

**Company Number 9331195**

**RHP FINANCE PLC**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 March 2023**

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**STATUTORY INFORMATION**

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## **STRATEGIC REPORT**

The Directors submit their Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

RHP Finance Plc (the "Company") was incorporated on 27 November 2014. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Richmond Housing Partnership Limited (RHP).

### **Business review and principal activity**

The Company's principal activity is to provide finance for the growth and development activities of RHP and its subsidiaries.

On 5 February 2015, the Company issued a fixed rate secured bond, denominated in Sterling and maturing 5 February 2048 ("2048 Bond"), of £175m to the Debt Capital Markets paying a fixed coupon of 3.25% payable in bi-annual instalments.

Of the £175m raised, £140m was issued to external investors realising proceeds of £138.6m. The entire proceeds were then lent to RHP under a loan agreement, whose terms mirror those of the bond.

The £35m retained element was sold on 17 September 2019 by way of a forward purchase agreement, with proceeds of £39.5m realised on 17 September 2020.

On 8 September 2020, the Company executed a £100m tap of the 2048 Bond. Of the £100m, £75m was issued to external investors with £25m being retained for future issue. The £75m sold raised proceeds of £97.1m, giving an all-in yield of 1.787%. The fixed coupon remains at 3.25% payable in bi-annual instalments.

There was no capital market activity for the year ended 31 March 2023 and £25m of bonds are still retained.

The Bond Loan Agreement contains a provision for the Company to recover from RHP the difference between the interest payable to 2048 Bond investors and the interest receivable from amounts on-lent to RHP under the bond loan agreement, investment income accrued from permitted investments and bank deposits.

The Company has not carried on any business or activities other than that which is incidental to the financing of RHP since incorporation.

### **Section 172 statement**

The company was formed for the sole purpose of raising debt finance for the Richmond Housing Partnership Group. It is a wholly owned subsidiary and does not have any employees. The directors, accordingly, do not consider that the interests of the company's employees, the impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment or the need to act fairly between members of the company are relevant to the proper discharge of their duty under section 172. Each of these factors is considered by the wider group. Given the purpose of the company, the relevant stakeholder groups are therefore the investors in the listed debt and the parent entity, RHP.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

**Section 172 statement (continued)**

The Board of RHP Finance Plc consider, both individually and together, that they have acted in the way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of those stakeholders, and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- a) the likely consequences of any decision in the long term,
- b) the need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others, and
- c) the desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct.

As the Board of Directors, our intention is to behave responsibly and ensure that management operate the business in a responsible manner, operating within the high standards of business conduct and good governance expected for a business such as ours. The intention is to nurture our reputation, through both the construction and delivery of our plan, that reflects our responsible behaviour.

The Board considers the following to be the key decisions and considerations it has made during the year to 31 March 2023.

**Board decision**

The Board considered and agreed the long-term strategy for the sole customer, RHP.

The Board considered and agreed the RHP group business plan and cash flow forecasts.

**Consideration**

A robust strategy, supported by a well-considered long term financial forecast is the foundation for maintaining the trust of all our external stakeholders.

The Board monitor the operating surplus and cash flow forecasts of RHP, as the sole customer, and how they expect to perform against their external covenants. They also consider in detail the Group's stress tests and mitigation plans against potential risks.

**Going concern**

The company is reliant on its sole customer, RHP, servicing its debt to enable it to make interest payments. In making its assessment of the Company's going concern status it therefore reviews the RHP board's assessment of its going concern status. Key points are set out below.

## **STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

### **Going concern (continued)**

The RHP board reviews RHP Group's business plan at least every 6 months and have been content that these plans were affordable and that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.

The impact of the recent economic turbulence, corresponding inflation, interest rate increases, and uncertainty for the supply chain has meant that the Executive Team and Board have been reviewing revised financial plans for the next five years more frequently reflecting updated economic information to ensure RHP Group can remain a going concern. Our Board's attention to these forecasts and liquidity levels ensured appropriate scrutiny in these difficult times. Our modelling included significant reductions in rent collected, further, more extreme inflation on fuel and other supplies, reversals in government rent inflation legislation, significant cash requirements for failing developments or other supplier support and substantial slow downs in development and sales programmes.

