

Registration Number: 1916098

**INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999**



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**INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS :** E.J. Hudson  
R.J. Patterson  
Mrs. B.L. Selby

**SECRETARY :** Mrs. B.L. Selby

**COMPANY NUMBER :** 1916098

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## **INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED**

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## INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED

### ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS ON THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS OF INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED

We report on the accounts for the year ended 30th September 1999 set out on pages 3 to 8.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Reporting Accountants

As described on page 2 the Company's Directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements, and they consider that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

#### Basis of Opinion

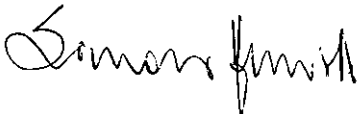
Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants, and so our procedures consisted of comparing the accounts with the accounting records kept by the Company, and making such enquiries of the officers of the Company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion

- (a) the accounts are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Company under section 221 of the Companies Act 1985, as amended.
- (b) having regard only to, and on the basis of, the information contained in those accounting records:-
  - (i) the accounts have been drawn up in a manner consistent with the accounting requirements specified in section 249C(6) of the Act; and
  - (ii) the Company satisfied the conditions for exemption from an audit of the accounts for the year specified in sections 249A(4) of the Act and did not, at any time within that year, fall within any of the categories of companies not entitled to exemption specified in section 249B(1).

**Simon Hall & Associates**  
**Reporting Accountants**  
**Cartrefle**  
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**Flint**  
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**CH6 5QR**



Date 13/3/2000

# INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 1999.

### Principal Activity

The Company's principal activity is that of insurance consultants.

### Directors and their Interests

The Directors who served during the year and their interests in the Company are as stated below:-

	Number of Shares			
	Ordinary		Preference	
	1999	1998	1999	1998
E.J. Hudson	400	400	20,000	20,000
R.J. Patterson	150	150	-	-
Mrs. B.L. Selby	50	50	-	-

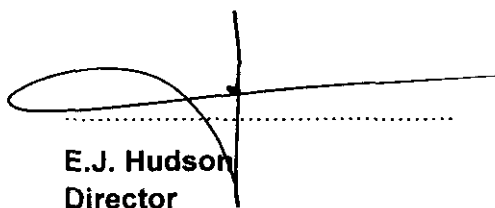
### Directors Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that year. In preparing these the Directors are required to:-

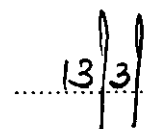
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;
- prepare the financial statements based on the going concern basis on the understanding that the Company will continue in business.

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report which has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies, was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

  
E.J. Hudson  
Director

Date

 13/3/2000

# INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED

## Balance Sheet as at 30th September 1999

		1999		1998	
	NOTE	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Assets	7		34,361		26,457
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Stock		450		1,148	
Debtors	8	52,940		51,344	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>43,467</u>		<u>34,349</u>	
		96,857		86,841	
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(90,604)</u>		<u>(91,319)</u>	
<b>Net Current Assets (Liabilities)</b>			<u>6,253</u>		<u>( 4,478)</u>
<b>Total Assets (less Current Liabilities)</b>			40,614		21,979
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10		<u>( 7,946)</u>		<u>( 2,034)</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>			32,668		19,945
			=====		=====
<b>Capital and Reserves</b>					
Called up Share Capital	11	21,000		21,000	
Profit and Loss Account	12	<u>11,668</u>		<u>( 1,055)</u>	
<b>Shareholders' Funds</b>			32,668		19,945
			=====		=====

The Director's Statements required by the Companies Acts are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

The notes on page 5 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

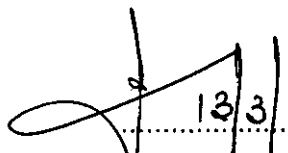
**INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' STATEMENTS REQUIRED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 1985  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999**

In approving the financial statements as Directors of the Company we hereby confirm:-

- (a) that for the year stated above the Company was entitled to the exemption conferred by Section 249A(2) of the Companies Act 1985 ;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the Company pursuant to Section 249B(2) requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 30th September 1999 and
- (c) that we acknowledge our responsibilities for :
  - (1) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 221, and
  - (2) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of its profit or loss for the year then ended and which otherwise comply with the provisions of the Companies Act relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.

The financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies, were approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.

  
13/3/2000  
.....  
E.J. Hudson  
Director

.....  
Date

The notes on page 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

# INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED

## Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th September 1999

	NOTE	1999 £	1998 £
Turnover	2	213,479	228,521
Administrative expenses		(197,738)	(203,876)
<b>Operating Profit</b>	3	15,741	24,645
Interest Receivable and similar income		771	920
Interest Payable and similar charges	4	( 197)	-
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		16,315	25,565
Tax on ordinary activities	6	( 3,592)	( 5,826)
<b>Retained Profit for the year</b>		12,723	19,739
Retained (Loss) brought forward		( 1,055)	( 20,794)
Retained (Loss) carried forward		11,668	( 1,055)
		=====	=====

The notes on page 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **INVESTMENT DISCOUNTS LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1999**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **1.1 Accounting Convention**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and include the results of the Company's operations which are described in the Directors' Report and all of which are continuing. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

##### **1.2 Turnover**

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of services supplied by the Company and includes income accrued in respect of commissions receivable on business transacted.

##### **1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Computer equipment and software	-	25% Reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	10% Reducing balance
Motor Vehicles	-	25% Reducing balance

##### **1.4 Operating Leases**

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged to profit and loss account as incurred.

##### **1.5 Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

##### **1.6 Deferred Taxation**

Provision is made for deferred taxation using the liability method to take account of timing differences between the incidence of income and expenditure for taxation and accounting purposes except to the extent that the Directors consider that a liability is unlikely to materialize.

## 2      **TURNOVER**

The total turnover of the Company for the year has been derived from its activities wholly undertaken in the UK.

## 3      **OPERATING PROFIT**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Operating profit is stated after charging</b>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets		
- owned by the Company	8,840	6,458
Operating lease rentals		
- hire of plant and machinery	2,684	3,565
- other	-	7,107
Auditors' remuneration	-	-
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

## 4      **INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank Interest	-	-
Hire Purchase Interest	<u>197</u>	<u>-</u>
	197	-
	<b>===</b>	<b>===</b>

## 5      **DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Directors' Remuneration	40,200	39,700
Directors' Benefits	1,500	6,382
Pension Scheme Contributions	<u>2,146</u>	<u>2,224</u>
	43,846	48,306
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

## 6      **TAXATION**

	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
UK Corporation Tax at 20.5% (1998 21.0%)	3,623	6,102
Taxation from earlier years at 22.5%	-	( 171)
Transfer to deferred taxation	<u>( 31)</u>	<u>(105)</u>
	3,592	5,826
	<b>=====</b>	<b>=====</b>

7	TANGIBLE ASSETS	Motor Vehicles £	Office Equipment £	Computers & Software £	Total £
	Cost				
	At 1st October 1998	8,727	21,897	38,997	69,621
	Additions	<u>8,667</u>	<u>2,444</u>	<u>5,633</u>	<u>16,744</u>
	At 30th September 1999	17,394	24,341	44,630	86,365
		=====	=====	=====	=====
	Depreciation				
	At 1st October 1998	6,081	11,272	25,811	43,164
	Charge for the year	<u>2,828</u>	<u>1,307</u>	<u>4,705</u>	<u>8,840</u>
	At 30th September 1999	8,909	12,579	30,516	52,004
		=====	=====	=====	=====
	Net Book Values				
	At 30th September 1999	8,485	11,762	14,114	34,361
		=====	=====	=====	=====
	At 30th September 1998	2,646	10,625	13,186	26,457
		=====	=====	=====	=====
8	DEBTORS			1999 £	1998 £
	Trade Debtors			36,495	31,943
	Other Debtors (see note 13)			3,428	3,428
	Prepayments and Accrued Income			<u>13,017</u>	<u>15,973</u>
				52,940	51,344
				=====	=====
9	CREDITORS:			1999	1998
	Amounts falling due within one year			£	£
	Trade Creditors			76,471	63,391
	Other Creditors			7,082	8,585
	Accruals and Deferred Income			1,257	1,214
	Directors Loan Account			2,171	8,180
	Corporation Tax			<u>3,623</u>	<u>9,949</u>
				90,604	91,317
				=====	=====

Included in other creditors is an amount of £2,471 (1998/£3,807) relating to other taxes and Social Security.

10	<b>CREDITORS:</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	5,943	-
	Deferred Taxation	2,003	2,034
		=====	=====

11	<b>SHARE CAPITAL</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	<b>Authorised Capital</b>		
	1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	20,000 8% Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
		=====	=====
	<b>Allotted, Called up and fully paid</b>		
	1,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000
	20,000 8% Redeemable Preference Shares of £1 each	20,000	20,000
		=====	=====

12	<b>RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Profit for the year	12,723	19,739
	Opening Shareholders' Funds	( 55)	(19,794)
		12,668	( 55)
		=====	=====

13	<b>TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS</b>	<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
		<b>1999</b>	<b>in year</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	R.J. Patterson	3,428	3,428
		=====	=====

#### 14 OTHER COMMITMENTS

At 30th September 1999 the Company had annual commitments under enforceable operating leases as follows:-

	<b>Land and Buildings</b>		<b>Other</b>	
	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>1998</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expiry date:</b>				
Within one year	-	-	-	-
Between two and five years	8,225	8,225	2,669	7,919
	=====	=====	=====	=====