Company Registration No. 11595800 (England and Wales)
ONEBELOW RETAIL LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

# **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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### STRATEGIC REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

The directors present the strategic report for the year ended 31 January 2021.

#### **Business Review**

The period in review has seen the business continue to grow with the number of stores increasing. The financial period has been heavily impacted by the coronavirus pandemic that has impacted on businesses, communities, and individuals. This led to many challenges to ensure safety of our customers and colleagues. As well as managing to support and protect the supply chain to ensure full product range and supply was available.

The business has managed to grow despite facing several challenges outside its control. The main challenge is the UK retail landscape with many high street names entering into Company Voluntary Arrangements to try and reduce costs or falling into administration. Onebelow's ambition and drive and continued growth in such an environment is encouraging.

We continue to review and monitor the retail estate ensuring that quality over quantity is selected when looking at potential new stores. The Directors believe that there is a significant opportunity to expand the number of stores in the future especially with the number of retail units becoming available. Close focus is also given to the continual monitoring of current stores to ensure none are loss making or underperforming.

During the period, the business has continued to invest heavily in a range of areas and initiatives to ensure that moving forward stock shrinkage is improved for the business – these areas cover investing in the warehouse teams, Store Audit, Guards and loss prevention as well as reviews of the IT systems.

## Principal Risks and Uncertainties

#### **Economic**

The principal risk facing the company is competitive activity from other value retailers and in particular supermarkets. The company manages the risk by providing customers with a broad range of competitively priced products that offer great value in a welcoming shopping environment. This supported by excellent customer service by all staff. The company works hard to foster supplier loyalty and building on longstanding relationships with manufacturers both overseas and in the UK. By having a wide range of supplier across each product category, the company ensures that it is not reliant on any one supplier.

### Competition

The retail industry including general merchandising is a highly competitive market. The company competes with numerous groups of retailers on a local and national level in different product areas. With the decline in high street footfall, it puts an extra emphasis on the importance of customer service, price and product selection.

### Operational

To meet the ambitious growth target and plans of the company, the company needs to continue to open new stores in desirable locations as well as driving sales from the existing portfolio. In order to identify and secure new sites, the company needs to invest in the latest technology to ensure the site selection is based on robust demographic and economic data, as well as optimising the existing stores by taking into consideration local market conditions. Also by refining store layouts and merchandising and incentivising store management to ensure that remuneration is aligned with the success of the company.

# Stock / Inventory Management

As with all retailer's stock shrinkage is an unavoidable cost of trading. However, with continued investment in personnel and new technology, the company is confident that the financial impact will continue to decrease. If this is not managed successfully there will be a negative impact on cash flow or levels of stock.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### Staff

To be able to drive forward with the successful growth of the business, the company relies on being able to attract and keep highly qualified staff with a detailed knowledge of the discount retail sector at head office. At a store level the ability to keep and attract staff with a passion to deliver fantastic customer service helps achieve an increased average customer spend.

#### Political

The business will be impacted by any legal or regulation changes this can be from numerous ways such as an increase in the national minimum wage, VAT changes, product policy changes such as the impact on sugary and fatty foods and where they can be placed in stores. By actively monitoring these developments and changes these risks can be accounted for with minimal impact.

### Exchange Rate

Constant reviews on currency markets have meant we have been protected from the extreme currency fluctuations due to the coronavirus pandemic and Brexit.

#### Brexit

With the UK formally leaving the EU on the 31st January 2021 we have had to build in additional processes to deal with our import processes from Europe. Other than this, we have not seen a material impact with our supply chain.

#### Covid-19 Pandemic

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an impact on everybody, it had a huge impact on the UK from mid-March 2020 when lockdown was announced by the government. As One Below is classed as an essential retailer the stores have been able to remain open for business during the period of lockdown. The business took the decision to temporarily close a small percentage of stores during this time due to a severe reduction in footfall and were forced to close certain stores due various localised restrictions.

