Report and Financial Statements

Period Ended

31 December 2016

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## **Company Information**

Directors

E Boland

S Dreier D Lissy

J Tugendhat

**Company secretary** 

S Kramer

Registered number

02512315

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## Strategic Report For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

The directors present their strategic report together with the audited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2016.

#### **Business review**

The principal activity of Asquith Court Holdings Limited is that of a holding company.

### **Developments**

Bright Horizons acquired the Conchord group on 10 November 2016 in which Asquith Court Holdings Limited is a subsidiary undertaking.

## Financial key performance indicators

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the business.

This report was approved by the board on 28 9 2017

and signed on its behalf.

E Boland Director

## Directors' Report For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2016.

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). 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 for the company financial statements 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.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company.

#### Results and dividends

The profit for the period, after taxation, amounted to £116,000 (year ended 29 February 2016 - loss £317,000).

The directors do not propose the payment of a final dividend (year ended 29 February 2016 - £Nil).

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the period were:

E Boland (appointed 10 November 2016)

S Dreier (appointed 10 November 2016)

D Lissy (appointed 10 November 2016)

J Tugendhat (appointed 10 November 2016)

A Morris (resigned 1 December 2016)

### 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 that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

## Directors' Report (continued) For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## **Auditors**

BDO LLP were appointed as auditors during the period and have expressed their willingness to continue in office. A resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

This report was approved by the board on

28/9/2017

and signed on its behalf.

E Boland Director

### Independent Auditors' Report to the Member of Asquith Court Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Asquith Court Holdings Limited for the period ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the statement of financial position, the statement of changes in equity and the related notes. 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 member, 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 member 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 member 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, 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 Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

### 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 2016 and of the company's result for the period 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 matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Member of Asquith Court Holdings Limited

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

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 company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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.

Malcolm Thixton (senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of BDO LLP, Statutory auditor

Southampton United Kingdom

Date: 29/9/2017

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

	Note	10 months period ended 31 December 2016 £000	Year ended ended 29 February 2016 £000
Tax credit/(charge) for the period/year	7	116	(317)
Profit/(loss) for the financial period/year		116	(317)
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period/year		116	(317)

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Asquith Court Holdings Limited Registered number:02512315

## **Statement of Financial Position** As at 31 December 2016

Fixed assets	Note	£000	31 December 2016 £000	2000	29 February 2016 £000
Investments	8		31,522		31,522
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	9	93,865		93,866	
Cash at bank and in hand		4		3	
		93,869		93,869	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(8,755)		(8,871)	
Net current assets			85,114		84,998
Total assets less current liabilities			116,636		116,520
Net assets			116,636		116,520
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		213		213
Share premium account	12		28,035		28,035
Capital redemption reserve	12		180		180
Profit and loss account	12		88,208		88,092
Shareholders' funds			116,636		116,520

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 28/9/2017.

E Boland Director

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

At 1 March 2016	Share capital £000 213	Share premium £000 28,035	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000 88,092	Total equity £000 116,520
Comprehensive income for the period					
Profit for the period	-	-	-	116	116
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	-	116	116
At 31 December 2016	213	28,035	180	88,208	116,636

## Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 29 February 2016

At 1 March 2015	Share capital £000 213	Share premium £000 28,035	Capital redemption reserve £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total equity £000 116,837
Comprehensive income for the year					
Loss for the year	-	-	•	(317)	(317)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	<del>-</del>	-	-	(317)	(317)
At 29 February 2016	213	28,035	180	88,092	116,520

The notes on pages 9 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

#### 1. General information

Asquith Court Holdings Limited is a company incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on the company information page and the nature of the company's operations and its principal activities is stated in the directors' report.

### 2. Accounting policies

#### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### 2.2 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial Position paragraph 4.12(a)(iv);
- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.39 to 11.48A;
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.29;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of BHFS One Limited as at 31 December 2016 and these financial statements may be obtained from 2 Crown Way, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 6BS.

#### 2.3 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.4 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and in non-puttable ordinary and preference shares are measured:

- at fair value with changes recognised in the statement of comprehensive income if the shares
   are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably;
- at cost less impairment for all other investments.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the statement of financial position date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or income as appropriate. The company does not currently apply hedge accounting for interest rate and foreign exchange derivatives.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 2.5 Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the results for the period and takes into account taxation deferred.

Current tax is measured at amounts expected to be paid using the tax rate and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the statement of financial position date.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the statement of financial position date, except that:

the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that the company anticipates
making sufficient taxable profits in the future to absorb the reversal of the underlying timing
differences.

Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

### 3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have had to make the following judgements:

Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's intangible assets and fixed
asset investments. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the
economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a
component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that
unit.

Key assumptions include:

#### Discount rates

The discount rate is a pre tax adjusted discount rate and reflects management's estimate of the company's weighted average cost of capital.

