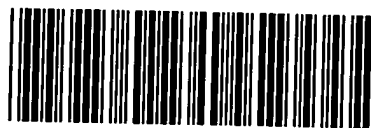


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Directors' Report for the period ended 2 October 2021

The Directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the ESPN Global Ventures Limited (the "Company") for the period from 4 October 2020 to 2 October 2021. In preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies' exemption provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006 and accordingly no strategic report has been prepared.

Principal activities and future developments

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a group headed by The Walt Disney Company, incorporated in the United States of America, and its principal activity is to be a holding company for its subsidiaries. As such these financial statements only include results relating to holding company activities. The relevant trading activities and results of Company's investments are included in the respective subsidiaries' financial statements.

Results and dividends

The loss after tax for the financial period amounted to £10,891,000 (2020: £10,656,000). In September 2021, the Company issued shares to ESPN Inc. (immediate parent undertaking) and ESPN Enterprises, Inc. (fellow group undertaking) for a total consideration of £7,200,000 and the Company re-invested £7,199,280 in ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd ("ESPN India"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Subsequent to the investment, management performed a review of the investment and as this business continues to be loss making, impaired the investment of £7,199,280 in full (2020: £5,046,000).

Management has also performed a review of the Company's investment in ESPN Sports Media Limited ("ESML"). On the basis of this review, an impairment charge of £3,660,417 (2020: £5,600,911) has been recognised in the current period. Refer to note 5 for further details.

Dividends

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the period ended 2 October 2021 (period ended 3 October 2020: £Nil). The Directors do not propose any final dividends to be paid after the period end.

Principal risk and uncertainties

As a holding company, the principal risks and uncertainties are limited to its investment portfolio and any impairment to those investments. This risk is mitigated by the Directors performing impairment trigger assessments periodically and if required a more detailed impairment review to conclude on the risk crystallising.

Financial risk management

The Company is a holding company, and therefore is not considered to be exposed to significant financial risks. Financial risks, such as foreign exchange, are managed by the ultimate parent undertaking.

Changes in UK, Europe and Asia wide economic and political conditions, including the impact of pandemics: A decline in economic activity and changes in political conditions in the markets in which we do business or hold investments, including the impact of pandemics and changes in regulatory regimes, can adversely affect demand for any of our businesses, thus reducing revenues of our subsidiary companies.

Going concern

In December 2019 there was an outbreak of COVID-19, which the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company is limited to the impact on its investments. As noted in the financial statements, in September 2021 the Company issued shares to ESPN Inc. (immediate parent undertaking) and ESPN Enterprises, Inc. (an associate company) for total consideration of £7,200,000 and the Company re-invested £7,199,280 in ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd ("ESPN India"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Subsequent to the investment, management performed a review of the investment and as this business continues to be loss making, impaired the

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Directors' Report for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)

Going concern (continued)

investment of £7,199,280 in full (2020: £5,046,000). Although the investment is fully impaired, there is no legal obligation on the part of the Company to provide ongoing funding to ESPN India and this been taken into consideration by the Directors' in their going concern assessment.

The Directors have received assurances of continued financial support from a fellow group undertaking, in the form of a letter of support for similar period of at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements being signed. The Directors are comfortable that the fellow group undertaking is in a good financial position to support the Company.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and resources, the Directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks. Therefore, 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 of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements. Refer to note 3 for further details.

Directors

The Directors of the Company who were in office during the period and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

E M McMenamin	
A B Fagan	(appointed 25 June 2021)
T A Bermingham	(appointed 22 June 2021)
D Ballantine	(resigned 28 May 2021)
C H Boss	(resigned 19 March 2021)

There were no third party indemnity provisions during the period ended 2 October 2021 (period ended 3 October 2020: Nil).

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" Section 1A, and applicable law.

Under company law, 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 judgements 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.

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Directors' Report for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)

Statement of Directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements (continued)

The Directors are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Directors are also 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.

Directors' confirmations

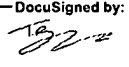
In the case of each Director in office at the date the Directors' report is approved:

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the Directors 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.