As lockdown slowly started to ease from May 2020 all stores were back fully open with sales increasing week by week with a return to pre lockdown figures by November 2020.

Given the significant impact that the first lockdown had in March 2020, management acted swiftly to implement a strategy to ensure that the cash position was maximised in the short term before looking to the longer term.

The safety of colleagues and customers remains the number one priority by ensuring that customer numbers in store are limited where required, social distancing is adhered to, ensuring that sanitising stations are available at the entrance to all stores, providing all staff with PPE, providing Perspex screens at till points card transactions were encouraged to keep cash handling to a minimum.

### Future

The business will continue with its growth plans to open more stores, ensuring that the store is the right fit to deliver profitability to our current portfolio. The continued review of product offering, as well as investing in new technology and staff to help meet any new challenges will ensure the business can continue to grow.

# Strategic Aims

The company's strategy is to create great value for its customers, achieving this by competitive low prices, product quality, wide variety, and innovation.

The company continues to monitor the current store portfolio, with a target of improving footfall and increasing the average transaction per customer. This will be achieved by continuously improving the customer experience and product range.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

During the year the key performance indicators were as follows,

- Number of stores target was 90 by the end of the financial year This was not achieved; the number of stores
  was 70. This was due to the coronavirus restrictions as many stores were put on hold throughout the pandemic.
- Turnover Target of £75 million this was not achieved due to the target number of stores not being achieved as well as the pandemic affecting general footfall.
- Increase average transaction amount per customer In the financial year ending 31st January 2020 the average customer spend was £4.75 the average customer spend for the financial year January 2021 was £5.85 this is an increase of £1.22 per transaction an overall 23% increase.

#### s172 statement

As the Board of Onebelow Retail Limited, we have a legal responsibility under section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 to act in the way we consider to be most likely to promote the company's success for the benefit of its members as a whole, and to have regard to the long-term effect of our decisions on the company and its stakeholders. This statement addresses the ways in which we as a Board carry out this responsibility.

#### Promoting the company's success for its members

Onebelow Retail Limited started trading in March 2019. We aim to create great value for its customers daily, achieving this by low prices, product quality, variety and Innovation. The company continues to monitor the current store portfolio, with a target of improving the number of customers in store and increasing the average transaction per customer when they are in store.

## **Engaging with stakeholders**

Our key stakeholders, and the ways in which we engage with them, are as follows:

### Our employees

Our employees are vital to ensuring the successful running of the business Ensuring that when customers visit stores they are greeted and supported by friendly, approachable, knowledgeable, and helpful staff. Ongoing training is provided to ensure colleagues have the right opportunity to gain the skills required to perform their duties.

The business sends weekly communications to all stores, highlighting the current offers and promotions to ensure product knowledge is always up to date. This makes staff able to provide the best customer service possible. The weekly pack also highlights any changes to procedures that need to be put in place. The weekly pack is followed up by the area managers who have daily contact with store managers.

All staff are encouraged to have a voice and feel like they can have an input into the business moving forward.

The business is an equal opportunities employer and makes every effort to ensure that nobody is discriminated against for any reason. In the event of an employee becoming disabled during employment then every effort will be made to ensure that employment continues with the relevant adjustments put in place where possible.

## Our customers and suppliers

To be able to offer a fantastic customer service as well as great value for money, the employees of One Below used previous connections and relationships with suppliers to be able to offer products in a range of areas such as Grocery, Food & Drink, Health & Beauty, Household, Cleaning as well as various seasonal offerings. As well as this the ability to be able to differentiate from competitors through the breadth of own label ranges sourced from long established overseas suppliers.

# STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### Our community

The business works with a local charity and helps by having collection jars at till points in stores. All money collected at till point is then passed direct to the charity as well as any unused samples.

#### Environment

The business is very aware and recognises that its operations have an impact on the environment and this is an increasingly important issue to customers. The company looks at various ways that it can reduce its carbon footprint such as reduction of stores electricity, maximise recycling opportunities, improve fuel efficiency and reduce the amount of plastic that is used across the business. Some of the changes that have been made and successfully implemented over the past twelve months are the installation of auto sensor lighting in our office and warehouse.

