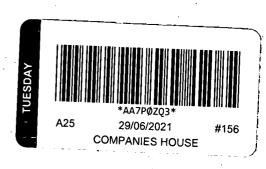
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# LILLYWHITES LIMITED ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020



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#### STRATEGIC REPORT

#### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

The directors present the strategic report for the period ended 26 April 2020.

#### Fair review of the business

The company's results for the period have been impacted by the temporary closure of retail stores as a result of Covid-19, in addition to the continued customer shift from bricks and mortar to online. This has impacted turnover of the company and the results are below expectations as a result. Given the future uncertainty around potential further lockdowns and the lasting impact of the global pandemic, a significant property provision of £29,456k has been recognised which affects the current year result.

#### Key performance indicators

The directors consider revenue and gross profit margin to be the key performance indicators for the company.

The company's revenue decreased by 15% from £20,553k to £17,471k due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and temporary closure of the store in the period.

Gross margin in the company increased from 38.5% to 39.2% in the period due to an improved product mix.

The company's net assets decreased from £48,389k to £20,783k due to the loss for the period driven by the property provision of £29,456k.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

#### Liquidity and cash flow risk

Funding and liquidity for the Company's operations are provided from the group's cash reserves through group bank loans, overdrafts and shareholders' funds.

The Company's objective is to maintain sufficient funding and liquidity for its requirements, but the availability of adequate cash resources from bank facilities and achieving continuity of funding in the current financial climate could be a risk to the Company in future years.

Relationships with suppliers could break down if we are unable to pay them in line with our obligations.

#### Credit risk

The Company's key suppliers also face credit risks and as such the Company regularly assesses the viability of its suppliers and ensures there are plans to source from alternative businesses should key suppliers fail. Rigorous procedures are in place to mitigate this credit risk. The Company has a credit policy in place and the exposure to risk is monitored on an on-going basis. Investment of cash surplus, borrowings and derivative investments are made through banks and companies which have credit ratings and investment criteria approved by the Board. The Company, as part of the wider Frasers group, refinanced its main credit facility in November 2017 and as part of the group is operating comfortably within it. The credit facility is available until November 2022.

#### **Future developments**

The directors continue to focus on the development of the online platform and the performance of the current store. Gross margin improvements will be driven by joint initiatives with other Frasers Group companies.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### Coronavirus

The future levels of risk presented by COVID-19 and its impacts on the global economy, our business and the sector in which we operate are uncertain. Our business continuity and crisis management plans have been mobilised successfully across our Group from the outset and our executive and senior management teams continue to manage the ongoing impacts on our business as a principal risk and with the oversight of the Board.

In this context, we continue to:

- prioritise the safety of our people and our customers
- · stress test our solvency and liquidity
- · explore external analysis on our sector and the wider economy
- · manage our growth, performance and opportunity
- · manage our cash and financial controls over spend and approval
- understand, respond to and comply with government guidelines in all respects
- · manage our supply chain and our supplier relationships
- re-align our strategic response in terms of our online trading capability and customer service response
- · continue to evaluate the availability of our workforce to support our operations

During the period we enhanced our online capability to deal with increased demand.

We continue to manage the effects and evaluate the ongoing uncertainties of COVID-19 as a priority. Our principal risks otherwise remain unchanged in substance other than our mitigations continue to include the impacts of COVID-19 in context of those risks.

A detailed summary of the impacts of the coronavirus pandemic on our business is included in the Frasers Group plc Annual Report for FY20.

#### **Brexit**

On 24 December 2020, the UK entered into a Trade and Cooperation Agreement with the EU which governs the conduct of trade between the two parties, following the end of the transition agreement that existed until 31 December 2020.

Operationally there has been minimal disruption from the change and we continue to operate business as usual. We have instigated a Brexit response plan, which in particular includes a review of our supply chain, in order to mitigate the impact of increased VAT and duties, that are likely to apply to our business following the change.

We consider that the process changes that we are in the course of instigating will mean that there will be no material financial impact on our business.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### **Section 172 Statement**

FY20 is the first year that the Frasers Group plc Board is reporting on how it has applied s172 of the Companies Act 2006 to its discussions and decisions. Though this is the first year of reporting, the principles of s172 has been employed by the Frasers Group plc Board since the implementation of the Act.

S172 states: A director of a company must act in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- a. the likely consequences of any decision in the long term,
- b. the interests of the company's employees,
- c. the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others,
- d. the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment,
- e. the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct, and
- f. the need to act fairly as between members of the company.

Generally known as the s172 Director's Duty, the most well-known duty of s172 is to "promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole", whilst having regard to various other stakeholder interests. The duty imposed by s172 emphasises that Lillywhites Limited board must consider the wider impact of its decisions, rather than just the financial and strategic elements. Lillywhites Limited board should create a culture whereby the long-term consequences of their actions and the long-term success of the company are given due consideration. These pages, and references in the Strategic Report, show how we have applied the duties to our decision making throughout the year.

The Frasers Group plc Board, the parent company, takes care to consider the interests of all stakeholders when deciding on courses of action, but it also recognises that the result will not always be a positive one for all stakeholder groups. The directors of Lillywhites Limited place reliance on the Board of the Group to ensure all necessary duties are adhered to. The Group Board also take into consideration the strategy, purpose, values and culture of the business when making these decisions, decisions which directly relate to Lillywhites Limited.

During the year, the Frasers Group plc Board has made decisions based on Board papers, presentations from senior executives, discussions with external bodies and reports. Stakeholders can vary depending on the decision being debated, and there may not always be a defined list. The Frasers Group plc Board's aim is to regularly review our stakeholders to ensure that they are given the appropriate consideration at all times. When the Frasers Group plc Board considers instating long term incentive plans (LTIP), the Frasers Group plc board is considerate of the Group's strategy, the economic climate, its shareholders and its employees and is working hard to find a targeted and fair all employee LTIP for proposal to its shareholders.

The Frasers Group plc Board has engaged with stakeholder groups during the year via general meetings, meetings with investors, letters in response to particular issues raised, formal announcements, the Whistleblowing Hotline and 'Your Company, Your Voice' in respect of employee stakeholder groups, and at the Annual General Meeting. The Group was amongst the first to have an employee appointed to the Frasers Group plc Board as the Workforce Director, establishing a direct and regular link with the mood of the organisation, feedback on any issues as well as inputting an employee perspective to all Frasers Group plc Board decisions. As you will read from her report, Cally Price (the current Workforce Director) has made a huge contribution to employee engagement throughout her tenure. The Group's engagement with stakeholder and the contribution of Cally Price have a direct impact on Lillywhites Limited as well as the Group's other subsidiaries.

Periodic engagement with all stakeholder groups is supplemented by frequent engagement with the Group's senior executives, including the directors of Lillywhites Limited. The Frasers Group plc Board scrutinises information provided by them on stakeholder engagement which it discusses with the executive team. The Frasers Group plc Board also satisfies its responsibilities in other ways such as reviewing risks, succession planning and agreeing strategy. The scrutiny and review of information as well as risk, succession and strategic planning is performed on behalf of Lillywhites Limited by the Frasers Group plc Board including the input of the Company's directors.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

Most importantly, the Board is focused on the long-term sustainability of the Company. This has been a major focus for a number of years, particularly in light of the pressure on the high street as a result of the struggling retail market. The added impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic has meant that the long-term sustainability of the Company has been brought closer into the spotlight, with a number of retailers closing their doors on a permanent basis, and many more downsizing.

During the Covid-19 pandemic the Group took extraordinary measures to support the business including requesting that senior levels of staff had their salaries temporarily capped at £40,000. This cap was applied to all Group companies including the Company. Requesting that a large number of the workforce took a salary reduction was not a decision that was reached easily by the Frasers Group plc Board, although it was overwhelmed by the support shown by the workforce and the sacrifices that they made for the greater good of the Company. As the position became more stable, the Frasers Group plc Board was able to establish that the Group was in a good position, and that the salary reductions would not need to be actioned. However, the Frasers Group plc Board recognised the mood of the public and politicians with regard to Government support during the pandemic and therefore did determine that, the Group's Chief Financial Officer, Head of Commercial and the Non-Executive Directors all remained on the reduced salaries during the first lockdown period.

On all occasions, the Frasers Group plc Board makes decisions based on the papers presented to them, assessing the risks and benefits, applying their knowledge experience and seeking advice from other parties as required. The Frasers Group plc Board seeks to make fair, balanced and independent decisions for the benefit of all aspects of the Company.

#### Decision making areas and principal decisions/steps in the period

#### The likely consequences of any decision in the long term

The Board has been mindful that any decisions that it makes now may have possible consequences in the long term. During the year our free cash flow of Frasers Group plc remained strong. This is important as it is an indicator of the cash that is available for investment in line with the elevation strategy and to manage future risks and commitments applicable to the Company. Further information on free cash flow can be located in the Group's annual report.

The Board has continued to invest in new and existing stores across the period in line with its elevation strategy. The long term impact of this investment is to enhance the customer experience within stores, strengthening the brand and to improve the position of the Company in its relative market.

#### The interests of the Company's employees

Our relationship with our employees is paramount. The ongoing engagement by the Group with We Are Wiser is focused on establishing a strong and empowered culture throughout the Group with outcomes showing that the Company offers a wealth of opportunities for hard working members of staff. The Group's appointment of Cally Price, the Non-Executive Workforce Director for Frasers Group plc, is evidence of how we want to focus on our employees to provide them with the best possible working environment across all subsidiaries, including the Company.

As highlighted above, the Group's board agreed that senior management and the Board should take a pay cut during the pandemic lockdown whilst ensuring that all staff including those on furlough would receive 100% salary. The Board recognised that there were challenging times ahead for the Company and other entities of Frasers Group plc and that it was important to protect jobs and ensure colleague welfare during the lockdown period.

The need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others In all instances we aim to create and maintain open and transparent business relationships. We are currently investing in our customer service technology in order to respond to customers more quickly and effectively. We work with suppliers to ensure that relationships remain fortuitous for both parties, and to ensure that modern

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

The Board worked closely and transparently with its suppliers and banks during the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure that the Company remains in the best possible financial situation. The Board discussed the position with suppliers to try to reduce or defer orders/projects during the difficult times, and has spoken to banking partners to ensure that cash is available should it be required.

#### The impact of the Company's operations on the community and the environment

We recognise that we are in an excellent position to assist the community and we hope to have a positive impact by assisting them through training, employment and the use of our facilities. During the year there has been focus on sustainability throughout the Group, including creating clothing from recycled materials, packaging from recycled paper and working with suppliers to minimise packaging waste where possible. Simple changes such as ensuring that containers are full to capacity not only to save the Group money but also reduce carbon emissions.

At an operational level Frasers Group plc has made many changes throughout the year to ensure that the community and environment are impacted in a positive manner. These changes include introducing using recycled paper whenever possible, implementing voice picking and fitting the majority of our stores with smart meters. The Executives are leading the steps being taken, and the directors of the Company as a whole are supportive of this.

#### The desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct

At all times we endeavour to adhere to strict Corporate Governance standards. Our recent appointment of a Group Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management will help us drive our standards and delivery continuous improvement.

Through Frasers Group plc's Non-Executive Workforce Director we are ensuring that the Company staff are listened to and responded to by somebody who fully understands their situation.

#### The need to act fairly between members of the Company

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Frasers Group plc. All members of Frasers Group plc hold ordinary shares which attach the same rights and benefits. We ensure that all shareholders have opportunity to express their concerns with the Board throughout the year and endeavour to respond when appropriate. The AGM allows an opportunity for shareholders to ask question and to discuss issues in more depth.

The Board is aware that various shareholders had requested an investor day for Frasers Group plc. The Board committed to give this due consideration, and this will be explored further within any continued limitations imposed by Covid-19.

#### Customers

The Company aims to produce and deliver an unrivalled range and quality of products across different customer value propositions to appeal to a broad range of customers.

During FY20 and going forward we are investing in customer service software to ensure that customer experiences can be recorded, highlighting where our strengths and weaknesses lay. The Group and Company websites continually undergo redevelopment with a customer focus in mind, making products easier to locate and providing customers with a smoother checkout experience.

The way that our stores are set up shows a deep customer focus. We tailor our offerings to the local market and as a result of customer feedback we are expanding our offering into select categories in accordance with what sells well in particular geographic locations. Mystery shops take place regularly to assess our customer service skills, providing customers with the optimum in-store experience.

Recent history has seen the Company invest more in third party brands, which has been in response to customer demand. This has shifted the focus from internal to third party brands and exemplifies how customer feedback is heard and responded to accordingly.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

Our customer service team works on three key principles:

- Investment in technology
- Ensuring that we have the right people, and;
- Gaining insight into why we are being contacted

Through these key principles, the team continually try to improve the customer experience, and we review our customer service performance by creating a weekly 'heartbeat report', as well as monthly 'customer satisfaction report'. FY20 has seen increased demand from the Board to review elements of the customer service function, and newly created customer service targets will be reported to them during FY21 and onwards.

The elevation of the Group includes elevating our customer service team, and during FY20 we have embraced apprenticeships in customer service. The programme lasts for 15 months and following successful completion the apprentices receive a formal qualification and the opportunity of permanent employment within the Group and Company. Our customer services management team receive internal training to coach, support and develop our staff.

The year has seen a further step away from traditional customer service channels, with the increased usage of Facebook Chat and Webchat. Our websites have seen a refresh via our updated help centre to enable customers to find answers quickly to the most frequently asked questions.

We recognise that customers are vital to our success and due to this we intend to continue to invest heavily in customer services during FY21 and onwards.

#### Staff

Our staff are the key to our success and we wouldn't be where we are today without their loyalty and support. The interests of our staff are paramount when considering the future of the business and this is reflected in our culture. It is of vital importance that our staff feel valued, engaged and challenged, so that they can see a long-term future within the Company.

The Group's Workforce Representative, Cally Price, was appointed during FY19 and is the second appointee within the Group. Cally sits on the Group Board as a Non-Executive Director and receives all of the information and resources in line with the rest of the Group Board. Cally acts as the voice of the workforce, including on behalf of the Company employees, and is given flexibility and encouragement to carry out her role. Cally has willingly and skilfully embraced the role and as a result the Board are receiving far more accurate information regarding the stores.

All staff are employed on the basis of diversity and inclusion. No staff member should be subject to discrimination of any kind. If our staff do have any concerns or questions there are multiple avenues open to them, including speaking to their line manager or the HR team. The Company administer a Whistleblowing hotline that is confidential and anonymous. The hotline calls are personally handled by our Workforce Representative who reports incidents to the Board.

Your Company, Your Voice' is a communication method that is open to all staff and is one technique used to engage the workforce. The system allows questions and concerns to be raised with the Workforce Representative, who personally responds to these. Relevant questions and answers are posted on iPads and screens in public areas across the business in order that they can be shared with fellow staff members.

The Company is a member of the Retail Trust, which aims to support those working in the retail industry. Staff can contact the Retail Trust at any time to look for guidance and advice, and the Trust will look to help with their emotional, physical, mental, vocational and financial wellbeing.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

Our Workplace Wellbeing Co-ordination Team were established to engage with employees suffering with mental health issues, bereavement and all other aspects of their personal life that having an impact on their performance whilst at work. Staff have the opportunity to attend one-to-one meetings, as well as group presentations on matters such as labour trafficking and domestic abuse. The Workplace Wellbeing Co-ordination Team work in conjunction with a number of external bodies including charities, occupational health advisors and various counselling bodies to give staff as much support as necessary.

The HR team keep a handle on a number of aspects of employee behaviour including staff retention rates and claims made against the Company, which are reviewed at Board meetings. Gender Pay Gap figures, whistleblowing, and disciplinary and grievance procedures are also regularly fed into the Board for review and consideration

The Board recognise that attracting and retaining talent is vital in maintaining a viable business. The London office opened its doors in FY19 and has been a method of employing a stream of new talent in different areas of the business. Having two office bases allows our teams to explore new ways of working and expands our existing skills set.

The health and safety of our staff is taken very seriously throughout the Group. Health and Safety is viewed by the Group Board at every scheduled meeting. As a responsible employer, the Company endeavours to explain accidents in the workplace and reduce these for the benefit of all staff. Health and safety assessments for vulnerable staff are commonplace throughout the Company. The importance of valuing our staff cannot be understated and the Board are clear that this is a priority.

