

THE STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS FUND

Registered Charity No: 286055

TRUSTEES' REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31 December 2015

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Due to his ill health, the Trustees of the Fund, accepted the resignation of the Secretary, Mr Alf Barnard at the meeting of 25 February 2016. Sadly, Alf passed away in March and the Trustees remembered Alf and his great contribution he made to the charity over the years at their meeting on 12 May 2016.

Mrs Jennie Hendrick was appointed Secretary from 1 May 2016.

Honorary Trustees advise the Trustees in relation to the SECF investment programme but are not authorised to make decisions on the use of the investments and its income.

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Trustees have control of the Charity and its property and funds, they have sole discretion as to making payments and assessing help to be given in accordance with the Funds Trust Deed (25 November 1982) and Supplemental Deeds (12 July 1993 and 23 August 2006).

Trustees and Honorary Trustees are appointed by invitation from the Trustees then in office. A new Trustee is made aware of his duties and obligations to the Fund and its recipients and receives copies of the Fund's Trust deed and rules, previous year's Annual report and financial statements and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know'. No new Trustees were appointed during the year under review. Meetings of the Trustees are held on a quarterly basis. All decisions are put to a vote and if there is not a majority decision then the Chairman has the casting vote. The Secretary of the Fund, who is appointed by the Trustees, takes minutes of the Trustee meetings and implements any decisions made at those meetings. The Secretary reports to the Trustees all actions he, or anyone under his direction, has taken.

INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES

After the remarkable successes of 2012 and 2013, and consolidation in 2014 domestic and global political uncertainty meant that 2015 was extremely challenging for UK investors. After getting off to a relatively strong start, equity markets fell back in the second quarter that was dominated by the increasingly fractious negotiations between Greece and its creditors.

There were some bright moments in the first half of the year. May saw the Conservatives sweep back into power with an increased mandate in the UK. The end to the uncertainty over what was expected to be a hung parliament was settling for investors and oil prices increased to over \$60.

The third quarter saw equities fall further and more sharply as investors focused on the slowdown in the Chinese economy and an unexpected revaluation of the Chinese currency. Oil prices fell back and commodity prices also slid.

In the last quarter of the year the US finally actioned the much anticipated interest rate rise – the first for nearly 10 years. This had been priced into the market and so had little impact on prices. Oil fell back to its lowest level in seven years. Political instability remained a concern as Europe continued to grapple with the refugee crisis. The terrorist bombings in Paris brought the UK direct into the Syrian conflict.

The portfolio has generally provided above average returns for us in recent years. However, on this occasion we report a marginal negative return of 0.6%, after making allowance for withdrawal of £121,000 during the course of the year. Capital values fell away by 4.3%, not entirely countered by income receipts of 3.7%.

2016 was also to bring challenges, but we are happy to report a useful positive retrun for the first half of the year.

FUTURE PLANS

It is the intention of the Trustees to continue to administer the Fund under its current system (page 3), to continue to decide on the level of help to be given to individuals (page 3), and to continue its investment policy (page 4).

FURTHER INFORMATION

As from 1 January 2006 the Fund paid administration fees directly to its administration consultants, Alfred Barnard (Secretary to the Trustees and Accounts Manager) and Deana Ball (Liaison Officer). It was unanimously agreed by the Trustees at their meeting of 4 February 2010 "to increase fees in line with RPI, with a minimum of a

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3% increase and a maximum of 5%. To use the RPI figure for September of the previous year" for Mr Barnard and Mrs Ball. At the meeting on 12 May 2016 it was agreed that Mrs Ball would receive a guaranteed annual increase of 3%, and that Jennie Hendrick would receive increases as agreed by the Trustees.

OFFICES

The SECF continues to have the use of offices at 1 Earl Street, London, EC2A 2AL owned by the London Stock Exchange and the Trustees would like to put on record their appreciation for the continued support of the charity by the Board of the London Stock Exchange in donating the office space and rooms for the Trustees meetings. The Trustees do not consider it is appropriate to record such an arrangement in the accounts as it is deemed to be immaterial in the context of these accounts.