This additional scrutiny has delivered some excellent lessons for the organisation and has proven our financial resilience under more extreme conditions.

Given the strength of the balance sheet and availability and liquidity of undrawn loan facilities, totalling £127m, the Board believe that, while uncertainty exists, this does not pose a material uncertainty that would cast doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board, therefore, consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

The principal risk facing the Company is the inability to meet its obligations in respect of the 2048 Bond Trust Deed. Various security and contractual arrangements, as described in note 11 to these financial statements, are in place to mitigate these risks.

The risks facing the RHP Group could also have a material effect on the performance of RHP Finance Plc. These include:

- the risk that the operating surplus of RHP does not perform in line with its business plan, and
- the risk that the loan covenants are breached.

**STRATEGIC REPORT (continued)**

**Principal risks and uncertainties (continued)**

Management of these risks is controlled by:

- Monitoring the operating surplus of RHP and how they have performed against the business plan.
- Regular review and modelling of factors that may impact operating surplus and taking corrective action to ensure there is no impact on covenants.
- Monitoring covenant compliance.

Further analysis of the key strategic risks faced by RHP, and associated risk mitigations are provided in the RHP Group financial statements.

**Interest rate risk**

RHP Finance Plc borrows funds on a fixed rate basis from the capital markets and then on lends to RHP at the same rate. The company therefore bears no interest rate risk other than the credit risk of RHP as discussed above.

**Financial risk management objectives**

The Directors' approach to financial risk management objectives and exposures have been set out in Note 10 of these financial statements.

The Company is primarily a conduit for accessing the Debt Capital Markets therefore the Board of Directors monitor the availability of cash flows to and from RHP as the financial key performance indicators.

During the financial period all cash flow was readily available to and from RHP and therefore met this objective.

**Compliance**

The Board of Directors ensure that the Company fulfils its obligations under the Bond Trust Deed which in turn ensures it is compliant with Listing Regulations and under the Bond Loan Agreement its commitments to Bond investors.

This report was approved by the Board on 7 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by



**Corinna Bishopp**  
**Secretary**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS**

### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the period amounted to £nil (2022: £nil).

The Directors do not recommend payment of a dividend in respect of the period ending 31 March 2023 (2022: £nil).

### **Future developments**

The Directors do not anticipate any change in the Company's principal activity.

### **Directors and their interests**

The Directors of the Company who held office during the period are as follows:

Corinna Bishopp

David Done OBE (resigned 31 March 2023)

Sarah Thomas (appointed 1 April 2023).

Christopher Ling

Stephen Speak (resigned 6 July 2022)

Antonio Shabbir (appointed 6 July 2022)

In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, none of its Directors are required to retire. None of the Directors who held office at the beginning or end of the period had any interest in the shares of the Company.

Directors and Officers liability insurance has been purchased by the Group during the year and covers the Company.

### **Disclosure of information to the Auditors**

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 auditors are unaware, and each Director has 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 auditors are aware of that information.

### **Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report and Directors' Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Directors to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.



**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

**Statement of Directors' responsibilities (continued)**

Under Company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless 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 judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.
- Prepare a directors' report and a strategic report which comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

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. The Directors are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts, taken as a whole, are fair, balanced and understandable and provides the information necessary for shareholders to assess the group's performance, business and model strategy.

The directors are responsible for ensuring the annual report and the financial statements are made available on a website. Financial statements are published on the company's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the company's website is the responsibility of the directors. The directors' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein.

The Directors confirm to the best of their knowledge:

- The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the applicable set of accounting standards, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company;
- The annual report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the financial position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties it faces.

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (continued)**

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

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**Corinna Bishopp**  
**Secretary**  
7 September 2023

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RHP FINANCE PLC**

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2023 and of the Company's results for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of RHP Finance PLC ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, 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. Our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report to the Group Audit Committee.

### *Independence*

Following the recommendation of the Group Audit Committee, we were appointed by the board on 16 March 2017 to audit the financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2017 and subsequent financial periods. The period of total uninterrupted engagement including retenders and reappointments is 7 years, covering the years ending 31 March 2017 to 31 March 2023.

We remain 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 as applied to listed public interest entities, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. The non-audit services prohibited by that standard were not provided to the Company.

