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**RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED**

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**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**



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**RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

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<b>Directors</b>	W K Procter C C McGill P Hallam M D Watson (appointed 22 February 2021)
<b>Company secretary</b>	D Lau
<b>Registered number</b>	01784060
<b>Registered office</b>	Berkeley House 304 Regents Park Road London N3 2JX
<b>Independent auditor</b>	BDO LLP Arcadia House Maritime Walk Ocean Village Southampton SO14 3TL

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## RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

W K Procter  
C C McGill  
P Hallam  
M D Watson (appointed 22 February 2021)

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. 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 for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 to 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Insurance of company officers

The company has maintained insurance throughout the year for its directors and officers against the consequences of actions which may be brought against them in relation to their duties for the company.

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**Auditors**

The auditors, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Small companies note**

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf:



**P Hallam**  
Director

Date: 29 June 2022

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## RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED

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#### Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 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.

We have audited the financial statements of Retirement Care (BH) Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive income, the Statement of Financial Position, the Statement of Changes in Equity and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### *Independence*

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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## **RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED**

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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#### **Other information**

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report and Financial Statements other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Other Companies Act 2006 reporting**

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

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- 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; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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#### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors responsibilities statement, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

#### *Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud*

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding of the Company, we considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements including management override and considered that the principal risks were related to the posting of inappropriate journal entries.

Procedures performed by the audit team included:

- Discussions with management regarding known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- Assessing journal entries as part of our planned audit approach

We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing journals and evaluating whether there was a risk of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.



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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 and the Company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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*David I Anson*

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David I'Anson (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor  
Southampton

Date 29 June 2022

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

**RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Turnover		1,459,737	1,133,544
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>1,459,737</b>	<b>1,133,544</b>
Administrative expenses		(237,932)	(240,159)
(Loss) / gain on sale of investment property		(5,021)	85,854
Fair value movements on investment properties	6	(11,298,479)	24,897,007
<b>Operating (loss)/profit</b>	3	<b>(10,081,695)</b>	<b>25,876,246</b>
Interest payable and similar expenses		(16,788)	(46,812)
<b>(Loss)/profit before tax</b>		<b>(10,098,483)</b>	<b>25,829,434</b>
Tax on (loss)/profit	5	(3,723,397)	(6,252,000)
<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial year</b>		<b>(13,821,880)</b>	<b>19,577,434</b>

There was no other comprehensive income for 2021 (2020:£NIL).

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

**RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED**  
**REGISTERED NUMBER: 01784060**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investment property	6	144,234,000	155,621,000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	581,169	-
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	25,775	27,854
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(223,807)	(120,559)
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		<b>383,137</b>	<b>(92,705)</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>144,617,137</b>	<b>155,528,295</b>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	9	-	(627,278)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			
Deferred tax	10	(23,731,000)	(20,193,000)
		<b>(23,731,000)</b>	<b>(20,193,000)</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>120,886,137</b>	<b>134,708,017</b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital		50,378,950	50,378,950
Profit and loss account		70,507,187	84,329,067
		<b>120,886,137</b>	<b>134,708,017</b>

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.

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



**P Hallam**  
Director

29 June 2022

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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	<b>Called up share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss account</b>	<b>Total equity</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>At 1 January 2020</b>	<b>50,378,950</b>	<b>64,751,633</b>	<b>115,130,583</b>
Profit for the year	-	19,577,434	19,577,434
<b>At 1 January 2021</b>	<b>50,378,950</b>	<b>84,329,067</b>	<b>134,708,017</b>
Loss for the year	-	(13,821,880)	(13,821,880)
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>50,378,950</b>	<b>70,507,187</b>	<b>120,886,137</b>

The notes on pages 12 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

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## RETIREMENT CARE (BH) LIMITED

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 1. General information

Retirement Care (BH) Limited ("the company") is a private company limited by shares, domiciled and incorporated in England. The address of the company's registered office and principal place of business is Berkeley House, 304 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2JX. The principal activity of the company during the year was that of property investment.

#### 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 Companies 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 judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### 2.2 Going concern

The company is party to a group cross collateralised funding structure along with its fellow subsidiaries in the group headed by Beta Centauri Limited. The directors have assessed the operation of the structure and have determined that the company has, or can expect to have, sufficient working capital for its needs for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. In view of this the directors consider it appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis. The cross collateralised loans totalled £769.8m as at 31 December 2021 (2020: £757.2m). The cross collateralised loan balance is due for repayment in January 2080.

The facility is a 65 year fully amortising facility and there are reserves in place to ensure that the necessary liquidity is retained in the structure so that funds are available to meet liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future.

