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# **IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL LIMITED**

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009



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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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A S McEwan

C Springett R Wheeler

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

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## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The Company's principal activity is to provide financing to other InterContinental Hotels Group PLC companies. 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 fellow 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 InterContinental Hotels group (consisting of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC and its subsidiaries) ("IHG" or the "Group")

#### RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £299,000 (2008 £1,859,000)

The directors do not propose a dividend (2008 £nil) on the £1 ordinary shares

A dividend of £10 (2008 £10) on the 10% Cumulative Preference Shares has been accumulated in the year

## **DIRECTORS**

The directors during 2009 and since the year end were as follows

A S McEwan

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 2009, the Group was trading significantly within its banking covenants and debt facility. Furthermore, the Group's fee-based model and wide geographic spread means that it is well placed to manage through the current downturn, 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 facility.

Information on the Group's banking covenants and debt facility, 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, intends to make funds available to IHC May Fair Hotel Limited to enable it to meet its debts as they fall due

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### **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

## 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

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CATHERINE SPRINGETT

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

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 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 a 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 AUDITORS' 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 2009, 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 auditors' 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 AUDITORS

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 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

## **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 2009 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

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF IHC MAY FAIR HOTEL 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, 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

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Steve Bagworth (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor Birmingham

Date of July 2000

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £000	2008 £000
Interest receivable	5	415	2,600
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		415	2,600
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(116)	(741)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	10,11	299	1,859

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2009 or 2008 other than those included in the profit and loss account

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements

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

# BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

			2009		2008
	Note	£000	£000	£000	£000
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	53,230		52,220	
Cash at bank		638		638	
	_	53,868	_	52,858	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	8	(1,975)		(1,264)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS	_		51,893		51,594
NET ASSETS		_	51,893	_	51,594
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		_		_	
Called up share capital	9		1		1
Share premium account	10		41,988		41,988
Profit and loss account	10	_	9,904	_	9,605
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	11	_	51,893	_	51,594
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Approved by the Board

Signed by College Date 2 JULY 200

CATHERINE SPRINGETT

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a 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 benefits arising from group relief 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. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Auditors' remuneration for this Company was £3,000 (2008 £3,000) and 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 InterContinental Hotels Group and their remuneration (including share-based payment charges) for the year was paid by other undertakings

## 4. STAFF COSTS

The Company did not employ any persons during the year (2008 nil)

## 5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	2009	2008
	£000	£000
Interest on loans to group undertakings	415	2,600

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

## 6. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

	2009 £000	2008 £000
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	116	741

## 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 0% for the year to 31 December 2009 (2008 28 5%)

# 7. DEBTORS

		2009 £000	2008 £000
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	53,230	52,220
8.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		2009	2008
		£000	£000
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,336	-
	Corporation tax	639	1,264
		1,975	1,264

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

# 9. SHARE CAPITAL

	2009 £	2008 £
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

# 10. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN RESERVES

		Share	
		ргетиит	Profit and loss
		account	account
		£000	£000
	At 1 January 2009	41,988	9,605
	Profit for the year	-	299
	At 31 December 2009	41,988	9,904
11.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		2009	2008
		£000	£000
	Opening shareholders' funds	51,594	49,735
	Profit for the year	299	1,859
	Closing shareholders' funds	51,893	51,594

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

## 12. GUARANTEES

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 headed by InterContinental Hotels Group PLC to the extent of any credit balance of the Company held by Lloyds TSB Bank plc At 31 December 2009 the maximum liability under the guarantee amounted to £69,738,035 (2008 £58,914,637)

#### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As the Company was a wholly owned subsidiary of InterContinental Hotels Group PLC at 31 December 2009, 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 2009, InterContinental Hotels Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales was the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling entity of IHC May Fair Hotel Limited

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 parent company is IHC May Fair (Holdings) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales