

# IFRS 16:*Leases*

A more transparent balance sheet

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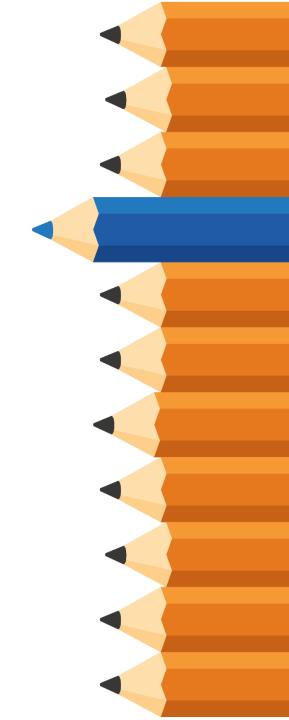


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# IFRS 16 – An Overview



# Quotable Quote

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. ~ John F Kennedy

# An Overview...

On 13 January 2016, the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") issued a new standard - IFRS 16: Leases, thereby realising its long-standing goal of ensuring that entities that engage in lease transactions present more transparent balance sheets by providing relevant information in a manner that faithfully represents the transactions.

IFRS 16 sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of lease transactions and replaces the following standards and interpretations:

- IAS 17 Leases
- IFRIC 4 Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease
- SIC-15 Operating Leases Incentives
- SIC-27 Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease

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# The \$3 trillion standard

"One of my great ambitions before I die is to fly in an aircraft that is on an airline's balance sheet..."

Sir David Tweedie (Former IASB Chairman) April 2008 "Listed companies are estimated to have US\$3.3 trillion of lease commitments, over 85% of which do not appear on their balance sheets..."

Hans Hoogervorst (IASB Chairman) January 2016

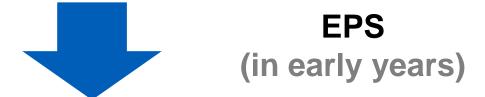
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# Why is this important?

- Most companies lease assets and there is a radical overhaul of lessee accounting.
- Under IFRS 16, both operating and finance leases will be on balance sheet.
- On/off-balance sheet test for leases will be based on whether the contract meets the definition of a lease.
- Significant changes in key reporting metrics.
- Stakeholders/investors will want to understand the impact on their businesses.

Increased judgement! Impact on financial ratios





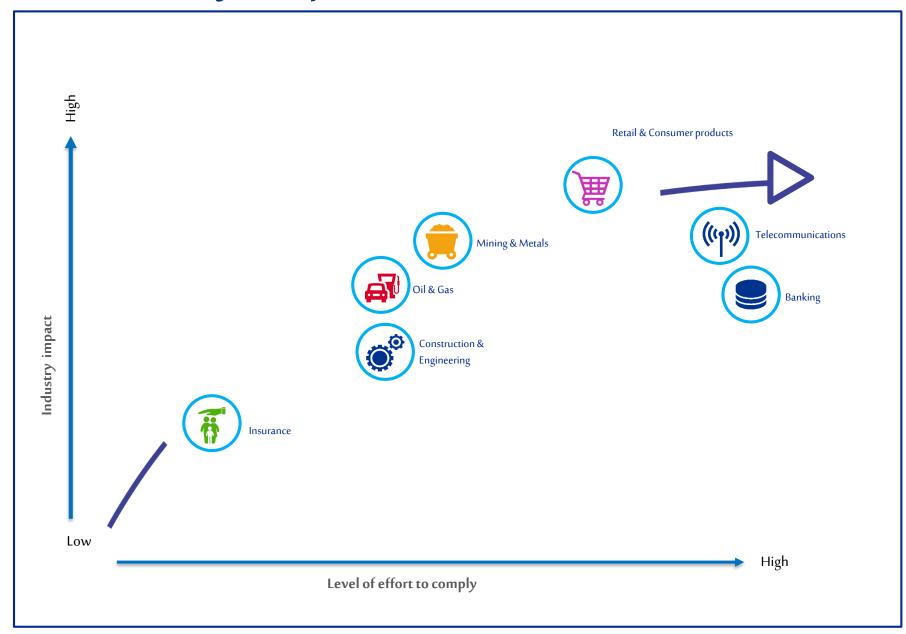
Net assets

Interest cover Asset turnover

# Industry specific issues

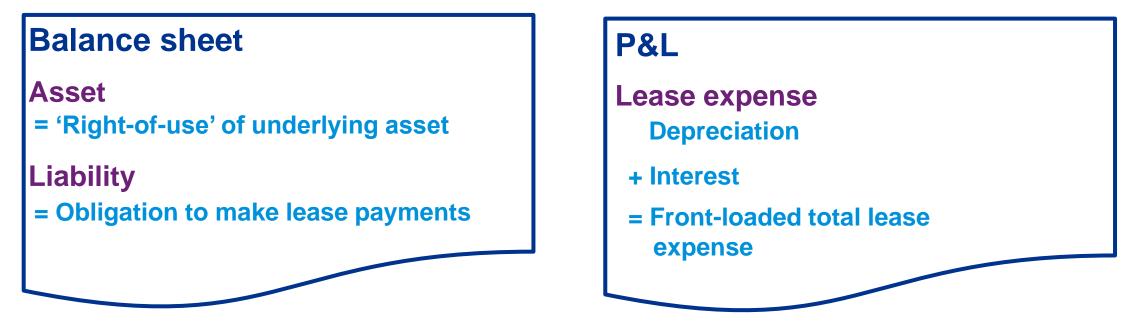


# Potential industry impact



# Lessees face major changes

#### Leases on balance sheet



Improved comparability between companies that lease and companies that borrow to buy assets.

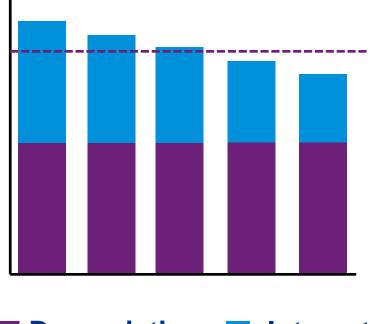
Impact on balance sheet over lease period

Companies with operating leases will appear to be more asset-rich, but also more heavily indebted



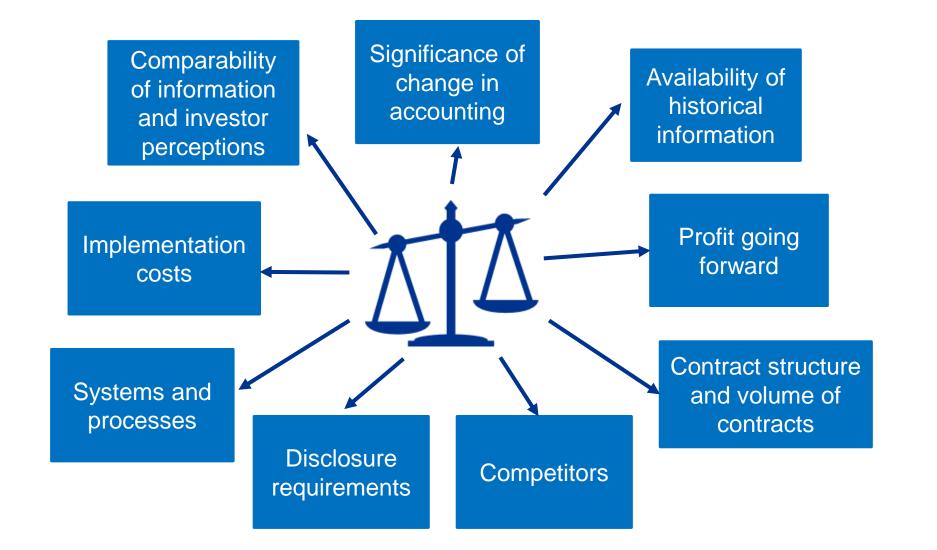
# Impact on profit/loss

Total lease expense will be front-loaded even when cash rentals are constant



Depreciation
 Interest
 Cash rental payments

# Additional factors to be considered by lessee



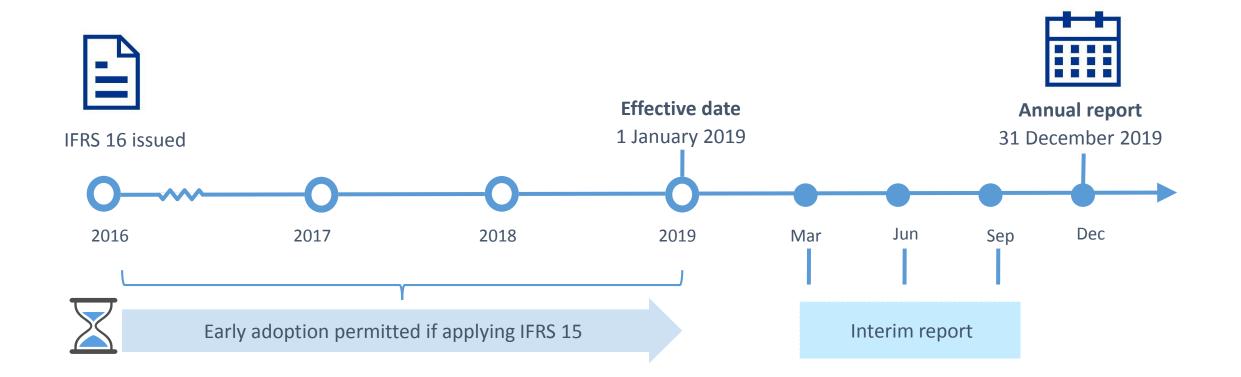
# Implementation considerations



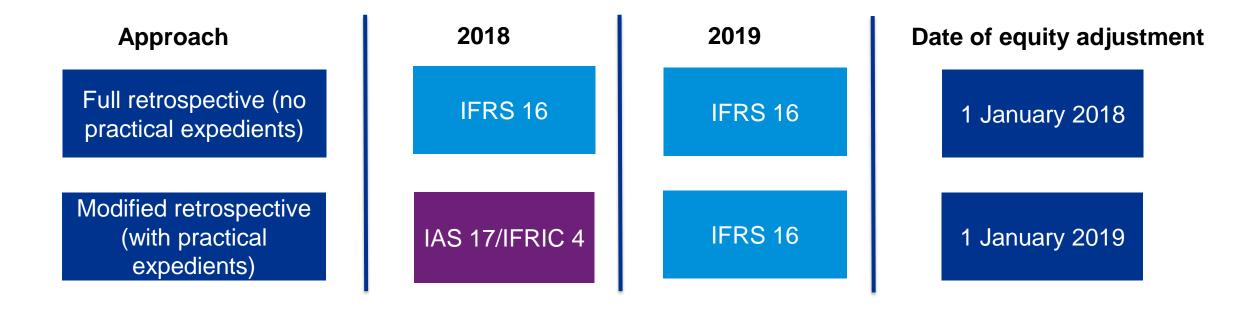
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- Multiple transition options are available.
- The choice of transition option impacts:
  - Opening balance sheet.
  - Income statements in subsequent years.
  - Information required.
  - Implementation costs.
- An early decision is key to a successful implementation project!!!

# Effective date



# **Transition options**



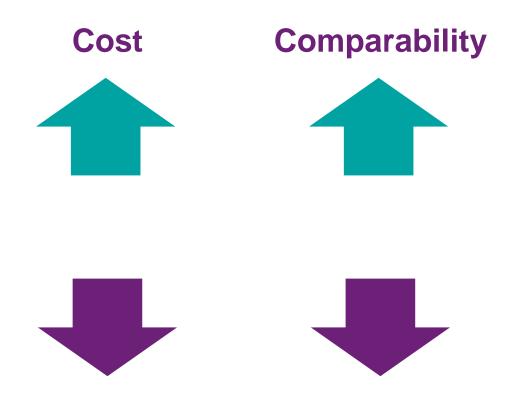
Full retrospective: parallel systems for 2018.Modified retrospective approach: additional disclosure.

# Applying the new standard

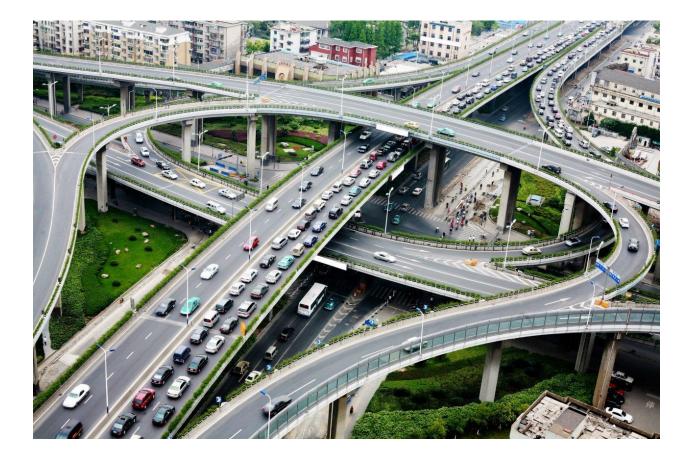
Apply the new definition to all contracts (Retrospectively to all accounting periods)

#### OR

Grandfather existing contracts and apply the new definition only to new contracts (Practical expedient)



# Implementation and transition



Preparing for an accounting change of this magnitude presents a considerable challenge.

Understanding how the new standard will affect your company is critical. All companies with significant leasing activities should review the new standard and begin thinking about the implications now.

Starting early is the best way to reduce the overall cost of implementation, avoid unwanted surprises and costly mistakes.

