THE AMBASSADORS THEATRE LIMITED DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

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Saffery Champness
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

COMPANY INFORMATION

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H Panter

P Beckwith

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Secretary H Enright

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2000.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of running a theatre. The Theatre was relaunched as the New Ambassadors last year, presenting mainly short runs of new work and is trading successfully, with considerable critical acclaim.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 October 1999:

Sir Eddie Kulukundis OBE

H Panter

P Beckwith

D Beresford-Jones

R Guilleret

(Resigned 23 December 2000)

R Squire

M Wilkin

(Resigned 25 October 1999)

Directors' interests

The directors' beneficial interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

		Ordinary shares of £ 1 each		
		30 September 2000	1 October 1999	
Sir Eddie Kulukundis OBE		•	-	
H Panter	Dr. e	-	· · -	
P Beckwith		**	-	
D Beresford-Jones		-	-	
R Guilleret		-	-	
R Squire		-	-	

Any interests the directors have in the share capital of the ultimate holding company are disclosed in the accounts of that company.

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Saffery Champness be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

Directors' responsibilities

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 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 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the board

H Enright

Secretary

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE AMBASSADORS THEATRE LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to 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 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 30 September 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Saffery Champness

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors

30 JAMIET 2001

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover		751,956	340,246
Cost of sales		(60,797)	(9,754)
Gross profit		691,159	330,492
Administrative expenses		(631,205)	(259,490)
Operating profit	2	59,954	71,002
Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges		129 (964)	-
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		59,119	71,002
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	3	10,747	(10,355)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	9	69,866	60,647

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

	2000				199	99
N	otes	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets						
Tangible assets	4		461,119		482,752	
Current assets						
Stocks		2,713		1,455		
Debtors	5	738,642		435,128		
Cash at bank and in hand		80,439		68,854		
		821,794		505,437		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(570,042)		(305,184)		
Net current assets			251,752		200,253	
Total assets less current liabilities			712,871		683,005	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7		(563,234)		(603,234)	
			149,637		79,771	
Capital and reserves						
Called up share capital	8		2		2	
Profit and loss account	9		149,635		79,769	
Shareholders' funds - equity interests	10		149,637		79,771	

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on STANIAN LOOP

H Panter

Director

R Squire

Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and trade discounts.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Land and buildings Leasehold

Over the term of the lease

Fixtures, fittings & equipment

Over 4 to 10 years

1.4 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

1.5 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided at appropriate rates on all timing differences using the liability method only to the extent that, in the opinion of the directors, there is a reasonable probability that a liability or asset will crystallise in the foreseeable future.

2	Operating profit	2000	1999
		£	£
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		
	Depreciation of tangible assets	37,605	31,482
	Auditors' remuneration	4,700	3,000
			
3	Taxation	2000	1999
		£	£
	Prior years		
	U.K. corporation tax	(10,747)	10,355

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

4	Tangible fixed assets			
		Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc	Total
		£	£	£
	Cost			
	At 1 October 1999	578,391	15,843	594,234
	Additions		15,972	15,972
	At 30 September 2000	578,391	31,815	610,206
	Depreciation			
	At 1 October 1999	110,316	1,166	111,482
	Charge for the year	31,222	6,383	37,605
	At 30 September 2000	141,538	7,549	149,087
	Net book value			
	At 30 September 2000	436,853	24,266	461,119
	At 30 September 1999	468,075	14,677	482,752

On 9 June 1999, the leasehold land and buildings were valued at an open market valuation of £665,000 for existing use by an independent firm of Chartered Surveyors. This valuation has not been incorporated in these financial statements.

5	Debtors	2000 £	1999 £
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the	59,074	93,633
	company has a participating interest	623,440	230,625
	Other debtors	56,128	110,870
		738,642	435,128

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

6	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000 £	1999 £
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	Bank loans and overdrafts	388,633	-
	Trade creditors	66,575	23,353
	Amounts owed to group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest		152 220
	Taxation and social security	37,069	153,330 28,414
	Other creditors	77,765	100,087
		570,042	305,184
7	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2000	1999
,	Creditors, amounts faming due after more than one year	£	£
	Due to fellow subsidiary	563,234	603,234
	Analysis of loans		
	Not wholly repayable within five years other than by instalments	563,234	603,234
	Loan maturity analysis		
	In five years or more	563,234	603,234
8	Share capital	2000	1999
		£	£
	Authorised	_	_
	2 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	2	2
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	2 Ordinary shares of £ 1 each	2	2
9	Statement of movements on profit and loss account		
			Profit and
			loss account £
	Balance at 1 October 1999		79,769
	Retained profit for the year		69,866

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2000

10 Reconciliation	on of movements in shareholders' funds	2000 £	1999 £
	financial year reholders' funds	69,866 79,771	60,647 19,124
Closing shar	eholders' funds	149,637	79,771

11 Contingent liabilities

A Corporate Cross Guarantee exists between The Ambassadors Theatre Limited and its parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. The National Westminster Bank Plc hold a debenture over the whole of the assets of Ambassadors Theatre Limited.

12 Control

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Ambassador Theatre Group Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

13 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard Number 8 from the requirement to disclose transactions with group companies on the grounds that consolidated financial statements are prepared by the ultimate parent company.

14 Post balance sheet events

The company agreed to purchase the freehold of the Ambassadors Theatre on 14 December 2000. Completion on the purchase is anticipated in early 2001.