Explorers Travel Club Limited
Report of the Directors and financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2016
Company number 1473225

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### Report of the Directors for the year ended 30 September 2016

The Directors present their report on, and the audited financial statements of, Explorers Travel Club Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 30 September 2016.

### **Principal activity**

The Company's principal activity during the year continued to be that of an intermediate holding company within the TUI AG group of companies (the "Group") and will remain as such for the foreseeable future.

#### Results and dividends

The Company's loss on ordinary activities before taxation for the year ended 30 September 2016 was £14,419 (2015: £885,520 loss). No dividends were paid during the year (2015: £nil) and the Directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

### Funding, liquidity and going concern

At 30 September 2016, the Company had net assets of £1,389,852 (2015: £1,403,037) and net current assets of £1,389,852 (2015: £1,394,788).

The Directors consider the future outlook of the Company to be satisfactory. Details of post balance sheet events are included in Note 16 of these financial statements.

### Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' ("FRS 101")

The Company has adopted FRS 101 for the year ended 30 September 2016 as its basis of accounting. The impact on net assets as at 1 October 2014, being the date of transition, and for the year ended 30 September 2015 are detailed in the impact of transition note, Note 3.

#### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

- S L Barter
- S J Brann
- N J Overton-Smith

# **Independent auditors**

Following a decision by the Audit Committee and Supervisory Board of the ultimate parent company TUI AG, the Group audit appointment for the year ending 30 September 2017 will be rotated in line with EU regulations, and Deloitte LLP are expected to be appointed as auditor of the TUI Group, including of the Company, during 2017.

#### Directors' insurance

Throughout the financial year until the date of approval of these financial statements the ultimate parent company, TUI AG, maintained Directors' and Officers' Liability insurance policies on behalf of the Directors of the Company. These policies meet the Companies Act 2006 definition of a qualifying third party indemnity provision.

#### Statement as to disclosure of information to auditors

The Directors confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101.

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities (continued)

Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 these 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- notify the Company's shareholders in writing about the use of disclosure exemptions, if any, of FRS
   101 and used in the preparation of the financial statements; and
- 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and the Company is therefore exempt from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report. The Company has also taken advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing this Report of the Directors.

On behalf of the Board

S J Brann **Director** 

Company Number 1473225

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Dated 26 June 2017

## Report on the financial statements

#### Our opinion

In our opinion, Explorers Travel Club Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2016 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Report of the Directors and financial statements (the "Annual Report"), comprise:

- the Balance sheet as at 30 September 2016;
- the Statement of total comprehensive income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Directors has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Report of the Directors. We have nothing to report in this respect.

## Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

## Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

### **Entitlement to exemptions**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

## Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1 and 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

## What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Report of the Directors, we consider whether this report includes the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.

Deshan Karunaratne (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP-

**Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors** 

St Albans

26 June 2017

		Year ended 30 September 2016	Year ended 30 September 2015
	Note	£	£
Administrative expenses		(10,332)	(885,520)
Operating loss		(10,332)	(885,520)
Impairment of investment in subsidiary	8	(8,249)	-
Finance income	7	4,162	
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	8	(14,419)	(885,520)
Tax credit	10	1,234	121
Loss for the financial year attributable to owners of the parent		(13,185)	(885,399)
Total comprehensive loss for the year attributable to owners of			
the parent		(13,185)	(885,399)

		30 September	30 September
		2016	2015
	Note	£	£
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	11 _		8,249
		-	8,249
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	12	1,355	2,403,115
Cash and cash equivalents	_	2,406,150	
		2,407,505	2,403,115
Total assets		2,407,505	2,411,364
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	13	(1,017,653)	(1,008,327)
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Total liabilities	-	(1,017,653)	(1,008,327)
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Net assets		1,389,852	1,403,037
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Equity			
Called up share capital	14	50,000	50,000
Profit and loss account	15	1,339,852	1,353,037
Total equity attributable to owners of the parent	_	1,389,852	1,403,037
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The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 14 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 26 June 2017 and signed on its behalf by:

S J Brann **Director** 

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	Called up share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 October 2014	50,000	2,238,436	2,288,436
Total comprehensive loss for the year At 30 September 2015	50,000	(885,399) 1,353,037	(885,399) 1,403,037
Total comprehensive loss for the year  At 30 September 2016	50,000	(13,185) 1,339,852	(13,185) 1,389,852

#### 1. General information

The Company is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in England. The address of its registered office is TUI Travel House, Crawley Business Quarter, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 9QL. The Company's registered number is 1473225.

