

Company Registration No. 06054477

Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For year ended 31 December 2016



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N Budden
G Nieslony

Company Secretary

G Nieslony

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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report with the audited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption and in preparing a strategic report.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of a holding company.

Dividends

Dividends totalling £15m were paid during the year ended 31 December 2016 (2015: £29.3m).

Directors

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2016 to the date of this report.

N Budden
G Nieslony

Going concern

The Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. See note 2 for further information.

Future developments

The company will continue to operate in this capacity going forward.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

Due to the nature of the financial instruments used by the company there is no exposure to price risk.


Statement as to disclosure of information to auditor

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditor is unaware, and each 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.

Auditor

The auditor, Deloitte LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Board:


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G Nieslony
Director
Date: 14/9/2017

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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 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework". 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 period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and 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 Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited for the year ended 31 December 2016 which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Statement of financial position, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 11. 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 FRS101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2016 and of its 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, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report or from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Andy Siddons
Andy Siddons (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

Date: 14/9/17.....

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Statement of comprehensive income For the year ended 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Operating result		-	-
Income from shares in group undertakings		15,000	29,300
Profit before tax	4	15,000	29,300
Tax	5	-	-
Profit and total comprehensive income for the year		15,000	29,300

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Statement of financial position As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Non-current assets			
Investments	7	8,662	8,662
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	8	4,215	401
Cash at bank and in hand		1	1
		4,216	402
Total assets		12,878	9,064
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	9	(3,814)	-
Total liabilities		(3,814)	-
Net current assets		402	402
Net assets		9,064	9,064
Equity			
Share capital	10	10	10
Share premium		9,053	9,053
Retained earnings		1	1
Equity attributable to owners of the Company		9,064	9,064

The financial statements of Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited, registered number 06054477 were approved by the Board of Directors on 14/19/2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors


G Nieslony
Director

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Statement of changes in equity As at 31 December 2016

	Notes	Share capital £'000	Share premium £'000	Retained earnings £'000	Total equity £'000
Balance at 1 January 2015		10	9,053	1	9,064
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	29,300	29,300
Dividends	6	-	-	(29,300)	(29,300)
Balance at 31 December 2015		10	9,053	1	9,064
Total comprehensive income for the year		-	-	15,000	15,000
Dividends	6	-	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Balance at 31 December 2016		10	9,053	1	9,064

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 December 2016

1. General information

Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited (the Company) is a Company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on page 1.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

These financial statements are separate financial statements. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption offered by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to produce consolidated financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Foxtons Group plc which prepares consolidated financial statements that are publicly available. The group accounts of Foxtons Group plc can be obtained as set out in note 11.

2. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Company has applied Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) issued by the Financial Reporting Council (FRC) incorporating the Amendments to FRS 101 issued by the FRC in July 2015 and the amendments to Company law made by The Companies, Partnerships and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2015 that are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2016. The Company has chosen to present the balance sheet in accordance with the IAS 1 format and has restated the comparative presentation accordingly.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to business combinations, share-based payment, non-current assets held for sale, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash-flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets and related party transactions.

Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of Foxtons Group plc.

Going concern

The company holds investments in companies with considerable financial resources, which are expected to continue trading profitably and generating positive cash flows. As a consequence, the director believes that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook. After making enquiries, the director has a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements

Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

Taxation

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

Deferred tax is 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 different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors considers that it is more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date

Dividends

Dividends receivable from the company's subsidiaries are recognised only when they are approved by shareholders, or in the case of interim dividends, when paid.

Final dividend distributions to the company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which they are approved by the company's shareholders. Interim dividends are recognised in the period in which they are paid.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

There are no critical judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty that the Directors believes have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in these financial statements.

3. Employee and directors

The company does not have any employees (2015: nil).

The directors did not receive any remuneration in respect of their services to the company during the year (2015: £nil).

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Directors' remuneration	-	-

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4. Profit before tax

Auditor's remuneration of £3k (2015: £4k) is borne by Foxtons Limited.

The auditor did not provide any non-audit services to the company during the year (2015: £nil).

5. Tax

Analysis of tax expense

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
UK Corporation tax	-	-
Deferred tax	-	-
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Total tax expense in statement of comprehensive income	-	-
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6. Dividends

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Ordinary Class 'A' Shares of £1.00 each		
Interim 145,476 pence per share (2015: 284,163 pence per share)	15,000	29,300
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7. Investments

	Shares in group undertakings £'000
Costs	
At 1 January 2016 and at 31 December 2016	8,662
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Net book value	
At 31 December 2016	8,662
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At 31 December 2015	8,662
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The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of the companies described below, each of which are incorporated in Great Britain. Foxtons Limited's principal activity is that of an estate agency and Alexander Hall Associates Limited is that of a mortgage broker. The company also has an indirect 100% ownership of the issued share capital of Alexander Hall Direct Limited, a dormant company incorporated in Great Britain. All these entities have their registered office at Building One, Chiswick Park, 566 Chiswick High Road, London, W4 5BE.

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8. Trade and other receivables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	4,215	401

9. Trade and other payables

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	3,814	-

10. Share capital

	2016 £'000	2015 £'000
Authorised, called up, allotted and fully paid:		
10,311 ordinary shares of nominal value of £1.00	10	10

11. Ultimate parent company

Foxtons Intermediate Holdings Limited is the immediate parent undertaking of Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited. Foxtons Group PLC represents the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party of Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited. The consolidated financial statements of Foxtons Group PLC are publicly available at www.foxtonsgroup.co.uk, with a registered office of Building One, Chiswick Park, 566 Chiswick High Road, London, W4 5BE. Foxtons Group PLC is the only undertaking in which the results of Foxtons Operational Holdings Limited are consolidated.