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board 26 May 2023

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Independent auditors' report to the members of ESPN Global Ventures Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, ESPN Global Ventures Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 2 October 2021 and of its loss for the period from 4 October 2020 to 2 October 2021;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" Section 1A, 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, which comprise: Statement of financial position as at 2 October 2021; Income statement and the Statement of changes in equity for the period then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the 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

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 at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

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

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 on, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

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

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

Directors' Report

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' Report for the period ended 2 October 2021 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 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 in respect of the financial statements, 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. Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to tax legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to posting of inappropriate manual journals and management bias in accounting estimates and judgmental areas of the financial statements such as the impairment assessment. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Inquiries with management of known and suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations, and fraud;
- Inquiries with management and counsel of any pending litigation;

- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular journal entries posted with unusual account combinations or those with unexpected users or words;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in accounting estimates, specifically in relation to impairment assessments;
- Reviewing board meeting minutes up to the date of the audit report.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, 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.

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.

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

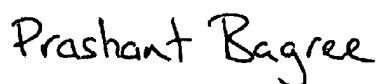
Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained 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.

Entitlement to exemptions

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors were not entitled to: prepare financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Prashant Bagree (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
London
30 May 2023

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Income statement for the period from 4 October 2020 to 2 October 2021**

	Note	Period ended 2 October 2021 £'000	Period ended 3 October 2020 £'000
Administrative expenses	4	(31)	(9)
Impairment of fixed asset investments	5	(10,860)	(10,647)
Loss before taxation		(10,891)	(10,656)
Tax on loss	6	-	-
Loss for the financial period		(10,891)	(10,656)

There were no recognised gains or losses for the period other than those included in the Income statement above, therefore no separate statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form part of the financial statements.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Statement of financial position as at 2 October 2021**

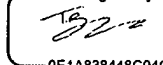
	Note	2 October 2021 £'000	3 October 2020 £'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	5	<u>22,200</u>	<u>25,861</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	8	-	2
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>14</u>	<u>27</u>
		<u>14</u>	<u>29</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one period	9	(38)	(23)
Net current assets		<u>(24)</u>	<u>6</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>22,176</u>	<u>25,867</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	10	7,202	2
Share premium account		1,219	1,219
Capital contribution	5	3,077	3,077
Profit and loss account		<u>10,678</u>	<u>21,569</u>
Total shareholders' funds		<u>22,176</u>	<u>25,867</u>

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The notes on pages 11 to 19 form an integral part of these financial statements.

The financial statements of ESPN Global Ventures Limited (registration number: 04620511) were approved by the Board of Directors on 26 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Director

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ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Statement of changes in equity for the period from 4 October 2020 to 2 October 2021**

	Called up share capital £'000	Share premium account £'000	Capital contribution £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total shareholders' funds £'000
Balance at 29 September 2019	2	1,219	-	32,225	33,446
Loss for the financial period	-	-	-	(10,656)	(10,656)
Capital contribution	-	-	3,077	-	3,077
Total comprehensive income for the period	-	-	3,077	(10,656)	(7,579)
Balance as at 3 October 2020	2	1,219	3,077	21,569	25,867
Loss for the financial period	-	-	-	(10,891)	(10,891)
Shares issued*	7,200	-	-	-	7,200
Total comprehensive income for the period	7,200	-	-	(10,891)	(3,691)
Balance as at 2 October 2021	7,202	1,219	3,077	10,678	22,176

* On 21 September 2021, the Company issued 720,000,000 ordinary shares at £0.01 in the Company to its shareholders, ESPN, Inc. and ESPN Enterprises, Inc. (an associate company) for cash consideration of £7,200,000. Refer to note 10 for further details.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021

1 General information

ESPN Global Ventures Limited (the "Company") is a private company limited by shares. It is incorporated in England and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The address of its registered office is 3 Queen Caroline Street, London, W6 9PE.

The Company is a subsidiary of ESPN, Inc., a company incorporated and operating in the United States of America. ESPN, Inc. is the parent of the smallest group to consolidate the Company. At 2 October 2021 the Company was ultimately controlled by The Walt Disney Company, incorporated in the United States of America. The consolidated financial statements of The Walt Disney Company are publicly available.

The Company's principal activity is to be a holding company for its subsidiaries.

2 Statement of compliance

The financial statements are 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" Section 1A, and applicable law).

3 Summary of significant accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the Company's financial statements, to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom including Financial Reporting Standard 102 – 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ('FRS102')'. As a small entity, the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available under Section 1A of FRS 102.

