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Annual Report 31 December 2019

# Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

#### **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2019.

#### Principal activity and business review

The company did not trade during the year or the preceding year and therefore no profit and loss account or statement of comprehensive income is presented.

#### **Directors**

The directors during the year were as follows:

J.K.N. Freeman P.J. Hambidge

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of its profit or loss for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Insofar as the directors are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

P.J. HAMBIDGE Secretary

12 February 2020

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# Independent auditor's report to the shareholders of Melbourne Hart & Company Limited

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Melbourne Hart & Company Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the statement of financial position, and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate, or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may
  cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of
  accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are
  authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies
  regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from
  the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free form material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs(UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Councils website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Benjamin Courts, Senior Statutory Auditor
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory Auditor

Date: 13 February 2020

London, UK

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

# Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2019

# Statement of financial position

Investments	Notes 2	2019 £	2018 £
Current assets			
Debtors	3	25,772	25,772
		25,777	25,777
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	4	2,000 23,777	2,000 23,777
		25,777	25,777

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 12 February 2020 and signed on its behalf by:

P.J. HAMBIDGE Director

K.N. FREEMAN

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

Company Number: 00289643

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#### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### a) Statement of compliance

The company is a private United Kingdom company limited by shares. It is both incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales (registered number 00289643). The address of its registered office is 16–19 Hurlingham Business Park, Sulivan Road, London, SW6 3DU.

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

#### b) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in Pounds Sterling (GBP), which is the functional currency of the entity.

#### c) Financial instruments

Financial assets such as debtors are measured at the present value of the amounts receivable, less an allowance for the expected level of doubtful receivables.

#### 2. Investments

The company has one wholly owned subsidiary, The English Import Company Limited, which is dormant and registered in England.

#### 3. Debtors

2	019 £	2018
	~	£
Amount due from parent undertaking 25,	772	25,772
The amount due from the parent undertaking is repayable on demand.		
4. Share capital 2	019 £	2018 £
Authorised shares of £1 each	000	10,000
Issued and fully paid:		
2,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	000	2,000

#### 5. Controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Joseph Samuel & Son Limited and its ultimate parent undertaking is Hunters & Frankau Group Limited, both of which are incorporated and registered in England. The company's financial statements are consolidated in those of Hunters & Frankau Limited and its ultimate parent. Copies of the financial statements for all undertakings can be obtained from Companies House in the UK.

In the opinion of the board, the ultimate controlling party is the Nicholas Freeman Business Trust, constituted under English Law.