BANKERS AND CUSTODIANS

The Bankers to the Fund, Barclays Bank plc. remain unchanged. Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd. are the Funds only custodians. Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd are now part of the Old Mutual Wealth investment company. The Quilter Cheviot team who look after the SECF portfolio will remain the same.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Pocknells LLP as auditors was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Fund held on 14 May 2015. The appointment of auditors for 2016 will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees of The Stock Exchange Clerks Fund are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practices of the United Kingdom, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year. In preparing such financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Ensure that applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will be able to continue to meet its objectives.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and reporting by Charities" (2008). The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Honorary Trustees are responsible for the Investment allocation of the Funds Assets. Honorary Trustees are not authorised signatories.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees believe that this report fulfils the requirements of their legal duty in summarising the objects, main activities and achievements of the charity in the year under review in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

On behalf of the Trustees

M Willmott
Chairman

14 / 06 / 2016

S Tame
Trustee

14 / 06 / 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS FUND

We have audited the financial statements of The Stock Exchange Clerks Fund for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Statements of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and international Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited Financial Statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended;*
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice*
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.*

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or*
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or*
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or*
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.*

Pocknells LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

14th August 2016

Pocknells LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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**STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Donations and legacies (note 1k)	2,000	
Investment Income (note 5)	<u>37,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>39,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>
Resources Expended:		
Charitable activities (note 2)		
Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objectives (note 8)	114,592	116,993
Visits to grants recipients	6,593	5,477
Audit Fee	<u>2,592</u>	<u>2,508</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>123,777</u>	<u>124,978</u>
Net gains / (losses) on investment assets (note 5)	<u>(43,853)</u>	<u>(3,014)</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	(128,606)	(89,059)
Other recognised gains and losses	-	-
Net movement in Fund	(128,606)	(89,059)
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,120,018</u>	<u>1,209,077</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>

The net movement in general fund derives wholly from continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
General Fund		
	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>
Represented by:		
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment (Note 4)	-	-
Investments at Market Value (Note 5)		
Fixed Interest (Bonds)	289,356	318,193
Investment Trusts	369,628	392,727
Ordinary Stocks & Shares	303,507	<u>369,601</u>
	<u>962,491</u>	<u>1,080,521</u>
Current Assets	962,491	1,080,521
Debtors:		
Prepayments	-	
Grant to be repaid	-	503
		<u>145</u>
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Current Account	4,955	5,037
Short-term Deposit Account	<u>26,558</u>	<u>36,896</u>
	31,513	41,933
	<u>31,513</u>	<u>42,581</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Audit fee accrual	2,592	2,508
Sundry creditors	-	576
	<u>2,592</u>	<u>3,084</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>28,921</u>	<u>39,497</u>
Net Assets	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 14/08/2016 and signed on its behalf by:

M Willmott
Chairman

S Tame
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The principal accounting policies are:

- (a) Basis of Accounting
The Accounts are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the valuation of investments.*
- (b) Investments are stated at market value.
Quoted securities have been valued at the middle market price at the close of business at the year-end. The market value of unit trusts is taken as the average of the bid and offer prices at the accounting date as stated by Quilter Cheviot Holdings Limited. Realised gains and losses on investments disposed of during the year are accounted for in the year of disposal. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for in the year in which they arise.*
- (c) Dividends and interest on securities are accounted for when receivable. Interest on bank deposits is accounted for as earned. Income from investments and interest are shown net of tax deducted.*
- (d) Grants payable are accounted for when authorised by the Board of Trustees.*
- (e) Cash flow statement
Under FRS102 no Statement of Cash Flows is required.*
- (f) All funds are unrestricted.*
- (g) All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT related to the category.*
- (h) Support costs have been allocated across the charitable activities on the basis of expenditure on those activities where they cannot be directly attributed to the activities. (See Note 2)*
- (i) Governance costs form part of support costs.*
- (j) Fixed assets comprise computer equipment. Computer equipment is capitalised at cost and depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful economic life of 3 years.*
- (k) Special Donation was received from Joan Bradnick, a former recipient of the Fund.*

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015 (Cont'd)

2. Charitable Activities

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Grants Payable	75,351	39,241	114,592	116,993
Visits to Recipients	<u>4,335</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>6,593</u>	<u>5,477</u>
	<u>79,686</u>	<u>41,499</u>	<u>121,185</u>	<u>122,470</u>

3. Support Costs

Support costs allocated on the basis of expenditure:

<i>Support Costs</i>	<i>Grants Payable £</i>	<i>Visits to Recipients £</i>	<i>2015 Total £</i>	<i>2014 Total £</i>
Postage and Administration	4,326	249	4,575	3,563
Printing and Stationery	266	15	281	591
Computer Expenses	1,142	66	1,208	2,054
Consultancy Fees	33,274	1,914	35,188	34,163
Consultancy Expenses	<u>233</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>970</u>
	<u>39,241</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>41,499</u>	<u>41,341</u>

4. *Tangible Fixed Assets - Computer Equipment*

<i>2015 £</i>	<i>2014 £</i>
<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

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5. INVESTMENTS

Investment Income	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	12,420	14,223
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	6,001	7,105
<i>U K Equities</i>	<u>18,596</u>	<u>17,600</u>
	37,017	38,928
<i>Interest on cash deposits</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>37,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>

	2015		2014	
	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	271,703	289,356	295,014	318,193
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	140,083	369,628	148,645	392,727
<i>U K Equities</i>	<u>178,790</u>	<u>303,507</u>	<u>189,575</u>	<u>369,601</u>
	<u>590,576</u>	<u>962,491</u>	<u>633,234</u>	<u>1,080,521</u>

	<i>MV at January 2015 £</i>	<i>Purchases at cost £</i>	<i>Sales proceeds £</i>	<i>Change in Market Value £</i>	<i>MV at December 2015 £</i>
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	318,193	-	20,000	-8,837	289,356
<i>Unit Trusts</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	392,727	-	31,097	7,998	369,628
<i>Charitable Trust</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>UK Equities</i>	<u>369,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,080</u>	<u>-43,014</u>	<u>303,507</u>
	<u>1,080,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,177</u>	<u>-43,853</u>	<u>962,491</u>

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The following Investments are Overseas Investments at Market Value: -

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Investment Trusts</i>		
<i>The European Inv. Ord</i>	57,600	61,020
<i>JPMorgan Fleming American Inv Trust</i>	79,202	93,827
<i>Aberdeen Asia Inv Trust Ord</i>	38,160	47,970

The following Investments represent more than 5% of the Portfolio at Market Value: -

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>UK Equities</i>		
<i>T.Bailey Aptus Global B</i>	49,366	46,599
<i>Investment Trusts</i>		
<i>Herald Investment Trust</i>	52,168	46,130
<i>Scottish Mortgage Trust</i>	59,054	52,700
<i>The European Inv Ord</i>	57,600	61,020
<i>JPMorgan American Inv Trust</i>	79,202	93,827
<i>Fixed Interest</i>		
<i>Henderson Global Inv</i>	117,651	120,670
<i>Invesco Perpetual</i>	65,730	67,312
<i>M & G Optimal Securities</i>	105,975	108,975

6. **TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES**

Messrs William Eason and David Malpas (Honorary Trustees) have an interest as Directors of Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd., a company that provided services in the year involving the transactions of investments. All transactions have been carried out on an arms length basis. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration but may be paid expenses for visits.

7. **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Secretary, Mr A V Barnard received £ 18,330 (2014 - £17,796) for consultancy services rendered.

8. **GRANTS**

The charity has made grants to 41 individuals in 2015 compared to 44 for the previous year.

9. **COMPARITIVE FIGURES**

Upon adoption of FRS102, there were no adjustments required to the comparatives.

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Due to his ill health, the Trustees of the Fund, accepted the resignation of the Secretary, Mr Alf Barnard at the meeting of 25 February 2016. Sadly, Alf passed away in March and the Trustees remembered Alf and his great contribution he made to the charity over the years at their meeting on 12 May 2016.

Mrs Jennie Hendrick was appointed Secretary from 1 May 2016.

Honorary Trustees advise the Trustees in relation to the SECF investment programme but are not authorised to make decisions on the use of the investments and its income.

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TRUSTEES (Cont'd)

Trustees have control of the Charity and its property and funds, they have sole discretion as to making payments and assessing help to be given in accordance with the Funds Trust Deed (25 November 1982) and Supplemental Deeds (12 July 1993 and 23 August 2006).

