an economic relationship between the hedged item and the hedging instrument exists.

In accordance with the Group Treasury Manual of BAT Group, the exact hedge ratios and profile of a hedge relationship will depend on several factors, including the desired degree of certainty and reduced volatility of net interest costs and market conditions, trends and expectations in the relevant markets. The sources of ineffectiveness include spot and forward differences, impact of time value and timing differences between periods in the hedged item and hedging instrument.

The Group's risk management strategy has been explained in further detail under interest rate risk and currency risk sections of this note.

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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Fair value estimation

The fair values of financial assets and liabilities with maturities of less than one year, other than derivatives, approximate their book values. For other financial instruments which are measured at fair value in the balance sheet, the basis for fair values is described below.

#### Fair value hierarchy

In accordance with the IFRS 13 classification hierarchy, all derivatives held by the Group at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, fall within Level 2. Level 2 financial instruments are not traded in an active market but the fair values are based on quoted market prices, broker dealer quotations or alternative pricing sources with reasonable levels of price transparency. Level 2 financial instruments include Over The Counter (“OTC”) derivatives.

#### Netting arrangement of derivative financial instruments

The gross fair value of derivative financial instruments as presented in the Group balance sheet, together with the Group’s right of offset associated with recognised financial assets and recognised financial liabilities, subject to enforceable master netting arrangements and similar agreements, is summarised as follows:

	2021			2020		
	Amount presented in the Group balance sheet	Related to amounts not offset in the Group balance sheet	Net amount	Amount presented in the Group balance sheet	Related to amounts not offset in the Group balance sheet	Net amount
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Financial assets						
-Derivative financial instruments (note 11)	529	(208)	321	937	(299)	638
Financial liabilities						
-Derivative financial instruments (note 11)	(436)	208	(228)	(609)	299	(310)

The Group is subject to master netting arrangements in force with financial counterparties with whom the Group trade derivatives.

The master netting arrangements determine the proceedings should either party default on their obligations. In case of any event of default: the non-defaulting party will calculate the sum of the replacement cost of outstanding transaction and amounts owed to it by the defaulting party. If that sum exceeds the amount owed to the defaulting party, the defaulting party will pay the balance to the non-defaulting party. If the sum is less than the amounts owed to the defaulting party, the non-defaulting party will pay the balance to the defaulting party.

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### 12. Management of financial risks continued

#### Hedging instrument

The items designated as hedging instruments are as follows:

	Nominal amount of hedging instrument	2021 Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness for the year	Nominal amount of hedging instrument	2020 Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness for the year
	£m	£m	£m	£m
<b>Interest rate risk</b>				
Fair value hedges				
- interest rate swaps	1,829	(34)	757	(14)
- cross-currency swaps	672	(51)	1,428	66
Cash flow hedges				
- interest rate swaps	-	-	-	-
- cross currency swaps	672	69	716	30

#### Hedging item

The hedged items by risk category are presented below:

	Carrying value of the hedged item	Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustments on hedged item included in the carrying amount of the hedged item	Line item in the statement of financial position where the hedged item is included	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness for 2021	2021 Cash flow hedge reserve
	£m	£m		£m	£m
Fair value hedges					
Interest rate risk					
- borrowings	5,985	129	<b>Borrowings</b>	87	
Cash flow hedges					
Interest rate risk					
- borrowings	667		<b>Borrowings</b>	(69)	1

	Carrying value of the hedged item	Accumulated amount of fair value hedge adjustments on hedged item included in the carrying amount of the hedged item	Line item in the statement of financial position where the hedged item is included	Changes in fair value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness for 2020	2020 Cash flow hedge reserve
	£m	£m		£m	£m
Fair value hedges					
Interest rate risk					
- borrowings	4,647	135	Borrowings	(48)	
Cash flow hedges					
Interest rate risk					
- borrowings	710		Borrowings	30	(11)

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### 13a. Loans due from parent undertaking

Loans due from the parent undertaking of **£1,572 million** fall due within one year (2020: £9 million within one year) and **£nil** fall due beyond one year (2020: £1,562 million beyond year). These loans are unsecured and reprice within one year as they bear interest at floating rates based on the London InterBank Interest Rate (“LIBOR”) which ceased to exist after the year end date. These loans will mature before the next reset date without any further LIBOR reset required. The interest rate to be applied in future will be in accordance with the BAT Group’s intercompany lending agreements. These loans are in sterling.

Loans due from the parent undertaking are measured at amortised cost and net of expected credit losses of **£8 million** (2020: £8 million) as explained in accounting policies in note 1.

Loans due from the parent undertaking include **£8 million** of interest receivable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £9 million).

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for loans due from the parent undertaking as determined using discounted cash flow analysis.

### 13b. Loans due from fellow subsidiaries

Unsecured loans due from fellow subsidiaries are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	31,135	31,327
Euro	4,052	4,335
US dollar	3,512	3,105
Danish krone	404	431
Swiss franc	175	211
Singapore dollar	-	6
Polish zloty	-	10
	<b>39,278</b>	<b>39,425</b>

Loans due from fellow subsidiaries are measured at amortised cost and net of expected credit losses of **£54 million** (2020: £62 million) as explained in accounting policies in note 1.

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for loans due from fellow subsidiaries.

From 31 December 2021, the publication of certain LIBOR settings has ceased. The above balance includes **£7,927 million** maturing after 1 January 2022, which bears interest at floating rates that are based on LIBOR. Included within this balance is one LIBOR loan of £1,917 million which will mature in 2022 without any further LIBOR reset required. **£4,869 million** of LIBOR related loans will be reset to alternative rates in 2022 before their maturity dates. The remaining loans will utilise alternative reference rates in the event that the relevant LIBOR rate is unavailable on their next reset date. The Group does not expect any significant impact from this transition as the alternative rates will be economically equivalent to the LIBOR rates.

