

**REGISTERED NUMBER: 06399101 (England and Wales)**

**HLT Aro Manage Limited**

**STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**



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for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**HLT Aro Manage Limited**

**COMPANY INFORMATION**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**DIRECTORS:**

Mr S R Vincent  
Mr B Wilson  
Hilton Corporate Director LLC  
Mr J Percival  
Mr S Beasley  
Mr R Beeston  
Mrs M Momdjian  
Mr G C Ogle  
Ms K J Coari

**SECRETARY:**

HLT Secretary Limited

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

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**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

06399101 (England and Wales)

**AUDITORS:**

Ernst & Young LLP  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
1 More London Place  
London  
SE1 2AF

**STRATEGIC REPORT**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of hotel management.

**REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

The company's key financial indicators of performance during the year are considered to be:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover	62,390	894,130
Operating profit	-	385,683

Turnover is derived from management fees earned by the company usually under long-term contracts with the hotel owner. The primary driver behind the movement in turnover is the COVID-19 pandemic (referred to as "COVID-19" or "the pandemic") which significantly impacted the economy and strained the hospitality industry due to travel restrictions, safety concerns and the complete and partial suspensions of hotel operations. The primary driver behind the movement in operating profit is related to the movement in revenue.

**PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

**Economic risk**

The company is subject to the cyclical nature of the hospitality and travel industry and is also impacted by the effect that global socio-economic and political trends have on its customers. On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU) with a transition period that ended on 31 December 2020 ("Brexit"). Brexit continues to create global economic uncertainty, but to date, Brexit is not considered to have had a material impact on Hilton's UK business although it may impact our customers' behaviours in the future, particularly with respect to closely monitoring their costs and reducing their spending on travel and corporate events. Therefore, there continues to be uncertainty over how the UK's exit from the EU will ultimately impact the company but management continues to monitor this on an ongoing basis. Budgeting and forecasting processes enable the company to identify risks in market trends at an early stage to help mitigate such risks.

**Interest rate risk**

This company is subject to interest rate risk on intercompany loans where the interest rate is linked to applicable market index rates such as LIBOR. The company's treasury department monitors interest rates.

**COVID-19**

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has significantly affected the economy and strained the hospitality industry due to travel restrictions and stay-at-home directives that have resulted in cancellations and reduced travel around the world, as well as complete and partial suspensions of hotel operations. Although the distribution of effective COVID-19 vaccinations, which commenced late 2020, is a promising development, we are unable to predict how widely utilized the vaccines will be, whether they will be effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19 (including its variant strains) and when normal economic activity and business operations will resume. As such, the pandemic has negatively affected and will continue to negatively affect the company's revenues, profitability and cash flow. Particularly, it has had a material negative impact on our results for the year ended 31 December 2020. The current and uncertain future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including its effect on the ability or desire of people to travel and use our hotel properties, as well as the impact of additional and changing government regulations intended to fight COVID-19, is expected to continue to negatively affect our results.

Management does not believe the company is any more exposed to financial statement risk factors than others in the industry and has a system of internal controls and procedures that attempt to mitigate such risk.

**STRATEGIC REPORT**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The company will continue to operate as a hotel management company in the future with a view to optimising returns.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Mr R Beeston - Director

7 July 2021

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**DIVIDENDS**

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2020 to the date of this report.

Mr S R Vincent  
Mr B Wilson  
Hilton Corporate Director LLC  
Mr J Percival  
Mr S Beasley  
Mr R Beeston  
Mrs M Momdjian  
Mr G C Ogle  
Ms K J Coari

**GOING CONCERN**

The company's activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, its competitive, economic and interest rate risks are set out in the "Review of Business" and "Principal Risks and Uncertainties" sections in the Strategic Report.

The company has net assets and net current assets. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis because management believes that the company can meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. Notwithstanding this, the company has obtained a letter of support from its ultimate parent company, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. ("the group"), and the directors are satisfied that despite the impact of COVID-19 on the parent company it has sufficient cash and liquidity to provide this support should it be required for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements to the 7 July 2022.

