HLT Operating Mezz VII-F Limited STRATEGIC REPORT, REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

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HLT Operating Mezz VII-F Limited

COMPANY INFORMATION for the year ended 31 December 2014

DIRECTORS: Hilton Corporate Director LLC

Mr J Sleiffer Mr J Csar

SECRETARY: **HLT Secretary Limited**

REGISTERED OFFICE: Maple Court

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REGISTERED NUMBER: 06453933

Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place **AUDITORS:**

London SE1 2AF

STRATEGIC REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2014.

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

REVIEW OF BUSINESS

For the year ended 31 December 2014 the company has made a loss of £(1,337) (2013: £(836)).

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The company's principal activities are those of an investment holding company. As such the principal risks and uncertainties facing the company relate solely to the recoverability of the value of those investments.

The company monitors the fair value of all underlying assets to determine whether there are indicators that the carrying values of investments are not recoverable.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company will continue to operate as an investment holding company in the future.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Hilton Corporate Director LLC - Director

20 July 2015

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 December 2014

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2014.

DIVIDENDS

No dividends will be distributed for the year ended 31 December 2014.

DIRECTORS

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 January 2014 to the date of this report.

Hilton Corporate Director LLC Mr J Sleiffer

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

Mr T Ettelt - resigned 17 January 2014 Mr J Csar - appointed 20 January 2014

EVENTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

No significant post balance sheet events have occurred.

DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

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 236 of the Companies Act 2006.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing 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). 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.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS for the year ended 31 December 2014

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:

Hilton Corporate Director LLC - Director

20 July 2015

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HLT OPERATING MEZZ VII-F LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of HLT Operating Mezz VII-F Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. 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).

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 a Report of the Auditors 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 auditors

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. 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 Strategic Report and the Report of the Directors 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 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the 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.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE MEMBERS OF HLT OPERATING MEZZ VII-F LIMITED

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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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.

Rebecca Turner (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP

1 More London Place

London

SE1 2AF

20 July 2015

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
TURNOVER		-	-
Other operating items Administrative expenses		251 (1,588)	(41) (795)
OPERATING LOSS and LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	4	(1,337)	(836)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	<u> </u>	<u>-</u>
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(1,337) =====	(836)

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

None of the company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the current year or previous year.

TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the losses for the current year or previous year.

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
FIXED ASSETS	110103	- ~	~
Investments	7	1	1
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank		11	42
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(4,614)	(3,308)
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		(4,603)	(3,266)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT			
LIABILITIES		(4,602) ————————————————————————————————————	(3,265)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	9	1	1
Profit and loss account	10	(4,603)	(3,266)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	12	(4,602) ======	(3,265)

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 20 July 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:

Hilton Corporate Director LLC - Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2014

1. FUNDAMENTAL ACCOUNTING CONCEPT

The financial statements have been prepared under the going concern basis because the company's intermediate parent, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc, has indicated its willingness to provide adequate financial support to enable the company to meet its debts as they fall due.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

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

Fixed asset investments

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost. The carrying value of investments is reviewed for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

Foreign currencies

Day to day transactions in foreign currencies are recorded in sterling at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are translated at year end rates of exchange. Exchange gains or losses arising on translation are reported as part of the operating profit for the year.

3. STAFF COSTS

All operations of the company during the year ended 31 December 2014 have been undertaken by employees of other companies within Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. A charge of £- has been included in the financial statements in respect of their services (2013 - £-).

4. OPERATING LOSS

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2014 £	2013 £
Foreign exchange on currency loans	 (251)	41

The remuneration of the auditors is borne entirely by Hilton Worldwide Limited.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 December 2014

5. TAXATION

Although the company is registered in the UK, it is not resident in the UK for tax purposes as it is managed and controlled in Germany, which country has the taxing right by virtue of the UK and Germany Double Taxation Convention. There is therefore no UK corporation tax charge or credit to be recognised.

Factors affecting the current tax charge

The tax assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in Germany. The difference is explained below:

	2014 £	2013 £
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(1,337)	(836)
Profit/(Loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in Germany of 15% (2013: 15%)	(200)	(125)
Unutilised loss	238	119
Non-deductible expenses/ loss Non-taxable income and profit	(38)	6
Current tax charge/(credit)	-	

The tax loss of €1,970 (£1,588) for the period ended 31 December 2014 (2013: €937, £795), together with the loss of €3,908 (£3,280) brought forward, can be carried forward without time limit. However no deferred tax asset, estimated at £690 at 31 December 2014 (2013: £490), has been recognised in these accounts as it is not probable that these losses will be utilised in the foreseeable future.

6. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The directors received no remuneration in respect of their qualifying services as directors of the company.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Shares in group undertakings £
COST	
At 1 January 2014	
and 31 December 2014	1
	
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 December 2014	1
At 31 December 2013	1
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 December 2014

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Details of the investments in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

	Country of registration and operation	Principal activity	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held
		Investment holding		
HLT Operating Mezz VII-E Ltd.	England	company	Ordinary shares	100%
		Investment holding		10001
HLT Operating Mezz VII-D Ltd.	England	company	Ordinary shares	100%
		Investment holding		
HLT Operating Mezz VII-C Ltd.	England	company	Ordinary shares	100%
		Investment holding		
HLT Operating Mezz VII-B Ltd.	England	company	Ordinary shares	100%
		Investment holding		
HLT Operating Mezz VII-A Ltd.	England	company	Ordinary shares	100%
HLT Operating VII-A Borrower GmbH	Germany	Investment holding	Ordinary shares	100%
		company		
Hotelbetriebsgesellschaft Hochstrasse Gmbh	Germany	Hotel operator	Ordinary shares	100%

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as the company is consolidated into the financial statements of a larger group, for which the consolidated financial statements are publicly available, as disclosed in the below note "Parent undertaking, controlling party and consolidating entity".

In the opinion of the directors the aggregate value of the investment in subsidiary undertakings is not less than the amounts at which they are stated in these financial statements.

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2014	2013
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	4,614	3,308

Amounts owed to group undertakings are included in amounts due within one year where there are no specified repayment terms. 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 that in the ordinary course of business, repayment within such a timescale would not be required.

9. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, issue	ed and fully paid:			
Number:	Class:	Nominal	2014	2013
		value:	£	£
1	Ordinary shares	1	1	1

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 December 2014

10.	RESERVES	
-0.		Profit and loss account £
	At 1 January 2014 Deficit for the year	(3,266) (1,337)
	At 31 December 2014	(4,603)

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The company has taken advantage of provisions in FRS 8 which exempt wholly owned subsidiary undertakings within the Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc group, from disclosing transactions with other entities within the group. The ultimate parent undertaking at 31 December 2014, Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc has included the required related party disclosures within its group financial statements.

12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

Loss for the financial year	2014 £ (1,337)	2013 £ (836)
Net reduction of shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds	(1,337) (3,265)	(836) (2,429)
Closing shareholders' funds	(4,602)	(3,265)

13. PARENT UNDERTAKING, CONTROLLING PARTY AND CONSOLIDATING ENTITY

The company's immediate parent undertaking is HLT Operating Mezz VII-G Limited, an investment holding company registered in England.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party at 31 December 2014 is BH Hotels Holdco LLC, a company controlled by certain investment funds affiliated with the Blackstone Group L.P., a publicly owned entity registered in the United States of America.

The only undertaking for which group financial statements were prepared and into which the company is consolidated for 31 December 2014, was Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc (previously Hilton Worldwide, 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. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company has taken advantage of the provision within FRS 1 which exempts subsidiary undertakings, 90% or more whose voting rights are controlled within Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc, from preparing a cash flow statement as consolidated financial statements in which the company is included are publicly available.