The preparation 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 judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed in 'Critical accounting judgements and key source of estimation uncertainty' section of this note.

b) Accounting reference date

The Company has taken advantage of flexibility under the Companies Act 2006 to end the accounting period on the closest Saturday to 30 September each period. An accounting reference date of 2 October 2021 has been adopted for the current period. The current financial period represents the 52 weeks ended Saturday 2 October 2021 (Prior period: 53 weeks ended Saturday 3 October 2020).

c) Going concern

In December 2019 there was an outbreak of COVID-19, which the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic on 11 March 2020. The impact of COVID-19 on the Company is limited to the impact on its investments. As noted in the financial statements majority of the cash received by the Company on issue of shares was invested into ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd ("ESPN India") during the period, and although it was subsequently fully impaired, there is no legal obligation on the part of the Company to provide ongoing funding to ESPN India and this been taken into consideration by the Directors' in their going concern assessment.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)

3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

c) Going concern (continued)

The Directors have received assurances of continued financial support from a fellow group undertaking, in the form of a letter of support for similar period of at least 12 months from the date of these financial statements being signed. The Directors are comfortable that the fellow group undertaking is in a good financial position to support the Company.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and resources, the Directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks. Therefore, 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 of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

d) Fixed asset investments

Investments are stated individually at cost less accumulated impairment losses. A review for the potential impairment of an investment is carried out if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the investment may not be recoverable. If there is such an indication, the recoverable amount of the investment is compared to the carrying amount of the investment. See note 5 for further information on impairment of investments.

The recoverable amount of the investment is the higher of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Value in use is defined as the present value of the future cash flows before interest and tax obtainable as a result of the investments continued use. These cash flows are discounted using a pre-tax discount rate that represents the current market risk-free rate and the risks inherent in the investment. This value in use is supplemented with the trading net assets of any investments held by the investee.

If the recoverable amount of the investment is estimated to be lower than the carrying amount, the carrying amount is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised in the Income statement to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation. Therefore, any excess is recognised in Statement of total comprehensive income.

e) Foreign currencies

(i) Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is the pound sterling.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been translated into GBP ("Great British Pounds Sterling") at the rates of exchange ruling at the Statement of financial position date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at rates ruling at the date of the transaction. Differences on exchange are taken to the statement of total comprehensive income.

Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction.

f) Taxation

Taxation expense for the period comprises current and deferred tax recognised in the period. Tax is recognised in the Income statement, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity.

Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited
Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)

3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

f) Taxation (continued)

(i) Current tax

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

(ii) Deferred tax

Deferred tax arises from timing differences that are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income as stated in the financial statements. These timing differences arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in financial statements.

Deferred tax is recognised on all timing differences at the reporting date except for certain exceptions. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are only recognised when it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

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

Deferred tax liabilities are presented within provisions for liabilities and deferred tax assets within debtors.

g) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at bank and in hand, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. As at 2 October 2021 the Company does not hold short-term highly liquid investments or bank overdrafts.

h) Financial instruments

The Company has chosen to adopt the Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. The Company had a bank balance of £14,472 (2020: £26,636) at 2 October 2021. The Company does not hold any other financial assets as at 2 October 2021.

Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other creditors, bank loans and loans from fellow Group companies, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. The Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments and as at 2 October 2021 does not hold bank loans or loans from fellow Group companies.

Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)****i) Critical accounting judgements and key source of estimation uncertainty (continued)**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of the accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenue and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are reasonable under the circumstances in any future periods affected.

Investments (J & E)

The Company's fixed asset investments are held at historical cost, adjusted for impairment where applicable. Initially impairment trigger assessments are performed including comparison of the carrying value of the investment to the net assets value of the underlying equity investment as well as other factors and if required a more formalised impairment assessment is performed. Specific to the investment in ESPN Sports Media Ltd, the impairment assessment involves management's analysis of the investment's recoverable amount through the use of a discounted cashflow model. The discounted cashflow model includes future five-year cash flows, a calculation of future terminal value and the use of an industry specific discount rate. The estimations include considerations of prevailing market conditions in which ESPN Sports Media Ltd operates, recent applicable market transactions and net asset composition. Inflation rates applicable to the market in which ESPN Sports Media Ltd operates in have been applied to five year cash flows over the forecast period and estimating the terminal growth rate. Discount rates used have been adjusted for specific market premiums or discounts. The Directors are comfortable with this approach as it reflects the market conditions in which ESPN Sports Media Ltd operates.

