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REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

March 05, 2014

Barclays PLC and
Barclays Bank PLC
(Names of Registrants)

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This Report is a joint Report on Form 6-K filed by Barclays PLC and Barclays
Bank PLC. All of the issued ordinary share capital of Barclays Bank PLC is
owned by Barclays PLC.

This Report comprises:

Information given to The London Stock Exchange and furnished pursuant to
General Instruction B to the General Instructions to Form 6-K.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Annual Financial Report - dated 05 March 2014

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each of the registrants has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BARCLAYS PLC
(Registrant)

Date: March 05, 2014

By: /s/ Patrick Gonsalves

Patrick Gonsalves
Deputy Secretary

BARCLAYS BANK PLC

Date: March 05, 2014

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5 March 2014

BARCLAYS PLC
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2013

UK LISTING AUTHORITY SUBMISSIONS

In compliance with Disclosure & Transparency Rule (DTR) 4.1, Barclays PLC announces that the following documents have today been submitted to the National Storage Mechanism and will shortly be available for inspection at: www.Hemscott.com/nsm.do

- Barclays PLC Annual Report 2013;
- Barclays PLC Strategic Report 2013; and
- Pillar III Report for 2013.

These documents may also be accessed via Barclays PLC's website at www.barclays.com/annualreport

The Barclays PLC Strategic Report 2013 (or the full Barclays PLC Annual Report 2013 for those shareholders who have requested it) will be posted to shareholders on 21 March 2014.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information is extracted from the Barclays PLC Annual Report 2013 (page references are to pages in the Annual Report) and should be read in conjunction with the Barclays PLC Full Year 2013 Results Announcement issued on 11 February 2014. Both documents can be found at www.barclays.com/annualreport and together constitute the material required by DTR 6.3.5 to be communicated to the media in unedited full text through a Regulatory Information Service. This material is not a substitute for reading the Barclays PLC Annual Report 2013 in full.

Risk factors

The following information describes the material risks which the Group believes could cause its future results of operations, financial condition and prospects to differ materially from current expectations. Certain of the risks described below also have the potential to adversely impact the Group's reputation and brand which could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects, including the ability to meet dividend expectations, ability to maintain appropriate levels of capital and meet capital and leverage ratio expectations, or achieve stated targets and other expected benefits.

Additional risks relating to the Group that are not currently known, or that are currently deemed immaterial, may individually or cumulatively also have a material adverse effect on our business, operations, financial condition and/or prospects.

Business conditions and the general economy

Weak or deteriorating economic conditions or political instability in the Group's main countries of operation could adversely affect the Group's trading performance

The Group offers a broad range of services to retail and institutional customers, including governments, and it has significant activities in a large number of countries. Consequently, the operations, financial condition and prospects of the Group, its individual business units and/ or specific countries of operation could be materially adversely impacted by weak or deteriorating economic conditions or political instability in one or a number of countries in any of the Group's main business areas (being the UK, the US, the Eurozone and South Africa) or any other globally significant economy through, for example: (i) deteriorating business, consumer or investor confidence leading to reduced levels of client activity and consequently a decline in revenues and/or higher costs; (ii) mark-to-market losses in trading portfolios resulting from changes in credit ratings, share prices and solvency of counterparties; and (iii) higher levels of impairment and default rates.

The global economy continues to face an environment characterised by low growth. However, governments and central banks in advanced economies have maintained highly accommodative policies that have helped to support demand at a time of very pronounced fiscal tightening and balance sheet repair. During the next few years, a combination of forecasts of and actual recovery in private sector demand and of a reduced pace of fiscal austerity in Europe and the United States is likely to result in a return by central banks towards more conventional monetary policies. While the pace of decreasing monetary support by central banks is expected to be calibrated to the anticipated recovery in demand, such actions could have a further adverse impact on volatility in the financial markets and on the performance of significant parts of the Group's business, which could, in each case, have an adverse effect on the Group's future results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Credit risk

The financial condition of the Group's customers, clients and counterparties, including governments and other financial institutions, could adversely affect the Group

The Group may suffer financial loss if any of its customers, clients or market counterparties fails to fulfil their contractual obligations to the Group. The Group may also suffer loss when the value of the Group's investment in the financial instruments of an entity falls as a result of that entity's credit rating being downgraded. In addition, the Group may incur significant unrealised gains or losses due solely to changes in the Group's credit spreads or those of third parties, as these changes may affect the fair value of the Group's derivative instruments, debt securities that the Group holds or issues, or any loans held at fair value.

