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# BL Retail Property Holdings Limited

Annual Report and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022

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**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

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**Strategic Report for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022**

The directors present their Strategic Report for the period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022.

**Business review and principal activities**

BL Retail Property Holdings Limited ("the company") is a wholly owned subsidiary of The British Land Company PLC and operates as a constituent of The British Land Company PLC group of companies ("the group").

The company's principal activity is investment holding in the United Kingdom (UK).

The company was incorporated in the United Kingdom on 22 February 2021 and accordingly, this report and accounts have been prepared for the period from that date to 31 March 2022.

As shown in the company's Profit and Loss Account on page 5, the company's turnover is £nil in the period.

Result before taxation is £nil in the period.

Dividends of £nil were paid in the period.

The Balance Sheet on page 7 shows that the company's financial position at the period end has net assets of £1.

The company is a subsidiary of The British Land Company PLC. The company's strategy is the same as the group's strategy - to deliver an above average annualised total return to shareholders, which is achieved by creating attractive environments in the right places focused around the people who work, shop and live in them.

The Board of the group uses total return, to monitor the performance of the group. This is a measure of growth in total equity per share, adding back any current period dividend.

Any expected future developments of the company are determined by the strategy of the group.

For more information also see The British Land Company PLC group annual report.

The performance of the group, which includes the company, is discussed in the group's annual report which does not form part of this report.

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**Strategic Report for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022  
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**Principal risks and uncertainties**

This company is part of a large property investment group. As such, the fundamental underlying risks for this company are those of the property group as discussed below.

The group generates returns to shareholders through long-term investment decisions requiring the evaluation of opportunities arising in the following areas:

- demand for space from occupiers against available supply;
- identification and execution of investment and development strategies which are value enhancing;
- availability of financing or refinancing at an acceptable cost;
- economic cycles, including their impact on tenant covenant quality, interest rates, inflation and property values;
- legislative changes, including planning consents and taxation;
- engagement of development contractors with strong covenants;
- key staff changes; and
- environmental and health and safety policies.

These opportunities also represent risks, the most significant being change to the value of the property portfolio. This risk has high visibility to directors and is considered and managed on a continuous basis. Directors use their knowledge and experience to knowingly accept a measured degree of market risk.

The group's preference for prime assets and their secure long term contracted rental income, primarily with upward only rent review clauses, presents lower risks than many other property portfolios.

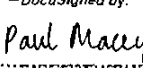
The financial and political risks for the company are managed in accordance with the group financial risk management policy, as disclosed in the consolidated group financial statements.

The company has no third party debt and no associated third party interest rate exposure.

The general risk environment in which the Company operates has remained heightened during the period due to the continued impact of Covid-19, and the emergence of the UK economy from the pandemic, including related challenges in parts of the UK retail market and macroeconomic headwinds through rising inflation. Despite this the general risk environment is considered to have improved during the period with a stabilisation in rents, improved rental collection and footfall and sales returning close to, and in some cases above, pre-pandemic levels. The improvement in the general risk environment will directly impact the degree of certainty around the valuation of investment properties at period end which in turn will directly impact the degree of certainty around the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries.

The emergence of the conflict in Ukraine in February 2022 has led to increased global economic uncertainty with sanctions imposed upon Russia and heightened political and diplomatic tensions. The Directors do not consider the conflict at this stage to have had a material impact on the Company's financial statements owing to the nature of the Company's UK focused operations and limited exposure to Ukrainian and Russian businesses.

Approved by the Board on 07/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Paul Macey

Director

## **BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

### **Directors' Report for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022**

The directors present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022.

#### **Directors of the company**

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

S Siddiqi (appointed 12 March 2021)

A J Jones (appointed 18 March 2022)

P S Macey (appointed 12 March 2021)

C J Middleton (appointed 12 March 2021 and resigned 31 March 2022)

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities 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 period. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", 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 apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- 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.

The directors 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.

#### **Environmental matters**

Across the group, The British Land Company PLC recognises the importance of its environmental responsibilities, monitors its impact on the environment and designs and implements policies to reduce any damage that might be caused by the group's activities. The company operates in accordance with group policies. The group's full sustainability report is available online at:

[www.britishland.com/sustainability/reporting/latest-reporting](http://www.britishland.com/sustainability/reporting/latest-reporting)

In preparing the financial statements, the impact of climate change has been considered. Whilst noting the Company's commitment to sustainability, there has not been a material impact on the financial reporting judgements and estimates arising from our considerations, which include physical climate and transitional risk assessments conducted by the Company.