The principal activity of the Company continues to be that of an intermediate holding company within the TUI AG group of companies (the "Group") and will remain as such for the foreseeable future.

## 2. Basis of preparation

The Company is exempt by virtue of Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, on a going concern basis and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101").

#### FRS 101

FRS 101 sets out a reduced disclosure framework for a 'qualifying entity' as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 100 'Application of financial reporting requirements' ("FRS 100") which addresses the financial requirements and disclosure exemptions in the individual financial statements of qualifying entities that otherwise apply the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of EU-adopted International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS").

The Company has elected to adopt FRS 101 for the year ended 30 September 2016. In addition to adopting FRS 101, the Company has also elected to early adopt both the provisions of Statutory Instruments 2015 No.980 'The Companies, Partnerships and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015' ("SI 980") and FRS 101 (September 2015) which permit the use of the formats prescribed in International Accounting Standard 1 'Presentation of financial statements' ("IAS 1") for the primary statements, as opposed to using the formats prescribed by Companies Act 2006.

Further details of the impact of this transition as at 1 October 2014 and for the year ending 30 September 2015 are found in Note 3.

## Functional and presentational currency

Items included in the financial statements of the Company are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates (the "functional currency"). The financial statements are presented in the Company's functional currency of Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

# 3. Impact of transition on the financial statements

As stated in Note 2, these are the Company's first financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS 101.

The accounting policies set out in Note 4 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2016, the comparative financial information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2015 and the opening FRS 101 balance sheet at 1 October 2014 (the Company's date of transition).

In preparing the opening FRS 101 balance sheet as at 1 October 2014, the comparative balance sheet as at 30 September 2015 and the profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2015, the Company has considered whether adjustments to amounts previously reported in the Company's financial statements, which were prepared in accordance with the old basis of accounting under Irish GAAP, are necessary.

No transition adjustments were necessary for the balance sheet as at 1 October 2014, the comparative balance sheet as at 30 September 2015 and the statement of total comprehensive income for the year ended 30 September 2015.

#### 4. Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been applied consistently to all the financial years presented.

## New and amended standards adopted by the Company

The following narrow scope amendments to existing standards have been endorsed by the EU and are effective in the current year:

- Amendments to IAS 19 'Employee benefits' on defined benefit plans;
- Annual improvements project 2012, covering IFRS 2 'Share based payments', IFRS 3 'Business combinations', IFRS 8 'Operating segments', IFRS 13 'Fair value measurement', IAS 16 'Property, plant and equipment', IAS 24 'Related party disclosures' and IAS 38 'Intangible assets'; and
- Annual improvements project 2013, covering IFRS 1 'First-time adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards', IFRS 3 'Business combinations', IFRS 13 'Fair value measurement' and IAS 40 'Investment property'.

None of the amendments to each individual standard are considered material to the Company and hence there has been no impact on these financial statements as a result of adopting the amended standards.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments are recognised at cost less accumulated impairment losses.

#### Impairment of non-financial assets

Non-financial assets not subject to amortisation are tested annually for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised in the statement of total comprehensive income whenever the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are largely independent cash inflows.

### Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are amounts due from Group companies. If collection is expected in one year or less they are classified as current assets, if not, they are presented as non-current assets. Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost less impairment losses.

#### Impairment of financial assets

The Company's financial assets held at amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for impairment. Impairment losses are incurred only if there is objective evidence of the impairment as a result of one or more events after the initial recognition of the asset (a 'loss event') and that the loss event has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the asset that can be reliably estimated.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises cash at bank. The Company does not invest in deposits held on call with banks or other short-term highly liquid investments.

## Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are obligations to pay for goods and services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from third party suppliers or Group companies. If payment is expected in one year or less they are classified as current liabilities, if not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade and other payables are recognised initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost.

# 4. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

#### Finance income

Finance income recognised in the statement of total comprehensive income mainly comprises interest receivable on bank balances.

#### **Current tax**

The tax expense for the year comprises current tax and is recognised in the statement of total comprehensive income. Current tax is the expected tax payable (or recoverable) for the current financial year using the average tax rate enacted for the year. To the extent available, the amount is first recovered from, or surrendered to, other Group companies as group relief.

#### Called up share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

#### 5. Reduced disclosures permitted by FRS 101

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity of TUI AG, as defined by FRS 100, as the results of this Company are fully consolidated into the Group financial statements of TUI AG. Details for obtaining the Group financial statements of TUI AG can be found in Note 17. Where applicable and required by FRS 101, equivalent disclosures have been provided in the Group's consolidated financial statements in accordance with the Application Guidance to FRS 100. As such, the Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions as set out in paragraph 8 of FRS 101.

IFRS	Relevant paragraphs of IFRS	Disclosure exemptions taken
IFRS 7 'Financial instruments'	All paragraphs	All disclosure requirements.
IFRS 13 'Fair value measurement'	91 to 99	All disclosure requirements in respect of the valuation techniques and inputs used for the fair value measurement of assets and liabilities.
IAS 1 'Presentation of	38	Paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1.
financial statements'	38 A to D	Certain additional comparative information.
	10(d) and 111	A statement of cash flows and related information.
	10(f) and 40 A to D	A balance sheet as at the beginning of the preceding financial period when an entity applies an accounting policy retrospectively or when it reclassifies items in its financial statements.
	16	A statement of compliance with all IFRS.
	134 to 136	Information on the Company's objectives, policies and processes for managing capital.
IAS 7 'Statement of cash flows'	All paragraphs	IAS 7 disclosures in full.
IAS 8 'Accounting policies, changes in accounting estimates and errors'	30 and 31	New standards and interpretations that have been issued but which are not yet effective.
IAS 24 'Related party transactions'	17 and the requirements to disclose transactions between two group subsidiaries.	Detailed related party transaction information including key management compensation and transactions with other wholly-owned subsidiaries of the Group.

#### 6. Critical accounting estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 101 requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making judgements about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or where assumptions and estimates are material to the carrying value of assets, liabilities and total comprehensive income for the year are disclosed as follows:

## a) Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Judgement is required in the assessment of the carrying amount of the investments in the Company's direct undertakings. Estimation of the recoverable amount of investments requires the Company to assess future cash flows projected to be generated by the subsidiary, joint venture and associate, which in turn is dependent upon a variety of factors including prevailing economic conditions and consumer demand for that entity's products.

## 7. Finance income

Year ended         Year ended         Year ended         Year ended         30 September         30 September         2016         201           £         E         Bank interest income         4,162	r
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£	:
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Bank interest income 4,162	:
Total finance income 4,162	<u> </u>
8. Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	
<b>Year ended</b> Year ende	i
<b>30 September</b> 30 Septembe	ŕ
<b>2016</b> 201	,
£	:
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:	
Impairment of investment in subsidiary (Note 11) 8,249	-
Impairment of intercompany receivable (Note 12) - 884,93	<u>.                                    </u>

In the current and prior year the auditors' remuneration was borne by another Group company. It has not been possible to separately identify the audit fee related to this entity.

### 9. Employees and Directors

The Company had no employees in either the current or prior year.

#### Directors' remuneration

The Directors received no remuneration for their services as Directors of the Company (2015: £nil). The Company's Directors are directors of a number of fellow subsidiary companies and their remuneration was paid by another Group company, which makes no recharge to the Company (2015: £nil). It is not possible to make an accurate apportionment of their emoluments in respect of each of the subsidiaries.