As disclosed in the Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2021, the group had total cash and cash equivalents of \$2.4 billion. Stress testing has been performed on the group's conservative forecast cash flows. The group's conservative forecast cash flows are considered severe but plausible and indicate that there is no material risk that the group will be unable to provide financial support within a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. Given this cash position will be adequate to meet anticipated requirements for debt covenant compliance, operating and other expenditures, including corporate expenses, payroll and related benefits, taxes and compliance costs and other commitments, for the foreseeable future, even if current levels of very low occupancy were to persist, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. has sufficient cash and liquidity to provide financial support to the company should it be required.

The letter of support from the ultimate parent company expresses the intention to provide financial support on a non-binding basis and reserves the right to inform the company if circumstances change such that the group may no longer be able or willing to provide such financial support. The directors consider that the reliance on the letter of support with such limitations results in a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt upon the company's ability to continue as a going concern, noting, however, that the group is well positioned to withstand the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic as outlined above. Accordingly, the directors have concluded that it is appropriate for the financial statements to be prepared on a going concern basis taking into account the support provided by the ultimate parent company for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. The financial statements do not contain the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern.

**DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY**

During the year Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. purchased and maintained on behalf of the company liability insurance for its directors and officers in respect of proceedings brought by third parties, as permitted by Section 233 of the Companies Act 2006.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Report of the Directors 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 Financial Reporting Standard 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;
- 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.

**STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. Having made enquiries of fellow directors and the Company's auditor, each director has taken all the steps that he/she is obliged to take as a director to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

In accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution is proposed at the Annual General Meeting for reappointment of Ernst & Young LLP as auditor of the company.

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:**



Mr R Beeston - Director

7 July 2021

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HLT ARO MANAGE LIMITED**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of HLT Aro Manage Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Equity and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 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.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

#### **Material uncertainty relating to going concern**

We draw attention to the "fundamental accounting concept" note in the financial statements, which states that the company is reliant upon parental support from Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. ("the ultimate parent company" or "the entity"). Whilst parental support has been provided to the company by the ultimate parent company for the going concern review period to 7 July 2022 this parental support is provided on a non-binding basis. As stated in the "fundamental accounting concept" note, these events or conditions, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. 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. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HLT ARO MANAGE LIMITED**

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### **Opinions on other matters 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 Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

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 material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Report of the Directors.

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.

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine 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 MEMBERS OF HLT ARO MANAGE LIMITED**

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### **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.

### **Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. 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. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant, which are directly relevant to specific assertions in the financial statements, are those that relate to the reporting framework; FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework and the Companies Act 2006, the relevant tax compliance regulations in the jurisdictions in which HLT Aro Manage Limited operates, Health and Safety Regulations, Modern Slavery Act, Bribery Act, Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, Money Laundering Regulations 2003 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).
- We understood how HLT Aro Manage Limited is complying with those frameworks through enquiry with management, by identifying the company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations, and through the review of minutes of meetings held by those charged with governance for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by enquiring with management to understand their interactions throughout the year with Internal Audit and the General Counsel's office to assess the risks of material misstatement due to fraud. As part of our procedures we reviewed the annual risk assessment process conducted by Internal Audit. This procedure evaluates the risk of material misstatement due to fraud by considering the nature and complexity of the company's reporting structure, and most notably considering the likelihood of material misstatements. Based on the results of the risk assessment process no material instances of frauds were identified.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved
  - Enquiry of members of senior management, and when appropriate those charged with governance regarding their knowledge of any non-compliance or potential non-compliance with laws and regulations that could affect the financial statements.
  - Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance.
  - Obtaining and reading correspondence from legal and regulatory bodies including HMRC where applicable.
  - Journal entry testing, with a focus on manual journals and journals indicating large or unusual transactions based on our understanding the business.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
HLT ARO MANAGE LIMITED**

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**Use of our report**

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 Auditors' 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.



