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Report and Financial Statements for the Year ended 31 December 2015

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# **Management and Administration**



# **Directors**

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# **Currency Transaction Counterparty**

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# **Directors' Report**



The directors of ETFS Foreign Exchange Limited ("FXL" or the "Company") submit herewith the annual report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2015.

### **Directors**

The names and particulars of the directors of the Company during and since the end of the financial year are:

Graham J Tuckwell - Chairman

Christopher J M Foulds (Appointed 20 October 2015)

Graeme D Ross Joseph L Roxburgh

Mark K Weeks (Resigned 20 October 2015)

# **Directors' Interests**

The following table sets out the directors' interests in Ordinary shares as at the date of this report:

# **Director**

# Ordinary Shares of Nil Par Value

Graham J Tuckwell (as ultimate controlling party of ETF Securities Limited ("ETFSL"), the ultimate parent company)

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# **Principal Activities**

The Company's principal activity is to issue collateralised currency securities ("Currency Securities"). Currency Securities provide investors with long or short exposure to the daily foreign exchange performance of developed or emerging market currencies or baskets of developed market currencies measured against the US Dollar ("USD"), the Euro ("EUR") or the British Pound ("GBP"). This is achieved by the Currency Securities tracking published currency indices. The price of the Currency Securities is calculated on a daily basis to reflect the change in the relevant currency index and takes into account the payment of a management fee and a daily spread. The Currency Securities are denominated in either USD, EUR or GBP.

Currency Securities are backed by unfunded currency transactions ("Currency Transactions") with terms corresponding to the terms of Currency Securities. Each time Currency Securities are issued or redeemed, corresponding Currency Transactions between the Company and a Currency Transaction Counterparty are created or cancelled by the Company. A daily payment amount will be calculated in respect of each Currency Transaction on each day to reflect the movement in the relevant currency index and this amount will be payable by either the Company or the Currency Transaction Counterparty. All other cash held by the Company linked to Currency Transactions entered with a Currency Transaction Counterparty will be used to enter into a USD, GBP or EUR denominated daily repurchase transaction with such party in exchange for eligible collateral on the terms described in the Company's prospectus (collectively the "Underlying Assets"). No trading or management of futures contracts is required by the Company.

The Company has entered into a facility agreement with Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc ("Morgan Stanley"), currently the only Currency Transaction Counterparty, enabling the Company to create and cancel Currency Transactions on an ongoing basis.

The Company earns a management fee expressed as an annual percentage, calculated on a daily basis and reflected in the net asset value of the securities on a daily basis, paid monthly in arrears.

The Company has entered into a service agreement with ETFS Management Company (Jersey) Limited ("ManJer" or the "Manager"), whereby ManJer is responsible for supplying or procuring the supply of all management and administration services required by the Company (including marketing) as well as the payment of costs relating to the listing and issuance of Currency Securities. In return for these services, the Company pays ManJer an amount equal to the management fee and the creation and redemption fees. As a result, amounts in respect of the management fee and creation and redemption fees are transferred directly to ManJer and there are no cash flows through the Company.

# **Directors' Report (Continued)**



# **Review of Operations**

The most recent rollover prospectus was issued on 9 April 2015. During the year, the Company had the following number of classes, in aggregate, of Currency Securities in issue and admitted to trading on the following exchanges:

	London Stock Exchange	Borsa Italiana	Deutsche Börse	NYSE- Euronext Paris
USD Currency Securities	58	_	7	-
EUR Currency Securities	-	42	20	6
GBP Currency Securities	33	-	-	-
Total Currency Securities	91	42	27	6

As at 31 December 2015, the fair value of assets under management amounted to USD 372.5 million (2014: USD 465.1 million). The Company recognises its financial assets (Currency Transactions) and financial liabilities (Currency Securities) at fair value in the Statement of Financial Position.

During the year, the Company generated income from creation and redemption fees and management fees as follows:

	2015 USD	2014 USD
Creation and Redemption Fees Management Fees	1,493 3,113,716	13,801 3,566,968
Total Fee Income	3,115,209	3,580,769

Under the terms of the service agreement with ManJer, the Company accrued expenses equal to the management fee and creation and redemption fees, which, after taking into account other operating income and expenses, resulted in an operating result for the year of USD Nil (2014: USD Nil).

The gain or loss on Currency Securities and the Currency Transactions is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income in line with the Company's accounting policy.

The Company has entered into contractual obligations with Authorised Participants to trade Currency Securities at set prices on each trading day, and these prices are based on an agreed formula published in the prospectus.

IFRS 13 requires the Company to identify the principal market and to utilise the available market price within that principal market. The directors consider that the stock exchanges where the Currency Securities are listed to be the principal markets and as a result the fair value of the Currency Securities is the on-exchange price as quoted on those stock exchanges. As a result of the difference in valuation methodology there is a mis-match and the results of the Company reflect a gain or loss on the difference between the agreed formula price and the market price of Currency Securities. This gain or loss would be reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Currency Securities. This is presented in more detail in note 7 to these financial statements.

