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**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

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**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Directors</b>	Vijay Bharadia Farhad Karim
<b>Company secretary</b>	Intertrust (UK) Limited
<b>Registered number</b>	04085769
<b>Registered office</b>	40 Berkeley Square London United Kingdom W1J 5AL
<b>Independent auditors</b>	Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor Hill House 1 Little New Street London United Kingdom EC4A 3TR
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# **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

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## **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Blackstone Real Estate Partners Limited ("the Company") is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales for the purpose of holding investments in limited partnerships.

The directors present their report and the financial statements for Blackstone Real Estate Partners Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2016.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of this report unless noted otherwise were:

Vijay Bharadia  
Farhad Karim

#### **Small companies note**

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by sections 414A and 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' report and the financial statements for the Company in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for the Company for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements for the Company in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' ("FRS 102"). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements for the Company 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 for the Company, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Company's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements for the Company 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 for the Company 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.

#### **Principal activity and review of the business**

The Company was formed for the purpose of holding investments in limited partnerships.

#### **Results**

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to \$59 (2015: loss \$1,393).

Any expenses have been borne by an affiliate of the Company. The directors did not declare or pay a dividend in the financial year (2015: nil).

**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

**Qualifying third party indemnity provisions**

The Company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors, which were in place throughout the period and remain in force at the date of this report.

**Disclosure of information to auditors**

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

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

**Auditors**

The auditors, Deloitte LLP, will be proposed for reappointment at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

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



Vijay Bharadia  
Director

Date: 25 September 2017

## **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Blackstone Real Estate Partners Limited for the financial year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 11. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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 Auditors' 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.

#### **Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement on page 1, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### **Scope of the audit of the financial statements**

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its profit for the financial 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.

#### **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 year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with those financial statements and the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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.

**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE  
PARTNERS LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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

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 take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report or in preparing the Directors' report.



Garrath Marshall, ACA (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

25 September 2017

**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
Administrative expenses		(51)	-
Impairment on investment		(29)	(3,621)
<b>Operating loss</b>		<u>(80)</u>	<u>(3,621)</u>
Investment income		139	2,793
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>		<u>59</u>	<u>(828)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss)	5	-	(565)
<b>Profit/(loss) for the year</b>		<u><u>59</u></u>	<u><u>(1,393)</u></u>

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2016 or 2015 other than those included in the statement of comprehensive income.

All results are derived from continuing operations.

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.



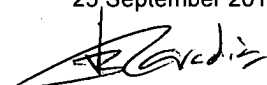
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**REGISTERED NUMBER: 04085769**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Note	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments		395	576
		<u>395</u>	<u>576</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7	4,792	4,500
Cash at bank and in hand	8	6,626	6,627
		<u>11,418</u>	<u>11,127</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(780)	(729)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>10,638</u>	<u>10,398</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>11,033</u>	<u>10,974</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u><u>11,033</u></u>	<u><u>10,974</u></u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	10	1	1
Profit and loss account		11,032	10,973
		<u>11,033</u>	<u>10,974</u>

The notes on pages 8 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 25 September 2017.



**Vijay Bharadia**  
Director

**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

	Called up share capital	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	\$	\$	\$
<b>At 1 January 2015</b>	1	12,366	12,367
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Loss for the year	-	(1,393)	(1,393)
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	(1,393)	(1,393)
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<b>At 1 January 2016</b>	1	10,973	10,974
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	-	59	59
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<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	-	59	59
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<b>At 31 December 2016</b>	1	11,032	11,033
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## **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

Details of the Company's general information are set out on the Company Information page and in the Directors' report on page 1.

#### **1. Accounting policies**

##### **1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgment in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 2).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

##### **1.2 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions**

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity and has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial Position;
- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation;
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments;
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of The Blackstone Group L.P. as at 31 December 2016 and these financial statements may be obtained from 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154.

##### **1.3 Going concern**

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the going concern basis has been adopted in preparing the financial statements.

##### **1.4 Valuation of investments**

Investments, whose market value can be reliably determined, are remeasured to fair value at each balance sheet date. Gains and losses on remeasurement are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income for the period. Where fair value cannot be reliably determined, such investments are stated at historic cost less impairment. Fair value measurement is based on audited financial statements of the underlying entity.

##### **1.5 Debtors**

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

## **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

#### **1. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **1.6 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

##### **1.7 Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **1.8 Foreign currency translation**

###### **Functional and presentation currency**

The Company's functional and presentational currency is USD.

###### **Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses that relate to borrowings and cash and cash equivalents are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income within 'finance income or costs'. All other foreign exchange gains and losses are presented in the Statement of comprehensive income within 'other operating income'.

##### **1.9 Taxation**

Tax is recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income, except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

# **BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016**

### **2. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be 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 in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

As noted in note 1.4 Valuations of investments, the fair valuation of the investments is based on the audited financial statements of the underlying entity. Management have reviewed these financial statements, and note that accounts making up the net asset value of the underlying entities are monetary assets. As the monetary assets are recorded at fair value, management is comfortable that there are no critical accounting judgements nor key sources of estimation uncertainty involved to determine the fair value of the underlying assets.

### **3. Auditors' remuneration**

The audit fees of the Company have been borne by an affiliate of the Company in the current and prior year. The audit fee for the year ended 31 December 2016 was \$3,702 (2015: \$8,561).

### **4. Employees**

The directors were not remunerated for their services to the Company during the current and prior year. There were no staff employed during the current or prior year.

### **5. Taxation**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year	-	565
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	-	565
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<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year at 20% (2015: 20.25%)	-	565
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**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**5. Taxation (continued)**

**Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year is the same as (2015 - the same as) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.25%) as set out below:

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	59	(828)
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.25%)	12	(168)
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Non-tax deductible amortisation of impairment	(12)	733
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	-	565

**6. Fixed asset investments**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
<b>Valuation</b>		
At 1 January	576	4,421
Impairment of investment	(29)	(3,621)
Return of capital	(152)	(224)
<b>At 31 December</b>	395	576

The Company has made investments in Blackstone Real Estate Partners I.D L.P., Blackstone Real Estate Partners I.D.2 L.P. and Blackstone Real Estate Partners I.E L.P., three registered limited partnerships governed by English law, which themselves make investments in real estate and real estate companies to generate an investment return. The Company's share in each of the three investments is less than 0.01%.

**7. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,792	4,500
	4,792	4,500

**BLACKSTONE REAL ESTATE PARTNERS LIMITED**

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**8. Cash and cash equivalents**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash at bank and in hand	6,626	6,627
	<u>6,626</u>	<u>6,627</u>

**9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Corporation tax	780	729
	<u>780</u>	<u>729</u>

**10. Share capital**

	2016	2015
<b>Shares classified as equity</b>		
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>		
1 Ordinary Shares £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

**11. Controlling party**

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Blackstone Real Estate Partners Holdings Limited, a Company incorporated in the United Kingdom, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Blackstone Group International (Cayman) Limited, a company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. The Company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is The Blackstone Group L.P, a Limited Partnership incorporated in Delaware and registered at 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America.

The Blackstone Group L.P. is the smallest and largest group which includes the Company and for which financial statements are prepared.

Copies of the group financial statements are available from 345 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10154, United States of America.