Company Registration No. 11337433 (England and Wales)

Lismore Castle & Gardens Limited

Annual report and unaudited financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2020

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## **Company information**

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## Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2020

The company was incorporated on 30 April 2018.

The directors present their report and financial statements for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020.

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is that of provision of hotel services and admission to events such as castle and garden tours through its operation of Lismore Castle based in Waterford, Ireland. The activity commenced on 1 April 2019, after the balance sheet date. The company also has an investment portfolio which commenced in September 2018.

#### Directors

Earl of Burlington Mr A C Lavery

#### Strategic Report

#### Business results

The profit and loss account is set out in detail on page 7. It shows that overall the company recorded sales of £256,771 (2020: £949,055) and a pre-tax loss of £583,642 (2020: loss £82,730) from its operation of hotel services and events. The results are explained further below.

|                     | 2020    | 2019  |
|---------------------|---------|-------|
| Analysis of results | £000°   | £000  |
| Trading Revenue     | 257     | 949   |
| Gross Profit        | 213     | 878   |
| Gross Profit %      | 83.1%   | 92.5% |
| EBITDA              | (548)   | (83)  |
| EBITDA %            | -213.5% | -8.7% |
| (Loss) before tax   | (584)   | (83)  |
| (Loss) before tax   | -227.3% | -8.7% |
|                     |         |       |

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 applicable law and Section 1A of FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit and loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

## Directors' report for the period ended 31 December 2020

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements:
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume 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.

This report has be prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board

Mr A C Lavery

Director

| Profit and loss account for the period ended 31 December 2020 |       |             |             |  |
|---|-------|-------------|-------------|--|
|   |       | 2020        | 2019        |  |
|   | Notes | €           | €           |  |
| Income  | 3     |             |             |  |
| Operation of the Castle & Gardens                             |       | 256,771     | 949,055     |  |
| Investments   |       | 612,220     | 557,385     |  |
| Grants  |       | 80,504      | -           |  |
| Total income  |       | 949,495     | 1,506,440   |  |
| Expenditure   |       |             |             |  |
| Operation of the Castle & Gardens                             |       | (123,899)   | (71,509)    |  |
| Gross Profit  |       | 825,596     | 1,434,931   |  |
| Administrative expenses                                       |       | (1,046,625) | (1,047,005) |  |
| Operating profit  | 4     | (221,029)   | 387,926     |  |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments                             |       | (745,345)   | 3,267,981   |  |
| Income from government grants                                 |       | 165,549     | -           |  |
| Loss on ordinary activities before taxation                   |       | (800,825)   | 3,655,907   |  |
| Tax (credit) for the year                                     | 5     | 63,971      | (616,228)   |  |
| Profit/(loss) for the year                                    | 12    | (736,854)   | 3,039,679   |  |

The notes on pages 5 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

#### Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

|  |       | 2020         | 2019         |
|--|-------|--------------|--------------|
|  | Notes | €            | €            |
| Fixed Assets                                   |       |              |              |
| Fixed Assets                                   | 6     | 147,046      | 118,435      |
| Investments                                    | 7     | 18,866,818   | 19,364,096   |
|  |       | 19,013,864   | 19,482,531   |
| Current Assets                                 |       |              |              |
| Debtors  | 8     | 62,403       | 386,984      |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       |       | 113,046      | 33,107       |
|  |       | 175,449      | 420,091      |
| Current Liabilities                            |       |              |              |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 9     | (17,396,450) | (17,250,052) |
| Net Current Liabilities                        |       | (17,221,001) | (16,829,961) |
| Total assets less current liabilities          |       | 1,792,863    | 2,652,570    |
| Provisions for liabilities                     | 10    | (275,540)    | (398,394)    |
|  |       | 1,517,323    | 2,254,176    |
| Capital and reserves                           |       |              |              |
| Called up share capital                        | 11    | 1            | 1            |
| Profit and loss account                        | 12    | 1,517,323    | 2,254,175    |
| Shareholders' funds                            | 13    | 1,517,324    | 2,254,176    |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of it accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of the accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

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## Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020 (continued)

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Board for issue on 29 September 2021

Mr A C Lavery

Director

Company Number: 11337433

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

## 1.2 Compliance with accounting standards

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

#### 1.3 Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is Euros.

#### 1.4 Turnover

Turnover represents dividends and interest receivable from the investment portfolio and amounts receivable for goods and services net of VAT and discounts.

