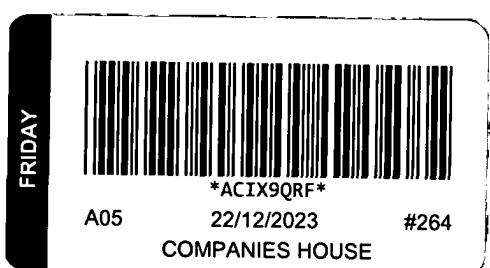

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023



HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

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| Directors | Paul Barber Antony L Pierce |
| Registered number | 05897148 |
| Registered office | Suite 4, First Floor, Honeycomb The Watermark Gateshead Tyne and Wear NE11 9SZ |
| Independent auditors | PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors Central Square South Orchard Street Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 3AZ |

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HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the financial statements

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare audited 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', 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;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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;
- prepare the audited 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 audited 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.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company during the year was property trading. The company has not traded during the year or during the preceding financial year. During these periods, the company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither a profit or a loss.

Directors

The directors of the company who were in office during the year and up to the date of the signing of the financial statements were:

Paul Barber
Antony L Pierce

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
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have been 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.

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Small companies exemptions

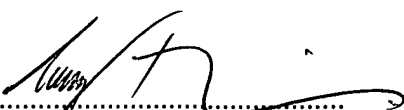
In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemption provided by Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors have also taken advantage of the small companies exemption from preparation of a strategic report in accordance with section 414B of the Companies Act 2006.

Independent auditors

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

This report was approved by the board on 19 December 2023 and signed on its behalf.


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Antony L Pierce
Director

Independent auditors' report to the directors of Hamsard 2517 (New Business) Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion, Hamsard 2517 (New Business) Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of its result for the year then ended;
- 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", 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 Directors' Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Statement of Financial Position as at 30 September 2023; the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year 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.

Independent auditors' report to the directors of Hamsard 2517 (New Business) Limited (continued)

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 or, 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 year ended 30 September 2023 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.

Independent auditors' report to the directors of Hamsard 2517 (New Business) Limited (continued)

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 direct laws and regulations including UK tax legislation and the Companies Act 2006, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. 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 journal entries to overstate profit. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management including those charged with governance, inquiring specifically as to whether there was any known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud;
- Review of legal expenditure in the year to identify potential non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations; and
- Review of board minutes.

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 directors 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.

Independent auditors' report to the directors of Hamsard 2517 (New Business) Limited (continued)

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: take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Toni Alderson


Toni Alderson (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Newcastle upon Tyne
19 December 2023

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 05897148

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

| | Note | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|--|------|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors: amounts falling due within one year | 6 | 113,557 | 113,557 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 113,557 | 113,557 |
| Net assets | | 113,557 | 113,557 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 7 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| Profit and loss account | 8 | (886,443) | (886,443) |
| Total equity | | 113,557 | 113,557 |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 19 December 2023.



Antony L Pierce
 Director

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

| | Called up share capital | Profit and loss account | Total equity |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| At 1 October 2021 | 1,000,000 | (886,443) | 113,557 |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | |
| Result for the year | - | - | - |
| At 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2022 | 1,000,000 | (886,443) | 113,557 |
| Comprehensive income for the year | | | |
| Result for the year | - | - | - |
| At 30 September 2023 | 1,000,000 | (886,443) | 113,557 |

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

1. General information

The entity is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Suite 4, First Floor, Honeycomb, The Watermark, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 9SZ.

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 (see note 3).

2.2 Going concern

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis in accordance with The Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom, which have been applied consistently throughout.

At the date of signing these financial statements, the directors believe that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the approval of the financial statements. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

2.3 Exemption for small companies

The company has taken advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from preparing a strategic report.

2.4 Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure framework 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 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Equity Release Investment Company Limited as at 30 September 2023 and these financial statements may be obtained from Suite 4, First Floor, Honeycomb, The Watermark, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 9SZ.

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Income statement

The company received no income and incurred no expenditure during the current or prior years and therefore no income statement is presented within these financial statements. There have been no movements in shareholders funds during the current or prior years.

2.6 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.

2.7 Financial instruments

The company has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of 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 third parties, loans to related parties and investments in ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade debtors and creditors, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received. However, if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or in case of an out-right short-term loan that is not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially at the present value of future cash flows discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost, unless it qualifies as a loan from a director in the case of a small company, or a public benefit entity concessionary loan.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

2.8 Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new ordinary shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

3. Judgments in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Intercompany recoverability

Amounts owed by group undertakings are reviewed for impairment on an annual basis. In considering the need for a provision, management determines their best estimate of the expected future cash flows. As this estimate relies on a certain number of assumptions about future events which may differ from actual outcomes, including the borrower's ability to repay amounts owed, this gives rise to estimation as to whether there is a shortfall between the carrying value and the fair value of the debtor balance.

There are no other areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements.

4. Operating profit

Audit fees are statutory audit fees, are borne by another group company, Retirement Bridge Group Holdings Limited and are not recharged.

5. Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

| | 2023 No. | 2022 No. |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Directors | 2 | 2 |

The Company has no employees other than the directors. The directors' remuneration was borne by another group entity (2022: £nil). Their services to this company and to a number of fellow subsidiaries are of a non-executive nature and their remuneration is deemed to be wholly attributable to their services to the parent company. Accordingly, the above details include no remuneration in respect of the directors.

6. Debtors: amounts falling due within one year

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | 113,557 | 113,557 |

Amounts owed by group undertakings bore 0.0% interest (2022: 0.0%), are unsecured with no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand. Interest receivable for the year amounted to £nil (2022: £nil).

HAMSARD 2517 (NEW BUSINESS) LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

7. Called up share capital

| | 2023 £ | 2022 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Allotted, called up and fully paid | | |
| 1,000,000 (2022 - 1,000,000) Ordinary shares of £1 each | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |

There is a single class of ordinary shares. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

8. Reserves

Profit and loss account

This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

9. Related party transactions

The company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions under Section 33 Related Party Disclosures as all related party transactions are with companies that are wholly owned within the Group.

10. Controlling party

Equity Release Investment Company Limited is the immediate parent company by virtue of its 100% shareholding in the company. Equity Release Investment Company Limited is also the parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 30 September 2023. The consolidated financial statements of Equity Release Investment Company Limited can be obtained from Suite 4, First Floor, Honeycomb, The Watermark, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 9SZ.

Retirement Bridge Investments Limited is the parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings to consolidate these financial statements at 30 September 2023. The consolidated financial statements of Retirement Bridge Investments Limited can be obtained from Suite 4, First Floor, Honeycomb, The Watermark, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE11 9SZ.

Patron Capital V L.P. is deemed to be the ultimate controlling party by virtue of its level of control over Retirement Bridge Investments Limited.