

## MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN BRITISH AND AMERICAN BALANCE SHEETS

The balance sheet is one of the major financial statements. The balance sheet is a document which has two halves. One half shows a business's assets. The other half shows the company's liabilities and equity. They as a form of accountability has two options for compiling: British and American. In the British version of assets placed in order of increasing liquidity (table 1).

Table 1

### Balance sheet of the British Lotos Group

In million £	2016	2015
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Property, plant and equipment of the downstream segment	8261	7845
Intangible assets of the downstream segment	170	174
Property, plant and equipment of the upstream segment	2389	2723
Derivative financial instruments	21	8
Other non-current assets	1459	1687
<b>Total non-current assets</b>	12300	12437
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	3333	3235
Trade receivables	2251	1550
Other current assets	667	1088
Cash and cash equivalents	744	859
<b>Total current assets</b>	6995	6732
<b>Total assets</b>	19326	19169
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Trade payables	1718	1232
Current tax payables	49	13
Other liabilities and provisions	3504	4181
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	5271	5426
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		
Borrowings, other debt instruments and finance lease liabilities	3980	4454
Employee benefit obligations	168	182
Other liabilities and provisions	1295	1397
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	5443	6031
<b>Equity</b>		
Share capital	184	184
Share premium	2228	2228
Cash flow hedging reserve	(812)	(700)
Retained earnings	6945	5928
Translation reserve	65	72
<b>Total equity</b>	8610	7712
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	19326	19169

In the American version of assets are in decreasing order of liquidity (table 2).

Table 2

**Balance sheet of the American Ford Motor Company**

In million \$	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	14272	10757
Marketable securities	20904	20393
Finance receivables	90691	81111
Other receivables	11284	11708
Net investment in operating leases	27093	23217
Inventories	8319	7870
Equity in net assets of affiliated companies	3224	3357
Net property	30163	30126
Deferred income taxes	11509	14024
Other assets	7466	6052
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>224925</b>	<b>208615</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Payables	20272	20035
Other liabilities and deferred revenue	42546	44032
Automotive debt	12839	13824
Financial Services debt	120015	105347
Deferred income taxes	502	570
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>196184</b>	<b>183808</b>
Redeemable non-controlling interest	94	342
<b>Equity</b>		
Capital stock	41	40
Capital in excess of par value of stock	21421	21089
Retained earnings	14414	9422
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(6257)	(5265)
Treasury stock	(977)	(848)
<b>Total equity attributable to Ford Motor Company</b>	<b>28642</b>	<b>24438</b>
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	15	27
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>28657</b>	<b>24465</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>224925</b>	<b>208615</b>

Assets are divided into current assets, those which can be converted to cash in one year or less; and non-current or long-term assets, which cannot. Liabilities are divided into current and long-term.

British balance sheet is provides more information on assets, liabilities and capital than the American balance, but if you compare this two balance in 2015 year, the American company is brings more profit.

### References

1. Official website Lotos Group. - <http://inwestor.lotos.pl>.
2. Official website Ford Motor Company. - <http://corporate.ford.com>.