

**Abbreviated Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2011**

**for**

**The Merchant Vintners Company Limited**

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**The Merchant Vintners Company Limited**

**Company Information**  
**for the year ended 31st March 2011**

**DIRECTORS**

J L R Frazier  
A W Trease  
G H Dickinson  
J J Eustace  
J J Tanner  
J C Townend  
C Cosh  
N Hillman

**SECRETARY:**

J P Robson

**REGISTERED OFFICE**

c/o House of Townend  
Wyke Way  
Melton West Business Park  
Melton  
East Yorkshire  
HU14 3HJ

**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

00911202 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS**

Sadofskys Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
Princes House  
Wright Street  
Hull  
HU2 8HX

**BANKERS**

HSBC plc  
55 Whitefriargate  
Hull  
HU1 2HX

**SOLICITORS:**

Andrew Jackson  
Essex House  
Manor Street  
Hull  
HU1 1XH

**Report of the Independent Auditors to**  
**The Merchant Vintners Company Limited**  
**Under Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006**

We have examined the abbreviated accounts set out on pages three to six, together with the full financial statements of The Merchant Vintners Company Limited for the year ended 31st March 2011 prepared under Section 396 of the Companies Act 2006

This report is made solely to the company, in accordance with Section 449 of the Companies Act 2006. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company those matters we are required to state to it in a special auditors' 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, for our work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors**

The directors are responsible for preparing the abbreviated accounts in accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion as to whether the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts to the Registrar of Companies and whether the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section and to report our opinion to you.

**Basis of opinion**

We conducted our work in accordance with Bulletin 2008/4 issued by the Auditing Practices Board. In accordance with that Bulletin we have carried out the procedures we consider necessary to confirm, by reference to the financial statements, that the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts and that the abbreviated accounts to be delivered are properly prepared.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the company is entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts prepared in accordance with Section 444(3) of the Companies Act 2006, and the abbreviated accounts have been properly prepared in accordance with the Regulations made under that Section.



Alan Brocklehurst (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Sadofskys Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
Princes House  
Wright Street  
Hull  
HU2 8HX

Date 8th July 2011

**The Merchant Vintners Company Limited (Registered number. 00911202)**

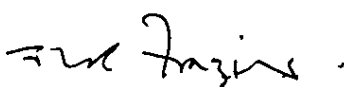
**Abbreviated Balance Sheet**  
**31st March 2011**

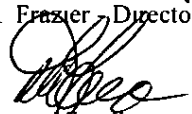
|  | Notes | 31/3/11<br>£     | £              | 31/3/10<br>£     | £              |
|--|-------|------------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Tangible assets                              | 2     |                  | 5,875          |                  | 6,778          |
| Investments                                  | 3     |                  | 102            |                  | 102            |
|  |       |                  | <u>5,977</u>   |                  | <u>6,880</u>   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Stocks                                       |       | 1,747,109        |                | 1,356,240        |                |
| Debtors                                      |       | 684,820          |                | 833,919          |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |       | 96,027           |                | 84,037           |                |
|  |       | <u>2,527,956</u> |                | <u>2,274,196</u> |                |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Amounts falling due within one year          | 4     | 1,673,623        |                | 1,456,316        |                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |                  | <u>854,333</u> |                  | <u>817,880</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |                  | 860,310        |                  | 824,760        |
| <b>CREDITORS</b>                             |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Amounts falling due after more than one year |       |                  | (319,726)      |                  | (324,726)      |
| <b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>            |       |                  | <u>(1,086)</u> |                  | <u>(1,239)</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       |                  | <u>539,498</u> |                  | <u>498,795</u> |
| <b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>                  |       |                  |                |                  |                |
| Called up share capital                      | 5     |                  | 46,000         |                  | 46,000         |
| Capital redemption reserve fund              |       |                  | 11,000         |                  | 11,000         |
| Profit and loss account                      |       |                  | 482,498        |                  | 441,795        |
| <b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>                   |       |                  | <u>539,498</u> |                  | <u>498,795</u> |

The abbreviated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on its behalf by

4th July 2011 and were signed on

  
J L R Frazier - Director

  
A W Trease - Director

The notes form part of these abbreviated accounts

Notes to the Abbreviated Accounts  
for the year ended 31st March 2011

1 **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

**Turnover**

Turnover is the amount derived from ordinary activities, and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of VAT. Turnover is recognised when the goods have been dispatched

**Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Office equipment - 20% on cost

**Stocks**

Stock is valued at the lower of the average cost and net realisable value. The average cost is calculated by including all direct expenditure and a proportion of fixed and variable overheads. The average cost is updated upon delivery of each order

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date

**Foreign currencies**

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate

2 **TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

|                       | Total<br>£ |
|-----------------------|------------|
| <b>COST</b>           |            |
| At 1st April 2010     | 11,905     |
| Additions             | 616        |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31st March 2011    | 12,521     |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| <b>DEPRECIATION</b>   |            |
| At 1st April 2010     | 5,127      |
| Charge for year       | 1,519      |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31st March 2011    | 6,646      |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b> |            |
| At 31st March 2011    | 5,875      |
|                       | <hr/>      |
| At 31st March 2010    | 6,778      |
|                       | <hr/>      |

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**for the year ended 31st March 2011**

**3 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

|  | Investments<br>other<br>than<br>loans<br>£ |
|--|--|
| <b>COST</b>                              |  |
| At 1st April 2010<br>and 31st March 2011 | 102  |
| <b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>                    |  |
| At 31st March 2011                       | 102  |
| At 31st March 2010                       | 102  |

The company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following

**Baronoff Vodka Company Limited**

Country of incorporation England and Wales

Nature of business Dormant

|                                | %<br>holding |
|--------------------------------|--------------|
| Class of shares                | 100 00       |
| 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each |              |

**MV Kruger and Company Limited**

Country of incorporation England and Wales

Nature of business Dormant

|                              | %<br>holding |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| Class of shares              | 100 00       |
| 2 Ordinary shares of £1 each |              |

**4 CREDITORS**

Creditors include an amount of £487,329 (31/3/10 - £322,776) for which security has been given

They also include the following debts falling due in more than five years

|   | 31/3/11<br>£ | 31/3/10<br>£ |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| Repayable otherwise than by instalments | 319,726      | 324,726      |

**5 CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Allotted, issued and fully paid

| Number | Class    | Nominal<br>value | 31/3/11<br>£ | 31/3/10<br>£ |
|--------|----------|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 46,000 | Ordinary | £1               | 46,000       | 46,000       |

**6 EXEMPTION FROM PREPARING GROUP ACCOUNTS**

These accounts present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about the group  
The company has not prepared group accounts because it is entitled to claim the small sized group exemption

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7 **CONTROL**

During this and the previous year each shareholder owned a minority interest in the company, therefore no one individual exercised control