The loans due from fellow subsidiaries are unsecured and the maturity dates as recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	31,688	28,052
Between one and two years	1,134	6,693
Between two and three years	2,893	1,066
Between three and four years	371	3
Between four and five years	-	395
Beyond five years	3,192	3,216
Total	<b>39,278</b>	<b>39,425</b>

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### 13b. Loans due from fellow subsidiaries continued

The timing exposure to interest rate changes when loans reprice is as follows:

	Total £m	Within 1 year £m	Between 1 and 2 years £m	Between 2 and 3 years £m	Between 3 and 4 years £m	Between 4 and 5 years £m	Greater than 5 years £m
As at 31 December 2021	39,278	39,278	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2020	39,425	39,425	-	-	-	-	-

Loans due from fellow subsidiaries include **£139 million** of interest receivable (2020: £364 million).

### 14. Bank overdrafts and borrowings

	Currency	Maturity dates	Interest rates	2021 £m	2020 £m
<b>Issued debt</b>					
Eurobonds	Euro	2022-2045	0.9 to 3.1%	6,754	8,341
	Swiss franc	2026	1.4%	203	540
	UK sterling	2022-2055	2.3 to 7.3%	3,635	4,139
Other bonds issued pursuant to Rule 144A and RegS under the US Securities Act of 1933	US dollar	2022-2026	1.7 to 4.0%	2,523	2,507
Commercial paper				269	-
				<b>13,384</b>	15,527
<b>Other borrowings</b>					
				500	1,929
<b>Bank overdrafts</b>					
				2	89
				<b>13,886</b>	17,545

Included within issued debt of **£13,384 million** (2020: £15,527 million) above are **£5,985 million** (2020: £4,647 million) where the amortised cost has been adjusted as part of a fair value hedge. The carrying value of borrowings subject to fair value hedges has increased by **£129 million** at 31 December 2021 (2020: increased by £135 million) included in the table above.

Other borrowings primarily comprise of **£500 million** (2020: £nil) relating to bilateral facility and **£nil** (2020: £1,929 million) relating to term loan.

Bank overdrafts are all repayable within one year, and are denominated in **US dollar, Euro, Australian dollar, Danish krone, Hong Kong dollar and Norwegian krone** (2020: US dollar, New Zealand dollar and Singapore dollar).

#### Borrowings are repayable as follows:

	Per balance sheet		Contractual gross maturities	
	2021 £m	2020 £m	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	1,957	2,211	2,133	2,377
Between one and two years	1,319	2,996	1,648	3,326
Between two and three years	1,214	1,439	1,539	1,733
Between three and four years	1,693	1,293	1,910	1,593
Between four and five years	1,972	1,738	2,168	1,939
Beyond five years	5,731	7,868	7,375	9,777
Total	<b>13,886</b>	17,545	<b>16,773</b>	20,745

The contractual gross maturities in each year include the borrowings maturing in that year, together with forecast interest payments on all borrowings which are outstanding for all or part of the year.

Issued debt repayable within one year includes interest payable of **£175 million** (2020: £216 million).

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### 14. Bank overdrafts and borrowings continued

Borrowings are denominated in the following currencies. The Group often uses derivatives to manage the profile of the debt.

	Total £m	Functional currency £m	USD £m	EUR £m	CHF £m	DKK £m	Other £m
<b>As at 31 December 2021</b>							
Total borrowings	13,886	5,690	2,796	5,197	203	-	-
Effect of derivative financial instruments							
Cross-currency swaps	(205)	1,138	-	(1,343)	-	-	-
Forward foreign exchange contracts	(28)	(24)	(464)	58	(2)	404	-
	<b>13,653</b>	<b>6,804</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>3,912</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>As at 31 December 2020</b>							
Total borrowings	17,545	7,754	2,522	6,696	540	-	33
Effect of derivative financial instruments							
Cross-currency swaps	(365)	1,780	-	(1,880)	(265)	-	-
Forward foreign exchange contracts	8	593	(460)	(520)	(36)	431	-
	<b>17,188</b>	<b>10,127</b>	<b>2,062</b>	<b>4,296</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>33</b>

Details of the derivative financial instruments included in these tables are given in note 11.

The timing exposure to interest rate changes when borrowings are repriced is as follows:

	Total £m	Within 1 year £m	Between 1 and 2 years £m	Between 2 and 3 years £m	Between 3 and 4 years £m	Between 4 and 5 years £m	Beyond 5 years £m
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>							
Total borrowings	13,886	1,957	1,311	1,214	1,694	1,972	5,738
Effect of derivative financial instruments							
Interest rate swaps	-	1,607	-	(500)	(1,107)	-	-
Cross-currency swaps	(205)	566	(671)	-	-	-	(100)
	<b>13,681</b>	<b>4,130</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>1,972</b>	<b>5,638</b>
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>							
Total issued debt	17,545	4,140	1,067	1,434	1,293	1,738	7,873
Effect of derivative financial instruments							
Interest rate swaps	-	219	(219)	-	-	-	-
Cross-currency swaps	(365)	495	-	(716)	-	-	(144)
	<b>17,180</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>1,738</b>	<b>7,729</b>

Details of the derivative financial instruments included in these tables are given in note 11.

British American Tobacco p.l.c. has provided guarantees for all of the Group's public indebtedness. As at 31 December 2021, the nominal values of these guarantees were **£13,607 million** (2020: £18,443 million).