### **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. Our evaluation of the Directors' assessment of the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting included:

- We obtained management's assessment that supports the Board's conclusions with respect to the disclosures provided around going concern;

- We considered the appropriateness of management's forecasts by reviewing and assessing assumptions applied by management, assessing historical forecasting accuracy and understanding management's consideration of downside sensitivity analysis;
- We obtained an understanding of the financing facilities from the finance agreements, including the nature of the facilities, covenants and attached conditions;
- We assessed the facility and covenant headroom calculations, and re-performed sensitivities and stress testing; and
- We reviewed the wording of the going concern disclosures, and assessed its consistency with management's forecasts.

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.

#### **Overview**

	2023	2022
<b>Key audit matters</b>	Recoverability of intercompany debt Yes	Yes
<b>Materiality</b>	£145k (2022: 145k) based on 2% of revenue (2022: 2% of revenue).	

#### **An overview of the scope of our audit**

Our audit was scoped by obtaining an understanding of the Company and its environment, including the system of internal control, and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements. We also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including assessing whether there was evidence of bias by the Directors that may have represented a risk of material misstatement.

#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) that we identified, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit, and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How the scope of our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><b>Recoverability of intercompany debt (see note 7)</b></p> <p>As the entity on-lends to its ultimate parent, the principle risk facing the entity is that the parent will be unable to make its interest or principal payments when they fall due and this impacts on the entity's ability to service its debt and to conclude that it is a going concern.</p> <p>Recoverability of these balances is intrinsically linked to the future viability of the parent entity and needs to be reviewed at each balance sheet date.</p> <p>The directors have considered the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation for the entity by direct reference to their consideration of the ability of the parent to make interest payments. They have assessed that there are no factors or events that may cast doubt on the ability to recover related party debt and therefore to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The assessment of the recoverability of the related party debt involves a number of subjective judgements. We have therefore spent significant audit effort in assessing the appropriateness of the assumptions involved, and as such this has been identified as a Key Audit Matter.</p>	<p>Our audit response involved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of management's review of the recoverability of related party debt including their review of the parent entity's assessment of its going concern status.</li> <li>• Consideration of the appropriateness of management's forecasts by reviewing and assessing assumptions applied by management, assessing historical forecasting accuracy and understanding management's consideration of downside sensitivity analysis;</li> <li>• We obtained an understanding of the financing facilities from the finance agreements, including the nature of the facilities, covenants and attached conditions;</li> <li>• We assessed the facility and covenant headroom calculations, and re-performed sensitivities and stress testing</li> <li>• We reviewed the wording of the going concern disclosures, and assessed its consistency with management's forecasts.</li> </ul> <p>Key observations:</p> <p>We noted no material exceptions through performing these procedures.</p>

### Our application of materiality

We apply the concept of materiality both in planning and performing our audit, and in evaluating the effect of misstatements. We consider materiality to be the magnitude by which misstatements, including omissions, could influence the economic decisions of reasonable users that are taken on the basis of the financial statements.

In order to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that any misstatements exceed materiality, we use a lower materiality level, performance materiality, to determine the extent of testing needed. Importantly, misstatements below these levels will not necessarily be evaluated as immaterial as we also take account of the nature of identified misstatements, and the particular circumstances of their occurrence, when evaluating their effect on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole and performance materiality as follows:

	Company financial statements	
	2023 £000	2022 £000
<b>Materiality</b>	145	145
<b>Basis for determining materiality</b>	2% revenue	2% revenue
<b>Rationale for the benchmark applied</b>	Revenue is used as the entity on lends funds raised to its parent and therefore the revenue recognised from this activity is the area that will have the greatest impact on decisions made by the users of the accounts.	Revenue is used as the entity on lends funds raised to its parent and therefore the revenue recognised from this activity is the area that will have the greatest impact on decisions made by the users of the accounts.
<b>Performance materiality</b>	109	109
<b>Basis for determining performance materiality</b>	75% of materiality  We have determined performance materiality based on our previous experience of the audit and factors such as the low levels of misstatements previously identified and the limited number areas of the financial statements subject to significant estimation uncertainty.	75% of materiality  We have determined performance materiality based on our previous experience of the audit and factors such as the low levels of misstatements previously identified and the limited number areas of the financial statements subject to significant estimation uncertainty.