# **IFRS 16 implementation solutions**

#### Accounting, tax and reporting

- Perform readiness assessment.
- Accounting impact assessment on general business e.g. regulatory capital, debt covenants, etc.,
- Update of accounting policies and disclosures.
- Assess the tax impact.

#### Systems and processes

- IT systems, processes and controls.
- New processes for identifying contracts with leases.
- Historical data and gap analysis for existing
  lease contract.
  - <sup>•</sup> Lease procurement and negotiations.

#### People and change

- Build awareness of scale of change in lease contracts.
- Perform skills assessment, training development and execution.
- Technical IFRS 16 training sessions.
- Support or create project teams.

#### Business

- Communication of impact to stakeholders
- Evaluate business models and existing lease contracts.
- Key financial metrics
- Implementation cost and complexity.



# Discussion...



# Next steps...

### **Initial discussion points**

- Discuss initial thoughts on the expected impact of IFRS 16.
- Highlight non-accounting areas potentially affected.
- Start reviewing existing lease contracts and inform suppliers (i.e. lessors) of impact of IFRS 16.
- Planned communications with external stakeholders, where relevant.



# Key points to remember

- New leases standard will impact most companies.
- Assessing whether there is a lease can be very judgemental.
- There are optional exceptions for short-term leases and leases of low value items.
- IFRS 16 improves comparability between companies that lease and companies that borrow to buy assets.
- Multiple transition options are available.
- Process of assessing impact should start now.



# Discussion...



# Thank you!

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