Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc

Annual report and financial statements Registered Number 08826541 Year ended 31 March 2022



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Strategic Report

The directors present their strategic report for the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Principal activity

The principal activity of the Company during the year was acting as an intermediate holding company, holding external debt on behalf of the group of companies owned by Manchester Airports Holdings Limited (the 'Group'), as well as back-to-back intercompany loans with Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc, which holds the Group's external listed bonds. This is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

Business review and future outlook

The results for the year are set out on page 15. During the year the Company made a profit before tax of £5,000 (2021: profit of £5,000). At the year end the Company had net assets of £48,000 (2021: £43,000).

Manchester Airports Holdings Limited (MAHL) and its subsidiaries (including the Company) are referred to below as 'MAG' or 'the Group'.

Impact and recovery from COVID-19

For the second consecutive year, this report paints a picture of an aviation sector that was severely impacted by the international travel restrictions introduced in response to the coronavirus pandemic. As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the aviation industry have fluctuated, at MAG we have balanced our ability to manage our costs and liquidity against maintaining our infrastructure to enable future growth.

At the start of April 2021, all non-essential travel to and from the UK was prohibited, with many of the Group's most important markets effectively closed. We were joined by others in our industry in calling for a risk-based approach to restrictions, so that travel to different markets could be opened up depending on factors such as case rates and vaccination levels.

The Government's Global Travel Taskforce responded to this with its "traffic light system," which categorised countries as red, amber or green, with different restrictions applying in each case. While this appeared a positive development, a succession of changes – both to the categories themselves and to the countries within each designation – continued to cause uncertainty for the industry and consumers.

This meant that, for long periods of this year, passenger volumes remained significantly lower than they were prepandemic, with British travellers often subject to more stringent controls than those experienced in other countries. These measures resulted in a slower recovery in demand over Summer 2021 compared to most European countries.

However, the emergence and rapid spread of the Omicron variant in November hindered the sector's recovery once more, with the temporary re-introduction of complex, multi-stage testing requirements for people travelling to the UK. This change dramatically reduced passenger volumes and impacted our ability to plan ahead for a meaningful recovery.

Faced with these challenges, we were at the forefront of research to demonstrate the ineffectiveness of testing and quarantine requirements in preventing the spread of new variants, and highlight the significant economic impact caused by holding back the recovery of aviation.

The Government recognised these findings when it removed the remaining restrictions for fully vaccinated passengers at the turn of the calendar year, while also indicating such controls will only be re-introduced in exceptional circumstances.

This development sparked a rapid return of demand to the market, with passenger numbers rising sharply towards the end of the financial year. That trend has continued into the new period, with traffic across the Group in April 2022 reaching 80% of 2019 levels, rising to 85% in July 2022.

Like all airports across the UK, it has been challenging to build back our staffing levels quickly enough to meet this returning demand. This has meant we have at times seen disruption at some of our airports. But our major recruitment campaigns at all three Group airports are delivering results, and we expect to have the resources we need in place ahead of the busy summer season.

Business review and future outlook (continued)

Impact and recovery from COVID-19 (continued)

The fact this improved outlook only materialised in the final month of the financial year means it has had limited impact on the performance of the Group during the period covered by this report.

Passenger volumes across the Group in FY22 were 20.5m. While this was up on the 6.3m served in FY21, it was still significantly lower than the 59.6m recorded in FY20.

The past two years have been exceptionally difficult and we know that our recovery over the coming months will not be without its challenges. Our immediate focus is on rebuilding resource in our operation but we cannot ignore the strategic risks presented by external factors such as geopolitical stability and the war in Ukraine, the growing cost of living crisis here in the UK, and the relative insecurity of energy and fuel supplies. We are monitoring these and other risks closely to ensure we are ready for any further disruption we might face in due course.

Climate change

With climate change the defining issue of our time, it is particularly notable that MAG has been named a Financial Times European Climate Leader for 2021 and 2022, recognising our longstanding commitment to decarbonise our business and the wider aviation industry.

Over the last 12 months we have continued to demonstrate our commitment to delivering our five-year CSR Strategy – "Working together for a brighter future". Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Group has made progress towards decarbonising our business and the wider aviation industry, ensured that education and training resources remained accessible, and provided support to our local communities when they needed it most.

Throughout this year, we have maintained our focus on building a sustainable future for our business. We remain committed to decarbonising aviation and are on track to achieve our goal of net zero for our operations by 2038 ahead of the Governments 2050 goal.

MAG continues to meet the 'comprehensive' standard for disclosures established by the Global Reporting Initiative, including the publication of a new climate data compendium. This report has also been enhanced, responding to recommendations from the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), demonstrating the focus MAG places on the risks posed by climate change and ensuring MAG's strategic and CSR reporting reflect the changes to environmental, social and governance (ESG) needs of investors. The Task Force on Climate-Related Finance Disclosure can be found on pages 75 and 76 in the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited annual report.

Our mature understanding of physical climate risks directly informs asset standards and infrastructure planning. Further work to consider the financial implications of climate change will position MAG well as economies more generally decarbonise.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The key risks faced by the Company are aligned with those of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The key risks for the Company are Brexit and Climate change. For more details of these risks, and how they are managed please refer to pages 69 to 74 of the strategic report in the annual report and accounts for Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The directors have not identified any other significant risks for the Company.

Key performance indicators ('KPIs')

Management have identified the relevant key performance indicator for the Company to be profit before taxation. For the group consolidated key performance indicators please refer to the strategic report in the annual report and accounts for Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The directors have not used any additional KPIs for the Company.

Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited achieved the following results against KPIs in the year:

Profit before tax	5	5
	£000£	£000
	2022	2021

Statement by the Directors in Performance of their Statutory Duties in Accordance with section 172(1) Companies Act 2006

Section 172(1) of the Companies Act 2006 requires directors to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its stakeholders and to achieve the Company's purpose. The Board of Directors are aware of and consider they have acted in accordance with their statutory duties under s172(1) of the Companies Act 2006. Consistent with these duties, the directors have acted in good faith, seeking to promote the long-term success of the Company for the benefit of shareholders and in so doing have had regard to their duties to:

- the likely consequences of any decisions in the long-term;
- the interests of the Company's employees;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and environment;
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between shareholders of the Company.

The Company's key stakeholders, and our interaction with them, is summarised below.

Stakeholder	Why they matter to MAG	What matters to them	How the Board interacts
Shareholders	Our shareholders provide the	Our shareholders have invested	Shareholders are directly represented
	equity finance necessary to	in the long-term success of	on the Board and oversee the
ł	support the operation and	MAG. In return they seek	appointment of Non-Executive
	future development of the	predictable and sustainable	Directors. They receive regular
	business.	returns on their investment.	reports from the management team on
			all aspects of the business.
	Shareholders also appoint Non-	Our shareholders require high	Shareholders receive regular reports
	Executive Directors who are	standards of governance,	from the CSR Committee, which
	critical to overall governance	responsible business practices	considers responsible business
Ì	and make a valuable	and transparent disclosure of	practices, including environmental
	contribution to the working of	information to inform their	and community impacts, health,
	the Board.	decision making.	safety and wellbeing as well as
		·	equity, diversity and inclusivity
}			(ED&I).
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Statement by the Directors in Performance of their Statutory Duties in Accordance with section 172(1) Companies Act 2006 (continued)

Stakeholder	Why they matter to MAG	What matters to them	How the Board interacts
Colleagues	Colleagues are our greatest asset. They make our strategy a reality and deliver services to our customers. Their energy and ideas are critical to the continued innovation and improvement of the services we offer.	Our colleagues want a workplace that is safe, inclusive and offers them opportunities to develop their career. They expect to be treated fairly and to be rewarded appropriately for their contribution to the success of the company. Colleagues want to be a part of the decisions that affect them and to be supported by effective systems of internal communication.	The Board receives regular reports on safety matters and scrutinises safety performance. The CSR Committee, which is attended by the Chief People Officer, provides an opportunity for workplace issues, including fair pay, equality, diversity and inclusion to be discussed.
Passengers	Passengers provide much of our income. They are the foundation for our business. It is important that, working with our airline partners, we provide an appropriate range of services to meet their transport needs.	Our customers want our airports to be accessible; to provide a safe, secure, clean and welcoming environment, and to experience an efficient service.	The Board receives regular reports on passenger feedback, including our use of the Net Promoter Score. The Board's consideration of passenger experience includes detailed reports on the service provided to passengers who require additional support to access our services.
Communities and the environment	our operations have greatest impact on communities closest to our airports, though some of the impacts of our operations,	airports. They expect us to take all reasonable steps to reduce local impacts, including noise and emissions. Communities are concerned by climate change and expect us to progressively reduce the	The Board has established the CSR Committee to allow extensive discussion of these issues. The Board regularly considers environmental impacts, including climate risks and considers the views of local communities through an independently facilitated materiality survey.

