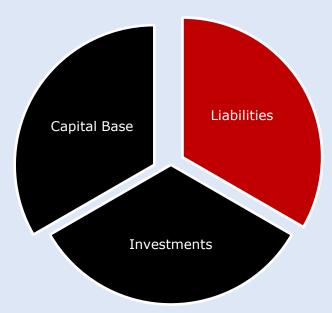
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**Gearing Ratio** 





The **gearing ratio** is the ratio of the company's liabilities, when the cash account is overdrawn, to its assets, and indicates the **debt burden** of the company.

- 0 indicates no liabilities (debt)
- 1 indicates serious debt problems



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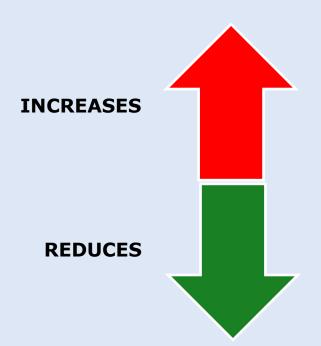
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Per	Status	Year/qtr	Start period	% change	End period	Start period	% change	End period	Start period	% change	End period	Gearing ratio	Start period	% change	End period
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In the example shown, at the end of period 6, the gearing ratio is the :-

Absolute value of the Cash Account / (Capital Base + Investments) 282,624 / (4,796,866 + 666,866) = 0.052

How does the gearing ratio affect the company?





The company will be viewed as being vulnerable to both interest rate rises, and its ability to service its debts from its future profit flows. Consequently, this will have a **depressing affect on the company share price**.

Conversely, if the gearing ratio decreases then the company will be viewed as being more financially sound, and the **company share price will increase**.



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- During period 5 the increasing gearing ratio had a negative affect on the company share price, reducing it
- During periods 6,7 and 8 the falling gearing ratio had a positive affect on the company share price, increasing it

#### **KEY POINTS**

Whilst the company is growing a **certain level of gearing is usually necessary** to make full use of the cash account overdraft to expand the capital base and diversify through investments.