# Financial Statements Gusto Restaurants UK Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2016

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Registered number: 08722603

### Company Information

**Directors** 

S J Crimes

A J Griffin J K Roberts

**Registered number** 

08722603

**Registered office** 

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Independent auditor

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Solicitors

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# Strategic Report For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### **Business review**

The company is an intermediate holding company for Gusto Restaurants Limited and has not traded as such in the current year or previous period.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

#### Financial risk

The company uses various financial instruments which include loan notes and funding from group companies. The following risks have been identified within the company.

#### Interest rate risk

The company finances its operations through loan notes. The directors therefore consider the company's exposure to interest rate fluctuation to be minimal.

#### Liquidity risk

The company seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to invest cash assets safely and profitably. Short-term flexibility is achieved by funding from group companies.

#### Other risk

Management monitor other risks and uncertainties within the business, these included competition, restaurant performance and current economic conditions.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

S J Crimes

Director
Date: 2012

# Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were:

T A Bacon (passed away 30 April 2016)

S J Crimes

A J Griffin

J K Roberts

#### **Results and dividends**

The loss for the year, after taxation, amounted to £1,520 thousand (2015 - loss £1,457 thousand).

The directors have not recommended payment of a dividend in either the current year or previous period.

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

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 '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 for the Company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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.

#### Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Directors' Report For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### Post balance sheet events

There have been no significant events affecting the Company since the year end.

#### **Auditor**

The auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf.

S J Crimes
Director

Director Date: 20/1/16



### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Gusto Restaurants UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Gusto Restaurants UK Limited for the year ended 31 March 2016, which comprise the Statement of income and retained earnings, the Statement of financial position 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard' applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement as set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

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

#### **Opinion on financial statements**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.



### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Gusto Restaurants UK Limited

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Carl Williams (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP Statutory Auditor Chartered Accountants

Manchester, Date: 2016

# Statement of Income and Retained Earnings For the year ended 31 March 2016

	Note	31 March 2016 £000	8 October 2013 - 31 March 2015 £000
Administrative expenses	-	(2)	(1)
Operating loss	3	(2)	(1)
Interest payable and expenses	4 -	(1,565)	(1,515)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(1,567)	(1,516)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	5	47	59
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Loss after tax	-	(1,520)	(1,457)
Retained earnings at the beginning of the year	_	(1,457)	-
	•	(1,457)	-
Loss for the year		(1,520)	(1,457)
Retained earnings at the end of the year	_	(2,977)	(1,457)

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2016 or 2015 other than those included in the statement of income and retained earnings.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

# Statement of Financial Position As at 31 March 2016

	Note	2016 £000	2015 £000
Fixed assets			
Investments	6	9,163	9,163
•		9,163	9,163
Current assets			
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	7 _	3,694	3,831
	_	3,694	3,831
Total assets less current liabilities		12,857	12,994
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(15,351)	(13,968)
Net assets	_	(2,494)	(974)
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	483	483
Profit and loss account	13	(2,977)	(1,457)
Shareholders' funds	=	(2,494)	(974)

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:

S J Crimes
Director
Date: 20 7 11

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form part of these financial statements.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Company information

Buttercup Bidco Limited is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and its registered office is 98 King Street, Knutsford, Cheshire, WA16 6HQ. The principal activity of the company during the year was the management activities of a holding company.

#### 1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards, including 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland' ('FRS 102') and with the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

This is the first year in which the financial statements have been prepared under FRS 102. Information on the impact of first-time adoption of FRS 102 is given in note 18.

The financial statements are presented in Sterling (£).

The individual accounts of Buttercup Bidco Limited have also adopted the disclosure exemption in the requirement to present a statement of cash flows and related notes.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

#### 1.3 Going concern

The company's objectives, policies and processes for managing its capital, its financial risk management objectives, details of its financial instruments and hedging activities, and its exposure to credit risk and liquidity risk are described in the Strategic Report on page 2. In particular, the Company is financed by loans form its immediate parent company Gusto Restaurants Group Limited. Gusto Restaurants Group Limited is financed by a combination of bank borrowings and loan notes to Directors and The Restaurant Group Plc, which owns 37.4% of the issued share capital of the company's ultimate parent undertaking. Accordingly, the company has given an unlimited cross guarantee in relation to these bank borrowings.

The company's forecasts and projections which take into account reasonable possible changes in trading performance show that the company will be able to operate comfortably within the level of the current facilities and the directors have a reasonable expectation that the facility will continue to be renewed following the next renewal date of 17 April 2019.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less any accumulated impairment.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.5 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

#### 1.6 Financial instruments

The Company only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties, loans to related parties and investments in non-puttable ordinary shares.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables or receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings..