Statement by the Directors in Performance of their Statutory Duties in Accordance with section 172(1) Companies Act 2006 (continued)

Stakeholder	Why they matter to MAG	What matters to them	How the Board interacts
Customers,	We deliver our services with	Our customers, partners and	We work collaboratively including
partners and	the support of our airline	suppliers want to work with us to	one-to-one key account management
suppliers	customers, business partners	maximise mutual benefit.	meetings with all our business
	and suppliers. Having effective		partners - including airlines, retailers,
	relationships with them		tenants and aviation service partners.
	supports the long-term success		Our Airport Consultative Committees
	of our businesses and		bring these customer groups together
	maximises mutual benefit.		with passenger and community
			representatives, whilst our Airport
	It is important that those that		Operator Committees bring airlines
1	we work with adopt responsible		together to consider operational
	and sustainable practices, to		practices and management policies.
	minimise the risk to our		Significant issues are drawn to the
	operations and reputation.		attention of the Board and associated
			risks are captured in our risk register.
			Our approach to procurement is
			accredited to the Corporate
			Certification Standard of the
			Chartered Institute of Procurement
			and Supply. This incorporates
			practices to make responsible
			procurement decisions which treat
			suppliers fairly, mitigate modern
			slavery, and ensure prompt payment.
			The Board receives regular reports on
			the management of the risks of
			modern slavery.
			·
1 1	0	Community	The Decides and the state of th
Industry,	Our operations are highly	Government and industry	The Board receives regular updates
regulatory	regulated. The policy and	regulators seek to work closely	on government policy and oversees
bodies,	regulatory framework is an	with industry partners and their associations to ensure that the	our work to engage with government,
government	important factor that		government agencies and regulatory
and	determines how we operate	policy and regulatory framework	bodies to help formulate and
government	including ensuring that we	is informed by and takes full	implement their policies.
agencies	operate safely and securely,	account of relevant issues.	
	that competition is fair and that		
	our environmental impacts are		
	within acceptable limits.		

By order of the Board

J Bramall
Director

1 September 2022

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Directors' report

The directors present their directors' report and audited financial statements for the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc achieved the following results against KPIs in the period:

2021	2022
£000	£000
5	5

Profit/(loss) before taxation

Directors

The directors who held office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were as follows:

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K O'Toole

J Bramall

Non - compliance with listed securities

Non-compliance with the listed securities requirements could result in sanctions or fines to the business, reputational damage with investors, and it could impact the ability to re-finance in the future. The risk is mitigated by having an Investor Engagement Plan in place, and through regular briefings to the Executive Committee undertaken by the Corporate Finance Director.

Corporate governance statement

The Company is a member of MAG and, as such, shares with all other members of that Group the internal control and risk management systems in relation to financial reporting processes. The MAHL audit committee, which has at least one independent member and at least one competent in accounting:

- (i) monitors the financial reporting processes of MAG;
- (ii) monitors the effectiveness of internal control, internal audit, and risk management systems in each case throughout MAG;
- (iii) monitors the statutory audit of the annual and consolidated accounts of MAHL; and
- (iv) reviews and monitors the independence of the statutory auditor, and in particular the provision of additional services to the members of MAG.

The directors of the Company routinely attend meetings of the MAHL audit committee. In all the circumstances, the directors believe it is appropriate for reliance to be placed on the work of that audit committee relative to the Company's financial reporting processes, internal controls and risk management, and the quality and independence of its statutory auditor. The board of directors is made up of Executive and Non-Executive Directors which has established Audit, Corporate Social Responsibility and Remuneration Committees, all which have specific delegated authorities.

Further information in relation to the internal control and risk management systems affecting financial reporting processes in MAG appears in the annual report and accounts of MAHL for the year ended 31 March 2022. The group accounts are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary at Olympic House, Manchester Airport, Manchester M90 1QX, or via the website at www.magairports.com.

Directors' report (continued)

Research and development

The Company did not incur any research and development expenditure during the year (2021: £nil).

Political contributions

The Company made no political donations or incurred any political expenditure during the year (2021: £nil).

Financial risk management

The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks. The Company's funding, liquidity and exposure to interest rate risks are managed by the Group's treasury function.

Treasury operations are conducted within a framework of policies, which are approved and subsequently monitored by the Board. These include guidelines on funding, interest rate risk management and counterparty risk management.