The business has also reviewed how many times it delivers to stores and how this can be done on the most efficient routes and with a full loads. As a result of this the fuel consumption and emissions from vehicles has drastically reduced.

Our buyers look to work with suppliers that are environmentally friendly where possible to do so.

As a business we are constantly reviewing what areas can be improved and how our carbon footprint can be reduced.

On behalf of the board

Christopher Edwards **Director** 16 September 2021

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 January 2021.

### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of retail.

## Results and dividends

The results for the year are set out on page 12.

No ordinary dividends were paid. The directors do not recommend payment of a final dividend.

#### Directors

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

Christopher Edwards Jnr Christopher Edwards Mark Ward

(Resigned 12 February 2020)

#### Qualifying third party indemnity provisions

The company has made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors during the year. These provisions remain in force at the reporting date.

#### Financial instruments

## Treasury operations and Financial instruments

The company operates a treasury function which is responsible for managing the liquidity, interest and foreign currency risks associated with the company's activities.

The company's principal financial instruments include derivative financial instruments, the purpose of which is to manage currency risks and interest rate risks arising from the company's activities, and bank overdrafts, loans and corporate bonds, the main purpose of which is to raise finance for the company's operations. In addition, the company has various other financial assets and liabilities such as trade debtors and trade creditors arising directly from its operations.

### Liquidity risk

The company manages its cash and borrowing requirements in order to maximise interest income and minimise interest expense, whilst ensuring the company has sufficient liquid resources to meet the operating needs of the business.

### Foreign currency risk

The company's principal foreign currency exposures arise from trading with overseas companies. Company policy permits but does not demand that these exposures may be hedged in order to fix the cost in sterling. This hedging activity involves the use of foreign exchange forward contracts.

## Credit risk

Investments of cash surpluses, borrowings and derivative instruments are made through banks and companies which must fulfil credit rating criteria approved by the Board.

All customers who wish to trade on credit terms are subject to credit verification procedures. Trade debtors are monitored on an ongoing basis and provision is made for doubtful debts where necessary.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### Disabled persons

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitudes of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled, every effort is made to ensure that their employment within the company continues and that the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the company that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical to that of other employees.

## **Employee involvement**

The company's policy is to consult and discuss with employees, through unions, staff councils and at meetings, matters likely to affect employees' interests.

Information about matters of concern to employees is given through information bulletins and reports which seek to achieve a common awareness on the part of all employees of the financial and economic factors affecting the company's performance.

There is no employee share scheme at present, but the directors are considering the introduction of such a scheme as a means of further encouraging the involvement of employees in the company's performance.

### Auditor

BHP LLP were appointed as auditor to the company and in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006, a resolution proposing that they be re-appointed will be put at a General Meeting.

#### Energy and carbon report

The annual quantity of emissions (in tonnes) of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from the combustion of gas was 3 Carbon Tones (17,168 kWh).

The annual quantity of emissions (in tonnes) of carbon dioxide equivalent resulting from the purchase of electricity for own use was 88 Carbon Tones (379,384 kWh).

The company uses a range of methodologies to calculate the above information, including utility bills and the Carbon tonne conversion from the government website.

The company engages 881 members of staff, and uses 91 carbon tonnes of energy, equating to 0.104 carbon tonne per member of staff.

The company is improving it's carbon emissions through the following methods,

- Continual monitoring of stores through access to an online portal that tracks usage on a half hourly basis so that stores with high energy usage can be investigated.
- Ensuring that air conditioning is turned off in all stores each night.
- Checking the timer for the sign lighting and ensuring in summer that the sign lighting is turned off.
- Turning drinks fridges off each night.
- · Light bulbs across all stores are being replaced with energy efficient light bulbs.
- Lighting is being replaced with automatic lighting wherever possible.

