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**INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

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**INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**  
**DIRECTORS' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2013. This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

**Business review and future prospects**

The company undertakes the role of independent pension scheme trustee, particularly following the insolvency of a business. Legislation makes such an appointment compulsory in certain circumstances.

The company conducts trusteeship for thirty eight ongoing and closed pension schemes and continues to welcome enquiries from insolvency practitioners and others for statutory, non-statutory and Court appointments.

The directors pay tribute to the excellent work of those concerned as administrators, trust officers and external advisers in relation to the pension schemes under trusteeship. Novel problems are still being raised by the legislation and members' concerns need to be addressed with tact and understanding.

Through membership and participation in TACT, the NAPF, and TPAS, the company's officers play a full part in helping develop high standards and sensible legislation.

By arrangement with Reed Smith LLP, the company's services throughout the year were provided through Reed Smith LLP and the costs of providing such services were initially borne by that entity. Revenues and costs were then reallocated to the company based on the time worked on the company's matters by Reed Smith fee earners. The directors expect this arrangement will continue for the foreseeable future.

**Regulatory status**

The company is a recognised body regulated by the Solicitors Regulation Authority ("SRA"). Mr S P Hartley was appointed by the SRA as Compliance Officer for Legal Practice ("COLP") and Mr S R Keefe as Compliance Officer for Finance and Administration on 8 January 2013.

The company is not authorised by the Financial Services Authority. However, it is included on the register maintained by the Financial Services Authority so that it can carry on insurance mediation activity, which is broadly the advising on, selling and administration of insurance contracts. This part of its business, including arrangements for complaints or redress if something goes wrong, is regulated by the SRA. The register can be accessed via the Financial Services Authority website at [www.fsa.gov.uk/register](http://www.fsa.gov.uk/register).

**Directors**

Mr S.P. Hartley and Mr L.G. Rees served as directors throughout the year and at the date of signing of this report. While serving as directors Mr L.G. Rees and Mr S.P. Hartley have had a beneficial interest in the whole of the issued share capital as members of Reed Smith LLP. No other persons acted as directors during the year. As at 31 December 2013 the share capital of the company's parent company, Beaufort Trust Corporation Limited, was held by Reed Smith LLP.

**Auditors and Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the directors at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (2) he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of this information.

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

On behalf of the board



S.P. Hartley  
Director

Date: 17 June 2014

# **INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

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 prepared 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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.

By order of the Board



Reed Smith Corporate Services Limited  
Company Secretary

Date: 17 June 2014

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Third Floor  
20 Primrose Street  
London EC2A 2RS

## **INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

#### **Report on the financial statements**

##### **Our opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements, defined below:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2013 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.

The opinion is to be read in the context of what we say in the remainder of this report.

##### **What we have audited**

The financial statements, which are prepared by Independent Trustee Limited, comprise:

- Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2013;
- the profit and loss account for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

##### **What an audit of financial statements involves**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). 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 and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **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 PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

#### **Other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

##### **Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received**

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

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

##### **Entitlement to exemptions**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

#### **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

##### **Our responsibilities and those of the directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page 2, 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 ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.



Kate Wolstenholme (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
London  
17 June 2014

# INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	2013	2012
		£	£
<b>Turnover</b>	1	521,137	595,343
Administrative expenses		<u>(388,922)</u>	<u>(546,597)</u>
<b>Operating profit</b>	2	132,215	48,746
Interest receivable and similar income		<u>49</u>	<u>37</u>
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		132,264	48,783
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	<u>(26,457)</u>	<u>(29,841)</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>	8	<u><u>105,807</u></u>	<u><u>18,942</u></u>

All activities derive from continuing operations. There have been no recognised gains or losses or movements in shareholders' funds in either the current or preceding year other than as described in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is given.