*Reporting threshold*

We agreed with the Group Audit Committee that we would report to them all individual audit differences in excess of £7k (2022: £7k). We also agreed to report differences below this threshold that, in our view, warranted reporting on qualitative grounds.

**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

**Other Companies Act 2006 reporting**

Based on the responsibilities described below and our work performed during the course of the audit, we are required by the Companies Act 2006 and ISAs (UK) to report on certain opinions and matters as described below.

<b>Strategic report and Directors' report</b>	<p>In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and</li> <li>the Strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.</li> </ul> <p>In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or the Directors' report.</p>
<b>Matters on which we are required to report by exception</b>	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>the Company financial statements and the part of the Directors' remuneration report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or</li> <li>certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or</li> <li>we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.</li> </ul>

## **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

## **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### *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:

### *Non-compliance with laws and regulations*

Based on:

- Our understanding of the Company and the industry in which it operates;
- Discussion with management and those charged with governance;
- Obtaining and understanding of the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations

we considered the significant laws and regulations to be the applicable accounting framework, and the laws and regulations relating to the company's registration with Companies House.

The Company is also subject to laws and regulations where the consequence of non-compliance could have a material effect on the amount or disclosures in the financial statements, for example through the imposition of fines or litigations. We identified such laws and regulations to be UK tax legislation.



Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- Review of minutes of meeting of those charged with governance for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Review of correspondence with regulatory and tax authorities for any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Review of financial statement disclosures and agreeing to supporting documentation; and
- Involvement of tax specialists in the audit.

#### *Fraud*

We assessed the susceptibility of the financial statements to material misstatement, including fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiry with management and those charged with governance regarding any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Obtaining an understanding of the Company's policies and procedures relating to:
  - Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud; and
  - Internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud.
- Review of minutes of meeting of those charged with governance for any known or suspected instances of fraud;
- Discussion amongst the engagement team as to how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements.

Based on our risk assessment, we considered the areas most susceptible to fraud be the management override in relation to journal entries and judgements and estimates related to the recoverability of the related party debt.

Our procedures in respect of the above included:

- Testing a sample of journal entries throughout the year, which met a defined risk criteria, by agreeing to supporting documentation; and
- Challenging assumptions made by management in their significant accounting estimates in particular in relation to the recoverability of amounts owed by group undertakings.

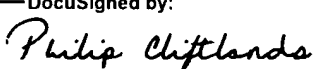
We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

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: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). 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:  
  
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Philip Cliftlands, Senior Statutory Auditor  
For and on behalf of BDO LLP  
Gatwick  
United Kingdom

15 September 2023

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**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2023 £'000</b>	<b>2022 £'000</b>
Revenue	<b>3</b>	7,254	7,254
Interest payable and similar charges	<b>4</b>	(7,254)	(7,254)
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<hr/> -	<hr/> -
Taxation	<b>5</b>	-	-
<b>Profit after taxation and total comprehensive income for the year</b>		<hr/> - <hr/>	<hr/> - <hr/>

The above relates wholly to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 21 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

	Notes	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
<b>Fixed asset investment</b>	<b>6</b>	271,619	272,489
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors – amount falling due within one year	<b>7</b>	1,224	1,224
Cash at bank and in hand		13	13
		<u>1,237</u>	<u>1,237</u>
Creditors – amounts falling due within one year	<b>8</b>	(1,224)	(1,224)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		13	13
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		271,632	272,502
Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year	<b>9</b>	(271,619)	(272,489)
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
		<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>
Called-up share capital	<b>12</b>	13	13
Profit and loss account		-	-
		<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>Total shareholder's funds</b>		<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

These financial statements were approved and authorised by the Directors for issue on 7 September 2023

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



**Corinna Bishopp**  
**Director**

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**

<b>Year ended 31 March 2023</b>	<b>Called-up share capital £'000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £'000</b>	<b>Total Equity £'000</b>
Balance at 1 April 2022	13	-	13
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Year ended 31 March 2022</b>	<b>Called-up share capital £'000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £'000</b>	<b>Total Equity £'000</b>
Balance at 1 April 2021	13	-	13
Total Comprehensive Income	-	-	-
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2022</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13</b>

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **1. Principal Accounting Policies**

#### **Company information**

RHP Finance Plc is a public limited company, limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales under the Companies Act. Its registered office is 8 Waldegrave Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8GT.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard" applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements are presented in Sterling rounded to the nearest thousand.