### Statement of disclosure to auditor

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware. Additionally, the directors individually have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

# DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

On behalf of the board		
Christopher Edwards Director		
16 September 2021		

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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 of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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;
- 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.

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The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE MEMBERS OF ONEBELOW RETAIL LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Onebelow Retail Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 31 January 2021 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, the balance sheet, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including 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 company's affairs as at 31 January 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended:
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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

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

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

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

### Other information

The 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 contained within the annual report. 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.

# Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF ONEBELOW RETAIL LIMITED

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

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 and the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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

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.

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates and considered the risk of acts by the company that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud. We designed audit procedures to respond to the risk, 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 or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

We focussed on laws and regulations, relevant to the company, which could give rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements. Our tests included agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, enquiries with management, review of client's operation of controls within the year, in particular, cash and stock controls, and review of expenses, such as legal costs. There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described 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 would become aware of it.

As part of our audit, we addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including testing of journals and review of nominal ledger. We evaluated whether there was evidence of bias by the directors that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF ONEBELOW RETAIL LIMITED

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: https://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.

Nigel Bullas (Senior Statutory Auditor) For and on behalf of BHP LLP

17 September 2021

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

New Chartford House Centurion Way Cleckheaton Bradford West Yorkshire BD19 3QB

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	Notes	Year ended 31 January 2021 £	Period ended 31 January 2020 £
<b>Turnover</b> Cost of sales	3	64,587,556 (54,054,311)	45,866,268 (38,178,938)
Gross profit		10,533,245	7,687,330
Administrative expenses Other operating income		(8,793,535) 840,810	(8,858,793) 58,093
Operating profit/(loss)	4	2,580,520	(1,113,370)
Interest payable and similar expenses	7	(45,068)	(8,887)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		2,535,452	(1,122,257)
Tax on profit/(loss)	8	(662,280)	333,480
Profit/(loss) for the financial year		1,873,172	(788,777)
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The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# AS AT 31 JANUARY 2021

		203	21	202	20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	9		2,091,206		2,042,675
Current assets					
Stocks	10	8,684,759		8,404,108	
Debtors	11	1,170,530		2,625,665	
Cash at bank and in hand		3,032,079		1,035,449	
		12,887,368		12,065,222	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(11,612,005)		(11,602,177)	
Net current assets			1,275,363		463,045
Total assets less current liabilities			3,366,569		2,505,720
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	13		(2,119,274)		(3,294,397
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax liability	14	162,800		_	
			(162,800)		-
Net assets/(liabilities)			1,084,495		(788,677
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	16		100		100
Profit and loss reserves			1,084,395		(788,777
Total equity			1,084,495		(788,677

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 17 September 2021 and are signed on its behalf by:

Christopher Edwards Jnr

Director

Company Registration No. 11595800

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

	:	Share capital	Profit and ss reserves	Total
	Notes	£	£	£
Period ended 31 January 2020:				
Loss and total comprehensive income for the period Issue of share capital	16	100	(788,777) -	(788,777) 100
Balance at 31 January 2020		100	(788,777)	(788,677)
Year ended 31 January 2021: Profit and total comprehensive income for the year			1,873,172	1,873,172
Balance at 31 January 2021		100	1,084,395	1,084,495

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

		202	21	202	20
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations Interest paid	20		2,488,782 (45,068)		3,466,249 (8,887)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	;		2,443,714		3,457,362
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(447,084)		(2,422,013)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(447,084)		(2,422,013)
Financing activities					
Proceeds from issue of shares		-		100	
Net cash (used in)/generated from financactivities	cing		-		100
Net increase in cash and cash equivalen	ts		1,996,630		1,035,449
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of	year		1,035,449		-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of yea	ır		3,032,079		1,035,449

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

#### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Onebelow Retail Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit A Capitol Way, Dodworth, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, S75 3FG.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary a mounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The Directors have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the Company's trade, workforce and supply chain, as well as the wider economy. Whilst it is not considered practical to accurately assess the duration and extent of the disruption, the Directors are confident that they have in place plans to deal with any financial losses that may arise. Such plans include, but are not limited to fully utilising the support that has been made available by the government in relation to staff costs.

