Registered Number: 03254832

# PRECIS (1474) LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Year ended 31 December 2020



## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS Year ended 31 December 2020

The Directors present their report and financial statements for Precis (1474) Limited (the "Company") the year ended 31 December 2020.

#### 1. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The Company is dormant and has not traded during the financial year or subsequent to the year end.

It is anticipated that the Company will remain dormant for the foreseeable future.

#### 2. DIRECTORS

- (a) Mr. M.R. Bourgeois was a Director of the Company throughout the year and was in office at the date of approval of this report.
- (b) Mr. A.J. Berger-North resigned as a Director of the Company on 7 August 2020.
- (c) Mr. T. Cochrane was appointed as a Director of the Company on 7 August 2020 and resigned as a Director of the Company on 19 May 2021.
- (d) Mr. P.J. Denby was appointed as a Director of the Company on 9 September 2020 and was in office at the date of approval of this report.

#### 3. SECRETARY

Hammerson Company Secretarial Limited was Secretary of the Company throughout the year.

### 4. GOING CONCERN

The Directors have considered the use of the going concern basis in the preparation of the financial statements in light of the net current liability position on the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020. Having received a letter of support from Hammerson plc, its ultimate parent company, which states the intent to provide the necessary financial support to the Company for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements, they concluded that the going concern basis of preparation was appropriate.

However, whilst the consolidated financial statements of Hammerson plc for the year ended 31 December 2020 were prepared on a going concern basis, the Directors note that they referred to a material uncertainty regarding the ability of Hammerson plc to continue as a going concern. Therefore, by extension, the Company's reliance on the letter of support from Hammerson plc has led the Directors to conclude that there is a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern. More information is provided in note 1(b) to the financial statements.

By order of the Board

J. Crane

For and on behalf of Hammerson Company Secretarial Limited

acting as Secretary Date: 19 July 2021

Registered Office: Kings Place, 90 York Way, London, United Kingdom, N1 9GE Registered in England and Wales No. 07784823

BALANCE SHEET
As at 31 December 2020

As at 31 December 2020	Notes	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
Non-current assets Investments	2	10,281	10,281
Current liabilities Payables	3 _	(337)	(337)
Net current liabilities	. —	(337)	(337)
Net assets		9,944	9,944
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Retained earnings	<b>4</b> 5	9,944	- 9,944
Shareholder's funds		9,944	9,944

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Company did not trade during the current or preceding year and has made neither profit nor loss, nor any other recognised gain or loss.

- (a) For the financial year in question, the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to dormant companies.
- (b) The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- (c) The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 19 July 2021 and signed on its behalf.

M.R. Bourgeois

Director

Registered Number: 03254832

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS Year ended 31 December 2020

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the current and preceding year, except as set out below.

#### a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

The Company is dormant within the Companies Act definition of a dormant company and has taken advantage of the option available under Section 35:10 of FRS 102 to retain its accounting policies for reported assets, liabilities and equity at the date of transition to FRS 102 until there is any change to those balances or the Company undertakes any new transactions.

### b) Going concern

The Directors note that as at 31 December 2020, the Company has net current liabilities and is reliant on the continued support of its ultimate parent company, Hammerson plc, to be able to meet its liabilities as they fall due. These liabilities relate to amounts due to the ultimate parent company.

The Directors consider that the Company is an integral part of Hammerson plc's structure and strategy and this is evidenced by a letter of support received from Hammerson plc, which states its intent to provide the necessary financial support to ensure that the Company is a going concern for at least twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

In forming an assessment as to whether Hammerson plc has the ability to provide the necessary financial support to the Company, the Directors have had regard to the cash flow forecasts of the Hammerson plc group which anticipate significant liquidity over the support period. Consequently, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will have access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

However, in making this assessment the Directors are mindful of the disclosures made by Hammerson plc in their own consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020. The directors of Hammerson plc highlighted that the Group is facing unprecedented levels of uncertainty, principally caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, and the Group's financial modelling is very sensitive to changes in the underlying assumptions. Depending on the outcome of ongoing secured debt discussions, the 'severe but plausible adverse' scenario projects a potential breach in the Group's unsecured gearing covenant and minimal interest cover covenant headroom.

Given these circumstances, the Group's directors concluded that attention should be drawn to the following factors as a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern:

 the impact on income and property valuations associated with the terms and speed of future relaxations of Covid-19 restrictions and the strength and timeframe of the forecast recovery in the retail market and the broader economy. More adverse outcomes relative to those assumed in the scenario modelling could result in breaches in the Group's unsecured gearing and interest cover ratio covenants, regardless of the outcome of the secured debt facilities negotiations.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) Year ended 31 December 2020

### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (b) Going concern (continued)

• The ability to satisfactorily conclude lender discussions on a number of the Group's secured debt facilities by obtaining additional waivers or amendments, renegotiating terms, partly or fully prepaying facilities, or refinancing maturing loans. However, as these facilities are held in three of the Group's joint ventures and an associate, the outcome of the discussions with the third party lenders is not solely within the Group's control. In the highly unlikely event that lenders enforced their security interests to recover these loans and the Group were to lose the value of its equity investments, the Group would breach its unsecured gearing covenant in the 'severe but plausible adverse' scenario at 30 June 2022.

By extension, the factors noted above, and the subsequent material uncertainty identified in the Group financial statements, could impact on Hammerson plc's ability to provide the necessary level of support to the Company. Accordingly the Directors of the Company have identified a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt over the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the Company were unable to continue as a going concern.

## c) Fixed asset investments

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

#### 2. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Shares in group companies	£'000
Cost At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	10,705
Provision for impairment At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	(424)
Net book value At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	10,281

The Company is a partner in a corporate partnership, Spitalfields Development Group ("SDG"), whose principal activity is property development.

The Company also holds 33.33% of the ordinary and preference share capital of Spitalfields Holdings Limited ("SHL"), a company registered in England and Wales with the same registered office as the Company. Spitalfields Holdings Limited's principal activities are holding and managing its investments in subsidiary undertakings.

Spitalfields Holdings Limited owns 100% of the issued share capital of Spitalfields Developments Limited, a company registered in England and Wales with the same registered office as the Company.

These investments are carried at cost plus associated acquisition costs, less provision for impairment. In the opinion of the Directors, at 31 December 2020 the aggregate value of these investments is not less than their carrying value in the balance sheet.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) Year ended 31 December 2020

## 3. PAYABLES: CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts owed to the ultimate parent company are repayable on demand and are non interest bearing.  SHARE CAPITAL  2020 2019 £ £  Allotted, called up and fully paid: 2 ordinary shares of £1 each  2 2	PATABLES: CURRENT LIABILITIES	2020 £'000	2019 £'000
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#### 5. RESERVES

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The following describes the nature and purpose of each reserve within equity:

Reserve

Description and purpose

Retained earnings

Cumulative profits and losses less any dividends paid

# 6. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY AND CONTROLLING PARTY

At 31 December 2020, the Company's ultimate parent company was Hammerson plc, which is registered in England and Wales and is the largest and smallest group to consolidate these financial statements. At 31 December 2020, the Company's immediate parent company was Hammerson Investments (No 12) Limited.

The consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Hammerson plc, are available from that company's registered office, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9GE.