# Grainger Europe (No. 4) Limited Financial statements 30 September 2016

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# Financial statements

# Year ended 30 September 2016

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#### **Directors' report**

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2016.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the year was investing in European property companies. The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2015: £nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

Nicholas M F Jopling Steven Butler

Adam McGhin
Helen C Gordon
Vanessa K Simms
Andrew R Cunningham
Nick P On
Mark Greenwood

(Appointed 30 September 2016)
(Appointed 31 December 2015)
(Resigned 31 December 2015)
(Resigned 30 September 2016)

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' 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 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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Directors' report (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### **Auditor**

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

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

#### Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 25 May 2017 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Adam McGhin

**Company Secretary** 

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Grainger Europe (No. 4) Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Grainger Europe (No. 4) Limited for the year ended 30 September 2016 set out on pages 6 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 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 set out on page 2, 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### **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 30 September 2016 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
   and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Opinion on other matters 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 Grainger Europe (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
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies exemption from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

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Bill Holland (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Chartered Accountants 15 Canada Square Canary Wharf London E14 5GL

1 June 2017

# Statement of comprehensive income

# Year ended 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Amounts written back to/(off) investments Interest payable and similar charges	4 5	11,460,688 (3,677,636)	(2,307,370) (4,517,918)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		7,783,052	(6,825,288)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	<b>6</b> ·	735,527	926,173
Profit/(loss) for the financial year and total comprehensive income/(loss)		8,518,579	(5,899,115)

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

#### Statement of financial position

#### 30 September 2016

	Note	2016 £	2015 £
Fixed assets Investments	7	6,232,585	88,680,657
Current assets Debtors	8	736,142	926,614
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(31,430,757)	(122,587,880)
Net current liabilities		(30,694,615)	(121,661,266)
Total assets less current liabilities		(24,462,030)	(32,980,609)
Capital and reserves Called up share capital	10	9,837,779	9,837,779
Profit and loss account	11	(34,299,809)	
Shareholders' deficit		(24,462,030)	(32,980,609)

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 May 2017, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Adam Mc@hin

Company registration number: 6352297

# Statement of changes in equity

# Year ended 30 September 2016

At 1 October 2014	Called up share capital £ 9,837,779	Profit and loss account £ (36,919,273)	£
Loss for the year	_	(5,899,115)	(5,899,115)
Total comprehensive loss for the year	_	(5,899,115)	(5,899,115)
At 30 September 2015	9,837,779	(42,818,388)	(32,980,609)
Profit for the year	_	8,518,579	8,518,579
Total comprehensive income for the year		8,518,579	8,518,579
At 30 September 2016	9,837,779	(34,299,809)	(24,462,030)

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 1. Statement of compliance

The financial statements of Grainger Europe (No.4) Limited ("the company") for the year ended 30 September 2016 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 25 May 2017 and the statement of financial position was signed on the board's behalf by Adam McGhin.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'.

The entity is a limited company incorporated and domiciled in the UK. The registered office is:

Citygate St James' Boulevard Newcastle Upon Tyne NE1 4JE

The company's ultimate parent undertaking, Grainger plc, includes the company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Grainger plc are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JE.

#### 2. Accounting policies

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards.

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 the year.

#### Going concern

Grainger plc has confirmed to the directors of the company that it will provide such financial support as shall enable the company to continue as a going concern for at least 12 months from the signing of these accounts.

The company and group's forecasts and projections, taking into account reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the company and the group are expected to have a sufficient level of financial resources.

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 financial statements.

#### **Transition to FRS 101**

The entity transitioned from previous UK GAAP to FRS 101 as at 1 October 2014. Details of how FRS 101 has affected the reported financial position and financial performance are given in note 14.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Disclosure exemptions

In these financial statements, the company has applied the exemptions available under FRS 101 in respect of the following disclosures:

- (a) Cash flow statement and related notes;
- (b) Comparative period reconciliations for share capital;
- (c) Disclosures in respect of transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries;
- (d) Disclosures in respect of capital management;
- (e) The effects of new but not yet effective IFRSs;
- (f) Disclosures in respect of the compensation of key management personnel.

As the consolidated financial statements of Grainger plc include the equivalent disclosures, the company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures.

#### Income tax

The taxation charge for the year represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. The charge is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income according to the accounting treatment of the related transaction.

Current tax payable or receivable is based on the taxable income for the period and any adjustment in respect of prior periods and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period.

Tax payable upon the realisation of revaluation gains recognised in prior periods is recorded as a current tax charge with a release of the associated deferred tax.

Deferred income tax is recognised, using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the end of the reporting period and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled. Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will give rise to a future tax liability against which the deferred tax assets can be recovered.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when the deferred income tax assets and liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on either the taxable entity or different taxable entities where there is an intention to settle the balances on a net basis.

#### Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less any provisions for diminution in value. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the carrying value of the investment exceeds its recoverable amount.

#### **Group accounts**

The financial statements contain information about Grainger Europe (No. 4) Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertakings are included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company, Grainger plc, a company registered in England and Wales.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 2. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise loans and borrowings.

