Registered number: 01242071

MILES-BRAMWELL EXECUTIVE SERVICES LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS INFORMATION FOR FILING WITH THE REGISTRAR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021



COMPANY INFORMATION

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Registered number 01242071

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 APRIL 2021

	Note		2021 £		2020 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		75,792		134,782
Current assets	•				
Stocks	6	53,556		65,378	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,982,679		2,038,737	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,774,899		1,191,108	
		4,811,134		3,295,223	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(3,362,011)		(1,449,691)	
Net current assets			1,449,123		1,845,532
Total assets less current liabilities			1,524,915		1,980,314
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9		(340,000)		(340,000)
Net assets			1,184,915		1,640,314
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		130,000		130,000
Other reserves	12		2,800,000		2,800,000
Profit and loss account	12		(1,745,085)		(1,289,686)
			1,184,915		1,640,314

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities.

As permitted by s444(5A) of the Companies Act 2006, the Company has opted not to file the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

Lisa Salmon Mrs L T Salmon Director

Date: 17/11/2021

The notes on pages 2 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

1. General information

Miles-Bramwell Executive Services Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales. Registered number 01242071. Its registered head office is located at Clover Nook Industrial Estate, Clover Nook Road, Somercotes, Alfreton, Derbyshire, DE55 4RF.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companie's Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Going concern

The services offered by Slimming World during the year have been adapted to focus on continuing support to members whilst being compliant with Government legislation in relation to the Covid pandemic. For much of the year in person groups were replaced by virtual groups which has reduced revenues given the limitations in size this imposes and the lower popularity of this method of giving weight loss support. Further investment was made in Slimming World's digital offering and there has been strong growth in the number of digital subscribers during the year.

The net effect has been a significant fall in revenues and profitability. This has been mitigated somewhat by a focus on reducing some costs as many head office staff worked from home and utilising Government assistance via the Furlough scheme.

Since the year end, many restrictions have been lifted and there has been a return to a more normal pattern of trading, though a little subdued as the pandemic continues to have effects on behaviour.

The Directors have reviewed cash forecasts covering the period up to March 2023, which have been prepared based on a number of possible scenarios and indicate that there are no material uncertainties that may cast doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The Company's owners have also confirmed that they would provide additional funding if there was a need in the 12-month period after signing these financial statements. The directors believe therefore that the going concern accumption is appropriate in preparing these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Revenue recognition

Turnover comprises management charges receivable for executive services supplied during the period and sales proceeds from magazines which are recognised upon delivery.

Rendering of services

Turnover from a contract to provide services is recognised in the period in which the services are provided in accordance with the stage of completion of the contract when all of the following conditions are satisfied:

- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the Company will receive the consideration due under the contract;
- the stage of completion of the contract at the end of the reporting period can be measured reliably; and
- the costs incurred and the costs to complete the contract can be measured reliably.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a straight line and reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Motor vehicles

- 33% reducing balance

Computer equipment

- 33% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.5 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks.

2.6 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

2.8 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Investments in non-derivative instruments that are equity to the issuer are measured:

- at fair value with changes recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings if the shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably,
- at cost less impairment for all other investments.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured at the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of Financial Position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.9 Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.10 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to profit or loss over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

2.11 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders.

Dividends on shares recognised as liabilities are recognised as expenses and classified within interest payable.

2.12 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Statement of Financial Position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.13 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in profit or loss using the effective interest method.

2.14 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in profit or loss in the year in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.15 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of Financial Position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of Financial Position.

2.16 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of Financial Position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The directors made the following judgements and estimates in preparing the financial statements.

3.1 Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and physical condition of the assets.

3.2 Impairment of debtors

The Company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing the impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing of the debtors and historical experience.

4. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 45 (2020: 43).

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	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 May 2020	303,809	865,612	1,169,421
Disposals	(20,202)	-	(20,202)
Related party transfers	(10,500)	-	(10,500)
At 30 April 2021	273,107	865,612	1,138,719
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2020	169,027	865,612	1,034,639
Charge for the year	45,257	-	45,257
Related party transfers	(1,062)	-	(1,062)
Eliminated on disposals	(15,907)	-	(15,907)
At 30 April 2021	197,315	865,612	1,062,927
Net book value			
At 30 April 2021	75,792	-	75,792
At 30 April 2020	134,782	- -	134,782
Stocks			
		2021 £	2020 £
Finished goods		53,556	65,378

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7.	Debtors		•
		2021 £	2020 £
	Trade debtors	515,835	163,175
	Amounts owed by related undertakings	123,874	64,388
	Other debtors	1,909,263	1,318,692
	Tax recoverable	389,263	450,550
	Deferred taxation	44,444	41,932
		2,982,679	2,038,737
	Trade debtors are stated after provisions for impairment of £Nil (2020: £Nil).		
8.	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Bank overdrafts	649	649
	Trade creditors	-	178,799
	Amounts owed to related undertakings	2,588,511	364,743
	Other taxation and social security	70,401	78,329
	Other creditors	702,450	827,171
		3,362,011	1,449,691
	The bank overdrafts are secured against assets of the Company.		
9.	Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year		
		2021	2020
		3	£
	Share capital treated as debt	340,000	340,000