Trustees and Honorary Trustees are appointed by invitation from the Trustees then in office. A new Trustee is made aware of his duties and obligations to the Fund and its recipients and receives copies of the Fund's Trust deed and rules, previous year's Annual report and financial statements and a copy of the Charity Commission leaflet 'The Essential Trustee: What You Need To Know'. No new Trustees were appointed during the year under review. Meetings of the Trustees are held on a quarterly basis. All decisions are put to a vote and if there is not a majority decision then the Chairman has the casting vote. The Secretary of the Fund, who is appointed by the Trustees, takes minutes of the Trustee meetings and implements any decisions made at those meetings. The Secretary reports to the Trustees all actions he, or anyone under his direction, has taken.

INVESTMENTS AND RESERVES

After the remarkable successes of 2012 and 2013, and consolidation in 2014 domestic and global political uncertainty meant that 2015 was extremely challenging for UK investors. After getting off to a relatively strong start, equity markets fell back in the second quarter that was dominated by the increasingly fractious negotiations between Greece and its creditors.

There were some bright moments in the first half of the year. May saw the Conservatives sweep back into power with an increased mandate in the UK. The end to the uncertainty over what was expected to be a hung parliament was settling for investors and oil prices increased to over \$60.

The third quarter saw equities fall further and more sharply as investors focused on the slowdown in the Chinese economy and an unexpected revaluation of the Chinese currency. Oil prices fell back and commodity prices also slid.

In the last quarter of the year the US finally actioned the much anticipated interest rate rise – the first for nearly 10 years. This had been priced into the market and so had little impact on prices. Oil fell back to its lowest level in seven years. Political instability remained a concern as Europe continued to grapple with the refugee crisis. The terrorist bombings in Paris brought the UK direct into the Syrian conflict.

The portfolio has generally provided above average returns for us in recent years. However, on this occasion we report a marginal negative return of 0.6%, after making allowance for withdrawal of £121,000 during the course of the year. Capital values fell away by 4.3%, not entirely countered by income receipts of 3.7%.

2016 was also to bring challenges, but we are happy to report a useful positive retrun for the first half of the year.

FUTURE PLANS

It is the intention of the Trustees to continue to administer the Fund under its current system (page 3), to continue to decide on the level of help to be given to individuals (page 3), and to continue its investment policy (page 4).

FURTHER INFORMATION

As from 1 January 2006 the Fund paid administration fees directly to its administration consultants, Alfred Barnard (Secretary to the Trustees and Accounts Manager) and Deana Ball (Liaison Officer). It was unanimously agreed by the Trustees at their meeting of 4 February 2010 "to increase fees in line with RPI, with a minimum of a

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FURTHER INFORMATION (Cont'd)

3% increase and a maximum of 5%. To use the RPI figure for September of the previous year" for Mr Barnard and Mrs Ball. At the meeting on 12 May 2016 it was agreed that Mrs Ball would receive a guaranteed annual increase of 3%, and that Jennie Hendrick would receive increases as agreed by the Trustees.

OFFICES

The SECF continues to have the use of offices at 1 Earl Street, London, EC2A 2AL owned by the London Stock Exchange and the Trustees would like to put on record their appreciation for the continued support of the charity by the Board of the London Stock Exchange in donating the office space and rooms for the Trustees meetings. The Trustees do not consider it is appropriate to record such an arrangement in the accounts as it is deemed to be immaterial in the context of these accounts.

BANKERS AND CUSTODIANS

The Bankers to the Fund, Barclays Bank plc. remain unchanged. Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd. are the Funds only custodians. Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd are now part of the Old Mutual Wealth investment company. The Quilter Cheviot team who look after the SECF portfolio will remain the same.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Pocknells LLP as auditors was passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Fund held on 14 May 2015. The appointment of auditors for 2016 will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees of The Stock Exchange Clerks Fund are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practices of the United Kingdom, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to give a true and fair view of the charity's incoming resources and application of resources during the year and of its state of affairs at the end of the year. In preparing such financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Ensure that applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will be able to continue to meet its objectives.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and reporting by Charities" (2008). The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Honorary Trustees are responsible for the Investment allocation of the Funds Assets. Honorary Trustees are not authorised signatories.

