Directors' report and financial statements

31 March 1999

Registered in England and Wales number 669923



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1999.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 6. A final dividend of £82,095 (1988: £102,864) is recommended.

Principal activities

The Company is a property investment company. The directors foresee no material change in the nature of the Company's activities.

Properties

The Company's properties were revalued at 31 March 1999 as set out in note 7 to the financial statements. The Company received £192,000 after costs for the surrender of a lease.

Interests in subsidiary undertakings

The Company's interests in subsidiary undertakings were revalued at 31 March 1999 as set out in note 8 to the financial statements.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year were as follows:

The Lord Rayne **CAJ Beckett** NGE Driver W Millsom (alternate to NGE Driver) AM Munro (resigned on 28 March 1999)

RFJ Spier (resigned on 31 July 1998)

G Wright

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial year had any disclosable interest in the shares of the Company.

The interest of The Lord Rayne, Mr NGE Driver and Mr W Millsom in the shares of the Company's ultimate holding company and fellow subsidiary undertakings are set out in the financial statements of London Merchant Securities plc, the ultimate holding company.

The interests of the other directors in the shares of the Company's ultimate holding company and fellow subsidiary undertakings are set out on page 3; their interests at the beginning of the year are shown in brackets.

Directors' report (continued)

Year 2000

During the year the Company reviewed internal systems affecting its business, which involved updating computer systems and hardware.

In connection with the multi-occupied buildings where the Company has direct responsibility for management and maintenance of the plant and equipment therein, statements have been obtained from maintenance contractors responsible for such plant to the effect that the plant and equipment is millennium compliant or does not contain embedded chips or date sensitive parts that will be affected by the year change.

Where buildings are let to a single tenant on a FRI lease, the tenants are themselves directly responsible for compliance. However, letters have been sent to all of the tenants reminding them of their obligations.

The directors are satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to ensure the Year 2000 issue will not materially effect the Company's business.

Auditor

In accordance with S.385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG Audit Plc as auditor of the Company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

M. Waldon

M Waldron Secretary Carlton House 33 Robert Adam Street London W1M 5AH

10 June 1999

Notes to the directors' report

Directors' interests at 31 March 1999

London Merchant Securities plc

	27 18/41p Ordinary	27 18/41p Deferred Ordinary	SAYE 65.25p options
CAJ Beckett	34,722	17,595	14,942
	(34,722)	(14,869)	(14,942)
G Wright	74,821	19,291	-
	(74,821)	(19,291)	(-)

In accordance with the terms of the London Merchant Securities Savings-Related Share Option Scheme options were granted in 1998 to subscribe for 27 18/41p Deferred Ordinary shares in London Merchant Securities plc at 65.25p per share. The expiry date of these options is 1 October 2001.

Directors' responsibilities statement

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor's report to the members of Caledonian Property Investments Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As described on page 4 the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company at 31 March 1999 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG Audit Plc

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

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London

10 June 1999

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 March 1999

	Note	1999 £	1998 £
Net rental income from properties Administrative expenses Other income	2 3 4	3,195,327 (3,173) 250,460	3,189,904 (316) 21,968
Operating profit		3,442,614	3,211,556
Net finance costs	5	7,398	14,023
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		3,450,012	3,225,579
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(3,175,484)	(3,122,715)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		274,528	102,864
Transfer to capital reserve		(192,433)	-
		82,095	102,864
Dividends proposed		(82,095)	(102,864)
Retained for the financial year		-	_

All turnover and results are derived from continuing activities.

There were no recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the year.

Balance sheet

at 31 March 1999

	Note		1999		1998
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		50,903,000		47,220,000
Investment in subsidiary undertakings	8		50,000		50,000
			50,953,000		47,270,000
Current assets					
Debtors	9	7,653,656		4,291,221	
Cash at bank and in hand		61,471		9,727	
•	•	7,715,127		4,300,948	•
Constitution of Carlo					
Creditors: amounts falling	10	(05,000,450)			
due within one year	10	(27,282,154)		(23,935,724)	
Net current liabilities			(19,567,027)		(19,634,776)
Net assets		•	31,385,973	-	27,635,224
Capital and reserves		=		=	
Called up share capital	11		50,000		50,000
Revaluation reserve	12		29,082,685		25,524,369
Capital reserve	13		2,247,827		2,055,394
General reserve			5,461		5,461
Equity shareholders' funds	14	-	31,385,973	-	27,635,224
		=		=	

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 10th June 1999 and were signed on its behalf by:

NGE Driver Director

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 March 1999	1999 £	1998 £
Profit for the financial year Unrealised surplus / (deficit) on revaluation of investment properties	274,528 3,558,316	102,864 (884,350)
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial year	3,832,844	(781,486)

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

Interest and outgoings on development properties

All interest and outgoings incurred in respect of development properties are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

Investment properties

In accordance with SSAP 19 (revised) investment properties are revalued annually at open market values determined in accordance with the Guidance Notes on the valuation of assets, issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Revaluation surpluses and deficits which are not permanent are included in the revaluation reserve, permanent deficits being taken through the profit and loss account.

