

The Directors present their report, together with the Group Financial Statements, for the year ended 31 May 2025. The Directors' Report comprises pages 110-112 of this report, together with the sections of the Annual Report incorporated by reference as located below:

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Section 414A of the Companies Act 2006 requires the Directors to present a Strategic Report in the Annual Report and Financial Statements. The information can be found on pages 2-48.

The Company has chosen, in accordance with Section 414C (11) of the Companies Act 2006 and as noted in this Directors' Report, to include certain matters in its Strategic Report that would otherwise be disclosed in this Directors' Report, including the Non-Financial Information Statement required by Section 414C of the CA2006, which can be found on page 30.

In line with the Investment Firms Prudential Regime (IFPR) and the Capital Requirements (Country-by-Country Reporting) Regulations 2013, requiring credit institutions and investment firms to publish annually certain tax and financial data for each country where they operate, the Group's UK-regulated subsidiaries will make available their country-by-country reporting on our website.

Disclosures required pursuant to Listing Rule 6.6.1R

In compliance with the UK FCA's Listing Rules, the information in Listing Rule 6.6.1R to be included in the Annual Report and Accounts, where applicable, can be found on the following pages:

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Modern slavery

In compliance with Section 4 (l) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, we have published our slavery and human trafficking statement on our website.

Branch offices

As at 31 May 2025, we had the following overseas branches within the meaning of the CA2006: offices in Australia, France, Hungary, Italy, New Zealand, Poland, South Africa, Spain and Sweden.

Corporate Governance Statement

In compliance with the UK FCA's Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules (DTR) 7.2.1, the disclosures required by the DTR are set out in this Directors' Report and in the Governance Report.

Profit and dividends

The Group's statutory profit for the year after taxation amounted to £380.4 million (FY24: £307.7 million), all of which is attributable to the equity members of the Company.

The Directors recommend a final ordinary dividend of 33.34 pence per share, making a total of 47.2 pence per share for the year (FY24: 46.2 pence per share). Dividends are recognised in the Financial Statements for the year in which they are paid or, in the case of a final dividend, when approved by the shareholders. The amount recognised in the Financial Statements, as described in note 11, includes this financial year's interim dividend and the final dividend from the previous year, both of which were paid.

The final ordinary dividend, if approved, will be paid on 16 October 2025 to those shareholders on the register as at 19 September 2025.

Certain nominee companies representing our Employee Benefit Trusts hold shares in the Company, in connection with the operation of the Company's share plans. Dividend waivers remain in place on shares held by them that have not been allocated to employees.

Articles of Association

The Company's Articles of Association are available on our website, or by writing to the Group Company Secretary at the Group's registered office. The Articles of Association were last amended by shareholders by means of a special resolution on 29 May 2025.

Board of Directors and their interests

The Directors who held office during FY25 are set out below:

Chair

Mike McTighe

Independent Non-Executive Directors

Jonathan Moulds

Rakesh Bhasin

Andrew Didham

Wu Gang

Sally-Ann Hibberd

Susan Skerritt

Helen Stevenson

Marieke Flament (appointed 4 July 2024)

Malcolm Le May (resigned 18 September 2024)

Executive Directors

Breon Corcoran

Clifford Abrahams (appointed 16 December 2024)

Charlie Rozes (resigned 31 July 2024)

Appointment and retirement of Directors

The rules concerning the appointment and replacement of Directors are set out in the Articles of Association. The Board has the power to appoint any person as a Director to fill a casual vacancy or as an additional Director, provided the total number of Directors does not exceed the maximum prescribed in the Articles of Association. Any such Director holds office only until the next AGM and is then eligible to offer themselves for election.

The Articles of Association also require that all those Directors who have been in office at the time of the two previous AGMs, and who did not retire at either of them, must retire as Directors by rotation. Such Directors are eligible to stand for re-election. In line with the Code's recommendation, all Directors who were re-elected at the 2024 AGM will stand for re-election at the 2025 AGM. Clifford Abrahams (appointed 16 December 2024) will stand for election.

Directors' conflicts of interest

In accordance with the CA2006, all Directors must disclose both the nature and extent of any potential, actual or perceived conflicts with the interests of the Company. We explain the procedure for this on page 51.

Insurance and indemnities

The Group has Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in place, providing appropriate cover for any legal action brought against its Directors. Qualifying third-party indemnity provisions (as defined by Section 234 of the CA2006) were in force during FY25 and a Deed of Indemnity with the Directors was put in place. These provisions remain in force for the benefit of the Directors, in relation to certain losses and liabilities which they may incur (or have incurred) to third parties while acting as Directors of the Company and remains in force as at the date of this report.

Research and development

In the ordinary course of business, we regularly develop new products and services.

Political donations

The Company made no political donations to political organisations or independent election candidates and incurred no political expenditure in the year (FY25: £nil).