Deteriorating economic conditions

The Group may continue to be adversely affected by the uncertainty around the global economy and the economies of certain areas where Barclays has operations, as well as areas which may have an impact on the global economy. The Group's performance is at risk from any deterioration in the economic environment which may result from a number of uncertainties, including most significantly the following factors:

i) Interest rate rises, including as a result of slowing of monetary stimulus, could impact on consumer debt affordability and corporate profitability

The possibility of a slowing of monetary stimulus by one or more governments has increased the uncertainty of the near term economic performance across our major markets as it may lead to significant movements in market rates. Higher interest rates could adversely impact the credit quality of the Group's customers and counterparties, which, coupled with a decline in collateral values, could lead to a reduction in recoverability and value of the Group's assets resulting in a requirement to increase the Group's level of impairment allowance. Any increase in impairment resulting from, for example, higher charge-offs to recovery in the retail book and write-offs could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

ii) Decline in residential prices in the UK, Western Europe and South Africa

With UK home loans representing the most significant portion of the Group's total loans and advances to the retail sector, Barclays has a large exposure to adverse developments in the UK property sector.

Despite a downward correction of 20% in 2009, UK house prices (primarily in London) continue to be far higher than the longer term average and house prices have continued to rise at a faster rate than income. Reduced affordability as a result of, for example, higher interest rates or increased unemployment could lead to higher impairment in the near term, in particular in the UK interest only portfolio.

The Spanish and Portuguese economies, in particular their housing and property sectors, remain under significant stress with falling property prices having led to higher LTV ratios and contributing to higher impairment charges. If these trends continue or worsen and/or if these developments occur in other European countries such as Italy: the Group may incur significant impairment charges in the future, which may materially adversely affect the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

The economy in South Africa remains challenging and the risk remains that any deterioration in the economic environment could adversely affect the Group's performance in home loans.

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iii) Political instability or economic uncertainty in markets in which Barclays operates

Political instability in less developed regions in which Barclays operates could weaken growth prospects that could lead to an adverse impact on customers' ability to service debt. For example, economic and political uncertainty in South Africa continues to dampen down investment into the country with lending growth rates persisting, particularly in unsecured lending. Furthermore, debt serviceability may be adversely impacted by a further interest rate rise early in 2014 as a result of a downgrade to South Africa's credit rating.

The referenda on Scottish independence in September 2014 and on UK membership of the European Union (expected before 2017) may affect the Group's risk profile through introducing potentially significant new uncertainties and instability in financial markets, both ahead of the respective dates for these referenda and, depending on the outcomes, after the event.

There remain concerns in the market about credit risk (including that of sovereign states) and the Eurozone crisis. The large sovereign debts and/or fiscal deficits of a number of Eurozone countries and the sustainability of austerity programmes that such countries have introduced have raised concerns among market participants regarding the financial condition of these countries as well as financial institutions, insurers and other corporates that are located in, or have direct or indirect exposures to, such Eurozone countries.

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(iv) Exit of one or more countries from the Eurozone

The Group is exposed to an escalation of the Eurozone crisis whereby a sovereign defaults and exits the Eurozone, in the following ways:

- The direct risk arising from the sovereign default of an existing country in which the Group has significant operations and the adverse impact on the economy of that exiting country and the credit standing of the Group's clients and counterparties in that country.
- The subsequent adverse impact on the economy of other Eurozone countries and the credit standing of the Group's clients and counterparties in such other Eurozone countries.
- Indirect risk arising from credit derivatives that reference Eurozone sovereign debt.
- Direct redenomination risk on the balance sheets of the Group's local operations in countries in the Eurozone should the value of the assets and liabilities be affected differently as a result of one or more countries reverting to a locally denominated currency.
- The introduction of capital controls or new currencies by any such existing countries.
- Significant effects on existing contractual relations and the fulfilment of obligations by the Group and/or its customers.

If some or all of these conditions arise, persist or worsen, as the case may be, they may have a material adverse effect on the Group's operations, financial condition and prospects. The current absence of a predetermined mechanism for a member state to exit the Euro means that it is not possible to predict the outcome of such an event or to accurately quantify the impact of such an event on the Group's operations, financial condition and prospects.