In addition to the matters described above, in arriving at their conclusion the Directors have also considered, Leasehold reform, Building Safety legislation and wider loan covenant compliance:

##### *Leasehold reform*

The Government has introduced legislation, the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act 2022, preventing the inclusion of a ground rent in excess of a peppercorn on new residential long leases. The Act comes into force on 30 June 2022 for leases on non-retirement properties and on 1 April 2023 for leases on retirement properties. The legislation does not apply retrospectively although it does create restrictions on the company's ability to generate rental income beyond the term of current leases.

As such, the impact of preventing the creation of future ground rents under the Act is not expected to have a material effect on the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a reasonably foreseeable period.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.2 Going concern (continued)

###### *Building Safety legislation*

The Building Safety Act has been introduced by Parliament in April 2022 and is intended to strengthen and improve different elements of the building safety regime. It is also intended to create a framework for allocating responsibility for funding liabilities arising from certain building safety defects. It is understood that Parliament's intention is that in creating clarity on the funding of such liabilities it will ameliorate the problems faced by leaseholders in affected properties.

On buildings over 18 metres in height it is expected that either Government or developer funding will be available to ensure necessary remediation of these properties can be undertaken. For buildings between 11 metres and 18 metres in height the developer is expected to be primarily responsible for funding the necessary remediation. Should the developer not be available to provide funding the freeholder may become responsible for funding subject to certain criteria that is yet to be established. Such criteria are expected to be clarified through secondary legislation created under delegated powers given to the relevant Minister of State.

The directors note that the Government is due to announce shortly details of the application of funds expected to be raised by the Building Safety Levy for the remediation of buildings in this height range where the developer is unable to provide the necessary funding. It is expected that in order to ensure the remediation of such buildings in as timely a manner as possible that these funds will be available as a priority over freeholder contributions.

The directors, having given consideration to the provisions of the Act, the uncertainty over how and when these provisions will be implemented and their impact on the company do not believe that the Act has a material effect on the company's ability to meet its liabilities as they fall due for a reasonably foreseeable period of time.

###### *Cross default guarantee*

Betelgeuse Limited is the parent company of the smallest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared of which the company is a member. Under the terms of Betelgeuse Limited's long-term loan facility the Company and each of the members of the Group are, since August 2019, party to a cross-default arrangement between Betelgeuse Limited and Vega GR Limited. Vega GR Limited is a related group company, which has a similar long term loan facility with the same Lender.

The cross-default arrangements apply equally to both Betelgeuse Limited and Vega GR Limited, and their respective group companies, and are triggered by certain breaches of loan covenant in their respective facilities. Both Betelgeuse Limited and Vega GR Limited are expected to remain in compliance with all loan covenants for the reasonably foreseeable future. Further details are provided in note 11.

##### 2.3 Functional and presentational currencies

The financial statements are presented in Sterling which is also the functional currency of the company.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.4 Turnover

Turnover comprises of rent receivable and other income arising from investment properties.

Rental income is recognised in accordance with the terms of the lease and is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for rental income charged to external customers in the ordinary nature of the business.

##### 2.5 Investment properties

The group's holding of freehold reversionary interests is classified as investment properties and is initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at fair value where a reliable measure of fair value is available without undue cost or effort. Changes in fair value are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

These assets represent interests held in the freehold land on which third party developers have built and sold long leasehold properties. As such these assets generate income in the form of annual ground rents along with other ancillary income streams.

Recognising the nature of these investment properties and the lack of a regular market for significant portfolios of such assets, the directors are of the opinion that the best approximation to fair value for these properties is provided by a discounted cash flow valuation of the income streams generated by these assets.

The valuation of the entire freehold reversionary interest portfolio is undertaken by the directors based on periodic actuarial valuations carried out by a leading firm of third party actuarial consultants.

The directors also recognise, given the lack of a regular market for significant portfolios of such assets, that these values may not be realised in full should the company seek to dispose of any or all of the investment properties in a short period of time.

Further details are given in note 6.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.6 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.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting 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.



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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.7 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102, in full, to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Financial assets**

###### *Trade debtors*

Trade debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

##### **Financial liabilities**

###### *Creditors*

Creditors payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

###### *Borrowings*

Borrowings are initially recognised at the transaction price, including transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and other similar charges.

##### **Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities**

A financial asset is derecognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. A financial liability (or part thereof) is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

##### 2.8 Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

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.

##### **Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

##### *Valuation of investment properties*

A key accounting estimate in preparing these financial statements relates to the fair value of the investment properties. The group uses periodic external professional actuarial valuations as a basis for determining the directors' estimation of the fair value of the investment properties. However, the valuation of the group's investment properties is inherently subjective, as it is made on the basis of valuation assumptions which may in future prove not to be accurate. The risk of which is heightened due to the potential legislative changes and the enacted changes noted below.

The Government, through the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and its predecessor the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) along with the Law Commission, have undertaken a series of consultations on and reviews of the residential property market with a focus on the legal framework surrounding the freehold and leasehold classes of property interests. In January 2021, an announcement was released by the MHCLG on a number of proposed changes to the law governing leasehold enfranchisement. These proposals, which have largely not yet been enacted but some of which are included in the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act (which received Royal Assent on 8 February 2022), include changes to the rights of leaseholders in relation to leasehold extensions and freehold purchases as well as changes to the manner in which ground rent would subsequently be determined. The changes introduced by the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Act will impair the ability of the freeholder and leaseholder to agree for the continuation of ground rent when extending the lease beyond the current lease term. It is unclear at this time to what extent how this change will reduce the future cash flows of the group. The implementation of the legislative changes arising from these reforms could materially reduce the level of income generated by the portfolio of investment properties.

The directors are of the view that the proposed changes, if introduced in total, would be very damaging to the residential property market and against the interests of consumers and other property owners. The directors have engaged actively in the consultations and with other stakeholders and interested parties in order to convey the group's opposition to the current proposals. Public announcements by government and in the Law Commission's report have recognised that any proposals to make wholesale reforms retrospectively pose real problems with respect to the contravention of human rights legislation.

The directors are of the opinion that the impact of the reforms are likely to be greatest for future leases and not those already in existence.

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#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

The Competitions and Markets Authority (CMA) is reviewing potential breaches of consumer protection law in the leasehold market. This review is ongoing and covers developers and investment firms, including a number of related parties of the company. These related parties are cooperating with the CMA. On 19 March 2021 the CMA issued consultation letters to two developers outlining the CMA's specific concerns about the terms that double ground rents every 10 or 15 years. The CMA has asked the related parties to enter into undertakings that would effectively remove such doubling ground rent review clauses from these lease contracts that were created by these two developers. The related parties have been given the opportunity to respond to the CMA. The related parties of the group are already working with leaseholders to vary such lease terms to RPI based calculations. A significant number of such leases have already been varied in this way.

An intrinsic element of the long-term forecasts is the continuing rental income and lease extension premiums generated by the property assets held by these subsidiaries. The potential legislative changes raised above may affect these forecasts to the extent that the underlying assumption is no longer valid.

Similarly, the group's debt service requirements are primarily dependent upon this continuing rental income and these potential legislative changes, if introduced in their current form, could affect the group's ability to meet its obligations in the long term.

However, the financial consequences of any changes are too uncertain to enable the directors to reasonably estimate the impact of such changes on their forecasts. It is assumed that the current methodology continues to represent a fair value of these assets and that the group's ability to meet its long-term obligations is not compromised.

Further details of the valuation of the investment property are set out in note 6.

#### *Deferred taxation*

Deferred tax liabilities are assessed on the basis of assumptions regarding the future, the likelihood that assets will be realised and liabilities will be settled and estimates as to the timing of those future events and as to the future tax rates that will be applicable.

#### 3. Operating (loss) / profit

The operating (loss) / profit is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	9,396	8,676

#### 4. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was 0 (2020 - 0).

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5. Taxation

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year	110,514	-
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	74,883	-
	<u>185,397</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total current tax</b>	<u>185,397</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Movement on potential chargeable gain liability	(2,825,000)	6,252,000
Effect of change in tax rate	6,363,000	-
	<u>3,538,000</u>	<u>6,252,000</u>
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<u>3,538,000</u>	<u>6,252,000</u>
<b>Taxation on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<u>3,723,397</u>	<u>6,252,000</u>

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5. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2020 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2021 £	2020 £
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>(10,098,483)</u>	<u>25,829,434</u>
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%)	(1,918,712)	4,907,592
Effects of:		
Effect of change in tax rate	6,363,000	-
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	74,883	-
Chargeable gains adjustment	(677,334)	1,521,569
Tax losses utilised	(110,514)	(74,883)
Group relief received without charge	(3,040)	(5,125)
Other timing differences, incl. capital allowances	(4,886)	(80,841)
Capital gains transferred to a related party	-	(16,312)
Total tax charge for the year	<u>3,723,397</u>	<u>6,252,000</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The company has estimated tax losses of £7,357,990 (2020: £7,939,642) available to carry forward against future profits. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of these losses due to uncertainty of recovery.

In the current period, the Finance Act 2021 was enacted and included legislation to increase the main rate of tax to 25%. As this change was substantively enacted at the balance sheet date deferred tax is recognised at 25% in the current period (2020: 19%).

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6. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2021	155,621,000
Disposals	(88,521)
Loss on revaluation	(11,298,479)
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>144,234,000</b>

The freehold investment properties represent a portfolio of reversionary interests. The investment properties were valued on an actuarial basis by a leading firm of independent financial and actuarial consultants as at 6 October 2015. The directors have reviewed the actuarial valuation as at 6 October 2015 and, based on market changes in the intervening period, have determined their own valuation at the year end.

The directors, in carrying out their valuation at 31 December 2021, have reviewed the basis of the 6 October 2015 actuarial valuation and concluded that there have been changes in the key valuation drivers since the actuarial valuation. Accordingly, the directors have assessed these changes to the valuation drivers and, based on the sensitivities noted in the 2015 valuation, consider the updated valuation of the freehold reversionary interest investment properties of £144,234,000 at 31 December 2021 (2020: £155,621,000) is appropriate for adoption for the purposes of these financial statements.

The basis of the most recent independent valuation performed on an actuarial basis was to project risk adjusted income streams generated by the portfolio over 150 years discounted by a risk-free rate of return..

The principal assumptions used in the independent actuarial valuation were:

- RPI basis for inflation assumptions - implied inflation vector taken from the Bank of England website;
- residential property inflation - derived from market rental yields as found in the ARLA report and the UK Government gilt curve;
- risk free discount rate - a series of rates reflecting the UK government gilt curve as applicable to each cashflow date;
- incidence rates for lease extensions and the price charged - historic rates and FTT valuation; and
- taxation - no allowance has been made for taxation in projecting the future revenue flow.

The assumptions with the most significant impact on the valuation are the discount rate and RPI.

- A 1% increase or decrease in the discount rate will reduce or increase the valuation by 39% and 94% respectively.
- A 1% increase or decrease in RPI will increase or reduce the valuation by 63% and 29% respectively.

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**6. Investment property (continued)**

If the Investment properties had been accounted for under the historic cost accounting rules, the properties would have been measured as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Historic cost	<u>48,465,009</u>	<u>48,498,849</u>

The company's investment property is subject to a debenture and charge in connection with a guarantee provided by the company in respect of the indebtedness of the holding company and other related parties (see note 12).

**7. Debtors**

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Due after more than one year</b>		
Amounts owed by parent undertaking	<u>581,169</u>	<u>-</u>

The loan to the parent company is due for repayment in 2085. Interest is charged at 6 month Libor +2.35%.

	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	25,009	27,759
Prepayments and accrued income	766	95
	<u>25,775</u>	<u>27,854</u>

**8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Corporation tax	110,514	-
Accruals and deferred income	113,293	120,559
	<u>223,807</u>	<u>120,559</u>

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**9. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	627,278

The loan to the parent company is due for repayment in 2085. Interest is charged at 6 month Libor +2.35%.

**10. Deferred taxation**

	2021 £
At beginning of year	20,193,000
Charged to profit or loss	3,538,000
<b>At end of year</b>	<b>23,731,000</b>

The provision for deferred taxation is made up as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred tax on assets measured at fair value	23,731,000	20,193,000

The company has an unprovided deferred tax asset in respect of losses available to carry forward amounting to £1,839,497 (2020: £1,508,532).

**11. Contingent liabilities**

At the year end the company has given a cross default guarantee in respect of financial indebtedness of a related group company, Vega GR Limited and its subsidiary companies. These parties are related by virtue of common directors and common control. The total amount outstanding subject to these guarantees at 31 December 2021 was £298,438,402 (31 December 2020: £295,442,263).

The Building Safety Act has been introduced in April 2022, and costs arising from building safety defects could potentially become liabilities of building owners. However, as noted in the Going Concern note on page 12 the impact of these legislative changes is too uncertain to reasonably estimate the potential liability that could arise for the building owners in the group.



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#### **12. Guarantees**

The company has given an unlimited guarantee in respect of some of the indebtedness of its holding company Betelgeuse Limited. The guarantee is supported by a debenture and a charge over the company's investment properties. At 31 December 2021 the total amount outstanding subject to that guarantee was £769.8m (2020: £757.2m).

#### **13. Immediate parent company, ultimate parent company and ultimate controlling party**

Betelgeuse Limited is the parent company of the smallest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared of which the company is a member. The registered office address of Betelgeuse Limited is Berkeley House, 304 Regents Park Road, London, N3 2JX..