Share capital

The Company has two classes of shares: ordinary shares and deferred redeemable shares. As at 31 May 2025, our issued shares comprised 361,557,868 ordinary shares of 0.005 pence each (representing 99.98% of the total issued share capital) and 65,000 deferred redeemable shares of 0.001 pence each (representing 0.02% of the total issued share capital). Of the ordinary shares issued, 13,025,260 shares were held in Treasury at 31 May 2025. Details of movement in our share capital and the number of shares in Treasury as at 31 May 2025 are given in note 24 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Each share carries the right to one vote at general meetings of the Company. No shareholder has any special rights of control over the Company's share capital and all issued shares are fully paid. Details of the Group's regulatory capital requirements are disclosed in the Business Performance Review.

Share buyback

During FY25, the Group repurchased 24,494,448 shares with an aggregate nominal value of £1,224.7 for total consideration of £235.6 million. Further details are provided in the Consolidated Financial Statements, note 24 on page 146.

Variation of rights

Subject to the provisions of applicable statutes, the rights attached to any class of shares may be varied, either with the consent in writing of the holders of at least three-quarters in nominal value of the issued shares of that class, or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of that class.

Restrictions on transfer of securities

There are no specific restrictions on the transfer of securities in the Company, other than as contained in the Articles of Association, this paragraph and certain laws or regulations, such as those related to insider trading, which may be imposed from time to time. The Directors and certain employees are required to obtain approval prior to dealing in the Company's securities. Certain parties who were previously shareholders in tastyrade are subject to contractual restrictions on transfer in accordance with the terms of the sale arrangements. We are not aware of any agreements between holders of securities that may result in restrictions on the transfer of securities or on voting rights.

Exercise of rights of shares in employee share schemes

The trustees of the IG Group Employee Benefit Trusts do not seek to exercise voting rights on shares held in the employee

trusts, other than on the direction of the underlying beneficiaries. No voting rights are exercised in relation to shares unallocated to individual beneficiaries. The trustees have a dividend waiver in place in respect of unallocated shares held in the trust.

Powers of the Directors to issue or purchase the Company's shares

The Articles of Association permit the Directors to issue or repurchase the Company's own shares, subject to obtaining shareholders' prior approval. The shareholders gave this approval at the 2024 AGM. The authority to issue or buy back shares will expire at the 2025 AGM, and it will be proposed at the meeting that the Directors be granted new authorities to issue or buy back shares. The Directors currently have authority to purchase up to 36,934,031 of the Company's ordinary shares. 13,025,260 shares were purchased during the year and held in Treasury.

During the year, the Company instructed the trustees of the Employee Benefit Trusts to purchase shares in order to satisfy awards under our share-incentive plan schemes and also issued shares in respect of the Sustained Performance Plan. Details of the shares held by our Employee Benefit Trusts, and the amounts paid during the year, are disclosed in note 26 to the Financial Statements.

At the AGM held on 18 September 2024, the Company was granted authority to allot ordinary shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £6,094, being 33% of the total issued share capital at that date, amounting to 123,120,934 ordinary shares. In addition, the Company was granted authority to allot further ordinary shares in the Company up to an aggregate nominal amount of £1,846 pursuant to a rights issue, being 10% of the total issued share capital at that date, amounting to 37,309,374 ordinary shares. No ordinary shares were issued under these authorities during the year.

Major interest in shares

Information provided to the Company by major shareholders pursuant to the FCA and DTRs is published via a Regulatory Information Service and is available on our website. The information in the table below has been received in accordance with information made available to the Company and in accordance with DTR5, from holders of notifiable interests in the Company's issued share capital as at 31 May 2025. The lowest threshold is 3% of the Company's voting rights, and holders are not required to notify us of any change until this, or the next applicable threshold, is reached or crossed.

Major interest in shares	No. of shares	Percentage ¹
BlackRock, Inc.	19,820,667	5.36
Artemis Investment Management LLP	18,510,435	5.01
Massachusetts Financial Services	17,541,147	4.97
Janus Henderson Group plc	17,663,106	4.88
Standard Life Aberdeen	11,137,095	3.01

¹ The percentage is as at the date of notification.

Between the 31 May 2025 and the date of this Annual Report, the Company was informed of the following change to notifiable interests.

Major interest in shares	No. of shares	Percentage ²
Artemis Investment Management LLP	25,348,551	7.27%

² The percentage is as at the date of notification.

Change of control

Following any future change of control of the Company, participating lenders in the Group's bank facility agreements have the option to cancel their commitment. Upon such cancellation, any outstanding loans, including accrued interest and other amounts due to lenders, will become immediately due and payable. Further details may be found in note 19 to the Financial Statements.

There are no agreements between the Company and its Directors or employees providing for compensation on any loss of office or employment that occurs because of a takeover bid. However, options and awards granted to employees under our share schemes and plans may vest on a takeover, under the schemes' provisions.

AGM

The Company's AGM will be held on 17 September 2025. Details of the resolutions to be proposed will be provided in the AGM Notice.

Independent Auditors

Resolutions to reappoint PwC as the Company's External Auditor, and to authorise the Directors to determine PwC's remuneration, will be put to shareholders at the AGM on 17 September 2025.

Subsequent events

Please refer to note 35 to the Financial Statements.

On behalf of the Board



Clifford Abrahams
Chief Financial Officer
23 July 2025