# STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

**FOR** 

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## **UTOPIA LEISURE LIMITED**

## <u>COMPANY INFORMATION</u> <u>FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018</u>

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### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The directors present their strategic report for the period 2 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

#### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The company owns and operates four luxury award winning hotels in the South East of England. The company continues to achieve sustained growth in 2018 with a 3.25% increase in turnover, its occupancy rate also increased to 1.65% due mainly to the contribution from Barnett Hill after a major refurbishment.

The Directors anticipate continued growth of their hotels and hospitality operations. They expect to achieving this through the development of existing sites and the acquisition of a new hotel in the forthcoming year to expand coverage in the Southwest of London.

#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The directors consider the following to be the principal risks facing the company:

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the company if a customer or counterparty to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. The company is mainly exposed to credit risk from credit sales. It is company policy to assess the credit risk of new customers. Each new customer is analysed individually for creditworthiness before the company's standard payment terms and conditions are offered.

At a local level, a monthly review of the trade receivables' ageing analysis is undertaken and customers' credit is reassessed periodically. Existing customers that become "high risk" as a result of the periodic reassessment are placed on a restricted customer list and future credit sales are made only with approval of the Board otherwise payment in advance is required.

Credit risk also arises from cash and cash equivalents and deposits with banks and financial institutions.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk arises from the company's management of working capital and the finance charges and principal repayments on its debt instruments. It is the risk that the company will encounter difficulty in meeting its financial obligations as they fall due.

The Board receives rolling cash flow projections on a monthly basis as well as information regarding cash balances. At the end of the financial year, these projections indicated that the company expected to have sufficient liquid resources to meet its obligations under all reasonably expected circumstances. The directors have considered it appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

Political uncertainty and Economic recession

The company continues to monitor the implications of UK's exit from the European Union, particularly ongoing access to residents of the European Union seeking work in the UK, and the ease of accessibility to the UK of overseas visitors. The weaker pound has been helpful to inbound tourism as has the continued US economic growth but there are downside risks if the wider international trade war continues to escalate. Globally tourism continue to grow which should continue to underpin demand for accommodation.

## Competition

New entrants into the market in close proximity to our existing hotels resulting in over supply. The company continues investment in the existing hotel portfolio, together with a strong focus upon guest service and high standards, allows the company's hotels to be differentiated from competitors.

The company's strategy to combat these threats is to continue to develop the quality and range of the facilities and to cater for a wider range of different market sectors.

### STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### NON-FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The company monitors key non-financial indicators such as food hygiene rating, feedback from guest comment cards, ratings on guest online surveys and third party web feedback sites.

The company also take independent assessments of service to monitor its quality against industry standards.

The company have a comprehensive and proactive approach to risk management, endeavouring to ensure that all customers are always in safe accommodation, maintained and operated in compliance with the appropriate regulations and standards.

The company is committed to minimising its impact upon the environment by seeking energy saving initiatives and have installed solar panels on two hotels.

#### FINANCIAL KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The company monitors key financial performance indicators across all sites in order to maximise performance, room rate and occupancy. Each hotel's performance is benchmarked regularly against hotels in the immediate vicinity.

The key financial performance indicators for the company are highlighted below:

	2018	2017
Gross profit margin	48%	46%
Net profit margin	17%	16%
Room sold	42,853	42,060

#### **DISABLED EMPLOYEES**

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the company continues and that the appropriate training is arranged. It is the company's policy that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of the other employees.

#### **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. Employees are consulted regularly on a wide range of matters affecting their current and future interests.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period 2 October 2017 to 30 September 2018.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The main activity of the company continues to be the operation of four luxury award winning hotels in the South East of England.

#### DIVIDENDS

Interim dividends totalling 17.468p per share were paid during the period. The directors recommend that no final dividend be paid.

The total distribution of dividends for the period ended 30 September 2018 will be £1,000,043.

#### EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE PERIOD

Information relating to events since the end of the period is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 2 October 2017 to the date of this report.

P S Hinchcliffe Mrs D Hinchcliffe

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company's financial instruments may be analysed as follows:

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise cash, trade debtors, other debtors and amounts owed by directors.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise bank loans and overdrafts, trade creditors and other creditors.

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## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The company meets its day-to-day working capital requirements through its sufficient cash reserves. The company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably changes in trading performance, show that the company is able to operate within the level of its current facilities and has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Vista Audit LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF UTOPIA LEISURE LIMITED

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Utopia Leisure Limited (the 'company') for the period ended 30 September 2018 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, Statement of Cash Flows and Notes to the Statement of Cash Flows, Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2018 and of its profit for the period 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.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors, but does not include the financial statements and our Report of the Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF UTOPIA LEISURE LIMITED

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Report of the Directors.

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.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities set out on page five, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

#### Use of our report

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 a Report of the Auditors 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.

Susan Jones FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Vista Audit LLP

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Date: 146/19

## STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

		Period 2/10/17 to	Period 3/10/16 to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	4	19,552,571	18,937,132
Cost of sales		10,177,354	10,182,055
GROSS PROFIT		9,375,217	8,755,077
Administrative expenses		5,808,166	5,593,499
OPERATING PROFIT	6	3,567,051	3,161,578
Interest receivable and similar income		6,944	2,067
		3,573,995	3,163,645
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	107,763	118,288
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		3,466,232	3,045,357
Tax on profit	8	827,667	713,470
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PE	RIOD	2,638,565	2,331,887
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOM	ME	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOMPORTHE PERIOD	ME	2,638,565	2,331,887

## **STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION 30 SEPTEMBER 2018**

		20	18	201	7
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Intangible assets	10		237,500		267,500
Tangible assets Investments	11 12		28,146,303 2		28,625,548 2
investments	12				
			28,383,805		28,893,050
CURRENT ASSETS					
Stocks	13	178,422		166,614	
Debtors	14	1,393,068		2,437,392	
Cash at bank and in hand		2,370,177		626,001	
		3,941,667		3,230,007	
CREDITORS	1.5	5 222 296		6 260 780	•
Amounts falling due within one year	15	5,323,286		5,260,789	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES			(1,381,619)		(2,030,782)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			27,002,186		26,862,268
CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more than one					
year	16		(2,577,320)		(4,073,070)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES	20		(103,699)		(106,553)
NET ASSETS			24,321,167		22,682,645
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	21		5,725,002		5,725,002
Retained earnings			18,596,165		16,957,643
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			24,321,167		22,682,645
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The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on ................................ and were signed on its behalf by:

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings	Total equity £
Balance at 3 October 2016	5,725,002	15,635,914	21,360,916
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income  Balance at 1 October 2017	5,725,002	(1,010,158) 2,331,887 16,957,643	(1,010,158) 2,331,887 22,682,645
Changes in equity Dividends Total comprehensive income	- 	(1,000,043) 2,638,565	(1,000,043) 2,638,565
Balance at 30 September 2018	5,725,002	18,596,165	24,321,167

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

		Period 2/10/17	Period 3/10/16
		2/10/17 to	5/10/10 to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
N	lotes	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	5,291,125	3,668,519
Interest paid		(107,452)	(118,288)
Tax paid		(750,000) —————	(788,414)
Net cash from operating activities		4,433,673	2,761,817
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(994,510)	(1,063,021)
Sale of tangible fixed assets		27,300	-
Interest received		6,944	2,067
Net cash from investing activities		(960,266)	(1,060,954)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Loan repayments in year		(1,649,231)	(670,000)
Amount introduced by directors		10,015	35,000
Amount withdrawn by directors		(90,015)	(35,000)
Equity dividends paid		-	(1,000,000)
Net cash from financing activities		(1,729,231)	(1,670,000)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,744,176	30,863
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2 ·	626,001	595,138
Cash and cash equivalents at end of			
period	2	2,370,177	626,001
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## NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

## 1. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION TO CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS

OI EMITTONS	Period	Period
	2/10/17	3/10/16
	to	to
	30/9/18	1/10/17
	£	£
Profit before taxation	3,466,232	3,045,357
Depreciation charges	1,269,670	1,148,409
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,646	-
Impairment losses on freehold property	199,139	99,617
Finance costs	107,763	118,288
Finance income	(6,944)	(2,067)
	5,037,506	4,409,604
Increase in stocks	(11,808)	(14,110)
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other debtors	124,324	(429,285)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other creditors	141,103	(297,690)
Cash generated from operations	5,291,125	3,668,519

## 2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The amounts disclosed on the Statement of Cash Flows in respect of cash and cash equivalents are in respect of these Statement of Financial Position amounts:

## Period ended 30 September 2018

	30/9/18	2/10/17
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	2,370,177	626,001
Period ended 1 October 2017		
	1/10/17	3/10/16
	£	£
Cash and cash equivalents	626,001	595,138

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Utopia Leisure Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### 2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006.

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The directors have considered the company's operating financial requirements for the forthcoming year and expect that the company will have sufficient cash reserves to meet those requirements, and as a result they have prepared the accounts on the going concern basis.

#### Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about Utopia Leisure Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. Its subsidiary undertakings, Alexander House Hotel Limited and Alexander Hotels Limited, are dormant.

#### Related party exemption

The company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the group.

#### Significant judgements and estimates

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements:

- Determine whether leases entered into by the company either as a lessor or a lessee are operating lease or finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee on a lease by lease basis.
- Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the company's tangible and intangible assets, including goodwill. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset and where it is a component of a larger cash-generating unit, the viability and expected future performance of that unit.

Other key sources of estimation uncertainty

#### -Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than investment properties, are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and projected disposal values.

## -Intangible fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets, are amortised over their useful life taking into account the probable future economic benefits, where appropriate. The economic useful lives of the assets and probable future economic benefits are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of the goods and services provided are transferred to the buyer, the amount of turnover can be measured reliably and it is probable that the economic benefit associated with the transaction will flow to the company.

Turnover represents the total invoice value, excluding value added tax, of sales made during the year.

Turnover for the company comprises the following steams:

- i) Sale of goods Turnover from the sale of food and beverages is recognised at the point of sale.
- ii) Rendering of services Turnover from room sales and other guest services is recognised when rooms are occupied and as services are provided.

#### Goodwill

Goodwill, being the amount paid in connection with the acquisition of a business in 2016, is being amortised evenly over its estimated useful life of ten years.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

The company adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the group. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Land is not depreciated. Depreciation on other assets is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Freehold buildings - 2 % on cost Plant and machinery - 15% on cost Fixtures and fittings - 15% on cost Computer equipment - 25% on cost Motor vehicles - 25% on cost

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'other operating income' in the statement of comprehensive income.

Impairment of fixed assets and goodwill

Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication that the assets are impaired. Where there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, the carrying value of the asset (or cash-generating unit to which the asset has been allocated) is tested for impairment. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's (or CGU's) fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows (CGUs). Non-financial assets that have been previously impaired are reviewed at each reporting date to assess whether there is any indication that the impairment losses recognised in prior periods may no longer exist or may have decreased.

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost.

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less any provision for impairment in value.

#### Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is the purchase cost on a first-in, first-out basis. Net realisable value is selling price less any costs expected to be incurred to disposal.

#### Financial instruments

Basic financial assets, which include trade debtors, other debtors, cash and bank balances, amounts owed by directors, are initially measured at the transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently recognised at amortised cost.

Basic financial liabilities, including trade creditors and other creditors are initially recognised at transaction price and are subsequently recognised at amortised cost.

Bank loans, classified as basic financial instruments, are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, bank loans are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less any impairment losses.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

#### **Taxation**

Taxation for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Current tax is recognised at the amount of tax payable using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the statement of financial position date.

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the statement of financial position date.

Timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements. Deferred tax is measured using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end and that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

#### Pension costs

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The annual contributions payable are charged to the profit and loss account.

## Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit and loss as they accrue, using the effective interest method.

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#### 3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting. Dividends on shares recognised as liabilities are recognised as expenses and classified within interest payable.

## 4. TURNOVER

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

An analysis of turnover by class of business is given below:

		Period	Period
		2/10/17 to	3/10/16 to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
		£	£
	Sale of goods	8,124,002	8,013,200
	Rendering of services	11,428,569	10,923,932
		19,552,571	18,937,132
5.	EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS		
٥.		Period	Period
		2/10/17	3/10/16
		to	to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
		£	£
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	6,576,219 464,509	6,607,232 493,116
	Other pension costs	211,276	116,710
	Other pension costs		
		7,252,004	7,217,058
	The average number of employees during the period was as follows:		
		Period	Period
		2/10/17	3/10/16
		to	to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
	Hotel and administration	385	403
	Directors	2	2
		297	405
		<del>387</del>	<del>405</del>
		Period	Period
		2/10/17	3/10/16
		to	to
		30/9/18	1/10/17
	Directoral remuneration	£ 75,539	£ 81,077
	Directors' remuneration Directors' pension contributions to money purchase schemes	10,000	40,000
	Directors pension contributions to money purchase senemes	====	====

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#### 5. **EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS - continued**

	The number of directors to whom retirement benefits were accruing was	s as follows:	
	Money purchase schemes	1	<u> </u>
6.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	The operating profit is stated after charging:		
		Period 2/10/17 to 30/9/18 £	Period 3/10/16 to 1/10/17 £
	Depreciation - owned assets Loss on disposal of fixed assets Goodwill amortisation Auditors' remuneration Auditors' remuneration for non audit work	1,239,670 1,646 30,000 18,400 10,497	1,118,409 30,000 16,770 10,815
7.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES	Period 2/10/17 to 30/9/18	Period 3/10/16 to 1/10/17
	Bank interest Bank loan interest Interest on corporation tax	£ 107,452 311 107,763	£ 245 118,043 ————————————————————————————————————
8.	TAXATION		
	Analysis of the tax charge The tax charge on the profit for the period was as follows:	Period 2/10/17 to 30/9/18	Period 3/10/16 to 1/10/17 £
	Current tax: UK corporation tax Prior year over provision	830,532 (11)	741,173 -
	Total current tax	830,521	741,173
	Deferred tax	(2,854)	(27,703)
	Tax on profit	827,667	713,470

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE PERIOD 2 OCTOBER 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

#### 8. TAXATION - continued

#### Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the period is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	Period	Period
	2/10/17	3/10/16
	to	to
	30/9/18	1/10/17
	£	£
Profit before tax	3,466,232	3,045,357
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017 - 19.500%)	658,584	593,845
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	169,083	119,625
Total tax charge	827,667	713,470

The tax rate for the current year is lower than the prior year, due to changes in the UK corporation tax rate, which decreased from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017. Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted as part of Finance Bill 2016 (on 6 September 2016). These include reductions to the main rate to reduce the rate to 17% from 1 April 2020. Deferred taxes at the balance sheet date have been measured using these enacted tax rates and reflected in these financial statements.

### 9. **DIVIDENDS**

At 30 September 2018

At 1 October 2017

DIVIDENDS		
	Period	Period
	2/10/17	3/10/16
	to	to
	30/9/18	1/10/17
	£	£
Interim		1,010;158
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INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
		Goodwill
		£
COST		
At 2 October 2017		
		300,000
AMORTISATION		
		32,500
		30,000
1		
At 30 September 2018		62,500
		·
NET BOOK VALUE		
	Interim  INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS  COST At 2 October 2017 and 30 September 2018  AMORTISATION At 2 October 2017 Amortisation for period  At 30 September 2018	Interim  Int

237,500

267,500

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## 11. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST At 2 October 2017 Additions Disposals Impairments	32,499,912 321,760 - (199,139)	2,108,237 297,737 (52,383)	1,205,341 289,004 (29,435)
At 30 September 2018	32,622,533	2,353,591	1,464,910
DEPRECIATION At 2 October 2017 Charge for period Eliminated on disposal	6,121,279 622,965	823,183 325,304 (23,437)	494,200 196,829 (29,435)
At 30 September 2018	6,744,244	1,125,050	661,594
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 September 2018	25,878,289	1,228,541	803,316
At 1 October 2017	26,378,633	1,285,054	711,141
COCT	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST At 2 October 2017 Additions Disposals Impairments	29,558 15,043 -	362,915 70,966 (16,399)	36,205,963 994,510 (98,217) (199,139)
At 30 September 2018	44,601	417,482	36,903,117
DEPRECIATION At 2 October 2017 Charge for period Eliminated on disposal	18,927 6,241	122,826 88,331 (10,399)	7,580,415 1,239,670 (63,271)
At 30 September 2018	25,168	200,758	8,756,814
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 September 2018	19,433	216,724	28,146,303
At 1 October 2017	10,631	240,089	28,625,548

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## 12. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

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FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS			Shares in group undertakings
COST At 2 October 2017 and 30 September 2018			2
NET BOOK VALUE At 30 September 2018			2
At 1 October 2017			2
The company's investments at the Statement of Financi the following:	al Position date in the	share capital of co	mpanies include
Alexander House Hotel Limited Registered office: No 1 St Pauls Square, Liverpool, Me Nature of business: Dormant	rseyside, L3 9SJ		
	%		
Class of shares:	holding 100.00		
Ordinary	100.00	2018	2017
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		1	1
		<del></del>	
Alexander Hotels Limited Registered office: No 1 St Pauls Square, Liverpool, Me Nature of business: Dormant	rseyside, L3 9SJ		
	%		
Class of shares:	holding 100.00		
Ordinary	100.00	2018	2017
		£	£
Aggregate capital and reserves		1	1
			<del></del>
The group accounts are not required as its subsidiaries	are dormant during the	year.	
STOCKS			
		2018 £	2017 £
Raw materials and consumables		178,422	166,614
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DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN	ONE YEAR	2010	2015
		2018 £	2017 £
Trade debtors		323,608	561,097
Other debtors		360,268	333,238
Directors' current accounts		80,000	1,000,000
Prepayments		629,192	543,057
		1,393,068	2,437,392

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## 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

15.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 17)	1,236,923	1,340,000
	Trade creditors	1,084,987	1,384,757
	Tax	422,005	341,173
	Social security and other taxes	113,979	112,739
	VAT	509,067	365,974
	Other creditors	33,306	29,130
	Deferred income	1,696,657	1,352,414
	Accrued expenses	226,362	334,602
		5,323,286	5,260,789
16.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE		
	YEAR	2018	2017
		£	£
	Bank loans (see note 17)	2,473,846	4,020,000
	Deferred income	103,474	53,070
		2,577,320	4,073,070
17.	LOANS		
	An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:		
		2018	2017
		£	£
	Amounts falling due within one year or on demand:		
	Bank loans	1,236,923	1,340,000
	Amounts falling due between one and two years:		
	Bank loans - 1-2 years	1,236,923	1,340,000
	Amounts falling due between two and five years:	1.026.000	0.600.000
	Bank loans - 2-5 years	1,236,923	2,680,000

The bank loan is repayable by instalments by 2021. The loan accrues interest at a variable rate equivalent to LIBOR plus 1.75%.

#### 18. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Bank loans	3,710,769	5,360,000
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The bank loan is secured by a debenture and charge over Alexander House Hotel.

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## 19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company's financial instruments may be analysed as follows:

	Financial assets			2018	2017
				2018	2017
	Financial assets	that are debt instruments measured at amorti	ised cost	£3,134,055	£2,520,338
	Financial liabili	ties		2019	2017
	Financial liabili	ties measured at amortised cost		2018 <u>£6,855,556</u>	2017 £8,513,973
20.	PROVISIONS	FOR LIABILITIES			
				2018	2017
	Deferred tax			£ 103,699	£ 106,553
					Deferred tax £
	Balance at 2 Oc Credit to Staten	tober 2017 nent of Comprehensive Income during period	I		106,553 (2,854)
	Balance at 30 S	eptember 2018			103,699
21.	CALLED UP S	SHARE CAPITAL			
	Allotted, issued	and fully paid:			
	Number:	Class:	Nominal value:	2018 £	2017 £
	5,725,002	Ordinary	£1	5,725,002	5,725,002

The holders of ordinary shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time, and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the Company.

#### 22. PENSION COMMITMENTS

The total expense relating to defined contribution pension included in profit and loss accounts in the current year was £211,276 (2017: £116,710). Included within other creditors are unpaid pension contributions of £25,433 (2017: £9,532).

#### 23. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	2018	2017
	£	£
Contracted but not provided for in the		
financial statements	44,731	214,905

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## 24. DIRECTORS' ADVANCES, CREDITS AND GUARANTEES

The following advances and credits to a director subsisted during the periods ended 30 September 2018 and 1 October 2017:

	2018 £	2017 £
P S Hinchcliffe		
Balance outstanding at start of period	1,000,000	1,000,030
Amounts advanced	90,015	1,035,000
Amounts repaid	(1,010,015)	(1,035,030)
Amounts written off	· -	-
Amounts waived	-	-
Balance outstanding at end of period	80,000	1,000,000
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The interest free loan is repayable on demand and within 9 months of the financial year end.

## 25. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the period, a total of key management personnel compensation of £474,217 was paid.

#### 26. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

On 7 November 2018 the company acquired a new subsidiary.

#### 27. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The controlling party is P S Hinchcliffe.