

Bencasco Limited

Annual report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Registered number: 07765500



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption. The directors have also taken the exemption from preparing a Strategic report as the Company is small.

Principal activity

The Company holds an investment in Fairview New Homes Limited. There has not been any significant change in the Company's activities during the year.

Business review

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fairview New Homes Limited within the Fairview Holdings Limited group (the "Group").

No dividends were paid during the year or prior year.

Directors

The directors holding office during the year and to date, except where noted, are set out below.

M Blakey	
D J Cope	
R B Davies	(appointed 1 April 2019)
N M Dulcken	(resigned 31 December 2019)
S J Garrett	(appointed 23 October 2019)
G A Malton	
D L McCormack	(appointed 13 February 2019)
R J Paterson	(resigned 31 March 2020)
J A Spring	
M R Walker	
R K Williams	

Directors' indemnities

The Group had in place during the year qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors. These remain in force at the date of this report.

Going concern

The principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company, including the ability to remain a going concern, are inextricably linked to those affecting the Group. The directors believe that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts. Further details of the going concern basis are given in note 1b.

Events after the balance sheet date

For details regarding Covid-19 refer to note 1b.

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Directors' report (continued)

Auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the date of approval of this report confirm that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- he 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.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office as auditor and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed.

Approved by the Board and signed on its behalf:



R K Williams

Director

26 June 2020

Registered office:
50 Lancaster Road
Enfield. EN2 0BY

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Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws 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 FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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; 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.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Bencasco Limited

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements of Bencasco Limited (the 'Company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of the Company which comprise:

- the balance sheet; and
- the related notes 1 to 12.

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 FRS102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 auditor's 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 Financial Reporting Council's (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

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Bencasco Limited (continued)

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 is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

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 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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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 and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

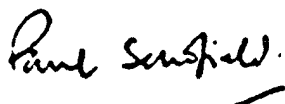
We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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Independent auditor's report to the members of Bencasco Limited (continued)

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 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.



Paul Schofield, FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Statutory Auditor
Cambridge, United Kingdom

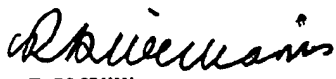
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Balance sheet 31 December 2019

	Note	2019 £	2018 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	1,511,194	1,511,194
Current assets			
Debtors:			
Due within one year	7	17,980	17,980
Net current assets		17,980	17,980
Net assets		1,529,174	1,529,174
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	8	1,522,800	1,522,800
Profit and loss account	8	6,374	6,374
Shareholder's funds		1,529,174	1,529,174

The financial statements of Bencasco Limited (registered number 07765500) were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 26 June 2020. They were signed on its behalf by:


R K Williams
Director

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Notes to the financial statements Year ended 31 December 2019

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

a. General information and basis of accounting

Bencasco Limited is a private company, limited by shares, incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and is registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given on page 2. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' report on page 1.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The functional currency of Bencasco Limited is considered to be pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates.

The financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not as a group. The Company is exempt from the obligations to prepare and deliver group accounts under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 as it is a greater than 50% owned subsidiary undertaking of Fairview Holdings Limited and is included in the parent company's consolidated accounts, which are available from 50 Lancaster Road, Enfield, EN2 0BY.

No statement of comprehensive income is presented with these financial statement because the Company has not received any income, incurred any expenditure or recognised any gains or losses during the current or preceding year. No statement of changes in equity has been presented as there have been no movements in equity during the current or preceding year.

Bencasco Limited meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and has therefore taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available to it. Exemptions have been taken in relation to financial instruments, presentation of a cash flow statement, intra-group transactions and remuneration of key management personnel.

b. Going concern basis

The Company's business activities together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Directors' report on page 1.

As stated in the Directors' report the principal risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are inextricably linked to those affecting the Group.

Before Covid-19 started to impact the group, performance was in line with our expectations for both sales volumes and prices. The impact of Government actions to control the virus led to the phased reduction in activity across our sites and the inability of our customer base to view, reserve and complete home purchases as usual. Whilst sales volumes during the lockdown period have fallen as a result, prices have remained on plan. Our net borrowing position is currently in line with our plan and broadly consistent with the year end.

Recent Government guidelines have allowed our sites and show units/sales offices to re-open and to increase construction capacity on our sites to support our trading assumptions.

The Group regularly updates its trading and financial projections, which make allowance for anticipated market conditions. In preparing the current projections the directors have considered what we believe to be a reasonably likely scenario incorporating the impact of Covid-19 and Government actions to control the virus, which together are having a material impact on all aspects of residential development leading to delays in planning, construction and sales.