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at fair value less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

#### Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. The judgements, estimates and assumptions that the directors consider to be most significant to the financial statements relate to impairment adjustments in respect of fixed asset investments and are detailed in note 7.

#### 3. Operating profit

Audit fees of £2,000 (2015: £1,400) are statutory audit fees only and are borne by another group company.

There are no persons holding service contracts with the company (2015: none). None of the directors received any remuneration from the company during the year, or in the previous year, in respect of their services to the company.

#### 4. Amounts written (back to)/off investments

		2016 £	.2015 £
	Impairment of fixed asset investments	~ -	2,307,370
	Reversal of impairment of fixed asset investments	(11,460,688)	
		(11,460,688)	2,307,370
5.	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2016	2015
	Interest due to group undertakings	£ 3,677,636	£ 4,517,918
6.	Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities		
	Major components of tax income		
		2016 £	2015 £
	Current tax:		
	UK current tax income	(735,527)	(926,173)
	Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(735,527)	(926,173)

There is no unprovided deferred tax liability or unrecognised deferred tax asset in these financial statements.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 6. Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities (continued)

#### Reconciliation of tax income

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is lower than (2015: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015: 20.50%).

	2016 £	2015 £
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	7,783,052	(6,825,288)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities by rate of tax Non taxable movement on investment provision	1,556,610 (2,292,137)	(1,399,184) 473,011
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	(735,527)	(926,173)

#### Factors that may affect future tax income

Reductions in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective from 1 April 2017) and to 17% (effective 1 April 2020) have been substantively enacted. These will reduce the company's future current tax charge accordingly.

#### 7. Investments

	Shares in subsidiary undertakings £
Cost At 1 October 2015	112,145,045
Disposals	(93,908,760)
At 30 September 2016	18,236,285
Impairment At 1 October 2015 Reversal of impairment losses	23,464,388 (11,460,688)
At 30 September 2016	12,003,700
Carrying amount At 30 September 2016	6,232,585
At 30 September 2015	88,680,657

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 7. Investments (continued)

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of Grainger FRM GmbH, an investment company incorporated in Germany.

During the year, the company received distributions booked against dissolution of capital reserves of €120,000,000 from Grainger FRM GmbH (2015: made a capital contribution of €355,451 to Grainger FRM GmbH).

Following a review undertaken by the directors during the year, it was determined that previously recognised impairment losses amounting to £11,460,688 should be written back (2015: £2,307,370 written down).

The company also has the following indirect holdings in the entities listed below, which are incorporated in Germany:

CompanyNature of businessGrainger FRM General Partner GmbH (100%)General PartnerGrainger Portfolio 3 GmbH (100%)Property investmentGrainger FRM (No.1) GmbH & Co. KG (94.9%)Property investment

During the year, the company disposed of its indirect holdings in Francono Rhein-Main GmbH, Francono Rhein-Main 1 V.mbH, Francono Rhein-Main 2 V.mbH, Francono Rhein-Main 3 V.mbH, G&G GmbH, Grainger Deutschland GmbH, Grainger Recklinghausen Portfolio one GmbH, Grainger Recklinghausen Portfolio two GmbH, Grainger Stuttgart Portfolio one GmbH & Co. KG, Grainger Stuttgart Portfolio two GmbH & Co. KG (all incorporated in Germany) and MH Grainger JV Sarl (incorporated in Luxembourg).

#### 8. Debtors

	Amounts owed by group undertakings	2016 £ 736,142	2015 £ 926,614
9.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	•	
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	2016 £ 31,430,757	2015 £ 122,587,880
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Included within amounts owed to group undertakings is a loan of £31,430,757 (2015: £122,587,880). The loan bears interest at LIBOR plus margin plus costs, which averaged 4.68% in the year (2015: 3.87%), and is repayable on demand but is not expected to be repaid within the next 12 months. Interest payable for the year amounted to £3,677,636 (2015: £4,517,918).

#### 10. Called up share capital

Issued, called up and fully paid

2016		2015	
No.	£	No.	£
9,837,779	9,837,779	9,837,779	9,837,779
	No.		No. £ No.

#### 11. Reserves

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

#### Year ended 30 September 2016

#### 12. Related party transactions

The company is exempt from disclosing related party transactions as they are with other companies that are wholly owned within the Grainger plc group.

#### 13. Controlling party

The directors regard Grainger plc, a company registered in England and Wales, as the ultimate parent undertaking and the ultimate controlling party, being the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of the Grainger plc consolidated financial statements may be obtained from The Secretary, Grainger plc, Citygate, St James' Boulevard, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4JE.

Grainger plc is the immediate controlling party and parent company by virtue of its 100% shareholding in the company.

#### 14. Transition to FRS 101

These are the first financial statements that comply with FRS 101. The company transitioned to FRS 101 on 1 October 2014.

No transitional adjustments were required in equity or profit or loss for the year.

The accounting policies set out in note 2 have been applied in preparing the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2016 and the comparative information presented in these financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2015.