COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 10802104

Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited Financial Statements 31 March 2019



BAKER FRIEND AUDIT LIMITED

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2019

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Officers and Professional Advisers

The board of directors Mr LW Bramzell

Mr ND Carlile

Company secretary FM Secretaries Limited

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Strategic Report

Year ended 31 March 2019

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the period was the ownership of a number of subsidiary companies who in turn own and manage hotels in the UK. The consolidated group financial statements include Hotels owned by its subsidiaries.

The Group was incorporated on 5 June 2017. Since incorporation and during this year of account the Group acquired 9 hotels, two of which were acquired in the year from 1 April 2018. Despite the losses incurred in the year to 31 March 2019 the Group has settled following the swift expansion into steady growth to profitability.

The Consolidated Statement of Financial Position reflects the acquisitions which took place in the year. The tangible assets have increased from £13.7m to £20.3m. These acquisition have been funded by a combination of cash and borrowing and overall the net asset position has slightly increased by £25k.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss for the period, after taxation, amounted to £1,711,373.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

The company uses various financial instruments. These include loans from shareholders, bank loans and various items, such as trade debtors and trade creditors, which arise directly from its operations.

The main purpose of these financial instruments is to fund the acquisition of hotels, maintain and improve the fabric and fittings of those hotels and to fund working capital when required by its subsidiaries.

The company is constantly seeking to reduce the costs of these financial instruments and there are currently significant plans in place to acquire further hotel assets and at the same time restructure the present loans to significantly reduce the cost of borrowing.

The existence of these financial instruments exposes the company to a number of financial risks, the principal ones of which are liquidity risk and credit risk.

This report was approved by the board of directors on 25 February 2020 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr LW Bramzell Director

Registered office: 2nd Floor 32-33 Gosfield Street Fitzrovia London W1W 6HL

Directors' Report

Year ended 31 March 2019

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the group for the year ended 31 March 2019.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is a holding company for a group of hotels.

Directors

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

Mr LW Bramzell Mr ND Carlile Mr E Webster

(Resigned 12 March 2019)

Dividends

No dividends have been paid during the year and the directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

Future developments

Following the year end and the date of this report, the group has acquired three further hotels, The Bridge Hotel in Wetherby, the Charlton Kings Hotel in Charlton and the Olde Barn in Grantham. Other acquisitions are still in the pipeline and new financing agreements are partly finalised to fund these purchases and as a result of the favourable terms achieved, future interest costs will be reduced.

Employment of disabled persons

The Group is committed to an active equal opportunities policy from recruitment and selection through training and development, performance reviews and promotion to retirement. It is our policy to promote an environment free from discrimination, harassment and victimisation where everyone will receive equal treatment regardless of gender, colour, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, marital status, sexual orientation or religion. We are an organisation which uses everyone's talents and abilities and where diversity is valued. It is our policy that people with disabilities should have full and fair consideration for all vacancies. We actively retrain and adjust their environment where possible to allow them to maximise their potential.

Employee involvement

We remain committed to employee involvement throughout the business. Employees are kept well informed of the performance and strategy of the Group through briefings, regular meetings and email.

Events after the end of the reporting period

Particulars of events after the reporting date are detailed in note 30 to the financial statements.

Directors' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

Directors' responsibilities statement

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with 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;
- 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.

The directors confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418(3) of the Companies Act 2006) of which the company's auditors are unaware. They have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

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 group and the company's auditor is unaware; and
- 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 group and the company's auditor is
 aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' Report (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

This report was approved by the board of directors on 25 February 2020 and signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr LW Bramzell

Director

Registered office: 2nd Floor 32-33 Gosfield Street Fitzrovia London W1W 6HL

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited

Year ended 31 March 2019

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of financial position, company statement of financial position, consolidated statement of changes in equity, company statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of the group's loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the group 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. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

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

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

Other information

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

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

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent 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.

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 parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent 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; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

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 group's and the parent 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 group or the parent company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

A further description of your responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at 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.

Jeffrey Baker/(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Baker Friend Audit Limited Chartered accountants & statutory auditor 2nd Floor 32-33 Gosfield Street Fitzrovia London W1W 6HL

25 February 2020

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 March 2019

| Turnover Cost of sales Gross profit | Note 4 | Year to 31 Mar 19 £ 8,513,037 1,831,333 6,681,704 | Period from 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 £ 2,831,527 556,791 2,274,736 |
|---|-----------|---|---|
| Administrative expenses | | 7,655,408 | 2,065,593 |
| Operating (loss)/profit | 5 | (973,704) | 209,143 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar expenses | 9 10 | 4 1,311,471 | 912,197 |
| Loss before taxation | | (2,285,171) | (703,054) |
| Tax on loss | 11 | (573,798) | (15,499) |
| Loss for the financial year | | (1,711,373) | (687,555) |
| Revaluation of tangible assets Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income | | 1,145,016 (57,797) | |
| Other comprehensive income for the year | | 1,087,219 | |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | (624,154) | (687,555) |
| Loss for the financial year attributable to: The owners of the parent company Non-controlling interests | | (1,659,427) (51,946) (1,711,373) | (633,460) (54,095) (687,555) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to: The owners of the parent company Non-controlling interests | | (705,501) 81,347 (624,154) | (633,460) (54,095) (687,555) |

All the activities of the group are from continuing operations.

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2019

| | Note | 2019 £ | 2018 £ |
|---|------|-------------|------------|
| Fixed assets | | _ | |
| Intangible assets | 13 | 1,788,766 | 452,596 |
| Tangible assets | 14 | 20,340,439 | 13,743,767 |
| | | 22,129,205 | 14,196,363 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Stocks | 16 | 78,466 | 57,032 |
| Debtors | 17 | 1,145,265 | 584,647 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 49,871 | 336,896 |
| | | 1,273,602 | 978,575 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 18 | 6,334,973 | 2,808,925 |
| Net current liabilities | | 5,061,371 | 1,830,350 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 17,067,834 | 12,366,013 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 19 | 15,010,550 | 10,822,491 |
| Provisions | 20 | 647,871 | 158,903 |
| Net assets | | 1,409,413 | 1,384,619 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 24 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Share premium account | 25 | 1,090,371 | 1,090,371 |
| Revaluation reserve | 25 | 953,926 | _ |
| Profit and loss account | 25 | (1,090,734) | 19,037 |
| Equity attributable to the owners of the parent company | | 959,563 | 1,115,408 |
| Non-controlling interests | | 449,850 | 269,211 |
| | | 1,409,413 | 1,384,619 |

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 February 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr LW Bramzell Director

Company registration number: 10802104

Company Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2019

| | Note | 2019 £ | 2018 £ |
|---|------|-----------|-------------|
| Fixed assets | | _ | |
| Tangible assets | 14 | 2,309 | 1,303 |
| Investments | 15 | 2,138,608 | 10,120,834 |
| | | 2,140,917 | 10,122,137 |
| Current assets | | | |
| Debtors | 17 | 7,707,606 | 42,898 |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 86 | 177 |
| | | 7,707,692 | 43,075 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 18 | 854,673 | 2,646,885 |
| Net current assets/(liabilities) | | 6,853,019 | (2,603,810) |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 8,993,936 | 7,518,327 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year | 19 | 7,520,079 | 6,000,000 |
| Net assets | | 1,473,857 | 1,518,327 |
| Capital and reserves | | | |
| Called up share capital | 24 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Share premium account | 25 | 1,090,371 | 1,090,371 |
| Profit and loss account | 25 | 377,486 | 421,956 |
| Shareholders funds | | 1,473,857 | 1,518,327 |

The loss for the financial year of the parent company was £44,470 (2018: £785,382 profit).

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 February 2020, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr LW Bramzell Director

Company registration number: 10802104

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 March 2019

| | oll collections | S. G. | | Profit and | Equity attributabl e to the | ortago. | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------|---|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| | share share capital | premium F account | premium Revaluatio account n reserve | loss | loss the parent account company | lling interests | Total £ |
| At 5 June 2017 | ı I | I ≀ | l ł | I I | l i | l L | l I |
| Loss for the year | | | | (633,460) | (633,460) | (54,095) | (687,555) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | ı | I | 1 | (633,460) | (633,460) | (54,095) | (687,555) |
| issue of shares | 000'9 | 1,090,371 | I | I | 1,096,371 | 177 | 1,096,548 |
| Dividends paid and payable 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | (363,426) | (363,426) | I | (363,426) |
| Acquisition of subsidiary with minority interest | 1 | l | 1 | I | I | 189,229 | 189,229 |
| Share premium introduced by minority shareholders | ı | l | I | 1,015,923 | 1,015,923 | 133,900 | 1,149,823 |
| Total investments by and distributions to owners | 6,000 | 1,090,371 | | 652,497 | 1,748,868 | 323,306 | 2,072,174 |
| At 31 March 2018 | 6,000 | 1,090,371 | ŀ | 19,037 | 1,115,408 | 269,211 | 1,384,619 |

The consolidated statement of changes in equity continues on the following page.

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

| Equity attributabl e to the Profit and owners of No loss the parent account company is | (1,659,427) (1,659,427) (51,946) (| - 1,145,016 | 133,293 | (797,797) – (57,797) – (787, | 953,926 (1,659,427) (705,501) 81,347 (624,154) | - (13,000) (13,000) - (13,000) - 562,656 562,656 - 562,656 - 549,656 549,656 99,292 648,948 | 953,926 (1,090,734) 959,563 449,850 1,409,413 |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Called up Share share premium Revaluatio capital account nreserve £ | | - 1,145 | - (133 | (57 | - 953 | 1 1 1 1 1 | 6,000 1,090,371 953 |
| Note | | 4 | | 7 | | 12 26 | |
| | Loss for the year Other comprehensive income for the year: | Revaluation of tangible assets | Minority interest in other comprehensive income | Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income | Total comprehensive income for the year | Dividends paid and payable Acquisition of subsidiary with minority interest Share premium introduced by minority shareholders Total investments by and distributions to owners | |

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

Company Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 March 2019

| At 5 June 2017 | | Called up share capital £ | Share premium account £ | Profit and loss account £ | Total £ |
|--|----|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Profit for the year | | | | 785,382 | 785,382 |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | _ | | 785,382 | 785,382 |
| Issue of shares Dividends paid and payable | 12 | 6,000 - | 1,090,371 — | _ (363,426) | 1,096,371 (363,426) |
| Total investments by and distributions to owners | | 6,000 | 1,090,371 | (363,426) | 732,945 |
| At 31 March 2018 | | 6,000 | 1,090,371 | 421,956 | 1,518,327 |
| Loss for the year | | | | (44,470) | (44,470) |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | | | | (44,470) | (44,470) |
| At 31 March 2019 | | 6,000 | 1,090,371 | 377,486 | 1,473,857 |

Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 March 2019

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Loss for the financial year | (1,711,373) | (687,555) |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation of tangible assets | 282,924 | 77,018 |
| Impairment of tangible assets | 405,250 | |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 236,911 | 77,579 |
| Other interest receivable and similar income | (4) | - |
| Interest payable and similar expenses | 1,311,471 | 912,197 |
| Gains on disposal of tangible assets | (1,085,560) | (1,445,000) |
| Tax on (loss)/profit | (573,798) 422,595 | (15,499) |
| Accrued expenses Bad debts written off | 422,5 95 33,967 | 296,575 |
| pad depts witten OII | 33,907 | _ |
| Changes in: | (04.404) | (25.770) |
| Stocks | (21,434) | (25,779) |
| Trade and other debtors Trade and other creditors | 400,051 (731,056) | (210,843) |
| | (731,956) | (660,125) |
| Cash generated from operations | (1,030,956) | (1,681,432) |
| Interest paid | (1,234,465) | (912,197) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | (2,265,421) | (2,593,629) |
| Cash flaves from investing activities | | |
| Cash flows from investing activities Purchase of tangible assets | (2,062,902) | (1,469,637) |
| Proceeds from sale of tangible assets | 2,814,417 | 2,695,000 |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries | (3,459,231) | (2,778,971) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (2,707,716) | (1,553,608) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (Z,707,710) | (1,333,000) |
| Cash flows from financing activities | | |
| Proceeds from issue of ordinary shares | _ | 1,156,000 |
| Proceeds from issue of shares classed as financial liabilities | 1,325,000 | _ |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 3,374,113 | 3,694,776 |
| Proceeds from loans from group undertakings | _ | (3,217) |
| Dividends paid | (13,000) | (363,426) |
| Net cash from financing activities | 4,686,113 | 4,484,133 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (287,024) | 336,896 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year | 336,896 | , _ |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of year | 49,872 | 336,896 |
| | | |

The notes on pages 16 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2019

1. General information

The company is a private company limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 2nd Floor, 32-33 Gosfield Street, Fitzrovia, London, W1W 6HL.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with 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, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss. The accounts have been prepared for a 12 month period, and comparative figures cover a period from 5 June 2017 to 31 March 2018.

Disclosure exemptions

The parent company satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following reduced disclosures available under FRS 102:

- (a) Disclosures in respect of each class of share capital have not been presented.
- (b) No cash flow statement has been presented for the company.
- (c) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.
- (d) No disclosure has been given for the aggregate remuneration of key management personnel.

Consolidation

The financial statements consolidate the financial statements of the Group and all of its subsidiary undertakings.

The results of subsidiaries acquired or disposed of during the year are included from or to the date that control passes on an acquisition accounting basis.

The parent company has applied the exemption contained in section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not included its individual statement of comprehensive income.

Non-controlling interests

Minority interests in the net assets of consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity. Minority interests consist of the amount of those interests at the date of the original business combination and the minority's share of changes in equity since the date of the combination.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

3. Accounting policies (continued)

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.

Freehold properties are revalued on a regular basis in line with reports obtained from professionally qualified valuers.

Deprecation of tangible and intangible fixed assets has been based on estimated useful lives and residual values deemed appropriate by the Directors. Estimated useful lives and residual values are reviewed annually and will be revised as appropriate. There is no depreciation on the freehold since the impact of a depreciation will be not material given the importance of the residual value (building). The land is not depreciated.

Revenue recognition

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for services rendered, stated net of discounts and of Value Added Tax. Revenue from hotel operations is recognised when rooms are occupied and when food and beverages are sold.

Income tax

The taxation expense represents the aggregate amount of current and deferred tax recognised in the reporting period. Tax is recognised in profit or loss, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, tax is recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is recognised on taxable profit for the current and past periods. Current tax is measured at the amounts of tax expected to pay or recover using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences at the reporting date. Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Operating leases

Lease payments are recognised as an expense over the lease term on a straight-line basis. The aggregate benefit of lease incentives is recognised as a reduction to expense over the lease term, on a straight-line basis.

Goodwill

Goodwill arises on business acquisitions and represents the excess of the cost of the acquisition over the company's interest in the net amount of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired business.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Goodwill (continued)

Goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. It is amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful life. Where a reliable estimate of the useful life of goodwill or intangible assets cannot be made, the life is presumed not to exceed ten years.

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill

10% straight line

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity, except to the extent it reverses a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised in profit or loss. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other comprehensive income to the extent of any previously recognised revaluation increase accumulated in equity in respect of that asset. Where a a revaluation decrease exceeds the accumulated revaluation gains accumulated in equity in respect of that asset, the excess shall be recognised in profit or loss.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Fixtures and fittings

25% straight line

Motor vehicles

- 25% reducing balance

No depreciation is provided on freehold land and buildings which are regularly revalued.

Investments

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

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2019

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the company are assigned to those units.

Stocks

Stocks are measured at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost includes all costs of purchase, costs of conversion and other costs incurred in bringing the stock to its present location and condition.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the statement of financial position and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period it arises.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the entity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where it is recognised at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument. For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics. Any reversals of impairment are recognised in profit or loss immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

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3. Accounting policies (continued)

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

Business combinations

Business combinations are accounted for using the purchase method.

The cost of a business combination is measured as the aggregate of the fair values, at the acquisition date, of assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued plus any costs directly attributable to the business combination.

Where control is achieved in stages, the cost of the business combination is the aggregate of the fair values of the assets given, liabilities incurred or assumed, and equity instruments issued at the date of each transaction in the series.

Where the business combination requires an adjustment to the cost contingent on future events, the estimated amount of that adjustment is included in the cost of the combination at the acquisition date providing it is probable and can be measured reliably. Where it is not recognised at the acquisition date but subsequently becomes probable and can be measured reliably, the additional consideration is treated as an adjustment to the cost of the combination.

4. Turnover

Turnover arises from:

| | | Period from |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Year to | 5 Jun 17 to |
| | 31 Mar 19 | 31 Mar 18 |
| | £ | £ |
| Hotel operations | 8,280,781 | 2,696,784 |
| Management fees | 232,256 | 134,743 |
| | 8,513,037 | 2,831,527 |
| | | |

The whole of the turnover is attributable to the principal activity of the group wholly undertaken in the United Kingdom.

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5. Operating profit

Operating profit or loss is stated after charging/crediting:

| | | Period from |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| | Year to | 5 Jun 17 to |
| | 31 Mar 19 | 31 Mar 18 |
| | £ | £ |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 236,911 | 77,579 |
| Depreciation of tangible assets | 282,924 | 77,018 |
| Impairment of tangible assets recognised in: | | |
| Administrative expenses | 405,250 | - |
| Gains on disposal of tangible assets | (1,085,560) | (1,445,000) |
| Impairment of trade debtors | 33,967 | 2,770 |
| | | |

The figure of £405,250 for impairment of tangible assets relates to the revaluation of the freehold of two of the group's hotels as at 31 March 2019.

6. Auditor's remuneration

| | | Period from |
|--|-----------|-------------|
| | Year to | 5 Jun 17 to |
| | 31 Mar 19 | 31 Mar 18 |
| | £ | £ |
| Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements | 40,000 | 30,000 |
| | | |

7. Staff costs

The average number of persons employed by the group during the year, including the directors, amounted to:

| | 2019 | 2018 |
|------------------|------|------|
| | No. | No. |
| Management staff | 3 | 11 |
| Hotel staff | 289 | 136 |
| | 292 | 147 |
| | | |

The aggregate payroll costs incurred during the year, relating to the above, were:

| | | Period from |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Year to | 5 Jun 17 to |
| | 31 Mar 19 | 31 Mar 18 |
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 3,387,814 | 915,474 |
| Social security costs | 178,654 | _ |
| Other pension costs | 32,242 | 1,007 |
| | 3,598,710 | 916,481 |
| | | |

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| The directors' aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services was: Year to 31 Mar 19 | 8. | Directors' remuneration | | |
|--|-----|---|---|--------------------------------|
| Remuneration | | The directors' aggregate remuneration in respect of qualifying services | was: | |
| Remuneration | | | 31 Mar 19 | 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 |
| Near to S Jun 17 to 31 Mar 19 £ £ £ £ . | | Remuneration | - | |
| Year to 31 Mar 19 | 9. | Other interest receivable and similar income | | |
| Interest on cash and cash equivalents | | • | 31 Mar 19 | 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 |
| Period from 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 19 | | Interest on cash and cash equivalents | | _ |
| Year to 31 Mar 19 | 10. | Interest payable and similar expenses | | |
| Interest on debenture loans 1,093,232 744,612 Interest on banks loans and overdrafts 98,386 476 Dividends paid on shares classed as debt 79,333 - Other interest payable and similar charges 40,520 167,109 1,311,471 912,197 11. Tax on (loss)/profit Wajor components of tax income Period from 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 19 | | | 31 Mar 19 | 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 |
| 11. Tax on (loss)/profit Major components of tax income Period from Year to 31 Mar 19 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 £ Current tax: UK current tax income 1,305 (15,499) Adjustments in respect of prior periods (13,946) — Total current tax (12,641) (15,499) Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences (561,157) — | | Interest on banks loans and overdrafts Dividends paid on shares classed as debt | 1,093,232 98,386 79,333 40,520 | 744,612 476 – 167,109 |
| Major components of tax income Year to 31 Mar 19 £ Current tax: UK current tax income 1,305 (15,499) Adjustments in respect of prior periods (13,946) - Total current tax (12,641) (15,499) Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences (561,157) - | | | 1,311,471 | 912,197 |
| Year to 31 Mar 19 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 19 £ Current tax: UK current tax income 1,305 (15,499) Adjustments in respect of prior periods (13,946) — Total current tax Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences (561,157) — | 11. | Tax on (loss)/profit | | |
| Year to 31 Mar 19 31 Mar 18 £ £ Current tax: UK current tax income | | Major components of tax income | | |
| UK current tax income Adjustments in respect of prior periods Total current tax Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences 1,305 (15,499) (12,641) (15,499) (15,499) | | | 31 Mar 19 | 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 |
| Deferred tax: Origination and reversal of timing differences (561,157) | | UK current tax income | | (15,499) – |
| Origination and reversal of timing differences (561,157) — | | Total current tax | (12,641) | (15,499) |
| | | | (561,157) | |
| | | Tax on (loss)/profit | (573,798) | (15,499) |

