Directors' Report and Financial Statements

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Directors' Report

The Directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Principal Activities

The principal activity of the Company is to licence the use of photographic images.

Business Review

During the year the Company made a profit before tax of £236,705 (2015: £167,460 and the profit after tax for the year was £188,482 (2016: £132,829) as detailed on page 3.

The Directors are satisfied with the net asset position of £1,480,895 (2015: £1,292,413).

Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2015: £nil).

Directors

The Directors who held office during the year and at the date of this report are:

C E Clayton-Jones – resigned 22/04/2016 M A N Wilson – resigned 29/02/2016 A C Falconer – appointed 12/04/2016

I R Collins – appointed 21/04/2016 and resigned 30/03/17 L Bowden – appointed 30/03/17 and resigned 14/06/17

A J Ward – appointed 14/06/17

Disclosure of information to auditor

The Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor appointment

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

Strategic Report

The Company is defined as small as per the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and therefore has applied the exemption to prepare a Strategic Report.

By Order of the Board

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Statement of Directors' Responsibilities in Respect of the Directors' Report and the Financial Statements

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christie's Images Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Christie's Images Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 set out on pages 3 to 10. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland).

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 auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 1, 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council'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 its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK 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. Based solely on the work required to be undertaken in the course of the audit of the financial statements and from reading the Director's report:

- · we have not identified material misstatements in those reports; and
- in our opinion, those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Hugh Green (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
15 Canada Square
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Date: 14 August 2017

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Statement of Comprehensive Income For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Note	2016	2015
		£	£
Turnover	1	340,140	345,847
Administration expenses		(103,435)	(178,387)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	236,705	167,460
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(48,223)	(34,631)
Profit for the financial year		188,482	132,829

The notes to the accounts on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

The Company had no other comprehensive income other than the result for this and the last financial year. Accordingly a statement of other comprehensive income has not been prepared.

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2016

•	Note	201	16	201	15
Fixed assets		£	£	£	£
			54.010		104 426
Tangible assets	6		54,018		104,436
Current assets					
Debtors	7	28,893	•	22,645	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,487,291		1,260,765	
	•	1,516,184		1,283,410	•
Current Liabilities					
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(89,307)		(95,433)	
Net current assets			1,426,877		1,187,977
Net assets			1,480,895		1,292,413
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	9		2		2
Profit and loss account	10		1,480,893		1,292,411
Equity shareholders' funds	11		1,480,895		1,292,413

The notes to the accounts on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on **8 August** 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

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ANDREW WARD

Director

Company number: 02718762

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements.

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

In the transition to FRS 102 from old UK GAAP, the Company has made no measurement and recognition adjustments. The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Financière Pinault SCA includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Financière Pinault SCA are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the EU and are available to the public and may be obtained from the Tribunal de Commerce de Paris, 1, Quai de Corse, 75004 Paris. In these financial statements, the company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 in respect of the following disclosures:

- Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the period;
- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

The Company's shareholder has been notified in writing about, and have not objected to the exceptions.

Going concern

The Company participates in the Group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its subsidiaries. These arrangements ensure adequate management of cash flows around the group.

The Group has considerable financial resources and as a consequence, the Directors believe that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks. The Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

On this basis, and on their assessment of the Company's financial position, the Company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in existence for the foreseeable future. The Directors therefore continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Foreign currency

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction; balances payable or receivable at the balance sheet date are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. Exchange rate differences on settlement are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures & Fittings - 10% straight line Computer Equipment - 25% straight line

Taxation

Tax on the profit and loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current Tax

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred Tax

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Turnover

All turnover relates to United Kingdom activities. Turnover is recognised on delivery of services, (net of any sales tax) and represents the amounts receivable in respect of income for the use of photographic images.

2 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:

	2016 £	2015 £
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets. Fees paid to the Company's auditor for the audit of the	50,418	66,866
Company's annual accounts	6,000	5,951

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

3 Remuneration of Directors

The Directors did not receive any emoluments in respect of their services for this company during the year (2015: nil).

4 Staff numbers and costs

Total tax charge

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The average number of persons employed by the Company (excluding directors) during the year was nil (2015: one).

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2016	2015
	£	£
Wages & salaries	(154)	36,631
Social security costs		3,978
•	(154)	40,609
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
a) Analysis of charge in period		
	2016	2015
	£	£
Current Tax		
UK Corporation tax on profits for the current period	51,342	39,941
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	(7)	
Total Current Tax	51,335	39,941
Deferred Tax (see note 7)		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(3,401)	(5,310)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	1,290	
Total Deferred Tax	(2,111)	(5,310)

34,631

49,224

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

5 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge (2015: charge) for the period is higher (2015: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (2015: 20.25%). The differences are explained below.

	2015	2014
	£	£
Tax reconciliation		
Profit before taxation	236,705	167,460
Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in UK Current tax at 20.00% (2015: 20.25%)	47,341	33,911
Effect of change in corporation tax rate	1,883	720
Total tax charge (see note 5a)	49,224	34,631

6 Tangible assets

	Furniture, fixtures and fittings	Computer Equipment and Software	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2016	39,790	291,609	331,399
At 31 December 2016	39,790	291,609	331,399
Depreciation			.*
At 1 January 2016	22,731	204,232	226,963
Charge for the year	3,907	46,511	50,418
At 31 December 2016	26,638	250,743	277,381
Net book value			
At 31 December 2016	13,152	40,866	54,018
At 31 December 2015	17,059	87,377	104,436

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

7 Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2016 £	2015 £
Trade debtors Deferred tax	14,523 14,370	5,776 12,259
Prepayments and accrued income	-	4,610
	28,893	22,645

The deferred tax asset is in respect of timing differences between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances.

8 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

		2016 £	2015 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings Accruals and (deferred) income Corporation tax payable VAT/GST payable	10,051 17,315 49,547 12,394 89,307	61,813 33,620 - - - 95,433
9	Called up share capital	2016 £	2015 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 2 ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2
10	Reserves		
		Prof	it and loss account £

	account £
As at 1 January 2016	1,292,411
Profit for the financial year	188,482
As at 31 December 2016	1,480,893

Notes to the Accounts (continued)

11 Reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds

	2016	2015
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	188,482	132,829
Shareholder's funds at beginning of year	1,292,413	1,159,584
Shareholder's funds at end of year	1,480,895	1,292,413

12 Contingent liability

The Company participates in an omnibus letter of set-off arrangement in respect of the overdraft of certain fellow United Kingdom group companies.

13 Ultimate parent undertaking

The smallest and largest group in which the results of Christie's Images Limited are included is Financière Pinault SCA, a company incorporated in France and also the ultimate parent company of Christie's Images Limited. The immediate parent undertaking is Christie's International plc which is incorporated in England & Wales at 8 King Street, St James's, London, SW1Y 6QT.

The consolidated accounts of Financière Pinault SCA will be filed with the Tribunal de Commerce de Paris, 1, Quai de Corse, 75004 Paris.