The fair value of total borrowings are **£14,201 million** (2020: £18,418 million) and has been determined using quoted market prices. **£13,235 million** (2020: £16,400 million) has been calculated using quoted market prices and are within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. **£966 million** (2020: £2,018 million) has been calculated based on discounted cash flow analysis and are within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

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### 15 Amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries

Amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries comprise fellow subsidiary current accounts and cash pooling accounts held with the Group. These are unsecured, and are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	16,163	15,560
Euro	4,245	2,937
US dollar	11,592	7,480
Swiss franc	353	181
Norwegian krona	404	243
Australian dollar	1,089	567
Romanian leu	1,144	732
Danish krone	225	244
Japanese yen	1,836	1,254
South African rand	1,135	664
Russian rouble	616	176
Mexican peso	202	121
Other	1,313	948
	<b>40,317</b>	<b>31,107</b>

Amounts payable on demand to fellow subsidiaries include **£nil** of interest repayable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £12 million). There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries as determined using discounted cash flow analysis.

### 16a Term deposits repayable to the parent undertaking

The term deposits repayable to the parent undertaking include **£1,681 million** (2020: £nil) which are unsecured and falls due beyond one year and **£3 million** (2020: £nil) that falls due within one year. These are denominated in sterling. Term deposits repayable to the parent include **£3 million** of interest repayable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £nil).

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts repayable on demand to parent undertaking.

### 16b Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries

Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries are unsecured, and are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	98	86
US dollar	-	858
Mexican pesos	90	84
Japanese yen	80	53
Russian rouble	-	326
Other	11	9
	<b>279</b>	<b>1,416</b>

Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries include **£nil** of interest payable at 31 December 2021 and reprice within one year (2020: £1.5 million within one year).

In 2021 and 2020, term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries fall due within one year.

There is no material difference between the above amounts for term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries and their fair values as determined using discounted cash flow analysis.

The above balances include **£170 million** maturing after 1 January 2022 which bears interest of floating rate that are based on LIBOR. None of these outstanding loans are applying GBP LIBOR as their interest rate benchmark. These loans will utilise alternative reference rates in the event that the relevant LIBOR rate is unavailable on their next reset date. The Group does not expect any significant impact from this transition as the alternative rates will be economically equivalent to the LIBOR rates.

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### 17. Total equity

	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Translation reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
<b>1 January 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>2,145</b>	<b>2,716</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	156	156
Differences on exchange	-	-	13	-	13
Cash flow hedges					
net fair value losses	-	(35)	-	-	(35)
reclassified and reported in profit for the year	-	44	-	-	44
<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>2,301</b>	<b>2,894</b>
	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Translation reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
1 January 2020	231	9	389	1,886	2,515
Comprehensive income					
Profit for the year	-	-	-	259	259
Differences on exchange	-	-	(44)	-	(44)
Cash flow hedges					
net fair value gains	-	25	-	-	25
reclassified and reported in profit for the year	-	(39)	-	-	(39)
31 December 2020	231	(5)	345	2,145	2,716

Details relating to the allotted and issued share capital, and movements therein, are included in note 11 to the Company financial statements.

The share capital is the amount subscribed at nominal value. Retained earnings are the cumulative net gains recorded in the Group income statement.

The translation reserve is as explained in the accounting policy on foreign currencies in note 1.

The hedging reserve is as explained in the accounting policies in note 1. The Group hedges certain foreign currency denominated borrowings with cross-currency interest rate swaps. As permitted by IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* the foreign currency basis spreads have been separated from the hedging instruments and are recognised in reserves as “cost of hedging” are reclassified to the income statement in the same period in which profit and loss is affected by the hedged expected cash flows, as a component of the associated interest expense. The basis spreads are disclosed within hedging reserves as they are not material. Included within the balance of hedging reserves at 31 December 2021 is **£3 million** (2020: £6 million) in respect of the cost of hedging.



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### 18. Contingent liabilities

The Group is one of the five entities in the BAT Group which have jointly guaranteed borrowings in B.A.T Capital Corporation. At 31 December 2021 the Group has guaranteed **£18,710 million** of this debt (2020: £20,659 million).

The guaranteed debts mature as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	1,004	986
Between one and two years	641	1,008
Between two and three years	2,683	690
Between three and four years	451	2,758
Between four and five years	769	474
Beyond five years	13,162	14,743
Total	<u>18,710</u>	<u>20,659</u>

In addition to the above, the ultimate parent company has recognised a provision of **£1,124 million** (2020: £1,238 million) in respect of B.A.T Capital Corporation's borrowings guaranteed. This can be referred to the ultimate parent company's accounts which are publicly available.

### 19. Related party disclosures

The Group has a number of transactions and relationships with related parties, as defined in IAS 24 *Related Party Disclosures*, all of which are undertaken in the normal course of the Group's business as a primary financing vehicle for the BAT Group.

Transactions and balances with fellow subsidiaries and the parent undertaking relate mainly to the provision of finance to companies within the BAT Group.

Details of these transactions in the Group balance sheet are set out in notes 10, 13, 15, and 16. In addition, fair value of derivatives with fellow subsidiaries included within the balance disclosed in note 11 is as follows:

	2021		2020	
	Assets £m	Liabilities £m	Assets £m	Liabilities £m
Derivative financial instruments				
Cross-currency swaps	35	-	-	46
Interest rate swaps	2	-	-	-
Forward foreign currency contracts	112	140	159	260
	<u>149</u>	<u>140</u>	159	306

Details of these transactions in the Group income statement are set out in notes 3, 4 and 5. In addition, balances with fellow subsidiaries are included within the balance disclosed in note 6 as follows:

	2021	2020
	Income £m	Income £m
Derivative financial instruments		
Cross-currency swaps	101	(90)
Interest rate swaps	11	207
Forward foreign currency contracts	(211)	158
	<u>(99)</u>	<u>275</u>

The key management of the Company consists of the members of the Board of Directors and no such person had any material interest during the year in a contract of significance with the Group. The term key management in this context includes the respective members of their households.