For more details of the management of these risks please refer to note 26 on page 144 of the annual report and accounts for Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The directors have not identified any additional risks specific to this Company.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared a going concern assessment for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the Company will have sufficient funds, through funding from its ultimate parent company, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

Those forecasts are dependent on Manchester Airports Holdings Limited providing additional financial support during that period. Manchester Airports Holdings Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company for the period covered by the forecasts. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

However, continued support is dependent on the ability of the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group being able to settle its liabilities as they fall due. The directors of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited have concluded that a material uncertainty exists over the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Under the severe but plausible downside scenario, the leverage test in March 2023 would be expected to breach the Group's covenant terms when tested. In such an event MAG would engage with its secured creditors in order to look to obtain further covenant waivers or amendments.

Based on their enquiries the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. However, these circumstances represent a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, to continue realising its assets and discharging its liabilities in the normal course of business. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the Basis of Preparation being inappropriate.

Dividend

A dividend of £nil (2021: £nil) was declared and paid in the year.

Directors' report (continued)

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Statement by the Directors in Performance of their Statutory Duties in Accordance with section 172(1) Companies Act 2006

The Board of Directors are aware of and consider they have acted in accordance with their statutory duties under s172(1) of the Companies Act 2006. Consistent with these duties, the directors have acted in good faith, seeking to promote the long-term success of the Company for the benefit of shareholders and in so doing have had regard to their duties to:

- the likely consequences of any decisions in the long-term;
- the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others;
- the impact of the Company's operations on the community and environment;
- the desirability of the Company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct; and
- the need to act fairly as between shareholders of the Company.

Independent auditor

During the year MAG undertook a tender for the audit of its group annual report and accounts and subsidiary statutory accounts subject to audit, with the most recent previous tender exercise being performed in 2017. A written resolution relating to the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as statutory auditor for the year ending 31 March 2023, was put before the Company's Board on 15th February 2022 and was duly approved.

By order of the Board

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Director

1 September 2022

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Statement of directors' responsibilities relating to the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements

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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 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 and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Independent auditor's report to the members of Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc

1 Our audit opinion is unmodified

We have audited the financial statements of Manchester Airport Group Funding PLC ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Income Statement and Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Changes in Equity, and the related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2022 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 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.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion. Our audit opinion is consistent with our report to the audit committee.

We were first appointed as auditor by the directors soon after the Company was incorporated on 27 December 2013. The period of total uninterrupted engagement is for the eight financial years ended 31 March 2022. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and we remain independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard as applied to public interest entities. No non-audit services prohibited by that standard were provided.

2 Material uncertainty related to going concern

	The Risk	Our Response
Going concern	Disclosure quality	Our procedures included:
We draw attention to note 1 to the financial statements which indicates that the Company's ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on its ultimate Parent Company, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited continuing as a going concern. These events and conditions, along with the other matters explained in note 1, constitute a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.	The financial statements explain how the Board has formed a judgement that it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of preparation for the Company. That judgement is based on an	Funding Assessment We challenged the Directors on whether the ultimate parent company, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, has the ability and intention of providing financial support to the Company. This included assessing the level of cash reserves available to the ultimate parent company and understanding the economic rationale for providing financial support. Assessing transparency Considering whether the going concern disclosure in note 1 to the financial statements gives a full and accurate description of the Directors' assessment of going concern, including the identified risks, dependencies and related sensitivities. Our results We found the going concern disclosure in note 1 with a material uncertainty to be Acceptable (2021 result: acceptable).

3 Other key audit matters: including our assessment of risks of material misstatement

There are no other key audit matters to report.

4 Our application of materiality and an overview of the scope of our audit

Materiality for the financial statements as a whole was set at £7.2m (2021: £7.5m), determined with reference to a benchmark of total assets of £1,438.3m (2021: £1,519.0m), of which it represents 0.5% (2021: 0.5%).

We agreed to report to the Audit Committee of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited any corrected or uncorrected identified misstatements exceeding £0.3m (2021: £0.3m), in addition to other identified misstatements that warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

Our audit of the Company was undertaken to the materiality level specified above and was all performed at the Company's head office in Manchester.

5 Going concern basis of preparation

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

An explanation of how we evaluated management's assessment of going concern is set out in section 2 of our report.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we found the going concern disclosure in note 1 to be acceptable.

