SAGA GROUP PLC ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 31 JANUARY 1990

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Directors' Report

Directors

R M De Haan (Chairman)

T B Bull A R Deacon P C De Haan J Foster M E Hatch

Registered Office: The Saga Building, Middelburg Square, Folkestone, Kent CT20 1AZ

The directors submit their report together with the audited accounts of the Group for the 12 months ended 31 January 1990. Comparative results are stated for the fifteen months ended 31 January 1989.

Principal activities and review of business developments

The principal activities of the Group consist of provision of tour operations and financial and other services to the over-60's age group.

During the year, the tour operating and financial service businesses had a satisfactory performance and the directors anticipate this will continue in the coming financial year.

In April 1989, the Group's retirement housing company commenced trading and that company's first sales are expected to arise in the second half of 1990/91.

Subsequent events and future developments

On 23 February 1990, unconditional agreement was reached for Saga Leisure Limited, a company controlled by the De Haan family (who previously held a controlling interest in Saga Group PLC) to acquire 100% of the equity of Saga Group PLC. As a result of the change in ownership, the company no longer retains a listing on the London Stock Exchange.

The directors anticipate that 1990/91 will see a continuation of the Group's long term strategy of developing and diversifying its activities.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year attributable to shareholders amounts to £2,785,000 and is dealt with as shown in the consolidated profit and loss account.

The directors do not propose a final dividend. An interim dividend of 2.30 pence per share was paid during the year giving a total dividend of £416,000.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year were those listed at the commencement of this report and I R Levine who retired from the board on 8 March 1990.

A R Deacon and P C De Haan retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The interest of the directors in the share capital of the Company were as follows:

	31 January 1990		31 January 1989	
	Beneficial	Non-beneficial	Beneficial	Non-beneficial
R M De Haan T Bull	3,491,695	2,254,002	2,241,695	2,253,502
A R Deacon	50,000	=	75,000	-
PCDe Haan	1,979,124	3,563,502	1,979,124	2,313,502
J Foster	49,176	-	49,176	-
M E Hatch	5,000	-	5,000	•
I R Levine	15,000		6,000	-

The above non-beneficial interests apply to a total of 3,563,502 (1989 2,313,502) shares.

Shares under option in the 1981 Savings-Related Share Option Scheme:

	31 January 1990	31 January 1989
R M De Haan	4,839	4,839
T B Buli	4,540	4,540
P C De Haan	4,586	4,586

As a direct result of acquisition of the minority interest in Saga Group PLC by the De Haan family, all the above interests were acquired by Saga Leisure Limited in exchange for shares in that company, cash or loan notes.

Donations

During the year charitable donations in the UK amounted to £31,525. No political donations were made.

Employee involvement

During the period the Group has maintained the practice of keeping employees informed about current activities and progress by various methods, participation and involvement are encouraged.

Employees' share saving scheme

All full-time United Kingdom employees (including directors) of the Group who have completed at least two years continuous service were eligible to participate in the Scheme. As a result of the changes referred to above, the Share Saving Scheme is now terminated.

Employment of disabled persons

It is the policy of the Company to develop a working environment and to offer terms and conditions of service to enable disabled persons, with the appropriate skills and qualifications, equal opportunities to seek and maintain employment with the Company. We shall retain in employment, whenever practicable, employees who become disabled and in line with our general Company policy we shall give all such employees equal consideration for training and career development to enable them to fulfil their promotion potential within the Group.

Auditors

Ernst & Whinney merged their practice with Arthurt Young on 1 September 1989 and now practise in the name of Ernst & Young. Accordingly, they have signed their audit report in their new name. Ernst & Young have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditors and a resolution proposing their re-appointment will be submitted at the annual general meeting.