Our staff receive a discount package that can be used in Flannels stores and across the Group's other fascias. This applies to existing staff and friends and family.

To focus on the employer value proposition and culture of the Company, during FY20 we appointed Wiser to examine the culture and focus on how to improve the staff experience.

#### Suppliers

We aim to forge strong, transparent relationships with all of our suppliers. This enables us to provide customers with excellent products at affordable prices allowing customers to continue to receive the level of quality that they have come to expect.

Our suppliers have to be willing to sign up to the Frasers Group plc Ethics/Supply Policy, which maintains a relationship of trust and enables us to oversee their actions by visiting them on a random interval basis. This policy also covers activity with the Company. Our suppliers have a vested interest in improving the efficiency of the supply chain, as well as limiting any negative environmental impact, by ensuring that packaging is kept to a minimum and is created from mainly recyclable materials. We encourage the use of environmentally friendly materials whenever possible as it allows the Company to work towards our environmental aims, as well as benefitting the world around us. We highlight to suppliers that use of well thought out environmentally conscious materials can lead to cost savings, which is an advantage to both our suppliers and to the Company.

#### Regulators

The Group makes every endeavour to comply with regulations and guidelines set by regulators. We regularly liaise with HMRC, the FRC and the FCA in an open and transparent manner. Regular communication with tax bodies across the globe has been achieved by the finance team and the Board in an attempt to maintain good relationships.

During the Covid-19 outbreak, Group Board members liaised with the Government on a number of occasions to clarify the position regarding store closures.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

The Group Audit Committee acts independently in overseeing the Group's financial reporting processes, including for the preparation of consolidated accounts and compliance with relevant regulations. This oversight also applies to the production of the entity accounts of the Company. The Committee oversees the Group's systems of risk management and internal control as delegated by the Board. Such systems are applied across all subsidiaries of the Group, including the Company,

The Company retains a good relationship with our brand partners to ensure that we are meeting the standards that they set for the sale of their items. Our brand ambassador programme helps our staff understand brands in more detail in order that they are confident about what they are selling and giving customers the best buying experience.

#### **Financial lenders**

Alongside attending all board meetings, the CFO of Frasers Group plc is always available to inform the board of any updates in relation to financial lenders. This includes, where required, information specific to the Company. Working with the assistance of the finance team, the CFO also ensures that the Group and the Company work within the terms and conditions agreed to in credit facility agreements. The CFO regularly liaises with the Chair of the Remuneration Committee and the Chair of the Audit Committee to discuss the financial performance of the Group.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board discussed the availability of funds in the revolving credit facility and cash flow forecasts. This uncertain time also lead to Board discussions regarding other financing methods including the Covid Commercial Finance Facility.

Our finance team have met with lenders during the year to discuss the views of each party and try to reach and outcome which benefits both parties. There was particular focus on this during the commencement of the Covid-19 pandemic in the UK, as management held regular conference calls with financial lenders.

#### **Shareholders**

Frasers Group plc is a publicly traded company and is the ultimate parent company of the Company.

The Group aims to ensure that shareholders have a profitable company which provides long-term profits and sustainable growth.

The Board make independent decisions when considering key acquisitions in line with group strategy, assessing the opinions and recommendations of key executives, and using their own experiences to ensure that shareholder value is maintained.

Shareholder engagement is welcomed at all times, and the Board have met with a number of shareholders throughout the year.

The views of shareholders are valued by the Board and help guide us towards particular decisions and outcomes. The Board ensures that they are available to partake in shareholder discussions at the half-year and full-year results, at which large shareholders are invited to attend. During the Annual General Meeting the Board is happy to discuss matters related to the meeting and make themselves available afterwards to discuss other business queries. Following each results presentation, the Board receive feedback from the Group's corporate broker, gauging shareholder reaction.

The opinions of shareholders are closely monitored through analyst and broker reports as well as at meetings and on calls. All correspondence that is received from major investors is circulated to the Board upon receipt and added to meeting agenda if deemed necessary.

Shareholders are given due consideration when the Board makes key decisions such as the Group dividend policy, remuneration policy and the commencement and/or continuation of share buybacks.

Further information on shareholder engagement can be located in the Group annual report.

### STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### Community and Environment

We aim to minimise any detrimental impact that we may have on our immediate communities as well as wider ranging areas. The Company listens to the voice of the community and hopes to repay their goodwill through a selection of methods. In our Shirebrook headquarters we allow the NG20 Working Group use of auditorium, free of charge. We also hold career days where local residents can attend and look into available roles.

88% of the waste from our Group Shirebrook Distribution Centre is currently recycled, and our bags for life contain 70% recycled materials, which we aim to increase to 85% during FY21. The introduction of 'voice picking' has reduced the amount of paper usage by 17 million sheets, saving 2,000 trees on average per year, and we are currently in the process of changing to card activated printers which we hope will encourage more responsible printing. Our office paper is also 100% recycled.

The integration of our automated forecast ordering system helps keep the number of containers that we ship to a minimum. Working with our factories and third party brands has allowed us to optimise our container space, which has contributed towards reduced transport impact of an average of 4,102 tonnes of carbon annually since FY14.

100% of our electricity for our stores outside of Shirebrook is from renewable sources. Shirebrook receives its supply from the local independent power station which supports the National Grid during its transition to a greener network.

Further information on the wider Group environmental matters can be located in the Group annual report as well as information on our corporate citizen efforts, including assisting the NHS.

On behalf of the board

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Director 26 June 2021

### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

The directors present their report and financial statements for the period ended 26 April 2020.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of the retail of sports and leisure goods.