PUBLIC BENEFIT REQUIREMENT

The Trustees believe that this report fulfils the requirements of their legal duty in summarising the objects, main activities and achievements of the charity in the year under review in accordance with section 17 of the Charities Act 2011.

On behalf of the Trustees

M Willmott
Chairman

14 / 06 / 2016

S Tame
Trustee

14 / 06 / 2016

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS FUND

We have audited the financial statements of The Stock Exchange Clerks Fund for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the Statements of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and auditor

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view.

We have been appointed as auditors under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and international Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charity's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Trustees' Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited Financial Statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its incoming resources and application of resources in the year then ended;*
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice*
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.*

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or*
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or*
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or*
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.*

Pocknells LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

14th August 2016

Pocknells LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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**STOCK EXCHANGE CLERKS FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Donations and legacies (note 1k)	2,000	
Investment Income (note 5)	<u>37,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>
Total Incoming Resources	<u>39,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>
Resources Expended:		
Charitable activities (note 2)		
Grants payable in furtherance of the Charity's objectives (note 8)	114,592	116,993
Visits to grants recipients	6,593	5,477
Audit Fee	<u>2,592</u>	<u>2,508</u>
Total Resources Expended	<u>123,777</u>	<u>124,978</u>
Net gains / (losses) on investment assets (note 5)	<u>(43,853)</u>	<u>(3,014)</u>
Net (Outgoing)/Incoming Resources	(128,606)	(89,059)
Other recognised gains and losses	-	-
Net movement in Fund	(128,606)	(89,059)
Reconciliation of Funds		
Total funds brought forward	<u>1,120,018</u>	<u>1,209,077</u>
Total funds carried forward	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>

The net movement in general fund derives wholly from continuing operations.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015**

	2015	2014
	£	£
General Fund		
	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>
Represented by:		
Fixed Assets		
Tangible Fixed Assets		
Computer Equipment (Note 4)	-	-
Investments at Market Value (Note 5)		
Fixed Interest (Bonds)	289,356	318,193
Investment Trusts	369,628	392,727
Ordinary Stocks & Shares	303,507	<u>369,601</u>
	<u>962,491</u>	<u>1,080,521</u>
Current Assets	962,491	1,080,521
Debtors:		
Prepayments	-	
Grant to be repaid	-	503
		<u>145</u>
Cash at bank and in hand:		
Current Account	4,955	5,037
Short-term Deposit Account	<u>26,558</u>	<u>36,896</u>
	31,513	41,933
	<u>31,513</u>	<u>42,581</u>
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
Audit fee accrual	2,592	2,508
Sundry creditors	-	576
	<u>2,592</u>	<u>3,084</u>
Net Current Assets	<u>28,921</u>	<u>39,497</u>
Net Assets	<u>991,412</u>	<u>1,120,018</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 14/08/2016 and signed on its behalf by:

M Willmott
Chairman

S Tame
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The principal accounting policies are:

- (a) Basis of Accounting
The Accounts are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention modified by the valuation of investments.*
- (b) Investments are stated at market value.
Quoted securities have been valued at the middle market price at the close of business at the year-end. The market value of unit trusts is taken as the average of the bid and offer prices at the accounting date as stated by Quilter Cheviot Holdings Limited. Realised gains and losses on investments disposed of during the year are accounted for in the year of disposal. Unrealised gains and losses are accounted for in the year in which they arise.*
- (c) Dividends and interest on securities are accounted for when receivable. Interest on bank deposits is accounted for as earned. Income from investments and interest are shown net of tax deducted.*
- (d) Grants payable are accounted for when authorised by the Board of Trustees.*
- (e) Cash flow statement
Under FRS102 no Statement of Cash Flows is required.*
- (f) All funds are unrestricted.*
- (g) All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and includes irrecoverable VAT related to the category.*
- (h) Support costs have been allocated across the charitable activities on the basis of expenditure on those activities where they cannot be directly attributed to the activities. (See Note 2)*
- (i) Governance costs form part of support costs.*
- (j) Fixed assets comprise computer equipment. Computer equipment is capitalised at cost and depreciated on a straight line basis over its estimated useful economic life of 3 years.*
- (k) Special Donation was received from Joan Bradnick, a former recipient of the Fund.*