Specific sectors and geographies

The Group is subject to risks arising from changes in credit quality and recovery of loans and advances due from borrowers and counterparties in a specific portfolio or geography or from a large individual name. Any deterioration in credit quality could lead to lower recoverability and higher impairment in a specific sector, geography or in respect of specific large counterparties.

i) Exit Quadrant assets

The Investment Bank holds a large portfolio of Exit Quadrant assets, including commercial real estate and leveraged finance loans, which (i) remain illiquid; (ii) are valued based upon assumptions, judgements and estimates which may change over time; and (iii) which are subject to further deterioration and write downs.

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ii) Corporate Banking assets held at fair value

Corporate Banking holds a portfolio of longer term loans to the Education, Social Housing and Local Authority (ESHLA) sectors which are marked on a fair value basis. The value of these loans is therefore subject to market movements and may give rise to losses.

iii) Large single name losses

In addition, the Group has large individual exposures to single name counterparties. The default of obligations by such counterparties could have a significant impact on the carrying value of these assets. In addition, where such counterparty risk has been mitigated by taking collateral, credit risk may remain high if the collateral held cannot be realised or has to be liquidated at prices which are insufficient to recover the full amount of the loan or derivative exposure. Any such defaults could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Market risk

The Group's financial position may be adversely affected by changes in both the level and volatility of prices

Barclays is at risk from its earnings or capital being reduced due to: (i) changes in the level or volatility of positions in its trading books, primarily in the Investment Bank, including changes in interest rates, inflation rates, credit spreads, commodity prices, equity and bond prices and foreign exchange levels; (ii) the Group being unable to hedge its banking book balance sheet at prevailing market levels; and (iii) the risk of the Group's defined benefit pensions obligations increasing or the value of the assets backing these defined benefit pensions obligations decreasing due to changes in either the level or volatility of prices. These market risks could lead to significantly lower revenues, which could have an adverse impact on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Specific examples of scenarios where market risk could lead to significantly lower revenues and adversely affect the Group's operating results include:

i) Reduced client activity and decreased market liquidity

The Investment Bank's business model is focused on client intermediation. A significant reduction in client volumes or market liquidity could result in lower fees and commission income and a longer time period between executing a client trade, closing out a hedge, or exiting a position arising from that trade. Longer holding periods in times of higher volatility could lead to revenue volatility caused by price changes. Such conditions could have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

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ii) Uncertain interest rate environment

Interest rate volatility can impact the Group's net interest margin, which is the interest rate spread earned between lending and borrowing costs. The potential for future volatility and margin changes remains, and it is difficult to predict with any accuracy changes in absolute interest rate levels, yield curves and spreads. Rate changes, to the extent they are not neutralised by hedging programmes, may have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

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iii) Pension fund risk

Adverse movements between pension assets and liabilities for defined benefit pension schemes could contribute to a pension deficit. Inflation is a key risk to the pension fund and Barclays defined benefit pension net position has been adversely affected, and could be adversely affected again, by any increase in long term inflation assumptions. A decrease in the discount rate, which is derived from yields of corporate bonds with AA ratings and consequently includes exposure both to risk-free yields and credit spreads, may also impact pension valuations and may therefore have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

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Funding risk

The ability of the Group to achieve its business plans may be adversely impacted if it does not effectively manage its capital, liquidity and leverage ratios

Funding risk is the risk that the Group may not be able to achieve its business plans due to: being unable to maintain appropriate capital ratios (Capital risk); being unable to meet its obligations as they fall due (Liquidity risk); adverse changes in interest rate curves impacting structural hedges of non-interest bearing assets/liabilities or foreign exchange rates on capital ratios (Structural risk).

i) Maintaining capital strength in increasingly challenging environment

Should the Group be unable to maintain or achieve appropriate capital ratios this could lead to: an inability to support business activity; a failure to meet regulatory requirements; changes to credit ratings, which could also result in increased costs or reduced capacity to raise funding; and/or the need to take additional measures to strengthen the Group's capital or leverage position. Basel III and CRD IV have increased the amount and quality of capital that Barclays is required to hold. CRD IV requirements adopted in the United Kingdom may change, whether as a result of further changes to CRD IV agreed by EU legislators, binding regulatory technical standards being developed by the European Banking Authority or changes to the way in which the PRA interprets and applies these requirements to UK banks (including as regards individual model approvals granted under CRD II and III). Such changes, either individually and/or in aggregate, may lead to further unexpected enhanced requirements in relation to the Group's CRD IV capital.