#### Directors

The directors who held office during the period and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were as follows:

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#### Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 15.

The loss for the period after tax amounted to £27,706k (2019: profit of £2,351k).

No ordinary dividends were paid during the period. Subsequent to the period end ordinary dividends have been paid as disclosed per Note 18.

No preference dividends were paid.

#### Going concern

The company is part of the wider Frasers Group. Whilst the company has made a loss of £27,706k in the period, and its net assets have reduced post year end to a net liability due to the capital reduction and dividends, as detailed in note 18, the company has access to considerable financial resources via a Group Revolving Credit Facility (RCF). The board of the parent company, Frasers Group plc, have undertaken to support the Company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Management of both the company and Frasers Group plc have assessed the level of trading to date since the impact of Covid-19 and has forecast and projected a conservative base case and also a number of even more conservative scenarios taking into account potential future lockdowns, likely Government support, foreign exchange exposure and potential cost saving initiatives. These forecasts and projections show that Frasers Group plc and the company will be able to operate within the level of the current facility and its covenant requirements (being interest cover and net debt to EBITDA ratios). Management of both the Company and Frasers Group plc also have a number of mitigating actions which could be taken if required such as putting on hold discretionary spend, liquidating certain assets on the statement of financial position and pay down the Revolving Credit Facility.

Having thoroughly reviewed the company's performance and having made suitable enquiries, the directors are confident that the company, with support from the Group, has adequate resources to remain in operational existence for the at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements. The directors continue to adopt the going concern basis for the preparation of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

#### FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc) has granted the directors of the company with Qualifying Third Party Indemnity provisions within the meaning given to the term by Sections 234 and 235 of the Companies Act 2006. This is in respect of liabilities to which they may become liable in their capacity as director of the company and of any company within the group. Such indemnities were in force throughout the financial year and will remain in force.

#### Link to Strategic Report

- The following which would normally be present in the Directors' Report have instead been included in the Strategic Report due to its significance in the underlying strategy of the Company:
- Financial risk management objectives and policies
- Future developments

#### Post reporting date events

On 4 May 2020 the share capital of the company was reduced from £44,839k to £1 by cancelling and extinguishing 447,389,400 fully paid ordinary shares of £0.10 each in the company and 200,000 fully paid cumulative 6% preference shares of £0.50 each in the company. The amount by which the company's share capital was reduced was repaid to the company's sole shareholder Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited by way of a return of surplus share capital to extinguish the majority of the balance of the intercompany debt owed by Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited.

On 4 May 2020 following the share capital reduction, a further dividend of £4,000k was declared to Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited to extinguish the majority of the remaining balance of the intercompany owed by Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited.

The capital reduction and subsequent dividends were completed on the basis that the store was and has been profitable for a number of years. As at the date of signature of these financial statements the further detrimental affects of the pandemic on retail and Lillywhites itself post balance sheet have been felt, management thus consider the property provision per FRS 102 Section 32 Events after the end of the reporting period gives rise to an adjusting event and so the provision was recognised in these financial statements.

#### Auditor

RSM UK Audit LLP were appointed as auditor of the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

#### Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

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A A Adegoke			
Director			
26 June 2021			
Date:			

On behalf of the board

### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report, Strategic 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 the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LILLYWHITES LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Lillywhites Limited (the 'company') for the period ended 26 April 2020 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and notes to the financial statements, 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 26 April 2020 and of its loss for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 other 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 opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to 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 our audit:

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

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF LILLYWHITES LIMITED

#### Matters on which we are required to report under the Companies Act 2006

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 strategic report and the directors' report.

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

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.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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 from 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 Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's 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.

RSM UK Audit LLF

Rachel Fleming (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor

28 June 2021

**Chartered Accountants** 

25 Farringdon Street London EC4A 4AB

### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

	Notes	Period ended 26 April 2020 £000's	Period ended 28 April 2019 £000's
Revenue	3	17,471	20,553
Cost of sales		(10,620)	(12,648)
Gross profit		6,851	7,905
Administrative expenses		(34,445)	(5,601)
(Loss)/profit before taxation	4	(27,594)	2,304
Taxation	6	(112)	47
(Loss)/profit for the financial period		(27,706)	2,351
Total comprehensive (loss)/income for	the year	(27,706)	2,351

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 26 APRIL 2020

		202	0 .	201	9
	Notes	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Fixed assets				·	
Property, plant and equipment	8		·		169
Current assets	•				٠
Inventories	9 .	-		1,787	
Trade and other receivables - deferred					
tax	14	-	•	112	
Trade and other receivables - other	10	52,942	•	46,944	
Cash at bank and in hand		24		32	
		52,966		48,875	
Current liabilities	11	(2,628)		(541)	
Net current assets			50,338	<del>_:</del>	48,334
Total assets less current liabilities			50,338		48,503
Non-current liabilities	12		-		(100)
Provisions for liabilities	13		(29,555)		(14)
Net assets			20,783	•	48,389
		•			
Equity					
Called up share capital	16		44,839		44,739
Share based payment reserve	•	•	1,101		1,101
Retained earnings			(25,157)		2,549
Total equity			20,783		48,389
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Director

Company Registration No. 00290939

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

	Share capital £000's	Other reserves £000's	Retained earnings £000's	Total £000's
Balance at 30 April 2018	44,739	. 1,101	198	46,038
Period ended 28 April 2019: Profit and total comprehensive income for the				
period	: - -	- -	2,351	2,351
Balance at 28 April 2019	44,739	1,101	2,549	48,389
Period ended 26 April 2020:	•			
Loss and total comprehensive loss for the period	-	-	(27,706)	(27,706)
Other movements	100	. <u>-</u>	<b>-</b>	100
Balance at 26 April 2020	44,839	1,101	(25,157)	20,783
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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Lillywhites Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit A, Brook Park East, Shirebrook, Mansfield, NG20 8RY.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £000's.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

