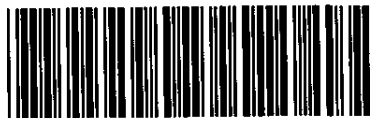


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Directors' Report and Financial Statements  
for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022

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## **Company Information**

### **Directors**

Sir Guy Weston  
George Weston  
Anna Catrina Hobhouse

### **Company secretary**

Jennifer Dooley

### **Registered office**

Weston Centre  
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### **Auditors**

Ernst & Young LLP  
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## **Directors' Report for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022.

### **Directors**

The directors, who held office during the period and up to the date of signing of the financial statements, were as follows:

- Sir Guy Weston
- George Weston
- Anna Catrina Hobhouse

No director had at any time during the period any material interest in a contract with the company.

### **Company secretary**

Jennifer Dooley

### **Principal activity**

The principal activity of the company is that of an investment company.

### **Directors' liabilities**

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Wittington Investments Limited, and was in place throughout the period. The insurance does not provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently.

### **Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. 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 these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; 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. 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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## **Directors' Report for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022 (continued)**

### **Disclosure of information to the auditors**

Each of the Directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as Directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information. This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Going concern**

The going concern basis has been applied in these financial statements. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Having reviewed the Board's best estimate of future cash flow to January 2024 and letters of comfort provided by the ultimate parent company Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), the possibility that the financial headroom could be exhausted is considered to be extremely remote. The directors understand the risks, sensitivities and judgements included in the cash flow forecast and have a high degree of confidence in these cash flows. There is substantial financial headroom between this cash flow forecast and the cash on hand and funding available to the Company over the period.

### **Auditors**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Ernst & Young LLP will therefore continue in office.

### **Political and charitable contributions**

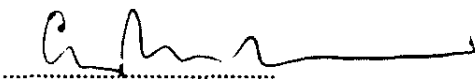
The Company made no political or charitable donations or incurred any political expenditure during the period.

### **Results and dividends**

The statement of comprehensive income for the period is set out on page 7. The profit for the period amounted to £13,595,000 (2021: £1,766,000) and dividends to £28,700,000 (2021: £nil). Dividends are detailed in note 9.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of section 381 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The directors have taken exemption under this regime not to disclose the strategic report.

Approved by the Board on 25 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Sir Guy Weston  
Director

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Howard Investments Limited**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Howard Investments Limited (the 'Company') for the period ended 17 September 2022 which comprise the Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 12, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 17 September 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note 2 to the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. 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.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusions thereon.

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Howard Investments Limited (continued)**

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 course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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.

### **Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

## **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Howard Investments Limited (continued)**

### **Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

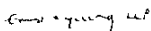
- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Company and determined that the most significant are the reporting framework (FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), Companies Act 2006, GDPR, Bribery Act 2010 and relevant tax compliance regulations in the jurisdiction in which the Company operates.
- We understood how the Company is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management and observing the oversight of those charged with governance. We corroborated our enquiries through the review of the following documentation:
  - all minutes of board meetings held during the period; and
  - any relevant correspondence with local tax authorities.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by gaining an understanding of the entity level controls and policies that the Company applies. In doing so we focused on the value of investments held and designed and executed additional audit procedures to address the risk of material misstatement, placing emphasis on testing to third party confirmation.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved a focus on journals indicating large or unusual transactions or meeting our defined risk criteria based on our understanding of the business and enquiries of management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Declassified by:



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**Statement of Comprehensive Income  
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	Note	2022 £ 000	2021 £ 000
Administrative expenses		-	-
<b>Operating result</b>	4	-	-
Income from investing activities	5	13,551	1,747
Income from financing activities	6	59	23
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>13,610</b>	<b>1,770</b>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(15)	(4)
<b>Profit for the period</b>		<b>13,595</b>	<b>1,766</b>
Other comprehensive expense	11	(159,324)	(13,664)
<b>Total comprehensive expense for the period</b>		<b>(145,729)</b>	<b>(11,898)</b>

The above results for the period were derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.