## 1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the fair value of the consideration is the present value of the future receipts. The difference between the fair value of the consideration and the nominal amount received is recognised as interest income.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer (usually on dispatch of the goods), the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

## 1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Leasehold land and buildings20% straight linePlant and equipment20% straight lineFixtures and fittings20% straight lineComputers20% straight line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

### 1.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Stocks held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at the lower of cost and replacement cost, adjusted where applicable for any loss of service potential.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

## 1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

## 1.8 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

### Other financial assets

Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

### Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit and loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in profit or loss.

## Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

## Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### Other financial liabilities

Derivatives, including interest rate swaps and forward foreign exchange contracts, are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless hedge accounting is applied and the hedge is a cash flow hedge.

Debt instruments that do not meet the conditions in FRS 102 paragraph 11.9 are subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Debt instruments may be designated as being measured at fair value through profit or loss to eliminate or reduce an accounting mismatch or if the instruments are measured and their performance evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with a documented risk management or investment strategy.

## Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

## 1.9 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

# 1.10 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

### Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account 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 reporting end date.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and 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. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

## 1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

## 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

2021

2020

#### 1.13 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

### 1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

Grants received in relation to the government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (Furlough) have been recognised within other operating income. The grant is accounted for on the accruals basis once the related payroll return has been submitted.

## 1.15 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

## 2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Turnover and other revenue

	£	£
Turnover analysed by class of business		
Store income	64,246,947	45,722,963
Other income	340,609	143,305
	64,587,556	45,866,268

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

3	Turnover and other revenue		(Continued)
		2021	2020
		£	£
	Other significant revenue Grants received	738,644	
	Grants received	730,044	
		2021	2020
	-	£	£
	Turnover analysed by geographical market	04 507 550	15 000 000
	United Kingdom	64,587,556	45,866,268
4	Operating profit/(loss)		
		2021	2020
	Operating profit/(loss) for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):	£	£
	Exchange differences apart from those arising on financial instruments measured		
	at fair value through profit or loss	57,988	114,237
	Government grants	(738,644)	-
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's financial		
	statements	26,500	20,000
	Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	366,191	379,338
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	32,362	-
	Operating lease charges	4,200,153	3,118,767

# 5 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2021	2020
	Number	Number
Stores	814	613
Warehouse	51	29
Head office	16	14
Total	881	656

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

5	Employees		(Continued)
	Their aggregate remuneration comprised:	2021 £	2020 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	11,006,803 680,396 162,776 11,849,975	7,991,075 467,715 110,011 8,568,801
6	Directors' remuneration	2021 £	2020 £
	Remuneration for qualifying services	120,840	
7	Interest payable and similar expenses	2021	2020
	Other finance costs: Other interest	<b>£</b> 45,068	£ 8,887

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

Taxation			
		2021 £	2020 £
Current tax		_	-
JK corporation	tax on profits for the current period	166,000	-
eferred tax			
Origination and	reversal of timing differences	496,280	(333,480
otal tax charge	e/(credit)	662,280	(333,480
nrofit or loss and	ge/(credit) for the year can be reconciled to the expected charge/(cr	edit) for the year ba	ased on the
profit or loss and	d the standard rate of tax as follows:	2021	ased on the <b>2020</b>
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	d the standard rate of tax as follows:	2021	2020
Profit/(loss) befo	d the standard rate of tax as follows:	2021 £	2020 £
Profit/(loss) befo	ore taxation  arge/(credit) based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the	2021 £	2020 £
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