As permitted by FRS 102 the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash flow statements, share based payments, the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel and related party transactions with other wholly-owned members of the group. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group accounts of Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc) in which these financial statements are consolidated. The group accounts of Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc) are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 20.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The company is part of the wider Frasers Group. Whilst the company has made a loss of £27,706k in the period, and its net assets have reduced post year end to a net liability due to the capital reduction and dividends, as detailed in note 18, the company has access to considerable financial resources via a Group Revolving Credit Facility (RCF). The board of the parent company, Frasers Group plc, have undertaken to support the Company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

Management of both the company and Frasers Group plc have assessed the level of trading to date since the impact of Covid-19 and has forecast and projected a conservative base case and also a number of even more conservative scenarios taking into account potential future lockdowns, likely Government support, foreign exchange exposure and potential cost saving initiatives. These forecasts and projections show that Frasers Group plc and the company will be able to operate within the level of the current facility and its covenant requirements (being interest cover and net debt to EBITDA ratios). Management of both the Company and Frasers Group plc also have a number of mitigating actions which could be taken if required such as putting on hold discretionary spend, liquidating certain assets on the statement of financial position and pay down the Revolving Credit Facility.

Having thoroughly reviewed the company's performance and having made suitable enquiries, the directors are confident that the company, with support from the Group, has adequate resources to remain in operational existence for the at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements. The directors continue to adopt the going concern basis for the preparation of the Annual Report and Financial Statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.3 Revenue

Revenue represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts and sales related taxes.

In the case of goods sold through retail stores, revenue is recognised when goods are sold to the customer, less provision for returns. Accumulated experience is used to estimate and provide for such returns at the time of the sale. Retail sales are usually in cash, by debit card or by credit card.

#### 1.4 Property, plant and equipment

Tangible assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Long leasehold land and buildings

Straight line over 25 years 3 - 5 years straight line

Fixtures, fittings and equipment

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### 1.5 Inventories

Inventories are valued at lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes the purchase price of the manufactured products, materials, direct labour, transport costs and a proportion of applicable overheads. Cost is calculated using the weighted average cost method. Net realisable value is based on the estimated selling price less all estimated selling costs.

The Company receives trade discounts and rebates from suppliers based upon the volume of orders placed in a given time window. Where there is sufficient certainty that a discount or rebate will be received in the future that relates to historic purchases this is reflected in the cost of inventories.

#### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.7 Financial instruments

The Company has elected to apply accounting standard FRS 102.11-12 with regard to Financial instruments.

#### Recognition and measurement of financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company become a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

#### Financial assets and liabilities at amortised cost

#### Trade, group and other debtors

Trade, group and other debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measure at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### Trade creditors, group and other creditors

Trade, group and other creditors (including accruals) payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being transaction price less any amounts settled.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Taxation

#### Deferred tax

Deferred taxation is provided in full in respect of taxation deferred by temporary differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. The deferred tax balance has not been discounted. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which temporary differences can be utilised. Deferred tax is measured using rates of tax that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the Statement of Financial Position date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### Charging of tax to OCI and P&L

Changes in current and deferred tax assets or liabilities are recognised as a component of tax expense in the income statement, except where they relate to items that are recorded in other comprehensive income or charged or credited directly to equity in which case the related deferred tax is also charged to other comprehensive income or credited directly to equity.

#### Offsetting tax assets and liabilities

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 1.9 Provisions

A provision is recognised when the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The Company provides for its legal responsibility for dilapidation costs following advice from chartered surveyors and previous experience of exit costs. The estimated cost of fulfilling the leasehold dilapidations obligations is discounted to present value and analysed between non-capital and capital components. The capital element is depreciated over the life of the asset. The non-capital element is taken to the income statement in the first year of the lease where the cost it represents is of no lasting benefit to the Company or its landlord. 'Wear and tear' costs are expensed to the income statement.

Provisions for onerous lease contracts are recognised when the Company believes the unavoidable costs of meeting the lease obligations exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under the lease.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.10 Share based payments

The fair value of the share based payments on the date of the grant is charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the vesting period of the share scheme, based on the number of shares which are expected to become exercisable. A corresponding adjustment is made to equity. At each Statement of Financial Position date the company revises its estimates of the number of shares that are expected to become exercisable and recognises the impact of any revision of original estimates in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

For cash-settled share-based payment transactions, the Group measures the services received and the liability incurred at the fair value of the liability. Until the liability is settled, the Group remeasures the fair value of the liability at the end of each reporting period and at the date of settlement, with any changes in fair value recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period.

#### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

(Continued)

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The estimates and assumptions which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are as follows.

#### Property related provisions

Property related estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience, external advice and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Dilapidations**

The Company provides for its legal responsibility for dilapidation costs following advice from chartered surveyors and previous experience of exit costs (including strip out costs and professional fees). The estimated cost of fulfilling the leasehold dilapidations obligations is discounted to present value and analysed between non-capital and capital components. For leases entered into post FY19 management use a reference estimate of £100,000 for large leasehold stores and £50,000 for small leasehold stores. Prior to FY19 managements estimates were based on categorisation of stores by size and capital works performed and price per square foot.

