

## **BARCLAYS FUNDS INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

### **STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

#### **Business review and principal activities**

The principal activity of Barclays Funds Investments Limited is to act as an invest in growth and social investment market private equity funds along with regional venture capital funds in support of approved business strategy.

#### **Business performance**

The results of the Company show a loss after tax of £41,635 (2018: loss of £356,877 for the year. The Company has net assets of £488,235,526 (2018: £445,027,161).

#### **Future outlook**

The immediate economic outlook in 2019 remains uncertain. A further worsening of economic conditions would, likely, favour the Company, which remains well funded, by implying a renewed stream of investment opportunities which are consistent with the principal activity of the Company.

The Company will therefore focus on the active investment management of its portfolio to ensure that, wherever feasible, the businesses are robust enough to handle the on-going difficult trading conditions, including being able to take advantage of acquisition and organic growth opportunities. In addition, the medium term outlook is positive for the successful realisation of certain assets.

#### **Principal risks & uncertainties**

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Barclays PLC group and are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of Barclays PLC, which include those of the Company, are discussed in the Barclays PLC 2019 Annual Report which does not form part of this report.

#### **Key performance indicators**

The directors of Barclays PLC manage the group's operations on a business cluster basis. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company. The development, performance and position of the relevant business cluster, which includes the Company, is discussed in the Barclays PLC 2019 Annual Report, which does not form part of this report.

#### **Section 172(1) statement**

The Directors have acted in a way that they considered, in good faith, to be most likely to promote the success of Barclays Funds Investments Limited (the 'Company') for the benefit of its sole member, and in doing so had regard, amongst other matters, to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long term;
- to the extent the Company has employees, the interests of the Company's employees;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment;
- the desirability of the Company's maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct;
- and to act fairly between members of the Company.

The Directors also took into account the views and interests of a wider set of stakeholders, including our regulator, the Government, and non-government organisations. You can find out more about who are key stakeholders are, how management engaged with them, the key issues raised and actions taken on pages 14 to 15 of the Barclays PLC annual report 2019 which is incorporated by reference into this statement

Considering this broad range of interests is an important part of the way the Board makes decisions; however, in balancing those different perspectives it won't always be possible to deliver everyone's desired outcome.

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### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

#### *How does the board engage with stakeholders?*

The Board will sometimes engage directly with certain stakeholders on certain issues, but the size and distribution of our stakeholders and of Barclays means that stakeholder engagement often takes place at an operational level.

In addition, to ensure a more efficient and effective approach, certain stakeholder engagement is led at Barclays group level, in particular where matters are of group-wide significance or have the potential to impact the reputation of the Barclays group.

The Board considers and discusses information from across the organisation to help it understand the impact of Barclays' operations, and the interests and views of our key stakeholders. It also reviews strategy, financial and operational performance, as well as information covering areas such as key risks, and legal and regulatory compliance. This information is provided to the board through reports sent in advance of each board meeting, and through in-person presentations.

As a result of these activities, the board has an overview of engagement with stakeholders, and other relevant factors, which enables the directors to comply with their legal duty under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006.

The purpose of Barclays Funds Investments Limited is an investment company. Due to the nature of the Company, no decisions were made by the Directors during the reporting period which required them to have regard to the matters set out in section 172 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 4th November 2020 and signed on its behalf.

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