

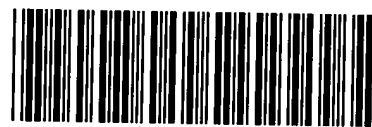
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The Football Association Premier League Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 July 2015

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Officers and professional advisers

Directors

R C Scudamore	Executive Chairman	
P D G McCormick OBE	Acting Chairman	(resigned 17 June 2015)
C I Arney	Non Executive Director	(appointed 4 June 2015)
K S Beeston	Non Executive Director	(appointed 4 June 2015)

Company Secretary

J Purdon	(resigned 9 April 2015)
N Coward	(appointed 13 April 2015, resigned 1 September 2015)
K M Plumb	(appointed 1 September 2015)

Chief Financial Officer

J Khan

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Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
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Strategic report

The directors, in preparing this Strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Principal activities and business review

The Company is a company limited by share capital. Its share ownership is restricted to Premier League clubs and the Football Association.

The principal activity of the Company is to manage the Premier League competition and to exploit broadcasting and other commercial rights granted to the Company by its member clubs for the benefit of the rights holders. There have been no significant changes in the Company's principal activities in the year under review. The directors do not envisage any major changes in the Company's activities in the foreseeable future.

The profit and loss account, which shows the results for the current year, is set out on page 8. The Company made a profit after tax of £87k (2014: loss of £36k) which has been added to profit brought forward of £199k.

The period under review is the second year of a three year cycle of broadcasting and other commercial rights contracts. Turnover has risen by 2% largely due to contracted increases in broadcasting revenue. Cost of sales has risen accordingly as a result of increased fee payments to clubs and the cost of additional services to overseas broadcasters. Operating costs have also increased by 2% to reflect additional activities supporting Premier League programmes. A full analysis appears in note 3 to the accounts.

The directors are satisfied with the business prospects of the Company for the foreseeable future given the existence of commercial rights contracts for the next four years.

Principal risks and uncertainties

In view of the fact there is one year remaining on the current broadcasting and sponsorship rights cycle and the successful renegotiation of UK broadcasting and several other rights for the following three year period, the directors are satisfied that the Company is financially secure for the foreseeable future.

The directors are confident that the industry continues to thrive and grow with healthy attendances and increasing interest in the global sport of football, thereby securing the Company's exploitation of its broadcasting and commercial rights.

The Company carries out an annual risk assessment of its principal risks and uncertainties and is confident that it is managing its risk profile satisfactorily. The Company's risk register is updated annually and independently reviewed by the Audit and Remuneration Committee.

The Company exploits the Intellectual Property (IP) in Premier League matches to generate revenues for Premier League Clubs. The Premier League has an extensive anti-piracy programme in place to restrict the damage caused by illegal use of Premier League IP.

The Company manages its exposure to foreign currency risks emanating from overseas US Dollar and Euro denominated contracts by entering into hedging arrangements designed to achieve, as far as possible, a minimum target exchange rate over the life of the contracts. This target rate is set by the Company in consultation with the Audit and Remuneration Committee which monitors the process and results of the hedging arrangements.

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Strategic report (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)

The Company's principal financial assets are bank balances and cash, trade and other receivables. The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. The Company's credit risk profile has exposure spread over a large number of counterparties and customers and the existence of financial security where warranted. The credit risk on liquid funds and derivative financial instruments is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit ratings assigned by international credit rating agencies.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board on 16 NOVEMBER 2015



R C Scudamore
Director

16 NOVEMBER 2015

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2015.

Information set out in the Strategic report

Disclosures relating to likely future developments in the business of the Company and financial risk management objectives can be found in the Strategic report on page 2.

Charitable and contributions

During the year the Company made charitable donations of £37.1 m (2014: £37.0m), principally to football related charities.

Additionally, the Company contributed £65.3m (2014: £68.9m) towards wider football support and other good causes.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2014: £nil).

Directors

The directors who served throughout the year, except as noted, are shown on page 1.

Environment

The Company recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities and monitors the impact of its activities and those of its member clubs on the environment and proactively champions "green practices". At its offices, recycling, low energy consumption and water conservation measures are in force.

Additionally, the Company is proud of the efforts of its member clubs to develop sustainable environmental practices including the development of wind turbines for energy, energy from waste, and promotion of public transport to travel to football matches.

Employees

Details of the number of employees and related costs can be found in note 5 to the Financial Statements on page 14.