Additional capital requirements will also arise from other proposals, including the recommendations of the UK Independent Commission on Banking, the Liikanen Review and section 165 of the Dodd-Frank Act. It is not currently possible to predict with accuracy the detail of secondary legislation or regulatory rulemaking expected under any of these proposals, and therefore the likely consequences to the Group. However, it is likely that these changes in law and regulation would require changes to the legal entity structure of the Group and how its businesses are capitalised and funded and/or are able to continue to operate and as such could have an adverse impact on the operations, financial condition and prospects of the Group. Any such increased capital requirements or changes to what is defined to constitute capital may also constrain the Group's planned activities, lead to forced asset sales and/or balance sheet reductions and could increase costs, impact on the Group's earnings and restrict Barclays' ability to pay dividends. Moreover, during periods of market dislocation, or when there is significant competition for the type of funding that the Group needs, increasing the Group's capital resources in order to meet targets may prove more difficult and/or costly.

ii) Changes in funding availability and costs

Should the Group fail to manage its liquidity and funding risk sufficiently, this may result in: an inability to support normal business activity; and/or a failure to meet liquidity regulatory requirements; and/ or changes to credit ratings. Any material adverse change in market liquidity (such as that experienced in 2008), or the availability and cost of customer deposits and/or wholesale funding, in each case whether due to factors specific to Barclays (such as due to a downgrade in Barclays' credit rating) or to the market generally, could adversely impact the Group's ability to maintain the levels of liquidity required to meet regulatory requirements and sustain normal business activity. In addition, there is a risk that the Group could face sudden, unexpected and large net cash outflows, for example from customer deposit withdrawals, or unanticipated levels of loan drawdowns under committed facilities, which could result in (i) forced reductions in Barclays' balance sheet; (ii) Barclays being unable to fulfil its lending obligations; and (iii) a failure to meet the Group's liquidity regulatory requirements. During periods of market dislocation, the Group's ability to manage liquidity requirements may be impacted by a reduction in the availability of wholesale term funding as well as an increase in the cost of raising wholesale funds. Asset sales, balance sheet reductions and increased costs of raising funding could all adversely impact the results of operations, financial condition and prospects of the Group.

iii) Changes in foreign exchange and interest rates

The Group has capital resources and risk weighted assets denominated in foreign currencies; changes in foreign exchange rates result in changes in the Sterling equivalent value of foreign currency denominated capital resources and risk weighted assets. As a result, the Group's regulatory capital ratios are sensitive to foreign currency movements. The Group also has exposure to non-traded interest rate risk, arising from the provision of retail and wholesale (non-traded) banking products and services. This includes current accounts and equity balances which do not have a defined maturity date and an interest rate that does not change in line with base rate changes. Failure to appropriately manage the Group's balance sheet to take account of these risks could result in: (i) in the case of foreign exchange risk, an adverse impact on regulatory capital ratios; and (ii) in the case of non-traded interest rate risk, an adverse impact on income. Structural risk is difficult to predict with any accuracy and may have a material adverse effect on the Group's results of operations, financial condition and prospects.

Operational risk

The operational risk profile of the Group may change as a result of human factors, inadequate or failed internal processes and systems, and external events

Barclays is exposed to many types of operational risk, including fraudulent and other criminal activities (both internal and external), the risk of breakdowns in processes, controls or procedures (or their inadequacy relative to the size and scope of Barclays' business) and systems failure or non-availability. Barclays is also subject to the risk of disruption of its business arising from events that are wholly or partially beyond its control (for example natural disasters, acts of terrorism, epidemics and transport or utility failures) which may give rise to losses or reductions in service to customers and/or economic loss to Barclays. The operational risks that the Group is exposed to could change rapidly and there is no guarantee that the Group's processes, controls, procedures and systems are sufficient to address, or could adapt promptly to, such changing risks. All of these risks are also applicable where Barclays relies on outside suppliers or vendors to provide services to it and its customers.

i) Infrastructure and technology resilience

The Group's technological infrastructure is critical to the operation of the Group's businesses and delivery of products and services to customers and clients. Any disruption in a customer's access to their account information or delays in making payments will have a significant impact on the Group's reputation and may also lead to potentially large costs to both rectify the issue and reimburse losses incurred by customers. Technological efficiency and automation is also important to the control environment and improvement is an area of focus for Barclays (for example, via updating of legacy systems, and introducing additional security, access management and segregation of duty controls).