#### Onerous lease provision

Provisions for onerous lease contracts are recognised when the unavoidable costs of meeting lease obligations exceed the economic benefits expected to be received over the term of the lease. Where an onerous lease has been identified, the fixed assets associated to that store are also reviewed for impairment.

Management use store EBITDA in order to determine whether an onerous lease exists, specific assumptions which involve the use of estimates to determine the appropriate level of provision include:

- Forecast sales and margin in stores, reflecting historic and expected future performance including the impact of the Elevation strategy across the Group
  - UK forecasts are currently expecting a sales drop of -10% in FY21 (FY19: -5% in FY20) and then -1% (FY19: -1%) for future years and a margin impact of -300bps (FY19: -250bps) in FY21, then flat for future years
- · Forecast wages and direct store cost inflation
  - UK wage and operating costs inflation assumes 3% (FY19: 3%) and Europe assumes 3% (FY19: 3%)
  - UK rent increases are expected at 2% (FY19: 16%)
- Other
  - Discount rate 2% (FY19: 3%) across the Group
  - Store profitability includes 100% contribution towards central overheads
  - Assumed get out cap of 10 years (FY19: no cap)
- Planned store closures, relocations and re-brandings
- Lease obligations calculated to the end of the lease or where applicable break clause, or earlier estimate of expected exit date where this can be reliably estimated

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

3	Revenue		
	An analysis of the company's revenue is as follows:		
		2020	2019
		£000's	£000's
	Revenue analysed by class of business		
	Retail store sales	17,471	20,553
		-	•
l	Operating (loss)/profit	٠,	
	operating (1935)/profit	2020	2019
	Operating profit on ordinary activities before taxation for the period is stated after charging:	£000's	£000's
	Fees payable to the company's auditors for the audit of the company's	•	
	financial statements	5	4
	Depreciation of owned tangible assets	50	75
	Impairment of owned property, plant and equipment	119	-
	Cost of inventories recognised as an expense	10,620	12,648
	Operating lease charges	598	583
		· <u>—</u>	

#### 5 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the period was:

	2020 Number	2019 Number
Sales and administration	127 ———	131 ——
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	2,076 134 36 	2,693 170 36 —

The directors are not remunerated in respect of any services provided to the Company. They are remunerated via other group companies.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

6	Taxation			
		·	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
	Deferred tax			
	Origination and reversal of timing differences		. 8	14
	Changes in tax rates		(13)	(2)
	Write down or reversal of write down of deferred tax asset		115	_
	Adjustment in respect of prior periods	٠.	2	(59)
	Total deferred tax	•*	112	(47)

The actual charge/(credit) for the period can be reconciled to the expected (credit)/charge for the period based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
(Loss)/profit before taxation	(27,594)	2,304
Expected tax (credit)/charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in	<del></del>	
the UK of 19.00% (2019: 19.00%)	(5,243)	438
Change in unrecognised deferred tax assets		(47)
Group relief	5,037	(454)
Permanent capital allowances in excess of depreciation	. <del>-</del>	(14)
Depreciation on assets not qualifying for tax allowances	6	. 11
Deferred tax adjustments in respect of prior years	2	-
Change in deferred tax rates	(13)	-
UK transfer pricing adjustment for royalties and notional interest	208	19
Write down of deferred tax asset	115	·
Taxation charge/(credit) for the period	112	(47)

#### 7 Impairments

Impairment tests have been carried out where appropriate and the following impairment losses have been recognised in profit or loss:

•		2020	2019
	Notes	s'0003	£000's
In respect of:	•		
Property, plant and equipment	8	119	-
•			
Recognised in:		•	*
Administrative expenses		119	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

8	Property, plant and equipment			
		Long leasehold land	Fixtures, fittings and	Total
		and buildings	equipment	
	Cost	£000's	£000's	e'0003
	At 29 April 2019 and 26 April 2020	6,375	10,419	16,794
	Depreciation and impairment	<del></del> -	<del></del>	· ·
	At 29 April 2019	6,273	10,352	16,625
	Depreciation charged in the period	33	17	50
	Impairment losses	69	50	119
	•	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	At 26 April 2020	6,375	10,419	16,794
	Carrying amount			
	At 26 April 2020	-	-	
				===
	At 28 April 2019	102	67	169
	More information on impairment movements in the	period is given in note 7.		
9	Inventories			
			2020	2019
			£000's	£000's
		•		
	Finished goods and goods for resale		<del>-</del>	1,787
				=====
•				•
	All inventories utilized by the company are held by	other group companies		
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10	Trade and other receivables		•	
	Trade and other receivables		2020	2019
	Amounts falling due within one year:		£000's	2'0003
		••		
	Amounts owed by group undertakings		50,805	46,605
	Other receivables		149	45
	Prepayments and accrued income		1,988	294
			<del></del>	<u> </u>
		•	52,942	46,944
		•		

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

10	Trade and other receivables		(Continued)
	Amounts falling due after more than one year:	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
	Deferred tax asset (note 14)	<u>-</u>	<u>112</u>
	Total debtors	52,942	47,056
11	Current liabilities	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
	Bank loans and overdrafts		9
	Trade payables Amounts owed to group undertakings Other payables	598 119	4 315 173
	Accruals and deferred income	1,911	40
		2,628	541 ———
12	Non-current liabilities	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
	Preference shares classed as a financial liability	· <u>-</u>	100

The company has issued 200,000 6% cumulative preference shares of 50 pence each.

The shares have no voting rights and are not redeemable. They have priority over ordinary shares in the event of a winding up of the company.

The current and previous owners of the 6% preference shares have waived their rights to dividends and the current holder has indicated that it is not its present intention to seek payment of future dividends.

