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HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

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GROUP BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Hat Trick would like to highlight the following achievements:.

- · Adjusted Profit after Tax of £5.3m, a new record.
- HTM Television, our joint venture with Jed Mercurio, delivered three programmes: *Trigger Point S1*, *DI Ray S1* and *Bloodlands S2*, whilst filming the first series of *Payback* and entering pre-production of *Trigger Point S2*.
- We continue to produce new series of our long-running non-scripted programmes, including Have I Got News For You, Whose Line is it Anyway?, Dinner Date, Mastermind and Hypothetical.
- We had one of our best years in comedy, with the third and final series of *Derry Girls*, second series of *Kate and Koji*, along with *Stuck*, *The Family Pile* and *Prince Andrew: The Musical*.
- Derry Girls went on to win numerous industry awards including three BAFTA's, two RTS's, an IFTA and two Broadcast awards.

Our unparalleled catalogue continues to underpin our rights income, with a new record set in 2022.

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Introduction

The directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Business review

With a library of long-running, award-winning television programming, we are an industry-leading content creator and rights owner. Our goal remains simple; to make highly successful programmes for profit. We do this in two ways. We develop, create and exploit content in the areas of Comedy, Drama and Entertainment. We also use our substantial creative and business support experience to make investments in early-stage content creation companies, with a view to helping them reach their full potential more quickly than they otherwise might be able to.

Content creation

Hat Trick produced programmes for BBC1, BBC2, ITV, ITVBe, Channel 4, Channel 5, Dave, and The CW in 2022.

In entertainment, we delivered the 63rd and 64th series of *Have I Got News For You* and co-produced *Mastermind* with Hindsight Productions for the BBC, we were in production on the 12th series of *Dinner Date* and *Whose Line is it Anyway?* for ITV and The CW respectively and delivered the 4th series of *Hypothetical* for Dave.

HTM Television, our joint venture with Jed Mercurio, continued to build on its recent success, with four programmes in production: including the first series of *Payback* and second series of *Trigger Point* and *DI Ray* for ITV. along with *Bloodlands S2* for the BBC.

In comedy, we delivered four series: *Derry Girls S3* (Channel 4), *Kate and Koji S2* (ITV), *The Family Pile* (ITV) and *Stuck* (BBC2). We also produced the one-hour special *Prince Andrew: the Musical* (Channel 4).

Rights exploitation

We continue to exploit the majority of our extensive programming catalogue in-house through Hat Trick International (HTI), although as the cost of scripted programming continues to rise, we continue to expand our network of distribution and financing partners to meet increasing deficits. HTI continues to benefit from Hat Trick's strong production pipeline, as well as through its relationships with other production companies.

Investments

Plum Pictures had an exceptional year producing shows for a number of different broadcasters and streamers both in the UK and US. Some of their key shows include *James May: Our Man in Italy and James May: Oh Cook!* (Amazon Prime), *George Clarke's Amazing Spaces* (Channel 4) and *Piers Morgan's Killers* (Fox Nation).

Emporium Productions also had one of their best years, producing shows for the BBC Channel 4, Channel 5, CBS Reality and Netflix. Key shows include the *Rich House Poor House* and *World's Toughest* (Netflix) franchises for C5 and Netflix respectively.

Livewire Pictures continues to televise some of the nation's biggest musical events including *The Proms* for the BBC. They also produced the critically acclaimed documentary *Paxman: Putting Up With Parkinson's*.

COVID

Although the TV industry continued to be impacted by Covid in 2022, the costs incurred continued to reduce as the year progressed and we now expect the additional costs to be negligible going forward.

As highlighted in previous reports, rights income will continue to be affected for several years to come as the

GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

additional costs incurred due to Covid are shared by us, the broadcaster and the distributor through recoupable advances, which in turn reduces the net receipts owed to us as the producer.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Foreign exchange risk

The Group operates primarily within the UK and so has limited exposure to foreign exchange movements. However, any material exposure is hedged on a case by case basis.

Credit risk

A large percentage of the Group's programming is conducted with the BBC and other established broadcasters. Therefore, the company does not have a significant exposure to credit defaults.

Liquidity risk

The Group has sufficient cash reserves to cover day to day working capital requirements. The working capital of the business is closely monitored to ensure these commitments are met.

Financial key performance indicators

Hat Trick uses Adjusted Profit after Tax (profit after tax, excluding amortisation and share options charge) as its key performance indicator.

Adjusted profit after tax was £5.3m in the period, £2.5m higher than 2021, due to increased production activity across the group.

Other key performance indicators

We consider the number of series in production and delivered in the year to be Hat Trick's main non-financial key performance indicators.

There were twelve series in production in 2022, with seven series delivered to broadcasters.

This report was approved by the board on 27 September 2023 and signed on its behalf.

P Cohen

Director

DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

J Mulville

P Mckenna

P Cohen

A Dugdale

K Wilson

J Sharkey

K Mulville

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £4,472,582 (2021 - £1,863,763).

The directors have paid interim dividends of £2,699,805 (2021 - £1,100,193). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2021 - £Nil).

Directors' responsibilities statement

The directors are responsible for preparing the Group Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the consolidated financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies for the Group's financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- 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 that the Group 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 the Group and to 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 the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Future developments

Hat Trick benefits from a raft of returning series, as well as a strong pipeline of new programming in various stages of development.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Engagement with employees

The Group has continued throughout the year to provide employees with relevant information and to seek their views on matters of common concern. Priority is given to ensuring that employees are aware of all significant matters affecting the Group.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company and the Group's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company and the Group's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, Sopher + Co LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditors 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

This report was approved by the board on 27 September 2023 and signed on its behalf.

P Cohen

Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Hat Trick Holdings (2019) Limited (the 'parent Company') and its subsidiaries (the 'Group') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Group Statement of Comprehensive Income, the Group and Company Statements of Financial Position, the Group Statement of Cash Flows, the Group and Company Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the parent Company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of the Group's 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 Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 Group's or the parent 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 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 Auditors' 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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

- the information given in the Group 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 Group Strategic Report and the Directors' Report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and the parent Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Group Strategic Report or the Directors' Report.

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

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

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

Auditors' 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 Auditors' 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 Group 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the television programmes production industry;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, environmental and health and safety legislation;
- · we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
- · understanding the design of the Company's remuneration policies.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- · performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
 and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the Company's legal advisors.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED (CONTINUED)

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

Stephen Iseman FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Sopher + Co LLP

Chartered Accountants Statutory Auditors

5 Elstree Gate Elstree Way Borehamwood Hertfordshire WD6 1JD

27 September 2023

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022	2021
Turnover	Note	£	£
Group and share of joint ventures' turnover		50,344,259	43,651,348
Less: share of joint ventures' turnover		(12,054,927)	(11,726,631)
Group turnover	5	38,289,332	31,924,717
Cost of sales		(28,097,745)	(25,111,793)
Gross profit		10,191,587	6,812,924
Administrative expenses		(10,228,444)	(9,084,158)
Other operating income	6	2,592,935	1,797,986
Operating profit/(loss)	7	2,556,078	(473,248)
Share of profit of associates		613,493	382,452
Total operating profit/(loss)		3,169,571	(90,796)
Interest receivable and similar income	11	88,179	59,197
Interest payable and similar expenses	12	(2,929)	(6,431)
Profit/(loss) before taxation		3,254,821	(38,030)
Taxation	13	1,217,761	1,901,793
Profit for the financial year		4,472,582	1,863,763
Other comprehensive income for the year			
Foreign exchange reserve movement		1,664	21,039
Share option reserve movement		778,010	873,694
Other comprehensive income for the year		779,674	894,733
Total comprehensive income for the year		5,252,256	2,758,496

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets	NOTE		2		£
Intangible assets	16		250,000		300,000
Tangible assets	17		605,354		596,183
Investments	18		1,308,921		1,154,081
		·	2,164,275		2,050,264
Current assets					
Work in progress	19	112,221		72,351	
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	20	15,892,935		14,987,286	
Cash at bank and in hand	21	6,190,969		4,449,297	
		22,196,125		19,508,934	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	(15,076,167)		(14,752,920)	
Net current assets			7,119,958		4,756,014
Total assets less current liabilities		-	9,284,233		6,806,278
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	23		(177,881)		(252,377)
Net assets		- -	9,106,352		6,553,901
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	28		61,429		61,429
Share premium account	29		2,110,534		2,110,534
Capital redemption reserve	29		50,260		50,260
Share option reserve	29		2,372,149		1,594,139
Merger reserve	29		(2,986,742)		(2,986,742)
Profit and loss account	29		7,498,722		5,724,281
		-	9,106,352		6,553,901

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 27 September 2023.

