Registered number: 03588027

**Unipart North America Limited** 

**Annual Report and Financial Statements** 

For the Year Ended 31 December 2018



# **Company Information**

**Directors** 

J Chitty

A R Leung

C J Weldon

**Company Secretary** 

R P D O'Brien

Registered number

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Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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# Strategic Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

#### Business review and future developments

Unipart North America Limited ("the Company") exports automotive parts, components and accessories.

The directors are satisfied with the financial performance and position of the Company and anticipate similar levels of activity in the coming year.

The Company is a subsidiary of the Unipart Group of Companies ("the Group"). The strategic objectives of the Company are aligned with those of the Group. Further details on the strategy and performance of the Group, including key performance indicators, can be found in the Chairman's Statement and the Strategic, Operating and Financial Review in the 2018 Annual Report of Unipart Group of Companies Limited, which does not form part of this report.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

From the perspective of the Company, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated within the principal risks of the Group and are not managed separately. Accordingly, the principal risks and uncertainties of the Group, which include those of the Company, are discussed in the Strategic, Operating and Financial Review in the 2018 Annual Report of Unipart Group of Companies Limited, which does not form part of this report.

# Financial risk management

The financial risks of the Company are managed centrally by the Group's treasury department. Given the size of the Company and the level of its activities, its operations are not significantly exposed to risks such as price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk or interest risk.

This report was approved by the Board and signed on its behalf.

J Chitty Director

27 March 2019

# Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law). 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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.

The directors 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.

# **Directors' confirmations**

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

# Results for the year

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 7.

A dividend of £200,000 (2017: £nil) was paid to Unipart Group Limited, the Company's sole shareholder, during the year.

# **Directors' Report**

#### For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements, unless otherwise stated, were:

J Chitty

A R Leung

C J Weldon (appointed 1 February 2019)

There was no contract subsisting during the year or at the date of approval of the financial statements in which any director of the Company had a material interest; however, during the year and at the date of approval of the financial statements, a qualifying third party indemnity from the Company was available to the directors against liabilities incurred by them in defending proceedings against them in relation to the affairs of the Company. The indemnity is subject to the provisions of the Companies Act and is set out in the Articles of Association.

# **Future developments**

A review of the business and an indication of likely future developments are included in the Strategic Report.

#### Financial risk management

Details of the financial risks of the Company are disclosed in the Strategic Report.

## Going concern

The Board has a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements, which are shown on pages 7 - 15.

# Independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board on 27 March 2019 and signed by its order.

R P D O'Brien

Company Secretary

27 March 2019

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#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, Unipart North America Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018; the Statement of Comprehensive Income; the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of significant accounting policies.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Independence

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

# Conclusions relating to going concern

ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. For example, the terms on which the United Kingdom may withdraw from the European Union are not clear, and it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy.

#### Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Unipart North America Limited

#### Reporting on other information (continued)

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 an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of 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 based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

## Strategic Report and Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2018 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and Directors' Report.

## Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

## Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities; the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is 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 an auditors' report 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 FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report.

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Unipart North America Limited

# Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit (continued)

## Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

# Other required reporting

# Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Matthew Walker (Senior Statutory Auditor)

Matthew Walker

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

Birmingham 27 March 2019

# Statement of Comprehensive Income For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

		2018 £000	2017 £000
	Note .		
Turnover	5	251	209
Gross profit		251	209
Administrative expenses		(108)	(55)
Operating profit		143	154
Interest receivable and similar income	9	5	1
Interest payable and similar charges	10	(14)	(16)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		134	139
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11	(25)	(27)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation	•	109	112

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2018 or 2017 other than those included in the Statement of Comprehensive Income:

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2018

Current assets	Note		2018 £000		2017 £000
Debtors	13	1,535		1,276	
Cash at bank and in hand	_	119	-	182	
•		1,654		1,458	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14· _	(482)	_	(599)	
Net current assets			1,172		859
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(1,088)	-	(684)
Net assets		-	84	-	175
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		-		-
Profit and loss account	17 .	_	84	_	175
Total shareholder's funds		=	84	=	175

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and were signed on its behalf on 27 March 2019.

J Chitty Director

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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As at 31 December 2017

# Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholder's funds £000
At 1 January 2018	175	175
Profit for the financial year Dividends paid	109 (200)	109 (200)
As at 31 December 2018	84	84
Statement of Changes in Equity For the Year Ended 31 December 2017		
	Profit and loss account £000	Total shareholder's funds £000
At 1 January 2017	63	63
Profit for the financial year .	112	112

The notes on pages 10 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

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#### 1 General information

The Company is a trading company within the United Kingdom.

