# CFS INDEPENDENT LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

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### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** A.O. Harwood

S.H. Harwood (appointed 12/11/1999) R. Prudence (resigned 15/9/2000) A.D. Bischoff (resigned 12/11/1999) J.S. Freedman (resigned 12/11/1999)

Secretary S.H. Harwood

Company Number 2960433

**Registered Office** 2 Fisher Street

London WC1R 4QA

Auditors Bright Grahame Murray

124/130 Seymour Place

London W1H 1BG

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

The directors present their report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2000.

#### Results and Dividends

The results for the year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 5.

The directors recommend dividends amounting to £21,275 (1999 £72,000)

#### Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activity of the company is the provision of investment advice with the majority of clients favouring security as opposed to adventure.

The directors are satisfied with the results for the year and the state of affairs of the company at the balance sheet date.

#### **Change of Name**

The company changed its name from Chiltern Financial Services Limited to CFS Independent Limited on 15 November 1999.

#### **Directors and Their Interests**

The directors at 31st March 2000 and their beneficial interests in the company's issued share capital were as follows:

	<u>At</u>	<u>At</u>
	31st March 2000	1st April 1999
	Ordinary Shares	Ordinary Shares
A.O. Harwood	500	400
S.H. Harwood (appointed 12/11/1999)	500	-
R. Prudence (resigned 15/9/2000)	-	-

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

#### Directors' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs and of the profit or loss 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;
- -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 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.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to re-appoint Messrs Bright Grahame Murray, Chartered Accountants, of 124/130 Seymour Place, London, W1H 1BG., as auditors of the company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the board

Secretary

Date: 2 \ 0\

#### **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE**

#### SHAREHOLDERS OF CFS INDEPENDENT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 7.

#### Respective Responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and report our opinion to you.

#### **Basis of Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 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 the information in the financial statements.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st March 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Bright Grahame Murray Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 124/130 Seymour Place

London W1H 1BG

5th January 2001

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover	2	414,775	491,903
Administrative expenses		408,390	417,836
Operating Profit	3	6,385	74,067
Interest receivable		1,076	2,371
Interest payable	5 _	(6)	(196)
Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation		7,455	76,242
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6 _	2,365	23,007
Profit for the Financial Year		5,090	53,235
Dividends	7 _	21,275	72,000
Retained (Loss) for the Financial Year	13	(16,185)	(18, 765)
Retained profit brought forward		56,954	75,719
Retained profit carried forward	_	40,769	56,954

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

There were no recognised gains or losses for 2000 or 1999 other than those recorded in the profit and loss account.

## **BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 2000**

	Notes	200	00	1999	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Tangible assets	8		26,774		21,092
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	9	1,107		25,725	
Current asset investments	10	48,918		61,823	
Cash at bank and in hand		200		24,984	
Creditors		50,225		112,532	
Amounts falling due within one year	11	35,230		75,670	
Net Current Assets			14,995		36,862
Total Assets Less Current					
Liabilities			41,769		57,954
Capital and Reserves					
Share capital	12		1,000		1,000
Profit and loss account	13		40,769		56,954
Shareholders' funds	14		41,769		57,954

Director

Director

Approved on: 2 \ 6\

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

#### 1 Accounting Policies

#### Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Motor vehicles

25% p.a. on a straight line basis

Furniture and equipment

25% to 33 1/3% p.a. on a straight line basis

#### Investments

Investments are stated at cost. Provision is made for permanent diminution in value.

#### **Deferred Taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method on all timing differences which are expected to reverse in the future without being replaced, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse.

#### Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents amounts received for services rendered less commission paid to third parties.

#### 2 Turnover

The turnover was derived from the company's principal activity which was carried out wholly in the United Kingdom.

