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**Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

**Annual report and financial statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2019**



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# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Directors' report for the year ended 31 December 2019**

The Directors present the Annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

### **Future developments**

An indication of future developments of the business is included in the Strategic report on page 3.

### **Directors**

The Directors of the Company who served during the year and subsequently are listed below:

A. R. Williams  
M. R. Meech  
TP Directors Ltd

The Company made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefits of its Directors during the year, which remain in force at the date of this report. This is a qualifying provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Going concern**

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, the UK's economic outlook has deteriorated as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by the government to control the spread of the virus. The impact of this pandemic on the Company and the going concern basis of preparation is discussed in note 2. The impact of this pandemic on the Company's investments is discussed in note 11. The Directors have adopted the going concern principle in preparing these financial statements on the basis of support arrangements made available by the ultimate parent undertaking, Travis Perkins plc.

### **Dividends**

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2018: £nil).

### **Political contributions**

The Company made no political donations nor incurred any political expenditure during the year.

## **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### **Auditor**

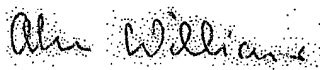
Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Director has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

KPMG LLP were appointed as auditor during the period. The auditor, KPMG LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their reappointment was proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board



A. R. Williams  
Director

30 September 2020

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# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2019**

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the Company was that of an intermediate holding company.

During the year ended 31 December 2018 the Company was dormant as defined in section 1169 of the Companies Act 2006. Due to the ongoing project to simplify the Travis Perkins Group's legal structure and prepare the Group for the planned demerge of the Wickes business, Wickes Finance Limited disposed of various subsidiaries across the Travis Perkins Group during the year ended 31 December 2019.

### **Key performance indicators ("KPIs")**

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the Directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

### **Future developments**

The Directors believe the Company is satisfactorily placed to continue operating as a holding company.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The Company operates in markets and an industry which by their nature are subject to a number of inherent gross risks. The Company is able to mitigate those risks by adopting different strategies and by maintaining a strong system of internal control. However, regardless of the approach that is taken, the Company has to accept a certain level of risk in order to generate suitable returns for shareholders and for that reason the risk management process is closely aligned to the Company's strategy.

The Group has a risk reporting framework that ensures it has visibility of the Company's key risks, the potential impacts on the Company and how and to what extent those risks are mitigated. As part of its risk management process, the principal risks stated in the risk register are reviewed, challenged and updated by the Group Board and monitored throughout the year. The Company maintains a separate risk register. The Group's risk register is used to determine strategies adopted by the Group's various businesses to mitigate the identified risks and are embedded in their operating plans.

In common with most large organisations the Company is subject to general commercial risks; for example, political and economic developments, changes in the cost of goods for resale, increased competition in its markets and the threat of emerging and disruptive competitors, material failures in the supply chain, failure to secure supply of goods for resale on competitive terms, cyber-security breaches and failure of the IT infrastructure.

The risk environment in which the Company operates does not remain static. During the year, the Directors have reviewed the principal risks and have concluded that as the nature of the business and the environment in which it operates remain broadly the same, the principal risks it faces are largely unchanged.

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## **Strategic report (continued)**

### **Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)**

However, some previously identified risks in respect of business transformation have considerable overlap and so they have been combined, whilst the Directors have also concluded that with so many stakeholders interacting with operations, health and safety risk should be described separately from other legislative risk.

The nature of risk is that its scope and potential impact will change over time. As such the list below should not be regarded as a comprehensive statement of all potential risks and uncertainties that may manifest themselves in the future. Additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known to the Directors, or which they currently deem immaterial, could also have an adverse effect on the Company's future operating results, financial condition or prospects.

Set out below, in no particular order, are the current principal risks that are considered by the Board to be material. Their potential impacts and the factors that mitigate them are detailed in the Travis Perkins plc Annual Report & Accounts. These key risks have been determined for the Group and are considered applicable to the Company:

- Changing customer and competitor landscape
- Colleague recruitment, retention and succession plans do not deliver the required skills and experience
- Supplier dependency, relationship and disintermediation leading to adverse impacts on ranging and price
- Unsafe practices result in harm to colleagues, customers, suppliers or the public
- Business transformation and improvement projects fail to deliver the expected benefits, cost more or take longer to implement than anticipated
- Uncertainty caused by the UK's decision to leave the European Union
- Market conditions leading to demand uncertainty
- Execution of planned disposals and potential acquisitions fails to deliver the expected benefits to the expected cost and timescale
- Data security
- The changing regulatory framework increases the risk of non-compliance and fines

The Group disclosed in its 2019 Annual Report that it was monitoring the potential impact of coronavirus carefully. This has subsequently become a principal risk and its potential impact and the factors that mitigate it are detailed in the Travis Perkins plc June 2020 interim results announcement. Its ongoing impact and the Company's response is discussed in note 2.

# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Strategic report (continued)**


### **Corporate responsibility**

#### **Environment**

The Travis Perkins Group recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the Group's activities.

The Company operates in accordance with group policies, which are described in the Group's Annual Report, which does not form part of this report. Initiatives designed to minimise the Company's impact on the environment include improving energy use efficiency, reducing the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and minimising the consumption of water and the production of waste (both hazardous and non-hazardous).

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board



A. R. Williams  
Director

30 September 2020

## **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report, the Strategic 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 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 year. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



# **Independent auditor's report to the members of Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Wickes Finance Limited ('the Company') for the year ended 31 December 2019, which comprise the Profit and loss account and total comprehensive income, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and the profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland*; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

## **Going concern**

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

## **Independent auditor's report (continued)**

### **Strategic Report and Directors' report**

The directors are responsible for the Strategic report and Directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports.

Our responsibility is to read the Strategic report and Directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report and Directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

### **Other matter - prior period financial statements**

We note that the prior period financial statements were not audited. Consequently ISAs (UK) require the auditor to state that the corresponding figures contained within these financial statements are unaudited. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

## **Independent auditor's report (continued)**

### **Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 6, the Directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

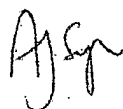
### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities).

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

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.



**Anthony Sykes (Senior statutory auditor)  
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor**

30 September 2020

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**Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**  
**Profit and loss account and total comprehensive income**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2019**

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000 (Unaudited)
Turnover		-	-
Cost of sales		-	-
<b>Gross profit</b>		-	-
Gain on sale of investments	3	7,038	-
Impairment charges	3	(5,013)	-
<b>Profit before tax</b>		2,025	-
Tax		-	-
<b>Profit and total comprehensive income for the financial year</b>		2,025	-

The above results were derived from continuing operations.

# Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)

## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £000	2018 £000 (restated*) (Unaudited)
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	6	33,071	38,015
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors – Amounts owed by group	7	240,135	239,189
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(189,343)	(195,365)
<b>Net current assets</b>		50,792	43,824
<b>Net assets</b>		83,863	81,839
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up Share Capital	9	27,571	27,571
Share Premium Account	9	103,402	103,402
Special Reserve	9	46	46
Capital Redemption Reserve	9	8,988	8,988
Profit and Loss Account		(56,143)	(58,168)
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>		83,863	81,839

\* Refer to note 13 for details of the prior year restatement.

