

Rothschilds Continuation Finance B.V.
Zaandam, the Netherlands

Semi-annual financial statements period ended 30 September, 2016

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Director's report

The director takes pleasure in submitting herewith the report and unaudited financial statements of Rothschilds Continuation Finance B.V. ("the Company") for the period ended 30 September 2016. The semi-annual financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards in the Netherlands and applicable Dutch Law.

Overview of activities

The Company's purpose is to act as finance company for the Rothschild Group. It has issued a number of years ago two tranches of Floating Rate Notes of which one tranche in the amount of USD 45,000,000 has been repaid in January 2015. The outstanding amount of Floating rate notes amounts currently to USD 200,000,000. The proceeds of the notes issue have been lent to companies in the Rothschild Group. The Company has not developed any additional finance activities during this financial period.

Result for the period

The result of the Company during the period under review developed in accordance with expectations.

Financial instruments

The Company's loan assets and loan liabilities are denominated in the same currency. The interest rates are related meaning that a fixed positive margin applies. Interest payment dates are the same for both asset and liability loans. Therefore the need for financial instruments to cover currency or interest rate exposures does not exist. Hence the Company is not engaged in any financial instruments covering such risks.

Risk management

All funds raised have been onlent to group companies in the same currency and on the basis of a fixed interest margin. The Company's obligations under the Floating Rate Note programme are guaranteed on a subordinated basis by Rothschilds Continuation Limited.

Audit committee

The audit committee function for the Company has been assumed by the audit committee of Rothschild & Co S.C.A. (formerly known as Paris Orleans S.C.A.), a French company listed on the Paris stock exchange. The Company is an entity controlled by Rothschild & Co S.C.A. The Rothschild & Co S.C.A. audit committee meets four times a year. It considers the Company's accounts on one of those four occasions. Members of the Rothschild & Co S.C.A. audit committee are:

- Mr Peter Smith, Chairman
- Mr Andre Levy-Lang
- Mr Sylvain Hefes
- Mrs Carole Piwnica

Audit policy

Unless required semi-annual financial statements are not subject to an (interim) audit.

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Future outlook

A significant change of activities during the financial period October 2016 - March 2017 is not expected. The result is not expected to differ materially from the result for the period under review.

Statement as required under Article 5:25d paragraph 2-c of the Financial Markets Supervision Act

The semi-annual financial statements provide to the best of my knowledge a true and fair view of the Company's assets and liabilities, financial position, result for the period and give a fair view of the activities and developments of the business during the period ended 30 September 2016. Material risks if any are properly disclosed.

Amsterdam, 11 November 2016

M. de Boer

Rothschilds Continuation Finance B.V.**Balance sheet as at 30 September 2016 (unaudited)**

Comparative figures as at 31 March 2016

(Before appropriation of results and expressed in Euros)

		30 September 2016	31 March 2016
Financial Fixed Assets			
Loans to group companies	3	<u>179,195,200</u>	<u>175,668,200</u>
Current Assets			
Interest receivable		8,089	12,809
Prepayments and accrued income	4	37,304	87,383
Cash at bank	6	<u>930,099</u>	<u>835,655</u>
		<u>975,492</u>	<u>935,847</u>
Current Liabilities			
Interest payable		7,466	11,589
Corporate income tax	5	(52,715)	(13,340)
Accrued expenses and deferred income		9,862	18,620
		<u>(35,387)</u>	<u>16,869</u>
Current Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>1,010,879</u>	<u>918,978</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>180,206,079</u>	<u>176,587,178</u>
Long Term Liabilities - due after one year			
Floating Rate Notes	7	<u>179,195,200</u>	<u>175,668,200</u>
Total Assets less Total Liabilities		<u><u>1,010,879</u></u>	<u><u>918,978</u></u>
Shareholders' Equity			
Share capital		18,172	18,172
Other reserves		900,806	721,184
Unappropriated results		91,901	179,622
		<u>1,010,879</u>	<u>918,978</u>

The accompanying notes on page 7 - 10 form an integral part of these financial statements

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Profit and loss account for the period ended 30 September 2016 (unaudited)

Comparative figures for the financial year ended 31 March 2016

(Before appropriation of results and expressed in Euros)

	30 September 2016	31 March 2016
Financial Income and Expenses		
Interest Income	1,195,534	1,618,034
Interest Expense	<u>(1,081,742)</u>	<u>(1,387,730)</u>
Net Interest Income	<u>113,792</u>	<u>230,304</u>
Other net interest income	-	1,228
Currency Exchange Results	<u>(209)</u>	<u>(5,370)</u>
Total Financial Income and Expenses	<u>113,583</u>	<u>226,162</u>
Profit before Taxation	113,583	226,162
Corporate Income tax	5 (21,682)	(46,540)
Profit after Taxation	<u><u>91,901</u></u>	<u><u>179,622</u></u>

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Notes to the semi-annual accounts for the financial period ended 30 September 2016 (unaudited)

1. General

Rothschilds Continuation Finance B.V. ("the Company") was incorporated as private company with limited liability on 15 March 1983. The Company has its statutory seat in Amsterdam. The shareholders of the Company are Rothschilds Continuation Finance Holdings Limited, United Kingdom, K Développement S.A., France, Edmond de Rothschild (Suisse) S.A., Switzerland, and Integritas B.V., The Netherlands. The principal activity of the Company is to act as finance company.

