

# Platinum Travel International Limited

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

period ended 30 September 1998



Company Registration No. 932343

# Platinum Travel International Limited

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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### DIRECTORS

AJ Taylor  
E Strom  
MD Miller  
MJ Haxby  
RC Smallwood  
L Brogaard

### SECRETARY

SEA Standing  
City Group Limited

### REGISTERED OFFICE

The Colonnades  
82 Bishops Bridge Road  
London W2 6BB

### AUDITORS

Baker Tilly  
Chartered Accountants  
2 Bloomsbury Street  
London WC1B 3ST

# Platinum Travel International Limited

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

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The directors submit their report and the financial statements of Platinum Travel International Limited for the period ended 30 September 1998.

### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company during the period was that of travel agents.

### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The directors remain optimistic about the company's future prospects.

### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The trading loss for the period after taxation was £6,644 (1997: profit £19,845).

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

### DIRECTORS

The following directors have held office during the period.

AJ Taylor  
E Strom  
MD Miller  
MJ Haxby  
RC Smallwood  
L Brogaard

### DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND DEBENTURES

None of the directors had any beneficial interests in the share capital of the company during the period.

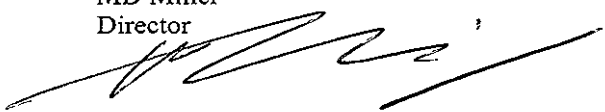
Messrs AJ Taylor, MD Miller, MJ Haxby and RC Smallwood are directors of the ultimate parent company, The Sanctuary Group PLC. Details of their shareholdings in that company are disclosed in its annual report.

### AUDITORS

During the period Messrs Deloitte & Touche resigned as auditors and Messrs Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, were appointed in their place. A resolution to appoint Baker Tilly, Chartered Accountants, as auditors will be put to the members at the annual general meeting.

By order of the board

MD Miller  
Director



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## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- a. select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. 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 requirements of the Companies Act 1985. 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.

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PLATINUM TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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.

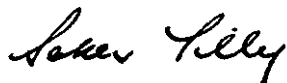
### Basis of opinion

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 the company's affairs at 30 September 1998 and of its result for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



BAKER TILLY  
Registered Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
2 Bloomsbury Street  
London WC1B 3ST

1 February 1999

# Platinum Travel International Limited

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the period ended 30 September 1998

	Notes	30 September 1998 £	31 December 1997 £
TURNOVER	1	1,723,157	2,809,934
Cost of sales		(1,584,668)	(2,562,864)
Gross profit		138,489	247,070
Other operating expenses		(136,237)	(211,236)
OPERATING PROFIT		2,252	35,834
Interest payable	2	(8,896)	(15,989)
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	3	(6,644)	19,845
Taxation	5	-	-
RETAINED (LOSS)/PROFIT FOR THE PERIOD	10	(6,644)	19,845

The operating profit for the period arises from the company's continuing operations.

No separate statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the profit and loss account.

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## BALANCE SHEET

30 September 1998

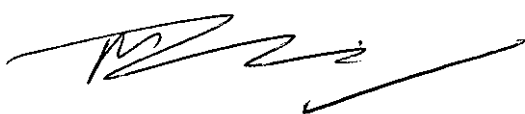
	Notes	1998 £	1997 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	6	7,131	9,228
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	315,814	312,284
Cash at bank and in hand		6,963	2,577
		<u>322,777</u>	<u>314,861</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(293,483)	(281,020)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>29,294</u>	<u>33,841</u>
		<u>36,425</u>	<u>43,069</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	9	20,000	20,000
Profit and loss account	10	16,425	23,069
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	11	<u>36,425</u>	<u>43,069</u>
Equity shareholders' funds		25,425	32,069
Non equity shareholders' funds		<u>11,000</u>	<u>11,000</u>

Approved by the board on

*1 February 1999*

MD Miller

Director



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## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are stated at historical cost.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Short leasehold improvements	over the term of the lease
Fixtures and fittings	10% per annum
Computer equipment	20% per annum
Motor vehicles	25% per annum

### DEFERRED TAXATION

Provision is made for taxation deferred or accelerated by the effect of timing differences, to the extent that it is probable that a liability will crystallise, at the rate expected to be ruling at that date.

### LEASED ASSETS AND OBLIGATIONS

Where assets are financed by leasing agreements that give rights approximating to ownership ("finance leases"), the assets are treated as if they had been purchased outright. The amount capitalised is the present value of the minimum lease payments payable during the lease term. The corresponding leasing commitments are shown as obligations to the lessor.

Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements, and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account in proportion to the remaining balance outstanding.

All other leases are "operating leases" and the annual rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

### PENSIONS CONTRIBUTIONS

The costs of providing pensions for employees are charged in the profit and loss account over the average working life of employees in accordance with the recommendations of qualified actuaries. Any funding surplus or deficit which may arise from time to time is amortised over the average working life of employees.