The Company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England. The address of its registered office is Unipart House, Garsington Road, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2PG.

#### 2 Statement of compliance

The financial statements of Unipart North America Limited have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

# 3 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. The policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

#### 3.1 Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention, in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgment or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in note 4.

# 3.2 Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(b), from preparing a cash flow statement, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent company, Unipart Group of Companies Limited, includes the Company's cash flows in its own consolidated financial statements.

#### 3.3 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Company in respect of services supplied during the year, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

The sales of services are recognised in the accounting period in which the services are rendered, by reference to the agreed contractual arrangements.

# 3 Accounting policies (continued)

## 3.4 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

#### 3.5 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction.

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### 3.6 Current tax

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the year or prior years. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Management periodically evaluates positions taken in tax returns with respect to situations in which applicable tax regulation is subject to interpretation. It establishes provisions where appropriate on the basis of amounts expected to be paid to the tax authorities.

#### 3.7 Financial instruments

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(c), from presenting disclosures in relation to financial instruments, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent company. Unipart Group of Companies Limited, includes the equivalent disclosures in its own consolidated financial statements.

# 3.8 Key management personnel

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.2(e), from presenting disclosures in relation to key management personnel, on the basis that it is a qualifying entity and its ultimate parent company, Unipart Group of Companies Limited, includes the equivalent disclosures in its own consolidated financial statements.

#### 3.9 Related party transactions

The Company is controlled by Unipart Group of Companies Limited. The Company has taken advantage, under FRS 102 paragraph 1.12(e), from disclosing transactions with other wholly owned Group companies.

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

# 4 Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditure in the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

There are no judgements, estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material misstatement within these financial statements.

#### 5 Turnover

All sales in the current and prior year relates to agency fees.

All turnover arose from customers located in the United Kingdom.

# 6 Operating profit

Audit fees relating to the current and prior year are borne by the ultimate parent company, Unipart Group of Companies Limited.

# 7 Employees

The Company does not have any employees in its own right (2017: nil). Employees are all employed and paid through Unipart Group Limited, the immediate parent company, and all applicable disclosures are made in those financial statements.

# 8 Directors' emoluments

The directors received their remuneration in respect of services to the Group as a whole and received no remuneration in respect of services provided to the Company (2017: £nil).

#### 9 Interest receivable and similar income

·	2018 £000	.2017 £000
Bank interest receivable	5	1
10 Interest payable and similar charges	2018 £000	2017 £000
Bank interest payable	14	16

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

11 Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2018 £000	2017 £000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	25	27
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	25	27

# Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2017: the same as) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2017: 19.25%). The differences are explained below:

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	134	139
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2017: 19.25%)	25	27
Total tax charge for the year	25	27

# Factors that may affect future tax charges

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.

# 12 Dividends

		2018 £000	2017 £000
Dividend paid of £200,000 (2017: £nil) per share	,	200	

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

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	2018 £000	2017 £000
Trade debtors	1,480	1,262
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	48	14
Other debtors	7	-
	1,535	1,276

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured, non-interest bearing and repayable on demand.

# 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018	2017
	£000	£000
Trade creditors	166	43
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	282	548
Corporation tax	25	3
Other taxation and social security	-	5
Accruals and deferred income	9	-
	482	599

Amounts owed to Group undertakings are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand.

# 15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2018 £000	2017 £000
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,088	684

The bank loans and overdrafts are secured by fixed and floating changes over certain of the Company's assets and those of Group undertakings and are drawn under a working capital facility committed until 30 June 2021. Interest is chargeable at rates based on the 3 month LIBOR rate.

# 16 Called up share capital

	£	£
Allotted called up and fully paid 1 (2017: 1) Ordinary A Shares of £1 each	1	1

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital on these ordinary shares.

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# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 December 2018

#### 17 Reserves

#### Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account represents accumulated comprehensive income for the year and prior years less dividends paid.

# 18 Contingent liabilities

The Company has given security, by way of fixed and floating charges over certain of the Company's assets, to guarantee bank loans and overdrafts provided to certain fellow subsidiary undertakings. The amount outstanding under such arrangements at 31 December 2018 was £19,401,000 (2017: £5,184,000).

## 19 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking is Unipart Group Limited, and is the smallest group to consolidate these financial statements.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Unipart Group of Companies Limited, which is the parent undertaking of the largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of Unipart Group of Companies Limited's consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Unipart House, Cowley, Oxford, OX4 2PG.