

Xtrackers ETC Public Limited Company

Directors' Report and Audited Financial Statements

For the period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to 30 September 2019

Registered number: 627079

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DIRECTORS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Directors

Rhys Owens (appointed on 21 May 2018 and resigned 01 May 2020)

Cliona O’Faolain (appointed on 21 May 2018)

Joanna Taylor (alternate to Rhys Owens – appointed on 9 July 2018 and resigned 23 July 2018)

Claudio Borza (appointed on 01 May 2020)

Secretary

Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The Directors present their first report and the audited financial statements of Xtrackers ETC Public Limited Company (the "Company") for the financial period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to the period ended 30 September 2019.

The Company was dormant for the duration of the financial period. It is expected that the entity will begin trading during 2020. The Company plans to establish a programme for the issuance of various series of ring-fenced notes which are intended to be listed on one or more of the following, Euronext Dublin, Euronext Paris, Euronext Amsterdam, the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, the Luxembourg Stock Exchange, the Bolsa de Madrid, the Borsa Italiana, the OMX Nordic Exchange, the London Stock Exchange plc.

Principal activities, business review and future activities

The Company was incorporated in Ireland as a public company limited by shares on 21 May 2018.

The Company did not trade during the financial year and earned no income and incurred no expenditure. It is planned for the Company to commence trading in 2020.

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and applicable law.

Results and dividends

The Company did not trade for the financial period. The Company has recognised a nil profit or loss result which has been driven by lack of activity during period. Other expenses when incurred will be paid by the Company once the programme is established. In accordance with Disbursement Agreement dated 16 March 2020 if the Company does not have sufficient funds DWS International GmbH agrees to settle expenses on behalf of the Company or reimburse for amounts paid.

Directors and secretary and their interests in shares of the Company

The Directors and secretary who served the Company during the period together with their beneficial interests in the shares of the Company were as follows:

	Ordinary Shares of €1 each 30 September 2019
Rhys Owens	-
Claudio Borza	-
Joanna Taylor	-
Cliona O'Faolain	-
Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited	25,000

General information

The Company is a public company limited by shares incorporated in Ireland with registered office at Fourth Floor, 3 George's Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1.

Principal risk and uncertainties

As the Company is currently dormant it is not exposed to significant risks or uncertainties.

Accounting records

The Directors are responsible for ensuring that adequate accounting records, as outlined in Section 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, are kept by the Company. The measures taken by Directors to secure compliance with the Company's obligation to keep adequate accounting records are the use of appropriate systems and procedures and ensuring that competent persons are responsible for the accounting records. The accounting records are kept at the following address: Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited, Fourth Floor, 3 George's Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1, Ireland.

DIRECTORS' REPORT – continued

Political donations

The Electoral Act 1997 (as amended by the Electoral Amendment Political Funding Act 2012) requires companies to disclose all political donations over €200 in aggregate made during the financial year. The Directors, on enquiry, have satisfied themselves that no such donation in excess of this amount has been made by the company.

Significant events since the financial period end

Since the start of January 2020, the outbreak of coronavirus, which is a rapidly evolving situation, has adversely impacted global commercial activities. Due to the Dormant status of the Company, the Directors do not believe there is any financial impact to the Financial Statements as at 30 September 2019 as a result of this subsequent event.

There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the financial period end requiring amendment to these financial statements.

Auditor

KPMG, Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm, are willing to continue in office in accordance with section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

On behalf of the board



Cliona O'Faolain
Director



Claudio Borza
Director

24 June 2020

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with Irish law.

Irish law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year giving a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position at the end of the financial year and the profit or loss of the Company for the financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and applicable law.

In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and identify the standards in question, subject to any material departures from those standards being disclosed and explained in the Notes to the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to:

- correctly record and explain the transactions of the Company;
- enable, at any time, the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company to be determined with reasonable accuracy; and
- enable the Directors to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable those financial statements to be audited.

The Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Board



Cliona O'Faolain
Director



Claudio Borza
Director

24 June 2020



KPMG

Audit

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF XTRACKERS ETC PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Xtrackers ETC Public Limited Company ('the Company') for the period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to 30 September 2019 set out on pages 7 to 13, which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity, statement of cash flows and related notes, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 30 September 2019 and of its profit for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the European Union; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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

We have nothing to report on going concern

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We have nothing to report in these respects.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the Annual Report together with the financial statements. The other information comprises the information included in the directors' report and statement of directors' responsibilities. The financial statements and our auditor's report thereon do not comprise part of the other information. 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.

Based solely on our work on the other information, we report that:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report;
- in our opinion, the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF XTRACKERS ETC PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY *(continued)*

Report on the audit of the financial statements *(continued)*

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

We have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.

In our opinion the accounting records of the Company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by Sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities and restrictions on use

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 4, 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 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 Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on IAASA's website at

https://www.iaasa.ie/getmedia/b2389013-1cf6-458b-9b8f-a98202dc9c3a/Description_of_auditors_responsibilities_for_audit.pdf

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

Our report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. 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.


Jorge Fernandez Revilla
for and on behalf of
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Chartered Accountants, Statutory Audit Firm
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24 June 2020

STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the financial period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to the 30 September 2019

	Financial period ended 30 September 2019 US\$
Interest payable and similar expense	-
Net interest expense	-
Administration expenses	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	-
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	-
Total comprehensive income for the financial period	-
Total comprehensive income at the beginning of the financial period	-
Total comprehensive income at the end of the financial period	-

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

At 30 September 2019

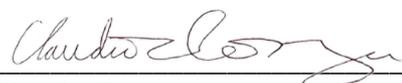
	Note	2019 US\$
Current assets		
Debtors	6	<u>27,223</u>
Total assets		<u>27,223</u>
Liabilities		
Cash at bank	7	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u><u>27,223</u></u>
Capital and reserves		
Called up share capital presented as equity	8	27,223
Profit and loss account		<u>-</u>
Shareholders' funds - equity		<u><u>27,223</u></u>

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Approved and issued by the board and signed on its behalf by:



Cliona O'Faolain
Director



Claudio Borza
Director

24 June 2020

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the financial period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to the 30 September 2019

	Called up Share Capital US\$	Retained Earnings US\$	Total Equity US\$
Balance as at 21 May 2018	-	-	-
Issuance of share capital	27,223	-	27,223
Comprehensive income for the financial period	-	-	-
Balance as at 30 September 2019	<u>27,223</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>27,223</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the financial period from incorporation on 21 May 2018 to the 30 September 2019

	Period ended 30 September 2019 US\$
Cash flows from operating activities	
Operating profit for year before taxation	-
Adjustments for:	
Increase in debtors	(27,223)
Tax paid	-
Net cash outflow from operating activities	<u>(27,223)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:	-
Issue of share capital	27,223
Net cash inflows from financing activities	<u>27,223</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	<u>-</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>-</u>

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1 General information

The Company is a public limited company limited by shares incorporated in Ireland on 21 May 2018 with a registered office at Fourth Floor, 3 George's Dock, IFSC, Dublin 1.

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2 Significant accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union and applicable law.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that may affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis on the basis that the Company will begin trading during 2020. The expenses needed to operate the company in the short term will be borne by the Programme Administrator, DWS International GmbH.

Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis.

Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are presented in US Dollar (\$) which is the Company's functional currency.

3 Operating expenses

Other operating expenses when incurred will be paid by the Company once the programme is established. In accordance with Disbursement Agreement dated 16 March 2020 if the Company does not have sufficient funds DWS International GmbH agrees to settle expenses on behalf of the Company or reimburse for amounts paid.

4 Auditors remuneration

The Auditors remuneration for statutory audit services for the year was €5,500. This will be paid by DWS International GmbH. There were no other fees paid to the Auditor during the financial period.

5 Directors' remuneration and transactions

The Company has no employees and the Directors received no remuneration during the financial period ended 30 September 2019. There were no capitalised staff costs and the Directors are also the key management personnel of the Company.

6 Debtors	2019
	US\$
Other receivable	27,223

Other receivables relate to proceeds on issue of share capital.

7 Cash at bank	2019
	US\$
Cash at bank	-

8 Share capital	2019
	€

<i>Authorised</i>	
1,000,000 ordinary shares of €1 each	1,000,000

<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid</i>	
25,000 ordinary shares of €1 each	25,000

9 Ownership of the Company

The principal shareholder is Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited (the "Share Trustee") who holds the shares issued (100%) of the Company in trust for charity under the terms of a declaration of trust dated 20 July 2018.

The Share Trustee has appointed a Board of Directors to run the day to day activities of the Company. The Board have considered the issue as to who is the ultimate controlling party of the Company. It has determined that the control of the day to day activities rests with the Board.

10 Related parties' transactions

Transactions with Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited

The directors of the Company are also employees of Wilmington Trust SP Services (Dublin) Limited ("WTD"). Once the Company begins trading the Company will pay WTD a fee as per a corporate service agreement which will be signed the day the entity begins trading. These services will be provided under normal commercial terms and neither director will receive any remuneration in respect of their Directorship. Refer to note 9 for more information.

The parent company of the Company is DWS International GmbH. The financial statements of the Company are consolidated by DWS International GmbH. Refer to note 3 for more information.

11 Post balance sheet events

Since the start of January 2020, the outbreak of coronavirus, which is a rapidly evolving situation, has adversely impacted global commercial activities. Due to the Dormant status of the Company, the Directors do not believe there is any financial impact to the Financial Statements as at 30 September 2019 as a result of this subsequent event.

There have been no other significant post balance sheet events requiring amendment to these financial statements.

12 Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of Directors on 24 June 2020.