The notes on pages 13 to 20 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited), registered number 02070200, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 30 September 2020. They were signed on its behalf by:



A. R. Williams  
Director

# Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)

## Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2019

	<b>Called-up Share Capital £000</b>	<b>Share Premium Account £000</b>	<b>Special Reserve £000</b>	<b>Capital Redemption Reserve £000</b>	<b>Profit and Loss Account £000</b>	<b>Total £000</b>
At 1 January 2018 As previously reported	27,571	103,402	46	8,988	3,375	<b>143,382</b>
Impact of prior period restatement *	-	-	-	-	(54,793)	<b>(54,793)</b>
At 1 January 2018 (restated)	27,571	103,402	46	8,988	(58,168)	<b>81,839</b>
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2018 (restated) (Unaudited)	27,571	103,402	46	8,988	(58,168)	<b>81,839</b>
Total comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	2,025	<b>2,025</b>
<b>At 31 December 2019</b>	<b>27,571</b>	<b>103,402</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8,988</b>	<b>(56,143)</b>	<b>83,863</b>

\* Refer to note 13 for details of the prior year restatement.

# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019**

### **1 General Information**

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006.

The address of its registered address is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 4 to 10.

### **2 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom.

The particular accounting policies adopted are described below and, unless otherwise stated, have been applied consistently in both years.

#### **General information and basis of accounting**

The Company is incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on page 2. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic report on pages 3 to 5.

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 and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

#### **Summary of disclosure exemptions**

The Company's parent undertaking, Travis Perkins PLC includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Travis Perkins PLC are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and are available to the public. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Cash Flow Statement and related notes;
- Key Management Personnel compensation; and
- Intra-group transactions.

# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

As the consolidated financial statements of Travis Perkins PLC include the disclosures equivalent to those required by FRS 102, the Company has also taken the exemptions available in respect of the following disclosures:

- Certain disclosures required by FRS 102.26 *Share Based Payments*; and,
- Certain disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and FRS 102.12 *Other Financial Instrument Issues* in respect of financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph 36(4) of Schedule 1.

The company financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (“FRS 102”).

#### **Going concern assessment by the Directors of the Company**

The Company is part of the Travis Perkins plc Group (the “Group”). The Company’s ability to operate as a going concern is directly linked to the Group’s position.

The Board of Travis Perkins plc undertook an assessment on 4 September 2020 of the ability of the Group to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period to 31 December 2021. The Group’s assessment was made available to the Directors of the Company. The Directors did not consider that this assessment indicated the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the Group’s ability to continue as a going concern. The Directors have made appropriate inquiries of the Group subsequent to the date of this assessment and up to the date of signing these financial statements and have not identified any matters which impact their conclusion regarding the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern.

Travis Perkins plc has provided the Company with an undertaking that for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company and will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available. This should enable the Company to continue in operational existence for the 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment.

As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the Directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

The Directors are confident that the company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.



# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

#### **Going concern assessment by the Board of Travis Perkins plc**

In the context of the current COVID-19 outbreak, the Board of Travis Perkins plc undertook an assessment on 4 September 2020 of the ability of the Group to continue in operation and meet its liabilities as they fall due over the period to 31 December 2021. In doing so, the Board considered events throughout the period of their assessment, including the availability and maturity profile of the Group's financing facilities, and concluded that it remained appropriate to prepare the interim financial statements on a going concern basis on the following basis.

In late March and early April 2020, the Group operated a "service-light" operating model, focusing on serving customers through remote, non-contact channels with sites primarily running call/click and collect or direct delivery services to support essential construction programmes. After 20 April 2020, the Group carefully re-opened more of its Merchant branch network and Wickes and Toolstation responded at pace to cope with the high levels of consumer demand.

In June 2020, the Group initiated a restructuring programme involving branch closures and reductions in above-branch roles. The purpose of this restructuring was to align the cost base of the Group to reduced sales volumes, particularly in the Merchanting and Plumbing & Heating businesses. As a result, the Group is well positioned to trade through even a significant and long-term decline in volume, has the flexibility to react to changing market conditions and is adequately placed to manage its business risks successfully. Furthermore, the Group's experience of trading over the initial lockdown period gives confidence in its ability to operate through subsequent lockdowns if there are further peaks in infections.