6 Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations - ability to detect

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included enquiring of directors and inspection of policy documentation as to the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited's policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud that apply to this Group Company as well as enquiring whether the directors have knowledge of any actual, suspected, or alleged fraud.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that Company management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries and the risk of bias in accounting estimates and judgements such as going concern and recoverability of amounts owed by group undertakings. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because there are no revenue transactions.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

Further detail in respect of going concern and the recoverability of amounts owed by group undertakings are set out in the key audit matter disclosures in section 2 and 3 of this report.

We performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries and other adjustments to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included those posted to treasury with an opposing unusual account.
- · Assessing significant accounting estimates for bias.

Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, through discussion with the directors (as required by auditing standards) and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

The Company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

This Company, as a non-trading Company, is not subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements.

Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations

7 We have nothing to report on the other information in the Annual Report

The directors are responsible for the other information presented in the annual report together with the financial statements. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the directors' report and other information, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge.

Based solely on our work on the other information:

- · we have not identified material misstatements in those reports;
- in our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

8 We have nothing to report on the other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

9 Respective responsibilities

Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 9, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements including being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

9 Respective responsibilities (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

These limited procedures did not identify actual or suspected non-compliance.

10 The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Michael Froom (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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1 September 2022

Income statement and other comprehensive income

for the year ended 31 March 2022

for the year ended 31 March 2022	Note	2022	2021
		£000	£000
Revenue		-	- ,
Operating costs	2-3	-	-
Operating profit		-	-
Interest receivable	5	56,817	56,558
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(56,812)	(56,553)
Profit before tax		5	. 5
Taxation		_	
Profit for the financial year		5	5
Other comprehensive income for the year net of tax		<u>.</u>	
Total comprehensive income for the financial year		5	5

The results presented above are all derived from the Company's continuing operations.

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Statement of financial position

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at 31 March 2022					
	Note	2022	2022	2021	2021
		£000	£000	£000	£000
Non-current assets					
Trade and other receivables	7		1,438,213		1,438,168
Trade and other receivables	,	,	1,438,213		1,438,168
Current Assets			, , , , ,		, ,
Trade and other receivables	8	-		80,758	
Cash at bank and on hand		62		50	
	-	62		80,808	
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	9 _	(253)		(80,765)	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			(191)		43
Total assets less current liabilities			1,438,022		1,438,211
Non-current liabilites	10-11		(1,437,974)		(1,438,168)
Net assets			48		43
			70		· -
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Capital & Reserves					
Capital & Reserves Called up share capital	. 12		50		50
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Called up share capital			50		50

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These financial statements of Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc, registered number 08826541, were approved by the board of directors on 1 September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Bramall

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Director

Statement of changes in equity

at 31 March 2022

	Called up share capital £000	Retained earnings	Total shareholders' funds £000
Balance at 1 April 2021	50	(7)	43
Total comprehensive income for the year Profit for the year	- ,	5	5
Total comprehensive income for the year	<u>-</u>	5	5
Balance at 31 March 2022	50	(2)	48
	Called up share capital	Retained earnings	Total shareholders' funds
	€000	£000	£000
Balance at 1 April 2020 Total comprehensive income for the year	50	(12)	38
	50	(12)	
Total comprehensive income for the year	- -	. ,	38

The notes on pages 18 to 27 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Manchester Airport Group Funding Plc (the 'Company') is a company incorporated, registered and domiciled in England and Wales in the UK. The registered number is 08826541 and the registered address is 6th Floor, Olympic House, Manchester Airport, Manchester, M90 1QX.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard* applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ('FRS 102'). The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. All amounts in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest £1,000.

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, includes the Company in its consolidated financial statements. The consolidated financial statements of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirement of the Companies Act 2006, are available to the public, and may be obtained from 6th Floor, Olympic House, Manchester Airport, Manchester, M90 1QX

In these financial statements, the Company is considered to be a qualifying entity (for the purposes of this FRS) and has applied the exemptions available under FRS 102 relating to the following disclosures:

- Reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to end of the year;
- Cash Flow Statement and related notes; and
- Key Management Personnel compensation.

The Company has taken advantage of section 33.1A of FRS 102 and not disclosed transactions with fellow Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group ('the Group' or 'Group') companies.

As the consolidated financial statements of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 102 available relating to the following disclosures:

The disclosures required by FRS 102.11 Basic Financial Instruments and FRS 102.12 Other Financial Instrument Issues relating to financial instruments not falling within the fair value accounting rules of Paragraph

36(4) of Schedule 1.

The accounting policies set out over the page have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all years presented in these financial statements.

