Company Registration No. 04434550

Fashion Box UK Limited

Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2016

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Report and financial statements for the year ended 2016

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Strategic report

Review of business and key performance indicators

As shown in the company's Statement of comprehensive income on page 7, sales increased by 30.6% over the prior year and the operating loss decreased from £ 1,366k to £579k. This performance is due to growth of the wholesale business. The directors consider the year-end financial position to be satisfactory and that the company is well placed to continue and develop its activities in the foreseeable future.

The balance sheet on page 8 of the financial statements shows that at the end of the year the company had a net liabilities position.

The performance of Fashion Box S.p.A., which includes this company, is discussed in the group's annual report, which does not form part of these financial statements.

A discussion of principal risks has been included in the directors' report.

Future Developments

The directors expect the general level of activity to remain consistent with 2016 in the forthcoming year.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board by:

E. Volpi Director

5 July 2017

Directors' report

The directors present the annual report and the audited financial statements of Fashion Box UK Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016.

Principal activity

The company was incorporated on 9 May 2002 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fashion Box International S.A.

During the year, the principal activity of the company was the distribution of key Fashion Box S.p.A. brands within the UK and Ireland.

Results and dividends

The company made a loss after tax of £579k (2015: loss of £1,366k). The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2015: £nil).

Director

The directors who served during the year are as follows:

R.Moresco

J.Teeuw

E.Volpi

Financial risk management

The directors consider that they have the policies in place to ensure all potential financial risks are managed effectively. The company has receivable balances from third party customers and group companies. The director considers that any credit risk the company is exposed to is mitigated as the majority of debtors are insured and there is no reliance on an individual customer.

The directors' have reviewed the potential financial risks and believe no further action is required.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the company uses a short-term debt finance with Group entities.

Future Developments

The future developments of the company is detailed within the Strategic report on Page 2

Going concern

As set out in note 1 to these financial statements the directors are satisfied that, given the support available from the parent company, the going concern assumption is the appropriate basis for the preparation of the financial statements.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the Statement of accounting policies in the financial statements.

Directors' report (continued)

Auditor

The directors at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

- so far as each directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make them aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Board by:

E. Volpi Director

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. Under company law the director 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 then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 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 to 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.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Fashion Box UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Fashion Box UK Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 13. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and 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 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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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 annual 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 loss 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.

Opinion on other matters 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 Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements..

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

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.

Reza Motazedi (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

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Statement of comprehensive income Year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Turnover Cost of sales	1, 2	14,062 (10,204)	10,764 (7,806)
Gross profit		3,858	2,958
Other operating expenses		(4,454)	(4,381)
Other operating income		17	57
Operating loss before taxation		(579)	(1,366)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3	(579)	(1,366)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5		-
Loss and total comprehensive expense for the financial year	·	(579)	(1,366)
Total comprehensive loss attributable to equity shareholders of the company		(579)	(1,366)

All transactions are derived from continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses other than as shown above. Accordingly no statement of other comprehensive income is presented.

Balance sheet As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Fixed assets Tangible assets	6	630	757
		630	757
Current assets Stock	7	1,256	1,186
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	4,347 1,142	3,383 1,364
		6,746	5,933
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(12,378)	(11,112)
Net current liabilities	,	(5,632)	(5,179)
Total assets less current liabilities		(5,002)	(4,422)
Net liabilities		(5,002)	(4,422)
Capital and reserves		0.50	0.50
Share capital Capital contribution	10	950 6,300	950 6,300
Profit and loss account		(12,252)	(11,673)
Shareholder's deficit	•	(5,002)	(4,423)

The financial statements of Fashion Box UK Limited, registered number 04434550 were approved and signed on behalf of the Board 6 July 2017.

E Volpi Director

Statement of changes in equity As at 31 December 2016

	Called Up Share capital £'000	Capital Contrib. £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2015 Loss for the financial period 2015	950 -	6,300	(10,307) (1,366)	(3,057) (1,366)
At 31 December 2015	950	6,300	(11,673)	(4,423)
At 1 January 2016 Loss for the financial period 2016	950	6,300	(11,673) (579)	(4,423) (579)
At 31 December 2016	950	6,300	(12,252)	5,002

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and to the preceding year.

General information and basis of accounting

Fashion Box UK Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the directors' report on page 2.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of the Company is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

Fashion Box UK Limited meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it in respect of its separate financial statements, which are presented alongside the consolidated financial statements of Fashion Box S.p.A. Details of the parent entity are given in note 13 to the financial statements. Exemptions have been taken in relation to presentation of a cash flow statement, the financial instruments disclosure, intra-group transactions and remuneration of key management personnel.

Going concern

After making enquiries and taking into consideration the profitability and financial position of the company, the directors have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis. The directors consider that the business has access to sufficient funding from its bank combined with its ultimate parent company, Fashion Box S.p.A., to continue in operation. Fashion Box S.p.A. has provided a written commitment of financial support to provide sufficient funding to the company, to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due, for at least the next twelve months from the date of signing these financial statements.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the value of sales invoiced on despatch and store takings net of Value Added Tax.

Turnover is stated net of VAT and trade discounts and is recognised when the significant risks and rewards are considered to have been transferred to the buyer. Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when the goods are physically delivered to the customer.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any provision for impairment.

Depreciation has been provided in order to write off the cost of depreciable fixed assets over their useful lives, as follows:

Showroom fixtures and fittings 20% straight-line Plant and machinery 25% straight-line

Stocks

Stocks are stated at lower of cost and estimated selling price less cost to complete and sell. Stocks represent finished goods only. Cost is calculated using the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method. Provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving or defective items where appropriate.

Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

Current UK corporation tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is provided in full on timing differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from the revaluation of fixed assets where there is no commitment to sell the asset, or on unremitted earnings of subsidiaries and associates where there is no commitment to remit these earnings. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Where items recognised in other comprehensive income or equity are chargeable to or deductible for tax purposes, the resulting current or deferred tax expense or income is presented in the same component of comprehensive income or equity as the transaction or other event that resulted in the tax expense or income.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the company intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if: a) the company has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currency are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

Finance costs

Finance costs of debt are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the term of such instruments at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are similarly spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where the period to the review date on which the rent is first expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate is shorter than the full lease term, in which case the shorter period is used.

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

(i) Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for good sold in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables.

(ii) Trade creditors

Trade creditors 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 the company does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

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

Pension costs

The company provides pensions to certain employees through a number of defined contribution pension schemes. The amounts charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income are the contributions payable in the year.

Critical accounting judgements 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.

Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

No critical judgements have been made in the current year.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

No assumptions concerning the future, and other key sources of estimation uncertainty at the balance sheet date, that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, have been identified.

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

2. Turnover

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Turnover represents amounts derived from the provision of goods and services which fall within the company's ordinary activities after deduction of trade discounts and Value Added Tax and any other tax based on the amounts so derived.

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Principal activities		
Wholesale business	10,922	8,020
Retail business	3,140	2,744
	14,062	10,764
Geographical analysis		
UK	13,688	10,297
Europe	374	467
·	14,062	10,764
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		
Is stated after charging:		
	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Depreciation of fixed assets	223	210
Operating lease rentals:		
- Plant and machinery	12	20
- Land and buildings	1,643	1,535
Auditor's remuneration – fees payable to the company's auditor for		
the audit of the company's annual financial statements	20	17
Auditor's remuneration – non audit fees (tax compliance services)	6	6
Cost of stock recognised as an expense	10,204	7,806

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

4. Staff numbers and costs

	2016 No.	2015 No.
Average number of persons employed (including directors) was:		
Stores	50	45
Wholesale distribution	4	6
Administration	2	2
Total staff	56	53
	£'000	£'000
Staff costs during the year (including directors')		
Aggregate salaries and wages	1,211	1,081
Social security costs	85	82
Pension costs	8	7
	1,304	1,170

The Company operates a defined contribution scheme for which the pension cost charge in the year amounted to £7,638 (2015: £7,053).

The directors received no remuneration in respect of their services to the company in the current year (2015: £nil).

5. Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Current tax	. 2000	2000
United Kingdom corporation tax		_
Deferred tax	-	· -
Total tax change per statement of comprehensive income	-	-

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

5. Tax on loss on ordinary activities (continued)

The differences between the total tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the loss before tax is as follows:

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(579)	(1,366)
UK corporation tax at 20.00% (2015: 20.25%) thereon:	(116)	(277)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3	17
Utilisation of tax losses movement in unprovided deferred tax	113	259
Total tax charge	·	-

A deferred tax asset of £2,034,171 at 31 December 2016 (2015: £1,945,341) has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to fixed assets (£413,460), tax losses (£1,620,711) and short term timing differences (£nil). This is due to there being insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered.

Changes in tax rates

The Finance (No.2) Act 2015 provides that the rate of corporation tax for the 2017 Financial Year (commencing 1 April 2017) will be 19% and the Finance Bill 2016 reduced the main rate of corporation tax to 17% from 1 April 2020 (superseding the 18% rate effective from that date introduced in Finance (No.2) Act 2015). The temporary timing differences are not expected to be recognised until after 1 April 2020 and, as such, the unrecognised deferred tax assets as at 31 December 2016 have been recognised at 17% (2015: 18%).

6. Tangible fixed assets

	fixtures and fittings £'000	Plant and Machinery £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At 1 January 2016	1,188	34	1,222
Additions	101	-	101
Disposals	(62)	-	(62)
At 31 December 2016	1,227	34	1,261
Depreciation		-	•
At 1 January 2016	446	19	465
Charge for the year	217	6	223
Disposals	(57)	-	(57)
At 31 December 2016	606	25	631
Net book value			
At 31 December 2016	620	10	630
At 31 December 2015	742	15	757

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

7.	Stocks		
		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
	Finished goods	1,256	1,186
8.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
	Trade debtors Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	2,563 1,110 284	1,775 983 245
	Prepayments and accrued income	390	380
		4,347	3,383
9.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2016 £'000	2015 £'000
	Trade creditors	293	325
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	10,841	9,853
	Other creditors including taxation and social security	1,036	692
	Accruals and deferred income	208	242
	٠.	12,378	11,112
10.	Called up share capital		
	•	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
	Called up, allotted and fully paid:	<i>,</i>	
	950,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	950	950

The Company's other reserves are as follows:

The contribution reserve contains the capital contributed by the parent company.

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses.

Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2016

11. Lease commitments

The minimum annual operating lease rentals are as follows:

,	2016 Land and buildings £'000	2015 Land and buildings £'000
Leases which expire:		
Within one year	1,179	1,030
Between two and five years	3,773	4,116
After five years	2,859	3,741
	7,811	8,887

12. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption as per FRS 102.33 "Related party disclosures" from disclosing related party transactions with entities owned wholly by the Group.

13. Ultimate parent company

The company's immediate parent company is Fashion Box International S.p.A. The directors regard Equibox S.p.A, a company incorporated in Italy, as the ultimate parent company and the ultimate controlling party.

Fashion Box S.p.A. is the parent company of the largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up. Copies of the financial statements are available from its registered office at Fashion Box S.p.A Via Marcoai 1, 31010 Casella d'Asolo Treviso, Italy.