In the analysis performed, the Travis Perkins plc Board considered the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on the Group's results and financial position in a range of possible scenarios. The following key assumptions were used in the central scenario:

- Trading over the remainder of 2020 broadly continues at current levels, with no material improvement over the Group's experience through July and August
- Business rates relief of circa £80m for the 2020–2021 tax year and no further furlough claims
- No further overhead reductions beyond those identified as part of the recent restructuring programme
- Capital expenditure of circa £70m, net of disposals
- Working capital metrics return to normal, with a cash benefit from stock reduction related to closed branches

A second two-month lockdown scenario was also considered, with trading and cash collection reduced to the levels experienced by the Group in May 2020, and recovering to a lower level than in the central scenario. In this scenario it was assumed that the Group would take mitigating measures, including reduced dividend payments, although no further structural cost savings are included.

# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

Under all scenarios considered, the Group was able to operate for the period ended 31 December 2021 within its existing borrowing facilities and its financial covenants.

Further reverse stress testing examined the scale of prolonged sales decline required to cause the Group to become insolvent or to breach its financial covenants and concluded that the magnitude of the sales decline required was not plausible.

After reviewing these forecasts and risk assessments and making other enquiries, the Board of Travis Perkins plc on 4 September 2020 formed the judgement that there is a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period ended 31 December 2021 and meet its liabilities as they fall due.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less provision for impairment where appropriate. Investments held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **Impairment of assets**

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in operating profit in the profit or loss as a charge to administrative expenses.

##### **a) Non-financial assets**

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in a previously recognised impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine whether a reversal is required. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset (other than goodwill) to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

##### **b) Financial assets**

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

# **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

### **2 Accounting policies (continued)**

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

#### **Taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date, adjusted for prior year items.

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 that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in years different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as 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 using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

The tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income or equity as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the Company intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if: a) the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future year in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

## **Wickes Finance Limited (formerly Wickes Limited)**

### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)**

#### **3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the year in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that year or in the year of the revision and future years if the revision affects both current and future years.

#### **4 Operating profit**

Operating profit is stated after charging / (crediting):

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
		<b>(Unaudited)</b>
Gain on disposal of investments	<b>7,037</b>	-
Impairment of intercompany receivables	<b>(70)</b>	-
Impairment of investments	<b>(4,943)</b>	-

#### **5 Directors' remuneration**

Two (2018: two) Directors were paid by other group companies and received total emoluments (including non-performance related bonus) of £1,850,600 (2018: £881,000), pension contributions of £nil (2018: £134,000) and performance related bonus of £nil (2018: £nil) during the year, but it is not practicable to allocate their remuneration from other group companies for services rendered. In addition, of these Directors, none (2018: none) are accruing benefits under the Travis Perkins Pensions and Dependents' Benefit Scheme, which is a defined benefit pension scheme, and none (2018: one) is contributing towards the Travis Perkins Pension Plan, which is a defined contribution scheme, in respect of their service to other group companies.

Two Directors paid by another group company exercised share options during the year (2018: two).

The company had no employees during 2019 (2018: nil).

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### 6 Reconciliation of tax charge

The total tax charge for the year is lower than the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the Company's profit before tax due to:

	2019 £000	2018 £000 (Unaudited)
Tax on profit at standard UK corporation tax rate of 19% (2018: 19.25%)	384	-
Effects of:		
Non-taxable profit on disposal	(1,337)	-
Impairments not deductible	953	
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

### 7 Investments

	2019 £000	2018 £000 (restated) (Unaudited)
At 1 January	38,015	38,015
Impairments	(4,943)	-
Disposals	(1)	-
<b>At 31 December</b>	<b>33,071</b>	<b>38,015</b>

Due to the ongoing project to simplify the Travis Perkins Group's legal structure and prepare Group for Wickes demerger, the investment balances have been reviewed for impairment during the year. As a result the Company has recognised an historic impairment of £61,543,000 in respect of dormant entities in the opening reserves, shown as a prior year restatement. Further to this the Company has recognised additional impairment of £4,943,000 in relation to its investment in Wickes Holdings Limited. See note 13 for the reconciliation of Balance Sheet for 1 January 2018.

During the year the Company has disposed its 100% shareholdings in HT (1995) Limited, Hunter Estates Limited and Hunter Limited for £7,038,000 and recognised a gain on disposal of £7,037,000.

The remaining carrying value of the investments in subsidiary undertakings is supported by their underlying net assets.

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#### **7 Investments (continued)**

Details of the investments in subsidiary undertakings are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Country of incorporation	Type and percentage of shares held	Nature of business
Wickes Holding Limited	England and Wales	100% ordinary shares	Dormant

The registered office of the subsidiary undertaking is Lodge Way House, Lodge Way, Harlestone Road, Northampton, England, NN5 7UG.

#### **8 Debtors**

	2019 £000	2018 £000 (Unaudited)
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	240,135	239,189

Amounts owed by group undertakings include loans and trade balances. The loans are interest free and have no fixed date for repayment.

#### **9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2019 £000	2018 £000 (Unaudited)
Amounts owed to group undertakings	(189,343)	(195,365)

Amounts owed to group undertakings include loans and trade balances. The loans are interest free and have no fixed date for repayment.

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### **10 Share capital and reserves**

#### **a) Share capital**

	No.	£000
Allotted and fully paid ordinary shares of £0.50 each		
At 1 January 2019 and at 31 December 2019	55,141,880	27,571

There were no changes to share capital during the year.

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

#### **b) Reserves**

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issue of equity shares.

The special and capital redemption reserves relate to the maintenance of the capital base of the company on the redemption of share capital.

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses.

### **11 Related party transactions**

The company has related party relationships with its fellow group companies and with its directors. It has not disclosed transactions between group companies however, as permitted under section 33 of FRS 102.

100% of the voting rights over the Company's shares are controlled within the Group.

There have been no material related party transactions with directors.

### **12 Non adjusting events after the financial period**

The operation of the Company's investments has been significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and the measures taken by the government to control the spread of the virus. In late March and early April 2020, the Group operated a "service-light" operating model, focusing on serving customers through remote, non-contact channels with sites primarily running call/click and collect or direct delivery services to support essential construction programmes. Since 20 April 2020 the Group has been carefully opening more of its Merchant branch network, with branches continuing to operate the service-light, non-contact operating model. This activity gives the Group confidence in its ability to continue trading at current levels on a "service-light" model, even in the event there is a second peak of infections and lockdown is renewed.

Due to the operations of the Company being that of a holding Company, the going concern status of the Company is unaffected.

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#### 13 Ultimate Parent Company

The immediate and ultimate parent undertaking, controlling party and smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements is Travis Perkins plc, a company registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Travis Perkins plc group financial statements are available from The Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

#### 14 Explanation of prior year restatement

Due to the ongoing project to simplify the Travis Perkins Group's legal structure and prepare Group for Wickes demerger, the investment balances have been reviewed for impairment during the year. As a result the Company has recognised an historic impairment of £61,543,000 in respect of dormant entities in the opening reserves, shown as a prior year restatement.

The below table shows impact of the prior year restatement on the opening Balance Sheet at 1 January 2018:

	2018 £000 (reported) (Unaudited)	£000 Prior year adjustment	2018 £000 (restated) (Unaudited)
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Investments	99,558	(61,543)	38,015
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors – Amounts owed by group	239,189	-	239,189
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	(195,365)	-	(195,365)
<b>Net current assets</b>	43,824	-	43,824
<b>Net assets</b>	143,382	(61,543)	81,839
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called-up Share Capital	27,571	-	27,571
Share Premium Account	103,402	-	103,402
Special Reserve	46	-	46
Capital Redemption Reserve	8,988	-	8,988
Profit and Loss Account	3,375	(61,543)	(58,168)
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>	143,382	(61,543)	81,839