# **Annual Report and Accounts**

Year ended 31 March 2009



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Company number: 2783384

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2009

The directors submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2009.

#### Principal activities

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The British Land Company PLC and operates as a constituent of The British Land Company PLC group of companies (the "group"). During the year the company began to wind up the partnership representing the company's sole investment holding. As a result, this company has effectively ceased to trade.

#### **Business review**

As shown in the company's profit and loss account on page 5, the company's turnover has decreased by 59.8% over the prior year and loss before tax is £639,284 compared to a profit before tax of £1,568 in the prior year.

The value of investments held as at 31 March 2009 decreased by 100% due to a provision for write down made during the year then ended as shown in note 6 to the company's balance sheet.

Dividends of £nil (2008: £nil) were paid in the year. Dividends paid are shown in note 12.

The balance sheet on page 7 shows that the company's financial position at the year end is, in net asset terms, a decrease from the prior year.

The performance of the group, which includes the company, is discussed in the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

Details of significant events since the balance sheet date, if any, are contained in note 16.

The subsidiaries, if any, held by the company are listed in note 6. Where the company has subsidiaries, consolidated financial statements are not presented as the company takes advantage of the exemption afforded by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Risk management

This company is part of a large property investment group. As such, the fundamental underlying risks for this company are those of the property group as discussed below.

The group generates returns to shareholders through long-term investment decisions requiring the evaluation of opportunities arising in the following areas:

- demand for space from occupiers against available supply;
- differential pricing for premium locations and buildings;
- alternative use for buildings;
- demand for returns from investors in property, compared to other asset classes;
- economic cycles, including their impact on tenant covenant quality, interest rates, inflation and property values;
- price differentials for capital to finance the business;
- legislative changes, including planning consents and taxation; and
- construction pricing and programming.

These opportunities also represent risks, the most significant being change to the value of the property portfolio. This risk has high visibility to senior executives and is considered and managed on a continuous basis. Executives use their knowledge and experience to knowingly accept a measured degree of market risk.

The group's preference for prime assets and their secure long term contracted rental income, primarily with upward only rent review clauses, presents lower risks than many other property portfolios.

The company has no third party debt. It therefore has no interest rate exposure.

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2009

#### **Environment**

Across the group, The British Land Company PLC recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment, and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the group's activities. The company operates in accordance with group policies. The group's full corporate responsibility report is available online at www.britishland.com/crReport/2009.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

V T Beresford (resigned 06 November 2009)

A M Jones (resigned 06 November 2009)

M A Stirling (resigned 06 November 2009)

B T Grose (appointed 13 Ocotber 2009)

P J Martin (appointed 13 October 2009)

### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 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; 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 proper accounting records that 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 1985. 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.

## **Payments policy**

In the absence of dispute, amounts due to trade and other suppliers are settled as expeditiously as possible within their terms of payment. Payments are administered on a consistent basis throughout the group by The British Land Company PLC whose suppliers' days outstanding at 31 March 2009 were 32 (31 March 2008: 24).

# REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 March 2009

### Disclosure of information to Auditors

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

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (b) 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 auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint Deloitte LLP as the company's auditors will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Board on 28 January 2010

P J Martin

Secretary

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF Pillar (Dartford) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009

We have audited the financial statements of Pillar (Dartford) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2009 which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet, statement of total recognised gains and losses, note of historical cost profits and losses and the related notes 1 to 18. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

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 whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, 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 other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2009 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

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**Deloitte LLP** 

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 March 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover		~	-
Income from investments		630	1,568
Fees and commissions			
Other trading income			
Total turnover		630	1,568
Cost of sales			
Gross profit		630	1,568
Administrative expenses			
Operating profit		630	1,568
Profit on disposal of properties			
Profit on disposal of investments			
Write down of investments		(640,017)	
Write down of investments in subsidiaries			
Dividends receivable			
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before interest		(639,387)	1,568
Interest receivable			
Group			
Associated companies		400	
External - other		103	
Interest payable			
Group			
Associated companies			
External - bank overdrafts and loans - other loans			
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2	(639,284)	1,568
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Taxation	4		(470)
(Loss) profit for the financial year		(639,284)	1,098

Due to commencement of procedures to wind up the company's sole investment holding during the year, the above operations are discontinued.

# STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES for the year ended 31 March 2009

	2009 £	2008 £
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities after taxation	(639,284)	1,098
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investment properties		
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments		
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of subsidiaries		
Derivative valuation and exchange translation movements on net investments		
Taxation on realisation of prior year revaluations		
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the financial year	(639,284)	1,098

# NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES for the year ended 31 March 2009

	2009 £	2008 £
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(639,284)	1,568
Realisation of prior year revaluations		
Historical cost (loss) profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(639,284)	1,568
. Historical cost (loss) profit for the year retained after taxation	(639,284)	1,098

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# Pillar (Dartford) Limited

# BALANCE SHEET as at 31 March 2009

	Note	200 £	)9 . £	2008 £	£
Fixed assets Investment properties	5				
Plant and Machinery Investments	6				662,340
		_		<del></del>	662,340
Current assets		•			
Debtors Cash and deposits	7	3,201,449		3,178,393	
	-	3,201,449	_	3,178,393	
Creditors due within one year	8	(552)		(552)	
	-		_	<u>.</u>	
Net current assets			3,200,897		3,177,841
Total assets less current liabilities		_	3,200,897	·	3,840,181
Creditors due after one year Provision for liabilities	9 10				
Net assets		- -	3,200,897	_	3,840,181
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	11		1		1
Share premium	12				
Revaluation reserve Profit and loss account	12 12		3,200,896		3,840,180
Shareholders' funds	12	- =	3,200,897		3,840,181

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 28 January 2010

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# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

### 1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by the directors are summarised below. They have been applied consistently throughout the current and previous year.

These financial statements are designed to cover a wide variety of companies and circumstances. As a result some notes or some entries in the primary statements or the notes may not be relevant for this company and so may be left blank intentionally.

### Accounting basis

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards and under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investment properties and other fixed asset investments.

Where the company has subsidiaries, it has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements afforded by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985 because it is a wholly owned subsidiary of another company. Group financial statements, which include the company, for The British Land Company PLC are publicly available (see note 17).

### Basis of preparation

As explained in note 18, the company began to wind up the partnership which represents the company's sole investment holding and has ceased trading. As required by FRS 18 Accounting Policies, the directors have prepared the financial statements on the basis that the company is no longer a going concern. No material adjustments arose as a result of ceasing to apply the going concern basis.

#### Cash flow statement

The company is exempt under FRS 1 (Revised) from preparing a cashflow statement.

### **Properties**

Properties are externally valued on an open market basis at the balance sheet date. Investment and development properties are recorded at valuation. Any surplus or deficit arising is transferred to revaluation reserve, unless a deficit is expected to be permanent, in which case it is charged to the profit and loss account. Disposals are recognised on completion: profit on disposal is determined as the difference between sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset at the commencement of the accounting period plus additions in the period.

In accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 19, no depreciation is provided in respect of investment property. The directors consider that this accounting policy, which represents a departure from the statutory accounting rules, is necessary to provide a true and fair view. The financial effect of the departure from these rules cannot reasonably be quantified as depreciation is only one of the many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified. Where properties held for investment are appropriated to trading stock, they are transferred at market value.

A property ceases to be treated as a development on practical completion.

#### Financial liabilities

Debt instruments are stated at their net proceeds on issue. Finance charges including premiums payable on settlement or redemption and direct issue costs are spread over the period to redemption, using the effective interest method.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Investments

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

#### **Taxation**

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the year and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are not taxable (or tax deductible). In particular the group (including this company) became a REIT on 1 January 2007 and income and gains on qualifying assets are now exempt from taxation.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### Net rental income

Rental income is recognised on an accruals basis. A rent adjustment based on open market estimated rental value is recognised from the rent review date in relation to unsettled rent reviews. Where a rent free period is included in a lease, the rental income foregone is allocated evenly over the period from the date of lease commencement to the next rent review date. Rental income from fixed and minimum guaranteed rent reviews is recognised on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the entire lease term or the period to the first break option. Where such rental income is recognised ahead of the related cash flow, an adjustment is made to ensure the carrying value of the related property including the accrued rent does not exceed the external valuation.

Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging a new lease are amortised on a straight-line basis over the period from the date of lease commencement to the next rent review date.

Where a lease incentive payment, including surrender premiums paid, does not enhance the value of a property, it is amortised on a straight-line basis over the period from the date of lease commencement to the next rent review date. Upon receipt of a surrender premium for the early determination of a lease, the profit, net of dilapidations and non-recoverable outgoings relating to the lease concerned is immediately reflected in income.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

2. Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	2009	2008
	£	£
Profit (loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging (crediting):		
Amortisation		
Depreciation		
Depression .		
Auditors' remuneration		
A notional charge of £1,200 (2008: £1,150) per company is deemed payable to Deloitte LLP in resp	ect of the audit of the	9
financial statements. Actual amounts payable to Deloitte LLP are paid at group level by The British		
3. Staff costs	2009	2008
	£	£
Wages and salaries		
Social security costs		
Pension costs		
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No director received any remuneration for services to the company in either period.		
The director received any remaineration for services to the company in either period.		

Average number of employees, excluding directors, of the company during the year was nil (2008 - nil).

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

4. Taxation	2009 £	2008 £
Current tax UK corporation tax Adjustments in respect of prior years		470
Total current tax charge (credit)		470
Deferred tax Origination and reversal of timing differences Prior year items		
Total deferred tax charge (credit)		
Total taxation charge (credit)		470
Tax reconciliation		
(Loss) profit on ordinary activities before taxation	(639,284)	1,568
Tax on profit on ordinary activities at UK corporation tax rate of 28% (2008: 30%) Effects of: REIT conversion charge REIT exempt income and gains Capital allowances	(179,000)	470
Tax losses and other timing differences (Income not taxable) expenses not deductible for tax purposes Transfer pricing adjustments	179,205	
Group relief (claimed) surrendered for nil consideration Adjustments in respect of prior years	(205)	
Current tax charge (credit)		470

Included in the tax charge is a net charge of £nil (2008: £nil) attributable to property sales.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

## 5. Property

	Development £	Freehold £	Long leasehold £	Short leasehold £	Total £
At valuation 1 April 2008 Additions Disposals Group transfers - in Group transfers - out Revaluation surplus (deficit)					
31 March 2009					-
Analysis of cost and valuation 31 March 2009 Cost Revaluation					
Net book value		-			
1 April 2008 Cost Revaluation					
Net book value		<u> </u>			

Properties were valued as at 31 March 2009 by Knight Frank LLP, Chartered Surveyors, as external valuers on the basis of market value in accordance with the requirements of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Valuation Standards, sixth edition.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

### 6. Investments

	Investment in partnership £	Other investments £	Total £
At cost or directors' valuation			
1 April 2008	662,340		662,340
Additions			
Disposals	(22,953)		(22,953)
Group Transfers - in			
Share of partnership income	630		630
Provision for write-down	(640,017)		(640,017)
Revaluation			
31 March 2009			
Provision for write-down 1 April 2008		· ·	
Provision for write-down Disposals	(640,017)		(640,017)
31 March 2009	(640,017)		(640,017)
At cost or directors' valuation excluding provision for write-down			
31 March 2009	640,017		640,017
1 April 2008	662,340	-	662,340

The company has a 50% partnership interest in The Dartford Partnership, which operates in the United Kingdom. The above represents the company's share of the net assets of the partnership.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

7. Debtors	2009 £	2008 £
Current debtors (receivable within one year)		
Trade debtors	0.004.440	0.470.000
Amounts owed by group companies - current accounts  Amounts owed by associated companies - current accounts	3,201,449	3,178,393
Corporation tax		
Other debtors		
Prepayments and accrued income		
	3,201,449	3,178,393
	3,201,443	3,170,333
Included in prepayments and accrued income is an amount of £nil (2008 : £nil), relating to learn amortised over the period to the next rent review which may be due after more than one year		h are
Long-term debtors (receivable after more than one year)		
Amounts owed by group companies - Long term loans	-	-
8. Creditors due within one year	2009	2008
	£	£
Trade creditors		
Amounts owed to group companies - current accounts		
Amounts owed to associated companies - current accounts		
Corporation tax	552	552
Other taxation and social security Other creditors		
Accruals and deferred income		
Notice and determed income		
	552	552

Amounts owed to fellow group companies are repayable on demand. There is no interest charged on these balances.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

9. Creditors due after one ye	ear (including borrowings.)		2009 £	2008 £
Debentures and loans	due 1 to 2 years due 2 to 5 years due after 5 years			
10. Provision for liabilities		Sinking fund £	Deferred tax £	Total £
April 2008     Charged (credited) to the profit Released Utilised in year	t and loss account			
31 March 2009			-	
Deferred tax is provided as foll	ows		2009 £	2008 £
Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences	3			
			-	

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

11. Share capital  Authorised share capital	2009 £	2008 £
Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each Balance as at 1 April and as at 31 March : 1 share  Issued share capital - allotted, called up and fully paid	1	1
Ordinary Shares of £1.00 each Balance as at 1 April and as at 31 March : 1 share	1	1

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

# 12. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds and reserves

	Share capital	Share premium £	Revaluation reserve £	Hedging & translation reserve	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Opening shareholders' funds	1				3,840,180	3,840,181
Loss for the financial year					(639,284)	(639,284)
Dividends						
Share issues in the year						,
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investment properties						
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of investments						•
Unrealised surplus (deficit) on revaluation of subsidiaries						
Realisation of prior year revaluations					•	
Taxation on the realisation of prior year revaluations						•
Derivative valuation and exchange translation movements on net investments						
Closing shareholders' funds	11	<u>.</u>	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>	3,200,896	3,200,897

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2009

#### 13. Capital commitments

The company had capital commitments contracted as at 31 March 2009 of £nil (2008 : £nil).

### 14. Contingent liabilities

The company is jointly and severally liable with British Land Fund Management Limited and fellow subsidiaries for all monies falling due under the group VAT registration.

### 15. Related parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption granted to 90% subsidiaries not to disclose transactions with group companies under the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 8.

### 16. Subsequent events

There have been no significant events since the year end.

### 17. Immediate parent and ultimate holding company

The immediate parent company is Pillar Property Group Limited.

The British Land Company PLC is the smallest and largest group for which group accounts are available and which include the company. The ultimate holding company and controlling party is The British Land Company PLC, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Group accounts for this company are available on request from British Land, York House, 45 Seymour Street, London, W1H 7LX.

### 18. Going Concern

During the year, the company began to wind up the partnership in which it has an investment.

Due to the above the financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than that of going concern. However, the financial statements do not include any adjustments which might arise from the liquidation of the company.