

26. Interests in structured entities continued

(a) Interests arising from managing assets continued

Fee income includes £1,366.5 million (2022: £1,444.4 million) of fees from structured entities managed by the Group. The table below shows the carrying value of the Group's interests in structured entities as a result of its management of assets, where income is accrued over the period for which assets are managed before being invoiced. The carrying value represents the Group's maximum exposure to loss from these interests.

	2023 £m	2022 £m
Fee debtors from structured entities	33.5	35.4
Accrued income from structured entities	306.0	272.4
Total exposure due to investment management activities	339.5	307.8

(b) Interest arising from the Group's investment in unconsolidated structured entities

The table below shows the carrying values of the Group's proprietary investments in unconsolidated structured entities, which resulted in a net gain on financial instruments and other income of £43.9 million (2022: loss of £7.7 million). The carrying values represent the Group's maximum exposure to loss from these interests.

	2023 £m	2022 £m
Cash and cash equivalents	295.5	245.2
Financial assets	577.7	588.0
Total exposure due to the Group's investments	873.2	833.2

The Group's proprietary investments include interests in unconsolidated structured entities in the form of cash and cash equivalents and financial assets. Cash and cash equivalents comprise investments in money market funds, none of which are managed by the Group (2022: nil). Financial assets include seed and co-investment capital, legacy private equity investments and hedges of deferred cash awards. Of the financial assets, £561.7 million (2022: £582.0 million) is invested in funds managed by the Group. The Group has no interest apart from its role as investor in those funds for which it does not act as manager. The main risk the Group faces from its interests in unconsolidated structured entities arising from proprietary investments is that the investments will decrease in value. Note 18 includes further information on the Group's exposure to market risk arising from proprietary investments.

The Group has contractual commitments to co-invest alongside its clients and provide a minimum level of capital for certain private assets and alternative vehicles. The Group's investment call commitments are set out in note 22.

The statement of financial position also includes the Life Company assets of £10,008.1 million (2022: £10,054.1 million), which are included in AUM. The exposure to the risks and rewards associated with these assets is borne by unit-linked policyholders, or, where Life Company funds are consolidated, third-party investors in those funds.

Financial support for consolidated structured entities where there is no contractual obligation to do so

The Group supports some of its funds through the injection of seed capital in order to enable the funds to establish a track record before they are more widely marketed. During the year, the Group purchased units at a cost of £72.3 million (2022: £95.1 million) to provide seed capital to investment funds managed by the Group, of which £28.4 million (2022: £41.8 million) resulted in the consolidation of those funds and £43.9 million (2022: £53.3 million) did not.