#### 1.5 Investments

Investments are stated in the balance sheet at market value based on the mid-market price as provided by Interactive Data (Europe) Ltd or the last closing deal price.

#### 1.6 Realised and Unrealised Gains/(Losses)

All gains and losses are taken to the Profit and Loss account as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase price if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Profit and Loss account.

## 1.7 Employees

There are no employees in the period to 31 December 2020.

#### 1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Plant and Equipment 3 to 10 years straight line

#### 1.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

## 1.9 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

#### 1.10 Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on the liability method to take account of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounts purposes and their treatment for tax purposes. Tax deferred or accelerated is accounted for in respect of all material timing differences.

#### 2 Transfer of business

The principal activity of the company of the provision of hotel services and admission to events such as castle and garden tours through its operation of Lismore Castle was transferred into the company as at 1 April 2019.

The transfer had the following effect on the Company's assets and liabilities.

|   | Fair value         |            |            |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------|
|   | <b>Book values</b> | adjustment | Fair Value |
|   | £                  | £          | £          |
| Acquiree's net assets at the transfer date: |                    |            |            |
| Tangible fixed assets                       | 116,439            | -          | 116,439    |
| Directors current account                   | 315,685            | -          | 315,685    |
| Cash at bank                                | 39,586             | -          | 39,586     |
| Trade and other debtors                     | 52,950             | -          | 52,950     |
| Trade and other creditors                   | (524,660)          | -          | (524,660)  |
| Net identifiable assets and liabilities     | -                  | -          | -          |

### Fair value of consideration transferred:

Amount settled in cash Share capital issued

| 3 | Income                                     | 2020    | 2019      |
|---|--|---------|-----------|
|   |  | €       | €         |
|   | Investment income:                         |         |           |
|   | Equities - Europe ex UK                    | 248,766 | 346,219   |
|   | Equities - North America                   | 89,477  | 64,103    |
|   | Equities - Asia Pacific ex Japan           | 9,652   | 0         |
|   | Equities - Japan                           | 10,693  |           |
|   | Equities - UK                              | 143,056 | 85,101    |
|   | Fixed interest - overseas                  | 110,576 | 61,962    |
|   | •  | 612,220 | 557,385   |
|   | Trading revenue                            | 256,771 | 949,055   |
|   | Grants                                     | 80,504  | -         |
|   |  | 949,495 | 1,506,440 |
| 4 | Operating profit                           | 2020    | 2019      |
|   |  | €       | €         |
|   | Operating profit is stated after charging: |         |           |
|   | Depreciation of tangible assets            | 35,492  | 20,806    |
|   | Investment management fees                 | 67,457  | 84,851    |
| 5 | Taxation                                   | 2020    | 2019      |
|   |  | €       | €         |
|   | Domestic current year tax                  |         |           |
|   | U.K. corporation tax                       | 5,038   | 3,861     |
|   | Prior year adjustment                      | 53,844  |           |
|   | Taxation charge                            | 58,882  | 3,861     |
|   | Deferred tax                               |         |           |
|   | Origination                                | 275,540 | 398,394   |
|   |  | 334,422 | 402,254   |

The company is a close company for tax purposes.

## 6 Tangible Assets

|                          | Castle    | Gardens   | Castle Arts |             |         |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|---------|
|                          | Plant &   | Plant &   | Plant &     | Castle Arts |         |
|                          | Equipment | Equipment | Equipment   | Building    | Total   |
| Cost                     | £         | £         | £           | £           | £       |
| At 1 January 2020        | 83,017    | 56,224    | · -         | -           | 139,241 |
| Assets transferred       | -         | _         | 5,991       | 40,609      | 46,600  |
| Additions                | 9,505     |           | 7,998       | -           | 9,505   |
| At 31 December 2020      | 92,522    | 56,224    | 13,989      | 40,609      | 195,346 |
| Accumulated Depreciation |           |           |             |             |         |
| At 1 January 2020        | 11,163    | 9,643     | -           | -           | 20,806  |
| Charge for the period    | 14,929_   | 12,176    | 4,731       | 3,656       | 35,492  |
| At 31 December 2020      | 26,092    | 21,819    | 4,731       | 3,656       | 35,492  |
|                          |           |           |             |             |         |
| At 31 December 2020      | 66,430    | 34,405    | 9,258       | 36,953      | 159,854 |
| At 31 December 2019      | 71,854    | 46,581    | _           | _           | 118,435 |