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### 20. Principal subsidiary undertakings

The Company holds the entire issued share capital of BATIF Dollar Limited (registered office is Globe House, 1 Water Street, London, WC2R 3LA) and B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V. (registered office is Handelsweg 53 A, 1181 ZA, Amstelveen, Netherlands).

B.A.T Finance B.V. (registered office is Handelsweg 53 A, 1181 ZA, Amstelveen, Netherlands), which was a fully owned subsidiary of the Group was liquidated on 10 November 2021.

### 21. Directors' remuneration

None of the Directors received any remuneration in respect of their services to the Group during the year (2020: £nil). The Group considers that there is no practicable method to allocate a portion of the emoluments the Directors receive from their respective Group company employer for any qualifying services in respect of the Group, as these are considered to be incidental and part of the Directors overall management responsibilities within the Group.

### 22. Parent undertaking

The Company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party is British American Tobacco p.l.c., being incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales and registered as an external company in the Republic of South Africa. Consolidated Group financial statements are prepared by British American Tobacco p.l.c. and are publicly available.

### 23. Copies of the report and accounts

Copies of the report and accounts of British American Tobacco p.l.c. may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Globe House, 4 Temple Place, London WC2R 2PG.

# Independent Auditor's report to the members of B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.

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## 1 Our opinion is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c. ("the Company"), for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Group Income Statement, the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group and parent Company Statement of Changes in Equity, the Group and parent Company Balance Sheet, Group Cash Flow Statement, and the related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the Group's profit for the year then ended;
- the Group financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards;
- the parent Company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with UK-adopted international accounting standards and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006; including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, as regards the Group financial statements.

### *Basis for opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with our report to the Directors.

We were first appointed as auditor by the directors on 23 March 2015. The period of total uninterrupted engagement is for the 7 financial years ended 31 December 2021. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and we remain independent of the Group in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as applied to listed public interest entities. No non-audit services prohibited by that standard were provided.

## 2 Key audit matters: our assessment of risks of material misstatement

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by us, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. We summarise below the key audit matters (unchanged from 2020), in decreasing order of audit significance, in arriving at our audit opinion above, together with our key audit procedures to address those matters and, as required for public interest entities, our results from those procedures. These matters were addressed, and our results are based on procedures undertaken, in the context of, and solely for the purpose of, our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and consequently are incidental to that opinion, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

**Recoverability of loans due from other British American Tobacco p.l.c. subsidiaries** - Group balance of £40,850 million, comprising of Loans due from fellow subsidiaries of £39,278 million and Loans due from parent undertaking of £1,572 million (2020: Group balance of £40,996 million, comprising of Loans due from fellow subsidiaries of £39,425 million and Loans due from parent undertaking of £1,571 million). Parent company balance of £39,815 million, comprising of Loans due from fellow subsidiaries of £38,243 million and Loans due from parent undertaking of £1,572 million (2020: Parent Company balance of £39,948 million, comprising of Loans due from fellow subsidiaries of £38,377 million and Loans due from parent undertaking of £1,571 million).

Refer to page 12 ("accounting policies") and page 27 (the Group's financial disclosures) and page 42 (the Parent's financial disclosures).

### *Low risk, high value*

The carrying amount of loans due from group entities represents 68.7% of the Group's total assets and 67.6% of the Parent company's total assets. Their recoverability is not at a high risk of significant misstatement or subject to significant judgement. However, due to their materiality in the context of the financial statements, this is considered to be the area that had the greatest effect on our overall Group and Parent company audit.

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### *Our procedures included:*

- **Tests of detail:** Assessing a sample of the highest value group debtors representing 97% of the total Group debtors balance and 97.73% of the Parent company balance to identify, with reference to the relevant subsidiaries' draft balance sheets, whether they have a positive net asset value and therefore coverage of the debt owed, as well as assessing whether those subsidiaries have historically been profit-making.
- **Assessing subsidiary audits:** Assessing the audit work performed over the subsidiaries and considering the results of that work, on those subsidiaries' profits and net assets, including assessing the liquidity of the assets or ability of the subsidiary to obtain liquid funds and therefore the ability of the subsidiary to fund the repayment of the receivable.

We performed the tests above rather than seeking to rely on any of the Group's controls because the small number of transactions meant that detailed testing is inherently the most effective means of obtaining audit evidence.

### *Our results:*

We found the Directors' assessment of the recoverability of loans due from group entities to be acceptable for both the Group and the Parent company receivables balance.

### **3 Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit**

The Group is part of a group headed by British American Tobacco p.l.c. ("BAT p.l.c. Group"). Materiality for the Group financial statements as a whole of £90 million (2020: £70 million), as communicated by the BAT p.l.c. Group audit team, has been applied to the audit of the Group. This is lower than the materiality we would otherwise have determined by reference to total assets and represents 0.15% of the Group's total assets (2020: 0.13%). Materiality for the parent company financial statements as a whole was set at £89 million (2020: £69 million), determined with reference to a benchmark of total assets (of which it represents 0.15% (2020: 0.13%)).

In line with our audit methodology, our procedures on individual account balances and disclosures were performed to a lower threshold, performance materiality, so as to reduce to an acceptable level the risk that individually immaterial misstatements in individual account balances add up to a material amount across the financial statements as a whole. Performance materiality for the Group was set at 75% (2020: 75%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to £67.5 million (2020: £52 million). We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk. Performance materiality for the parent company was set at 75% (2020: 75%) of materiality for the financial statements as a whole, which equates to £67 million (2020: £51 million). We applied this percentage in our determination of performance materiality because we did not identify any factors indicating an elevated level of risk.

