## REGISTERED NUMBER: 02319525 (England and Wales)

**Acorn Venture Limited** 

Report of the Directors and

**Audited Consolidated Financial Statements** 

for the year ended 30th September 2011

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Pinfields Limited
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#### **Acorn Venture Limited**

## Company Information for the year ended 30th September 2011

**DIRECTORS:** 

A M Gardiner

J A Gardiner

**SECRETARY:** 

A M Gardiner

**REGISTERED OFFICE:** 

Acorn House Prospect Road Halesowen West Midlands

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:** 

02319525 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:** 

Pinfields Limited Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor Meryll House 57 Worcester Road Bromsgrove Worcestershire B61 7DN

**BANKERS:** 

HSBC Bank plc Stourbridge 114 High Street Stourbridge West Midlands DY8 1DZ

## Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September 2011

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company and the group for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the group in the year under review was that of activity group tour operators

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The directors are pleased to report that the Group shows a consolidated profit within these accounts. The figures show a substantial year on year improvement and the directors believe the Group is well placed to improve on these results in future years. The profit level was particularly pleasing as the Group suffered a one off VAT penalty from the French authorities following an enquiry into the VAT rate charged on its Sarl Camping La Savane turnover. The penalty, and associated costs, amounted to £55,975. The results of the enquiry will have no impact on the future profitability of the Group and is acknowledged as a one off exceptional cost by the Board.

As noted in the Business Review last year, continued pressure on Sterling and therefore the cost of the Euro, is the key principal risk and uncertainty for the Group moving forward. However, the directors continue to implement cost savings and income improvements necessary to assist the Group. The Sterling to Euro foreign exchange rate remains fully costed for 2012 and provided there is not a further collapse in Sterling with the Euro, the Group is well placed to continue to grow in coming years.

Operationally, the company has had another very good year

On 13th October 2011, a reorganisation of the Group took place. For full details see note 24 to the accounts

#### DIVIDENDS

An interim dividend of 1 82 per share on the Ordinary A £1 shares was paid on 15th July 2011 The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid on these shares

No interim dividend was paid on the Ordinary B £1 shares The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid on these shares

No interim dividend was paid on the Preference £1 shares. The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid on these shares.

The total distribution of dividends for the year ended 30th September 2011 will be £50,000

#### EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1st October 2010 to the date of this report

A M Gardiner

J A Gardiner

## Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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 the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements 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 and the group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and 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 the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the group's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the group's auditors are aware of that information

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

ardiner - Secretary

13th March 2012

#### Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Acorn Venture Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Acorn Venture Limited for the year ended 30th September 2011 on pages six to thirty three. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 a Report of the Auditors 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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page three, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the parent company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 30th September 2011 and of the group's profit 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

## Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of **Acorn Venture Limited**

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the parent company 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

Mark Neil Warman FCCA, ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Pinfields Limited

**Chartered Accountants** 

Statutory Auditor

Meryll House

57 Worcester Road

Bromsgrove

Worcestershire

**B61 7DN** 13ª March 20,2

Date

# Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 30th September 2011

N	Notes	2011 £	2010 £
TURNOVER	2	6,597,406	6,080,935
Cost of sales		4,795,367	4,341,008
GROSS PROFIT		1,802,039	1,739,927
Administrative expenses		1,649,916	1,561,473
OPERATING PROFIT	4	152,123	178,454
Interest receivable and similar income		574	273
		152,697	178,727
Interest payable and similar charges	5	65,574	65,012
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		87,123	113,715
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	34,311	
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR I	FOR THE GROUP	52,812	113,715

## **CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

None of the group's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year

# Consolidated Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses for the year ended 30th September 2011

	2011 £	2010 £
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	52,812	113,715
Exchange difference on investment loan to subsidiary	4,070	(28,061)
TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES		
RELATING TO THE YEAR	56,882	85,654

## NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES

The difference between the results as disclosed in the profit and loss account and the results on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material

# Consolidated Balance Sheet 30th September 2011

	2011		2010		
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	9		46,906		46,906
Tangible assets	10		2,085,288		2,110,073
Investments	11		7,515		7,515
			2,139,709		2,164,494
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	12	28,338		38,221	
Debtors	13	345,669		530,788	
Cash at bank and in hand		342,473		336,267	
í		716,480		905,276	
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	14	1,281,797		1,524,787	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(565,317)		(619,511)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			1,574,392		1,544,983
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one	1.5		(4.400.44.6)		(1.162.664)
year	15		(1,129,116)		(1,162,564)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	19		(55,975)		
NET ASSETS			389,301		382,419
					======