The Saga Building Middelburg Square Folkestone, Kent

24 April 1990

By Order of the Board
Peter De Haan
Secretary

Consolidated profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 January 1990

	Note	1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
Turnover	2	104,444	113,807
Cost of sales		(79,670)	(89,618)
Gross profit		24,774	24,189
Administrative and marketing expenses		(24,556)	(24,918)
Net investment income	4	3,812	3,462
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5	4,030	2,733
Taxation	9	(1,288)	(776)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	10	2,742	1,957
Extraordinary items	11	43	3,117
Profit for the financial period		2,785	5,074
Dividends		(416)	(1,302)
Retained profit for the period	26	2,369	3,772

Consolidated Balance Sheet

As at 31	January	1990
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715 at 51 January 1950	Note	31 January 1990 £000	31 January 1989 £000
Fixed assets	11010	2000	2000
Tangible assets	12	6,766	5,944
Intangible assets	13		598
		7,059	6,542
Current assets			
Investments	15	32,407	28,522
Stock	16	1,567	
Debtors	17	9,980	7,034
Deferred expenditure		5,589	3,953
Cash at bank and in hand		465	488
Creditors amounts falling des		50,008	39,997
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	18	38,890	33,408
Net current assets		11,118	6,589
Total assets less current liabilities		18,177	13,131
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	e 19	2,611	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	21	. 909	788
v ges		14,657	12,343
Capital and reserves		17,007	12,545
Called-up share capital	23	2 617	2.615
-		•	3,615
Share premium account	24	84	77
Profit and loss account) 26	10,956	8,651
		14,657	12,343
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P C De Haan

24 April 1990

Source and Application of Funds

For the year ended 31 Januar y 1990

	1990 12 months			1989 15 months	
Source of funds	£000	£000		£000	
Profit before tax and extraordinary items Extraordinary item		4,030 (233)		2,733	
Adjustments for items not involving movement of fur.ds		3,797		2,733	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets Amortisation of intangible fixed assets Exchange adjustments Goodwill written off	1,421 325 (43) (67)		1,527 475 160 (195)		
		1,636		1,967	
Generated from operations		5,433		4,700	
Funds from other sources					
Issue of shares Proceeds from sale of fixed assets Taxation refunded Leasing finance Bank loan	9 484 515 1,211 1,400	3,619	10 6,187 1,380	7,577	
Application of funds		9,052		12,277	
Dividends paid Taxation paid Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	1,356 1,561		904 1,425		
and cost of disposals Acquisition of intangible fixed assets	2,707	5 604	2,009 297	4.605	
T		5,624		4,635	
Increase in working capital		3,428		7,642 	
Arising from movement in					
Investments Stock Debtors Deferred expenditure Advance receipts Creditors Net liquid funds		3,885 1,567 2,613 1,636 (5,146) (2,410) 1,283 3,428		2,094 2,049 (8,765) 6,250 (143) 7,642	

Company Balance Sheet

As at 31 January 1990

	Note	31 January 1990 £000	31 January 1989 £000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets Investment in subsidiaries	12 14	5,256 6,054	5,041 3,973
		11,310	9,014
Current assets			نب شد نی <u>ں س</u> مث مث قد
Investments Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	15 17	21,170 2,148	22,597 3,188 211
		23,318	25,996
Creditors - amounts falling due within one year	18	18,311	22,411
Net current assets		5,007	3,585
Total assets less current liabilities		16,317	12,599
Creditors - amounts falling due after more than one year	19	1,012	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	21	614	256
charges	21		256
		14,691	12,343
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital Share premium account Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	23 24 25 26	3,617 84 1,621 9,369	3,615 77 1,621 7,030
a series	,	14,691	12,343

R M De Haan

P C De Haan

24 April 1990

Directors

Notes on the Accounts

1 Accounting Policies

a Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention modified by the revaluation of certain freehold properties and investments in subsidiaries.

b Basis of consolidation

The consolidated accounts incorporate the accounts of the Company and each of its subsidiaries for the year ended 31 January 1990.

Accounting for subsidiary companies

The company adopts the Equity method of accounting for the results of its subsidiaries.

d Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less amounts written off. The cost or valuation of fixed assets is depreciated by equal instalments over their expected useful lives. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Land and buildings

Land

Buildings 2% per annum Related fittings 10% per annum

Leasehold properties over the period of the lease

Computers

Hardware and software 20% to 33 1/3% per annum

Plant and other equipment 10% to 20% per annum

Motor vehicles 20% per annum

Computer development costs are capitalised and are depreciated at between 20% and 33 1/3% per annum from the time that the particular development becomes fully functional.

e Leased assets

Assets held under finance lease arrangements are capitalised and the capital element of the related rental obligation included in creditors. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to profit and loss account so as to produce a constant periodic rate of charge. Rentals in respect of operating leases are charged to profit as incurred.

Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets comprise the cost of expanding the customer mailing list. These costs are being amortised over the useful life of the additions to the mailing list. On this basis costs are amortised as to 30% in the year of expenditure as to 30%, 30% and 10% in following years. Expenditure on maintaining the group's mailing list at its existing level is written off as incurred.

Stocks

g Stocks
Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises land purchases, building costs, a portion of applicable overhead costs together with interest on external borrowings.

h Advance receipts

All booking fees and balance payments for holidays with starting dates after the period end and insurance premiums received which have not been matched with insurance policies issued are treated as receipts in advance at the balance sheet date and are separately disclosed within creditors.

i Deferred expenditure

Expenditure on brochures, advertising and promotional initiatives, which relates to the following year's trading is carried forward at the balance sheet date so that this expenditure is matched with the relevant year's income.

j Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation, using the liability method on all material timing differences which are not expected to continue in the foreseeable future.

k Foreign currencies

Exchange differences arising in respect of revenue transactions for the year are included in the profit and loss account. Assets and liabilities existing at balance sheet date are translated at year end rates except where covered by forward contracts.

The accounts of overseas subsidiaries have been translated using the net investment method. Under the net investment method the balance sheets have been translated at year end rates and the profit and loss accounts at weighted average rates for the year except where the net results are covered by forward exchange contracts. Resultant translation differences are taken to reserves and are matched with realised profits or losses arising from forward foreign currency contracts entered into to provide a currency hedge against the effect of changes in the rates of exchange on the value of the net investment in the overseas subsidiaries.

I Goodwill

Goodwill which is established as a result of a purchase of a business is either written off to reserves or amortised in accordance with the directors' best estimate of its useful economic life.

m Pension benefits

Annual contributions are made to the UK defined benefit pension scheme on the advice of actuaries for funding of retirement benefits in order to build up reserves for participating employees during the employee's working life to pay to the employee or dependent a pension after retirement. The costs of providing these benefits are charged to the profit and loss account on a regular basis. Overseas subsidiaries make provisions for pensions in accordance with local law and practice.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents the sales value of holidays with starting dates in the accounting period, advertising, subscription income, marketing and publishing fees and commissions relating to financial services. Turnover excludes value added tax and sales between Group companies.

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3 Analysis of turnover and profi	its 1990 12 months £000	Turnover 1989 15 months £000	Contributions 1990 12 months 1 £000	1989
Tour operations and other services	104,444	113,807	4,030	2,733
	104,444	113,807	4,030	2,733
United Kingdom United States Australia	66,462 35,624 2,358	70,422 41,825 1,560		2224-47
	104,444	113,807		
4 Net investment income		***************************************	1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
Interest on deposits Income from preference shares			4,346 83	3,918 42
Bank interest payable Prompt payment discounts allowed	d to custome	rs	4,429 (27) (590)	3,960 (42) (456)
Trompt paymont also and also			3,812	3,462
5 Profit before taxation is state after charging	ed		1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
Depreciation and amortisation Tangible fixed assets Intangible fixed assets Hire of equipment Auditors' remuneration Emoluments of directors of the C Property lease charges	ompany (No	te 6)	1,421 325 42 121 545 422	1,527 475 28 119 598 506
after crediting: Profit on disposal of land and bui	ldings		401	~~~~
6 Emoluments of directors an	ed employees	S	1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
a) Directors Fees Remuneration Pensions to former directors Compensation for loss of office			66 425 54	66 446 54 32
Component to the total		10	545	598

The emoluments, excluding pension contribution, of directors of the Company who discharged their duties mainly in the United Kingdom were:

	U*	1990 12 months	1989 15 months
Chairman		£104,136	£123,858
		Number	Number
Other directors in scale:			
£10,001 to £15,000		•	1
£15,001 to £20,000		1	1
£20,001 to £25,000		1	1
£35,001 to £40,000		-	1
£45,001 to £50,000		-	1
£60,001 to £65,000		1	-
£75,000 to £80,000		-	1
£80,001 to £85,000		1	-

b) Employees

The number of employees of the UK companies other than directors whose emoluments, excluding pension contributions, exceeded £30,000 was as follows:

	1990 12 months Number	1989 15 months Number
£30,001 to £35,000 £35,001 to £40,000 £40,001 to £45,000 £45,001 to £50,000 £50,001 to £55,000	3 1 2 1	2 5 1 1 1
7 Staff costs	1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	7,522 527 373	7,673 559 255
Average number of persons employed	8,422 796	8,487 625

During the fifteen month period ended 31 January 1989 the Company took advantage of a pension holiday which resulted in cost savings of £170,000. The decision was taken following the result of an actuarial valuation.

8 Pension costs

The Group operates a defined benefit pension scheme in the UK and a defined contribution scheme overseas. The pension cost in the UK was £246,292 and £121,711 overseas.

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In the UK an actuarial valuation of assets and liabilities of the scheme is carried out triennially by external professional actuaries to determine the financial position of the scheme and to enable the Group to determine the contributions to be made to the scheme.

The most recent valuation was conducted as at 1 December 1988 at which date the market value of the scheme assets was £1,600,000. This valuation was prepared using the projected unit credit method and showed that the level of funding was 68%. The actuaries recommended future contributions of 10% of pensionable salary of which 2.5% represents the amount expected to be necessary to achieve a funding level of 100%. The main financial assumptions used in the valuation were that the rate of return on investments be 10% per annum, that the rate of salary growth be 8% per annum and that the guaranteed rate of pension increase be 5% per annum

The actuaries also confirmed that, on the basis of the actuarial assumptions and methods used, the scheme's assets at 1 December 1988 fully covered its liabilities based on the current salary levels and service to the valuation date.

9 Tax on pro	fit on or dinary activities	1990	1989
The charge base comprises:	ed on the profit for the period	12 months £000	15 months £000
Overseas taxes Tax on franked	investment income lating to prior years	1,531 12 5 (48)	1,124 (35) 13 (288)
Deferred tax	- current year - prior year	1,500 (91) (121) 	814 (38) 776

10 Profit on ordinary activities after taxation

Of the profit for the financial year, £2,785,000 (1989 £5,074,000) has been dealt with in the accounts of the Company. The directors have taken advantage of the exemption given by the Companies Act 1985 Section 228 (7) in not separately publishing a company Profit and Loss Account.

11 Extraordinary items	1990 12 months £000	1989 15 months £000
Discontinuance of "Connections" magazine in the USA Profit on disposal of former head office	(233)	4,187
Attributable taxation	(233) 96	4,187 (1,204)
Release of tax provisions relating to prior period	(137)	2,983
extraordinary items	180	134
	43	3,117

12 Tangible fixed assets

0	, , .		Plant		
_	Land and Buildings £000	Computers £000	and other equipment £000	Motor Vehicles £000	Total £000
Group			2000	2000	2000
Cost or valuation: At 31 January 1989:	2,832	2.027	1 061	450	0.055
Exchange adjustments	2,032	3,927 50	1,861 11	452 (3)	9,072 60
Additions	107	1,497	406	293	2,303
Disposals	(25)	(139)	-	(136)	(300)
At 31 January 1990	2,916	5,335	2,278	606	11,135
Depreciation:	4 = -4		*********		
At 31 January 1990	323	1,899	744	162	3,128
Exchange adjustments	3	30	8	(1)	40
Charge for period Disposals	128	904	284	105	1,421
Disposais	(2)	(133)	******	(85)	(220)
At 31 January 1990	452	2,700	1,036	181	4,369
Net book amounts	~~~~~	*******	********		
at 31 January 1990	2,464	2,635	1,242	425	6,766
Not hoofe amounts			-,		
Net book amounts at 31 January 1989	2,509	2.029	1 115	000	= 0.44
at 52 bandary 1707	2,309	2,028	1,117	290	5,944
Company					
Cost or valuation: At 31 January 1989	2 770	0.604	4 400		
Additions	2,779 19	2,634 980	1,508	396	7,317
Disposals	(25)	(3)	92 -	198 (128)	1,289 (156)
Å4 21 Tamarama 1000					(150)
At 31 January 1990	2,773	3,611	1,600	466	8,450
Depreciation:			1110111		
At 31 January 1989	270	1,308	556	142	2,276
Charge for period Disposals	112	576	226	86	1,000
Dishosais	(1)	(3)	-	(78)	(82)
At 31 January 1990	381	1,881	782	150	3,194
Net book amounts					
at 31 January 1990	2,392	1,730	818	316	E 256
•	-,		010	210	5,256
Net book amounts	0.700		_		
at 31 January 1989	2,509	1,326	952	254	5,041