We agreed to report to those charged with governance any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding £4.5 million (2020: £3 million) in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

We were able to rely upon the Group's internal control over financial reporting in several areas of our audit, where our controls testing supported this approach, which enabled us to reduce the scope of our substantive audit work; in the other areas the scope of the audit work performed was fully substantive;

The Group team performed the audit of the Group, as if it was a single aggregated set of financial information. The audit, including the audit of the parent company, was performed using the materiality level set out above.

### **4 Going concern**

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Group or the Company or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the Group's and the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We used our knowledge of the Group, its industry, and the general economic environment to identify the inherent risks to its business model and analysed how those risks might affect the Group's and Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. The risk that we considered most likely to adversely affect the Group's and Company's available financial resources over this period was the ability of the ultimate parent BAT plc and its subsidiaries (BAT Group) to settle their debts to the Company and Group when they fall due.

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We considered whether these risks could plausibly affect the liquidity in the going concern period by comparing severe, but plausible downside scenarios that could arise from these risks individually and collectively against the level of available financial resources indicated by the Group's financial forecasts.

We considered whether the going concern disclosure in note 1 to the financial statements gives a full and accurate description of the Directors' assessment of going concern.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Group's or Company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period; and
- we found the going concern disclosure in note 1 to be acceptable.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the Group or the Company will continue in operation.

### 5 Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect

#### *Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud*

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors as to the Group's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board, Corporate Finance Committee and Treasury Risk Committee minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any usual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, and taking into account our overall knowledge of the control environment, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that Group and component management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition as interest income is not complex or subjective, and calculations and recognition are automated.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

In determining the audit procedures, we took into account the results of our evaluation and testing of the operating effectiveness of some of the Group-wide fraud risk management controls.

We also performed procedures including:

- Identifying manual journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted to revenue accounts which are not expected to be posted manually, that contained key words in the description, users who only posted one entry for the fiscal year, and those posted with an unusual combination.

#### *Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations*

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the directors (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

As the Group is regulated, our assessment of risks involved gaining an understanding of the control environment including the entity's procedures for complying with regulatory requirements.

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We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

The Group is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation, and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Whilst the group is subject to many other laws and regulations, we did not identify any others where the consequences of noncompliance alone could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

### *Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation*

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

### **6 We have nothing to report on the other information in the Annual Report**

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except as explicitly stated below, any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work we have not identified material misstatements in the other information.

### *Strategic report and directors' report*

Based solely on our work on the other information:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### **7 We have nothing to report on the other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent Company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

### **8 Respective responsibilities**

#### *Directors' responsibilities*

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 4 to 6, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; assessing the Group and parent Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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### *Auditor's responsibilities*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities).

### **9 The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Company and the Company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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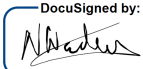
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**Parent Company Balance Sheet – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.  
at 31 December 2021  
Registered Number 01060930**

	2021 £m	2020 £m
<i>Assets</i>		
Investments in subsidiaries (note 2)	718	718
Loans due from parent undertaking (note 3a)	1,572	1,571
Loans due from subsidiary and fellow subsidiaries (note 3b)	38,243	38,377
Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries (note 4)	17,774	11,122
Other receivables	6	9
Derivative financial instruments (note 5)	529	937
Cash and cash equivalents (note 7)	20	52
	<b>58,862</b>	<b>52,786</b>
<i>Liabilities</i>		
Borrowings (note 8)	12,446	15,926
Bank overdrafts (note 8)	2	89
Amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries (note 9)	40,318	31,129
Term deposit repayable to the parent undertaking (note 10a)	1,684	-
Term deposit repayable to fellow subsidiaries (note 10b)	1,717	2,925
Derivative financial instruments (note 5)	436	609
Other payables	11	8
	<b>56,614</b>	<b>50,686</b>
<i>Equity</i>		
Share capital (note 11)	231	231
Hedging reserve (note 11)	4	(5)
Retained earnings (note 11)	2,013	1,874
Total shareholders' funds	2,248	2,100
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>58,862</b>	<b>52,786</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Company financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 39 to 48 were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by

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Neil Arthur Wadey, Director  
10 February 2022



**Parent Company Statement of Changes in Equity – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.  
for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>1,874</b>	<b>2,100</b>
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	9	139	148
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,013</b>	<b>2,248</b>

	Share capital £m	Hedging reserve £m	Retained earnings £m	Total equity £m
Balance at 1 January 2020	231	9	1,657	1,897
Total comprehensive (expense)/income for the year	-	(14)	217	203
Balance at 31 December 2020	231	(5)	1,874	2,100

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the Company financial statements.

# Parent Company Notes on the Accounts – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.

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## 1. Accounting policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 ('the Act') and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework* ('FRS 101'). In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of UK-adopted international accounting standards but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Act. In order to aid comparability between the Group and Company, the format of the Company balance sheet has been presented within the limits of the Act, to match as closely as possible the 'liquidity format' in order to present a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company. As permitted by Section 408 of the Act, the profit and loss of the Company has not been presented in these financial statements.

In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of UK-adopted international accounting standards, but makes amendments where necessary in order to comply with the Act, and where advantage of certain disclosure exemptions available under FRS 101 have been taken, including those relating to:

- a cash flow statement and related notes;
- comparative period reconciliations for investments in subsidiaries;
- disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly-owned subsidiaries;
- disclosures in respect of capital management; and
- the effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs.