The Company's exposure to risks is discussed in note 11 to the financial statements.

# **Dividends**

There were no dividends declared or paid in the year (2014: USD Nil). It is the Company's policy that dividends will only be declared when the directors are of the opinion that there are sufficient distributable reserves.

# **Directors' Report (Continued)**



# **Going Concern**

The nature of the Company's business dictates that the outstanding Currency Securities may be redeemed at any time by the holder and in certain circumstances may be compulsorily redeemed by the Company. As the redemption of Currency Securities will always coincide with the redemption of an equal amount of Currency Transactions, no liquidity risk is considered to arise. All other liabilities of the Company are met by ManJer; therefore the directors consider the Company to be a going concern.

# **Future Developments**

The board of directors (the "board") are not aware of any developments that might have a significant effect on the operations of the Company in subsequent financial periods not already disclosed in this report or the attached financial statements.

# **Country and Currency Risk**

The Company has exposure to country and currency risk as the Currency Securities provide investors with long or short exposure to the daily foreign exchange performance of developed and emerging market currencies measured against USD, EUR or GBP. However, the directors do not consider the Company to have a significant net exposure to country and currency risk arising from the current economic uncertainties facing a number of countries around the world as the gains or losses on the liability represented by the Currency Securities are matched economically by corresponding losses or gains attributable to the Currency Transactions.

Each Currency Security is a debt instrument whose redemption price is linked directly to the performance of the underlying currency index. The Currency Securities are issued under limited recourse arrangements whereby the holders have recourse only to the value of the underlying assets backing the Currency Securities attributable to the class of securities they hold and not to the Company. In addition, since any movements in value of those underlying assets backing the Currency Securities are wholly attributable to the Currency Security holders, the Company has no residual exposure. From a commercial perspective the gains or losses on the liability represented by the Currency Securities are matched economically by corresponding losses or gains attributable to the underlying assets backing the Currency Securities (see detail on page 3 regarding the accounting mis-match). The Company does not retain any net gains or losses or net risk exposures. Further details surrounding the value of Currency Securities and the Currency Transactions are disclosed in note 11.

Movements in the price of the underlying assets, and thus the value of the Currency Securities, may vary widely which could have an impact on the demand for the Currency Securities issued by the Company. These movements are shown in notes 6 and 7.

In some cases movements in exchange rates can be so significant that they lead to the level of a currency index for any class falling to zero. Leveraged currency indices provide leveraged exposure to daily changes in foreign exchange rates calculated against a base value determined on the second previous business day, it is possible that in certain highly volatile markets a leveraged currency index may fall to zero where the foreign exchange rate moves by a large amount over the course of two trading days or even where a particular exchange rate moves by a very large amount over the course of one day. In these circumstances the Currency Securities for that class may become subject to compulsory redemption at a zero price. In such situations, the Currency Securities may be redeemed for no value and a security holder will receive no payment on that redemption.

# **Employees**

The Company does not have any employees. It is the Company's policy to use the services of specialist subcontractors or consultants as far as possible.

# **Directors' Report (Continued)**



# **Directors' Remuneration**

No director has a service contract with the Company and details of the directors' remuneration which has been paid by ManJer on behalf of the Company for the year is disclosed below.

	2015	2014
	GBP	GBP
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Graham J Tuckwell	Nil	Nil
Christopher J M Foulds	Nil	Nil
Graeme D Ross	7,500	7,500
Joseph L Roxburgh	Nil	Nil
Mark K Weeks	Nil	Nil

# **Auditor**

Following a competitive tender process during the year, Deloitte LLP resigned as auditor of the Company and KPMG Channel Islands Limited was appointed in their place on 4 December 2015. A resolution to reappoint KPMG Channel Islands Limited as the auditor of the Company will be proposed at the next meeting of the directors.

# **Corporate Governance**

There is no standard code of corporate governance in Jersey. The operations, as previously described in the directors' report, are such that the directors do not consider the Company is required to voluntarily apply the UK Corporate Governance Code.

As the board is small there is no nomination committee and appointments of new directors are considered by the board as a whole. The board does not consider it appropriate that directors should be appointed for a specific term. Furthermore the structure of the board is such that it is considered unnecessary to identify a senior non-executive director.

The constitution of the board is disclosed above. The directors are either members of the board of the ultimate parent company, ETFSL, employees within the ETFSL group or members of the board of the Company's Administrator, R&H Fund Services (Jersey) Limited ("R&H"), and will continue to have such a composition of directors beyond the next meeting of the directors.

The board of directors meets regularly to consider matters specifically reserved for its review. Further meetings will be held as required by the operations of the Company.