- 1 Accounting policies (continued)
- 1.1 Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.2 Going concern and basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The directors have prepared a going concern assessment for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the Company will have sufficient funds, through funding from its ultimate parent company, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

Those forecasts are dependent on Manchester Airports Holdings Limited providing additional financial support during that period. Manchester Airports Holdings Limited has indicated its intention to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the Company. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

However, continued support is dependent on the ability of the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group being able to settle its liabilities as they fall due. The directors of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited have concluded that a material uncertainty exists over the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Under the severe but plausible downside scenario, the leverage test in March 2023 would be expected to breach the Group's covenant terms when tested. In such an event MAG would engage with its secured creditors in order to look to obtain further covenant waivers or amendments.

Based on their enquiries the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. However, these circumstances represent a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, to continue realising its assets and discharging its liabilities in the normal course of business. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the Basis of Preparation being inappropriate.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company

In accordance with FRS 102.22, financial instruments issued by the Company are treated as equity only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and
- where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a nonderivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability. Where the instrument so classified takes the legal form of the Company's own shares, the amounts presented in these financial statements for called up share capital and share premium exclude amounts in relation to those shares.

1.4 Basic financial instruments

Trade and other receivables/payables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Trade and other payables are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses in the case of trade receivables. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments, discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Amounts owed by/to group undertakings

Amounts owed by/to group undertakings are accounted for in line with normal trade and other receivables/payables (as above). Balances are presented as a receivable where the net balance with a given counter-party is a receivable, and as a payable where the net balance with a given counter-party is a payable.

Interest-bearing borrowings classified as basic financial instruments

Interest-bearing borrowings are recognised initially at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing borrowings are stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash balances and call deposits. Bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Company's cash management are included as a component of cash and cash equivalents for the purpose only of the cash flow statement.

1.5 Impairment

Financial assets (including trade and other receivables)

A financial asset not carried at fair value through the income statement is assessed at each reporting date to determine whether there is objective evidence that it is impaired. A financial asset is impaired if objective evidence indicates that a loss event has occurred after the initial recognition of the asset, and that the loss event had a negative effect on the estimated future cash flows of that asset, which can be estimated reliably.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Expenses

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable and amortisation of issue costs.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in the income statement as they accrue, using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date, and any adjustment to tax payable relating to previous years.

As the taxation charged to the income statement in the both the current year and prior year is £nil, management have not included a reconciliation in the notes to the financial statements from profit before tax to the total tax charged in the income statement.

1.8 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In applying the Company's accounting policies, the Company has made estimates and judgements concerning the future. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may, however, differ from the estimates calculated and management believe that the following are the more significant judgements affecting these financial statements.

Judgements

In applying the Group's accounting policies, the Group has made key judgements. Management believe that going concern categories contain the more significant judgements impacting these financial statements.

Going concern

The directors have prepared a going concern assessment for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements which indicate that, taking account the ongoing impact of COVID-19, the Company will have sufficient funds, through funding from its ultimate parent company, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited, to meet its liabilities as they fall due for that period.

However, continued support is dependent on the ability of the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group being able to settle its liabilities as they fall due. The directors of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited have concluded that a material uncertainty exists over the Manchester Airports Holdings Limited Group's ability to continue as a going concern. Under the severe but plausible downside scenario, the leverage test in March 2023 would be expected to breach the Group's covenant terms when tested. In such an event MAG would engage with its secured creditors in order to look to obtain further covenant waivers or amendments.

Based on their enquiries the directors believe that it remains appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. However, these circumstances represent a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern and, therefore, to continue realising its assets and discharging its liabilities in the normal course of business. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that would result from the Basis of Preparation being inappropriate.

- 1 Accounting policies (continued)
- 1.8 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

Assumptions and estimation uncertainty

Information about assumptions and estimation uncertainty at the reporting date is detailed below:

Carrying value of amounts owed by group undertakings

Estimates have been made in respect of the amounts of future operating cash flows to be generated by the Company, in order to assess whether there has been any impairment of the amounts of the Company's assets included in the statement of financial position.

Carrying value of amounts owed by group undertakings (continued)

The directors have viewed that COVID-19 has acted as an impairment trigger of its long-term assets and consequently have assessed the recoverable amounts of the Company. The assessment of recoverable amounts based upon Value in Use projections of future operating cashflows of the business, which are based upon a range of assumptions of the timing and rate of economic recovery from the pandemic and the resultant impact upon the Company's trading levels.