# Consolidated Balance Sheet - continued 30th September 2011

	2011		20	10	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	20		38,750		38,750
Revaluation reserve	21		471,395		488,662
Capital redemption reserve	21		11,250		11,250
Profit and loss account	21		(132,094)		(156,243)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	26		389,301		382,419

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13th March 2012 and were signed on its behalf by

J A Gardiner - Director

A M Gardiner - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

# Company Balance Sheet 30th September 2011

	201	1	2010	0
Notes	£	£	£	£
9		-		-
10		1,933,765		1,938,193
11		348,913		414,265
		2,282,678		2,352,458
12	28,338		38,221	
13	239,197		439,409	
	311,176		303,517	
	578,711		781,147	
14	1,127,330		1,456,126	
		(548,619)		(674,979)
		1,734,059		1,677,479
15		1,129,116		1,162,564
		604,943		514,915
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# Company Balance Sheet - continued 30th September 2011

,	2011		2011		0
	Notes	£	£	£	£
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	20		38,750		38,750
Revaluation reserve	21		471,395		488,662
Capital redemption reserve	21		11,250		11,250
Profit and loss account	21		83,548		(23,747)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	26		604,943		514,915

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 13TH MARCH 2012 and were signed on its behalf by

M Gardiner - Director

J A Gardiner - Director

# Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30th September 2011

		2011		2010	)
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1		369,721		391,205
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2		(65,000)		(64,739)
Taxation			15,032		-
Capital expenditure	2		(230,974)		(146,278)
Equity dividends paid			(50,000)		
			38,779		180,188
Financing	2		(32,573)		(14,395)
Increase in cash in the period			6,206		165,793
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	3				
Increase in cash in the period Cash outflow/(inflow)		6,206		165,793	
from decrease/(increase) in debt		32,574		(16,865)	
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows			38,780		148,928
Movement in net debt in the period Net debt at 1st October			38,780 (871,331)		148,928 (1,020,259)
Net debt at 30th September			(832,551)		(871,331) =====

# Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30th September 2011

# 1 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2011	2010
	£	£
Operating profit	152,123	178,454
Depreciation charges	251,989	281,554
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	3,772	(472)
Exchange rate on subsidiary loan	4,070	(28,061)
Increase in provisions	55,975	-
Decrease in stocks	9,883	23,929
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	170,030	(170,138)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(278,121)	105,939
Net cash inflow from operating activities	369,721	391,205

### 2 ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS NETTED IN THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	2011 £	2010 £
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	Z.	£
Interest received	574	273
Interest paid	(65,574)	(65,012)
Net cash outflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance	(65,000) ====	(64,739) =====
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(237,209)	(146,379)
Sale of intangible fixed assets	-	(371)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	6,235	472
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure	(230,974)	(146,278) ———
Financing		
Loan repayments in year	(32,573)	(33,137)
Amount introduced by directors	-	50,000
Amount withdrawn by directors		(31,258)
Net cash outflow from financing	(32,573)	(14,395)
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# Notes to the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement for the year ended 30th September 2011

### 3 ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At		At
	1.10.10	Cash flow	30.9.11
	£	£	£
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	336,267	6,206	342,473
	336,267	6,206	342,473
Debt			
Debts falling due within one year	(45,034)	(874)	(45,908)
Debts falling due	(43,054)	(0/4)	(43,700)
after one year	(1,162,564)	33,448	(1,129,116)
	(1,207,598)	32,574	(1,175,024)
	<del></del>		
Total	(871,331)	38,780	(832,551) ======
lotal	(871,331) ———	<del>38,780</del>	(832,

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### Accounting convention

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The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention modified to include the revaluation of certain assets

The company has consistently applied all relevant accounting standards

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The group financial statements consolidate the accounts of Acorn Venture Limited and all its subsidiary undertakings made up to 30 September 2011 each year, the group profit and loss account includes the results of all subsidiary undertakings for the period from the date of their acquisition and up to the date of disposal

No separate company profit and loss account is included in these financial statements

Turnover and profits arising on trading between group companies are excluded

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents net earnings from holidays invoiced and provided, excluding value added tax using the Tour Operators Margin Scheme

#### Goodwill

Goodwill may arise on the acquisition of subsidiary and associated undertakings and interest in joint ventures. It represents the excess of cost over fair value of the group share of tangible assets acquired. In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 10 such goodwill is capitalised as an intangible asset and amortised against profit over its expected life.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life

Freehold land and buildings Short leasehold property

Long leasehold property

Camping, catering & sports equipment Fixtures, fittings & equipment

Motor vehicles

- Straight line over 25 years

- Straight line over 10 years

- Straight line over 12 years

- 20% on cost

- 25% on cost and 15% on cost

20% on cost

#### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date

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## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating result.

#### Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease

#### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme Contributions payable to the group's pension scheme are charged to the profit and loss account in the period to which they relate

#### **Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value

#### 2 TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the group

An analysis of turnover by geographical market is given below

UK Furane	2011 £ 6,586,837 10,569	£ 6,035,332 45,603
Europe	6,597,406	6,080,935
STAFF COSTS	2011	2010
	£	£
Wages and salaries	1,284,548	1,217,807
Social security costs	86,165	86,251
Other pension costs	5,405	4,524
	1,376,118	1,308,582

2010

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# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

### 3 STAFF COSTS - continued

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The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows	2011	2010
	2011	2010
Office, operations and management	35	30
Seasonal group operators/instructors	224	216
	259 	<u>246</u>
OPERATING PROFIT		
The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
		•••
	2011	2010
Here of alcost and march man.	£ 6,601	£ 5,369
Hire of plant and machinery Depreciation - owned assets	251,989	281,554
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	3,772	(472)
Auditors' remuneration	10,500	10,200
Remuneration paid to auditors	10,000	.0,200
for non-audit services	13,738	27,002
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	42,500	42,500
Directors' remuneration	73,251	70,756
INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR		
CHARGES		
	2011	2010
	£	£
Bank interest	29,574	29,012
Loan	36,000	36,000
	65,574	65,012

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### 6 TAXATION

Analysis	of the	e tax	charge
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The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows

	2011	2010
Current tax	£	£
UK corporation tax	34,254	_
Prior year tax adjustment	57	-
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Tax on profit on ordinary activities	34,311	-
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#### Factors affecting the tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below

	2011 £	2010 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	87,123	113,715
Profit on ordinary activities		
multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax		
in the UK of 20 922% (2010 - 21%)	18,228	23,880
Effects of		
Depreciation for year in excess of capital allowances	3,730	12,997
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	_	6,977
Trading losses utilised	(5,013)	(28,227)
Adjustments including exchange rate consolidation and foreign tax losses		
unutilised	16,571	(9,734)
Effect of exchange difference on investment loan to subsidiary	738	(5,893)
Prior year tax adjustment	57	
Current tax charge	34,311	

#### 7 PROFIT OF PARENT COMPANY

As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the profit and loss account of the parent company is not presented as part of these financial statements. The parent company's profit for the financial year was £140,029 (2010 - £39,300)

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

. 8	DIVIDENDS		<b>2011</b>	2010
	Ordinary A shares of £1 each		£	£
	Interim		50,000	-
9	INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Group			
	•			Goodwill £
	COST			<b>3</b> -
	At 1st October 2010			
	and 30th September 2011			46,906
	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 30th September 2011			46,906
	At 30th September 2010			46,906
10	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
	Group			
	•	Freehold	Short	Long
		land and	leasehold	leasehold
		buildings £	property £	property £
	COST OR VALUATION	<b>~</b>	-	~
	At 1st October 2010	1,723,286	15,722	322,237
	Additions	26,981		
	At 30th September 2011	1,750,267	15,722	322,237
	DEPRECIATION			
	At 1st October 2010	66,851	9,433	163,716
	Charge for year	42,283	1,572	33,707
	Eliminated on disposal	<del></del>	<del>_</del>	
	At 30th September 2011	109,134	11,005	197,423
, <del>f</del>	NET BOOK VALUE			
	At 30th September 2011	1,641,133	4,717	124,814
	At 30th September 2010	1,656,435	6,289	158,521

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## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

#### Group

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	Camping, catering & sports equipment £	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Totals £
COST OR VALUATION				
At 1st October 2010	1,014,342	122,378	62,107	3,260,072
Additions	145,468	30,289	34,471	237,209
Disposals	(355,771)	(24,870)	(35,349)	(415,990)
At 30th September 2011	804,039	127,797	61,229	3,081,291
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st October 2010	760,405	104,504	45,088	1,149,997
Charge for year	144,635	20,015	9,777	251,989
Eliminated on disposal	(355,771)	(24,870)	(25,342)	(405,983)
At 30th September 2011	549,269	99,649	29,523	996,003
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30th September 2011	254,770	28,148	31,706	2,085,288
At 30th September 2010	253,937	17,874	17,019	2,110,075

Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £745,000 (2010 - £745,000) which is not depreciated

In the year ended 30th September 2006 Savills revalued the freehold interest of the land and buildings and this gave rise to an enhancement to the book value of £85,304 in 2006

On 27th March, 2008 Savills revalued the freehold interest of the land and buildings at £1,590,000. This gave rise to an enhancement to the book value of £403,358 in 2007.