2. Basis of presentation and principal accounting principles

The accompanying accounts have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in The Netherlands and in accordance with the provisions contained in Title 9, Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, the most significant of which are

- (a) **Foreign currencies**
Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro's at exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into Euro's at exchange rate in effect on the date of the transactions. The resulting currency exchange differences are recognised in the profit and loss account.
- (b) **Assets and liabilities**
Assets and liabilities are shown at face value unless otherwise stated.
- (c) **Recognition of income**
Income and expenses including taxation are recognised and reported on an accruals basis.
- (d) **Corporate income tax**
Corporate income tax is provided for in accordance with the tax ruling conditions previously published by the Dutch Tax Authorities. To comply with these conditions the Company is required to report a minimum amount of taxable income based on the amounts of the outstanding loans. The Company recharges all general and administrative expenses to one of its shareholders to meet this requirement.

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3. Loans to group companies

The Company has provided loans denominated in USD to two entities of the Rothschild Group. The loans are unsecured. They carry interest at 1/8% above the interest rate applying to the corresponding Floating Rate Notes (see note 7). The interest rates are reset biannually. The loans are repayable on dates corresponding to the repayment dates of the Floating Rate Notes.

Details are as follows:

<u>Group Company</u>	<u>Maturity</u>		<u>Principal</u>
NMR International N.V.	undated	USD	100,000,000
NM Rothschild & Sons Ltd.	undated	USD	100,000,000

Movements during the year comprise of:

	30 September 2016 EUR	31 March 2016 EUR
Loans to group companies at beginning of period/year	175,668,200	185,890,800
Exchange differences during period/year	3,527,000	(10,222,600)
Loans to group companies at end of period/year	179,195,200	175,668,200

4. Prepayments and accrued income

The Company recharges all general and administrative expenses to a group company. The amount recharged includes audit fees in the amount of EUR 6,360 (31 March 2016: EUR 15,716).

At the date of the balance sheet prepayments and accrued income comprise of:

	30 September 2016 EUR	31 March 2016 EUR
Recharged expenses to Group company	32,918	80,487
Receivable VAT	3,253	6,525
Other	1,133	371
Balance at end of period/year	37,304	87,383

5. Corporate income tax

The Company reports taxable income in accordance with previous ruling policy involving a minimum amount of taxable interest income. To comply with this policy the Company recharges all its general and administrative expenses to a Group company. During the period the Company received a provisional tax assessment in relation to the current financial year. The assessment has been paid in full. Corporate income tax is due at the statutory rate of 20%, any taxable income in excess of EUR 200,000 is subject to corporate income tax at the rate of 25%.

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6. Cash at bank

An amount of EUR 114,669 of cash at bank is denominated in US dollars (year ended 31 March 2016: EUR 110,992). All other balances are denominated in Euro's. All balances are available on demand.

7. Floating rate notes

The Company has issued USD denominated Floating Rate Notes. The Floating Rate Notes carry interest at six month Libor for USD deposits plus 1/8%. The notes are unconditionally guaranteed by Rothschilds Continuation Limited on a subordinated basis.

The Floating Rate Notes do not have a fixed repayment date. The Company may on any interest payment date redeem some or all of the USD 200,000,000 Floating Rate Notes provided it has given not more than 45 days' nor less than 30 days' notice to the Noteholders.

Details are as follows:

	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal</u>	
	Undated	USD	200,000,000
Movements during year comprise of:		30 September 2016	31 March 2016
		<u>EUR</u>	<u>EUR</u>
Balance of long term Notes at beginning of period/year		175,668,200	185,890,800
Exchange differences during period/year		3,527,000	(10,222,600)
Balance of long term Notes at end of period/year		<u>179,195,200</u>	<u>175,668,200</u>

8. Shareholders' equity

The Company's authorised share capital amounts to EUR 90,852.28 consisting of 10,878 Class A ordinary shares of EUR 8.26 each and 1,000 Class B ordinary shares of EUR 1 each of which 2,200 Class A ordinary shares have been issued and paid up at 30 September 2016 and at 31 March 2016.

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8. Shareholders' equity - continued

Details of shareholders' equity are as follows:

	30 September 2016 EUR	31 March 2016 EUR
Share capital at beginning and end of period/year	<u>18,172</u>	<u>18,172</u>
Other reserves earnings at beginning of period/year	721,185	488,247
Transfer from unappropriated results	179,622	232,938
Other reserves earnings at end of period/year	<u>900,807</u>	<u>721,185</u>
Unappropriate results at beginning of period/year	179,622	232,938
Profit for the period/year	91,901	179,622
Transfer to other reserves	(179,622)	(232,938)
Unappropriate results at end of period/year	<u>91,901</u>	<u>179,622</u>
Total shareholders' equity	<u><u>1,010,879</u></u>	<u><u>918,978</u></u>

9. Directors

The Company has one director (year ended 31 March 2016: one) who did not receive any remuneration during the period under review (remuneration year ended 31 March 2016: nil). The Company does not have any supervisory directors (year ended 31 March 2016: nil).

10. Staff numbers and employment costs

The Company has no other employees than its director (year ended 31 March 2016: nil). Hence it has not incurred any salary or related social security and pension costs during the period (year ended 31 March 2016: nil).

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Other information

Statutory arrangements in respect of profit distribution

Under Dutch Civil Law, no dividends can be declared until all losses have been recovered. Subject to this the profits are at the disposal of the shareholders.