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11. Tax on (loss)/profit (continued)

Tax recognised as other comprehensive income or equity

Dividends paid during the year (excluding those for which a liability

existed at the end of the prior year)

The aggregate current and deferred tax relating to items recognised as other comprehensive income or equity for the year was £57,797 (2018: nil). This relates to the revaluation of freehold properties.

Reconciliation of tax income

12.

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the year is lower than (2018: higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2018: 19%).

| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation | Year to 31 Mar 19 £ (2,285,171) | Period from 5 Jun 17 to 31 Mar 18 £ (703,054) |
|---|---|--|
| Loss on ordinary activities by rate of tax Adjustment to tax charge in respect of prior periods Effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes Effect of capital allowances and depreciation Utilisation of tax losses Unused tax losses Tax relating to consolidation adjustments Effect of losses allocated against revaluation gains | (434,191) 27,892 59,240 — (16,142) (235,972) (18,654) 44,028 | (127,869) - 14,740 14,809 - 82,821 - |
| Tax on (loss)/profit | (573,799) | (15,499) |
| Dividends | | |
| Equity dividends | | |
| | 2019 | 2018 |

£

363,426

£

13,000

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13. Intangible assets

| Group | Goodwill £ |
|---|----------------------|
| Cost At 1 April 2018 Acquisitions through business combinations | 530,175 1,573,081 |
| At 31 March 2019 | 2,103,256 |
| Amortisation At 1 April 2018 Charge for the year | 77,579 236,911 |
| At 31 March 2019 | 314,490 |
| Carrying amount At 31 March 2019 | 1,788,766 |
| At 31 March 2018 | 452,596 |

The company has no intangible assets.

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| 14. | Tangible assets | | | | | | |
|-----|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| | Group | Freehold property £ | Short leasehold property £ | Plant and I machinery £ | Fixtures and fittings | Motor vehicles £ | Total £ |
| | Cost At 1 Apr 2018 Additions Disposals Acquisitions through business | 12,091,316 1,695,231 (1,728,857) | 960,015 - - | 1,303 1,006 — | 768,194 366,665 – | - - - | 13,820,828 2,062,902 (1,728,857) |
| | combinations Revaluations | 2,131,980 3,198,473 | 89,985 | - | 1,095,585 - | 28,875 - | 3,256,440 3,288,458 |
| | At 31 Mar 2019 | 17,388,143 | 1,050,000 | 2,309 | 2,230,444 | 28,875 | 20,699,771 |
| | Depreciation At 1 Apr 2018 Charge for the | _ | _ | _ | 76,408 | _ | 76,408 |
| | year | | <u> </u> | | 273,769 | 9,155 | 282,924 |
| | At 31 Mar 2019 | _ | | | 350,177 | 9,155 | 359,332 |
| | Carrying amount At 31 Mar 2019 | 17,388,143 | 1,050,000 | 2,309 | 1,880,267 | 19,720 | 20,340,439 |
| | At 31 Mar 2018 | 12,091,316 | 960,015 | 1,303 | 691,786 | | 13,744,420 |
| | Company | | | | | | Plant and machinery £ |
| | Cost At 1 April 2018 Additions | | | | | | 1,303 1,006 |
| | At 31 March 2019 | | | | | | 2,309 |
| | Depreciation At 1 April 2018 an | d 31 March 2 | 019 | | | | _ |
| | Carrying amount At 31 March 2019 | | | | | | 2,309 |
| | At 31 March 2018 | | | | | | 1,303 |

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14. Tangible assets (continued)

Tangible assets held at valuation

In respect of tangible assets held at valuation, aggregate cost, depreciation and comparable carrying amount that would have been recognised if the assets had been carried under the historical cost model are as follows:

| Group | Freehold property £ | Short leasehold property £ | Total £ |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| At 31 March 2019 Aggregate cost Aggregate depreciation | 15,718,858 | 1,330,000 | 17,048,858 - |
| Carrying value | 15,718,858 | 1,330,000 | 17,048,858 |
| At 31 March 2018 Aggregate cost Aggregate depreciation | 12,091,317 — | 1,330,000 — | 13,421,317 |
| Carrying value | 12,091,317 | 1,330,000 | 13,421,317 |

The company has no tangible assets held at valuation.