The Premier League is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes job applicants from all sections of society. Applications for employment of disabled persons are always fully and fairly considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees. The Company is proud of the diversity of its London based workforce which is reflective of the general community.

Employee consultation

The Company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and has continued to keep them informed on matters affecting them as employees and on the various factors affecting the performance of the Company. This is achieved through formal and informal communications. Employees or Senior Managers are regularly consulted on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interests. In addition, employees receive a discretionary bonus related to their performance.

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Directors' report (continued)

Audit and Remuneration Committee

In accordance with best practice, but in keeping with the size and nature of the organisation, the Premier League Board has established an independent Audit and Remuneration Committee with specific written terms of reference which deal with its authority and duties. It meets at least twice a year with the Chief Financial Officer and with the external auditor attending by invitation. The Committee oversees the monitoring of the adequacy of the Company's internal controls, accounting policies and financial reporting. It provides a forum through which the Company's external auditor may report to the Board.

The Committee also agrees the remuneration and terms and conditions of employment of senior management. Such remuneration consists of a package of basic salary, benefits and bonuses which are linked to corporate and individual performance achievements.

The Committee presently comprises Messrs Bruce Buck (Chairman), Peter Coates and Ellis Short. Members of the Committee are not directors of the Company.

Disclosure of information

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Auditor

Deloitte LLP will continue to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of a Company resolution to the contrary.

Approved by the Board of Directors
and signed on behalf of the Board



K M Plumb
Secretary

16th November 2015

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Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed; 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent auditor's report to the members of The Football Association Premier League Limited

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We have audited the financial statements of The Football Association Premier League Limited for the year ended 31 July 2015 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the cash flow statement and the related notes 1 to 21. 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 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 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, 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

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 annual 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 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 July 2015 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 strategic Report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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.



Edward Hanson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom
16 November 2015

The Football Association Premier League Limited

Profit and loss account Year ended 31 July 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Company and share of joint venture's turnover		1,988,523	1,956,087
Less: share of joint venture's turnover	9	(3,167)	(2,083)
Company turnover	1, 2	1,985,356	1,954,004
Cost of sales		(1,833,375)	(1,805,334)
Gross profit		151,981	148,670
Other operating expenses	3	(146,154)	(143,737)
Operating profit before joint venture and associate		5,827	4,933
Share of net operating profit in joint venture and associate	9, 10	124	93
Operating profit		5,951	5,026
Interest receivable - Company		3,477	3,909
Joint venture and associate	9, 10	7	5
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4	9,435	8,940
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(9,348)	(8,976)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation	18	87	(36)

All of the above results in the current year and preceding year derive from continuing activities.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than as disclosed in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, no statement of total recognised gains and losses is presented.

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Balance sheet 31 July 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	2,075	2,109
Investments	8	-	-
Investment in joint venture:	9		
Share of gross assets		1,923	1,299
Share of gross liabilities		(1,913)	(1,289)
		10	10
Investment in associate	10	365	234
Total fixed assets		<u>2,450</u>	<u>2,353</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	11	233,829	761,514
Cash at bank and in hand	13	1,194,916	556,117
		1,428,745	1,317,631
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	<u>(1,241,545)</u>	<u>(1,192,046)</u>
Net current assets		<u>187,200</u>	<u>125,585</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		189,650	127,938
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	<u>(189,364)</u>	<u>(127,739)</u>
		<u>286</u>	<u>199</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	-	-
Profit and loss account		286	199
Total shareholders' funds	18	<u>286</u>	<u>199</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 16th NOVEMBER 2015.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



R C Scudamore
Director

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Cash flow statement Year ended 31 July 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	19	645,225	(125,913)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Taxation		(9,237)	(8,826)
Interest received		3,477	3,909
Capital expenditure			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(666)	(724)
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	13	<u>638,799</u>	<u>(131,554)</u>

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Notes to the financial statements **Year ended 31 July 2015**

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding years.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards.

Going concern

The directors have considered the financial position, resources and revenue streams of the Company. The Company has considerable financial resources and has contracts in place for broadcasting rights income for the season 2015-2016 and the following cycle 2016-17 to 2018-19. These facts, along with its operating cost structure and basis for payments to clubs means that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully. Therefore the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales, excluding VAT, of goods and services in the normal course of business, sponsorship monies and revenue derived from television broadcasting contracts. Revenue is recognised in the season to which it relates in accordance with the contract unless this does not reflect the economic substance of the transaction. Amounts invoiced but not yet received in relation to the following season are included in debtors and deferred income. Payments to clubs are recorded as cost of sales in the year in which the related revenue is recognised. The Company recognises revenue at the actual exchange rates achieved.