A Dugdale

Director

HAT TRICK HOLDINGS (2019) LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER:12025781

COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note		2022 £		2021 £
Fixed assets					
Investments	18		27,021,361		27,021,361
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	20	3,550,348		850,542	
Cash at bank and in hand	21	711		-	
		3,551,059		850,542	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	22	(5,376,027)		(2,606,547)	
Net current liabilities			(1,824,968)		(1,756,005)
Net assets			25,196,393		25,265,356
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	28		61,429		61,429
Merger reserve	29		23,895,492		23,895,492
Profit and loss account carried forward			1,239,472		1,308,435
			25,196,393		25,265,356

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 27 September 2023.

A Dugdale

Director

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Called up share capital £	account £	Capital edemption reserve £	Share option reserve £	Merger reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total equity £
At 1 January 2021	61,429	2,110,534	50,260	720,445	(2,986,742)	4,939,672	4,895,598
Profit for the year	-	-	-	•	-	1,863,763	1,863,763
Foreign exchange reserve movement	-	•	•	•	-	21,039	21,039
Share option charge	-	•	-	873,694	•	-	873,694
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	-	-	-	(1,100,193)	(1,100,193)
At 1 January 2022	61,429	2,110,534	50,260	1,594,139	(2,986,742	5,724,281	6,553,901
Profit for the year	-	-	•		-	4,472,582	4,472,582
Foreign exchange reserve movement	-	•	-	-	-	1,664	1,664
Share option charge	-	•	-	778,010	-	-	778,010
Dividends: Equity capital		-				(2,699,805	(2,699,805
At 31 December 2022	61,429	2,110,534	50,260	2,372,149	(2,986,742	7,498,722	9,106,352

COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Called up share capital £	Merger reserve	Profit and loss account	Total equity £
At 1 January 2021	61,429	23,895,492	1,314,016	25,270,937
Profit for the year	-	-	1,094,613	1,094,613
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(1,100,193)	(1,100,193)
At 1 January 2022	61,429	23,895,492	1,308,436	25,265,357
Profit for the year	-	-	2,630,841	2,630,841
Dividends: Equity capital	-	-	(2,699,805)	(2,699,805)
At 31 December 2022	61,429	23,895,492	1,239,472	25,196,393

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities	~	
Profit for the financial year	4,472,582	1,863,763
Adjustments for:		
Amortisation of intangible assets	50,000	50,000
Depreciation of tangible assets	229,029	217,908
Interest paid	2,929	6,43 1
Interest received	(88,179)	(59,197)
Taxation charge	(1,217,761)	(1,901,793)
(Increase)/decrease in work in progress	(39,870)	242,529
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,226,369)	1,913,294
Decrease/(increase) in amounts owed by associates	2,224,125	(519,767)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2,830,955)	2,537,590
Corporation tax received/(paid)	2,427,730	(26,571)
Net share of profits less losses of participating interests	(608,739)	(384,022)
Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries	1,664	21,039
Share option charge	778,010	873,694
Dividends received from associates	340,525	281,150
Net cash generated from operating activities	1,514,721	5,116,048
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(238,200)	(97,586)
Interest received	3,550	735
HP interest paid	(2,929)	(4,045)
Joint ventures interest received	84,629	58,462
Net cash used in investing activities	(152,950)	(42,434)

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash flows from/(used in) financing activities		
New secured loans	3,355,662	-
Repayment of loans	(248,364)	(858,636)
Repayment of finance leases	(12,316)	(11,200)
Dividends paid	(2,699,805)	(1,100,193)
Interest paid	•	(2,386)
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	395,177	(1,972,415)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	1,756,948	3,101,199
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	4,424,840	1,323,642
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year	6,181,788	4,424,841
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of year comprise:		
Cash at bank and in hand	6,190,969	4,449,297
Bank overdrafts	(9,181)	(24,456)
	6,181,788	4,424,841

CONSOLIDATED ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	4,449,297	1,741,672	6,190,969
Bank overdrafts	(24,456)	15,275	(9,181)
Debt due within 1 year	(248,364)	(3,107,298)	(3,355,662)
Finance leases	(40,297)	12,316	(27,981)
	4,136,180	(1,338,035)	2,798,145

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. General information

The Group is an industry leading content creator and rights owner with a library of long running award winning television programmes.