15. Investments

The group has no investments.

| Company | Shares in group undertaking s £ |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Cost | ~ |
| At 1 April 2018 | 1,109,371 |
| Additions | 1,029,237 |
| At 31 March 2019 | 2,138,608 |
| Impairment | |
| At 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019 | |
| Carrying amount | |
| At 31 March 2019 | 2,138,608 |
| At 31 March 2018 | 1,109,371 |
| | |

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15. Investments (continued)

Subsidiaries, associates and other investments

Details of the investments in which the parent company has an interest of 20% or more are as follows:

| | | of shares |
|---|----------------|-----------|
| | Class of share | held |
| Subsidiary undertakings | | |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chester) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chesterfield) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Halifax) Ltd | Ordinary | 96.646 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Northallerton) Ltd | Ordinary | 80.521 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Manchester North) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Sunderland) Ltd | Ordinary | 99.502 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Banbury) Ltd | Ordinary | 84.962 |
| Nitestop Limited | Ordinary | 100 |
| ESA Leisure Ltd | Ordinary | 84.962 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chipping Campden) Ltd | Ordinary | 84.962 |
| Three Ways House Hotel Ltd | Ordinary | 84.962 |
| Classic Country Hotels Ltd | Ordinary | 84.962 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |
| Shepherd Cox Hotels (Gateshead) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |
| Shepherd Cox Drive Thru (Northallerton) Ltd | Ordinary | 100 |

16. Stocks

| | Group | | Company | |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Raw materials and consumables | 78,466 | 57,032 | _ | _ |
| | | | | |

17. Debtors

| | Group | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Trade debtors | 680,893 | 367,776 | _ | _ |
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | <u> </u> | <u></u> | 7,614,990 | _ |
| Prepayments and accrued income | 215,661 | 165,602 | 92,616 | 19,331 |
| Directors loan account | 21,855 | 80 | _ | _ |
| Other debtors | 226,856 | 51,189 | - | 23,567 |
| | 1,145,265 | 584,647 | 7,707,606 | 42,898 |
| | | | | |

Percentage

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18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| Group | | Comp | any |
|-----------|---|---|---|
| 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 2,430,625 | 1,675,000 | _ | 1,675,000 |
| 40,991 | 88,245 | _ | _ |
| 635,191 | 289,790 | _ | _ |
| 677,438 | 441,029 | 72,442 | 35,925 |
| 746,065 | 323,470 | 92,762 | 30,000 |
| 93,921 | 69,064 | _ | _ |
| 969,945 | 241,439 | 61,060 | 12,092 |
| - | 18,171 | _ | 18,171 |
| 8,319 | 9,490 | 4,179 | 80 |
| 603,000 | (522,174) | 589,108 | 840,495 |
| 129,478 | 175,401 | 35,122 | 35,122 |
| 6,334,973 | 2,808,925 | 854,673 | 2,646,885 |
| | 2019 £ 2,430,625 40,991 635,191 677,438 746,065 93,921 969,945 8,319 603,000 129,478 | 2019 2018 £ £ 2,430,625 1,675,000 40,991 88,245 635,191 289,790 677,438 441,029 746,065 323,470 93,921 69,064 969,945 241,439 | 2019 2018 2019 £ £ £ 2,430,625 1,675,000 - 40,991 88,245 - 635,191 289,790 - 677,438 441,029 72,442 746,065 323,470 92,762 93,921 69,064 - 969,945 241,439 61,060 - 18,171 - 8,319 9,490 4,179 603,000 (522,174) 589,108 129,478 175,401 35,122 |

19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| Group | | Comp | any |
|------------|--|--|--|
| 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 9,128,738 | 6,000,000 | 7,520,079 | 6,000,000 |
| 4,556,812 | 4,822,491 | _ | _ |
| 1,325,000 | _ | _ | _ |
| 15,010,550 | 10,822,491 | 7,520,079 | 6,000,000 |
| | 2019 £ 9,128,738 4,556,812 1,325,000 | £ £ 9,128,738 6,000,000 4,556,812 4,822,491 1,325,000 — | 2019 2018 2019 £ £ £ 9,128,738 6,000,000 7,520,079 4,556,812 4,822,491 — 1,325,000 — — |

Included within creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year is an amount of £3,233,021 (2018: £1,052,478) in respect of liabilities payable or repayable by instalments which fall due for payment after more than five years from the reporting date.

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19. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year (continued)

The group has a loan of £1,430,370 (2018 - £1,518,616) from Lloyds Bank which is secured by way of:

- · an unlimited debenture from Shepherd Cox Holdings Ltd
- a first legal charge over the freehold land and buildings at Wroxton House Hotel
- an unlimited debenture from ESA Leisure Ltd
- an omnibus guarantee and set off agreement among the Bank, Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Ltd, Shepherd Cox Hotels (Banbury) Ltd and ESA Leisure Ltd together with such other security as the Bank may from time to time hold in respect of the debts and liabilities of any guarantor to the Bank
- a deed of postponement or subordination from Shepherd Cox Hotels (Banbury) Ltd in respect of all loans to the company
- an unlimited debenture from Shepherd Cox Hotels (Banbury) Ltd

This loan bears interest at the bank base rate plus 1.9%

During the year, the group received a loan from Redwood Bank of £1,060,800, with a term of 20 years. The balance at the year end was £1,007,005. This loan bears interest at 6.24% over Bank of England Base Rate and is secured by way of a charge over the freehold of Comfort Inn, Sunderland.