The Directors have considerable discretion over the Group's operational commitments, a limited overhead base and a largely subcontract workforce. The Directors have taken action to tighten control over the purchase of new land and commitment of development expenditure. The Directors also have discretion over the payment of future corporate bonuses.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) **Year ended 31 December 2019**

1. Accounting policies (continued)

b. Going concern basis (continued)

In addition to projections based on the anticipated market conditions described above, the directors have also considered a downside scenario further delaying the timing and limiting the extent of the recovery of build and sales volumes and making allowance for possible reductions in sales prices. In preparing the projections, the Directors have considered the ability of customers to secure mortgage funding and note that the Help to Buy scheme allows our customer base access to the market and mortgage finance.

These, together with the baseline projections, show that the Group will be able to work within the terms and covenants of its committed borrowing facilities that run through to October 2024.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Group, and therefore the Company, have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

c. Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

(i) Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a finance transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the balance sheet when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Group intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

c. Financial instruments (continued)

(i) Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that are classified as payable or receivable within one year and which meet the above conditions are measured at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

(ii) Investments

Investments are measured at cost less provision for any impairment.

(iii) Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the fair value of cash or other resources received or receivable, net of direct issue costs.

e. Impairment of assets

Assets, other than those measured at fair value, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss as described below.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) **Year ended 31 December 2019**

1. Accounting policies (continued)

e. Impairment of assets (continued)

Non-financial assets

An asset is impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after initial recognition, the estimated recoverable value of the asset has been reduced. The recoverable amount of an asset is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

Financial assets

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of an impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

For financial assets carried at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the best estimate of the amount that would be received for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Where indicators exist for a decrease in impairment loss, and the decrease can be related objectively to an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the prior impairment loss is tested to determine reversal. An impairment loss is reversed on an individual impaired financial asset to the extent that the revised recoverable value does not lead to a revised carrying amount higher than the carrying value had no impairment been recognised.

f. 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 Group'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.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as 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 using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the Group intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset only if: a) the Company has a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities; and b) the deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority on either the same taxable entity or different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realise the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously, in each future period in which significant amounts of deferred tax liabilities or assets are expected to be settled or recovered.

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Notes to the financial statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2019

2. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, which are described in note 1, 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 to be 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.

Critical judgements in applying the Company's accounting policies

The following is the critical judgement that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that has the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Valuation of investments

The directors are required to determine whether the recoverable value of investments are in excess of their carrying value.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors do not consider there to be any key sources of estimation uncertainty.

3. Auditor's remuneration

Auditor's fees for the audit of the Company's financial statements of £1,100 (2018: £1,000) have been borne by another Group company. There were no non-audit fees paid to the Company's auditor during the current or preceding year.

4. Directors' remuneration and transactions

The Company had no employees during the current or preceding year, other than directors. None of the directors received any emoluments or other benefits during the current or preceding year.

5. Deferred tax

A deferred tax asset of £2,000 (2018: £2,000) in respect of unrelieved tax losses of £10,000 (2018: £10,000) has not been recognised due to uncertainty in the amount and timing of taxable profits.

6. Investments

	2019 £	2018 £
Investment in Fairview New Homes Limited – cost at 1 January 2018, 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2019	<u>1,511,194</u>	<u>1,511,194</u>

The Company holds 1,209,000 shares in Fairview New Homes Limited (2018: 1,209,000), representing 10.075% of the issued Ordinary share capital (2018: 10.075%).

7. Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by group companies		
– unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand	<u>17,980</u>	<u>17,980</u>

Amounts owed by subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

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8. Called-up share capital and reserves

	2019	2018
	£	£
Allotted, called-up and fully paid:		
1,522,800 Ordinary Shares of £1 each	<u>1,522,800</u>	<u>1,522,800</u>

The Company has one class of ordinary shares which carry no right to fixed income.

The Company's other reserve is as follows:

The profit and loss reserve represents cumulative profits or losses net of dividends paid and other adjustments.

9. Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2019 the Company had given a guarantee in respect of bank loan facilities totalling £90 million (2018: £130 million) available to Fairview New Homes Limited, the immediate parent company and another group company. There was £25 million drawn under bank facilities at 31 December 2019 (2018: £63 million).

10. Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by paragraph 33.1A of FRS 102 not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the Group. There were no other related party transactions.

11. Controlling party

At 31 December 2019 the immediate and ultimate parent company was Fairview Holdings Limited, a company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales at 50 Lancaster Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0BY. The ultimate controlling party was the Fairview Holdings Limited Employee Benefit Trust.

The largest and smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts to 31 December 2019 are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is Fairview Holdings Limited. Copies of the group accounts may be obtained from the registered address, 50 Lancaster Road, Enfield, Middlesex EN2 0BY.

12. Events after the balance sheet date

The directors have considered the impact of Covid-19 (see note 1b).