Registered number: 2323039

# **IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED**

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**DIRECTORS** 

P Edgecliffe-Johnson

C Springett R Wheeler

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

P Patel

**COMPANY NUMBER** 

2323039

**REGISTERED OFFICE** 

Broadwater Park

Denham

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**AUDITORS** 

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2010

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

IHC May Fair Hotel Limited's (the "Company") principal activity is that of a financing company. It is the intention of the directors that the Company will continue operating in this capacity.

The directors view the results as satisfactory as are the future prospects of the Company

Primarily the Company's transactions are with tellow InterContinental Hotels group (consisting of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC and its subsidiaries) (the "Group") undertakings and as such there are not considered to be any significant risks and uncertainties impacting the Company Any uncertainties impacting the Company would arise from internal decisions taken within the Group

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £191,000 (2009 £299,000)

The directors do not propose a dividend for the year ended 31 December 2010 (2009 £nil) on the £1 ordinary shares

A dividend of £10 (2009 £10) on the 10% Cumulative Preference Shares has been accumulated in the year

## **DIRECTORS**

The directors during 2010 and since the year end were as follows

P Edgecliffe-Johnson (appointed 7 June 2011)

A S McEwan (resigned 7 June 2011)

C Springett

R Wheeler

### **GOING CONCERN**

The Company operates its activities in conjunction with other companies within the Group and therefore relies on the Group for its continued existence. At the end of 2010, the Group was trading comfortably within its banking covenants and debt facilities. Furthermore, the Group's fee-based model and wide geographic spread means that it is well placed to manage through uncertain times and forecasts and sensitivity projections, based on a range of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the Group should be able to operate within the level of its current facilities.

Information on the Group's banking covenants and debt facilities, processes for managing its capital, its financial risk management objectives details of its financial instruments and hedging activities and its exposures to credit risk and liquidity risk are disclosed in the Annual Report and Financial Statements of the Group

After making enquiries the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements as the ultimate parent company, InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, and its subsidiaries intend to make funds available to the Company to enable it to meet its debts as they fall due.

## **QUALIFYING THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS**

A qualifying third party indemnity provision has been granted in favour of existing and former directors of the Company by InterContinental Hotels Limited in accordance with Section 232 of the Companies Act 2006. A copy of this indemnity provision is available for inspection by the members of the Company at the Company's registered office at Broadwater Park. Denham Buckinghamshire, UB9 5HR.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

## DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as he or she is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware,
   and
- he or she has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

## **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies exemption

By order of the Board

Signed by PRITTI PATEL

, Secretary/Director-

Date 23/05/2011

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' 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 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 of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments 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, and
- 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 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 also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of IHC May Fair Hotel Limited for the year ended 31 December 2010 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 14. 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 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

## RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 3, 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 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 Directors' Report 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 Company's affairs as at 31 December 2010 and of its 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 Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

## 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, 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' remuncration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

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Lorna McNeil (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor Birmingham

Date 27 June 2611

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

		2010	2009
	Note	2010 £000	£000
Interest receivable	5	265	415
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		265	415
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(74)	(116)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10, 11	191	299

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2010 or 2009 other than those included in the profit and loss account

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

## **IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 2323039**

## **BALANCE SHEET** AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2010

	Note	£000	2010 £000	£000	2009 £000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	53,399		53,230	
Cash at bank		-		638	
	_	53,399		53,868	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,315)		(1,975)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_		52,084		51,893
NET ASSETS		_	52,084	-	51,893
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		=		=	
Called up share capital	9		1		1
Share premium account	10		41,988		41,988
Profit and loss account	10	_	10,095	_	9,904
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	11	_	52,084		51,893
		=		=	

Approved by the Board

Signed by

Director

Date

23/6/11

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

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards

### 1.2 TAXATION

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate

The taxation liabilities of certain Group undertakings are reduced wholly or in part by the surrender of losses by fellow Group undertakings. The tax impacts arising from the surrender of tax losses are recognised in the financial statements of both the surrendering and recipient companies, being paid normally at the effective standard UK rate of the losses surrendered for the period in question

## 1.3 CASH FLOW

Under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 1 "Cash Flow Statements" (Revised 1996), the Company has not prepared a statement of cash flows because its ultimate parent undertaking. InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, which is incorporated within the European Union, has prepared consolidated financial statements which include the financial statements of the Company for the year and which contain an appropriate statement of cash flows of the Group

#### 2. AUDITOR'S REMUNERATION

The Company incurred auditor's remuneration of £3,000 (2009 £3,000) which has been borne by a fellow Group undertaking in the current and preceding year

## 3 DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors are also directors of other subsidiary undertakings within the Group and their remuneration, including share-based payment charges, for the year was paid by other undertakings. The directors did not receive any remuneration in relation to the Company

#### 4 STAFF COSTS

The Company did not employ any persons during the year (2009 nil)

## 5 INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	265	415

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

6.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2010	2009
		£000	£000
	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	74	116

There is no provided or unprovided deferred tax

#### FACTORS AFFECTING CURRENT TAX CHARGE FOR THE YEAR

There were no factors that affected the tax charge for the year which has been calculated on the profits on ordinary activities before tax at the effective standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2009 28%) for the year ended 31 December 2010

## FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE TAX CHARGES

In his budgets of 22 June 2010 and 23 March 2011, the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed a decrease in the rate of UK corporation tax from 28% to 23%, falling by 2%pt in 2011 and a further 1%pt a year over the period 2012 to 2014. The first 1%pt reduction for 2011 was 'substantively enacted' on 27 July 2010 and the second 1%pt reduction for 2011 was substantively enacted on 29 March 2011.

## 7. DEBTORS

		2010 £000	2009 £000
	Amounts owed by Group undertakings	53,399	53,230
8	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2010 £000	2009 £000
	Amounts owed to Group undertakings Corporation tax	717 598	1,336 639
		1 315	1,975
9	SHARE CAPITAL		
		2010 £	2009 £
	ALLOTTED, CALLED UP AND FULLY PAID		
	1,093 ordinary shares of £1 each 100 10% cumulative preference shares of £1 each	1 093 100	1 093 100
		1 193	1,193

The holders of preference shares are not entitled to receive notice of and to attend any general meeting, and are not entitled to vote on any resolution directly affecting any of the rights or privileges attached to the preference shares as a class

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2010

### 10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

	Share premium	Profit and loss
	account £000	account £000
At 1 January 2010 Profit for the year	41,988	9,904 191
At 31 December 2010	41,988	10,095

A dividend of £10 on the 10% Cumulative Preference Shares has been accumulated in the year (2009 £10 accumulated) The total amount accumulated is £50

## 11. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	2010	2009
	£000	£000
Opening shareholders' funds	51,893	51,594
Profit for the year	191	299
Closing shareholders' funds	52,084	51,893
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## 12. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The Company has entered into a composite guarantee with Lloyds TSB Bank plc to guarantee amounts due on overdrafts of certain other companies in the Group to the extent of any credit balance of the Company held by Lloyds TSB Bank plc At 31 December 2010 the maximum liability under the guarantee amounted to £53,496,566 (2009 £69,738,035)

## 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC at 31 December 2010, the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 "Related Party Disclosures" and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Group, headed by InterContinental Hotels Group PLC

## 14 ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

As at 31 December 2010 InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales was the ultimate parent undertaking of the Company

The largest and smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by InterContinental Hotels Group PLC Consolidated financial statements of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC are available from the following address

Companies House Crown Way Cardiff CF14 3UZ

The immediate paient and controlling company is IHC May Fair (Holdings) Limited a company registered in England and Wales