There is no material difference between the profit on ordinary activities before taxation and the profit for the financial year stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

# INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Note	£	2013 £	£	2012 £
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	5	754,847		665,826	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>100,682</u>		<u>93,317</u>	
			855,529		759,143
<b>Creditors : amounts falling due within one year</b>	6		<u>(44,899)</u>		<u>(54,320)</u>
<b>Net current assets and net assets</b>			<u>810,630</u>		<u>704,823</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	7		100		100
Profit and loss account			<u>810,530</u>		<u>704,723</u>
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>	8		<u>810,630</u>		<u>704,823</u>

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities.

The financial statements on pages 5 to 9 were approved by the Board of directors and signed on behalf of the Board of directors on 17 June 2014.

*S.P. Hartley*

S. P. Hartley

Director

Company number : 2413688

# **INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**

## **NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

#### **1 Accounting policies**

##### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention and as per the Companies Act 2006. They have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to smaller entities). The particular accounting policies adopted by the directors are described below and have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year.

##### **Turnover**

Turnover represents fees rendered net of value added tax. All turnover derives from the company's primary class of business and arises from within the United Kingdom.

Revenue is recognised in accordance with Application Note G to Financial Reporting Standard No. 5 (FRS5). For work where a clear right to consideration existed at the balance sheet date unbilled time is valued at estimated realisable value. For matters which are contingent on future events at the balance sheet date, unbilled time has been valued at nil. If any amounts had been billed prior to the point of appropriate recognition of revenue, the excess would have been treated as deferred income.

##### **Cash flow statement**

The company is exempt from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement under FRS1, Cash Flow Statements, since its results are included within the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate controlling party.

##### **Taxation**

Current UK corporation 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.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### **2 Operating profit**

The auditors' remuneration of £4,725 (2012: £4,725) has been borne by the intermediate controlling party.

#### **3 Directors' remuneration**

The company has no employees (2012: nil) other than the directors, and they received no remuneration in respect of services to the company (2012: nil).



**INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**  
**NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013**

	2013 £	2012 £
4 Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
Corporation tax		
Corporation tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>(26,457)</u>	<u>(29,841)</u>
The tax assessed for the year is higher (2012: higher) than the standard small companies rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2012: 20%). The differences are explained below.		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>132,264</u>	<u>48,783</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities - 20% (2012: 20%)	(26,453)	(9,757)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	(7)	(529)
Tax over/(under) provided in previous years	3	(19,555)
Current tax charge for the year	<u>(26,457)</u>	<u>(29,841)</u>
5 Debtors	2013 £	2012 £
Trade debtors	13,113	10,077
Prepayments and accrued income	22,819	12,985
Amounts owed by intermediate controlling party	<u>718,915</u>	<u>642,764</u>
	<u>754,847</u>	<u>665,826</u>
The amounts owed by the ultimate comntrolling party are unsecured, interest free and there are no fixed terms for repayment.		
6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2013 £	2012 £
Corporation tax	26,460	10,285
Other creditors	<u>18,439</u>	<u>44,035</u>
	<u>44,899</u>	<u>54,320</u>
7 Called up share capital	2013 £	2012 £
Number	Number	Number
Authorised:	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Ordinary shares of £1 each		
Allotted and fully paid:	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Ordinary shares of £1 each		
8 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds	2013 £	2012 £
Profit for the financial year	105,807	18,942
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>704,823</u>	<u>685,881</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>810,630</u>	<u>704,823</u>

**INDEPENDENT PENSION TRUSTEE LIMITED**  
**NOTES ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**31 December 2013**

**9 Related party transactions**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from disclosing related party transactions between members of the group, which is available for a wholly owned subsidiary of the parent under the terms of FRS 8 paragraph 3c.

**10 Parent company, ultimate holding entity and ultimate controlling entity.**

As at 31 December 2013 the share capital of the company was held by Beaufort Trust Corporation Limited, the immediate parent undertaking. The share capital of Beaufort Trust Corporation Limited is held by Reed Smith LLP, the intermediate parent undertaking and controlling party and for which group financial statements are prepared (copies of the group financial statements are available from Reed Smith LLP, The Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2RS). Reed Smith LLP is the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Reed Smith LLP is part of the international law firm headed by Reed Smith LLP (US), a Delaware registered limited liability partnership, and that partnership is considered to be the ultimate controlling party.