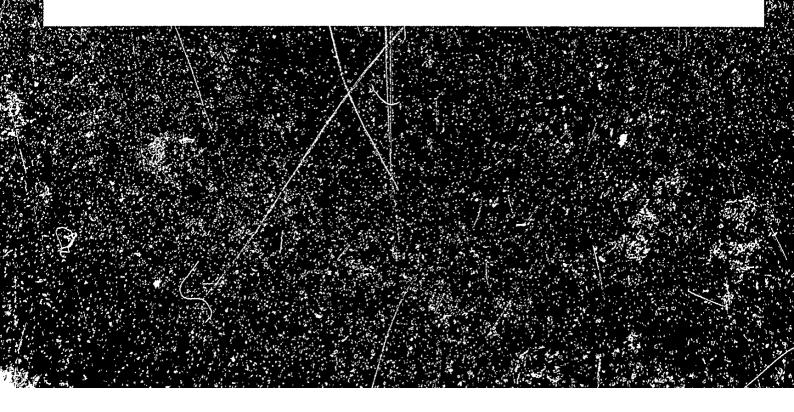


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DIRECTORS' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
TIME RETAIL FINANCE LIMITED
31 January 1989

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 11 APRIL 1988 TO 31 JANUARY 1989

The directors present their report and audited accounts of the company for the period ended 31 January 1989.

SHARE CAPITAL AND ACCOUNTING REFERENCE DATE

The company was incorporated on 11 April 1988 under the name of Legibus 1147 Limited. The company has changed its name as follows:

21 June 1988 To Time Financial Services Limited

21 July 1988 To Time Retail Credit Limited

30 November 1988 To Time Retail Finance Limited

The company was incorporated with an authorised share capital of 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each. On incorporation, 2 shares were issued for cash at par value. At an extraordinary general meeting held on 30 November 1988 a special resolution was passed increasing the authorised share capital of the company to 2,000,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each divided into 1,000,000 "A" Ordinary shares and 1,000,002 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each. The existing issued 2 Ordinary shares were classified as "B" Ordinary shares.

On the same day the company issued 1,000,000 "A" Ordinary shares and 1,000,000 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each for cash at par value to Club 24 Limited and Woolworth Holdings plc respectively.

The issue of the shares was to provide the company with finance to enable it to commence trading.

The company has adopted an accounting reference date of 31 January, being the reference date of its shareholders.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activity is the provision of retail credit card facilities, together with the financing of fixed term lending through retailers.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 11 APRIL 1988 TO 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND RESULTS

The company commenced trading on 4 December 1988. The loss of the company for the year after taxation amounted to £231,307. The company incurred a loss principally due to the short period since the commencement of trading. The directors anticipate that the trading conditions in the coming year will be favourable. No dividend is proposed by the directors.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

All persons who were directors of the company at any time between 11 April 1988 and 31 January 1989 are listed below:

TG Woodburn	(Appointed 11 April 1988, resigned 21 June 1988)
ME Richards	(Appointed 11 April 1988, resigned 21 June 1988)
GC Thomas	(Appointed 21 June 1988)
GJ Keniston-Cooper	(Appointed 21 June 1988)
A Iversen	(Appointed 30 November 1988)
BA Wood	(Appointed 30 November 1988
H Kenworthy	(Appointed 30 November 1988)
PR Hutchinson	(Appointed 30 November 1988)

No director had an interest in the shares of the company or of Woolworth Holdings plc .

FIXED ASSETS

Movements in fixed assets are shown in note 6 to the accounts.

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE PERIOD FROM 11 APRIL 1988 TO 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

AUDITORS

Price Waterhouse, who were appointed by the directors as auditors during the period, offer themselves for re-appointment.

By Order of the Board

P. P. Hutchinson
Secretary

13 March 1989

Registered Office

Claypit Lane Leeds LS2 8AP

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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF TIME RETAIL FINANCE LIMITED

We have audited the accounts on pages 5 to $11\ \mathrm{in}\ \mathrm{accordance}\ \mathrm{with}\ \mathrm{approved}\ \mathrm{Auditing}\ \mathrm{Standards}.$

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs at 31 January 1989 and of its loss for the period then ended and comply with the Companies Act 1985.

PRICE WATERHOUSE

Chartered Accountants

13 March 1989

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 JANUARY 1989

	Notes	
TURNOVER	2	9,922
GROSS PROFIT		9,922
Distribution costs Administrative expenses		(1,475) (396,935)
OPERATING LOSS	3	(388,488)
Interest receivable from shareholder companies		41,181
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION		(347,307)
TAXATION	5	116,000
LOSS AFTER TAXATION		£(231,307)

BALANCE SHEET - 31 JANUARY 1989

Not	ces		
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	6		49,116
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	7	1,894,044 100 1,894,144	
CREDITORS (amounts falling due within one year)	8	(174,565)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			1,719,579
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			£1,768,695
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital Profit and loss account - deficit	9		2,000,002 (231,307)
			£1,768,695
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DIRECTORS

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON 13 MARCH 1989

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JANUARY 1989

1 ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(1) Debtors

Full provision is made for doubtful debts using an arrears based method which is designed to provide $f_{\mathcal{F}}$ those debts which will probably prove to be irrecoverable.

(2) Deferred taxation

No provision is made for deferred taxation unless there is reasonable probability that payment will be made in the foreseeable future.

(3) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost and are written off over the minimum length of the agreement between Time Retail Finance Limited, Woolworth Holding: plc and Club 24 Limited, which is 3 years.

(4) Turnover

Turnover represents interest charges on credit facilities provided to customers.

3 OPERATING LOSS

This is stated after charging:

£

Depreciation
Auditors' remuneration

2,909 11,000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

4 DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

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Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	50,428 4,150 2,340
	£56,918
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Average number of employees (excluding directors)	4
The above includes the following remuneration in respect of directors:	
Fees as directors Other emoluments	10,645
	£10,645
The emoluments, excluding pension contributions, of the directors were as follows:	
Chairman	£Nil
Highest paid director	£5,000
Other directors were in the following ranges:	Number
£0 - £5,000	6

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

5 TAXATION

Taxation relief receivable from shareholder companies at 35%	£116,000
Companies at other	

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor vehicles	Office equipment	Total
Additions Charge for the period	29,737 (1,652)	22,288 (1,257)	52,025 (2,909)
At 31 January 1989	£28,085	£21,031	£49,116
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There were no capital commitments at 31 January 1989.

7 DEBTORS

Trade debtors Amounts owed by fellow subsidiaries Amounts owed by holding company Amounts owed by Club 24 Limited Other debtors	380,019 6,829 722,730 758,823 25,643
Offier deprote	£1,894,044

Included within trade debtors is £7,025 wh_ch is receivable after more than one year.

8 CREDITORS (due within one year)

Social security and other taxes Accruals and other creditors	48,324 126,241
	£174,565

MOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Issued and fully paid shares of £l each

	<u>Ordinary</u>	"A" Ordinary	"B" Ordinary
11 April 1988 - issued fully paid 30 November 1988 - conversion 30 November 1988 - issued fully	2 (2)	-	- 2
paid paid		1,000,000	1,000,000
	£-	£1,000,000	£1,000,002
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The company was incorporated on 11 April 1988 with an authorised share capital of 100 Ordinary shares of £1 each, of which 2 shares were issued for cash at par on the same day.

At an extraordinary general meeting held on 30 November 1988 a special resolution was passed increasing the authorised share capital to 2,000,002 Ordinary shares of £1 each and converting the ordinary share capital into 1,000,000 "A" Ordinary shares and 1,000,002 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each.

On the same day, the company issued 1,000,000 "A" Ordinary shares and 1,000,000 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each for cash at par value.

The issue of shares was to provide the company with finance to enable it to commence trading.

The holders of the shares at 31 January 1989 were:

"A" shares Club 24 Limited

"B" shares Woolworth Holdings plc

10 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company's employees, where eligible, are members of the pension schemes of one or other of the shareholder companies. These schemes are financed primarily through separate trustee administered funds. Contributions to these funds, which are charged against profits, are determined by the shareholder companies based on actuarial advice.

NOTUS TO THE ACCOUNTS - 31 JANUARY 1989 (CONTINUED)

11 ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

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The ultimate holding company is Woolworth Holdings plc which is incorporated in Great Britain.

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