# **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 08989062**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



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# **OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**

The board of directors M Ramzan (Resigned 28 July 2021)

S Fisk (Appointed 1 October 2020) N Kell (Resigned 30 October 2020)

K Lewis A A Watkins

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# **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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

# Principal activities and business review

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of a non trading holding company.

The company made a loss for the year of £487 (2019: £297,150), and at the year end has net liabilities of £346,500 (2019: £346,013).

# Going concern

The company is a member of the Computer Systems Integration group ("CSI"), a group headed by CSI Topco Limited

Looking forward to 2021, at the time of writing this report the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic is ongoing. The vaccination rollout is well underway in the UK and North America which has enabled many key markets to fully re-open, particularly the UK. As previously stated, CSI has provided many customers with solutions that have enabled them to work flexibly and remotely throughout the pandemic. In addition, numerous conversations are now taking place with customers who have indicated their intention to accelerate their investment in IT services in 2021 and specifically in areas where CSI has a particular expertise. For example, there is a heightened focus on delivering modernised hybrid cloud solutions delivered on the hyper-scaler public cloud platforms. This combination leads to confidence in CSI's ability to capture further market share as corporate investment returns to a more normal level across all sectors. As a consequence, CSI will invest significantly in these areas during 2021.

The Directors believe that the major factors which could impact financial performance have been addressed and that CSI is well positioned for the future. The high proportion of income that is recurring in nature and contracted for many years has helped to absorb the impact of Covid 19. At this time, CSI has adequate liquidity and financial resources supported by a healthy forward contracted order book. It also has a proven track record of being able to adapt to changing IT landscapes and assisting customers to do so. On this basis, the Directors have modelled several scenarios and are confident that they can withstand the impact of Covid 19 and increase the current level of EBITDA earnings in 2021. The Directors are confident that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis, given the high level of recurring revenue in the business.

Please see note 3 for further details regarding the Directors assessment that the company is a going concern.

# **Directors**

The directors who served the company during the year were as follows:

M Ramzan (Resigned 28 July 2021) K Lewis A A Watkins S Fisk (Appointed 1 October 2020) N Kell (Resigned 30 October 2020)

# Directors' responsibilities statement

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

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT** (continued)

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# Directors' responsibilities statement (continued)

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and 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 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.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware;
- they have taken all 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; and
- The auditors, BDO LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption. By virtue of being a small company, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

This report was approved by the board of directors on ... 28 [a] 2021 and signed on behalf of the board by:

K Lewis Director

Registered office: Lynton House 7 - 12 Tavistock Square London United Kingdom WC1H 9BQ

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EVOLVE SECURE SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2020 and of the loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of Evolve Secure Solutions Group Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise the statement of income and retained earnings, the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Independence

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

# Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EVOLVE SECURE SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD

# **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

# Other Companies Act 2006 reporting

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 have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us 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 Company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- · certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made;
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

# **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, 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.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EVOLVE SECURE SOLUTIONS GROUP LTD

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements (continued)

Extent to which the audit was capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Based on our understanding and accumulated knowledge of the Company and the sector in which it operates we considered the risks of acts by the Company which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud, and whether such actions or non-compliance might have a material effect on the non-statutory financial statements. These included but are not limited to those that relate to the form and content of the financial statements, such as accounting policies, UK GAAP, the Companies Act 2006, relevant taxation legislation, Health and Safety and the Bribery Act 2010.

We determined that the principal risks were related to posting inappropriate journal entries, and management bias in accounting estimates. Our audit procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Agreement of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to the investment impairment;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations or including specific keywords;
- Discussions with management, including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation and fraud;
- Review of minutes of Board meetings throughout the period; and
- Obtaining an understanding of the control environment in monitoring compliance with laws and regulations

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to risks of material misstatement in the financial statements; recognising that the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery, misrepresentations or through collusion. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures performed and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we are to become aware of it.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# 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.

-DocuSigned by:

Steven Roberts

Steven Roberts (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, statutory auditor

Manchester, UK

Date 30 September 2021

BDO LLP is a limited liability partnership registered in England and Wales (with registered number OC305127).

# STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Note	2020 £	2019 £
Administrative expenses	(487)	(403)
OPERATING LOSS	(487)	(403)
Impairment of investments	_	(296,747)
LOSS BEFORE TAXATION 5	(487)	(297,150)
Tax on loss	_	-
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AND TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE LOSS	(487)	(297,150)
RETAINED LOSSES AT THE START OF THE YEAR	(4,420,997)	(4,123,847)
RETAINED LOSSES AT THE END OF THE YEAR	(4,421,484)	(4,420,997)

All the activities of the company are from continuing operations.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

# **31 DECEMBER 2020**

		2020	)	2019	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS Cash at bank and in hand		-		487	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(346,500)		(346,500)	
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES	,		(346,500)		(346,013)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			(346,500)		(346,013)
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital			1,764,705		1,764,705
Share premium account	9		907,060		907,060
Capital redemption reserve	9		88,235		88,235
Other reserves	9		1,314,984		1,314,984
Profit and loss account	9		(4,421,484)		(4,420,997)
SHAREHOLDERS DEFICIT			(346,500)		(346,013)

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 28 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

K Lewis Director

Company registration number: 08989062

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# 1. General information

The company is a private company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Lynton House, 7 - 12 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9BQ, United Kingdom.

# 2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland'.

# 3. Accounting policies

# **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

# Going concern

Notwithstanding that, as the year end the company has net current liabilities of £346,500 (2019: £346,013), the directors continue to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The company is a member of the Computer Systems Integration group ("CSI"), a group headed by CSI Topco Limited.

CSI Topco Limited has confirmed that the group will support the company, in order to ensure that it can meet its liabilities as they fall due, for a minimum period of 12 months from the approval of these financial statements.

Looking forward to 2021, at the time of writing this report the worldwide Covid 19 pandemic is ongoing. The vaccination rollout is well underway in the UK and North America which has enabled many key markets to fully re-open, particularly the UK. As previously stated, CSI has provided many customers with solutions that have enabled them to work flexibly and remotely throughout the pandemic. In addition, numerous conversations are now taking place with customers who have indicated their intention to to to accelerate their investment in IT services in 2021 and specifically in areas where CSI has a particular expertise. For example, there is a heightened focus on delivering modernised hybrid cloud solutions delivered on the hyper-scaler public cloud platforms. This combination leads to confidence in CSI's ability to capture further market share as corporate investment returns to a more normal level across all sectors. As a consequence, CSI will invest significantly in these areas during 2021.

The Directors believe that the major factors which could impact financial performance have been addressed and that CSI is well positioned for the future. The high proportion of income that is recurring in nature and contracted for many years has helped to absorb the impact of Covid 19. At this time, CSI has adequate liquidity and financial resources supported by a healthy forward contracted order book. It also has a proven track record of being able to adapt to changing IT landscapes and assisting customers to do so. On this basis, the Directors have modelled several scenarios and are confident that they can withstand the impact of Covid 19 and increase the current level of EBITDA earnings in 2021.

The directors have reviewed the group's forecasts and projections, taking into account possible changes in trading performance and consider that the group has sufficient resources to meet liabilities as they fall due. The group's facilities have been renewed for the foreseeable future. Consequently, the directors believe that the group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current uncertain economic outlook.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

# 3. Accounting policies (continued)

CSI is a Private Equity backed business, with MML Capital Partners Fund VI GP Limited being the majority shareholder in the business. The shareholder investment in the group via loans has increased to £64m during the year.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

# Consolidation

The entity has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing consolidated financial statements contained in Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 on the basis that it is a subsidiary undertaking and its immediate parent undertaking is established under the law of an EEL State.

# Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

# Significant judgements

There are no significant judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies.

# Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. The key assumptions and other sources of estimation uncertainty that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are as follows:

Fixed asset investments - Fixed asset carrying values are assessed for recoverability by reference to the estimated realisable amount and the estimate value in use of the individual investment concerned.

# Investments

Fixed asset investments are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# **YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

# 3. Accounting policies (continued)

# **Financial instruments**

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

# 4. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the company during the period, amounted to nil (2019: nil).

# 5. Loss before taxation

Loss before taxation is stated after charging:

	2020	2019
•	£	£
Impairment of other fixed asset investments	_	296,747
-	-	

# 6. Auditor's Remuneration

Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements are borne by Computer Systems Integration Ltd

# 7. Investments

	Shares in group undertakings £
Cost	
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	2,050,000
Impairment	•
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	2,050,000
Carrying amount	
At 31 December 2020	·
At 31 December 2019	-

# Subsidiaries, associates and other investments

	Class of share	Percentage of shares held
Subsidiary undertakings	•	
Betterment Limited	Ordinary shares	100
Evolve Secure Solutions Limited	Ordinary shares*	100

The registered office of the above undertakings is: Lynton House, 7 - 12 Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9BQ.

The above subsidiary undertakings, along with the company, are included within the financial statements of the ultimate parent company.

<sup>\*</sup> denotes an indirect holding via group undertakings.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

# 8. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Amounts owed to group undertakings	346,500	346,500

#### Reserves

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

Share premium account - This reserve records the amount above the nominal value received for shares issued, less transaction costs.

Capital redemption reserve - This reserve records the nominal value of shares repurchased by the company.

Other reserve - This reserve records capital contributions received by the company in relation to goodwill assets transferred into the company from its group, less any group balances waived in exchange.

Profit and loss account - This reserve records retained earnings and accumulated losses.

# 10. Contingencies

The company is party to a cross guarantee, secured by a fixed and floating charge over its assets, in respect of all sums due by itself and fellow group members payable to a creditor in respect of other loans. The secured group borrowing in respect of the other loans, at the reporting date, is £59,108,393 (2019: £52,708,750) plus accrued interest of £703,177 (2019: £697,155).

The company is party to a cross guarantee, secured by a fixed and floating charge over its assets, in respect of all sums due by itself and fellow group members to MML Capital Europe VI S.A. The total relevant group payable, at the reporting date, is £48,585,787 (2019: £44,931,876).

# 11. Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under the FRS 102 not to disclose related party transactions between wholly owned members of the same group of companies.

# 12. Controlling party

The immediate parent company is Computer Systems Integration Group.

The ultimate parent company is CSI Topco Limited, the consolidated financial statements of CSI Topco Limited, whose registered office is Orion House, 5 Upper St Martin's Lane, London, WC2H 9EA, are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Maindy, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

The company is controlled by R H Brooks and J A Read by virtue of their control of MML Capital Partners Fund VI GP Limited, which controls CSI Topco Limited via a majority shareholding.