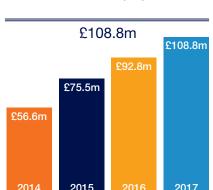
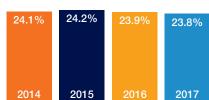
■ Financial review

We measure the development, performance and position of our business against a number of key indicators:



Revenue (£m)

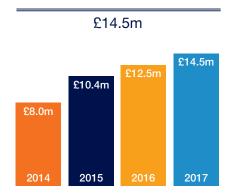
2014 2015 2016 2017 Total income from all revenue streams Strategy/objective Shareholder value and financial performance Gross profit margin 23.8%



Gross profit generated as a proportion of revenue

Strategy/objective Managing gross margins

Profit before tax

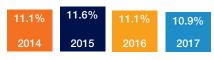


Profit before exceptional items and tax adjusted to add back non-recurring items (none in 2015)

Strategy/objective Shareholder value and financial performance

Overheads % of revenue

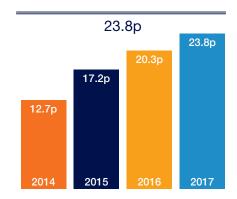
10.9%



Group's adjusted administrative expenses as a proportion of revenue

Strategy/objective Operating efficiency

Adjusted earnings per share



Total comprehensive income, attributable to equity holders of the Company, adjusted to add back non-recurring costs, divided by the number of ordinary shares. Based on 50.5m shares to allow comparison in 2014.

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Profit before tax margin

13.4%



Profit before exceptional gain and tax, adjusted to add back non-recurring items in 2014, as a proportion of revenue

Strategy/objective

Shareholder value and financial performance

Adviser numbers

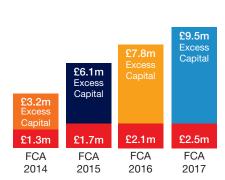


The average number of advisers in 2017 was 1,008 (2016: 888)

Strategy/objective Increasing the scale of operations

Capital adequacy (£m)

£12.0m

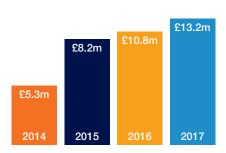


Excess capital requirements over amounts required by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

Strategy/objective Financial stability

Unrestricted cash balances

£13.2m



Bank balances available for use in operations

Strategy/objective Financial stability