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SQW GROUP LIMITED


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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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SQW GROUP LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	31,073	54,631
Investments	5	4,192,714	4,192,714
		<u>4,223,787</u>	<u>4,247,345</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	6	3,074,127	1,785,052
Cash at bank and in hand	7	100,668	133,498
		<u>3,174,795</u>	<u>1,918,550</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,169,111)	(3,926,165)
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,994,316)</u>	<u>(2,007,615)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>2,229,471</u>	<u>2,239,730</u>
Provisions for liabilities			
Deferred tax	9	-	(12,839)
		<u>-</u>	<u>(12,839)</u>
Net assets		<u><u>2,229,471</u></u>	<u><u>2,226,891</u></u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital		15,885	15,885
Share premium account		1,103,187	1,103,187
Capital redemption reserve		25,634	25,634
Profit and loss account		1,084,765	1,082,185
		<u><u>2,229,471</u></u>	<u><u>2,226,891</u></u>

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BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

The directors consider that the Company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The Company has opted not to file the statement of comprehensive income in accordance with provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:


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K H Wright
Director
Date: 25th August 2023

The notes on pages 4 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2022	15,885	1,103,187	25,634	1,082,185	2,226,891
Profit for the year	-	-	-	102,580	102,580
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(100,000)	(100,000)
At 31 March 2023	15,885	1,103,187	25,634	1,084,765	2,229,471

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Called up share capital	Share premium account	Capital redemption reserve	Profit and loss account	Total equity
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 April 2021	15,885	1,103,187	25,634	1,100,994	2,245,700
Profit for the year	-	-	-	381,191	381,191
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	(400,000)	(400,000)
At 31 March 2022	15,885	1,103,187	25,634	1,082,185	2,226,891

The notes on pages 4 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. General information

SQW Group Limited is a limited liability company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The Company's registered office is Oxford Centre For Innovation, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1BY.

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company. The activities of the Group during the year were the provision of economic and social development consultancy services, business coaching and support, the management of innovation centres and the facilitation of investment into early-stage businesses.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 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 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.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Company 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 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirements of Section 26 Share-based Payment paragraphs 26.18(b), 26.19 to 26.21 and 26.23;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate controlling company, SQW Group Newco 2018 Limited as at 31 March 2023 and these financial statements may be obtained from Oxford Centre for Innovation, New Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 1BY.

2.3 Government grants

Grants are accounted under the accruals model as permitted by FRS 102. Grants relating to expenditure on tangible fixed assets are credited to profit or loss at the same rate as the depreciation on the assets to which the grant relates. The deferred element of grants is included in creditors as deferred income.

Grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the Statement of comprehensive income in the same period as the related expenditure.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Company operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Company has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in profit or loss when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the Balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Company in independently administered funds.

2.5 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss 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 balance sheet date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Company can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

At each reporting date the Company assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.6 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Leasehold improvements	- Over the life of the lease
Fixtures and fittings	- 2 to 7 years
Computer and office equipment	- 3 to 5 years

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

2.7 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

2.8 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.

2.9 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.

2.10 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.

2.11 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to profit or loss in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance sheet.

2.12 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from banks and other

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.12 Financial instruments (continued)

third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

2.13 Dividends

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

3. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was 14 (2022 - 13).

4. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	31,162	63,122	94,284
Additions	-	2,890	2,890
At 31 March 2023	<u>31,162</u>	<u>66,012</u>	<u>97,174</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	21,152	18,501	39,653
Charge for the year	6,230	20,218	26,448
At 31 March 2023	<u>27,382</u>	<u>38,719</u>	<u>66,101</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	<u><u>3,780</u></u>	<u><u>27,293</u></u>	<u><u>31,073</u></u>
At 31 March 2022	<u><u>10,010</u></u>	<u><u>44,621</u></u>	<u><u>54,631</u></u>

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5. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies £	Investments in associates £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 April 2022	4,192,714	13	4,192,727
At 31 March 2023	4,192,714	13	4,192,727
Impairment			
At 1 April 2022	-	13	13
At 31 March 2023	-	13	13
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	4,192,714	-	4,192,714
At 31 March 2022	4,192,714	-	4,192,714

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5. Fixed asset investments (continued)

Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Principal activity	Class of shares	Holding
SQW Limited	Management consultancy	Ordinary shares	100%
Oxford Innovation Limited	Innovation centres	Ordinary shares	100%
Oxford Innovation Services Limited	Coaching services	Ordinary shares	100%
<i>Oxford Investment Opportunity Network Limited</i>	Investment network and Fund manager	Ordinary shares	100%
Intelligent Connections Limited	SME support	Ordinary shares	100%

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6. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,977,144	1,650,622
Other debtors	39,772	81,023
Prepayments and accrued income	54,143	53,407
Deferred taxation	3,068	-
	<u>3,074,127</u>	<u>1,785,052</u>

7. Cash and cash equivalents

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>100,668</u>	<u>133,498</u>

8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	35,095	16,258
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,761,946	3,491,946
Corporation tax	13,327	-
Other taxation and social security	121,893	57,253
Accruals and deferred income	236,850	360,708
	<u>5,169,111</u>	<u>3,926,165</u>

9. Deferred taxation

	2023	2022
	£	£
At beginning of year	(12,839)	9,270
Charged to profit or loss	15,907	(22,109)
At end of year	<u>3,068</u>	<u>(12,839)</u>

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9. Deferred taxation (continued)

The deferred taxation balance is made up as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Accelerated capital allowances	<u>3,068</u>	<u>(12,839)</u>

10. Other financial commitments

There is a Group guarantee in favour of HSBC plc ("the Bank") from SQW Group Limited, SQW Group Newco 2018 Limited, Oxford Innovation Limited, SQW Limited and Oxford Innovation Services Limited guaranteeing the obligations of each other to the Bank. The outstanding amount due to the Bank at 31 March 2023 across the Group was £Nil (2022: £192,308).

There is also a debenture comprising fixed and floating charges over all the assets and undertakings of SQW Group Limited including all present and future freehold and leasehold property, book and other debts, chattels, goodwill and uncalled capital, both present and future.

11. Pension commitments

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the fund and amounted to £21,237 (2022: £29,468). Contributions totalling £84,894 (2022: £27,971) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date.

12. Controlling party

The ultimate controlling undertaking is SQW Group Newco 2018 Limited, registered in England and Wales, by virtue of its 100% shareholding in the Company.

The consolidated financial statements of SQW Group Newco 2018 Limited are publically available from Oxford Centre For Innovation, New Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX1 1BY.