

## **GRACECHURCH CARD (HOLDINGS) LIMITED**

### **Strategic Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

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

The Company acts as a holding company of multiple subsidiary special purpose entities ("SPEs") that issued asset backed fixed or floating rate notes and enter into all financial arrangements in connection with the issuances as part of Barclays Bank UK PLC's UK credit card securitisation structure. The Company is parent to one remaining SPE, namely Gracechurch Card Programme Funding PLC (the "subsidiary") which has asset backed notes listed on the Official List of the UK Listing Authority.

#### **Business performance**

The Company's result and total comprehensive income amounted to £32 (2019: £nil). The total net assets during the year were £41,519 (2019: £41,487) and net operating cash flows from operating activities for 2020 was £39 (2019: £28,986). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2019: £nil).

#### **Future outlook**

The Company remains a holding company for SPEs relating to the issuance of asset backed fixed or floating notes backed by UK credit card receivables originated by Barclays Bank UK PLC and will continue to operate into the future with this purpose. The Directors remain confident that the current levels of performance of the Company's investments will be maintained in the future.

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Company is exposed to internal and external risks of ongoing activities. These risks are managed as part of the Company's business model.

Whilst the full direct and indirect impact of the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak remains uncertain, a number of central banks and governments have extended financial stimulus packages as a result of the significant negative impact on GDP. Concerns remain as to whether these policy tools will counter anticipated macro-economic risks and a prolongation of the outbreak could significantly adversely affect economic growth, affect specific industries or countries. In addition, an escalation in geopolitical tensions or increased use of protectionist measures may also negatively impact the Company's business.

The principal risk is that the investment in its subsidiary generates lower than expected returns on investment to the Company. The Directors seek to mitigate this risk through the day-to-day business of the Company.

Information on how the Company's Directors manage these risks and uncertainties is explained in note 13 to the accompanying financial statements.

#### **Key performance indicators**

The principal components of the Company's operations are centred on the performance of the investment held in its subsidiary. These have performed in line with expectations during the year.

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

The Directors have acted in the way that they considered, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its member as a whole and this section forms our section 172 disclosure, describing how, in doing so, the Directors considered the matters set out in section 172(1)(a) to (f) of the Companies Act 2006. The Directors also took into account the views and interests of a wider set of stakeholders, including the UK Government and non-governmental organisations.

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**Section 172(1) statement (continued)**

The Directors have acted in a way that they considered, in good faith, to be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its member as a whole, and in doing so had regard, amongst other matters, to:

- the documents governing the financing and other principal transactions to which the Company is party (together, the "programme documentation") have been formulated with the aim of achieving the Company's purpose and business objectives, safeguarding the assets of the Company and promoting the success of the Company;
- the Company has no employees;
- the Company has appointed various third parties to perform certain roles strictly governed by the programme documentation, fee arrangements agreed in advance;
- as a special purpose vehicle, the Company has no physical presence or operations and accordingly has minimal impact on the community and the environment.

This report was approved by the board on 29 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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P H Whitaker  
For and on behalf of Intertrust Directors 1 Limited  
Director  
29 June 2021