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ALCEDO FINANCE LIMITED
Report and Financial Statements
For the Financial Year Ended
29 January 2005



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Alcedo Finance Limited
Directors and officers

DIRECTORS

H.M. Jones

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Alcedo Finance Limited
Directors' report

The directors present their report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 29 January 2005.

Principal activities and review of the business

The Company operates as an investment company within the Kingfisher plc group and intends to continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

Results and Dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £nil (2004: £19,259,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the financial year (2004: £nil). The retained profit for the year of £nil (2004: £19,259,000) has been transferred to reserves.

Elective Resolution

On 15 March 1993 the Company passed an elective resolution whereby it would dispense with the holding of an annual general meeting until the election was revoked. Further elective resolutions were passed at the same time that the Company would dispense with:

- a) the laying of the annual report and financial statements before the Company in general meeting and
- b) the requirement to reappoint annually the auditors of the Company in general meeting.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors of the Company, who served during the financial year, are:

H.M. Jones
D.E. Tatton-Brown

None of the directors have any beneficial interest in the shares of the Company. The interests of D.E. Tatton-Brown in the share capital of Kingfisher Plc are shown in the financial statements of that company.

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Directors' report

Directors and directors' interests (continued)

The interests of H.M. Jones in the share capital of Kingfisher plc are as follows:

Ordinary Shares of 15 5/7p each of Kingfisher plc:

	As at 31 Jan 2004	As at 29 Jan 2005
H.M. Jones	35,490	47,558

Options for 15 5/7p Ordinary Shares of Kingfisher plc:

	As at 31 Jan 2004	Options Granted	Options Exercised	Options Lapsed	As at 29 Jan 2005
H.M. Jones	300,832	-	-	-	300,832

KIS share awards:

Name	Contingent shares held at start of year	Award price per share	Market price per share on date awarded	Number of contingent shares awarded in year – before TSR multiplier	Number of contingent shares held at end of year – before TSR multiplier	Number of contingent shares held at end of year – assuming maximum TSR multiplier achieved ¹	Vesting date	Lapse date
H. M. Jones	-	288.5p	286p	52,615	52,615	52,615	28/04/07	27/10/07

¹ Once the contingent share award is made the only qualifying condition to receive the award before the application of the TSR multiplier is to be either in the employment of the Company at the vesting date or to have retired from the Company's employment prior to the vesting date. To receive further shares under the application of the TSR multiplier the TSR over the three year period following the year for which the bonus was earned must be above the median for the comparator group (FTSE 100 Index). Further information regarding the KIS Share awards scheme can be found in the Kingfisher plc accounts 2005 on page 12.

The market price of Kingfisher plc shares at 29 January 2005 was 303.75p and the range during the year was 317.25p to 270.50p.

Going concern

The directors confirm that, after making enquiries, they have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these accounts.



M.B. Chambers
Secretary

24 October 2005

Alcedo Finance Limited
Statement of directors' responsibilities

The following statement is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the respective responsibilities of the directors and the auditors in relation to the financial statements.

The directors are required by company law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of the financial year and of the profit for the year to that date. *In preparing the financial statements the directors are required:*

To ensure that the Company keeps accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the Company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985

To take such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities

To apply suitable accounting policies in a consistent manner and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates where necessary

To comply with all applicable accounting standards (except where any departures from this requirement are explained in the Notes to the Financial Statements)

To prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Alcedo Finance Limited

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the profit and loss account and the balance sheet and the related notes.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, 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.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the Company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions is not disclosed.

We read the other information contained in the annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. The other information comprises only the directors' report.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs at 29 January 2005 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
London

24 October 2005

Alcedo Finance Limited
Profit and Loss account
For the year ended 29 January 2005

	Notes	2005 £000	2004 £000
Income from fixed asset investments	5	-	12,251
Profit on sale of fixed asset investment		-	7,008
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4	-	19,259
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	-	-
Retained profit for the year	9	-	19,259

The result for the year arises solely from continuing operations.

The Company has no recognised gains and losses other than the profit above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

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

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

Alcedo Finance Limited
Balance sheet
As at 29 January 2005

	Notes	2005 £000	2004 £000
Current assets			
Debtors	7	252,950	252,950
Net current assets		252,950	252,950
Net assets		<u>252,950</u>	<u>252,950</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	248,300	248,300
Profit and loss account	9	4,650	4,650
Equity Shareholder's funds	10	<u>252,950</u>	<u>252,950</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 11 were approved by the board of directors and were signed on its behalf by:-



D.E. Tatton-Brown
Director

24 October 2005

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at 29 January 2005

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements are made up to the nearest Saturday to 31 January, so as to coincide with its ultimate holding company.

The Company's ultimate holding company is Kingfisher plc and the cash flows of the Company are shown in the consolidated Cash Flow Statement of Kingfisher plc, which is publicly available. Consequently the Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) from publishing a cash flow statement.

The financial statements contain information about Alcedo Finance Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial statements as the parent of a group.

The Company is exempt under Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 from publishing consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, Kingfisher plc which is registered in England and Wales.

The Company is also exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the Kingfisher plc group.

Interest receivable is accrued on a daily basis. Dividend income is recognised when declared.

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost except when there has been a permanent diminution in their value when they are stated at net realisable value.

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at contracted rates or, where no contract exists, at average monthly rates.

Investments in overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated into sterling at the year end exchange rates. The accounts have been prepared using the "offset" procedure in line with SSAP20 with the exchange differences on borrowings used to finance, or provide a hedge against, foreign equity investments recorded as movements on reserves.

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2 Employees

The Company had no employees during the financial year (2004: nil).

3 Directors' remuneration

None of the directors received any emoluments from the Company in respect of the financial year ended 29 January 2005 (2004: £nil).

4 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

5 Income from fixed asset investments

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Income from shares in group undertakings	<u>-</u>	<u>12,251</u>

6 Taxation

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Current tax on profit for the period at 30% (2004: 30%)	-	5,682
Double tax relief	-	(6,689)
Unrelieved foreign taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>1,007</u>
Total tax credit for the period	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Factors affecting tax charge for the period

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>19,259</u>
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Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the
standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of
30% (2004: 30%)

- 5,778

Effects of:

Tax on underlying tax	-	2,006
Double tax relief	-	(6,689)
Non-taxable profit on sale of fixed asset investment	-	(2,102)
Unrelieved foreign taxation	<u>-</u>	<u>1,007</u>
Total tax credit for the period	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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7 Debtors

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Amounts due from Group undertakings	252,950	252,950
	<u>252,950</u>	<u>252,950</u>

8 Share capital

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Authorised:		
750,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
Allotted and fully paid:		
248,300,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>248,300</u>	<u>248,300</u>

9 Profit and loss account

	2005 £000
At start of year	4,650
Retained profit for the financial year	-
At end of year	<u>4,650</u>

10 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2005 £000	2004 £000
Profit for the financial year	-	19,259
Net addition to shareholders' funds	-	19,259
Opening shareholders' funds	<u>252,950</u>	<u>233,691</u>
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>252,950</u>	<u>252,950</u>

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11. Ultimate holding company

The immediate parent company is Kingfisher France Limited, which is registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent company is Kingfisher plc, which is registered in England and Wales. A copy of the Annual Review and Financial Statements of the ultimate parent company can be obtained from The Secretary, Kingfisher plc, 3 Sheldon Square, Paddington, London W2 6PX.