# **Internal Control**

During the year the Company did not have any employees or subsidiaries, and there is no intention that this will change. The Company, being a special purpose company established for the purpose of issuing Currency Securities, has not undertaken any business, save for issuing and redeeming Currency Securities, entering into the required documents and performing the obligations and exercising its rights in relation thereto, since its incorporation. The Company does not intend to undertake any business other than issuing and redeeming Currency Securities and performing the obligations and exercising its rights in relation thereto.

The Company is dependent upon ManJer to provide management and administration services to it. ManJer is licensed under the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998 to conduct classes U, V and Z of Fund Services Business to conduct the regulated activities. ManJer outsources the administration services in respect of the Company to R&H. Documented contractual arrangements are in place with the Administrator which define the areas where the authority is delegated to them. The performance of the Manager and Administrator are reviewed on an ongoing basis by the board through their review of periodic reports.

# **Directors' Report (Continued)**



# **Internal Control (continued)**

ManJer provides management and other services to both the Company and other companies issuing commodity and currency index tracking securities.

The board having reviewed the effectiveness of the internal control systems of the Manager and R&H, and having a regard to the role of its external auditors, does not consider that there is a need for the Company to establish its own internal audit function.

# **Audit Committee**

The board has not established a separate audit committee; instead the board meets to consider the financial reporting by the Company, the internal controls, and relations with the external auditors. In addition the board reviews the independence and objectivity of the auditor.

Joseph L Roxburgh

Director Jersey 24 March 2016

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities



The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

Under company 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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. 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 applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the 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 show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in Jersey governing the preparation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

With regard to Regulation 2004/109/EC of the European Union (the "EU Transparency Directive"), the directors confirm that to the best of their knowledge that:

- the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2015 give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the Company as required by law and in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the IASB; and
- the Directors' report gives a fair view of the development of the Company's business, financial position and the important events that have occurred during the year and their impact on these financial statements.

The principal risks and uncertainties faced by the Company are disclosed in note 11 of these financial statements.

By order of the board

Joseph L Roxburgh

Director 24 March 2016

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

We have audited the financial statements of ETFS Foreign Exchange Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprises the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Cash Flows, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes 1 to 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Article 113A of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991. 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.

# Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 7, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. 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 Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' 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 Company's affairs as at 31 December 2015 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991.

# Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies (Jersey) Law 1991 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Steven Hunt

For and on behalf of KPMG Channel Islands Limited Chartered Accountants and Recognized Auditor 37 Esplanade St. Helier, Jersey 24 March 2016





		December	
		2015	2014
	Notes	USD	USD
Revenue	3	3,115,209	3,580,769
Expenses	3	(3,115,209)	(3,580,769)
Operating Result	3 _	-	
Net Gain Arising on Contractual and Fair Value of Currency Transactions	6	35,897,695	54,847,890
Net Loss Arising on Fair Value of Currency Securities	7	(36,781,873)	(52,057,805)
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	7	(884,178)	2,790,085
<sup>1</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the Prospectus) of Currency Securities	2	884,178	(2,790,085)
Adjusted Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year	7	<u>-</u>	-

The directors consider the Company's activities as continuing.

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The definition of non-statutory adjustments is set out on page 16. This represents the movement in the difference between the agreed formula price of the Currency Transactions and the market price of Currency Securities.

# **Statement of Financial Position**



	As at 31 December		
		2015	2014
	Notes	USD	USD
Current Assets			
Trade and Other Receivables	5	237,207	569,692
Currency Transactions Amounts Receivable on Currency Transactions	6	372,528,188	465,091,674
Awaiting Settlement	6	2,166,724	1,179,525
Amounts Receivable on Currency Securities Awaiting Settlement	7	907,415	5,992,911
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Total Assets	_	375,839,534	472,833,802
Current Liabilities			
Currency Securities Amounts Payable on Currency Securities Awaiting	7	370,794,223	462,473,531
Settlement Amounts Payable on Currency Transactions Awaiting	7	2,166,724	1,179,525
Settlement	6	907,415	5,992,911
Trade and Other Payables	8	235,423	567,908
Total Liabilities	<u> </u>	374,103,785	470,213,875
Equity			
Stated Capital	9	3	3
Retained Profits		1,781	1,781
Revaluation Reserve		1,733,965	2,618,143
Total Equity		1,735,749	2,619,927
Total Equity and Liabilities	<u> </u>	375,839,534	472,833,802

The financial statements on pages 9 to 23 were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors and signed on its behalf on  $24 \, \text{March} \, 2016$ 

Joseph L Roxburgh Director

The notes on pages 13 to 23 form part of these financial statements

# **Statement of Cash Flows**



	Year ended 31 December		
	2015	2014	
	USD	USD	
Operating Result for the Year	-	-	
Changes in Operating Assets and Liabilities			
Decrease/(Increase) in Receivables	332,485	(92,499)	
(Decrease)/Increase in Payables	(332,485)	92,499	
Cash Generated from/(Used in) Operations	-	-	
Cash Flows from Financing Activities			
Dividends Paid	-	-	
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	-	-	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents			
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the Beginning of the Year	-	-	
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	-	-	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the End of the Year			

Currency Securities are issued or redeemed by receipt/transfer of Currency Transactions and have been netted off in the Statement of Cash Flows.