The Company has considered future traffic levels projections issued by other industry participants in arriving at its own projections which were used for both the impairment review and the Company's going concern assessment. These projections considered the timing and rate of recovery to pre-COVID-19 activity levels. For impairment purposes long-term projections beyond the 5-year business plan time horizon were based upon long-term growth rates. Downside scenarios included low-growth assumptions in considering risks around recoverability of the assets carrying value.

2 Notes to the income statement

Auditor's remuneration

Amounts receivable by the Company's auditor and the auditor's associates relating to services to the Company have been borne by the Company's ultimate parent, Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The proportion of the consolidated fee applicable to the Company is £20,000 (2021: £7,000).

3 Remuneration of directors

C Cornish, K O'Toole and J Bramall were directors of Manchester Airports Holdings Limited during the year, and their aggregate remuneration is disclosed in that company's consolidated financial statements. The aggregate remuneration applicable to the Company based on services provided, is £102,000 (2021: £168,000).

4 Staff numbers and costs

The Company had no employees during the year (2021: nil). The remuneration of the directors has been borne by a fellow Group company, MAG Airport Limited.

5 Interest receivable and similar income

3 Threfest receivable and similar income		
	2022	2021
	€000	£000
Interest income from group undertakings (see note 8)	56,817	56,558
	56,817	56,558
6 Interest payable and similar charges	2022 £000	2021 £000
Interest payable on bonds (see note 10)	55,179	54,920
Amortisation of issue costs	1,633	1,633
	56,812	56,553

7 Amounts due from group undertakings

	2022	2021
	000£	£000
Amounts due from group undertakings - interest-bearing	1,437,974	1,438,168
Amounts due from group undertakings	239	
	1,438,213	1,438,168

Amounts owed by group undertakings – interest-bearing at 31 March 2022 and at 31 March 2021 represent the advances made under a facility loan to Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited. At 31 March 2022, the average effective interest rate on the advances made under the loan facility was 3.76% (2021: 3.76%). The intercompany agreement includes any discount and issue costs associated with the bonds. See note 11 for more detail.

The loans are made up of the following:

2022	2021
£000	£000
360,000	360,000
450,000	450,000
300,000	300,000
350,000	350,000
(9,777)	(10,258)
(12,249)	(11,574)
1,437,974	1,438,168
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Amounts owed by group undertakings of £239,000 (2021: £nil) represent balances not settled by the date of the approval of the financial statements, and will bear interest at a market rate from 1 April 2022 unless they are received within the next financial year.

Impairment

The impairment assessment considered whether the carrying value of amounts due from Group undertakings of £1,438.2m was supported by the underlying value in use of the businesses the debtor Company, Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited, holds investments in. The combined value in use for Manchester, Stansted and East Midlands Airports was £6,459.4m, providing headroom comfortably in excess of the outstanding balance.

The impairment testing calculated the recoverable amount of investments in subsidiaries in each cash generating unit by comparing the carrying value to the calculated value-in-use. Key assumptions for these calculations are those regarding discount rates, terminal value growth rates, expected changes to passenger and revenue growth rates, EBITDA margin and the level of capital expenditure required to maintain the assets.

The Group prepared cash flow forecasts derived from the most recent financial budgets approved by the Board in April 2022 covering five years. Climate change considerations have been accounted for when arriving at the underlying costs in forecast cashflows. Management have also considered a downside scenario with FY22 passenger levels at 76% of pre-COVID-19 levels, which is in line with the lower end of industry expectations. The business plan estimates UK passenger levels in FY22 at 90% of pre-COVID-19 levels. No additional impairments arose as a result of considering this downside.

7 Amounts due from group undertakings (continued)

These projections and downside sensitivities for the timing and rate of passenger volume recoveries are in line with the projections used for going concern. For the purposes of the impairment assessment the business reflected the budget for the first 5 years and considered a terminal value for each CGU based upon a long-term growth reflecting estimated rates of inflation of 2%. The business has used a budget of 5 years as recommended under IAS 38 but appreciates that additional forecast period could be merited to reflect the business's return to normal trading levels post COVID-19 recovery. If an additional forecast period was applied in the impairment assessments this would give rise to an increase in the headroom to those quoted.