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10.	Deferred taxation		
		2021 £	2020 £
	At beginning of period	41,932	34,984
	Charged to profit or loss	2,512	6,948
	At end of period	44,444	41,932
	The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:		-
	·	2021 £	2020 £
	Timing differences	44,444	41,932
11.	Share capital		
		2021	2020
	Shares classified as equity	£	£
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	20,000 <i>(2020: 20,000)</i> Ordinary shares of £1 each 110,000 <i>(2020: 110,000)</i> A Ordinary shares of £1 each	20,000 110,000	20,000 110,000
		130,000	130,000
		2021	2020
	Shares classified as debt	£	£
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	340,000 (2020: 340,000) 7% Preference shares of £1 each	340,000	340,000

The Ordinary shares are entitled to 100 votes and have a right to participate in any dividend distribution. The A Ordinary shares are entitled to one vote for every four shares held but there is no responsibility for any dividend to be paid in any year. The preferences shares are not entitled to vote and profits are first applied to pay the preference share dividend.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

12. Reserves

Other reserves

These relate to capital contributions, which are non-distributable.

Profit & loss account

Contains all current and prior period retained profits and losses.

13. Contingent liabilities

A cross guarantee exists between Miles-Bramwell Executive Services Limited, Miles-Bramwell Administrative Services Limited, Slimming World Field Area A Limited, Slimming World Field Area B Limited, Slimming World Field Area C Limited and Slimming World Field Area D Limited. As at 30 April 2021 the extent of this guarantee was £6,595,675 (2020: £3,549,757).

An unlimited cross guarantee exists between Miles-Bramwell Executive Services Limited, Body Optimise Limited, Miles Bramwell Support Services Limited, Miles-Bramwell Administrative Services Limited, Slimming World Field Area A Limited, Slimming World Field Area B Limited, Slimming World Field Area C Limited and Slimming World Field Area D Limited.

14. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £82,983 (2020: £41,007). Contributions totalling £1,705 (2020: £1,705) were payable from the fund at the reporting date and are included in creditors.

15. Related party transactions

During the period donations of £31,528 (2020: £70,931) were made to SMILES, a charity of which Mrs M G Whittaker and Mr D Rathbone are trustees.

During the period motor vehicles with a cost of £20,854 (2020: £123,743) and accumulated depreciation of £15,181 (2020: £68,130) were transferred to the Company from related undertakings.

Motor vehicles with a cost of £31,353 (2020: £170,690) and accumulated depreciation of £16,244 (2020: £124,044) were transferred from the Company to related undertakings.

During the period the Company rented property from Slimming World Limited. The total rent paid was £732,500 (2020: £1,000,405).

Included within other debtors is an amount owed from Whittaker Blakeney amounting to £Nil (2020: £152,703). Whittaker Blakeney shares a common ultimate controlling party with the Company.

During the year, payments of £Nil (2020: £1,200,000) were made to Trusts connected to Margaret Whittaker.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

15. Related party transactions (continued)

During the year, the Company received a loan, transferred from Miles Bramwell Administrative Services with Whittaker Guernsey for £5,000,000. Included within other creditors, the balance of this loan is £2,588,506 (2020: £120,000). Whittaker Guernsey has a controlling interest in the Company.

During the year, transactions took place with Whittaker Blakeney amounting to £258,025. At the year end, no balance was outstanding. Whittaker Blakeney shares a common ultimate controlling party with the Company.

Transactions with directors

At the period end the Company owed directors in the form of a directors loan account amounting to £361,965 (2020: £230,767). This is included within other creditors and no interest was accruing on this loan.

Transactions with companies related by virtues of common control were as follows:

	related undertaking 2021	Management charge /receivable/ by(payable) fron related undertaking 2021	Amount (owed to) / nowed by related undertaking 2020	Management charge receivable/ (payable) from related undertaking 2020
	£	£	£	£
Miles-Bramwell Support Services Limited Miles-Bramwell Administrative Services Limited Slimmlng World Field Area A Limited Slimming World Field Area B Limited Slimming World Field Area C Limited Slimming World Field Area D Limited Body Optimise Limited Miles-Bramwell Digital Limited	2,74 76,33 11,46 12,45 3,69 17,45	39 (500,00) 56 486,22 59 633,99 55 169,69	2 - 8 965 6 418 1 13,489 (77,868	(500,000) - 2,405,122 898,975 3,223,493
	124,15	2,992,82°	7 (322,585	8,109,596

16. Controlling party

Whittaker Guernsey (an unlimited company incorporated in Cucrnsey) is the Company's controlling related party by virtue of a majority shareholding.

17. Auditor's information

The auditor's report on the financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2021 was unqualified.

The audit report was signed on 17/11/2021 on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP.

by Peter Edwards BA FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

18. Liability limitation agreement with the auditor

The Company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Grant Thornton UK LLP, the statutory auditors, in respect of the statutory audit for the period ended 30 April 2021. The proportionate liability agreement follows the standard terms in Appendix B to the Financial Reporting Council's June 2008 Guidance on Auditors Liability Agreements, and was approved by the shareholders on 13 October 2021.