#### 13 Provisions for liabilities

		. •			2020	2019
: .			:		£000's	£000's
Property related	• .				29,555	14
				٠.	<del></del> .	<del></del>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

### 13 Provisions for liabilities (Continued)

Movements on provisions:

Property related £000's

At 29 April 2019
Additional provisions in the year

14 29,541

At 26 April 2020

29,555

Included within property related provisions are provisions for onerous lease contracts in respect of the Company's store. Further details of management estimates are included in note 2. The timing of cash outflows relating to provisions is uncertain.

#### 14 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon:

			Assets	Assets
	•	·	2020	2019
Balances:			£000's	£000's
.•				
Accelerated depreciation			<u> </u>	112

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset where the company has a legally enforceable right to do so.

#### 15 Retirement benefit schemes

Defined contribution schemes	•		2020 £000's	2019 £000's
Charge to profit or loss		· .	36	36

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

Contributions totaling £nil (2019: £nil) were payable to the fund at the Statement of Financial Position date.

#### 16 Share capital

	·	2020 £000's	2019 £000's
Ordinary share capital			
Issued and fully paid			
447,389,950 Ordinary shares of 10p each		44,739	44,739
			· <u></u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

-16	Share capital				(Continued)
	Preference share capital	:		2020 £000's	2019 £000's
	Issued and fully paid  Preference shares classified as equity		••	100	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Total equity share capital			44,839	44,739 ====

The ordinary shares have attached to them full voting, dividend and capital distribution rights.

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The shares have no voting rights and are not redeemable. They have priority over ordinary shares in the event of a winding up of the company.

The current and previous owners of the 6% preference shares have waived their rights to dividends and the current holder has indicated that it is not its present intention to seek payment of future dividends.

#### Retained earnings

Retained earnings represents accumulated comprehensive income for the current period and prior periods.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 16 Share capital (Continued)

#### Share based payment reserve

A share-based payment charge is allocated from the group plan recognised in Frasers Group plc, based on the directors best estimate of the number of shares that will vest. The charge is calculated based on fair value on the grant date, which is deemed to be the date on which the entity and counterparty reached a shared understanding of the scheme. The bonus share scheme has been accounted for as an equity settled scheme.

For cash-settled share-based payment transactions, the Group measures the services received and the liability incurred at the fair value of the liability. Until the liability is settled, the Group remeasures the fair value of the liability at the end of each reporting period and at the date of settlement, with any changes in fair value recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the period.

#### The Bonus Share Scheme

The 2011 Sports Direct International plc Bonus Share Scheme was approved by the board on 10 September 2010, the first tranche of the 2011 scheme vested in September 2015. The remaining shares under the 2011 Employee Bonus Share Scheme vested in September 2017. Under the Scheme certain employees were eligible for awards on a pro-rata basis depending on their length of service with the Group. Awards under the 2011 scheme were granted at either 100%, 75%, 50% or 25% of the employees' base pay. The 2011 share scheme has now successfully achieved all of its targets, and as a result no more shares will be granted under the scheme.

The 2015 Sports Direct International plc Bonus Share Scheme was approved by the board on 2 July 2014. The scheme was due to vest in 2019 and 2021, subject to the achievement of EBITDA targets for the years FY16 to FY19 and service conditions (continued employment) being met. The first-year EBITDA target of the 2015 Bonus Share Scheme has not been met, and under the Share Scheme rules, the entire Share Scheme falls away and does complete. The Board and Group Executives are currently working towards developing a new incentive structure that contains to align the interests of our employees and shareholders, and enables our employees to share in the success of the Group.

#### 17 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

· .	2020	2019
· .	£000's	£000's
Within one year	583	583
Between one and five years	2,330	2,330
In over five years	53,474	54,054
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	56,387	56,967
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Subsequent to the period end a rent review has taken place that resulted in a material increase to the future operating lease charge being recognised by the Company.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 18 Events after the reporting date

On 4 May 2020 the share capital of the company was reduced from £44,839k to £1 by cancelling and extinguishing 447,389,400 fully paid ordinary shares of £0.10 each in the company and 200,000 fully paid cumulative 6% preference shares of £0.50 each in the company. The amount by which the company's share capital was reduced was repaid to the company's sole shareholder Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited by way of a return of surplus share capital to extinguish the majority of the balance of the intercompany debt owed by Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited.

On 4 May 2020 following the share capital reduction, a further dividend of £4,000k was declared to Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited to extinguish the majority of the remaining balance of the intercompany debt owed by Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited.

The capital reduction and subsequent dividends were completed on the basis that the store was and has been profitable for a number of years. As at the date of signature of these financial statements the further detrimental affects of the pandemic on retail and Lillywhites itself post balance sheet have been felt, management thus consider the property provision per FRS 102 Section 32 Events after the end of the reporting period gives rise to an adjusting event and so the provision was recognised in these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 26 APRIL 2020

#### 19 Related party transactions

As permitted by FRS 102 the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemption available under that standard in relation to related party transactions with other wholly-owned members of the group.

There were no other related party transactions.

#### 20 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling party is M J W Ashley, by virtue of his 100% ownership of MASH Holdings Limited, the unlimited parent company. MASH holdings Limited indirectly holds the majority of shares in Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc), who own 100% of the share capital of Sportsdirect.com Retail Limited (the intermediate parent company).

Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc) is the smallest company and MASH Holdings Limited is the largest company to consolidate these accounts. Both Frasers Group plc (formerly Sports Direct International plc) and MASH Holdings Limited are companies registered in England and Wales. A copy of the respective group accounts can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.