Joint ventures and associates

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 9, entities that are jointly controlled by virtue of contractual arrangements are treated as joint ventures and are included in the accounts under the gross equity method of accounting. Associates are included under the net equity method. Where necessary the financial statements of associates and joint ventures are adjusted to conform with the Company's accounting policies.

Pension costs

The Company is fully compliant with the new "auto enrolment" pension regulations. The Company contributes to defined contribution pension schemes on behalf of employees. The amount charged in the profit and loss account is the amount payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

Operating lease arrangements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits equally over the life of the lease, even if payments are not made on such a basis.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that 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 the financial statements.

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.

Government grants

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write-off their cost less estimated residual value on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Short-term leasehold and improvements and buildings	Over term of lease
Office furniture and computer equipment	3 - 7 years

Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction or, if hedged, at the forward contract rate. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date or, if appropriate, at the forward contract rate.

Derivative financial instruments

The Company uses derivative financial instruments to reduce exposure to foreign exchange risk. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

For a forward foreign exchange contract to be treated as a hedge the instrument must be related to actual foreign currency assets or liabilities or to a probable commitment. It must involve the same currency or similar currencies as the hedged item and must also reduce the risk of foreign currency exchange movements on the Company's operations. Gains and losses arising on these contracts are deferred and recognised in the profit and loss account only when the hedged transaction has itself been reflected in the Company's financial statements.

If an instrument ceases to be accounted for as a hedge, for example because the underlying hedged position is eliminated, the instrument is marked to market and any resulting profit or loss recognised at that time.

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2. Turnover

Turnover derives from the activities of managing The Football Association Premier League. Turnover arises in the United Kingdom, other than £767.8m (2014: £737.0m) which arises from the sale of audio visual rights to worldwide broadcasters for worldwide transmission. All of the Company's assets are held in the United Kingdom.

3. Other operating expenses

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
<i>Charitable activities</i>		
Football Foundation	7,360	7,300
PFA charitable activities	17,250	17,250
Other charitable	12,481	12,443
<i>Wider football support/Good causes</i>		
Football stadia improvement fund	5,200	5,200
Other wider football support	6,735	6,310
Football League Solidarity, Youth Development and Community	53,400	57,400
<i>Other</i>		
PFA enterprises	250	250
Administrative expenses	43,478	37,584
	<u>146,154</u>	<u>143,737</u>

4. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Auditor's remuneration - audit fees	45	42
- other audit fees	3	3
- taxation compliance services	22	33
- other taxation advisory services	5	-
Depreciation on owned assets	700	633
Operating lease rentals – hire of other assets	949	948
Government grants	(2,026)	(1,799)
	<u></u>	<u></u>

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5. Staff numbers and costs

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Employee costs (including directors) during the year:		
Wages and salaries	11,836	10,766
Social security costs	1,541	1,476
Other pension costs	681	613
	<u>14,058</u>	<u>12,855</u>

	No.	No.
Average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the Company during the year	<u>105</u>	<u>99</u>

Directors' remuneration:

Remuneration in respect of directors of the Company was as follows:

	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	2,150	2,285
Company contribution to money purchase schemes	-	-
	<u>2,150</u>	<u>2,285</u>

Directors' remuneration is included within employee costs.

	£'000	£'000
The above amounts for directors' remuneration include the following in respect of the highest paid director:		
Emoluments	<u>1,942</u>	<u>1,922</u>

The number of directors for whom contributions were made to money purchase schemes during the year was zero (2014: zero).

Directors' remuneration includes £1m (2014: £1m) of broadcasting bonuses paid within the year.

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6. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax charge for the period at 20.67% (2014: 22.33%)	1,956	2,008
Prior year adjustment	-	33
Share of associate's tax	11	22
	<u>1,967</u>	<u>2,063</u>
Double tax relief	(1,901)	(1,964)
	<u>66</u>	<u>99</u>
Foreign tax		
Withholding tax deducted at source	9,197	8,793
Total current taxation charge	<u>9,263</u>	<u>8,892</u>
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	85	84
Total tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	<u>9,348</u>	<u>8,976</u>
The current tax charged for the year is higher (2014: higher) than that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the United Kingdom of 20.67% (2014: 22.33%). The differences are explained below:		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u>9,435</u>	<u>8,940</u>
Tax at 20.67% (2014: 22.33%)	1,950	1,997
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	102	116
Capital allowances in excess of qualifying depreciation	(85)	(83)
Prior year adjustment	-	33
Foreign tax suffered net of double tax relief	<u>7,296</u>	<u>6,829</u>
Current tax charge for year	<u>9,263</u>	<u>8,892</u>

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Short-term leasehold improvements £'000	Office furniture and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At 1 August 2014	1,715	2,334	4,049
Additions	10	656	666
At 31 July 2015	1,725	2,990	4,715
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 August 2014	574	1,366	1,940
Charge for the year	115	585	700
At 31 July 2015	689	1,951	2,640
Net book value			
At 31 July 2015	1,036	1,039	2,075
At 31 July 2014	1,141	968	2,109

8. Fixed asset investments

The Company has a £2 investment in The Football Association Premier League Medical Care Scheme Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain, whose principal activity is to act as trustee for the Medical Care Scheme. The investment represents 100% of the ordinary share capital of the subsidiary company. The subsidiary has not traded since incorporation.

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9. Investment in joint venture

	£'000	
Share of net assets		
At 1 August 2014		10
Share of results (see below)		-
		<u>10</u>
At 31 July 2015		<u>10</u>
	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Company share of results		
Turnover	3,167	2,083
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Operating loss	(4)	(2)
Interest receivable and similar income	4	2
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Result before and after taxation	-	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Company share of:		
Current assets	1,923	1,299
Current liabilities – due within one year	(1,913)	(1,289)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Share of net assets	10	10
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The investment in joint venture represents a 50% holding in Football DataCo Limited, a joint venture between The Football Association Premier League Limited and The Football League Limited. The joint venture has been formed for the commercial exploitation of copyright football data owned by the Leagues. The Football Association Premier League Limited owns 100% of the 'A' shares of Football DataCo Limited. The Football League Limited owns 100% of the 'B' shares of Football DataCo Limited. The 'A' and 'B' shares have equal rights. Football DataCo Limited is registered at, and trades from, 30 Gloucester Place, London, W1U 8PL.

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10. Investment in associate

	£'000	
Share of net assets		
At 1 August 2014		234
Share of results (see below)		131
		<u>365</u>
At 31 July 2015		<u>365</u>
	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Company share of results		
Turnover	3,660	3,312
	<u>128</u>	<u>95</u>
Operating profit before taxation		
	3	3
Interest receivable and similar income	-	(22)
Taxation	<u>131</u>	<u>76</u>
Result after taxation		
	<u>365</u>	<u>234</u>
Company:		
Share of net assets	365	234

Investment in associate represents a one third holding in Professional Game Match Officials Limited, a venture between The Football Association Premier League Limited, The Football Association Limited and The Football League Limited. The venture was formed for the provision of referees and refereeing services to The Football Association, The Football Association Premier League and The Football League Limited.

The Football Association Premier League Limited has provided a guarantee in respect of the liabilities of Professional Game Match Officials Limited to a sum not exceeding £1.

11. Debtors

	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	204,584	743,841
Amounts owed by joint venture	15	101
Other debtors	19,986	11,670
Deferred tax (note 12)	170	255
Prepayments and accrued income	9,074	5,647
	<u>233,829</u>	<u>761,514</u>

Trade debtors relate mostly to amounts due in the next financial year, invoiced ahead of the contractual date of payment.

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12. Deferred tax

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Deferred tax asset		
Balance at start of year	255	339
Debit to profit and loss account (note 6)	(85)	(84)
Balance at end of year	<u>170</u>	<u>255</u>
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Deferred tax asset:		
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	<u>170</u>	<u>255</u>

A deferred tax asset of £170k has been recognised at 31 July 2015 (2014: £255k) where depreciation charged is in excess of capital allowances claimed on qualifying assets. The directors are of the opinion, based on historic and forecast trading, that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable profits in the future financial years against which the future capital allowances may be claimed. Finance Act 2013 reduced the UK corporation tax rate to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015. Deferred tax has been calculated on timing differences using the tax rate of 20%.

13. Analysis of changes in net funds

	At 31 July 2014 £'000	Cash flows £'000	At 31 July 2015 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>556,117</u>	<u>638,799</u>	<u>1,194,916</u>

The year end cash balance includes deferred income received in advance of future periods to which it relates.

