Directors' Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2003

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# Directors' Report

The Directors have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company is a general commercial company. It has not traded since incorporation on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2000.

## **DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The Directors who held office during the period were as follows:

E J Dolman

F B de Marez Oyens

C J U Grafin zu Rantzau

J A Lumley

F P Curiel

P M M F Girao

Lord Carrington

F K zu Schwarzenberg

A N G Annesley

M Reinshagen

C R Balfour

P M M Barbizet-Dussart

J G P von Hohenzollern

L R Castane

Marquesa B A K Ilma

The Directors had no interests in the share capital of the Company as at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003.

Directors' Report (Continued)

**COMPANY SECRETARY** 

The Company Secretary who held office during the period was

R H Aydon

## DORMANT COMPANY STATUS

The company was dormant during the period ended 31st December 2003.

By order of the Board

RH Aydon Secretary

8 King Street St James's London SW1Y 8QT

# Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss 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, 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 proper accounting records which 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 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company

# Balance Sheet As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003

	2003	2002
	£	£
Called up share capital not paid	1	1
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital	1	1

The notes on page 5 form part of these financial statements.

- (a) For the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2003, the company was entitled to exemption under section 249AA(1) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.
- (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for:
  - (i) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and
  - (ii) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial period, and of its profit or loss for the financial period, in accordance with section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the board of directors on by

and signed on their behalf

E J Dolman DIRECTOR

## Notes to the Accounts

#### 1. SHARE CAPITAL

	2003		2002	
	Shares	£	Shares	£
AUTHORISED Ordinary shares of £1 each	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
ALLOTTED, CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL NOT PAID Ordinary shares of £1 each	1	1	1	1

## 2. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

The smallest and largest group in which the results of the Christie's International plc group are consolidated is Financière Pinault SCA, a company incorporated in France. Financière Pinault SCA is the ultimate parent undertaking of Christie's International plc. The financial statements of Financière Pinault SCA are filed with the Tribunal de Commerce de Paris, 1, Quai de Corse, 75004 Paris.