Hat Trick Holdings (2019) Limited is a private limited liability company incorporated in England and Wales, with its registered office address at 7 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EX.

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention unless otherwise specified within these accounting policies and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires Group management to exercise judgement in applying the Group's accounting policies (see note 3).

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Comprehensive Income in these financial statements.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

2.2 Basis of consolidation

As part of a group restructure in 2019, the Company became the ultimate holding company for the interests of Hat Trick Holdings Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. This transaction was accounted for as a group reconstruction, using the principles of merger accounting, as set out in FRS 102.

The acquired assets and liabilities are stated at historical cost, and have been included in the consolidated financial statements from the beginning of the earliest period presented as if the entities and business acquired had always formed a group. As such, the figures have been presented to reflect the financial position and results as though Hat Trick Holdings (2019) Limited had always been the parent company.

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") as if they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Participating interests

An entity is treated as a joint venture where the Group is a party to a contractual agreement with one or more parties from outside the Group to undertake an economic activity that is subject to joint control.

An entity is treated as an associated undertaking where the Group exercises significant influence in that it has the power to participate in the operating and financial policy decisions.

In the consolidated accounts, interests in associated undertakings are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Under this method an equity investment is initially recognised at the transaction price (including transaction costs) and is subsequently adjusted to reflect the investors share of the profit or loss, other comprehensive income and equity of the associate. The Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income includes the Group's share of the operating results, interest, pre-tax results and attributable taxation of such undertakings applying accounting policies consistent with those of the Group. In the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position, the interests in associated undertakings are shown as the Group's share of the identifiable net assets, including any unamortised premium paid on acquisition.

Any premium on acquisition is dealt with in accordance with the goodwill policy.

2.4 Turnover

Turnover is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, excluding Value Added Tax.

Turnover comprises production fees and amounts receivable for the exploitation of rights and royalties net of VAT.

Production turnover and gross profit are recognised over the period of production on a stage of completion and straight line basis respectively.

Fees in respect of services provided are recognised over the period of the service agreement on a stage of completion basis.

Sums receivable from distribution by related parties are recognised when receivable. Where third party distributors are used, turnover is recognised on a receivable basis in accordance with distribution statements, unless an advance is received, in which case turnover is then recognised on the later of the license period start date or completion of all deliverables.

Royalties receivable are accounted for on a royalty earnings basis as part of turnover. Non-returnable, recoupable advances are accounted for on a completion of delivery requirements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.5 Intangible assets

Goodwill

Goodwill is the difference between amounts paid on the acquisition of a business and the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities.

Goodwill is amortised over its useful life of ten years.

Format licences

Acquired format licences are initially recognised at cost as an intangible asset. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

2.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Short-term leasehold property - over the period of the lease

Plant and machinery - 25% straight line
Motor vehicles - 25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised in profit or loss.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.7 Valuation of investments

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

Participating interests

The Group's share of profits less losses of associated undertakings is included in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Group's share of their net assets is included in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. These amounts are taken from the latest financial statements of the undertakings concerned. Joint ventures are accounted for using the gross equity method.

Other investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less any provision for impairment.

2.8 Work in progress

Project development costs, carried forward under work in progress, represent costs incurred on projects in development and are stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realisable value.

2.9 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at the transaction price, less any impairment.

2.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Group's cash management.

2.11 Creditors

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including bank loans, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Share options

The Group issues equity-settled share-based payments to certain employees. These share options are measured at fair value (excluding the effect of non market-based vesting conditions) at the date of the grant. The fair value of the share options issued is expensed on a straight line basis over the period to when management estimates the options will be exercised as adjusted for known vesting conditions.

Fair value is measured by use of the Black-Scholes pricing model. The principal assumptions made in the model are described in note 30.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Financial instruments

The Group only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other accounts receivable and payable, loans from banks and other third parties and loans to and from related parties.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the Income Statement.