The individual accounts of RHP Finance Plc have also adopted the following disclosure exemptions:

- The requirement to present a statement of cash flows and related notes. A statement of cash flows is prepared by the parent RHP and is publicly available in its consolidated financial statements.

#### **Revenue**

The revenue shown in the statement of comprehensive income represents interest receivable on the loan to RHP, plus amounts invoiced to cover the administrative expenses incurred during the period. Also included is any amortisation of bond issue costs due from RHP. Interest receivable is recognised on an accruals basis as it falls due. All revenue comes from group entities.

#### **Taxation**

The charge for taxation is based on the profit or loss for the financial year. The current tax charge is based on the taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end date.

#### **Financial assets**

Financial assets are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Amounts classed by the Company as financial assets are loans, receivables and cash.

When financial assets are initially recognised, they are measured at the transaction price including transaction costs.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**1. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Financial assets (continued)**

Subsequent measurement is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are obligations to pay cash or other financial assets and are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

When financial liabilities are initially recognised, they are measured at the transaction price including transaction costs.

Subsequent measurement is measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Effective interest rate**

The effective interest rate method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or liability and allocating interest income or expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash flows through the expected life of the financial asset or liability or, where appropriate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

The effective interest rate is applied to the net proceeds of the bond (proceeds net of bond discount and issue costs) and the amortisation will be charged as interest to the statement of comprehensive income on an annual basis.

**Loans and other financial instruments**

Loans and other financial instruments are stated in the balance sheet at the amount of the gross proceeds, less the initial cost of raising the finance, which is amortised over the period of the loan using the effective interest rate.

Where loans and other financial instruments are redeemed during the year, any redemption penalty is recognised in the income and expenditure account of the year in which redemption takes place.

Loans are considered to be fixed asset investments as they are intended for use on a continuing basis in the Company's activities. The Directors consider such loans to be held for the long term over the life of the related debt.

Financial assets and liabilities are recognised when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument and are measured initially at fair value adjusted by transaction costs.

Issue costs and discount on the issue of the bond are recognised in the profit and loss over the life of the bond using the effective interest rate method.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**1. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Loans and other financial instruments (continued)**

Intercompany debtors are classified as loan receivables. Loan receivables are measured subsequent to initial recognition at amortised cost, discounted at a rate equal to the original effective rate, less provision for impairment. Any change in their value through impairment or reversal of impairment is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Provision against intercompany debtors is made when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due to it in accordance with the original terms of those receivables. The amount of the write-down is determined as the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows discounted at the original effective rate. An assessment for impairment is undertaken at least at each balance sheet date.

**Significant judgements and estimates**

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

In assessing the recoverability of the intercompany loan the Board has gained assurance from the long term financial plan of the Group that the parent company is able to service and repay the loan facility.

The bond and the intercompany debtor are assessed as basic financial instruments as per section 11 Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard" applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland Accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

**Going concern**

The company is reliant on its sole customer, RHP, servicing its debt to enable it to make interest payments. In making its assessment of the Company's going concern status it therefore reviews the RHP board's assessment of its going concern status. Key points are set out below.

The RHP board reviews RHP Group's business plan at least every 6 months and have been content that these plans were affordable and that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis.



**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**1. Principal Accounting Policies (continued)**

**Going concern (continued)**

The impact of the recent economic turbulence, corresponding inflation, interest rate increases, and uncertainty for the supply chain has meant that the Executive Team and Board have been reviewing revised financial plans for the next five years frequently reflecting updated economic information to ensure RHP Group can remain a going concern. Our Board's attention to these forecasts and liquidity levels ensured appropriate scrutiny in these difficult times. Our modelling included significant reductions in rent collected, further, more extreme inflation on fuel and other supplies, reversals in government rent inflation legislation, significant cash requirements for failing developments or other supplier support and substantial slow downs in development and sales programmes.

This additional scrutiny has delivered some excellent lessons for the organisation and has proven our financial resilience under more extreme conditions.