# **Statement of Changes in Equity**



	Notes	Stated Capital USD	Retained Earnings USD	Revaluation Reserve <sup>2</sup> USD	Total Equity USD	Adjusted Total Equity USD
Opening Balance at 1 January 2014		3	1,781	(171,942)	(170,158)	1,784
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year Transfer to Revaluation Reserve <sup>3</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the Prospectus) of Currency	7	-	2,790,085 (2,790,085)	2,790,085	2,790,085	2,790,085
Securities	7	-	-	-	-	(2,790,085)
Balance at 31 December 2014	_	3	1,781	2,618,143	2,619,927	1,784
Opening Balance at 1 January 2015		3	1,781	2,618,143	2,619,927	1,784
Result and Total Comprehensive Income for the Year Transfer to Revaluation Reserve <sup>3</sup> Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the Prospectus) of Currency	7	- -	(884,178) 884,178	(884,178)	(884,178)	(884,178) -
Securities	7	-	-	-	-	884,178
Balance at 31 December 2015		3	1,781	1,733,965	1,735,749	1,784

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This represents the difference between the agreed formula price of the Currency Transactions and the market price of Currency Securities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The definition of non-statutory adjustments is set out on page 16.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**



# 1. General Information

ETFS Foreign Exchange Limited (the "Company") is a company incorporated in Jersey. The address of the registered office is Ordnance House, 31 Pier Road, St. Helier, Jersey, JE4 8PW.

The ETF Securities Group, of which the Company is a part, specialises in the development and issuance of Exchange Traded Products ("ETPs"). ETPs are secured, undated, limited recourse debt securities designed to track the value (before fees and expenses) of an underlying commodity, index or currency while providing market liquidity for the investor.

The purpose of the Company is to provide a vehicle that permits trading of the Currency Securities and the Company does not make gains from trading in the underlying currencies themselves. The Currency Securities are issued under limited recourse arrangements whereby the Company has no residual exposure to price movements of the underlying assets, therefore from a commercial perspective gains and losses in respect of Currency Transactions will always be offset by a corresponding loss or gain on the Currency Securities. Further details regarding the risks of the Company are disclosed in note 11.

ETPs are not typically actively managed, are significantly lower in cost when compared to actively managed mutual funds and are easily accessible to investors. No trading or management of futures contracts is required of the Company because the Company has entered into arrangements to acquire an equivalent asset exposure to the underlying assets from a third party which fully hedges the exposure of the Company.

The Company is entitled to:

- a management fee which is calculated by applying a fixed percentage to the contractual value of Securities in issue on a daily basis; and
- (2) creation and redemption fees on the issue and redemption of the Securities.

No creation or redemption fees are payable to the Company when investors trade in the Securities on a listed market such as the London Stock Exchange.

The Company has entered into a service agreement with ETFS Management Company (Jersey) Limited ("ManJer" or the "Manager"), whereby ManJer is responsible for supplying or procuring the supply of all management and administration services required by the Company (including marketing) as well as the payment of costs relating to the listing and issuance of Currency Securities. In return for these services, the Company pays ManJer an amount equal to the management fee and the creation and redemption fees earned. As a result there are no operating profits or losses recognised through the Company.

# 2. Accounting Policies

The main accounting policies of the Company are described below.

# **Basis of Preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRSs") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee of the IASB. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss.

# **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements**

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with IFRSs requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

# **Critical Accounting Estimates and Judgements (continued)**

The Company makes estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year. Estimates are continually evaluated and based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The only key accounting judgement required to prepare these financial statements is in respect of the valuation of Currency Transactions and Currency Securities held at fair value through the profit or loss as disclosed in notes 6 and 7. Actual results could vary from these estimates.

# **Accounting Standards**

(a) Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on 1 January 2015:

There are no new and revised Standards and Interpretations relevant to the Company that have been adopted in the current year to affect these financial statements. Details of other Standards and Interpretations adopted that have had no effect on these financial statements are set out in section (b).

- (b) Standards, amendments and interpretations effective on 1 January 2015 but not relevant to the Company during the period:
  - IAS 19 Employee Benefits
- (c) Standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective:

The Company has not adopted the following new and revised IFRSs that have been issued but are not yet effective:

- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (as amended in 2014) (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2018)
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures (2011) (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, and applicable only to prospective sale or contribution of assets)
- IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements, IFRS 12 Disclosure of Interest in Other Entities and IAS 28 Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures – Applying the Consolidation Exception (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IFRS 11 Joint Arrangements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016, and applicable only to prospective acquisitions in which the activities of the joint operations constitute businesses, as defined in IFRS 3)
- IFRS 14 Regulatory Deferral Accounts (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2017)
- IAS 1 Disclosure Initiative (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 38 Intangible Assets (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 41 Agriculture (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- IAS 27 Separate Financial Statements (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016)
- Annual Improvements to IFRS (effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 July 2016)

The directors intend to adopt IFRS 9 for the annual period beginning on 1 January 2018, and whilst the directors anticipate that these amendments may affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and result in more extensive disclosures in the financial statements, a detailed analysis has not been undertaken.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



### 2. **Accounting Policies (continued)**

# **Accounting Standards (continued)**

The directors do not expect the adoption of the remaining standards, amendments and interpretations that are in issue but not yet effective will have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company in future periods.

The directors have considered other standards and interpretations in issue but not effective and concluded that they would not have a material impact on the future financial periods when they become available.

# **Going Concern**

The nature of the Company's business dictates that the outstanding Currency Securities may be redeemed at any time by the holder and in certain circumstances may be compulsorily redeemed by the Company. Generally, only Security Holders who have entered into an authorised participant agreement with the Company ("Authorised Participant") can submit applications and redemptions directly with the Company. As the redemption of Currency Securities will always coincide with the cancellation of an equal amount of Currency Transactions, no liquidity risk is considered to arise. All other liabilities of the Company are met by ManJer; therefore the directors consider the Company to be a going concern and have prepared the financial statements on this basis.

# **Currency Securities and Currency Transactions**

# i) Issuance and Redemption

The Company has entered into a facility agreement with Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc ("Morgan Stanley") to permit the Company to purchase and cancel Currency Transactions at prices corresponding to Currency Securities issued or redeemed on the same day. Each time a Currency Security is issued or redeemed by the Company a corresponding number and value of Currency Transactions are purchased or cancelled from Morgan Stanley.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised and de-recognised on the trade date.

# ii) Pricing

A single price is established for each Currency Transaction as at the end of each Pricing Day. Currency Transactions are priced by reference to the  $\mathsf{MSFX}^{\mathsf{sm}}$  Indices. The Currency Indices are total return indices and are calculated and published by Morgan Stanley. The indices are calculated in accordance with the MSFX<sup>sm</sup> Indices Manual.

IFRS 13 requires the Company to identify the principal market and to utilise the available market price within that principal market. The directors consider that the stock exchanges where the Currency Securities are listed to be the principal markets and as a result the fair value of the Currency Securities is the on-exchange price as guoted on those stock exchanges. The Currency Securities are priced using the closing mid market price on the statement of financial position date.

Consequently a difference arises between the value of Currency Transactions (based on the agreed formula price) and Currency Securities (at market value) presented in the Statement of Financial Position. This difference is reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Currency Securities and cancellation of the corresponding Currency Transactions.

# iii) Designation at fair value through Profit or Loss

Each Currency Security and Currency Transaction comprise a financial instrument whose redemption price is linked to the performance of the relevant currency index.

Currency Securities in issue and Currency Transactions are designated at fair value through profit or loss upon initial recognition. This is in order to enable gains or losses on both the Currency Securities and Currency Transactions to be recorded in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

# **Currency Securities and Currency Transactions (continued)**

iii) Designation at fair value through Profit or Loss (continued)

Through the mis-matched accounting values, the results of the Company reflect a gain or loss which represents the movement in the cumulative difference between the agreed formula price of the Currency Transactions and the market price of Currency Securities. This gain or loss is transferred to a Revaluation Reserve which is non-distributable. The results of the Company are adjusted through the presentation of a non-statutory movement entitled 'Adjustment from Market Value to Contractual Formula Price (as set out in the prospectus) of Currency Securities'.

# **Currency Transactions and Securities Awaiting Settlement**

The issue or redemption of Currency Securities, and the purchase or sale of Currency Transactions, is accounted for on the trade date ("T"). Where settlement pricing is applied, the trade will not settle until T+2. Where trades are awaiting settlement at the year end, the monetary amount due to be settled is separately disclosed within the relevant assets and liabilities on the Statement of Financial Position.

# **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, and other sales taxes or duty.

Fees received for the issue and redemption of Currency Securities are recognised at the date on which the transaction becomes legally binding. Other income and expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

# **Loans and Receivables**

The loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with a fixed payment amount and are not quoted in an active market. After initial measurement the loans and receivables are carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any allowance for impairment. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of an instrument and of allocating interest over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows (including all fees paid or received that form an integral part of the effective interest rate, transaction costs and other premiums or discounts) through the expected life of debt instrument, or, where appropriate, a shorter period, to the net carrying amount on initial recognition. Gains and losses on loans and receivables which are impaired are recognised immediately through profit or loss.

# Interest Income

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Interest income is recognised on an accruals basis.