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Trade creditors	28	84
Corporation tax	66	-
Other taxes and social security	78,314	75,319
Other creditors	37,931	22,546
Accruals	15,276	24,666
Deferred income	<u>1,109,930</u>	<u>1,069,431</u>
	<u>1,241,545</u>	<u>1,192,046</u>

Deferred income represents amounts invoiced in the current financial year where the revenue will be recognised in the next financial year.

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15. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Deferred income	189,364	127,739

Deferred income represents amounts invoiced in the current financial year where revenue will be recognised in financial years commencing on or after 1 August 2016.

16. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 July 2015 the Company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings as set out below:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Commitments under operating leases expiring after five years	949	948

17. Called up share capital

	2015	2014
Authorised		
99 Ordinary shares of £1 each	99	99
1 Preference share of £1	1	1
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Called up, allotted and fully paid		
20 Ordinary shares of £1 each	20	20
1 Preference share of £1	1	1
	<u>21</u>	<u>21</u>

The ordinary share capital is held by the Premier League clubs in membership of the league in the respective season. The preference share is held by The Football Association Limited. This share carries no right to dividends, is irredeemable, carries no voting rights, and on winding up, entitles the holder of the preference share to receive repayment of capital paid in priority to other classes of shares, but no other right to participate in capital or profits of the Company.

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18. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Opening shareholders' funds	199	235
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	87	(36)
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>286</u>	<u>199</u>

19. Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Operating profit before joint venture and associate	5,827	4,933
Depreciation	700	633
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	527,600	(39,525)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	111,098	(91,954)
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	<u>645,225</u>	<u>(125,913)</u>

20. Financial instruments

Currency profile of financial assets held as cash and current asset investments

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Euros	25,658	40,893
Sterling	927,572	245,357
US dollars	241,686	269,866
	<u>1,194,916</u>	<u>556,117</u>

The Company has entered into derivatives to hedge its exposure to changes in foreign exchange rates. Under UK GAAP, the Company is required to disclose the fair value of the derivatives, being the difference between the expected realisable value of its derivatives and the market value of its foreign currency holdings and relevant deposits at the year end. The fair value of the currency hedging deals at 31 July 2015 is an unrealised asset of £0.5m (2014: £58.7m asset), reflecting the foreign exchange rates at that date. This fair value will fluctuate depending on the daily movements in foreign exchange rates. The principal value of the currency hedging deals at 31 July 2015 total £1,722.9m.

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21. Related party transactions

By the Company's nature and in accordance with its rules, The Football Association Premier League Limited enters into a number of transactions in the normal course of business with its member clubs and with The Football Association Limited. Cost of sales, as reported in the profit and loss account, represents amounts payable to the member clubs of the FA Premier League totalling £1,634,039k (2014: £1,602,388k), of which £9,806k (2014: £19,494k) was outstanding at the year end. Transactions with the Football Association Limited totalled £750k (2014: £750k) within turnover and £69k (2014: £51k) within operating expenses, of which £nil (2014: £nil) is outstanding at the year end.

Transactions between the Company and its joint venture Football DataCo Limited include £1,233k (2014: £1,000k) within turnover. A debtor of £1,233k (2014: £1,000k) is outstanding at the year end. Transactions between the Company and its associate Professional Game Match Officials Limited include £4,750k (2014: £4,250k) within operating expenses. A creditor of £nil (2014: £nil) is outstanding at the year end.

Mr R C Scudamore serves as a trustee of both The Football Foundation, a registered charity, and The Football Stadia Improvement Fund Limited. In the financial year the Company donated £7,360k (2014: £7,300k) to the Football foundation of which £nil (2014: £nil) is outstanding at the year end and £5,200k (2014: £5,200k) to The Football Stadia Improvement Fund Limited of which £nil (2014: £nil) is outstanding at the year end.

Mr P D G McCormick served as a director of the company until his resignation on 17 June 2015. Mr McCormick is also a partner of McCormicks Solicitors, who provide legal advice to the Company, in the normal course of business with fees negotiated at arms length. From the beginning of the financial year to the date of his resignation, the Company was billed by McCormicks Solicitors £337k (2014: £201k) as fees for legal services and £55k (2014: £137k) as disbursements. There were no outstanding payments at the year end (2014: £32k).

Mr McCormick was remunerated separately for his services as a director of the Company.