9	Tangible fixed assets					
		Leasehold land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Total
		£	£	£	£	£
	Cost					
	At 1 February 2020	424,907	582,069	1,051,544	363,493	2,422,013
	Additions	51,699	3,284	358,869	33,232	447,084
	Disposals	(21,417)		(21,700)		(43,117)
	At 31 January 2021	455,189	585,353	1,388,713	396,725	2,825,980
	Depreciation and impairment					
	At 1 February 2020	64,412	113,185	144,521	57,220	379,338
	Depreciation charged in the year	89,465	93,391	109,074	74,261	366,191
	Eliminated in respect of disposals	(5,691)	-	(5,064)	-	(10,755)
	At 31 January 2021	148,186	206,576	248,531	131,481	734,774
	Carrying amount					
	At 31 January 2021	307,003	378,777	1,140,182	265,244	2,091,206
	At 31 January 2020	360,495	468,884	907,023	306,273	2,042,675
10	Stocks					
					2021	2020
					£	£
	Finished goods and goods for resale			:	8,684,759	8,404,108
11	Debtors					
					2021	2020
	Amounts falling due within one year:				£	£
	Trade debtors				338,852	384,873
	Other debtors				165,622	165,622
	Prepayments and accrued income				666,056	1,741,690
					1,170,530	2,292,185
	Deferred tax asset (note 14)					333,480
					1,170,530	2,625,665

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

12	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	,	2021	2020
		£	£
	Trade creditors	6,116,861	7,187,533
	Corporation tax	166,000	-
	Other taxation and social security	1,587,640	1,053,238
	Other creditors	2,505,474	2,421,928
	Accruals and deferred income	1,236,030	939,478
		11,612,005	11,602,177
40	The directors loan account, included within other creditors, is secured by a fixed and floating to the control of the control	oating charge.	
13	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2004	2000
		2021 £	2020 £
	Other creditors	2,119,274	3,294,397

# 14 Deferred taxation

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the company and movements thereon:

Balances:	Liabilities 2021 £	Liabilities 2020 £	Assets 2021 £	Assets 2020 £
Accelerated capital allowances Tax losses	162,800	-		333,480
Movements in the year:	162,800			333,480 ====================================
Asset at 1 February 2020 Charge to profit or loss				(333,480) 496,280
Liability at 31 January 2021				162,800

A deferred tax asset of £4,000 is expected to reverse within 12 months and relates short term timing differences.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

15	Retirement benefit schemes				
		2021	2020		
	Defined contribution schemes	£	£		
	Charge to profit or loss in respect of defined contribution schemes	162,776	110,011		

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees, the amount outstanding at the balance sheet date is £21,819 (2020 - £10,893). The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

# 16 Share capital

	2021	2020	2021	2020
Ordinary share capital	Number	Number	£	£
Issued and fully paid				
Ordinary of £1 each	100	100	100	100

### 17 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Within one year	4,253,555	4,279,459
Between two and five years	9,569,766	10,605,630
In over five years	3,151,294	3,970,188
	16,974,615	18,855,277

# 18 Related party transactions

# Transactions with related parties

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

	Sales		Purchases	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Other related parties	1,540,431	647,839	10,723,983	8,552,137
Amounts due to related parties			2021 £	2020 £
Other related parties			808,032	2,284,800

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2021

18	Related party transactions			(Continued)
	The following amounts were outstanding at the reporting end date:	:		
	Amounts due from related parties		2021 £	2020 £
	Other related parties		95,413	247,066
19	Directors' transactions			
	The amount owed to Christopher Edwards at the balance sheet da	ite was £3,426,654	(2020: £4,469,9	88).
20	Cash generated from operations			
			2021 £	2020 £
	Profiti(loss) for the year after tax		1,873,172	(788,777)
	Adjustments for:			
	Taxation charged/(credited)		662,280	(333,480)
	Finance costs		45,068	8,887
	Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets		32,362	-
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets		366,191	379,338
	Movements in working capital:			
	Increase in stocks		(280,651)	(8,404,108)
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors		1,121,655	(2,292,185)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors		( <b>1</b> ,331,295)	14,896,574
	Cash generated from operations		2,488,782	3,466,249
21	Analysis of changes in net funds			
		1 February 2020	Cash flows	31 January
		£	£	2021 £
	Cash at bank and in hand	1,035,449	1,996,630	3,032,079

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