# **Foreign Currency Translation**

The financial statements of the Company are presented in the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (its functional currency). For the purpose of the financial statements, the results and financial position of the Company are expressed in United States Dollars, which is the functional currency of the Company, and the presentational currency of the financial statements.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the year end date are translated at rates ruling at that date. Creation and redemption fees are translated at the average rate for the quarter in which they are incurred. The resulting differences are accounted for through profit or loss.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 2. Accounting Policies (continued)

# Segmental Reporting

IFRS 8 requires operating segments to be identified on the basis of internal reports about components of the Company that are regularly reviewed by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") in order to allocate resources to the segments and to assess their performance. The CODM has been determined as the board of directors. A segment is a distinguishable component of the Company that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products and services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments.

The Company has not provided segmental information as the Company has only one business or product group, Currency Securities, and geographical segment which is the UK and Europe. All information relevant to the understanding of the Company's activities is included in these financial statements.

# 3. Operating Result

Operating result for the year comprised:

	Year ended 31 December		
	2015	2014	
	USD	USD	
Creation and Redemption Fees	1,493	13,801	
Management Fees	3,113,716	3,566,968	
Total Revenue	3,115,209	3,580,769	
Management Fees to ManJer	(3,115,209)	(3,580,769)	
Total Operating Expenses	(3,115,209)	(3,580,769)	
Operating Result	<u> </u>	-	

Audit Fees for the year of GBP 22,000 will be met by ManJer (2014: GBP 25,000).

# 4. Taxation

The Company is subject to Jersey Income Tax. The Jersey Income Tax rate applicable to the Company for the foreseeable future is zero percent.

# 5. Trade and Other Receivables

	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Management Fees	237,204	559,554
Creation and Redemption Fees	-	10,135
Amounts Receivable on Stated Capital	3	3
	237,207	569,692

The fair value of these receivables is equal to the carrying value.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 6. Currency Transactions

	As at 31 Dec	ember
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Change in Fair Value for the Year	35,897,695	54,847,890
Currency Transactions at Fair Value	372,528,188	465,091,674

As at 31 December 2015, there were certain amounts of Currency Transactions awaiting the creation or redemption of Securities with trade dates before the year end and settlement dates in the following year:

- The amount receivable as a result of unsettled creations of Currency Transactions is USD 2,166,724 (2014: USD 1,179,525); and
- The amount payable as a result of unsettled redemptions of Currency Transactions is USD 907,415 (2014: USD 5,992,911).

# 7. Currency Securities

Whilst the Currency Securities are quoted on the open market, the Company's ultimate liability relates to its contractual obligations to trade with Authorised Participants at set prices on each trading day. These prices are based on an agreed formula, and are equal to the published net asset values ("NAV") of each Currency Security. Therefore, the actual contractual issue and redemption of Currency Securities occur at a price that corresponds to gains or losses on the Currency Transactions. As a result the Company has no net exposure to gains or losses on the Currency Securities and Currency Transactions.

The Company measures the Currency Securities at their market value in accordance with IFRS 13 rather than their settlement value as described in the prospectus. The transferable value is deemed to be the prices quoted on stock exchanges or other markets where the Currency Securities are listed or traded. However Currency Transactions are valued based on the agreed formula (which corresponds to the published NAVs of each class of Currency Security).

The fair values and changes thereof during the year based on prices available on the open market as recognised in the financial statements are:

	As at 31 December		
	2015		
	USD	USD	
Change in Fair Value for the Year	(36,781,873)	(52,057,805)	
Currency Securities at Fair Value	370,794,223	462,473,531	

The contractual redemption values and movements in changes thereof during the year based on the contractual settlement values are:

	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Change in Contractual Redemption Value for the Year	(35,897,695)	(54,847,890)
Currency Securities at Contractual Redemption Value	372,528,188	465,091,674

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 7. Currency Securities (continued)

The gain or loss on the difference between the agreed formula price of the Currency Transactions and the market price of Currency Securities would be reversed on a subsequent redemption of the Currency Securities and cancellation of the corresponding Currency Transactions.

The mismatched accounting values are as shown below and represent the non-statutory adjustment presented in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Net Gain Arising on Contractual and Fair Value of Currency		
Transactions	35,897,695	54,847,890
Net Loss Arising on Fair Value of Currency Securities	(36,781,873)	(52,057,805)
	(884,178)	2,790,085

As at 31 December 2015, there were certain amounts of Currency Securities awaiting creation or redemption with trade dates before the year end and settlement dates in the following year:

- The amount receivable as a result of unsettled redemptions of Currency Securities is USD 907,415 (2014: USD 5,992,911); and
- The amount payable as a result of unsettled creations of Currency Securities is USD 2,166,724 (2014: USD 1,179,525).

# 8. Trade and Other Payables

	As at 31 Dece	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014	
	USD	USD	
Management Fees Payable to ManJer	235,423	567,908	

The fair value of these payables is equal to the carrying value.

# 9. Stated Capital

	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
2 Shares of Nil Par Value, Issued at GBP 1 Each	3	3

The Company can issue an unlimited capital of nil par value shares in accordance with its Memorandum of Association.

All shares issued by the Company carry one vote per share without restriction and carry the right to dividends. All shares are held by ETFS Holdings (Jersey) Limited ("HoldCo").

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



### 10. **Related Party Disclosures**

Entities and individuals which have a significant influence over the Company, either through the ownership of HoldCo shares, or by virtue of being a director of the Company, are related parties.

Management Fees paid to ManJer during the year:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2015	2014
_	USD	USD
Management Fees	3,115,209	3,580,769
The following balances were due to ManJer at the year end:		
	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014
_	USD	USD
Management Fees Payable	235,423	567,908
The following balances were due from HoldCo at the year end:		
	As at 31 December	
	2015	2014
<u>-</u>	USD	USD
Stated Capital	3	3

As disclosed in the Directors' Report, ManJer paid Directors' Fees in respect of the Company of GBP 7,500 (2014: GBP 7,500).

Graeme D Ross and Craig A Stewart are directors of R&H Fund Services (Jersey) Limited ("R&H"), the administrator. During the year, R&H charged ManJer Secretarial and Administration Fees in respect of the Company of GBP 84,000 (2014: GBP 84,000), of which GBP 21,000 (2014: GBP 21,000) was outstanding at the year end.

Graham J Tuckwell is a director of ETFSL, ManJer and HoldCo. Joseph L Roxburgh is a director of ManJer and HoldCo. Craig A Stewart is a director of ManJer. Christopher JM Foulds is the Compliance Officer of ManJer.

### 11. **Financial Risk Management**

The Currency Securities are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investing in securities and other financial instruments. There can be no assurance that any appreciation in the value of securities will occur, and the capital value of an investor's original investment is not guaranteed. The value of investments may go down as well as up, and an investor may not get back the original amount invested.

The Company is exposed to a number of risks arising from its activities. The information provided below is not intended to be a comprehensive summary of all the risks associated with the Currency Securities and investors should refer to the prospectus (as amended) for a detailed summary of the risks inherent in investing in the Currency Securities. Any data provided should not be used or interpreted as a basis for future forecast or investment performance.

The risk management policies employed by the Company to manage these are discussed below.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



# 11. Financial Risk Management (continued)

# (a) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will encounter difficulty in meeting the obligations associated with its financial liabilities as they fall due.

When the Authorised Participants redeem Currency Securities, the Company receives from the Currency Transaction Counterparty funds from the Counterparty Collateral Pools equal to the value of Currency Securities redeemed. Therefore, the redemption of Currency Securities would not impact the liquidity of the Company. Furthermore, the terms of the facility agreement match the limits of the securities.

# (b) Credit Risk

Credit risk primarily refers to the risk that Authorised Participants or the Currency Transaction Counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss.

The Company has entered into a facility agreement with Morgan Stanley enabling the Company to create and cancel Currency Transactions on an on-going basis. Morgan Stanley is currently the only Currency Transaction Counterparty. If Morgan Stanley discontinued the provision of Currency Transactions and the existing Currency Transactions expired without a replacement Currency Transaction Counterparty being appointed, the Company would be required to redeem the outstanding Currency Securities.

The Company's credit exposure to any Currency Transaction Counterparty in respect of Currency Transactions is intended to be limited on any day to the daily payment amounts due but not settled as at such day.

The Security holder's ability to reclaim assets is equivalent to the assets realised by the Company, therefore limiting the credit risk of the Company in connection with the issue of the Currency Securities.

# (c) Sensitivity Analysis

IFRS 7 requires disclosure of a sensitivity analysis for each type of market risk to which the Company is exposed to at the reporting date, showing how profit or loss and equity would have been affected by a reasonably possible change to the relevant risk variable.

The Company's rights and liability in respect of Currency Transactions and Currency Securities, respectively, relates to its contractual obligations to trade with Authorised Participants at set prices on each trading day. As a result the Company's contractual and economic liability in connection with the issue of Currency Securities is matched by movements in corresponding Currency Transactions. Consequently, the Company does not have any net exposure to market price risk. Therefore, in the directors' opinion, no sensitivity analysis is required to be disclosed.

# (d) Capital Management

The Company's principal activity is the issue and listing of Currency Securities. These securities are issued and cancelled as demand requires. The Company holds a corresponding number of Currency Transactions which matches the total liability of the Currency Securities issued. ManJer supplies or arranges the supply of all management and administration services to the Company and pays all management and administration costs of the Company, including trustee and custodian fees. In return for these services the Company pays ManJer a fee, which under the terms of the service agreement is equal to the management fee and creation and redemption fees earned. The Company is not subject to any capital requirements imposed by a regulator and there were no changes in the Company's approach to capital management during the year.

