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PARAMOUNT HOTELS LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the company, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The company's principal activity is that of owning a group of hotels. On 6 September 2007 the company transferred its trade to Barcelo Hotels and Resorts ("Barcelo"). In return for this the company now receives rental income and the hotels are held as rental properties. The directors are not aware, at the date of this report of any likely major changes in the company's activities next year.

As a result of charging rent for a full year, rather than including the results of operating the hotels (as was the case for 8 months of last year) the company's turnover has decreased from £33.6m to £12.6m.

The balance sheet on page 7 of the financial statements shows that the company's financial position at the year end in net asset terms has worsened from last year. This is due to a downwards revaluation of £32,732,000 of the company's freehold and long leasehold properties

DIVIDENDS AND RESULTS

The directors have not proposed the payment of a dividend in respect of the year ended 31 December 2008 (31 December 2007: £5m). The retained profit for the year of £1,362,000 (31 December 2007 loss: £6,663,000) was transferred to reserves.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who served during the year and the date of this report were:

Massimo Marchovecchio

(resigned 22 July 2008)

Paul Rogers

(resigned 22 July 2008)

Michael Jourdain

Jonathan Paisner

(appointed 4 December 2008)

Peter Procopis

(appointed 4 December 2008)

No director had any interest in the shares of the company at 31 December 2008 or 31 December 2007.

CHARITABLE AND POLITICAL DONATIONS

Donations made by the company during the year for charitable purposes amounted to £nil (31 December 2007: £5,864). No contributions were made for political purposes (31 December 2007: £nil).

EMPLOYEES

Prior to 6 September 2007 the company policy was to consult and discuss with employees, at meetings, matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Information on matters of concern to employees is given through staff magazines, staff consultative meetings, information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the company's performance.

The company's policy is to recruit disabled workers for those vacancies that they are able to fill. All necessary assistance with initial training courses is given. Once employed, a career plan is developed so as to ensure suitable opportunities for each disabled person. Arrangements are made, where possible, for retraining employees who become disabled, to enable them to perform work identified as appropriate to their aptitudes and abilities.

CREDITOR PAYMENT POLICY

It is the company's policy to agree terms of payment with its suppliers when agreeing the terms of a business transaction or transactions. All suppliers are aware of this procedure and the company endeavours to abide by the agreed payment terms.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company is exposed to the risk its hotel manager Barcelo Hotels and Resorts may be unable to meet its rent obligations. The company is also exposed to any risks associated with the hotel industry such as new hotel openings close to its existing site and any general downturn in the hotel industry.

This risk is however mitigated by the rent and other guarantees provided by Barcelo's Corporation Empresorial SA (the tenant's ultimate parent company).

The company is also exposed to risks regarding property valuations in periods of market instability. This instability means that professional valuers are not able to value properties with the same degree of certainty as would be the case in a more stable market with a good level of transactional evidence to support valuations.

GOING CONCERN

On 13 May 2009, the company's parent company, Puma Hotels plc, signed an agreement with Anglo Irish Bank Limited ("AIB") to extend the term of its senior debt facility. This facility was due for repayment on 31 December 2009 but will now mature on 31 December 2012. The conditions for the completion of the refinancing were satisfied on 13 July 2009.

The Directors have considered the company's cash flow forecasts for the period to the end of December 2010. After making enquiries, the Board is satisfied that the company's forecasts and projections show that the company will have adequate resources to continue its operations for the foreseeable future. For this reason the company continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

AUDITORS

Each of the directors 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 auditors are unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that

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

On 1 December 2008 Deloitte & Touche LLP changed its name to Deloitte LLP.

A resolution to re-appoint Deloitte LLP as the Company's auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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

M. E. Pourlaw Director 8 OLT 2009

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements. The directors have chosen to prepare the accounts for the company in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

United Kingdom 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 as at the end of the financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for that year. In preparing those 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 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PARAMOUNT HOTELS LIMITED

We have audited the individual company financial statements (the "financial statements") of Paramount Hotels Limited for the year ended 31 December 2008 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the note of historical cost profits and losses and the related notes 1 to 22. 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 Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and 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 United Kingdom 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 in accordance with the relevant reporting framework and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, 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 judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstance of the company, 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 December 2008 and of the company's profit 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.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Leeds

8 October 2009

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2008

No	ite	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
TURNOVER		12,600	33,602
Cost of sales			(3,443)
GROSS PROFIT		12,600	30,159
Administrative expenses		(1,871)	(24,774)
OPERATING PROFIT		10,729	5,385
Interest receivable and similar income	4	8,572	5,764
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(17,939)	(15,491)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY			
ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	6	1,362	(4,342)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7		2,679
PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17	1,362	(1,663)

All amounts are from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2008

	Note	As at 31 December 2008 £'000	As at 31 December 2007 £'000
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	8	979	1,081
Tangible assets	9	203,813	227,628
Ç		204,792	228,709
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	11	80,520	71,075
Cash at bank and in hand			444
		80,520	71,519
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(168,464)	(160,940)
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NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(87,944)	(89,421)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		116,848	139,288
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	(70)
PROVISION FOR LIABILITIES	15	(1)	(1)
NET ASSETS		116,847	139,217
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	16	99	99
Share premium account	17	9,315	9,315
Revaluation reserve	17	105,839	129,571 232
Profit and loss account	17	1,594	
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	18	116,847	139,217

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 8007 2009 and signed on its behalf by:

M. E. Jourdan

Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this balance sheet.

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 December 2008

	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
Retained profit/(loss) for the financial year Unrealised deficit on revaluation of properties	1,362 (32,732)	(1,663) (7,276)
Total gains and losses since last annual report and financial statements	(22,370)	(8,939)
NOTE OF HISTORICAL COST PROFITS AND LOSSES Year ended 31 December 2008		
	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
Reported profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation Difference between historical cost depreciation charge and actual depreciation	2008	2007 £'000 (4,342)
	2008 £'000	2007 £'000

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below. The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently in both the current and preceding financial periods.

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules as modified to include the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets.

The company has not prepared consolidated financial statements for the period as permitted by Section 228 of the Companies Act 1985.

As a wholly owned subsidiary, the company has availed itself of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard Number 8, not to disclose intra-group transactions.

Under Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of it being a wholly owned subsidiary of Puma Hotels plc.

Investment properties

Investment properties are revalued annually. Surpluses or deficits on individual properties are transferred to the investment revaluation reserve, except that a deficit which is expected to be permanent and which is in excess of any previously recognised surplus over cost relating to the same property, or the reversal of such a deficit, is charged (or credited) to the profit and loss account. Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties, or in respect of leasehold investment properties where the unexpired term of the lease is more than 20 years. 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 as required under SSAP 19 Accounting of investment properties.

Taxation

Current tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

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 company'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.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Turnover

Turnover, which excludes value added tax, transactions between group companies and trade discounts, represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Goodwill

Where businesses or subsidiaries are acquired, any difference between the cost of acquisition and the value attributable to the acquired assets and liabilities is reflected as goodwill on the balance sheet. Goodwill is written off over its estimated useful life not exceeding 20 years.

2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

The company's turnover, profit before taxation and net assets are derived from its principal activity within the UK and as such no segmental information has been disclosed.

3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

The directors received no emoluments in the financial year from the company (31 December 2007: £nil). Emoluments paid to the directors are disclosed in the financial statements of Puma Hotels plc.

		Year e 31 Deceml Full-time No.		31 Dece Full-tim	od ended ember 2007 e Part-time o. No.
	Average monthly number of persons employed Staff in hotel outlets	-		56	9 433
	Staff costs during the year (including directors)		31	December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs			-	8,637 672 69
				-	9,378
4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCO	ME	31	December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
	Interest receivable from group undertakings Interest receivable on bank deposits			8,565 7	5,681
				8,572	5,764

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

5. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES		
		31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
	Interest payable to group undertakings	17,927	15,414
	Interest payable on bank loans, overdrafts and other loans	, <u>-</u>	41
	Interest payable on finance leases	12	36
		17,939	15,491
6.	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
	After crediting:		
	Rent receivable	12,600	23
	After charging:		
	Depreciation charge for the period:		
	Tangible owned fixed assets	_	2,995
	Tangible fixed assets held under finance leases	-	136
	Amortisation of goodwill	102	103
	Loss/(profit) on disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	115
	Auditors' remuneration for:		
	Audit	8	33
	Other services	-	-
	Rental payable under operating leases:		
	Plant and machinery		182
7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		31 December	31 December
		2008	2007
		£'000	£'000
	UK corporation tax charge/(credit) Group relief – current period		- ***
	Group relief – current period Group relief – prior period	-	(397)
			(397)
	Deferred tax	_	(351)
	Origination and reversal of timing differences Prior period adjustment		(2,682)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities		(2,679)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

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7. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

The differences between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the (loss)/profit before tax is as follows:

	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
Current tax reconciliation		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	1,362	(4,342)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities at standard UK		
corporation tax rate of 28% (2007: 30%)	398	(1,303)
Effects of:		
Effect of unutilised losses	(148)	953
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	8
Goodwill amortisation	29	31
Differences between capital allowances and depreciation	(279)	311
Adjustment to tax in respect of prior periods		(397)
Current tax charge for period		(397)
INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		Goodwill £'000
Cost		
At beginning and end of year		2,047
Depreciation		(0.55)
At beginning of year Charge for year		(966) (102)
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At end of year		(1,068)
Net book value		
At 31 December 2008		979
At 31 December 2007		1,081
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Goodwill is being amortised over its estimated useful economic life of 20 years. This is the estimated average useful life of the assets acquired that gave rise to the goodwill.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Cost or valuation	Investment properties £'000
Cost or valuation At beginning of year	227,628
Additions	587
Disposals	(670)
Revaluation	(23,732)
At end of year	203,813
Net book value	
At 31 December 2008	203,813
At 31 December 2007	227,628

The net book value of tangible fixed assets includes an amount of £nil (31 December 2007: £438,000) in respect of assets held under finance leases. Depreciation in the year on these assets was £nil (31 December 2007: £136,000).

An external valuation of the company's freehold and long leasehold properties subject to and with the benefits of the leases granted to Barcelo, was performed by Colliers Robert Barry & Co Chartered Surveyors as at 31 December 2008.

Prior to September 2007, the freehold land and long leasehold properties were treated as tangible fixed assets. From 6 September 2007 the freehold and long leasehold properties are treated as investment properties.

The historical cost and net book value of the company's freehold and long leasehold land and buildings included at valuation is as follows:

	Investment	properties
	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
Historical cost	86,259	86,047
Historical net book value	78,403	78,191

10. INVESTMENTS

The company has an investment of £2 (31 December 2007: £2) representing the whole of the issued ordinary share capital of Paramount Hotels Services Limited, incorporated in England which is dormant. The investment is stated at cost.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

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11.	DEBTORS		
		31 December 2008	31 December 2007
		£'000	£'000
	Amounts falling due within one year:		
	Trade debtors	-	327
	Amounts due from group undertakings	80,520	70,547
	Other debtors		201
		80,520	71.075
		80,320	71,075
12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
12.	CREDITORS, ANOUNTS FADDING DUE WITHIN ONE TEAR	31 December	31 December
		2008	2007
		£'000	£'000
	Trade creditors	-	2,578
	Amounts due to group undertakings	165,500	152,575
	Obligations under finance leases	-	83
	Other taxes and social security costs Other creditors	-	83
	Accruals and deferred income	2.064	537
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		168,464	160,940
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE	VFAR	
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		2008	2007
		£'000	£'000
	Obligations under finance leases	_	70
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14.	FINANCE LEASE OBLIGATIONS		
		31 December	31 December
	The net finance lease obligations to which the common is committed and	2008	2007
	The net finance lease obligations to which the company is committed are:	£'000	£'000
	In one year or less	-	83
	Between one and two year	-	56
	Between two and five years	-	14
			153
			

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

15. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	31 December	31 December 2007 £'000
	2008	
	£,000	
Deferred taxation		
At beginning of year	1	2,283
Transfer to profit and loss account		(2,282)
At end of year	1	1
		

The amounts provided for deferred taxation and the amounts not provided are set out below:

	31 December 2008		31 December 2007	
	Provided £'000	Unprovided £'000	Provided £'000	Unprovided £'000
Difference between accumulated depreciation and				
capital allowances	-	-	-	(146)
On revaluation of land and buildings	-	27,631	_	36,477
Other timing differences	1		1	
Undiscounted provision	1	27,631	1	36,331
				

No provision has been made in respect of the unrealised property revaluation surplus and capital losses because it is not the directors' current intention to dispose of the related property.

16. SHARE CAPITAL

	31 December	31 December
	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid		
9,900,000 Ordinary shares of 1p each	99	99

17. SHARE PREMIUM AND RESERVES

	Share premium account £'000	Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At beginning of year	9,315	129,571	232	139,118
Retained profit for the financial year	-	-	1,362	1,362
Revaluation in the year		(23,732)		(23,732)
At end of year	9,315	105,839	1,594	116,748

18. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	31 December 2008 £'000	31 December 2007 £'000
Opening equity shareholders' funds	139,217	153,156
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	1,362	(1,663)
Revaluation	(23,732)	(7,276)
Closing equity shareholders' funds	116,847	139,217

A dividend of £nil (31 December 2007: £5,00,000 or 50.5p) was paid for the year.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS Year ended 31 December 2008

19. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	31 December	31 December
	2008	2007
	£'000	£'000
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but has not been		
provided for in the financial statements	-	448
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20. FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

The company has no annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases.

21. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The company is a participant in a fellow group undertakings (Paramount Hotels Holdings Limited and Puma Hotels plc) term loan borrowings whereby these borrowings are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the company's assets.

22. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The entire issued share capital of this company is indirectly owned by Puma Hotels plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The Group accounts of Puma Hotels plc, which represents the largest and smallest group in which the company is consolidated, can be obtained from Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.