2.14 Dividends

Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

2.15 Operating leases: the Group as lessee

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term, unless another systematic basis is representative of the time pattern of the lessee's benefit from the use of the leased asset.

2.16 Pensions

Defined contribution pension plan

The Group contributes to a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the Group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the Group has no further payment obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position. The assets of the plan are held separately from the Group in independently administered funds.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.17 Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

The Company's functional and presentational currency is £ Sterling.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates at the dates of the transactions.

At each period end foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

On consolidation, the results of overseas operations are translated into Sterling at rates approximating to those ruling when the transactions took place. All assets and liabilities of overseas operations are translated at the rate ruling at the reporting date. Exchange differences arising on translating the opening net assets at opening rate and the results of overseas operations at actual rate are recognised in other comprehensive income.

2.18 Holiday pay accrual

A liability is recognised to the extent of any unused holiday pay entitlement which is accrued at the reporting date and carried forward to future periods. This is measured at the undiscounted salary cost of the future holiday entitlement so accrued at the reporting date.

2.19 Interest income

Interest income is recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income using the effective interest method.

2.20 Finance costs

Finance costs are charged to the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

2.21 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year in which they are incurred.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.22 Current and deferred taxation

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in profit or loss except that a charge attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date in the countries where the Company and the Group operate and generate income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the reporting date, except that:

- The recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- Any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- Where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the Group can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have made the following judgements:

- a) Determine whether leases entered into by the Group as a lessee are operating or finance leases. These decisions depend on an assessment of whether the risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred from the lessor to the lessee on a lease by lease basis.
- b) Determine whether there are indicators of impairment of the Group's tangible assets. Factors taken into consideration in reaching such a decision include the economic viability and expected future financial performance of the asset.
- c) Determine at the year end the fair value of share options granted. The shares of the Group are not actively traded in a market and therefore directors use their judgement to ensure they adopt the most appropriate valuation method to determine fair value. Vesting conditions are taken into account when estimating the fair value of the share options.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors have considered the following key sources of estimation uncertainty:

Tangible and intangible assets are depreciated over their useful lives taking into account residual values, where appropriate. The actual lives of the assets and residual values are assessed annually and may vary depending on a number of factors. In re-assessing asset lives, factors such as technological innovation and maintenance programmes are taken into account. Residual value assessments consider issues such as future market conditions, the remaining life of the asset and estimated disposal values.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

4. Share based payments

A Dugdale, K Wilson, J Sharkey and P Cohen, who are directors of the Company are part of the Hat Trick Enterprise Management Incentive Plan. The scheme was approved by the shareholders of Hat Trick Holdings (2019) Limited on 5 August 2019 and the options were granted on the same date. The scheme comprises an option to subscribe for ordinary shares of £1 each in Hat Trick Holdings (2019) Limited for an exercise price of £242 and £390 per ordinary share. The awards become exercisable on or after the earlier of an exit event and any date(s) as specified in the option agreement. Under the scheme rules, an exit event is defined as the earlier of a share sale, a listing or a trade sale.

5. Turnover

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

		2022 £	2021 £
	United Kingdom	26,795,650	22,792,153
	Rest of Europe	2,631,029	2,329,072
	Rest of the world	8,862,653	6,803,492
		38,289,332	31,924,717
6.	Other operating income		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Occupancy and personnel cost recharges	2,592,935	1,797,986
7.	Operating profit/(loss)		
	The operating profit/(loss) is stated after charging:		
		2022 £	2021 £
	Exchange differences	(13,811)	69,273
	Other operating lease rentals	625,540	621,741

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8.	Auditors' remuneration				
	During the year, the Group obtained the following se	ervices from the Company's	auditors:		
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Audit of the consolidated and parent Company's fina	ancial statements		43,000	42,000
	Taxation compliance services			7,000	6,860
				50,000	48,860
9.	Employees				
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were a	as follows:			
				Group	Group
				2022	2021
				£	£
	Wages and salaries			6,162,891	5,389,558
	Social security costs			752,540	575,789
	Cost of defined contribution scheme			250,458	278,290
				7,165,889	6,243,637
	The average monthly number of employees, including	ng the directors, during the	year was as fol	lows:	
		Group	Group	Company	Company
		2022	2021	2022	2021
		No.	No.	No.	No.
	Management	9	9	7	6
	Administration	43	40	-	-
	Production, development and writing	24	20	-	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

10.	Directors' remuneration		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Directors' emoluments	1,137,114	994,925
	Group contributions to defined contribution pension schemes	57,150	86,066
		1,194,264	1,080,991

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 6 directors (2021 - 6) in respect of defined contribution pension schemes.