Rebecca Turner (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP  
Senior Statutory Auditor  
1 More London Place  
London  
SE1 2AF

7 July 2021

**STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

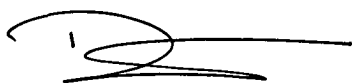
	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>TURNOVER</b>	4	62,390	894,130
Administrative expenses		(62,390)	(508,447)
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>		-	385,683
Interest receivable	6	6,924	24,556
<b>PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION</b>	7	6,924	410,239
Tax on profit	8	-	(77,945)
<b>PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		6,924	332,294
<b>OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME</b>		-	-
<b>TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		6,924	332,294

The notes form part of these financial statements

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 December 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	9	5,040,272	5,117,777
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(82,529)	(166,958)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>4,957,743</u>	<u>4,950,819</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>4,957,743</u>	<u>4,950,819</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	11	100	100
Share premium	12	136,025	136,025
Retained earnings	12	4,821,618	4,814,694
<b>SHAREHOLDER FUNDS</b>		<u>4,957,743</u>	<u>4,950,819</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 7 July 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



Mr R Beeston - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Called up share capital £	Retained earnings £	Share premium £	Total equity £
<b>Balance at 1 January 2019</b>	100	4,482,400	136,025	4,618,525
<b>Changes in equity</b>				
Total comprehensive income	-	332,294	-	332,294
<b>Balance at 31 December 2019</b>	100	4,814,694	136,025	4,950,819
<b>Changes in equity</b>				
Total comprehensive income	-	6,924	-	6,924
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	100	4,821,618	136,025	4,957,743

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT**

The company has net assets and net current assets. The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis because management believes that the company can meet its liabilities as they fall due for a period of at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. Notwithstanding this, the company has obtained a letter of support from its ultimate parent company, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. ("the group"), and the directors are satisfied that despite the impact of COVID-19 on the parent company it has sufficient cash and liquidity to provide this support should it be required for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements to the 7 July 2022.

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**2. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

HLT Aro Manage Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparation**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The company's financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the company's functional currency. Amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2020**

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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework":

- the requirements of paragraph 24(6) of IFRS 6 Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources;
- the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments: Disclosures;
- the requirements of paragraphs 91 to 99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement;
- the requirements of paragraph 52, the second sentence of paragraph 89 and paragraphs 90, 91 and 93 of IFRS 16 Leases;
- the requirements of paragraph 58 of IFRS 16;
- the requirements of the second sentence of paragraph 110 and paragraphs 113(a), 114, 115, 118, 119(a to c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers;
- the requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 16, and 111 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- the requirements of paragraphs 134 to 136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- the requirements of paragraphs 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures;
- the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group.

**Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported for assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date and the amounts reported for revenues and expenses during the year. However, the nature of estimation means that actual outcomes could differ from those estimates.

**Critical judgements**

Management believe that there are no critical judgements (apart from those involving estimates) made in relation to this entity that would have a significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements.

**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The following are the key assumptions concerning the future, and other sources of estimation uncertainty at the end of the reporting period, that may have a significant risk of resulting in a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets within the next financial year.

**Impairment of trade and other debtors**

The company makes an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing impairment of trade and other debtors, management considers factors including the credit rating of the receivable, the ageing profile of receivables and historical experience. See note "Debtors" for the net carrying amount of the trade debtors and any associated impairment provision.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Turnover**

Turnover

Turnover, which arose wholly in the United Kingdom, is derived from management fees earned by the company usually under long-term contracts with the hotel owner. Management fees include a base fee, which is generally a percentage of hotel revenue, and an incentive fee, which is generally based on the hotel's profitability or cash flows. Turnover is recognised when earned and realised or realisable under the terms of the contract. Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received, excluding discounts, rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes.

**Interest income**

Interest is recognised as it accrues using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to its net carrying amount.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Financial instruments**

A financial instrument is any contract that gives rise to a financial asset of one entity and a financial liability or equity instrument of another entity.

**Financial assets**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial assets are classified, at initial recognition, as subsequently measured at amortised cost, fair value through other comprehensive income (OCI), and fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. The classification of financial assets at initial recognition depends on the financial asset's contractual cash flow characteristics and the business model for managing them. With the exception of trade receivables that do not contain a significant financing component or for which the company has applied the practical expedient, the company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, transaction costs.

**Subsequent measurement**

The company measures financial assets at amortised cost if both of the following conditions are met:

- The financial asset is held within a business model with the objective to hold financial assets in order to collect contractual cash flows, and
- The contractual terms of the financial asset give rise on specified dates to cash flows that are solely payments of principal and interest on the principal amount outstanding

Financial assets at amortised cost are subsequently measured using the effective interest (EIR) method and are subject to impairment. Gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income when the asset is derecognised, modified or impaired.

**Derecognition**

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a company of similar financial assets) is primarily derecognised (i.e., removed from the company's statement of financial position) when:

- The rights to receive cash flows from the asset have expired, or
- The company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from the asset or has assumed an obligation to pay the received cash flows in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement? and either (a) the company has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, or (b) the company has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset

When the company has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a pass-through arrangement, it evaluates if, and to what extent, it has retained the risks and rewards of ownership. When it has neither transferred nor retained substantially all of the risks and rewards of the asset, nor transferred control of the asset, the company continues to recognise the transferred asset to the extent of its continuing involvement. In that case, the company also recognises an associated liability. The transferred asset and the associated liability are measured on a basis that reflects the rights and obligations that the company has retained.

Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the company could be required to repay.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Impairment of financial assets**

The company recognises an allowance for expected credit losses (ECLs) for all debt instruments not held at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income. ECLs are based on the difference between the contractual cash flows due in accordance with the contract and all the cash flows that the company expects to receive, discounted at an approximation of the original effective interest rate. For trade receivables and some intercompany loans, the company applies a simplified approach in calculating ECLs. Therefore, the company does not track changes in credit risk, but instead recognises a loss allowance based on lifetime ECLs at each reporting date. The company has established a provision matrix that is based on its historical credit loss experience, adjusted for forward-looking factors specific to the debtors and the economic environment.

The company considers a financial asset in default when contractual payments are 90 days past due. However, in certain cases, the company may also consider a financial asset to be in default when internal or external information indicates that the company is unlikely to receive the outstanding contractual amounts in full before taking into account any credit enhancements held by the company. A financial asset is written off when there is no reasonable expectation of recovering the contractual cash flows.

**Financial liabilities**

**Initial recognition and measurement**

Financial liabilities are classified, at initial recognition, as financial liabilities at fair value through the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income, loans and borrowings, or payables as appropriate. All financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value and, in the case of loans and borrowings and payables, net of directly attributable transaction costs.

**Subsequent measurement - Intercompany loans**

After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the EIR method. Gains and losses are recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income when the liabilities are derecognised as well as through the EIR amortisation process. Amortised cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees or costs that are an integral part of the EIR. The EIR amortisation is included as finance costs in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

**Derecognition**

A financial liability is derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged or cancelled or expires. When an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as the derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability. The difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognised in the Statement of Profit or Loss and Other Comprehensive Income.

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**3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Taxation**

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognised on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, with the following exceptions:

- the initial recognition of goodwill;
- the initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction which:
  - (i) is not a business combination; and
  - (ii) at the time of the transaction, affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit (tax loss).
- deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realised or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority and that authority permits the company to make a single net payment.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in profit or loss.

**4. TURNOVER**

The turnover and profit before taxation are attributable to the one principal activity of the company.

**5. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS**

All operations of the company during the year ended 31 December 2020 have been undertaken by employees of other companies within Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc.. A charge of £- has been included in cost of sales in respect of their services (2019: £ -).

All the directors of the company are also directors of other group companies. The directors received total remuneration for the year of £2.8m (2019: £2.6m) all of which was paid by other companies within the group. The directors do not believe that it is practicable to apportion this amount between their services as directors of the company and their services as directors of the other group companies.

**6. INTEREST RECEIVABLE**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest receivable from fellow group undertakings	6,924	24,556

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**7. PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION**

This is stated after charging:

	2020 £	2019 £
Fees payable to fellow group undertakings	62,390	508,447

The remuneration of the auditors of £ 13,582 (2019: £ 10,838) is borne entirely by Hilton Worldwide Limited.

**8. TAXATION**

**Analysis of tax expense**

	2020 £	2019 £
Deferred tax	-	77,945
Total tax expense in statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income	-	77,945

**Factors affecting the tax expense**

The tax assessed for the year is lower (2019 - higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

	2020 £	2019 £
Profit before income tax	6,924	410,239
Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2019 - 19%)	1,316	77,945
Effects of: Group relief surrendered to/(from) fellow subsidiaries free of charge	(1,316)	-
Tax expense	-	77,945

The enacted main rate of corporation tax was reduced from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2017 and further reduced to 17% from 1 April 2020. In the Finance Act 2020 it was announced that the enacted reduction in the main rate of corporation tax effective 1 April 2020 would not take place. In the Finance Act 2021 it was further announced that the rate of corporation tax would rise to 25% from 1 April 2023 however this change was not enacted as at the balance sheet date. These changes do not have a material effect on these financial statements.

The Group's future tax charge could be affected by numerous factors including, but not limited to, any future consequences of the UK leaving the European Union and any tax reforms adopted from the OECD's BEPS actions such as those in relation to the deductibility of interest, anti-avoidance or transfer pricing. No quantification of these changes is currently possible due to uncertainty around when any currently proposed rules will be enacted or effective.

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**9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,453	70,488
Amounts owed by group undertakings	5,038,819	5,047,289
	<u>5,040,272</u>	<u>5,117,777</u>

Amounts owed by group undertakings are included in amounts due within one year where there are no specified repayment terms. Amounts owed by group undertakings are technically repayable on demand and hence are included in amounts due within one year. The loans bear interest at a rate linked to LIBOR plus a margin.

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,584	89,013
Social security and other taxes	77,945	77,945
	<u>82,529</u>	<u>166,958</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are included in amounts due within one year where there are no specified repayment terms and there is no fixed repayment schedule in place. While amounts owed to group undertakings are technically repayable on demand, and hence are included in amounts due within one year, the directors are of the opinion (as a result of their group role in relation to the group undertakings amounts are owed to) that in the ordinary course of business, repayment within such a timescale would not be required. The loans bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin.

**11. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Allotted, issued and fully paid:		Nominal value:	2020	2019
Number:	Class:		£	£
100	Ordinary shares	1	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**12. RESERVES**

	Retained earnings	Share premium	Totals
	£	£	£
At 1 January 2020	4,814,694	136,025	4,950,719
Profit for the year	6,924	-	6,924
At 31 December 2020	<u>4,821,618</u>	<u>136,025</u>	<u>4,957,643</u>

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**13. PARENT UNDERTAKING, CONTROLLING PARTY AND CONSOLIDATING ENTITY**

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Hilton Worldwide Limited, a hotel operator registered in England.

The ultimate parent the only undertaking for which group financial statements were prepared and into which the company is consolidated for 31 December 2020, was Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc., a Delaware company incorporated in the United States of America. These group financial statements are available from the company secretary, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc., 7930 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Fairfax County, Virginia VA 22102-3302, United States of America .

**14. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

The company has not entered into any capital commitments contracted for but not provided in the financial statements at period end.

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

The company had jointly and severally guaranteed the value added tax liability of other companies within the same UK VAT group, which amounted to approximately £2.7m (2019: £6.1m) at 31 December 2020.