The preparation of the financial statements requires the directors to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of income, expenses, assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The key estimates and assumptions are set out in the accounting policies below, together with the related notes to the accounts.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention except as described in the accounting policy below on financial instruments. After reviewing the annual budget, plans and financing arrangements, the Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of signing the financial statements, and that it is therefore appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Company financial statements.

### Foreign currencies

The functional currency of the Company is sterling. Transactions arising in currencies other than sterling are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Assets and liabilities expressed in currencies other than sterling are translated at rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. All exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account in the year.

### Taxation

Taxation is that chargeable on the profits for the period, together with deferred taxation. Income tax charges, where applicable, are calculated on the basis of tax laws enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is determined using the tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date and are expected to apply when the related deferred tax asset is realised or deferred tax liability is settled. As required under IAS 12 *Income Taxes*, deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

As a UK-resident wholly-owned subsidiary within the British American Tobacco group of companies (the "BAT Group"), the Company is eligible to surrender tax losses to, or claim tax losses from, fellow members of the same UK group for the purposes of calculating corporation tax due in the UK ("group relief"). It is BAT Group policy that tax losses are surrendered unless the Company generating the losses has a particular need to carry the loss forward and it is also Group policy not to reimburse companies for group relief surrendered unless, on a stand-alone basis and assuming the Company were not in the BAT Group, these losses would be recognised as a deferred tax asset in the Company generating the loss.

### Investments in Group companies

Investments in Group companies are stated at cost, together with subsequent capital contributions, less provision for any impairment in value, where appropriate.

### Cash flow

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of British American Tobacco p.l.c.. The cash flows of the Company are included in the Group cash flow statement and the consolidated cash flow statement of British American Tobacco p.l.c., which is publicly available. Consequently, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement under the terms of FRS 101.

## Parent Company Notes on the Accounts – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.

### 1. Accounting policies continued

#### Financial instruments

The financial instrument disclosures of the Company are included in the Group financial statements, which are included in this Annual Report. Consequently, the Company is exempt under FRS 101 from publishing these financial instruments disclosures.

Where appropriate, financial guarantees are initially recorded at fair value, and subsequently carried at this fair value less accumulated amortisation.

#### Related parties

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 101 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are wholly-owned subsidiaries of BAT Group.

### 2. Investments in subsidiaries

The Company holds the entire issued share capital of BATIF Dollar Limited (registered office is Globe House, 1 Water Street, London, WC2R 3LA) and B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V. (registered office is Handelsweg 53 A, 1181 ZA, Amstelveen, Netherlands). The cost of these investments as at 31 December 2021 was **£718 million** (2020: £718 million).

B.A.T Finance B.V. (registered office is Handelsweg 53 A, 1181 ZA, Amstelveen, Netherlands), which was a fully owned subsidiary of the Group was liquidated on 10 November 2021.

The Directors are of the opinion that the individual investments in the subsidiary undertakings have a value of not less than the amount at which they are shown in the balance sheet.

#### 3a. Loans due from parent undertaking

Loans due from parent undertaking of **£1,572 million** (2020: £1,571 million) comprise exactly the same balances and disclosures as loans due from parent undertaking detailed in Group note 13a. Consequently, no additional information is presented here.

The above balance is measured at amortised cost and is net of expected credit losses of **£8 million** (2020: £8 million) as explained in Group note 1.

#### 3b. Loans due from subsidiary and fellow subsidiaries

Unsecured loans due from subsidiary and fellow BAT Group subsidiaries are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	31,130	31,333
Euro	4,052	4,335
Danish krone	404	431
Canadian dollar	-	6
Swiss franc	175	211
Polish zloty	-	10
US dollar	2,472	2,051
Hong Kong Dollar	1	-
Romanian Leu	9	-
	<b>38,243</b>	<b>38,377</b>

The above balance is measured at amortised cost and net of expected credit losses of **£49 million** (2020: £64 million) as explained in Group note 1.

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for loans due from subsidiary and fellow subsidiaries.

From 31 December 2021, the publication of certain LIBOR settings has ceased. The above balance includes **£9,995 million** maturing after 1 January 2022, which bear interest at floating rates that are based on LIBOR. Included within this balance is one LIBOR loan of £1,917 million which will mature in 2022 without any further LIBOR reset required. **£4,869 million** of LIBOR related loans will be reset to alternative rates in 2022 before their maturity dates. The remaining loans will utilise alternative reference rates in the event that the relevant LIBOR rate is unavailable on their next reset date. The Group does not expect any significant impact from this transition as the alternative rates will be economically equivalent to the LIBOR rates.

## Parent Company Notes on the Accounts – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.

### 3b. Loans due from subsidiary and fellow subsidiaries continued

The maturity dates of loans due from subsidiary and fellow BAT Group subsidiaries as recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	33,560	29,993
Between one and two years	1,055	6,532
Between two and three years	2,893	1,066
Between three and four years	367	3
Between four and five years	-	391
Beyond 5 years	368	392
Total	<u>38,243</u>	<u>38,377</u>

Loans due from subsidiary and fellow BAT Group subsidiaries repayable within one year are expected to be renewed upon maturity and, accordingly, are classified as loans due from fellow subsidiaries in the Company balance sheet.

The timing exposure to interest rate changes when loans reprice is as follows:

	Total £m	Within 1 year £m	Between 1 and 2 years £m	Between 2 and 3 years £m	Between 3 and 4 years £m	Between 4 and 5 years £m
As at 31 December 2021	<u>38,243</u>	<u>38,243</u>	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2020	<u>38,377</u>	<u>38,377</u>	-	-	-	-

Interest rate risk of loans to subsidiary and fellow BAT Group subsidiaries is not hedged. Loans to subsidiary and fellow BAT Group subsidiaries include **£137 million** of interest receivable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £350 million).