Management performed a review of the investment in ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd and as this business continues to be loss making and with a net asset position below the carrying value of the investment, the investment was impaired in full for £7,199,280 in full.

See note 5 for the carrying amount of the Company's investments.

**(E - critical accounting estimates and assumptions; J - critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies)*

j) Exemption from preparing group financial statements

The financial statements contain information about ESPN Global Ventures Limited as an individual Company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under Section 401 of the Companies Act 2006, from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of The Walt Disney Company, a Company incorporated in the United States of America. Copies of The Walt Disney Company annual report can be obtained from the address provided in note 11.

k) Exemption for qualifying entities under FRS 102

FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions, if certain conditions, have been complied with, including notification of and no objection to, the use of exemptions by the Company's shareholders. A qualifying entity is defined as a member of a group that prepares publicly available financial statements, which give a true and fair view, in which that member is consolidated. The Company is a qualifying entity as its results are consolidated into the financial statements of The Walt Disney Company which are publicly available.

As a qualifying entity, the Company has taken advantage of the following exemptions:

- i) from the requirement to prepare a statement of cash flows as required by paragraph 3.17(d) of FRS 102;
- ii) from the requirement to present certain financial instrument disclosures, as required by sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102;

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****3 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)****k) Exemption for qualifying entities under FRS 102 (continued)**

- iii) from the requirement to present a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding at the beginning and end of the period as required by paragraph 4.12(a)(iv) of FRS 102;
- iv) from the requirement to disclose the key management personnel compensation in total as required by paragraph 33.7 of FRS 102; and
- v) as a small entity, the Company has taken advantage of the exemptions available under Section 1A of FRS 102.

l) Related party transactions

The Company has taken the exemption as provided by paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 and does not disclose transactions with members of the same Group that are wholly owned by the same ultimate parent company. The address at which the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company are publicly available is included in note 12. The Company discloses a list of its Related Undertakings at note 13.

The Company has also taken exemption from the requirement to disclose the key management personnel compensation in total as required by paragraph 33.7 of FRS 102.

4 Administrative expenses

	Period ended 2 October 2021 £'000	Period ended 3 October 2020 £'000
The operating loss is stated after charging:		
Fees payable for the statutory audit	29	28

The Company had no employees during the period (2020: none).

During the period, amounts paid to the Directors in respect of their qualifying services to the Company were £nil (2020: £nil). The Directors are remunerated by other group companies and it is not possible to determine the allocation of remuneration of the Directors related to the Company. No compensation for loss of office was paid.

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****5 Investments**

	2 October 2021 £'000	3 October 2020 £'000
Cost as at 3 October 2020	75,380	72,303
Additions during the period	7,199	3,077
Balance as at 2 October 2021	<u>82,579</u>	<u>75,380</u>
Accumulated Impairment		
Balance at beginning of the period	49,519	38,872
Impairment	10,860	10,647
Balance at end of the period	<u>60,379</u>	<u>49,519</u>
Carrying value at the beginning of the period	<u>25,861</u>	<u>33,431</u>
Carrying value at the end of the period	<u>22,200</u>	<u>25,861</u>

The Directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets or the net present value of their discounted cash flows.

In September 2021, the Company issued shares to ESPN Inc. (immediate parent undertaking) and ESPN Enterprises, Inc. (associate company) for a total consideration of £7,200,000 and the Company re-invested £7,199,280 in ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd ("ESPN India"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. Subsequent to the investment, management performed a review of the investment and as this business continues to be loss making, impaired the investment of £7,199,280 in full (2020: £5,046,000).

Management also performed a review of the Company's investment in ESPN Sports Media Limited ("ESML"). On basis of this review, an impairment charge of £3,660,417 (2020: £5,600,911) has been recognised in the current period. Management performed value in use calculations for the underlying cash generating units of the ESML business, namely Media Distribution and Digital Media. This method required the use of various assumptions. The calculations use cash flow projections based on financial forecasts approved by the Directors and cover a five-period period. Cash flows beyond the five-period period are extrapolated using terminal growth rate.