#### 10. Tax credit

The tax credit can be summarised as follows:

### (i) Analysis of tax credit in the year

	Year ended 30 September 2016	Year ended 30 September 2015
	£	£
Current tax: Amounts receivable from fellow subsidiaries for group relief	(1,234)	(121)
Tax current tax	(1,234)	(121)
Total tax credit in the statement of total comprehensive income	(1,234)	(121)

## (ii) Factors affecting the tax credit in the year

The tax credit (2015: credit) for the year ended 30 September 2016 is lower than (2015: is lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.0% (2015: 20.5%). The differences are shown in the table below:

	Year ended 30 September 2016 £	Year ended 30 September 2015 £
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(14,419)	(885,520)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by the effective standard rate of UK corporation tax of 20.0% (2015: 20.5%)	(2,884)	(181,532)
Effects of: - Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1,650	181,411
Total tax credit in the statement of total comprehensive income	(1,234)	(121)

# (iii) Factors affecting the future tax charge

The rate of taxation is expected to follow the standard rate of UK corporate tax in future periods.

At the balance sheet date, the Finance Act 2016 had been substantively enacted confirming that the main UK corporation tax rate will reduce to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017 and 17% from 1 April 2020. These reductions may also reduce the Company's future current tax expenses accordingly.

There are no unrecognised deferred tax assets nor unprovided deferred tax liabilities at either 30 September 2016 or 30 September 2015.

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2016

## 11. Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings

Cost:

At 1 October 2015 and 30 September 2016

8,249

Impairment:

At 1 October 2015 Charged during the year At 30 September 2016

(8,249)

(8,249)

Net book value:

At 30 September 2016 At 30 September 2015

8,249

# Amounts impaired during the year:

Following a review of the recoverable value of the Company's investments, the following impairments have been charged to the total statement of comprehensive income in the year:

	Impairment
	charge
Subsidiary	£
Ocean College LLC	(8,249)

# List of investments in subsidiaries at 30 September 2016:

	Country of			% held directly by	Total % held by
Name of undertaking	incorporation	Registered address	Share class	the Company	the Group
Ocean College LLC	Egypt	Sharm el Sheikh, governorate of South Sinai.	EGP1.00 ordinary shares	90	100
Ocean Ventures for Hotel and Tourism Services SAE	Egypt	Sharm el Sheikh, governorate of South Sinai.	EGP1.00 ordinary shares	96	98
Sons of South Sinai for Tourism Services and Supplies SAE	Egypt	Ledger Consulting, 5th Floor, 136 Osman EBN Afan, Misr El Gadida, Cairo.	EGP1.00 ordinary shares	49	83

The Directors believe that the book value of all existing investments is supported by the higher of underlying net assets or their recoverable value.

#### 12. Trade and other receivables

	30 September	30 September
	2016	2015
	£	£
Amounts due from Group undertakings	1,355	2,403,115

Amounts due from Group undertakings are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

Amounts due from Group undertakings includes an impairment provision relating to an unrecoverable intercompany receivable of £nil (2015: £884,932).

## 13. Trade and other payables

	30 September	30 September
	2016	2015
	£	£
Amounts due to Group undertakings	1,003,035	1,008,327
Other payables	14,618	
	1,017,653	1,008,327

Amounts due to Group undertakings are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand.

# 14. Called up share capital

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	30 September	30 September
	2016	2015
	£	£
Issued and fully paid		
50,000 (2015: 50,000) ordinary shares of £1.00 each	50,000	50,000

### 15. Reserves

The following describes the nature and purpose of each reserve within equity:

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# **Description and purpose**

Profit and loss account

All net gains and losses and transactions with owners (e.g. dividends).

## 16. Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

## 17. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The Company is controlled by TUI AG – a company registered in Berlin and Hanover (Federal Republic of Germany) which is the ultimate parent company and controlling party. The immediate parent company is Thomson Travel Group (Holdings) Limited.

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by TUI AG. Copies of the TUI AG financial statements are available from Investor Relations, TUI AG, Karl-Wiechert-Allee 4, D-30625, Hanover or from the website www.tuigroup.com/en-en. No other financial statements include the results of the Company.