### 4. Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries

Amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries comprise unsecured current accounts and cash pooling accounts referred to as In-House Cash (“IHC”) accounts between fellow subsidiaries and BAT Group. These are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
US dollar	7,552	4,507
Swiss franc	380	204
Euro	2,365	1,620
New Zealand dollar	301	207
Japanese yen	1,836	1,246
South African rand	1,127	659
Romanian leu	1,064	698
Australian dollar	914	644
Danish Krone	247	165
Mexican peso	203	121
Russian Rouble	302	175
Other	1,483	876
	<u>17,774</u>	<u>11,122</u>

The balance above is measured at amortised cost, with an immaterial impact of expected credit losses (as explained in accounting policies in note 1).

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts due on demand from fellow subsidiaries.

### 5. Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments comprise the same balances as derivative financial instruments detailed in Group note 11.

## Parent Company Notes on the Accounts – B.A.T. International Finance p.l.c.

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### 6. Management of financial risks

Additional disclosure that is required under FRS101 in respect of interest rate risk and credit risk is per below.

#### Interest rate risk

IFRS 7 requires a sensitivity analyses that shows the impact on the income statement and on items recognised directly in equity of hypothetical changes of interest rates in respect of interest-bearing financial instruments recognised in the balance sheet at 31 December 2020. All other variables are held constant although, in practice, market rates rarely change in isolation. For the purposes of the sensitivity analyses, financial assets and liabilities with fixed interest rates are not included. Interest sensitivity in respect of foreign exchange forward contracts is not included in the analysis for 2020 as it is considered as fixed rate interest. The Company considers a 100 basis point change in interest rates as a reasonably possible change, except where rates are less than 100 basis points. In these instances it is assumed that the interest rates increase by 100 basis points and decrease to zero for the purpose of performing the sensitivity analysis. The impact is calculated with reference to the financial asset or liability held as at the year-end, unless this is unrepresentative of the position during the year.

A 100 basis point increase in interest rates would result in pre-tax profit being **£138 million** higher (2020: £236 million higher). A 100 basis point decrease in interest rates, or less where applicable, would result in pre-tax profit being **£348 million** lower (2020: £392 million lower).

A 100 basis point change in interest rates would have no material impact on items recognised directly in other comprehensive income for the current and prior year.

The assessment of Interest Rate Benchmark Reform has been explained in Group note 12.

#### Credit risk

The maximum exposure to credit risk of financial assets at the balance sheet date is reflected by the carrying values included in the Company balance sheet. In addition, the Company provides committed credit facilities to certain fellow subsidiaries. The undrawn portion of these committed facilities at 31 December 2021 is **£7,208 million** (2020: £8,597 million).

The impact of the IFRS 9 “Expected Credit loss” model is explained in Group note 1.

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### 7. Cash and cash equivalents

Short-term deposits and cash of **£20 million** (2020: £52 million) comprise the same balances and disclosures as cash and cash equivalents detailed in Group note 9. Consequently, no additional information is presented here.

### 8. Bank overdrafts and issued debt

	Currency	Maturity dates	Interest rates	2021 £m	2020 £m
<b>Issued debt</b>					
Eurobonds	Euro	2022-2045	0.9 to 3.1%	<b>5,316</b>	6,811
	Swiss franc	2026	1.4%	<b>203</b>	540
	UK sterling	2022-2055	2.3 to 7.3%	<b>3,635</b>	4,139
Other bonds issued pursuant to Rule 144A and RegS under the US Securities Act of 1933	US dollar	2022-2026	1.7 to 4.0%	<b>2,523</b>	2,507
Commercial paper				<b>269</b>	-
				<b>11,946</b>	13,997
<b>Other borrowings</b>				<b>500</b>	1,929
<b>Bank overdrafts</b>				<b>2</b>	89
				<b>12,448</b>	16,015

Included within issued debt of **£11,946 million** (2020: £13,997 million) above are **£5,985 million** (2020: £4,647 million) where the amortised cost has been adjusted as part of a fair value hedge. The carrying value of borrowings subject to fair value hedges has increased by **£129 million** at 31 December 2021 (2020: increased by £135 million) included in the table above.

The fair value of total borrowings are **£12,653 million** (2020: £16,705 million) and has been determined using quoted market prices. **£11,687 million** (2020: £14,687 million) has been calculated using quoted market prices and are within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy **£966 million** (2020: £2,018 million) has been calculated based on discounted cash flow analysis and are within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

#### Borrowings are repayable as follows:

	Per balance sheet		Contractual gross maturities	
	2021 £m	2020 £m	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	<b>1,937</b>	2,189	<b>2,094</b>	2,336
Between one and two years	<b>1,319</b>	2,996	<b>1,609</b>	3,284
Between two and three years	<b>504</b>	1,439	<b>786</b>	1,691
Between three and four years	<b>1,694</b>	537	<b>1,888</b>	790
Between four and five years	<b>1,973</b>	1,738	<b>2,145</b>	1,915
Beyond five years	<b>5,021</b>	7,116	<b>6,616</b>	8,944
Total	<b>12,448</b>	16,015	<b>15,138</b>	18,960

The contractual gross maturities in each year include the borrowings maturing in that year, together with forecast interest payments on all borrowings which are outstanding for all or part of the year.

Issued debt repayable within one year includes interest payable of **£155 million** (2020: £195 million).