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**Directors' Report for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022  
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**Going Concern**

The Balance Sheet shows that the Company has net current liabilities. The principal creditor is the ultimate parent company and the terms of the borrowing include the right of the subsidiary to request that the amount of the loan equal to any deficit be eliminated by converting the loan into share capital. The going concern of the Company is therefore dependent on the going concern of the Group. The Directors feel that the Group is well placed to manage its business risks successfully despite the current economic climate as detailed in pages 109 and 175 of the annual report. Moreover the Directors consider that the Company has adequate resources to continue trading for the foreseeable future, and a working capital cycle enabling the Company to meet all liabilities as they fall due.

As a consequence of this the Directors feel that the Company is well placed to manage its financing and other business risks satisfactorily despite the uncertain economic climate, and have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the signing date of these financial statements. Accordingly, they believe the going concern basis is an appropriate one.

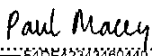
**Subsequent Events**

Details of significant events since the Balance Sheet date, if any, are contained in note 10.

**Audit exemption taken for the period ended 31 March 2022**

The company is exempt from the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to the audit of individual accounts by virtue of Section 479A of that Act, as disclosed on pages 219-220 of The British Land Company PLC Annual Report and Accounts 2022. The ultimate holding company and controlling party is The British Land Company PLC.

Approved by the Board on 07/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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Paul Macey

Director

**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

**Profit and Loss Account for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £
<b>Turnover</b>		-
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>		-
<b>Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		-
Taxation		-
<b>Profit/(loss) for the period</b>		-

Turnover and results were derived from continuing operations within the United Kingdom.

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

**Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Period from 22 February 2021 to  
31 March 2022**

	2022 £
Profit/(loss) for the period	-
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-

The notes on pages 9 to 13 form an integral part of these financial statements.



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**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022**

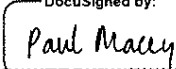
	Note	31 March 2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Investments	5	101
		<u>101</u>
Creditors due within one year	6	(100)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(100)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>1</u>
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>1</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>		
Share capital	7	1
<b>Total shareholders' funds</b>		<u>1</u>

For the financial period ending 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board on 07/10/2022 and signed on its behalf by:

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 F4DE42343260440  
 Paul Macey  
 Director

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**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

**Statement of Changes in Equity for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Share capital £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
<b>Balance at 22 February 2021</b>	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income/(expense) for the period	-	-	-
Shares issued	1	-	1
<b>Balance at 31 March 2022</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>

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**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited**

**Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period from 22 February  
2021 to 31 March 2022**

**1 General information**

The company is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated and domiciled in England, United Kingdom.

The address of its registered office is:

York House  
45 Seymour Street  
London  
W1H /LX

**2 Accounting policies**

**Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the periods presented, unless otherwise stated.

**Basis of preparation**

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101").

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with international accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Instances in which advantage of the FRS 101 disclosure exemptions have been taken are set out below.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the assets.

These financial statements are separate financial statements. The company is exempt from the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2006 Section 400, because it is included in the group financial statements of The British Land Company PLC.

**Summary of disclosure exemptions**

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- (a) The requirements of IAS 1 to provide a Balance Sheet at the beginning of the period in the event of a prior period adjustment;
- (b) The requirements of IAS 1 to provide a Statement of Cash flows for the period;
- (c) The requirements of IAS 1 to provide a statement of compliance with IFRS;
- (d) The requirements of IAS 1 to disclose information on the management of capital;
- (e) The requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors to disclose new IFRS's that have been issued but are not yet effective;
- (f) The requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member;
- (g) The requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose key management personnel compensation;
- (h) The requirements of IFRS 7 to disclose financial instruments; and

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**Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period from 22 February  
2021 to 31 March 2022 (continued)**

**2 Accounting policies (continued)**

- (i) The requirements of paragraphs 91-99 of IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement to disclose information of fair value valuation techniques and inputs.