Given the strength of the balance sheet and availability and liquidity of undrawn loan facilities, totalling £127m, the Board believe that, while uncertainty exists, this does not pose a material uncertainty that would cast doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. The Board, therefore, consider it appropriate for the accounts to be prepared on a going concern basis.

**2. Administrative Expenses**

None of the Directors received any remuneration as Directors from the Company during the period. The Company has no directly employed personnel. Remuneration paid to RHP's Executive Group officers is disclosed in the RHP Group financial statements.

Audit fees of £10k and other administrative expenses are borne by RHP, the immediate and ultimate parent undertaking.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**3. Revenue**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Interest receivable from RHP	<u>7,254</u>	<u>7,254</u>

**4. Interest payable and similar charges**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Interest payable on the 2048 Bond	<u>7,254</u>	<u>7,254</u>

**5. Taxation**

The company does not generate a profit and as a result does not give rise to a tax charge.

**6. Fixed asset investment**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts owed by RHP through intercompany account	<u>271,619</u>	<u>272,489</u>

On 5 February 2015, the Company issued a fixed rate secured bond, denominated in Sterling, maturing 5 February 2048 ("2048 Bond") of £175m to the Debt Capital Markets paying a fixed coupon bi-annually of 3.25%.

Of the £175m raised, £140m was issued to external investors, realising proceeds of £138.6m. The entire proceeds were on-lent to RHP under the Bond Loan Agreement, whose terms mirror those of the bond. £140m reflects the premium on issue and the premium will be amortised over the life of the bond. The remaining £35m was sold by forward purchase agreement on 17 September 2019 with the actual proceeds of £39.5m realised on 17 September 2020.

On 8 September 2020, the Company executed a £100m tap of the 2048 Bond. Of the £100m, £75m was issued to external investors with £25m being retained for future issue. The £75m sold raised proceeds of £97.1m, giving an all-in yield of 1.787%.

Loans to RHP are considered to be fixed asset investments as they are intended for use on a continuing basis in the Company's activities. The Directors consider such loans to be held for the long term over the life of the related debt.

The amounts stated above are all due in more than one year (refer to Note 7 for amounts due within one year).

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**7. Debtors – amount falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts owed by RHP through intercompany account	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,224</u>

The figure above represents 55 days of accrued interest to 31 March 2023.

**8. Creditors – amount falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts due to 2048 Bond investors	<u>1,224</u>	<u>1,224</u>

The figure above represents 55 days of accrued interest to 31 March 2023.

**9. Creditors – amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Amounts due to 2048 Bond investors	<u>271,519</u>	<u>272,489</u>

The above includes the premium on issue; the nominal value is £250m.

Under the terms of the Bond Loan Agreement, RHP is committed to repay the 2048 Bond in full by maturity date in 10 bi-annual instalments starting on the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Bond to enable the Company to reimburse the bond holders. The Bond is secured against housing assets of RHP.

All amounts are due for repayment in more than 5 years.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)**

**10. Financial instruments**

The Company's financial instruments are summarised as follows:

<b>Financial assets:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>classified as loans and receivables (amortised cost)</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Loans to ultimate parent undertaking	271,619	272,489
Debtors	1,224	1,224
Cash and cash equivalents	13	13
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	<b>272,856</b>	<b>273,726</b>
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<b>Financial liabilities:</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>classified as basic financial liabilities (amortised cost)</b>	<b>£'000</b>	<b>£'000</b>
Other creditors (accrued 2048 bond coupon – see Note 6)	271,619	272,489
Other liabilities	1,224	1,224
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	<b>272,843</b>	<b>273,713</b>
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The Company's financial instruments comprise borrowings and loans receivable. The sole purpose of these financial instruments is to raise finance for the growth and development activities of RHP and its subsidiaries.

The Company does not actively engage in the trading of financial assets for speculative purposes. The Company has not entered into any derivative contracts.

The most significant financial risks to which the Company is exposed are credit risk and liquidity risk. The Board's policy for managing the risks is summarised below:

**Credit risk**

The Company is dependent on receipt of funds from RHP in order to meet its contractual obligations under the Bond Loan Agreement in relation to the 2048 Bond. The credit risk is that RHP, as the main counterparty, fails to reimburse the Company. The Directors consider the credit risk to be very low owing to the fact that RHP is a strong business, with a strong asset base.