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### 9 Amounts repayable on demand to fellow subsidiaries

Amounts payable on demand to fellow BAT Group subsidiaries comprise fellow subsidiary current accounts and cash pooling accounts held with the Company. These are unsecured, and are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	16,138	15,560
Euro	4,245	2,959
US dollar	11,593	7,480
Swiss franc	353	181
Norwegian krona	404	243
Australian dollar	1,089	567
Hong Kong dollar	34	46
Romanian leu	1,144	732
Danish krone	225	244
Other	5,093	3,117
	<b>40,318</b>	<b>31,129</b>

Amounts payable on demand to fellow subsidiaries include **£nil** of interest repayable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £34 million). There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts payable on demand to fellow subsidiaries.

As at 31 December 2021, there were no outstanding amounts payable on demand to the parent undertaking (2020: £nil).

#### 10a Term deposits repayable to the parent undertaking

The term deposits repayable to the parent undertaking include **£1,681 million** (2020: £nil) that are unsecured and falls due beyond one year and **£3 million** (2020: £nil) that falls due within one year. These are denominated in sterling. Term deposits repayable to the parent include **£3 million** of interest repayable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £nil).

There is no material difference between the book value and fair value for amounts repayable on demand to parent undertaking.

#### 10b Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries

Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries are unsecured, and are denominated in the following currencies:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
UK sterling	98	86
Euro	1,438	1,509
US dollar	-	858
Mexican pesos	90	84
Hong Kong dollar	6	6
Singapore dollar	3	3
Japanese yen	80	53
Russian rouble	-	326
Other	2	-
	<b>1,717</b>	<b>2,925</b>

Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries include **£21 million** of interest payable at 31 December 2021 (2020: £26 million within one year). Deposits that are maturing within one year are unsecured and are repriced within one year as they bear interest at floating rates. Deposits that are maturing beyond one year bear interest at fixed rate.

#### Term deposit are repayable as follows:

	Per balance sheet	
	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	300	1,416
Between one and two years	-	-
Between two and three years	710	-
Between three and four years	-	756
Between four and five years	-	-
Beyond five years	707	753
Total	<b>1,717</b>	<b>2,925</b>

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### 10b Term deposits repayable to fellow subsidiaries continued

The fair value of total borrowings are **£1,848 million** (2020: £3,129 million) and has been determined using quoted market prices. **£1,548 million** (2020: £1,713 million) has been calculated using quoted market prices and are within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. **£300 million** (2020: £1,416 million) has been calculated based on discounted cash flow analysis and are within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy.

### 11. Total shareholders' funds

	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Total Shareholders' funds
	£m	£m	£m	£m
1 January 2021	231	(5)	1,874	2,100
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	9	139	148
31 December 2021	231	4	2,013	2,248
	Share capital	Hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Total Shareholders' funds
	£m	£m	£m	£m
1 January 2020	231	9	1,657	1,897
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for the year	-	(14)	217	203
31 December 2020	231	(5)	1,874	2,100

As permitted by Section 408(3) of the Companies Act 2006, the profit and loss account of the Company has not been presented in these Company financial statements. The profit for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 was **£139 million** (2020: £217 million). No tax is payable on the profit or loss in either period due to BAT Group tax relief.

Share capital consists of **£231 million** (2020: £231 million) ordinary shares of £1 each, allotted, issued and fully paid.

The hedging reserve is as explained in the accounting policies in note 1. The Group hedges certain foreign currency denominated borrowings with cross-currency interest rate swaps. As permitted by IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* the foreign currency basis spreads have been separated from the hedging instruments and are recognised in reserves as "cost of hedging" are reclassified to the income statement in the same period in which profit and loss is affected by the hedged expected cash flows, as a component of the associated interest expense. The basis spreads are disclosed within hedging reserves as they are not material. Included within the balance of hedging reserves at 31 December 2021 is **£3 million** (2020: £6 million) in respect of the cost of hedging.

Audit fees of **£270,244** were payable to KPMG LLP for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements (2020: £259,264).

### 12. Directors' remuneration

None of the Directors received any remuneration in respect of their services to the Company during the year (2020: £nil). The Company considers that there is no practicable method to allocate a portion of the emoluments the Directors receive from their respective Group company employer for any qualifying services in respect of the Company, as these are considered to be incidental and part of the Directors overall management responsibilities within the Group.



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### 13. Contingent liabilities

The Group is one of the five entities in the BAT Group which have jointly guaranteed borrowings in B.A.T Capital Corporation and B.A.T. Netherlands Finance B.V.. At 31 December 2021 the Group has guaranteed **£20,258 million** of this debt (2020: £22,372 million).

The guaranteed debts mature as follows:

	2021 £m	2020 £m
Within one year	1,004	986
Between one and two years	641	1,008
Between two and three years	3,436	690
Between three and four years	451	3,582
Between four and five years	769	474
Beyond five years	13,957	15,632
Total	<u>20,258</u>	<u>22,372</u>

In addition to the above, the ultimate parent company has recognised a provision of **£1,124 million** (2020: £1,245 million) in respect of B.A.T Capital Corporation's borrowings guaranteed. This can be referred to the ultimate parent company's accounts which are publicly available.

### 14. Related parties

As explained in the accounting policies in note 1, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS 101 from disclosing transactions with related parties that are wholly-owned subsidiaries of the BAT Group. Balances and transactions with related parties that are not wholly-owned by the BAT Group are **£ nil** (2020: £ nil).

### 15. Parent undertaking

The Company's immediate and ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party is British American Tobacco p.l.c., being incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales and registered as an external company in the Republic of South Africa. Consolidated Group financial statements are prepared by British American Tobacco p.l.c. and are publicly available.

### 16. Copies of the report and accounts

Copies of the report and accounts of British American Tobacco p.l.c. may be obtained from the Company Secretary, Globe House, 4 Temple Place, London WC2R 2PG.