The highest paid director received remuneration of £381,633 (2021 - £387,237).

The value of the Group's contributions paid to a defined contribution pension scheme in respect of the highest paid director amounted to £23,962 (2021 - £18,917).

11. Interest receivable

	2022 £	2021 £
Share of joint ventures' interest receivable	84,629	58,462
Other interest receivable	3,550	735
	88,179	59,197
12. Interest payable and similar expenses		
	2022	2021
	£	£
Finance leases and hire purchase contracts	2,929	4,045
Other interest payable	-	2,386
	2,929	6,431

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Taxation		
	2022 £	2021 £
Corporation tax	L	£
Current tax on profit for the year	(1,184,532)	(1,930,462)
Share of tax of associates	113,374	75,951
	(1,071,158)	(1,854,511)
Foreign tax		
Foreign tax on income for the year	115,464	117,767
Total current tax	(955,694)	(1,736,744)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(262,067)	(165,049)
Taxation on loss on ordinary activities	(1,217,761)	(1,901,793)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

13. Taxation (continued)

Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2021 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%). The differences are explained below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	3,254,821	(38,030)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2021 - 19%)	618,416	(7,226)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	38,709	25,043
Difference between capital allowance and depreciation for the year	(22,859)	7,106
Non-taxable charge in respect of employee options	147,822	166,002
Foreign tax	115,464	117,767
High-end Television Tax Relief	(1,744,000)	(2,115,000)
Other factors affecting associates leading to a (decrease)/increase in the tax charge	(3,189)	3,285
Short term timing difference leading to an decrease in taxation	(322)	(818)
Utilisation of brought forward tax losses	(105,735)	(158,585)
Unrelieved tax losses carried forward	-	225,682
Deferred tax	(262,067)	(165,049)
Total tax charge for the year	(1,217,761)	(1,901,793)

Factors that may affect future tax charges

There were no factors that may affect future tax charges.

14. Dividends

	2022	2021
	£	£
Dividends paid on equity shares	2,699,805	1,100,193

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

15. Parent company profit for the year

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of Comprehensive Income in these financial statements. The profit after tax of the parent Company for the year was £2,630,841 (2021 - £1,094,612).

16. Intangible assets

Group

	Format licence	Goodwill £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2022	500,000	22,708,166	23,208,166
At 31 December 2022	500,000	22,708,166	23,208,166
Amortisation			
At 1 January 2022	200,000	22,708,166	22,908,166
Charge for the year on owned assets	50,000	-	50,000
At 31 December 2022	250,000	22,708,166	22,958,166
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	250,000		250,000
At 31 December 2021	300,000		300,000

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

17. Tangible fixed assets

Group

	Short-term leasehold	Plant and		
	property	machinery	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	1,234,233	4,037,300	176,727	5,448,260
Additions	-	238,200	-	238,200
At 31 December 2022	1,234,233	4,275,500	176,727	5,686,460
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2022	894,197	3,825,334	132,546	4,852,077
Charge for the year on owned assets	61,910	122,938	44,181	229,029
At 31 December 2022	956,107	3,948,272	176,727	5,081,106
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	278,126	327,228		605,354
At 31 December 2021	340,036	211,966	44,181	596,183
The net book value of assets held under finance leases	or hire purchase cor	ntracts, included	above, are as follow	/s:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Plant and machinery	20,385	33,259

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18. Fixed asset investments

Group

	Investments in associates	Other fixed asset investments £	Investment in joint ventures	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2022	1,149,333	25,000	4,748	1,179,081
Dividends received	(340,525)	-	-	(340,525)
Share of profit/(loss)	500,113	-	(4,748)	495,365
At 31 December 2022	1,308,921	25,000		1,333,921
Impairment				
At 1 January 2022	-	25,000	-	25,000
At 31 December 2022	-	25,000	-	25,000
Net book value				
At 31 December 2022	1,308,921			1,308,921
At 31 December 2021	1,149,333		4,748	1,154,081