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015 (Cont'd)

2. Charitable Activities

	Direct Costs £	Support Costs £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Grants Payable	75,351	39,241	114,592	116,993
Visits to Recipients	<u>4,335</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>6,593</u>	<u>5,477</u>
	<u>79,686</u>	<u>41,499</u>	<u>121,185</u>	<u>122,470</u>

3. Support Costs

Support costs allocated on the basis of expenditure:

<i>Support Costs</i>	<i>Grants Payable £</i>	<i>Visits to Recipients £</i>	<i>2015 Total £</i>	<i>2014 Total £</i>
Postage and Administration	4,326	249	4,575	3,563
Printing and Stationery	266	15	281	591
Computer Expenses	1,142	66	1,208	2,054
Consultancy Fees	33,274	1,914	35,188	34,163
Consultancy Expenses	<u>233</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>247</u>	<u>970</u>
	<u>39,241</u>	<u>2,258</u>	<u>41,499</u>	<u>41,341</u>

4. *Tangible Fixed Assets - Computer Equipment*

<i>2015 £</i>	<i>2014 £</i>
<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 DECEMBER 2015(Cont'd)

5. INVESTMENTS

Investment Income	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	12,420	14,223
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	6,001	7,105
<i>U K Equities</i>	<u>18,596</u>	<u>17,600</u>
	37,017	38,928
<i>Interest on cash deposits</i>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>
	<u>37,024</u>	<u>38,933</u>

	2015		2014	
	Cost £	Market Value £	Cost £	Market Value £
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	271,703	289,356	295,014	318,193
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	140,083	369,628	148,645	392,727
<i>U K Equities</i>	<u>178,790</u>	<u>303,507</u>	<u>189,575</u>	<u>369,601</u>
	<u>590,576</u>	<u>962,491</u>	<u>633,234</u>	<u>1,080,521</u>

	<i>MV at January 2015 £</i>	<i>Purchases at cost £</i>	<i>Sales proceeds £</i>	<i>Change in Market Value £</i>	<i>MV at December 2015 £</i>
<i>Fixed Interest (Bonds)</i>	318,193	-	20,000	-8,837	289,356
<i>Unit Trusts</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Investment Trusts</i>	392,727	-	31,097	7,998	369,628
<i>Charitable Trust</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<i>UK Equities</i>	<u>369,601</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,080</u>	<u>-43,014</u>	<u>303,507</u>
	<u>1,080,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,177</u>	<u>-43,853</u>	<u>962,491</u>

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The following Investments are Overseas Investments at Market Value: -

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>Investment Trusts</i>		
<i>The European Inv. Ord</i>	57,600	61,020
<i>JPMorgan Fleming American Inv Trust</i>	79,202	93,827
<i>Aberdeen Asia Inv Trust Ord</i>	38,160	47,970

The following Investments represent more than 5% of the Portfolio at Market Value: -

	2015 £	2014 £
<i>UK Equities</i>		
<i>T.Bailey Aptus Global B</i>	49,366	46,599

<i>Investment Trusts</i>		
<i>Herald Investment Trust</i>	52,168	46,130
<i>Scottish Mortgage Trust</i>	59,054	52,700
<i>The European Inv Ord</i>	57,600	61,020
<i>JPMorgan American Inv Trust</i>	79,202	93,827

<i>Fixed Interest</i>		
<i>Henderson Global Inv</i>	117,651	120,670
<i>Invesco Perpetual</i>	65,730	67,312
<i>M & G Optimal Securities</i>	105,975	108,975

6. TRANSACTIONS WITH TRUSTEES

Messrs William Eason and David Malpas (Honorary Trustees) have an interest as Directors of Quilter Cheviot Holdings Ltd., a company that provided services in the year involving the transactions of investments. All transactions have been carried out on an arms length basis. The Trustees do not receive any remuneration but may be paid expenses for visits.

7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Secretary, Mr A V Barnard received £ 18,330 (2014 - £17,796) for consultancy services rendered.

8. GRANTS

The charity has made grants to 41 individuals in 2015 compared to 44 for the previous year.

9. COMPARITIVE FIGURES

Upon adoption of FRS102, there were no adjustments required to the comparatives.