No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties and leasehold investment properties with over 50 years to run.

This treatment, as regards certain of the Company's investment properties, may be a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning depreciation of fixed assets. However, these properties are not held for consumption but for investment and the directors consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the accounts to give a true and fair view. Depreciation and amortisation is only one of the many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might have otherwise been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified.

Repairs and renewals

No provision is made for future repairs and renewals of fixed assets, all such items being written off as incurred.

Capital reserve

The Articles of Association provide that realised gains resulting from the sale of capital assets are not available for distribution. Accordingly any such gains or losses are taken to capital reserve.

Notes (continued)

	Net rental income from properties	1999 £	1998 £
	Gross rental income	3,252,612	3,252,133
	Property outgoings less amounts	0,202, 012	3,202,133
	recovered from tenants	(60,228)	(53,196)
	Provision for bad and doubtful debts	2,943	(9,033)
		3,195,327	3,189,904
3	Administrative expenses		
	Audit fees are accounted for on a group basis. The Comparand there were no directors' emoluments (1998: nil).	ny does not have any empl	oyees
4	Other income	1999	1998
•	Other mediate	£	£
	Dividend receivable from subsidiary undertaking	11,336	11,762
	Lease renunciation	192,433	-
	Lease renunciation Sundry income:		-
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Notes (continued)

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6 Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1999 £	1998 £
Corporation tax Adjustment relating to prior year Group relief payable	2,250 - 3,173,234	2,172 132 3,120,411
	3,175,484	3,122,715

The charge to corporation tax for the year has been relieved in part by the surrender of losses from other group companies for which payment will be made.

Tangible assets	Freehold investment	Long leasehold investment	
	properties	properties	Total
	£	£	£
Valuation			
At 31 March 1998	35,485,000	11,735,000	47,220,000
Additions	123,988	696	124,684
Revaluation surplus	3,044,012	514,304	3,558,316
At 31 March 1999	38,653,000	12,250,000	50,903,000
Historical cost of revalued assets			
At 31 March 1999	13,552,323	8,267,992	21,820,315
At 31 March 1998	13,428,335	8,267,296	21,695,631

The investment properties have been independently valued by Cluttons Daniel Smith, Chartered Surveyors, of London as at 31 March 1999 on the basis of "open market value" in accordance with the Statement of Asset Valuation Practice and Guidance Notes issued by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Notes (continued)

Name

8 Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Details of the Company's interest in its wholly-owned subsidiary undertakings are as follows:

Country of registration

Activity

	Caledonian Properties Limited	England	Propert	y trading
	St. James Construction Limited	England	Did not	trade
	Group accounts are not submitted becaus a company incorporated in Great Britain.	e the Company is itse	elf a wholly-owned su	bsidiary of
9	Debtors		1999	1998
			£	£
	Due from tenants		16,343	48,261
	Amounts owed by group undertakings:			
	Fellow subsidiaries		7,392,455	4,109,627
•	Subsidiaries		199,811	120,407
	Other debtors		3,683	12,796
	Prepayments and accrued income		41,364	130
			7,653,656	4,291,221
1(Creditors: amounts falling due within	one year		
			1999	1998
			£	£
	Rents received in advance Amounts owed to group undertakings:		416,694	387,252
	Fellow subsidiary undertakings		23,379,949	20,156,603
	Group relief payable		3,173,234	3,120,411
	Proposed dividends		82,095	102,864
	Corporation tax		2,250	2,172
	Other taxation and social security		111,970	136,236
	Other creditors		115,962	30,186
			27,282,154	23,935,724
			10-11-11-11	

Notes (continued)

11 Called	up	share	capital
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	1999	1998
	£	£
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000

12 Revaluation reserve

At 31 March 1998 Surplus arising on revaluation of investment properties	25,524,369 3,558,316
At 31 March 1999	29,082,685

£

£

No provision has been made for any taxes which might become payable in the event of future sales or deemed disposals of these properties at their book values. In the opinion of the directors any such contingent liability would be £6,358,000 (1998: £5,736,000).

13 Capital reserve

At 31st March 1998 Lease renunciation	2,055,394 192,433
At 31st March 1999	2.247.827

Notes (continued)

14 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	1999 £	1998 £
Profit for the financial year Dividends	82,095 (82,095)	102,864 (102,864)
Other recognised gains and losses relating to the year (net)	3,750,749	(884,350)
Net movement in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	3,750,749 27,635,224	(884,350) 28,519,574
Closing shareholders' funds	31,385,973	27,635,224

15 Ultimate parent company

The Company is a member of the London Merchant Securities Group and the Company's ultimate parent company is London Merchant Securities plc, which is registered in England and Wales. Copies of the accounts of the above company may be obtained at the following address: Carlton House, 33 Robert Adam Street, London W1M 5AH.

16 Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard 1, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking.