Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 30 September 2004

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Company information

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Marie L Glanville

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Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2004

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2004.

Principal activity and review of the business

The company has not traded during the year.

Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 5.

The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend (2003: £nil).

Directors and their interests

The directors who served during the year are as stated below:

Andrew R Cunningham

Rupert J Dickinson Robert H Dickinson Appointed 05/05/2004

Resigned 05/05/2004 Resigned 05/05/2004

Stephen Dickinson

Geoffrey J Davis Sean A Slade

Appointed 05/05/2004, Resigned 12/11/2004

The directors have no beneficial interest in the share capital of the company.

The beneficial interests of the following directors in the shares of the ultimate holding company, Grainger Trust plc, are shown in the annual report of Grainger Trust plc.

Andrew R Cunningham

Rupert J Dickinson

Sean A Slade

The beneficial interest of the other directors in the shares of Grainger Trust plc were as follows:

	30 September 2004	30 September 2003
	Number	Number
Geoffrey J Davis	26,504	37,772

Directors' share options at 30 September 2004

	Scheme Price	2004 Options	2003 Options	Date exercisable
Geoffrey J Davis	SAYE 818.0p	1,161	1,161	8 Aug 05 to 8 Feb 06

No options were exercised or granted during the year.

Directors' report for the year ended 30 September 2004

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

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

Independent Auditors

In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 24 June 2005 and signed on its behalf by

Marie L Glanville

Secretary

Independent auditors' report to the members of Rotation Finance Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Rotation Finance Limited for the year ended 30 September 2004 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of accounting policies and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Rotation Finance Limited continued

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2004 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

Newcastle Upon Tyne

19 July 2005

Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 September 2004

The company has not traded in the current or previous period, and has consequently incurred neither a profit nor a loss.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Balance sheet as at 30 September 2004

		2004		2003	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	3		27,437,631		27,437,631
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(27,409,974)		(27,409,974)	
Net current liabilities			(27,409,974)	 	(27,409,974)
Net assets			27,657		27,657
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	5		100		100
Profit and loss account			27,557		27,557
Equity shareholders' funds			27,657		27,657

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 24 June 2005 and signed on its behalf by

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Director

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2004

1. Statement of accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom. A summary of the more important accounting policies, which have been applied consistently, is set out below.

1.1. Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards.

1.2. Cash Flow

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Grainger Trust plc and the cash flows of the company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement of Grainger Trust plc. Consequently, the company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (Revised 1996) from preparing a cash flow statement.

1.3. Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for impairment.

1.4. Deferred taxation

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less tax with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold;

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2004

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1.5. Group accounts

The financial statements contain information about Rotation Finance Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Grainger Trust plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

2. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The audit fee has been included in the overall audit fee for the Grainger Trust group, which has been paid for by Grainger Trust plc.

There are no persons holding service contracts with the company. None of the directors received any remuneration from the company during the year, or in the previous period.

3.	Fixed asset investments	Subsidiary undertakings shares Total £ £		
	Cost	~	~	
	At 1 October 2003			
	At 30 September 2004	27,437,631	27,437,631	
	Net book values			
	At 30 September 2004	27,437,631	27,437,631	
	At 30 September 2003	$27,\overline{437,631}$	27,437,631	

3.1. Principal interests of the company

All companies are incorporated in England & Wales unless otherwise indicated.

Company	Nature of business	Proportion of ordinary shares held
Subsidiary undertaking Frincon Holdings 1986 Limited	Holding company	100%

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2004

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4.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2004 £	2003 £
	Amounts owed to group undertaking	27,409,974	27,409,974
5.	Share capital	2004 £	2003 £
	Authorised	_	_
	100 Ordinary shares of 100p each	100	100
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	100 Ordinary shares of 100p each	100	100

6. Contingent liabilities

At 30 September 2004 the company, together with certain of its fellow subsidiaries, has guaranteed mortgages and loans of £nil (2003: £175,919,000) of certain fellow subsidiaries by means of a legal charge over its assets and book debts.

7. Related party disclosures

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available under Financial Reporting Standard No.8 and has not disclosed transactions with companies that are part of the Grainger Trust plc group.

8. Ultimate parent undertaking

The directors regard Grainger Trust plc, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate and immediate controlling party, being the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the parent's consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Secretary, Grainger Trust plc, Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JE.