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Com	pany
Com	pany

Investments in subsidiary companies

£

Cost

At 1 January 2022 27,021,361

At 31 December 2022 27,021,361

Net book value

At 31 December 2022 27,021,361

At 31 December 2021 27,021,361

Direct subsidiary undertaking

The following was a direct subsidiary undertaking of the Company:

Name Class of shares Holdings
Hat Trick Holdings Limited 100
Ordinary %

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Indirect subsidiary undertakings

The following were indirect subsidiary undertakings of the Company:

	Class of	
Name	shares	Holding
Hat Trick Productions Limited		100
Hat Trick International Limited	Ordinary	% 100
Hat Trick Television Limited	Ordinary	% 100
	Ordinary	%
Hat Trick (DG) Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Hat Trick (Face) Limited (previously known as Hat Trick (SLD) Limited)	Ordinary	100 %
Hat Trick (Stuck) Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Hat Trick Holdings Inc.	Ordinary	100
Hat Trick Entertainment Inc.	Ordinary	% 100
Hat Trick East Inc.	Ordinary	% 100
	Ordinary	%
Hat Trick (FTM) Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Hat Trick (Flack) Limited	Ordinary	100 %
Hat Trick (K&K) Limited	•	100 %
Hat Trick (TFP) Limited	Ordinary	100
	Ordinary	%

All of the above companies have their registered office at 7 Savoy Court, London, WC2R 0EX, apart from Hat Trick Holdings Inc., Hat Trick East Inc. and Hat Trick Entertainment Inc. whose business address is 33 Oval Road, London, NW1 7EA.

The principal activity of all the above companies is creation of content for broadcast media apart from Hat Trick International Limited which is Distribution of content.

Associates

The following were associates of the Company:

Name	Class of shares	Holding
Plum Pictures Limited		25
Emporium Limited	Ordinary	% 4 9
F	Ordinary	%

Joint ventures

The following were joint ventures of the Company:

Name	Holding
Toff Media Limited	50

HTM Television Limited 50
%
Livewire Pictures Limited 50
%

The principal activity of all the above associates and joint ventures is creation of content for broadcast media.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

19.	Work in progress				
				Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
	Work in progress		,	112,221	72,351
20.	Debtors				
		Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Company 2022 £	Company 2021 £
	Trade debtors	8,693,142	3,361,817	-	
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	-	-	3,550,345	850,541
	Amounts owed by joint ventures and associated undertakings	889,141	3,113,266	-	-
	Other debtors	324,213	225,309	3	1
	Prepayments and accrued income	4,329,839	5,659,977	-	-
	Tax recoverable	1,056,628	2,289,012	-	-
	Deferred taxation	599,972	337,905	•	-
		15,892,935	14,987,286	3,550,348	850,542

The carrying value of all debtor balances above equates to fair value. No balances were impaired at the year end (2021 - same).

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

21. Cash and cash equivalents

	Group	Group	Company	Company
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	6,190,969	4,449,297	711	-
Less: bank overdrafts	(9,181)	(24,456)	•	(20)
	6,181,788	4,424,841	711	(20)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

22. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group 2022	Group 2021	Company 2022	Company 2021
	£	£	£	£
Bank overdrafts	9,181	24,456	-	20
Bank loans	3,355,662	248,364	-	-
Trade creditors	661,619	878,250	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	-	-	5,371,027	2,601,527
Other taxation and social security	1,283,843	1,562,330	-	-
Obligations under finance lease and hire purchase contracts	13,432	12,317	-	-
Other creditors	407,135	128,731	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	9,345,295	11,898,472	5,000	5,000
	15,076,167	14,752,920	5,376,027	2,606,547

Secured loans

The bank facilities are secured by a fixed and floating charge over certain specific assets. The short term bank loan was repaid on 27 April 2023.

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free, have no fixed date of repayment and are repayable on demand.

23. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group 2022	Group 2021
	£	£
Net obligations under finance leases and hire purchase contracts	14,548	27,981
Accruals and deferred income	163,333	224,396
	177,881	252,377

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24.	Hire purchase and finance leases		
	Minimum lease payments under hire purchase fall due as follows:		
		Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
	Within one year	13,432	12,317
	Between 1-5 years	14,548	27,981
		27,980	40,298
25.	Deferred taxation		
	Group		
		2022 £	2021 £
	At beginning of year	337,905	172,856
	Charged to profit or loss	262,067	165,049
	At end of year	599,972	337,905
	The deferred tax asset is made up as follows:		
		Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £
	Decelerated capital allowances	6,935	35,114
	Tax losses carried forward	593,037	302,791
		599,972	337,905

26. Pension commitments

The Group contributes to a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Group to the fund and amounted to £250,458 (2021 - £278,290). Contributions totalling £17,008 (2021 - £8,357) were payable to the fund at the reporting date and are included in creditors.

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27. Commitments under operating leases

At 31 December 2022 the Group and the Company had future minimum lease payments due under non-cancellable operating leases for each of the following periods:

		Group	Group
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Not later than 1 year	700,000	700,000
	Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	2,800,000	2,800,000
	Later than 5 years	700,000	1,400,000
		 .	
		4,200,000	4,900,000
28.	Share capital		
		2022	2021
		£	£
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	61,429 (2021 - 61,429) Ordinary shares of £1 each	61,429	61,429

29. Reserves

Share premium account

This reserve represents the amount above the nominal value received for issued share capital, less transaction costs.

Capital redemption reserve

This reserve records the nominal value of shares repurchased by the Group.

Share option reserve

This reserve records all changes in relation to the enterprise management share option scheme implemented by the Group.

Merger Reserve

The merger reserve represents equity recognised on the acquisition of Hat Trick Holdings Limited being the difference between the fair value of the consideration paid and the nominal value of the shares acquired.

Profit and loss account

This reserve represents the cumulative balance of retained profits and losses to the reporting date, all of which are distributable.

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30. Share-based payments

Equity-settled share option scheme

The group of which the Company is a member has implemented an enterprise management incentive share option schemes for certain directors and key employees on 5 August 2019.

Share options granted under the scheme are only exercisable on or after the earlier of an exit event and any date(s) as specified in the option agreement. Under the scheme rules, an exit event is defined as the earlier of a share sale, a listing or a trade sale.

At 31 December 2022, 7,405 (2021 - 6,752) options remained outstanding. Options are forfeited if the employee leaves the Group before they have been exercised.

The weighted average remaining contractual life of the share options outstanding at the end of the period was 3 years.

The aggregate of the estimated fair value of the share options granted is £2,695,231, resulting in a positive net charge of £778,010 (2021 - £873,694) in the Statement of Comprehensive Income due to cancelled options.

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31. Related party transactions

During the year, the Group entered into transactions on an arms length basis, in the ordinary course of the business, and had balances at the year end with the following parties.

			Year ended			Year ended
	Year ended	Year ended	31 Dec 2022	Year ended	Year ended	31 Dec 2021
	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2022	Debtor/	31 Dec 2021	31 Dec 2021	Debtor/
	Sales	Purchases	(Creditor)	Sales	Purchases	(Creditor)
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Plum Pictures						
Limited	911,113	879,681	(279,824)	488,028	761,987	111,971
Emporium						
Productions						
Limited	177,697	5,288	(13,962)	41,566	18,984	(9,858)
HTM Television						
Limited	551,393	317,442	(11,802)	1,603,133	-	2,470,275
Livewire Pictures						
Limited	429,137	-	884,359	447,259	-	979,652
Toff Media Limited	-	2,360	(686)	-	-	-
	2,069,340	1,204,771	578,085	2,579,986	780,971	3,552,040
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During the year the Group paid total dividends of £2,429,820 (2021 - £990,172) to J Mulville and K Mulville, directors of the Company.

At the reporting date the Group was owed £301 (2021 - £4,166) by J Mulville included in other debtors which was repaid after the year end.

During the year the Group paid dividends amounting to £269,985 (2021 - £110,021) to P McKenna, a director of the Company.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under FRS102 33.1A Related Party Disclosures not to disclose transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary undertaking which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by a member of that group.

Key management personnel

During the year, the Group paid remuneration totalling £1,878,126 (2021 - £1,745,707) to its key management personnel.

32. Ultimate controlling party

The directors regard J Mulville, a director of the Company, as the ultimate controlling party.

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