## 7 Investments

The investments, which are all listed on recognised stock exchanges and stated at Market Value, comprised:

|                                | 2020       | 2019       |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                | €          | €          |
| Fixed interest - overseas      | 3,583,216  | 3,833,940  |
| Alternative investments        | 2,488,309  | 2,090,864  |
| Equities:                      |            |            |
| United Kingdom                 | 654,134    | 867,625    |
| North America                  | 2,858,875  | 2,926,412  |
| Europe (excluding UK)          | 6,316,588  | 7,157,607  |
| Japan                          | 474,016    | 459,628    |
| Asia Pacific (excluding Japan) | 725,162    | 399,803    |
| Emerging markets               | 853,217    | 220,217    |
| Global                         | 581,153    | 484,053    |
| Cash                           | 332,148    | 923,947    |
|                                | 18,866,818 | 19,364,096 |

## 7 Investments (continued)

|   |  | 2020        | 2019        |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
|   |  | €           | . €         |
|   | Market value at 31 December 2019               | 19,364,096  | 15,563,321  |
|   | Transfers in                                   | -           | -           |
|   | Purchases                                      | 3,231,129   | 2,044,803   |
|   | Disposal proceeds                              | (2,391,261) | (2,304,421) |
|   | Realised profit                                | (98,746)    | 44,995      |
|   | Unrealised (losses)/profit                     | (646,599)   | 3,222,985   |
|   | Increase/(decrease) in cash                    | (591,800)   | 792,413     |
|   | Market value at 31 December 2020               | 18,866,818  | 19,364,096  |
|   |  |             |             |
| 8 | Debtors  | 2020        | 2019        |
|   | •  | €           | €           |
|   | Trade debtors                                  | 1,728       | 46,437      |
|   | Other debtors                                  | 60,675      | 340,547     |
|   |  | 62,403      | 386,984     |
|   |  |             |             |
| 9 | Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 2020        | 2019        |
|   |  | €           | €           |
|   | Taxation and social security                   | 21,472      | 16,434      |
|   | Other creditors                                | 17,374,978  | 17,233,618  |
|   |  | 17,396,450  | 17,250,052  |

Within other creditors is a an interest free loan from the Earl of Burlington which is repayable on demand.

| 10 | Provisions for liabilities                         | Deferred tax<br>liability |      |
|----|--|---------------------------|------|
|    |  | €                         |      |
|    | Balance at 31 December 2019                        | 398,394                   |      |
|    | Profit and loss account                            | (122,854)                 |      |
|    | Balance at 31 December 2020                        | 275,540                   |      |
| 11 | Share capital                                      | 2020                      | 2019 |
|    |  | . €                       | €    |
|    | Allotted, called up and fully paid                 |                           |      |
|    | 1 Ordinary share of £1 each                        | 1                         | 1    |
| 12 | Statement of movements on profit and loss account  |                           |      |
|    |  | Profit and loss account   |      |
|    |  | €                         |      |
|    | Balance at 31 December 2019                        | 2,254,175                 |      |
|    | Profit for the year                                | (736,854)                 |      |
|    | Balance at 31 December 2020                        | 1,517,321                 |      |
| 13 | Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds | 2020                      |      |
|    |  | €                         |      |
|    | Opening shareholders' funds                        | 2,254,176                 |      |
|    | Profit for the period ended 31 December 2019       | (736,854)                 |      |
|    | Closing shareholders' funds                        | 1,517,322                 |      |

## 14 Control

The company is controlled by the Earl of Burlington who owns the whole of the allotted shares.