The credit risk for bank deposits and money market funds is considered low, since the counterparties are reputable banks with high quality external credit ratings.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 10. Financial instruments (continued)

#### Credit risk (continued)

The maximum credit risk currently faced by the Company is £250m being the total amount of funds raised from external investors by the 2048 Bond issuance and on lent to RHP.

No impairment loss has been recorded in relation to the fixed asset investment.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group might be unable to meet its obligations. Expected cash flows from financial assets, in particular its cash resources and trade receivables, are used by the Directors in assessing and managing liquidity risk. The Group has in place a number of risk mitigation activities. The risk is managed via the Bond Loan Agreement into which the Company has entered with RHP.

The capital and repayment profile of the Company's gross undiscounted liabilities is as follows:

	Less than 12 months £'000	1 to 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>2023</b>				
Amounts due to 2048 Bond investors	7,254	29,017	394,003	430,274
	Less than 12 months £'000	1 to 5 years £'000	More than 5 years £'000	Total £'000
<b>2022</b>				
Amounts due to 2048 Bond investors	7,254	29,017	401,258	437,922

Amounts due to 2048 Bond Investors reflects the gross payments due on the amount of 2048 Bond that was issued to external investors.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company has no exposure to interest rate risk as all amounts owed to external 2048 Bond investors are at a fixed rate of interest as are the interest receivable amount due from RHP on amounts lent under the Bond Loan Agreement.

There are no other interest-bearing assets or liabilities.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 10. Financial instruments (continued)

#### Interest rate risk (continued)

The interest rate profile of the Company's financial liabilities is as follows:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
Fixed rate borrowings	271,619	272,489
	<u>271,619</u>	<u>272,489</u>

The 2048 Bond pays a fixed coupon of 3.25%. £250m of the £275m 2048 Bond has been issued. The remaining £25m has been retained for future issue.

#### Foreign currency risk

The Company has no foreign currency transactions. All of the Company's borrowings and coupon payments are denominated in Sterling.

### 11. Capital risk management

The Company's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue as a going concern in order to provide returns for the 2048 Bond investors and benefits for other stakeholders. The risk of interruption of cash inflows to the Company (which are required to service and repay the debt) is low owing to these ultimately being receivable from RHP which receives a significant proportion of its rents from the public sector.

In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Company may issue new shares, or sell assets to reduce debt.

The Company monitors capital on the basis of the carrying amount of equity, fixed asset investment plus its cash and cash equivalents as presented on the face of the balance sheet. Capital for the reporting period under review is summarised as follows:

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
<b>Financial assets:</b>		
<b>classed as loans and receivables (amortised cost)</b>		
Fixed asset investment	271,619	272,489
Cash and cash equivalents	13	13
Equity	13	13
	<u>271,645</u>	<u>272,515</u>
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>271,645</b>	<b>272,515</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

### 11. Capital risk management (continued)

The Company has honoured all its covenant obligations since the 2048 Bond issuance to the Debt Capital Markets on 5 February 2015. The Company's covenants are outlined in the Bond Loan Agreement and relate to the permitted business activities of the Company and asset cover.

Failure to comply with any covenant would lead to a default and security for the loan becoming immediately enforceable and the bond becoming immediately due and repayable.

The Company has complied with all externally imposed capital requirements during the year.

### 12. Called up share capital

	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
<b>Authorised</b>		
50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>
<b>Allocated, issued and paid</b>		
50,000 ordinary shares of £1 part paid £0.25	<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>

Upon incorporation, the Company issued 50,000 £1 shares to provide working capital to establish the business. All shares rank pari passu in all regards.

### 13. Related party transactions

The company takes advantage of FRS 102 section 33. "Related Party Disclosures" exemption permitting it not to disclose transactions with Group undertakings where 100% of the voting rights are controlled within the group and consolidated group accounts are prepared.

### 14. Ultimate parent undertaking

RHP Finance Plc is a wholly owned subsidiary of RHP, which is the ultimate parent and ultimate controlling entity. RHP is the largest entity in the group that produces consolidated financial statements. RHP is a registered public benefit entity formed under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Consolidated financial statements of RHP can be obtained from the Company Secretary at 8 Waldegrave Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 8GT.