## Company Registration No. 11876719 (England and Wales)

**BLACKFINCH HOLDINGS LIMITED** ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

**Directors** 

Mr R J Cook

(Appointed 12 March 2019) (Appointed 27 March 2019)

Mr R L Simmonds

Company number

11876719

Registered office

1350-1360 Montpellier Court

Brockworth Gloucester

GL3 4AH

**Auditor** 

Kendall Wadley LLP

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### STRATEGIC REPORT

## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The directors present the strategic report for the period ended 31 December 2019.

### Fair review of the business

The company was incorporated on the 12 March 2019 and the principal activity of the company is to hold investments on behalf of the group.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Key risks relate to the nature of Brexit and also the ongoing Covid 19 situation. The group reacted quickly to adjust to the new working methods under government guidelines, with a range of risk management strategies and provisions to ensure business continuity. Investments performed in line with expectations and client investment redemptions were minimal. The group has continued to raise a healthy flow of new funds and investment management activities continue to generate revenue. The management team are confident in the group's resilience and ability to trade and adjust to the 'new normal'.

On behalf of the board

Mr R J Cook

22 June 2020

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

## FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2019.

### Principal activities

The company was incorporated on the 12 March 2019 and the principal activity of the company is to hold investments on behalf of the group.

#### **Directors**

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

Mr R J Cook

(Appointed 12 March 2019)

Mr R L Simmonds

(Appointed 27 March 2019)

#### Results and dividends

The results for the period are set out on page 7.

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

### **Auditor**

In accordance with the company's articles, a resolution proposing that Kendall Wadley LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put at a General Meeting.

## 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.

On behalf of the board

Mr R J Cook

Director

22 June 2020

# DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

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.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

## TO THE MEMBERS OF BLACKFINCH HOLDINGS LIMITED

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Blackfinch Holdings Limited (the 'company') for the period ended 31 December 2019 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 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 company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit for the period 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

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 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.

## Other information

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

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 our audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial period 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 BLACKFINCH HOLDINGS 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED) TO THE MEMBERS OF BLACKFINCH HOLDINGS LIMITED

### 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.

Elizabeth Needham ACA CTA (VAT) (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Kendall Wadley LLP

22 June 2020

**Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditor** 

Granta Lodge 71 Graham Road Malvern Worcestershire WR14 2JS

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		Period
		ended
		31 December
		2019
		£
Profit before taxation		-
Tax on profit	2	-
Profit for the financial period		•

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

## **BALANCE SHEET**

## AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

		2019	
	Notes	£	£
Fixed assets			
Investments	3		90,093
Current assets			
Debtors	4	1	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	5	(90,093)	
Net current liabilities			(90,092)
Total assets less current liabilities			1
			-
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	6		1

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 22 June 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr R J Cook **Director** 

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

		Share capital £
Period ended 31 December 2019: Profit and total comprehensive income for the period Issue of share capital	6	<u>-</u> 1
Balance at 31 December 2019		1

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	7		90,092
Investing activities Purchase of investments		(90,093)	
Net cash used in investing activities			(90,093)
Financing activities Proceeds from issue of shares		1	
Net cash generated from/(used in) financing activities			1
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period			-
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period			-
			=

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Blackfinch Holdings Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 1350-1360 Montpellier Court, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AH.

#### 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 amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

Blackfinch Holdings Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Blackfinch Group Limited and the financial statements of the company are consolidated in the financial statements of BF Inter Ltd. These consolidated financial statements are available from its registered office, 1350-1360 Montpellier Court, Brockworth, Gloucester, GL3 4AH.

### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future with support of the group. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

## 1.3 Reporting period

The company was incorporated on the 12 March 2019 with the reporting date to the 31st December 2019 to be in line with the calendar year and the group's reporting date.

#### 1.4 Fixed asset investments

Unlisted investments are recognised at cost and are reviewed annually for impairment.

### 1.5 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.

### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets 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.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

### 1 Accounting policies

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### 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.

### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities 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.

#### Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

### 1.6 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

## 2 Taxation

The actual charge for the period can be reconciled to the expected credit for the period based on the profit or loss and the standard rate of tax as follows:

	·	2019 £
	Profit before taxation	-
	Expected tax charge based on the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00%	
	Taxation charge in the financial statements	
3	Fixed asset investments	2019 £
	Unlisted investments	90,093
	Movements in fixed asset investments	Investments other than
	•	loans
	Coot or valuation	loans £
	Cost or valuation At 12 March 2019	
	Cost or valuation At 12 March 2019 Additions	
·	At 12 March 2019	£
	At 12 March 2019 Additions  At 31 December 2019  Carrying amount	90,093
	At 12 March 2019 Additions At 31 December 2019	90,093
4	At 12 March 2019 Additions  At 31 December 2019  Carrying amount	90,093
4	At 12 March 2019 Additions  At 31 December 2019  Carrying amount At 31 December 2019	90,093

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

5	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	
		2019 £
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	90,093
6	Share capital	
		2019 £
	Ordinary share capital Issued and fully paid	~
	1 Ordinary share of £1 each	1
7	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	
		2019 £
	Profit for the period after tax	-
	Movements in working capital:	
	Increase in debtors	(1)
	Increase in creditors	90,093
	Cash generated from/(absorbed by) operations	90,092