During the year, the group also received a loan from NatWest Bank of £2.1m to finance the acquisition of Three Ways House Hotel Ltd. The balance outstanding at the year end is £2,034,670. This loan bears interest at 2.47% above the Bank's Base Rate. This loan is secured by way of:

- a guarantee for £2.1m supplied by Classic Country Hotels Ltd and Three Ways House Hotel Ltd.
- debentures issued by Classic Country Hotels Ltd, Three Ways House Hotel Ltd and Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chipping Campden) Ltd
- a first legal charge over the freehold property at Three Ways House Hotel, owned by Classic Country Hotels Ltd.

The company has a loan of £7,520,079 from Luqa Limited, a company incorporated in Malta. This loan is secured by way of a first charge over a number of the freehold properties owned by the group, and bears interest at 7% per annum.

Of this loan, £6,000,000 is due within 3 years and the remainder within 1 year.

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20. Provisions

| Group | Deferred tax (note 21) £ |
|--|--------------------------------|
| At 1 April 2018 | 333,866 |
| Additions | 303,966 |
| Acquired through business combinations | 10,039 |
| At 31 March 2019 | 647,871 |

The company does not have any provisions.

The provisions included in the group accounts relate to deferred tax liabilities.

21. Deferred tax

The deferred tax included in the statement of financial position is as follows:

| | Group | | Company | |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Included in provisions (note 20) | 647,871 | 158,903 | _ | _ |
| | | | | |

The deferred tax account consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of:

| Group | | Company | |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| £ | £ | £ | £ |
| 271,608 | 158,903 | _ | _ |
| 1,066,271 | _ | _ | _ |
| (690,008) | - | _ | _ |
| 647.071 | 150 002 | | |
| 047,071 | 156,903 | - | |
| | 2019 £ 271,608 1,066,271 | 2019 2018 £ £ 271,608 158,903 1,066,271 — (690,008) — | 2019 2018 2019 £ £ £ 271,608 158,903 — 1,066,271 — — (690,008) — — |

22. Employee benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in profit or loss as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £32,242 (2018: £1,007).

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23. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost

| | Group | |
|--|------------|-------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ |
| Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised | | |
| cost | 730,764 | 704,672 |
| | | |
| Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | | |
| | Gro | up |
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ |
| Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost | 16,834,604 | 13,026,765 |
| | | |

24. Called up share capital

Issued, called up and fully paid

| | 2019 | | 2018 | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|--------------|
| | No. | £ | No. | £ |
| Amounts presented in equity: | | | | |
| Ordinary A Shares shares of £1 each | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 | 5,700 |
| Ordinary B Shares shares of £1 each | 300 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 6,000 |
| Amounta procented in liabilities: | | | | " |
| Amounts presented in liabilities: | | | | |
| Preference shares of £1 each | 1,325,000 | 1,325,000 | _ | - |
| | - | | === | |

During the year, Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd, a subsidiary of the company, issued 1,325,000 redeemable preference shares which have been classified as debt in the financial statements. These shares carry cumulative preferred dividend rights, and are redeemable at any date after 27 January 2022. No premium is payable on redemption.

The number of shares outstanding at the year end date for all other classes of shares is consistent with the prior period.

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24. Called up share capital (continued)

During the year, 5,700 Ordinary A Shares and 300 Ordinary B Shares were in issue.

The rights of the Ordinary A Shareholders are as follows: Each share has full rights in the company with respect to voting, dividends and distributions. Where and A Shareholder owns more than 20% of the total issued share capital of the Company, they shall be entitled to appoint a Director to the Board.

The rights of the Ordinary B Shareholder is as follows: Ordinary B Shareholders have the right to 5% of all dividends declared by the Company, 5% of the capital of the Company on the winding-up, the right to vote on any Shareholder Resolution (such vote to carry the weight of 5% of the total issued share capital of the Company) and they also have the right to appoint a B Director. Save as expressed above, the further rights of the A Share and B Share shall rank parri passu.

25. Reserves

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

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

26. Business combinations

Acquisition of Three Ways House Hotel Ltd

On 15 August 2018, the group acquired 100% of the share capital of Three Ways House Hotel Ltd and its subsidiary Classic Country Hotels Ltd. Classic Country Hotels Ltd owns and operates the hotel known as Three Ways House Hotel, Chipping Campden.

The goodwill arising on this acquisition is being amortised through the profit and loss account over its estimated useful life of 10 years, in line with the group's normal practice.