### TRANSLATION OF FOREIGN CURRENCY

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the dates of the transactions.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates ruling at that date. These translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

### TURNOVER

Turnover represents the invoiced value, net of Value Added Tax, of amounts billed to customers and commissions receivable.



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 30 September 1998

### 1 TURNOVER

The company's turnover arises from only one class of business and is derived wholly within the United Kingdom.

2	INTEREST PAYABLE	30 September 1998 £	31 December 1997 £
	On bank loans, overdrafts and other loans repayable within 5 years:		
	Group interest	-	1,800
	Bank loans and overdrafts	8,896	14,189
		<u>8,896</u>	<u>15,989</u>
		1998 £	1997 £

### 3 (LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

Depreciation and amounts written off tangible fixed assets:

Charge for the period:

owned assets

Operating lease rentals:

Land and buildings

Auditors' remuneration

4	EMPLOYEES	1998 No.	1997 No.
	The average weekly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the period was:		
	Sales	3	4
	Administration	1	2
		<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>
		1998 £	1997 £
	Staff costs for the above persons:		
	Wages and salaries	71,920	103,826
	Social security costs	7,184	9,816
	Other pension costs	787	2,015
		<u>79,891</u>	<u>115,657</u>

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### 5 TAXATION

There is no taxation provided due to the losses incurred.

### 5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<i>Short leasehold improvements</i>	<i>Fixtures &amp; fittings</i>	<i>Computer equipment</i>	<i>Motor vehicles</i>	<i>Total</i>
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost					
1 January 1998	33,094	55,757	27,069	15,883	131,803
Additions	-	-	456	-	456
30 September 1998	33,094	55,757	27,525	15,883	132,259
Depreciation					
1 January 1998	32,801	53,719	25,239	10,816	122,575
Charged in the period	-	-	898	1,655	2,553
30 September 1998	32,801	53,719	26,137	12,471	125,128
Net book value					
30 September 1998	293	2,039	1,388	3,412	7,131
31 December 1997	293	2,038	1,830	5,067	9,228

### 7 DEBTORS

Due within one year:

	1998 £	1997 £
Trade debtors	173,525	190,440
Amounts owed by parent company and fellow subsidiaries	84,037	58,625
Other debtors	38,966	43,425
Prepayments and accrued income	19,286	19,794
	315,814	312,284
	1998 £	1997 £

### 8 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

Bank loans and overdrafts	137,918	98,330
Trade creditors	65,040	107,607
Amounts due to parent company and fellow subsidiaries	74,839	54,756
Accruals and deferred income	15,686	20,327
	293,483	281,020

The bank loans and overdraft are secured by a fixed and floating charges on the assets of the company.

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9	SHARE CAPITAL	1998 £	1997 £
	Authorised, allotted and fully paid:		
	6,000 6% redeemable preference shares of £1 each	6,000	6,000
	5,000 deferred shares of £1 each	5,000	5,000
	20,000 ordinary shares of 10p each	2,000	2,000
	7,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	7,000	7,000
		<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>

The 6% preference shares are entitled to a fixed cumulative dividend of 6% per annum, however the owners of the entire issued preference share capital have irrevocably waived any rights to their fixed cumulative preferential dividend. The preference shares may be redeemed by the company at any future date after giving three months' notice and would be redeemable at par together with a sum equal to the fixed dividend thereon. The preference shares carry full voting rights. Preference shareholders are entitled to repayment of their capital on winding up in preference to the ordinary and deferred shareholders. They are not entitled to participation in any surplus on winding up.

The deferred shares carry no rights to dividends. They carry full voting rights and deferred shareholders are entitled to repayment of their capital on winding up after repayment of preference share capital and ordinary share capital. They are not entitled to participation in any surplus on winding up.

Both classes of ordinary shares carry full rights to dividends and full voting rights. Ordinary shareholders are entitled to participation in a surplus on winding up.

10	PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	1998 £	1997 £
	1 January 1998	23,069	3,224
	(Loss)/profit for the financial period	(6,644)	19,845
	30 September 1998	<u>16,425</u>	<u>23,069</u>

11	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	1998 £	1997 £
	(Loss)/profit for the financial period	(6,644)	19,845
	Opening shareholders' funds	43,069	23,224
	Closing shareholders' funds	<u>36,425</u>	<u>43,069</u>

## 12 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have taken advantage of the exemptions available under paragraph 3(c) of the Financial Reporting No 8 Related Party Disclosures.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period ended 30 September 1998

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### 13 ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The directors consider that the ultimate parent company and controlling party at 30 September 1998 was The Sanctuary Group PLC, a company registered in England and Wales.

Copies of the group financial statements of The Sanctuary Group PLC are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CF4 3UZ.