

THE LOWRY CENTRE LIMITED

Report and Financial Statements

31 March 1997

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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

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Felicity M S Goodey
Charles W V Hinds
Robert E Hough
Joyce Hytner
David A Lancaster
John Willis

SECRETARY

Christopher G Hulme

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DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their first annual report and the audited financial statements for the period 27 September 1996, date of incorporation, to 31 March 1997.

ACTIVITIES

The object of the company is to carry on business as a general commercial company and to promote the advancement of education for the public benefit.

The principal activity of the company will be the operation of The Lowry Centre.

REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS

The company was incorporated on 27 September 1996. The Lowry Centre is still under the course of construction and the company has not traded during the period.

DIRECTORS

The following directors, who were appointed upon incorporation of the company on 27 September 1996, served during the period:

Carol A Danes
Felicity M S Goodey
Charles W V Hinds
Robert E Hough
Joyce Hytner
David A Lancaster
John Willis

None of the directors had any interest in the shares of the company during the period.

None of the directors held any beneficial interest in the parent company, which is a company limited by guarantee.

Carol A Danes resigned on 21 August 1997.

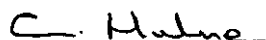
PARENT COMPANY

The Lowry Centre Trust (a company limited by guarantee) is the ultimate parent company.

AUDITORS

Deloitte & Touche were appointed first auditors of the company during the period and have expressed their willingness to continue in office. An elective resolution was passed by the company to dispense with the obligation to appoint auditors annually and accordingly, the company's auditors, Deloitte & Touche, shall remain in office until the company or auditors determine otherwise.

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



CHRISTOPHER G HULME

Secretary

STATEMENT OF 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 as at the end of the financial year 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- 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.



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AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 and 6 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 31 March 1997 and of its result for the period then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

30 January 1998

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BALANCE SHEET

31 March 1997

	Note	1997 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors		1
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Called up share capital	3	1
Profit and loss account		-
Equity shareholder's funds		1

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 29 January 1998.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors


- Director

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
Period ended 31 March 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

2. PROFIT AND LOSS

The company has not traded during the period.

There were no recognised gains or losses for the financial period and accordingly a Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has not been prepared.

3. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	31 March 1997 £
Authorised	
ordinary shares of £1 each	100
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Called up, allotted and fully paid	
ordinary shares of £1 each	1
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One share was issued at par on incorporation.

4. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS

	31 March 1997 £
Capital subscribed	1
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Net addition to shareholder's funds	1
Opening shareholder's funds	-
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Closing shareholder's funds	1
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5. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is The Lowry Centre Trust (a company limited by guarantee), a company incorporated in England. Copies of the group financial statements are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff CF4 3UZ.