The fair value of consideration paid in relation to the acquisition of Three Ways House Hotel Ltd is as follows:

£ Cash 2,935,258

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26. Business combinations (continued)

The fair value of amounts recognised at the acquisition date in relation to Three Ways House Hotel Ltd are as follows:

| | Book value A £ | djustments £ | Fair value £ |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tangible assets acquired | 1,376,271 | 1,922,720 | 3,298,991 |
| Stocks acquired | 16,374 | _ | 16,374 |
| Trade debtors acquired | 30,959 | _ | 30,959 |
| Other debtors acquired | 11,234 | _ | 11,234 |
| Cash and cash equivalents acquired | 11,194 | _ | 11,194 |
| Trade creditors assumed | (77,674) | _ | (77,674) |
| Other creditors assumed | (843,592) | _ | (843,592) |
| Provisions assumed | (8,937) | _ | (8,937) |
| | 515,829 | 1,922,720 | 2,438,549 |
| Goodwill on acquisition | | | 496,709 |
| | | | 2,935,258 |
| | | | |

Acquisition of Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd

On 13 June 2018, the group acquired 100% of the share capital of Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd, which owns and operates the hotel known as Hallgarth Manor Hotel, Durham.

The goodwill arising on this acquisition is being amortised through the profit and loss account over its estimated useful life of 10 years, in line with the group's normal practice.

The fair value of consideration paid in relation to the acquisition of Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd is as follows:

| | - |
|------------------|--------------|
| Cash | 2,220 |
| Debt instruments | 1,027,017 |
| | 1,029,237 |

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26. Business combinations (continued)

The fair value of amounts recognised at the acquisition date in relation to Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd are as follows:

| Fair value |
|-------------|
| £ |
| 1,979,543 |
| 11,535 |
| 28,774 |
| 903,286 |
| 50,707 |
| (437,599) |
| (2,226,094) |
| 310,152 |
| 719,085 |
| 1,029,237 |
| |

27. Capital commitments

Capital expenditure contracted for but not provided for in the financial statements is as follows:

| | Group | | Company | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible assets | 6,670,000 | 2,754,250 | _ | _ |
| . | | | | ==== |

Three of subsidiary companies have granted long leases over individual rooms in the freehold hotels they own. These leases are granted at a premium, and the rooms are leased back to the hotel operating companies at a fixed annual rent. After 5 years, there are put and call options over the leasehold interests for the leases to be repurchased by the companies owning the freeholds for the amount of the original lease premium, plus an additional 15% uplift. These options fall due between 2022 and 2024.

28. Operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

| | Group | | Compan | У |
|--|-------------|------|--------|------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Not later than 1 year Later than 1 year and not later than 5 | 509,200 | | - | - |
| years | 1,525,867 | _ | _ | _ |
| | | | | |
| | 2,035,067 | - | _ | _ |
| | | | | |

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28. Operating leases (continued)

Three of the subsidiaries have entered into sale and leaseback transactions over the rooms in the freehold hotels they own. The companies pay a fixed annual rent on the operating leases for these rooms. At the end of a five year period, there are put and call options over the leases, such that the companies will be obliged to repurchase the leases. The details of the repurchases can be found in the capital commitments note.

The rent payable on the remaining term of the operating leases up to the expiry of the five year period is shown above.

29. Contingencies

Shepherd Cox Hotels Holdings Limited has guaranteed the liabilities of the following subsidiaries in order that they qualify for the exemption from audit under Section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 in respect of the year ended 31 March 2019.

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chesterfield) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Halifax) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Manchester North) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chester) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Sunderland) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Banbury) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Northallerton) Ltd

ESA Leisure Ltd

Nite Stop Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Durham) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Chipping Campden) Ltd

Three Ways House Hotel Ltd

Classic Country Hotels Ltd

Shepherd Cox Drive Thru (Northallerton) Ltd

Shepherd Cox Hotels (Gateshead) Ltd

30. Events after the end of the reporting period

Following the year end and to the date of this report, the group has acquired three further hotels, The Bridge at Wetherby, the Charton Kings Hotel in Cheltenham and the Olde Barn Hotel in Grantham. Other acquisitions are in the pipeline and new financing agreements are partly finalised to fund these purchases. As a result of the favourable terms achieved, future interest costs will be reduced.

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31. Directors' advances, credits and guarantees

During the year the directors entered into the following advances and credits with the company and its subsidiary undertakings:

| | Balance brought forward | Advances/ (credits) to | Balance outstanding |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Mr LW Bramzell Mr ND Carlile | _ | 21,815 40 | 21,815 40 |
| | | 21,855 | 21,855 |
| | | 2018 | |
| | Balance brought | Advances/ (credits) to | Balance |
| | forward | the directors | outstanding |
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Mr LW Bramzell | _ | _ | _ |
| Mr ND Carlile | _ | | _ |
| | | | |
| | | | |

32. Related party transactions

Group

During the year the group entered into the following transactions with related parties:

| | Transaction value | | Balance owed by/(Transaction value to) | | - • |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------|---|------------|-----|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| Shareholders | _ | _ | (48,388) | (116,485) | |
| Associated companies | 286,568 | 151,162 | (414,058) | (321,114) | |
| Subsidiaries | 156,567 | 40,651 | 8,383,770 | 10,535,499 | |
| | | | | | |

Company

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

| • • • • • • • | Transaction value | | Balance owed by/(owed to) | |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------|---------------------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2019 | 2018 |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Shareholders | _ | _ | (35,121) | (53,292) |
| Associated companies | 206,662 | 75,581 | 188,942 | (843,288) |
| Subsidiaries | 156,567 | 40,651 | 8,383,770 | 10,535,499 |