# MCG Company No 4 Limited

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### **Company Information**

#### **Directors:**

- C W Ansley
- N Stagg
- C Povey

#### Company Registration Number - 05117093

#### Registered Address:

10 Fleet Place, London,

EC4M 7RB.

Country of Incorporation - United Kingdom

#### **External Auditors:**

Deloitte LLP, 2 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3BZ.

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#### Directors' report

The directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company, together with the audited financial statements and Auditor's report for the year ended 31 December 2015. This Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption under section 415a of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the Company is to provide funding to companies within the Management Consulting Group PLC group.

#### Business review and dividends

The Company made a profit for the year of  $\in$ 409,049 (2014:  $\in$ 645,834). The Company made a distribution in kind of  $\in$ 31,579,000 in 2015 (2014:  $\in$ nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who held office throughout the year and up to the date of this report, were as follows:

C W Ansley

N Stagg

C Povey

#### Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors have formed a judgement, that at the time of approving the financial statements, and having considered the Company's forecasts and projections, there is reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Going concern is discussed further in note 1 to the financial statements.

#### Financial risk management

The Company's capital structure is reviewed regularly to ensure that it remains relevant to the Company. The Company's foreign exchange exposure is not significant since its Euro denominated loans are made to a fellow subsidiary undertaking whose functional currency is also the Euro. The amounts receivable from the fellow subsidiary undertaking are regularly reviewed to assess whether or not they are impaired.

#### **Future Developments:**

No change is expected in the foreseeable future and the directors intend for the company activity to remain unchanged.

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#### Directors' report (continued)

#### **Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself 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 Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditor in the absence of the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

C Povey Director

18 July 2016

10 Fleet Place London EC4M 7RB

#### Directors' responsibilities statement

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 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 year.

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; 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 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 MCG Company No 4 Limited

We have audited the financial statements of MCG Company No 4 Limited for the year ended 31 December 2015 which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 10. 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 2015 and of its profit 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 matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# Independent auditor's report to the members of MCG Company No 4 Limited (continued)

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

Anthony Morris (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor

London, United Kingdom

18 July 2016

#### Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 2015

	Notes	31 December 2015 €	31 December 2014 €
Operating (loss)/profit	2	(84)	3,063
Interest income	3	409,133	642,771
Profit before taxation		409,049	645,834
Tax on results from ordinary activities	.4		
Profit for the financial year		409,049	645,834

There were no unrecognised gains and losses in with the current or prior year, as such a statement of comprehensive income has not been prepared.

The results for both years relate to continuing operations.

Notes on pages 10-15 form an integral part of the financial statements.

#### **Balance sheet**

as at 31 December 2015

	Notes	2015 €	2014 €
Fixed assets		e	E
Investments	5	8,452,626	37,944,456
Current assets			
Debtors – due within one year Cash at bank and in hand	6	8,199,348 36,768	9,912,944 1,293
Current liabilities		8,236,116	9,914,237
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	7	(2,416)	(2,416)
Net current assets		8,233,700	9,911,821
Net assets		16,686,326	47,856,277
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital Share premium account Profit and loss account	8	2 43,789,999 (27,103,675)	2 43,789,999 4,066,276
Shareholder's funds		16,686,326	47,856,277

The financial statements of MCG Company No 4 Limited (registered number 05117093) were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 18 July 2016.

Notes on pages 10-15 form an integral part of the financial statements.

They were signed on its behalf by:

C Povey Director

#### Statement of changes in equity

At 31 December 2015

	Share	Share	Profit and	
	capital	Premium	loss account	Total
	€	€	€	€
Balance at 1 January 2014	2	43,789,999	3,420,442	47,210,443
Total comprehensive income			645,834	645,834
Balance at 31 December 2014	2	43,789,999	4,066,276	47,856,277
Total comprehensive income	-	. <del>-</del>	409,049	409,049
Distribution in kind	-	•	(31,579,000)	(31,579,000)
Balance at 31 December 2015	2	43,789,999	(27,103,675)	16,686,326

Notes on pages 10-15 form an integral part of the financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Accounting policies

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

#### Basis of preparation

MCG Company No 4 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 pages 2 to 3.

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

The prior year financial statements were prepared in accordance UK GAAP but are also in accordance with FRS 102. As a result the prior year comparatives in the 2015 financial statements have not needed to be restated. The company has opted to apply the transitional relief available for investments, which permits the carrying value under UK GAAP at the date of transition to be deemed the cost on transition to FRS102.

#### Functional currency

The functional currency of MCG Company No 4 Limited is considered to be Euros as the directors believe this to be the functional currency of the Company as its major cash flows are in Euros.

#### Group accounts

At the end of the year the Company was wholly-owned subsidiary of a company incorporated in a member state of the European Economic Community which prepares group financial statements. Accordingly, the preparation of group financial statements is not required under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 and these financial statements represent information about the Company as an individual undertaking.