#### 3 Operating Profit

This is stated after charging:	2000	1999
- <del>-</del> <del>-</del> <del>-</del>	£	£
Depreciation of owned assets	12,985	9,343
Profit on sale of investments	(2,175)	_
Hire of equipment	1,992	2,190
Auditors' remuneration	3,000	-

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

4	Directors and Employees		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows:		
	,	2000	1999
		£	£
	Wages and salaries	234,724	<i>277,598</i>
	Social security costs	30,364	<i>35,975</i>
	Other pension costs Other costs	32,809	21,623
	Other costs	16,664	9,289
		314,561	344,485
	The average monthly number of employees, including direction follows:	ctors, during	the year was as
	10110 w 3.	2000	1999
		Number	Number
	Administration	7	6
	Directors' emoluments		
		2000	1999
		£	£
	For management services	133,882	<u>172,436</u>
5	Interest Payable and Similar Charges	2000	1999
	P 11 1 0	£	£
	Bank loans and overdrafts	6	<u>—————————————————————————————————————</u>
6	Taxation		
		2000	1999
		£	£
	Based on the results for the year		
	UK corporation tax at 20% (1999: 31%)	2,365	<u>23,007</u>
7	Dividends	2000	1999
		£	£
	Ordinary dividends - paid	21,275	72,000
		21,275	72,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

#### 8 Tangible Fixed Assets

		Motor Vehicles	Furniture and Equipment	Total
	Cost	£	£	£
	At 1st April 1999	14,098	17,707	31,805
	Additions		30,035	30,035
	Disposals	(14,098)		(14,098)
	At 31st March 2000	-	47,742	47,742
	Depreciation			
	At 1st April 1999	2,730	7,983	10,713
	Charge for the year	_	12,985	12,985
	Disposals	(2,730)		(2,730)
	At 31st March 2000	_	20,968	20,968
	Net Book Value At 31st March 2000	<del>-</del> .	26,774	26,774
	At 31st March 1999	11,368	9,724	21,092
9	Debtors	2	2000	1999
			£	£
	Other debtors	1	,107	17,778
	Prepayments and accrued income		<del>-</del> -	7,947
		1	,107	25,725
10	<b>Current Asset Investments</b>	2	2000	1999
			£	£
	Commercial Property Syndicate		,205	35,910
	Listed investments	23	<del>,713</del>	25,913
		48	<u>,918</u>	61,823

Market value of listed investments at 31 March 2000: £12,255 (1999: £16,697).

Listed investments are shown at cost and the directors are of the opinion that the investments have not suffered a permanent diminution in value. The investment in the Commercial Property Syndicate is shown at cost and the directors are of the opinion that the market value is no less than this figure.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

11	Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	2000	1999
		£	£
	Bank overdraft	7,363	-
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	- 265	46,824
	Corporation tax Other taxes and social security	2,365	22,854
	Other creditors	7,858	5,642 350
	Accruals and deferred income	17,644	330
		35,230	75,670
12	Share Capital	2000	1999
		£	£
	Authorised		
	Equity Shares		
	Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	1,000	1,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	Equity Shares Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	1 000	1 000
	Ordinary shares of £1.00 each	1,000	
13	Reserves		
13	Neset ves		
15	Reserves		Profit and Loss Account
13	Reserves		and Loss Account
13			and Loss Account £
13	At 1st April 1999		and Loss Account £ 56,954
13	At 1st April 1999 Loss for the year		and Loss Account £
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	At 1st April 1999 Loss for the year At 31st March 2000	2000	£ 56,954 (16,185) 40,769
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	At 1st April 1999 Loss for the year At 31st March 2000  Reconciliation of Shareholders' Funds	£	### Account  ### £  56,954 (16,185)  40,769  1999  £
	At 1st April 1999 Loss for the year At 31st March 2000	£ 5,090	### Account  ### £  56,954 (16,185)  40,769  1999  £  53,235
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2000

## 15 Related Party Transactions

The company is controlled by the company's directors.

During the year the company paid rent on its premises to Andrew Harwood totalling £7,835.