Long term growth rates

The management forecasts are extrapolated using growth assumptions relevant for the business sector and are based on industry research.

## 4. Operating profit

The audit fee for the period will be borne by Bright Horizons Family Solutions Limited.

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## 5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the period was as follows:

10 month	Year
period	l ended
ended	l ended
31	29
December	r February
2016	2016
No.	. No.
Directors 5	1
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### 6. Directors' remuneration

During the period, no director received any emoluments (year ended 29 February 2016 - £Nil).

There were no directors in the company's defined contribution pension scheme during the period (year ended 29 February 2016 - £Nil).

Directors' costs are borne by Bright Horizons Family Solutions Limited and Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc.

## 7. Taxation

	10 month period ended 31 December 2016 £000	Year ended 29 February 2016 £000
Current tax on losses for the period/year	-	317
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(116)	-

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## 7. Taxation (continued)

## Factors affecting tax charge for the period/year

The tax assessed for the period/year is the same as (2016 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2016 - 20%). The differences are explained below:

	10 month period ended 31 December 2016 £000	Year ended 29 February 2016 £000
Result on ordinary activities before tax	•	-
Result on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2016 - 20%)	-	-
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	(57)
Effects of group relief/other relief	-	(91)
Utilisation of tax losses	-	(383)
Transfer pricing adjustments	-	848
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(116)	-
Total tax charge for the period/year	(116)	317

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## 7. Taxation (continued)

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The UK corporation tax rate was 20% in the year to 31 December 2016 and this rate has been used for the purposes of preparing the tax disclosures. Following the Summer Budget 2015 announcements, there will be a further reduction in the main rate of corporation tax to 19% from 1 April 2017. The Government also announced in the 2016 Budget that the UK corporation tax rate will decrease further to 17% from 1 April 2020. Accordingly, deferred tax balances recognised in the accounts as at the year-end have been calculated using the 17% rate

#### 8. Fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings and participating interests
	0003
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2016	31,522
At 31 December 2016	31,522
Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	31,522
At 29 February 2016	3.1,522

## Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the company:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding Principal activity
Asquith Nurseries Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100 % Nursery
Asquith Nannies Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100 % Childcare
GNS Property Services Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100 % Dormant
Cheshire Plato LLP	England and Wales	Ordinary	100 % Holding Company
Goosebrook Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100 % Property Company

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

## 9. Debtors

31 December	29 February
2016	2016
2000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings 93,865	93,866

All amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured and not subject to any fixed repayment date. The debt is repayable on demand and therefore classified as due within one year.

## 10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	31 December	29 February
	2016	2016
	0003	0003
Amounts owed to group undertakings	8,755	8,871
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All amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured and not subject to any fixed repayment date. The debt is repayable on demand and therefore classified as due within one year.

### 11. Share capital

	31 December 2016 £000	29 February 2016 £000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
21,250,000 Ordinary shares of £0.01 each	213	213

## Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

### 12. Reserves

The company's capital and reserves are as follows:

### Share capital

Called up share capital represents the nominal value of the shares issued.

### Share premium

The share premium account includes the premium on issue of equity shares, net of any issue costs.

## Capital redemption reserve

The capital redemption reserve contains nominal value of own shares that have been acquired by the company and cancelled.

#### Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account represents cumulative profits or losses net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

### 13. Contingent liabilities

During the year ended 29 February 2016, a composite guarantee by each of the group companies existed in favour of Kaupthing hf as security for the group's loans of £44.5 million. These loans were repaid on 10 November 2016 following Bright Horizons' acquisition of the Conchord Group.

The company had no capital commitments at the year end (29 February 2016 - £Nil).

### 14. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available in section 33.1A of FRS 102 whereby it has not disclosed transactions with the ultimate parent company or any wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of the group.

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Period Ended 31 December 2016

#### 15. Ultimate parent company and controlling party

Prior to 10 November 2016, the company's immediate parent undertaking was Acorndrift Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The company's ultimate parent undertaking was Kaupthing hf, a company incorporated in Iceland.

Prior to 10 November 2016, the largest group in which the results of the company were consolidated was that headed by Conchord Limited, incorporated in England and Wales. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Chestnutbay AcquisitionCo Limited, incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from The Secretary, 2 Crown Court, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 6BS.

Following 10 November 2016, the company's immediate parent undertaking is Acorndrift Limited a company incorporated in England and Wales. The company's ultimate controlling party is Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc which is the ultimate parent company incorporated in the United States of America.

Following 10 November 2016, the largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions Inc, incorporated in the United States of America. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by BHFS One Limited, incorporated in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from The Secretary, BHFS One Limited, 2 Crown Court, Rushden, Northamptonshire, NN10 6BS.