Land and buildings consists of freehold properties and short leasehold properties. Short leasehold comprises cost of £217,782 and accumulated depreciation of £146,012 at 31 January 1990.

As at 31 January 1990 the directors have contracted for no future capital expenditure (1989 £425,712) and have authorised, but not contracted for, future capital expenditure amounting to £nil (1989 £735,000).

The net book amount of tangible fixed assets includes £1,100,000 (1989 £nil) for the Group and £901,000 for the Company (1989 £nil) in respect of assets held under finance leases. Depreciation for the year on these assets was £214,000 (1989 £nil) for both the Group and the Company.

13 Intangible fixed assets

	31 January 1990 Group £000	31 January 1989 Group £000
Mailing list expansion Cost		
At 31 January 1989 Exchange adjustment Additions	1,244 54	964 (17) 297
At 31 January 1990	1,298	1,244
Amortisation At 31 January 1989 Exchange adjustment Charge for the period	646 34 325	157 14 475
At 31 January 1990	1,005	646
Net book amounts at 31 January 1989	293	598
14 Investment in Subsidiaries		
Cost	1990 £000	1989 £000
At 31 January 1990 Additions	2,027 1,166	734 1,293
Revaluation	3,193	2,027
Balance brought forward Adjustments for the period	1,946 915	1,415 531
	2,861	1,946
Net book amount at 31 January 1990	6,054	3,973

Main operating subsidiary companies of Saga Group PLC all of which are wholly owned:

Company		Country of corporation registration		Nature of Business
Saga Holidays Limited Inter-Church Travel Limited Renaissance Tours Limited Saga Publishing Limited Saga Services Limited Saga Housing Limited MetroMail Limited Saga International Holidays Limited Saga Holidays (Australasia) Pty Limited		England England England England England England England USA Australia	Tot Tot Financ Retirem Ma Tot	or operating or operating or operating Publishing cial services ent housing hiling house or operating or operating or operating
15 Current asset investments	31 Janu	ary 1990	31 Jan	uary 1989
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Redeemable preference shares listed in UK market value £202,400 (1989 £388,900) Deposits with banks and local authorities	220	220	343	343
	32,187	20,950	28,179	22,254
	32,407	21,170	28,522	22,597

Deposits and redeemable preference shares amounting to £8,490,000 (1989 £8,381,000) have maturity dates in excess of one year.

Although these investments could be realised at short notice it is anticipated that they will be held until maturity.

16 Stock 199 12 mont £00	ths 15 months
Work in progress 1,50	67 -

Work in progress comprises retirement housing developments in progress and includes interest on external borrowings of £70,491.

17 Debtors	31 Janu Group £000	ary 1990 Company £000	31 Jan Group £000	uary 1989 Company £000
Trade debtors Amounts owed by subsidiaries Other debtors Prepayments Taxation recoverable	1,343 2,447 5,127 1,063	402 1,095 65 586	1,886 1,581 2,838 729	612 961 1,114 122 379
	9,980	2,148	7,034	3,188

18 Creditors

	31 January 1990		31 January 1989	
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£000	£000	£000	£000
			2000	2000
Bank overdraft	228	10	1,534	_
Advance receipts	25,144		19,998	_
Trade creditors	7,489	154	5,707	865
Amount owed to subsidiaries	-	17,421	2,707	18,772
Corporate taxation	2,255	378	2,083	1,579
Other taxation and social security	226	120	131	1,575
Other creditors	1,284	181	278	249
Accruals and deferred income	2,264	47	2,737	_
Dividends	2,201	- -	940	040
	-		940	940
	38,890	18,311	22 400	22 411
	50,070	10,511	33,408	22,411

19 Long term creditors				
	31 Jan	uary 1990	31 Januar	v 1989
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£000	£000	£000	£000
			2000	2000
Bank loan	1,400		_	
Leasing	1,211	1,012		_
-	*****	-,0.2		
	2,611	1,012		
	~,011			-

20 Obligations under finance leases

The capital amounts due under finance leases obligations are as follows:

	31 Jan Group £000	uary 1990 Company £000	31 Jan Group £000	uary 1989 Company
	2000	7000	7000	£000
Within one year	<u></u>	_	_	-
Within two to five years	969	810	-	-
Thereafter	242	202	_	_
	1,211	1,012	-	_
	****	*		

The company entered into a finance lease in March 1990 giving a further annual commitment of £70,684 commencing in the year ending 31 January 1992.

21 Provision for liabilities and charges

	1990	
	Group £000	Company £000
Deferred taxation		
Balance at 31 January 1989	788	256
(Release)/charge for the year	(218)	42
Exchange adjustment	23	-
Movement in ACT recoverable	316	316
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Balance at 31 January 1990	909	614

The major components of the provision for deferred taxation are:

	31 January 1990		31 January 1989	
	Group £000	Company £000	Group £000	Company £000
Accelerated capital allowances	295	295	466	407
Short term timing differences	614	319	638	165
	909	614	1,104	572
Advance Corporation Tax	-		(316)	(316)
	909	614	788	256

At 31 January 1990 the full potential liability for deferred tax of the Group was £944,000 (1989 £874,000) and of the Company £649,000 (1989 £342,000).

22 Lease commitments

Operating leases

The annual commitment under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings is as follows:

	31 January 1990		31 January 1989	
	Group £000	Company £000	Group £000	Company £000
Leases expiring within one year	19	-	34	-
Within 2 to 5 years	45	-	40	-
Thereafter	419	-	364	70
	483	~	438	70

23	Called	up	share	capital
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Authorised	31 January 1990 £000	31 January 1989 £000
27,000,000 Ordinary shares of 20p each Allotted and fully paid 18,086,076 (1989 18,076,921) Ordinary	5,400	5,400
Shares of 20p each 24 Share premium account	3,617	3,615
	31 January 1990 £000	31 January 1989 £000
Premium on shares issued	84	77

During the year 9,155 ordinary shares of 20p each were allotted and fully paid, being issued at a premium through the 1981 Savings-Related Share Option Scheme.

25 Revaluation reserve

	31 January 1990 Company £000	31 January 1989 Company £000
Surplus arising on revaluation of investments in subsidiaries	1,621	1,621
	1,021	1,021

26 Profit and loss accounts

	31 January 1990		31 January 1989	
	Group £000	Company £000	Group £000	Company £000
At 31 January 1989 Profit for the period	8,651	7,030	5009	3,388
Exchange adjustments	2,369	2,369	3,772	3,772
Unrealised translation gain/(loss) Realised gain/(loss)	33 (46)	67	(20) 131	(20)
Corporation tax on realised gain/(loss)	16	(46) 16	(46)	131 (46)
Goodwill written off	(67)	(67)	(195)	(195)
At 31 January 1990	10,956	9,369	8,651	7,030

£2,518,000 of the company's profit and loss account is not distributable.

27 Contingent liabilities

At 31 January 1990 there were contingent liabilities under counter indemnities given to the Company's bankers in respect of the ABTA bond and other guarantees amounting to £7,900,140 (1989 £6,314,921).

The company has entered into a cross guarantee in respect of a loan of a subsidiary company amounting to £1,400,000.

28 Post balance sheet event

On 23 February 1990, unconditional agreement was reached for Saga Leisure Limited, a company controlled by the De Haan family (who previously held a controlling interest in Saga Group PLC) to acquire 100% of the equity of Saga Group PLC.

29 Ultimate holding company

The ultimate holding company is Saga Leisure Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain.

Report of the Auditors

We have audited the accounts on pages 4 to 19 în accordance with Auditing Standards.

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the Group at 31 January 1990 and of the profit and source and application of funds of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Ernst & Young

Chartered Accountants

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London

24 April 1990