ii) Ability to hire and retain appropriately qualified employees

The Group is largely dependent on highly skilled and qualified individuals. Therefore, the Group's continued ability to manage and grow its business, to compete effectively and to respond to an increasingly complex regulatory environment is dependent on attracting new talented and diverse employees and retaining appropriately qualified employees. In particular, as a result of the work repositioning compensation while ensuring Barclays remains competitive and as the global economic recovery continues, there is a risk that some employees may decide to leave Barclays. This may be particularly evident amongst those employees due to be impacted by the introduction of role based pay and bonus caps in response to new legislation and employees with skill sets that are currently in high demand.

Failure by Barclays to prevent the departure of appropriately qualified employees, to retain qualified staff who are dedicated to oversee and manage current and future regulatory standards and expectations, or to quickly and effectively replace such employees, could negatively impact the Group's results of operations, financial condition, prospects and level of employee engagement.

iii) Cyber-security

The threat to the security of the Group's information held on customers from cyber-attacks is pertinent and continues to grow at pace. Activists, rogue states and cyber criminals are among those targeting computer systems. Risks to technology and cyber-security change rapidly and require continued focus and investment. Given the increasing sophistication and scope of potential cyber-attack, it is possible that future attacks may lead to significant breaches of security. Failure to adequately manage cyber-security risk and continually review and update current processes in response to new threats could adversely affect the Group's reputation, operations, financial condition and prospects.

iv) Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires the use of estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying relevant accounting policies. The key areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions are significant to the consolidated and individual financial statements, include credit impairment charges for amortised cost assets, impairment and valuation of available-for-sale investments, calculation of income and deferred tax, fair value of financial instruments, valuation of goodwill and intangible assets, valuation of provisions and accounting for pensions and post-retirement benefits. There is a risk that if the judgement exercised or the estimates or assumptions used subsequently turn out to be incorrect then this could result in significant loss to the Group, beyond that anticipated or provided for, which could have an adverse impact on the Group's operations, financial results and condition.

In accordance with IAS 37 'Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets, where provisions have already been taken in published financial statements or results announcements for on-going legal or regulatory matters, including in relation payment protection insurance (PPI), interest rate hedging products, and litigation relating to Devonshire Trust, these have been recognised as the best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation as at the reporting date. Such estimates are inherently uncertain and it is possible that the eventual outcomes may differ materially from current estimates, resulting in future increases to the required provisions (as has, for example, been the case in relation to the provisions that the Group has made in relation to PPI redress payments), or actual losses that exceed the provisions taken.

In addition, provisions have not been taken where no obligation (as defined in IAS 37) has been established, whether associated with a known or potential future litigation or regulatory matter. Accordingly, an adverse decision in any such matters could result in significant losses to the Group which have not been provided for. Such losses would have an adverse impact on the Group's operations, financial results and condition and prospects.

Observable market prices are not available for many of the financial assets and liabilities that the Group holds at fair value and a variety of techniques to estimate the fair value are used. Should the valuation of such financial assets or liabilities become observable, for example as a result of sales or trading in comparable assets or liabilities by third parties, this could result in a materially different valuation to the current carrying value in the Group's financial statements.

The further development of standards and interpretations under IFRS could also significantly impact the financial results, condition and prospects of the Group. For example, the introduction of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments is likely to have a material impact on the measurement and impairment of financial instruments held.

v) Risks arising from legal, competition and regulatory matters

The Group operates in highly regulated industries, and the Group's businesses and results may be significantly affected by the laws and regulations applicable to it and by proceedings involving the Group

As a global financial services firm, the Group is subject to extensive and comprehensive regulation under the laws of the various jurisdictions in which it does business. These laws and regulations significantly affect the way that the Group does business, can restrict the scope of its existing businesses and limit its ability to expand its product offerings or to pursue acquisitions, or can result in an increase in operating costs for the business and/or make its products and services more expensive for clients and customers. There has also been an increased focus on regulation and procedures for the protection of customers and clients of financial services firms. This has resulted, moreover, in

increased willingness on the part of regulators to investigate past practices, vigorously pursue alleged violations and impose heavy penalties on financial services firms.