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### Balance Sheet as at 17 September 2022

	Note	2022 £ 000	2021 £ 000
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investments	11	373,163	532,487
Cash at bank and in hand		1,047	16,137
		<u>374,210</u>	<u>548,624</u>
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>374,210</u>	<u>548,624</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	8	(334)	(326)
Income tax	7	(11)	(4)
		<u>(345)</u>	<u>(330)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>373,865</u>	<u>548,294</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Called up share capital	9	50,000	50,000
Revaluation reserve	11	263,949	423,273
Retained earnings		59,916	75,021
<b>Total equity</b>		<u>373,865</u>	<u>548,294</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board on 25 January 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Sir Guy Weston  
Director

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**Statement of Changes in Equity**  
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	<b>Share capital £ 000</b>	<b>Revaluation reserve £ 000</b>	<b>Retained earnings £ 000</b>	<b>Total £ 000</b>
<b>At 13 September 2020</b>	50,000	436,937	73,255	560,192
Profit for the period	-	-	1,766	1,766
Other comprehensive expense	-	(13,664)	-	(13,664)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	(13,664)	1,766	(11,898)
<b>At 18 September 2021</b>	50,000	423,273	75,021	548,294
<b>At 19 September 2021</b>	50,000	423,273	75,021	548,294
Profit for the period	-	-	13,595	13,595
Other comprehensive expense	-	(159,324)	-	(159,324)
Total comprehensive (expense)/income	-	(159,324)	13,595	(145,729)
Dividends paid	-	-	(28,700)	(28,700)
<b>At 17 September 2022</b>	50,000	263,949	59,916	373,865

The notes on pages 10 to 17 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022**

### **1 General information**

The accounting reference date of the Company is the Saturday nearest to 15 September. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to 17 September 2022.

The presentational and functional currency of these financial statements is sterling, rounded to the nearest thousand.

### **2 Basis of preparation**

The Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101: 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. The Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of applicable law and International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The following accounting standards and amendments were adopted during the period and had no significant impact on the Company's Financial Statements:

- Amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts – Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying IFRS 9;
- Amendment to IFRS 16 Leases (COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021); and
- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2. Financial authorities have announced the timing of key interest rate benchmark replacements such as LIBOR in the UK, the US and the EU and other territories, with remaining USD tenors expected to cease in 2023.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of a cash flow statement and related notes, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, certain related party transactions, capital management, compensation of Key Management Personnel, financial instruments and effects of standards not yet effective. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited which is the Company's ultimate parent undertaking.

The consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

### **Measurement convention**

The financial statements are prepared on historical cost basis except for financial instruments required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss or other comprehensive income, and those financial assets so designated at initial recognition.

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### **2 Basis of preparation (continued)**

#### **Going concern**

The going concern basis has been applied in these financial statements. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Having reviewed the Board's best estimate of future cash flow to January 2024 and letters of comfort provided by the ultimate parent company Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), the possibility that the financial headroom could be exhausted is considered to be extremely remote. The directors understand the risks, sensitivities and judgements included in the cash flow forecast and have a high degree of confidence in these cash flows. There is substantial financial headroom between this cash flow forecast and the cash on hand and funding available to the Company over the period.

### **3 Accounting policies**

#### **Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In application of the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience or other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised prospectively.

The carrying value of investments is a critical accounting judgement. The Company undertakes an annual review of its investments for indicators of impairment and tests for impairment where such an indicator arises.

#### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Company Financial Statements.

#### **Tax**

The tax expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is the tax expected to be payable on taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted during the period, together with any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

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## **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022 (continued)**

### **3 Accounting policies (continued)**

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences identified at the balance sheet date. Temporary differences are differences between the carrying amount of the Company's assets and liabilities and their tax base. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

Deferred tax assets that are not eligible for offset against deferred tax liabilities are recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as probable that there will be suitable taxable profits in the foreseeable future, against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised.

#### **Financial instruments**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company Balance Sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised when the Company no longer has the rights to cash flows, the risks and rewards of ownership or control of the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

#### **(a) Trade and other payables**

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less (or in the normal operating cycle of the business if longer). If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade payables are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **(b) Share capital**

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds received. Own equity instruments that are reacquired (treasury or own shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the Company Statement of Comprehensive Income on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

#### **(c) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash in hand and current balances with banks and similar institutions and money market deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to insignificant risk of changes in value and have an original maturity of three months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are presented net of outstanding bank overdrafts where there is a legal right of set off.

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### 3 Accounting policies (continued)

#### (d) Financial assets at fair value through other comprehensive income

Equity financial instruments held by the Company are irrecoverably designated at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) as they are not held for trading. The fair value is their quoted bid price at the balance sheet date. All gains and losses on eventual disposal are included directly in retained earnings and are not recycled to the Statement of comprehensive income. Equity instruments designated at FVOCI are not subject to impairment assessment.

#### Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the company's shareholders.