Disclosure exemptions for subsidiaries are permitted where the relevant disclosure requirements are met in the consolidated financial statements. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group financial statements of The British Land Company PLC. The group financial statements of The British Land Company PLC are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 11.

**Adoption status of relevant new financial reporting standards and interpretations**

In the current financial period the Company has adopted a number of minor amendments to standards effective in the period, none of which have had a material impact on the Company.

These amendments include IFRS 16 - Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions, and amendments to IFRS 9, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 Interest Rate Benchmark Reform - Phase 2.

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**Taxation**

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the period and is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the Profit and Loss Account because it excludes items of income or expense that are not taxable (or tax deductible).

Deferred tax is provided on items that may become taxable at a later date, on the difference between the balance sheet value and tax base value, on an undiscounted basis.

**Investments**

Fixed asset investments are stated at the lower of cost and the underlying net asset value of the investments.

**Creditors**

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost and discounted as appropriate.

**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited****Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022 (continued)****3 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In applying the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make critical accounting judgements and assess key sources of estimation uncertainty that affect the financial statements.

The general risk environment in which the Company operates has remained heightened during the period due to the continued impact of Covid-19, and the emergence of the UK economy from the pandemic, including related challenges in parts of the UK retail market and macroeconomic headwinds through rising inflation. Despite this the general risk environment is considered to have improved during the period with a stabilisation in rents, improved rental collection and footfall and sales returning close to, and in some cases above, pre-pandemic levels. The improvement in the general risk environment will directly impact the degree of certainty around the valuation of investment properties at period end which in turn will directly impact the degree of certainty around the carrying value of investments in subsidiaries.

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**Key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The key source of estimation uncertainty relates to the valuation of investments. The potential for management to make judgements or estimates relating to those items which would have a significant impact on the financial statements is considered, by the nature of the company's business, to be limited.

**Critical accounting adjustments**

The directors do not consider there to be any other critical accounting judgements in the preparation of the Company financial statements.

**4 Staff costs**

No director received any remuneration for services to the company in the financial period. The remuneration of the directors was borne by another company, for which no apportionment or recharges were made.

Average number of employees, excluding directors, of the company during the period was nil.

**5 Investments**

	Shares in subsidiaries £	Total £
<b>Underlying net asset value of investment</b>		
22 February 2021	-	-
Additions	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>
31 March 2022	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>
<b>At cost</b>		
31 March 2022	<u>101</u>	<u>101</u>

**BL Retail Property Holdings Limited****Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period from 22 February 2021 to 31 March 2022 (continued)****5 Investments (continued)**

Details of the subsidiaries as at 31 March 2022 are as follows:

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>Principal activity</b>	<b>Interest</b>	<b>Country</b>
BL Retail Properties Limited	Property Investment	100%	United Kingdom
BL Retail Properties 2 Limited	Investment Holding	100%	United Kingdom
Thurrock Retail Park Unit Trust	Property Investment	1%	Jersey

All investments based in the United Kingdom have a registered address of York House, 45 Seymour Street, London, W1H 7LX.

All investments based in Jersey have a registered address of 47 Esplanade, St Helier, Jersey, JE1 0BD.

**6 Creditors due within one year**

	<b>31 March 2022 £</b>
Amounts due to related parties	<u>100</u>
	<u><u>100</u></u>

Amounts due to related parties relate to amounts owed to group companies which are repayable on demand. Interest is charged on these balances in accordance with the group policy on intercompany loan accounts.

**7 Share capital****Allotted, called up and fully paid shares**

	<b>No.</b>	<b>31 March 2022 £</b>
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

During the period, the company allotted 1 ordinary share with a nominal value of £1 each.

**8 Capital commitments**

The total amount contracted for but not provided in the financial statements was £nil.

**9 Contingent liabilities**

The company is jointly and severally liable with the ultimate holding company and fellow subsidiaries for all monies falling due under the group VAT registration.

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**Notes to the Unaudited Financial Statements for the Period from 22 February  
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**10 Subsequent events**

There have been no significant events since the period end.

**11 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking**

The immediate parent company is BL Intermediate Holding Company 2 Limited.

The British Land Company PLC is the smallest and largest group for which group financial statements are available and which include the company. The ultimate holding company and controlling party is The British Land Company PLC. Group financial statements for this company are available on request from British Land, York House, 45 Seymour Street, London, W1H 7LX.