The Group is exposed to many forms of risk relating to legal, competition and regulatory proceedings, including that: (i) business may not be, or may not have been, conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations in the relevant jurisdictions around the world and financial and other penalties may result; (ii) contractual obligations may either not be enforceable as intended or may be enforced in a way adverse to the Group; (iii) intellectual property may not be protected as intended and the Group may use intellectual property which infringes, or is alleged to infringe, the rights of third parties; and (iv) liability may be incurred to third parties harmed by the conduct of the Group's business.

Risks arising from material legal, competition and regulatory matters

The Group, in common with other global financial services firms, has in recent years faced a risk of increased levels of legal proceedings in jurisdictions in which it does business. This is particularly true in the US where the Group is facing and may in the future face legal proceedings relating to its business activities, including in the form of class actions.

The Group also faces existing regulatory and other investigations in various jurisdictions as well as the risk of potential future regulatory and other investigations or proceedings and/or further private actions and/or class actions being brought by third parties.

Material legal, competition and regulatory matters to which the Group is currently exposed are detailed in Note 30 to the financial statements and include:

- Lehman Brothers civil action;
- Civil actions in respect of certain series of preference shares issued in the form of American Depositary Shares;
- Mortgage related activity and litigation;
- Devonshire Trust civil action;
- London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR) and other benchmarks civil actions; civil actions in respect of foreign exchange trading; and investigations into LIBOR, ISDAfix and other benchmarks and foreign exchange rates;
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - matters relating to the Group's power trading in the western US;
- BDC Finance LLC civil action;
- Interchange investigations;
- Interest rate hedging products redress;
- Credit default swap antitrust investigations;
- Swiss/US tax programme; and
- Investigations into certain agreements, including two advisory services agreements entered into by BBPLC and Qatar Holding LLC in 2008.

The outcome of each of these legal, competition and regulatory matters (and any future matters) is difficult to predict. However, it is likely that the Group will incur significant expense in connection with some or all of these matters, regardless of the ultimate outcome, and one or more of them could expose the Group to any of the following: substantial monetary damages and/or fines; other penalties and injunctive relief; additional civil or private litigation; criminal prosecution in certain circumstances; the loss of any existing agreed protection from prosecution; regulatory restrictions on the Group's business; increased regulatory compliance requirements; suspension of operations; public reprimands; loss of significant assets; and/or a negative effect on the Group's reputation.

Potential financial and reputational impacts of other legal, competition and regulatory matters or other proceedings

The Group is engaged in various other legal, competition and regulatory matters both in the UK and a number of overseas jurisdictions. It is subject to legal proceedings by and against the Group which arise in the ordinary course of business from time to time, including (but not limited to) disputes in relation to contracts, securities, debt collection, consumer credit, fraud, trusts, client assets, competition, data protection, money laundering, employment, environmental and other statutory and common law issues. The Group is also subject to enquiries and examinations, requests for information, audits, investigations and legal and other proceedings by regulators, governmental and other public bodies in connection with (but not limited to) consumer protection measures, compliance with legislation and regulation, wholesale trading activity and other areas of banking and business activities in which the Group is or has been engaged.

In addition to the specific matters set out above, there may be other legal, competition and regulatory matters currently not known to the Group or in respect of which it is currently not possible to ascertain whether there could be a material adverse effect on the Group's position. In light of the uncertainties involved in legal, competition and regulatory matters, there can be no assurance that the outcome of a particular matter or matters will not be material to the Group's results of operations for a particular period, depending on, among other things, the amount of the loss resulting from the matter(s) and the amount of income otherwise reported for the reporting period. Non-compliance by the Group with applicable laws, regulations and codes of conduct relevant to its businesses in all jurisdictions in which it operates, whether due to inadequate controls or otherwise, could expose the Group, now or in the future, to any of the consequences set out above as well as withdrawal of authorisations to operate particular businesses.

Non-compliance may also lead to costs relating to investigations and remediation of affected customers. The latter may, in some circumstances, exceed the direct costs of regulatory enforcement actions. In addition, reputational damage may lead to a reduction in franchise value.

There is also a risk that the outcome of any legal, competition or regulatory matters, investigations or proceedings to which the Group is subject and/or a party could (whether current or future, specified in this risk factor or not) may give rise to changes in law or regulation as part of a wider response by relevant law makers and regulators. An adverse decision in any one matter, either against the Group or another financial institution facing similar claims, could lead to further claims against the Group.