#### Going concern

The Company made a profit of €409,049 (2014: €645,834) during the year and had net assets of €16,686,326 (2014: €47,856,277) at 31 December 2015. The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Directors' report. After making enquiries, 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 report and financial statements.

#### Cash flow statement

The Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement because it is a wholly-owned subsidiary undertaking of Management Consulting Group PLC and its cash flows are included within the consolidated cash flow statement of that company.

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using 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.

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity.

#### Financial Instruments

#### i. Fixed asset investments

Investments comprise of long-term loans to group undertakings, stated at the loan issue amount.

#### ii. Financial assets

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at their transaction price (including transaction costs).

Financial assets are only derecognised when the contractual right to the cash flows are settled or the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party.

#### Taxation

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

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods difference from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

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.

A deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

#### 2. Operating (loss)/profit

The Company did not have any employees during the current or prior financial years. The directors did not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the Company in the current or prior financial year.

Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements pursuant to legislation, of €6,888 (2014: €3,000), were borne by the Company's ultimate parent Company.

3.	Interest income		
		<b>2015</b> €	2014 €
	Income from fixed asset investments (see note 5)	409,133	642,771
4.	Tax on results from ordinary activities	2015 €	2014 €
	Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities.	_	-
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the year UK corporation tax is calculated at 20.25% (2014: 21.5 the year.  The tax charge for the year is less than the charge experiences set out in the following reconciliation:		
•	Ç	2015	2014
		€	€
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	409,049	645,834
	Expected tax charge at 20.25% (2014: 21.50%)	82,832	138,854
	Factors affecting the tax charge:		
	Non-deductible expenditure		(672)
	Group relief claimed for nil consideration	(82,832)	(138,182)
	Current tax charge		
5.	Investments		
			ns to group lertakings
	At 1 January 2015	37	€ 944,456
	Interest in the year		409,133
	Net repayments in the year		200,963)
	Waived in the year	(17,	700,000)
	At 31 December 2015	8,	452,626
		<del></del>	244.456
	At 31 December 2014	37,9	944,456

#### 5. Investments (Continued)

Amounts waived during the year were due from the parent company and have been treated as a distribution in kind.

The Company has fixed assets loans in the following group undertakings:

	Country of incorporation or principal business address	Principal activity
MCG France SAS	France	Holding company
Management Consulting Group PLC	Great Britain	Ultimate parent company

The loan with MCG France SAS is interest bearing at Euro Libor plus a margin equal to that payable on the Group's Revolving Credit Facility. In the year under review the margin ranged from 2.5% to 2.75%.

6.	Debtors due within one year		
		2015	2014
		€	€
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	8,199,348	9,912,944

Amounts owed by group undertakings are interest free and repayable in part or full at any time.

€13,879,000 of debtor balances were waived during the year. These balances were due from the parent company and have been treated as a distribution in kind.

# 7. Creditors Amounts falling due within one year: Accruals 2015 $\in$ Accruals 2014 $\in$ 2,416

#### 8. Called up share capital

Allowed and allow and Cally maid	2015	2014
Allotted, called up and fully paid Two ordinary shares of £1 each	£2	£2_
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Translated into functional currency at the date of issue.	€2	€2

MCG Company No 4 Limited has one class of ordinary shares which carry no right to fixed income.

The Company's other reserves are as follows:

The share premium reserve contains the premium arising on issue of equity shares, net of issue expenses.

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses, as well as the distribution in kind of €31,579,000 recognised in 2015.

#### 9. Subsequent events

On 7th January 2016 the intercompany receivable balance held with the Kurt Salmon business in France was repaid following the sale of these practices to Solucom, The total amount repaid up to the 7<sup>th</sup> January was €16,650,000.

#### 10. Related party transactions

As the Company is part of a group headed by Management Consulting Group PLC. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in Section 33 1 A under FRS 102 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group (or investees of the group qualifying as related parties). There were no other related party transactions requiring disclosure in the current or prior year.

#### 11. Immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling entity

The immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling entity is Management Consulting Group PLC, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The smallest and largest group in which the financial statements are consolidated is that headed by Management Consulting Group PLC. Copies of the financial statements of Management Consulting Group PLC may be obtained at the following address: Management Consulting Group PLC, 10 Fleet Place, London EC4M 7RB.

#### 12 Transition to FRS 102

The company transitioned to FRS 102 from previously extant UK GAAP as at 1 January 2014. The prior year financials are in accordance with FRS 102 and have not needed to be restated.

On transition to FRS 102 from previous UK GAAP, the company has taken advantage of the following transition relief;

#### Investments in Subsidiaries

The company has elected to treat the carrying amount of investments in subsidiaries under the previous UK GAAP at the date of transition as the deemed cost on transition to FRS 102.