As all Currency Securities on issue are supported by an equivalent number of Currency Transactions and the running costs of the Company were paid by ManJer, the directors of the Company consider the capital management and value of its current capital resources are adequate to maintain the ongoing listing and issue of Currency Securities.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



### 11. Financial Risk Management (continued)

# Settlement Risk

Settlement risk primarily refers to the risk that an Authorised Participant or the Currency Transaction Counterparty will default on its contractual obligations resulting in financial loss.

The directors believe that settlement risk would only be caused by the risk of the Company's trading counterparty not delivering cash, Currency Securities or Currency Transactions on the settlement date. The directors feel that this risk is mitigated as a result of the cash or Currency Securities settling through the CREST system. The system ensures that the transaction does not settle until both parties have fulfilled their contractual obligations.

Amounts outstanding in respect of positions yet to settle are disclosed in notes 6 and 7.

### (f) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that changes in market prices (such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices) will affect the Company's income or the value of its financial instruments held or issued.

# Price Risk

The value of the Company's liability in respect of the Currency Securities fluctuates according to the performance of the underlying currency index and the risk of such change in price is managed by the Company by entering into corresponding Currency Transactions which match the liability. The obligation of the Company to holders of the Currency Securities is limited to the net proceeds of the class collateral pool, which comprises rights under the Currency Transactions and daily repurchase transactions entered into with the Currency Transaction Counterparty. The Company bears no financial risk from a change in the price of Currency Securities. Refer to note 7 for the further details regarding fair values.

However, there is an inherent risk from the point of view of investors as the values of currencies is becoming more volatile due to, amongst other things, changing supply and demand for a particular currency, government and monetary authority policy or intervention, interest rate levels and global or regional political, economic or financial events.

The market price of Currency Securities is a function of supply and demand amongst investors wishing to buy and sell Currency Securities and the bid or offer spread that the market makers are willing to quote.

In some cases movements in exchange rates can be so significant that they lead to the level of a Currency Index for any class falling to zero. Leveraged Currency Indices provide leveraged exposure to daily changes in foreign exchange rates calculated against a base value determined on the second previous business day, it is possible that in certain highly volatile markets a Leveraged Currency Index may fall to zero where the foreign exchange rate moves by a large amount over the course of two trading days or even where a particular exchange rate moves by a very large amount over the course of one day. In these circumstances the Collateralised Currency Securities for that class may become subject to Compulsory Redemption at a zero Price. In such situations, the Collateralised Currency Securities may be redeemed for no value and a Security Holder will receive no payment on that redemption.

# ii) Interest Rate Risk

The Company holds custody accounts with The Bank of New York Mellon and this is where the cash received in connection with the issue of Currency Securities and received under the Currency Transactions is held. The majority of such cash is used to enter into daily repurchase transactions with the Currency Transaction Counterparty. The Company does not have significant exposure to interest rate risk since none of its assets or liabilities bear any interest.

# iii) Currency Risk

The Company has exposure to currency risk as the Currency Securities provide investors with long or short exposure to the daily foreign exchange performance of developed and emerging market currencies measured against USD, EUR or GBP. However, the directors do not consider the Company to have a significant exposure to currency risk arising from the current economic uncertainties facing a number of countries around the world as the gains or losses on the liability represented by the Currency Securities are matched economically by corresponding losses or gains attributable to the Currency Transactions.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)**



### 11. **Financial Risk Management (continued)**

# (g) Fair Value Hierarchy

The levels in the hierarchy are defined as follows:

- fair value based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets. Level 1
- fair values based on valuation techniques using observable inputs other than quoted Level 2 prices within level 1.
- Level 3 fair values based on valuation techniques using inputs that are not based on observable

Categorisation within the hierarchy is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of each relevant asset/liability.

The Company is required to utilise the available market price as the Currency Securities are quoted and actively traded on the open market. Therefore Currency Securities are classified as Level 1 financial liabilities.

The Company's rights in respect of Currency Transactions relates to its contractual obligations to trade with Authorised Participants at set prices on each trading day. These prices are based on an agreed formula, and are equal to the published NAVs of each class of Currency Security. Therefore, Currency Transactions are classified as level 2 financial assets, as the Company's asset is calculated using third party pricing sources supported by observable, verifiable inputs.

The categorisation of the Company's assets and (liabilities) are as shown below:

	Fair Value as at 31 December	
	2015	2014
	USD	USD
Level 1		
Currency Securities	(370,794,223)	(462,473,530)
Level 2		
Currency Transactions	372,528,188	465,091,674

There are no assets or liabilities classified in level 3. There were no reclassifications during the year.

### 12. **Ultimate Controlling Party**

The immediate parent company is HoldCo, a Jersey registered company. The ultimate controlling party is Graham J Tuckwell through his majority shareholding in ETFSL. ETFSL is the parent company of HoldCo.

### 13. **Events Occurring After the Reporting Period**

No significant events have occurred since the end of the reporting period up to the date of signing the Financial Statements which would impact on the financial position of the Company disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2015 or on the results and cash flows of the Company for the year ended on that date.

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