Any of these risks, should they materialise, could have an adverse impact on the Group's operations, financial results and condition and prospects.

vi) Regulatory risk

Regulatory risks: the financial services industry continues to be the focus of significant regulatory change and scrutiny which may adversely affect the Group's business, financial performance capital and risk management strategies

Regulatory risk arises from a failure or inability to comply fully with the laws, regulations or codes applicable specifically to the financial services industry which are currently subject to significant changes.

Non-compliance could lead to fines, public reprimands, damage to reputation, increased prudential requirements, changes to Group structure and/or strategy, enforced suspension of operations or, in extreme cases, withdrawal of authorisations to operate. Noncompliance may also lead to costs relating to investigations and remediation of affected customers. The latter may exceed the direct costs of regulatory enforcement actions. In addition, reputational damage may lead to a reduction in franchise value.

Regulatory change

The Group, in common with much of the financial services industry, continues to be subject to significant levels of regulatory change and increasing scrutiny in many of the countries in which it operates (including, in particular, the UK and the US and in light of its significant investment banking operations). This has led to a more intensive approach to supervision and oversight, increased expectations and enhanced requirements, including with regard to: (i) capital, liquidity and leverage requirements (for example arising from Basel III and CRDIV); (ii) structural reform and recovery and resolution planning; and (iii) market infrastructure reforms such as the clearing of over-the-counter derivatives. As a result, regulatory risk will continue to be a focus of senior management attention and consume significant levels of business resources. Furthermore, this more intensive approach and the enhanced requirements, uncertainty and extent of international regulatory coordination as enhanced supervisory standards are developed and implemented may adversely affect the Group's business, capital and risk management strategies and/or may result in the Group deciding to modify its legal entity structure, capital and funding structures and business mix or to exit certain business activities altogether or to determine not to expand in areas despite their otherwise attractive potential.

For further information see Regulatory Developments in the section on Supervision and Regulation.

Implementation of Basel III/CRD IV and additional PRA supervisory expectations

CRD IV introduces significant changes in the prudential regulatory regime applicable to banks including: increased minimum capital ratios; changes to the definition of capital and the calculation of risk weighted assets; and the introduction of new measures relating to leverage, liquidity and funding. CRD IV entered into force in the UK and other EU member states on 1 January 2014. CRD IV permits a transitional period for certain of the enhanced capital requirements and certain other measures, such as the CRD IV leverage ratio, which are not expected to be finally implemented until 2018. Notwithstanding this, the PRA's supervisory expectation is for Barclays to meet certain capital and leverage ratio targets within certain prescribed timeframes. Barclays met the PRA's expectation to have an adjusted fully loaded CET 1 ratio of 7% by 31 December 2013 and will be expected to meet a PRA Leverage Ratio of 3% by 30 June 2014.

There is a risk that CRD IV requirements adopted in the UK may change, whether as a result of further changes to global standards, EU legislation, including the CRD IV text and/or via binding regulatory technical standards being developed by the European Banking Authority or changes to the way in which the PRA interprets and applies these requirements to UK banks, including as regards individual models approvals granted under CRD II and III. For example, further guidelines published by the Basel Committee in January 2014 regarding the calculation of the leverage ratio are expected to be incorporated into EU and UK law during 2014.

In addition the Financial Policy Committee of the Bank of England has legal powers, where this is required to protect financial stability, to make recommendations about the application of prudential requirements, and has, or may be given, other powers including powers to direct the PRA and FCA to adjust capital requirements through sectoral capital requirements (SCR). Directions would apply to all UK banks and building societies, rather than to the Group specifically.

Such changes, either individually or in aggregate, may lead to unexpected enhanced requirements in relation to the Group's capital, leverage, liquidity and funding ratios or alter the way such ratios are calculated. This may result in a need for further management actions to meet the changed requirements, such as: increasing capital, reducing leverage

and risk weighted assets, modifying legal entity structure (including with regard to issuance and deployment of capital and funding for the Group) and changing Barclays' business mix or exiting other businesses and/or undertaking other actions to strengthen Barclays position.

Structural reform

A number of jurisdictions have enacted or are considering legislation and rule making that could have a significant impact on the structure, business risk and management of the Group and of the financial services industry more generally. Key developments that are relevant to Barclays include:

- The UK Financial Services (Banking Reform) Act 2013, gives UK authorities the power to implement key recommendations of the Independent Commission on Banking, including: (i) the separation of the UK and EEA retail ban