#### Fair value measurement hierarchy

FRS 101 requires certain disclosures which require the classification of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- (a) Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- (b) Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices)
- (c) Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs)

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the financial asset or financial liability is categorised is determined on the basis of the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Financial assets and financial liabilities are classified in their entirety into only one of the three levels.

### 4 Operating costs

The Company did not employ staff at any time during the period nor make any payments in respect of wages and salaries.

The directors of the Company were remunerated as employees of Wittington Investments Limited and did not receive any remuneration, from any source, specifically for their services as Directors of the Company during the current or preceding financial period.

	2022 £ 000	2021 £ 000
<b>Auditor's remuneration</b>		
Audit fees payable to the Company's auditor (borne by the parent company)	3	2

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non-audit services as these are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent, Wittington Investments Limited.

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**5 Income from investing activities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
Dividend income	13,551	1,747

There was a final dividend declared by Associated British Foods plc for 2022 of 29.9 pence per share (2021: final and special dividend of 34.3 pence per share), totalling £8,423,994 (2021: £9,663,645).

**6 Income from financing activities**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
Interest income on bank deposits	59	23

**7 Income tax**

Tax (charged)/credited in the statement of comprehensive income

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
<b>Current taxation</b>		
UK corporation tax at 19% (2021: 19%)	(11)	(5)
Adjustment for prior periods	(4)	1
	<u>(15)</u>	<u>(4)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of effective tax rate</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
Profit before tax	13,611	1,770
Nominal tax charge at standard rate of corporation tax of 19% (2021: 19%)	(2,586)	(336)
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(4)	1
Dividend not subject to corporation tax	<u>2,575</u>	<u>331</u>
<b>Total income tax charge in Statement of Comprehensive Income</b>	<b><u>(15)</u></b>	<b><u>(4)</u></b>

Finance Bill 2021 which was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021 increased the main rate of corporation tax in the UK to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023.

**8 Trade and other payables**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£ 000</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
Amounts due to related parties	334	326



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## Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022 (continued)

### 8 Trade and other payables (continued)

Trade payables are non-interest bearing and normally settled on 30 day terms. Other payables are non-interest bearing and are normally on an average term of 3 months. Amounts owed to group undertakings are non-interest bearing and are payable on demand.

The directors consider that the carrying amount of payables approximates their fair value due to the short maturities or otherwise immediate or short-term access and realisability.

### 9 Dividends

Date	2022 £ per share	2021 £ per share	2022 £ 000	2021 £ 000
Interim dividend - 22 July 2022	0.574	-	28,700	-

### 10 Share capital

#### Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2022		2021	
	No. 000	£ 000	No. 000	£ 000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000

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**11 Investments measured at fair value**

Howard Investments Limited holds 28,173,893 (2020: 28,173,893) shares in Associated British Foods plc (listed on the London Stock Exchange), representing 3.6% of the issued share capital of that company. At 17 September 2022 the market value (and fair value) of this investment was £373 million (2021: £532 million).

	<b>Investments at fair value through Other comprehensive income £ 000</b>
At 18 September 2021	532,487
Fair value loss	(159,324)
At 17 September 2022	373,163

This investment is measured according to the fair value hierarchy as set out in the accounting policies and falls under the Level 1 definition:

	<b>2022</b>			<b>2021</b>		
	<b>Level 1 £ 000</b>	<b>Level 2 £ 000</b>	<b>Level 3 £ 000</b>	<b>Level 1 £ 000</b>	<b>Level 2 £ 000</b>	<b>Level 3 £ 000</b>
Investments measured at fair value through Other comprehensive income	373,163	-	-	532,487	-	-

The associated movement in the revaluation reserve is as follows:

<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	<b>£ 000</b>
At 19 September 2021	423,273
Unrealised loss	(159,324)
At 17 September 2022	263,949

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### **12 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking**

The company's immediate and ultimate parent is Wittington Investments Limited.

The ultimate controlling party is Wittington Investments Limited and, through their control of Wittington Investments Limited, the trustees of the Garfield Weston Foundation ("the Foundation"), the Foundation, a grant making trust and registered charity, is the majority shareholder of Wittington Investments Limited. The Trustees of the Foundation are Persons with Significant Control in relation to Wittington, the immediate parent.

### **Relationship between entity and parents**

The parent of the largest group in which these financial statements are consolidated is Wittington Investments Limited, incorporated in England.

The address of Wittington Investments Limited is:

Weston Centre  
10 Grosvenor Street  
London  
W1K 4QY  
England

Wittington Investments Limited is also the smallest group in which these financial statements are consolidated.