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# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

### Group

Cost or valuation at 30th September 2011 is represented by

		Freehold land and	Short leasehold	Long leasehold
		buildings	property	property
		£	£	£
Valuation in 2006		85,304	-	-
Valuation in 2007		403,358	-	-
Cost		1,261,605	15,722	322,237
		1,750,267	15,722	322,237
	Camping, catering	Fixtures,		
	& sports	fittings	Motor	
	equipment	& equipment	vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Valuation in 2006	-	_	-	85,304
Valuation in 2007	-	_	-	403,358
Cost	804,039	127,797	61,229	2,592,629
	804,039	127,797	61,229	3,081,291

If freehold land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost

	2011 £	2010 £
Cost	1,285,094	1,258,113
Aggregate depreciation	103,999	82,396

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

### 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

### Company

	Freehold land and buildings £	Short leasehold property £	Camping, catering & sports equipment £
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1st October 2010	1,723,286	15,722	912,460
Additions	26,981	-	130,269
Disposals		-	(355,771)
At 30th September 2011	1,750,267	15,722	686,958
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st October 2010	66,851	9,433	668,570
Charge for year	42,283	1,572	137,392
Eliminated on disposal	<u> </u>		(355,771)
At 30th September 2011	109,134	11,005	450,191
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th September 2011	1,641,133	4,717	236,767
At 30th September 2010	1,656,435	6,289	243,890

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

#### Company

	Fixtures, fittings	Motor	
	& equipment	vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£
COST OR VALUATION			
At 1st October 2010	118,083	40,509	2,810,060
Additions	30,289	25,046	212,585
Disposals	(24,870)	(35,349)	(415,990)
At 30th September 2011	123,502	30,206	2,606,655
DEPRECIATION			
At 1st October 2010	100,239	26,774	871,867
Charge for year	19,718	6,041	207,006
Eliminated on disposal	(24,870)	(25,342)	(405,983)
At 30th September 2011	95,087	7,473	672,890
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th September 2011	28,415	22,733	1,933,765
At 30th September 2010	17,844	13,735	1,938,193
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Included in cost or valuation of land and buildings is freehold land of £745,000 (2010 - £745,000) which is not depreciated

In the year ended 30th September 2006 Savills revalued the freehold interest of the land and buildings and this gave rise to an enhancement to the book value of £85,304 in 2006

On 27th March, 2008 Savills revalued the freehold interest of the land and buildings at £1,590,000. This gave rise to an enhancement to the book value of £403,358 in 2007.

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## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### 10 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

### Group

Cost or valuation at 30th September 2011 is represented by

	Freehold land and buildings	Short leasehold property	Camping, catering & sports equipment
	£	£	£
Valuation in 2006	85,304	-	-
Valuation in 2007	403,358	-	-
Cost	1,261,605	15,722	686,958
	1,750,267	15,722	686,958
	Fixtures,		
	fittings	Motor	
	& equipment	vehicles	Totals
	£	£	£
Valuation in 2006	-	-	85,304
Valuation in 2007	-	-	403,358
Cost	123,502	30,206	2,117,993
	123,502	30,206	2,606,655
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If freehold land and buildings had not been revalued they would have been included at the following historical cost

	2011 £	2010 £
Cost	1,285,094	1,258,113
Aggregate depreciation	103,999	82,396

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

### FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Gro	up	Com	pany
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£
Shares in group undertakings	-	-	4,766	4,766
Loans to group undertakings	-	-	338,918	404,270
Participating interests	50	50	50	50
Other investments not loans	7,465	7,465	<del>5,179</del>	5,179
	7,515	7,515	348,913	414,265

### Additional information is as follows

#### Group

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Стоир	Interest in associate undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
COST			
At 1st October 2010			
and 30th September 2011		5,179	5,229
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 30th September 2011	<u>50</u>	5,179 ——	5,229
At 30th September 2010	50	5,179	5,229
Investments (neither listed nor unlisted) were as follows			
		2011 £	2010 £
Other financial fixed			
assets - Sarl Camping		2 200	2.206
La Savane		<del>2,286</del>	2,286

### Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### **FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued**

### Company

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	Shares in group undertakings £	Interest in associate undertakings £	Listed investments £	Totals £
COST				
At 1st October 2010				
and 30th September 2011	4,766	50	5,179	9,995
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 30th September 2011	4,766	50	5,179	9,995
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At 30th September 2010	4,766	50	5,179	9,995
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The group or the company's investments at the balance sheet date in the share capital of companies include the following

#### **Subsidiaries**

Nature of business Provision of transport serv	ices
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Nature of business Provision of transport services			
	%		
Class of shares	holding		
Ordinary	100 00		
•		2011	2010
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		3,477	4,587
Profit for the year		76,890	2,468
From for the year		<del></del>	2,400
		<del></del>	
Sayl Compine La Sayana			
Sarl Camping La Savane			
Country of incorporation France			
Nature of business Provision of site / centre	0.7		
	%		
Class of shares	holding		
Ordinary	100 00		
		2011	2010
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		(214,353)	(132,312)
(Loss)/Profit for the year		(82,041)	43,885
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### FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

	<b>Associated</b>	Company
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Diverse	Earth	Worldwide	Tours Ltd
DIVELSE	Laiu	MANITOR	I VUI 3 LIU

Nature of business Dormant

Class of shares	holding		
Ordinary	50 00		
•		2011	2010
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		100	100

%

**Company** 

	Loans to
	group
	undertakings
	£
At 1st October 2010	404,269
Repayment in year	(65,351)
At 30th September 2011	338,918

#### 12 STOCKS

	Gro	up	Comp	oany
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£
Finished goods	28,338	38,221	28,338	38,221

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

### 13 **DEBTORS**

	Gro	oup	Com	pany
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year				
Trade debtors	83,060	142,053	4,830	16,688
Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	•	-	114,488
Other debtors	24,706	78,961	-	-
Tax	-	15,089	-	15,089
S419 tax debtor	2,938	2,938	2,938	2,938
Called up share capital not paid	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250
Prepayments	138,076	194,858	134,540	193,317
	260,030	445,149	153,558	353,770
Amounts falling due after more than one year				
Other debtors	85,639	<u>85,639</u>	<u>85,639</u>	<u>85,639</u>
Aggregate amounts	345,669	530,788	239,197	439,409

### 14 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 16)	45,908	45,034	45,908	45,034
Payments on account	735,379	1,162,120	735,379	1,162,120
Trade creditors	295,879	151,996	182,188	114,501
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	982	-
Amounts owed to participating interests	50	50	50	50
Tax	34,254	-	15,056	-
Social security and other taxes	24,694	25,230	23,792	24,497
VAT	66,074	60,600	53,304	38,159
Other creditors	10,935	22,272	2,047	14,280
Wages control account	8,475	11,640	8,475	11,640
Accrued expenses	60,149	45,845	60,149	45,845
	1,281,797	1,524,787	1,127,330	1,456,126

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## 15 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	Group		Company	
	2011	2010	2011	2010
	£	£	£	£
Bank loans (see note 16)	587,866	621,314	587,866	621,314
Other loans (see note 16)	541,250	541,250	541,250	541,250
	1,129,116	1,162,564	1,129,116	1,162,564
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#### 16 LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below

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		Group		Company	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
	£	£	£	£	
Amounts falling due within one year or on demand					
Bank loans	45,908	45,034	45,908	45,034	
Amounts falling due between one and two years		46.040		46.242	
Bank loans - 1-2 years	47,139	46,242	47,139	46,242	
Amounts falling due between two and five years	\ <u></u>				
Bank loans - 2-5 years	149,141	146,303	149,141	146,303	
Amounts falling due in more than five years Repayable otherwise than by instalments Preference shares	11,250	11,250	11,250	11,250	
		<del></del>			
Repayable by instalments  Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	391,586	428,769	391,586	428,769	
Directors capital account	530,000	530,000	530,000	530,000	
	921,586	958,769	921,586	958,769	
Details of shares shown as liabilities are as fo	llows				
Allotted, issued and fully paid					
Number Class		Nominal value	2011 £	2010 £	
11,250 Preference		£1	11,250	11,250	

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The preference shares are redeemable and have no voting rights, but the right to a 10% dividend per annum. This dividend will only be paid out of positive retained reserves of the parent.

#### OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The following operating lease payments are committed to be paid within one year

#### Group

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Group	Land and buildings		Other operating leases	
	2011 £	2010 £	2011 £	2010 £
Expiring				10.751
Between one and five years	42,500	42,500	12,956	18,751
In more than five years		<del>-</del>	2,750	
	42,500	42,500	15,706	18,751

#### 18 SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors

	Gre	Group		Company	
	2011	2010	2011	2010	
	£	£	£	£	
Bank loans	633,774	666,348	633,774	666,348	
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The Group bank loans are secured via a fixed and floating charge on the business assets of the group. The fixed charge is held over all present freehold and leasehold property. An unlimited multilateral guarantee is also in existence.

The Company bank loan is repayable over 25 years from draw down. Interest is charged at 2 15% over bank base rate. There is no agreed repayment date for the directors loans. The directors loans are subject to a CAA subordinated loan agreement.

# Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

### 19 PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Other provision	าร			Grou 2011 £ 55,975	2010 £
, i	Aggregate amo	ounts			55,975 ———	<u> </u>
20	CALLED UP	SHARE CAPITAL				
	Allotted, issued Number 27,500 11,250	d and fully paid Class Ordinary A Ordinary B		Nominal value £1	2011 £ 27,500 11,250 38,750	2010 £ 27,500 11,250 38,750
21	RESERVES					
	Group		Profit and loss account £	Revaluation reserve £	Capital redemption reserve	Totals £
\$	At 1st October Profit for the y Dividends Revaluation of		(156,243) 52,812 (50,000) 17,267	488,662 (17,267)	11,250	343,669 52,812 (50,000)
		erence on investment	4,070	-		4,070
	At 30th Septem	nber 2011	(132,094)	471,395	11,250	350,551

## Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 30th September 2011

#### 21 RESERVES - continued

#### Company

	Profit and loss account £	Revaluation reserve	Capital redemption reserve	Totals £
At 1st October 2010	(23,748)	488,662	11,250	476,164
Profit for the year	140,029			140,029
Dividends	(50,000)			(50,000)
Revaluation of land and buildings	17,267	(17,267)		
At 30th September 2011	83,548	471,395	11,250	566,193
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#### 22 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS

Mr & Mrs A M Gardiner are two of the partners in the business of Acorn Venture SCI, a partnership registered in France, to whom there is a loan outstanding by the company of £85,369 (2008 - £85,369)

#### 23 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the director, Mr A M Gardiner, did not advance or had repaid any of his loan to the company The balance remained at £530,000.

Loan interest is paid at a rate of 7 5% on the balance of £480,000 only. These loans are subordinated to the CAA

### 24 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 13 October 2011 a reorganisation of the Acorn Venture Group took place. The trading divisions of Encounters Europe, Acorn India and the School Travel Company were effectively demerged into a new company, School Trips Limited (a company registered in England and Wales)

School Trips Limited is in the process of obtaining its ABTA and CAA licences, which are to be active from 1 April 2012. On receipt of these licences the trading of the above noted divisions will move into School Trips Limited. For the avoidance of doubt, these accounts do not include any adjustment that may be necessary if we were to remove the agreed opening balance sheet of School Trips Limited from these group results. We believe this transaction to be a non adjusting post balance sheet event. The financial impact on these statements would be to remove £102,930 out of the Net Assets and Shareholders Funds of the Group

Also on 13 October 2011 the groups ultimate parent company has changed from Mickleton Limited to Acorn Venture Holdings Limited (a company registered in England and Wales) Please note that the Group, its subsidiaries and School Trips Limited remain under the control of A M Gardiner

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### 25 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

During the three years ending 30 September 2011, A M Gardiner, a director, together with his wife, controlled the company by virtue of a controlling interest of 100% of the issued ordinary share capital

## 26 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Group		
	2011	2010
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	52,812	113,715
Dividends	(50,000)	
	2,812	113,715
Other recognised gains and losses		
relating to the year (net)	4,070	(28,061)
Net addition to shareholders' funds	6,882	85,654
Opening shareholders' funds	382,419	296,765
Closing shareholders' funds	389,301	382,419
Company	2011	2010
	2011 £	2010 £
D - C4 C 41 - C 1	140,029	39,300
Profit for the financial year Dividends	(50,000)	39,300
	90,029	39,300
Sundry rounding adjustment	(1)	-
Net addition to shareholders' funds	90,028	39,300
Opening shareholders' funds	514,915	475,615
Closing shareholdows! funds	604,943	514,915
Closing shareholders' funds		=====