For financial assets measured at amortised cost, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. If a financial asset has a variable interest rate, the discount rate for measuring any impairment loss is the current effective interest rate determined under the contract.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate of the recoverable amount, which is an approximation of the amount that the Company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the reporting date.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Statement of financial position when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### 1.7 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to the statement of income and retained earnings over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Issue costs are initially recognised as a reduction in the proceeds of the associated capital instrument.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### 1.8 Provisions for liabilities

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Company a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the statement of income and retained earnings in the year that the Company becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the Statement of financial position date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Statement of financial position.

#### 1.9 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the statement of income and retained earnings, except that a change attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the Statement of financial position date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits; and
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

#### 2. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The items in the financial statements where these judgements and estimates have been made include:

- amortisation of debt issue costs.

# Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 3. Operating loss

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During the year, no director received any emoluments (2015 - £NIL).

#### 4. Interest payable and similar charges

	31 March 2016 £000	8 October 2013 - 31 March 2015 £000
Interest payable on loan notes	1,279	1,229
Amortisation of debt issue costs	286	286
	1,565	1,515
Taxation		
	31 March 2016 £000	8 October 2013 - 31 March 2015 £000
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(47)	(59)
Total deferred tax	(47)	(59)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	(47)	(59)

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year/period

There were no factors that affected the tax charge for the year/period which has been calculated on the profits on ordinary activities before tax at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20% (2015 - 21%).

### Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 6. Fixed asset investments

	Investments in subsidiary companies
•	£000
Cost or valuation	
At 1 April 2015	9,163
At 31 March 2016	9,163
Net book value	
At 31 March 2016	9,163
At 31 March 2015	9,163

#### Subsidiary undertakings

The following were subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

Name	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	Holding	Principal activity
Gusto Restaurants Limited	United Kingdom	Ordinary	100%	Restauranteurs

#### 7. Debtors

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	3,587	3,770
Prepayments and accrued income	· · -	. 2
Deferred taxation	106	59
	3,693	3,831

# Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Loan notes	15,351	13,968
	15,351	13,968

The 8.5% loan notes were issued on 17 April 2014 by Palatine Equity LLP totalling £8,823,000 and are redeemable in 2019. The loan notes are secured by a debenture from the company over all of its assets, undertakings and a charge of th shares in each of its subsidiaries.

The 11% loan notes were issued on 17 April 2014 by Beechbrook Capital LLP totalling £3,300,000 and are redeemable in 2019. The loan notes are secured by a debenture from the company over all of its assets, undertakings and a charge over the shares in each of its subsidiaries.

The 8% loan notes were issued on 17 April 2014 by the management of the company totalling £1,997,000 and are redeemable in 2019. The loan notes are secured by a debenture from the company over all of its assets, undertakings and a charge over the shares in each of its subsidiaries.

Loan interest for the three types of loan notes has been included totalling £2,089,000 at 31 March 2016 (2015: £992,000).

Total debt issue costs totalling £1,430,000 have been offset against the loan notes and are amortised over the period of the loan note facilities.

#### 9. Loans

Analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Amounts falling due 2-5 years		
Loan notes	15,351	13,968

### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 10. Financial instruments

	2016 £000	2015 £000
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at amortised cost	3,587	3,770
	3,587	3,770
Financial liabilities		-
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	(15,351)	(13,968)
	(15,351)	(13,968)

Financial assets measured at amortised cost comprise amounts due to group undertakings.

Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost comprise loan notes.

#### 11. Deferred tax

			Deferred tax
	At 1 April 2015		59
	Charged to consolidated statement of income		47
		•	106
	The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:		
		2016	2015
		£000	£000
	Accelerated capital allowances	106	106
		106	106
12.	Share capital		
		2016	2015
		£000	£000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	482,981 Ordinary shares of £1 each	483	483
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#### Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 March 2016

#### 13. Reserves

Called up share capital - represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Profit and loss account - the profit and loss account includes all current and prior period retained losses.

#### 14. Contingent liabilities

As at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2015, the directors have confirmed that the company had no contingent liabilities.

#### 15. Capital commitments

As at 31 March 2016 and 31 March 2015, the directors have confirmed that the company had no capital commitments.

#### 16. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 102 (section 33) "Related Party Disclosure" and has not disclosed transactions with group undertakings where the company is a 100% subsidiary.

#### 17. Controlling party

The immediate parent undertaking of the company is Gusto Restaurants Group Limited.

The smallest and largest group of undertakings for which group accounts have been drawn up is that headed by Gusto Restaurants Group Limited. Copies of the group financial statements can be obtained from Companies House.

#### 18. First time adoption of FRS 102

The policies applied under the entity's previous accounting framework are not materially different to FRS 102 and have not impacted on equity or profit or loss.