The key assumptions in value in use calculations are net cash flows and discount rates. A 1% reduction in forecast net cash flows over the five year period and in the terminal value will result in an additional impairment of £1,344,133 (2020: 822,000). A 1% increase in the discount rate (currently at 11.75% pre-tax) will result in additional impairment of £1,130,000 (2020: £1,996,000).

There was no income from shares in group undertakings during 2021 (2020: nil).

Details of investments are set out below:

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****5 Investments (continued)**

Shares in group undertaking	Address of registered office	Business	2021*	2020*
ESPN Digital Media (India) Pvt Ltd	6 th Floor DivyaSree Chambers, O'Shaughnessy Road, Bangalore, India	Digital media	100%	100%
ESPN Sports Media Ltd	3 Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith, United Kingdom	Digital media	100%	100%
ESPN Australia Holdings Pty Ltd †	Level 3, 68 York St, Sydney, Australia	Holding company	100%	100%
ESPN Australia Pty Ltd †	Level 3, 68 York St, Sydney, Australia	Digital media	100%	100%

* Represents the Company's percentage share of the voting rights in each subsidiary.

† This Company is an indirect subsidiary, as it is owned by a direct subsidiary.

6 Tax on loss

There is no taxation charge on the loss for the period. The tax assessed for the period is the same as (2020: same) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020: 19%). The differences are explained below:

	Period ended 2 October 2021 £'000	Period ended 3 October 2020 £'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(10,891)	(10,656)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020: 19%)	(2,069)	(2,024)
Effects of:		
Movement in deferred tax not recognised	5	2
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	(5)	(2)
Non-taxable income	-	-
Group relief surrendered	6	1
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	2,063	2,023
Tax for the period	-	-

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****6 Tax on loss on ordinary activities (continued)**

The Finance Act 2021, which received Royal Assent on 10 June 2021 has set the Corporation Tax main rate at 25% for financial periods beginning 1 April 2023. It is considered that the increase in corporation tax rate to 25% should not have a material impact for the Company.

7 Deferred taxation

A deferred tax asset of £20,424 (2020: £nil) has not been recognised as there is uncertainty over future taxable profits against which any such a deferred tax asset could be reversed.

8 Debtors

	2 October 2021 £'000	3 October 2020 £'000
Other debtors	-	2
	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one period

	2 October 2021 £'000	3 October 2020 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	38	23
	<u>38</u>	<u>23</u>

There was no interest or security due or given on the amounts owed to group undertakings which are repayable on demand.

10 Called up share capital

	2 October 2021 £	3 October 2020 £
Allotted and fully paid		
720,159,849 (2020: 159,849) ordinary shares of £0.01 each	7,201,598	1,598
2,111 (2020: 2,111) preference shares of £0.01 each	21	21
	<u>7,201,620</u>	<u>1,619</u>

On 21 September 2021, the Company issued following ordinary shares for cash:

Shares issued to	Number of ordinary shares issued	Nominal value of shares issued	Total value of shares issued £
ESPN, Inc.	84,888,000	£0.01	848,880
ESPN Enterprises, Inc.	635,112,000	£0.01	6,351,120
Total	720,000,000		7,200,000

ESPN Global Ventures Limited**Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 2 October 2021 (continued)****11 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party**

The Company was a subsidiary undertaking of ESPN, Inc., incorporated in the US, whose principal place of business is at ESPN Plaza Bristol, CT 06010, USA. ESPN, Inc. is the parent of the smallest group to consolidate the Company. The ultimate parent undertaking at 2 October 2021 was The Walt Disney Company, a Company incorporated in the USA. The financial statements reflect the effect of group membership.

Parent undertaking

The largest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared and of which the Company is a member is as follows:

Name (Tax ID number)	The Walt Disney Company (83-0940635)
Country of incorporation	United States of America
Address from where copies of the group financial statements can be obtained	500 South Buena Vista St. Burbank, California 91521-9722 USA

12 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption from providing certain related party transaction disclosures as mentioned in the accounting policy.

Key management includes the Directors. The Directors are remunerated by other group companies. None of the Directors are directly employed by the Company.

The Company's related undertakings are listed below:

Shares in group undertaking	Address of registered office	Business	2021*	2020*
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