The discount rates used in the cash flow forecasts have been estimated based on post-tax rates that reflect the market participant's assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the cash generating unit. In determining the discount rates, the Group has sought to arrive at a Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) using the capital asset pricing model for a market participant. The discount and long-term growth rates used in the forecast discounted cash flows were calculated as:

- UK Airport CGUs: Pre-tax: 14.61% (2021: 13.67%), Post-tax: 7.36% (2021: 6.89%), Long-term growth rate: 2.00% (2021: 2.00%);
- CAVU EMEA Group: Pre-tax: 20.96% (2021: 20.65%), Post-tax: 12.22% (2021: 12.04%), Long-term growth rate: 2.00% (2021: 2.00%);
- US legacy lounge & car parking business: Pre-tax: 18.22% (2021: 18.22%), Post-tax: 13.00% (2021: 13.00%), Long-term growth rate: N/A due to contracts having a finite life (2021: N/A); and
- US recently acquired online car parking aggregator businesses: Pre-tax: 20.86% (2021: 20.86%), Post-tax: 13.00% (2021: 13.00%), Long-term growth rate: 2.00% (2021: 2.00%).

Discount and long-term growth rates are not materially sensitive.

8 Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	€000	£000
Amounts owed by group undertakings		80,758
		80,758

Amounts owed by group undertakings of £nil (2021: £80,758,000) are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. Balances that have been received before the date of the approval of the financial statements, and balances relating to transfer and receipt of tax losses, are classified as current. All other amounts are classified as non-current.

9 Trade and other payables

	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	80,494
Interest accrued	252	202
Other taxation and social security	1	69
	253	80,765

Amounts owed to group undertakings of £nil (2021: £80,494,000) are unsecured, interest-free and repayable on demand. Balances that have been received/paid before the date of the approval of the financial statements, and balances relating to transfer and receipt of tax losses, are classified as current. All other amounts are classified as non-current.

10 Non-current	liabilities
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•	2022 £000	2021 £000
Bonds (see note 11)	1,437,974	1,438,168
	1,437,974	1,438,168

11 Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the contractual terms of the Company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings, which are measured at amortised cost. The amounts owed are due by fellow Group undertaking Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited. The bonds issued are subject to loan covenants relating to leverage and interest cover.

	2022	2021
Borrowings are repayable as follows:	£000	£000
Bonds	1,460,000	1,460,000
Less: discount on issue	(9,777)	(10,258)
Less: unamortised debt issue costs	(12,249)	(11,574)
Total interest bearing bonds	1,437,974	1,438,168
Maturity analysis of bonds is as follows:		
	2022	2021
Amounts due after two years but no more than five years:	£000	£000
Bond 4.125% £360.0m due 2024	360,000	360,000
Total amounts due after two years but no more than five years:	360,000	360,000
Amounts due after more than five years:		
Bond 4.75% £450.0m due 2034	450,000	450,000
Bond 2.875% £300.0m due 2039	300,000	300,000
Bond 2.875% £350.0m due 2044	350,000	350,000
Total amounts due after more than five years:	1,100,000	1,100,000
Total interest-bearing loans and borrowings (gross)	1,460,000	1,460,000
Less: discount on issue	(9,777)	(10,258)
Less: unamortised debt issue costs	(12,249)	(11,574)
Total interest-bearing loans and borrowings (net)	1,437,974	1,438,168
12 Called up share capital		
	2022	2021
	£000	£000
Issued, called up and fully paid		
50,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50
	50	50

13 Reserves

2022	Retained Earnings £000
At 1 April 2021	(7)
Profit for the year after taxation	5
At 31 March 2022	(2)
	Retained
	Earnings
2021	£000
At 1 April 2020	(12)
Loss for the year after taxation	5
At 31 March 2021	(7)

14 Ultimate parent company and parent undertaking of larger group of which the Company is a member

The Company is a subsidiary undertaking of Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited. The smallest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Manchester Airport Group Investments Limited. The Company's ultimate parent is Manchester Airports Holdings Limited. The consolidated financial statements of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from the Company Secretary at 6th Floor, Olympic House, Manchester Airport, Manchester, M90 IQX, or via the website at www.magairports.com.

15 Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the year end, on 27 May 2022 the Group completed the refinancing of its revolving credit and liquidity facilities ('RCF' and 'LF'), comprising a £500m revolving credit facility and £90m in standby liquidity facilities, each with a five year term, maturing in May 2027, with optional extensions. The liquidity facility is sized to cover 12 months interest on secured debt and is a 364-day revolving facility with a five year term on each annual renewal. The facilities replace similar facilities that were due to mature in June 2023. These new facilities ensure sufficient headroom throughout the business plan period to ensure compliance with the Group's internal treasury policy. Both the RCF and LF are held within fellow group undertaking Manchester Airport Group Finance Limited, and drawings from the facility are transferred within the Group in line with the Group's internal treasury policy.