FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

30 April 2007

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DESIGNATED MEMBERS, OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

DESIGNATED MEMBERS	G R Howes R J Loosley D Smith	
	N J Ziman	
OTHER MEMBERS	M J Ackland	
	A Akınjıde	(Appointed 1 May 2007)
	J C L Baıley	(Appointed 1 June 2006)
	A P Booth	
	D A Connick	
	D N Corbett	(Appointed 1 February 2007)
	R P Cox	
	C T Chrysanthou	(Appointed 1 May 2006)
	N R Gordon	
	A C Gourley	(Appointed 1 February 2007)
	R E Hickling	
	N S Kravitz	(Resigned 7 December 2007)
	J H Lisson	(Appointed 1 February 2007)
	M T Monk	
	M Logue	(Appointed 1 November 2006)
	N W Narraway	(Appointed 10 April 2007)
	J M Paddock	
	R A Paydon	(Appointed 30 August 2006)
	P Ranson	
	S D Richards	
	J C W Vercoe	(Appointed 26 March 2007)
	T C Wexler	(Appointed 1 May 2007)
	P D Yerbury	
REGISTERED OFFICE	17 Hanover Squar	e
	London	
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AUDITORS	Baker Tilly UK A	ndıt I I P
AUDITORS	Chartered Account	
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	London	 -
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REGISTERED NUMBER

DESIGNATED MEMBERS' REPORT

The designated members submit their report and the financial statements of Fasken Martineau Stringer Saul LLP for the period ended 30 April 2007

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the limited liability partnership is the provision of a full range of commercial legal services and advice from offices in England

REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The results for the LLP show a profit for the financial year before members' remuneration and profit shares of £3 3 million (2006 £3 million) for the year and fee income of £8 0 million (2006 £6 9 million)

The year ended 30 April 2007 was one of considerable change and development dominated by the combination of Stringer Saul LLP and Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP, one of the leading law firms in Canada

During the year under review we extended our premises by firstly acquiring and fitting out the first floor of 17 Hanover Square as new reception and meeting rooms with back office facilities which released accommodation on the fifth floor for expansion

Following an approach from Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP much of the year was taken up with negotiating the combination which was announced on 4 December 2006 and completed on 5 February 2007

As a result of the combination we took in the London office of Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP and as a result are able to provide an English and Canadian commercial legal service for both our own clients and those of Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP

The combination required a further expansion of our accommodation and so we took a lease of the fourth floor of 17 Hanover Square Both fourth and fifth floors have been fitted out to a high standard

During the year under review our complement of staff has increased from 15 members, 19 associates and 26 support staff on 1 May 2006 to 24 members, 21 associates and 38 support staff on 30 April 2007

Notwithstanding the considerable amount of management time devoted to the combination and premises, we saw a 16% growth in turnover

The LLP has net assets of £1 6 million (2006 £1 2 million)

Research and development

We continue to invest in information technology to further improve efficiencies in the way we work. We also invest heavily in training and development of our staff as they are key to our continuing success.

Future outlook

The external commercial environment is expected to remain competitive in 2008. However, we remain confident that we will maintain our current level of performance in the future

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the LLP's strategy are subject to a number of risks

The key business risks affecting the LLP are considered to relate to competition from similar sized firms of lawyers and employee retention, and also the risk of a downturn in financial markets

DESIGNATED MEMBERS' REPORT

Key performance indicators (KPIs)

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the LLP's members are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business

DESIGNATED MEMBERS

The following designated members have held office since 1 May 2006

G R Howes

R J Loosley

D Smith

N J Zıman

TRANSACTIONS WITH MEMBERS

All members participate fully in the limited liability partnership's profit, share the risks and contribute to the limited liability partnership's capital

An individual member's minimum capital requirement is set at £10 for the UK limited liability partnership

The limited liability partnership's drawings policy allows each member to draw a proportion of their profit share in twelve monthly instalments with the balance of their profits, net of taxes, distributed, generally, early in the following financial year

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The members who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed, as far as they are aware, that there is no relevant audit information of which the auditors are unaware Each of the members have confirmed that they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as members in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor

AUDITORS

The members, having been notified of the cessation of the partnership known as Baker Tilly, resolved that Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP be appointed as successor auditor with effect from 1April 2007, in accordance with the Companies Act 1989, s26(5) Baker Tilly UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office

Approved by the members on 27 Falmy 2008 And signed on their behalf by

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R J Loosley

Designated Member

DESIGNATED MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The designated members are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Limited Liability Partnership law requires the designated members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the designated members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Limited Liability Partnership and of the profit or loss for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the designated members are required to

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- c) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the limited liability partnership will continue in business

The designated members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the partnership and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 as applicable under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the partnership and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FASKEN MARTINEAU STRINGER SAUL LLP

We have audited the financial statements on pages 7 to 16

This report is made solely to the Limited Liability Partnership's Designated Members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985 as applicable under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Limited Liability Partnership's Designated 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 Limited Liability Partnership and the Limited Liability Partnership's Designated Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

Respective responsibilities of designated members and auditors

The Designated Members' responsibilities for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Designated Members' Responsibilities. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985 and as applicable under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. We also report to you, if in our opinion, the Limited Liability Partnership has not kept proper accounting records or if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

We read other information contained in the Annual Report, and consider whether it is consistent with the audited financial statements. This other information comprises only the Designated Members' Report. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements. Our responsibilities do not extend to any other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the designated members in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Limited Liability Partnership's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which are considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the limited liability partnership's affairs at 30 April 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies act 1985 as applicable under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000

Baker TILLY UK AUDIT LLP

Registered Auditor
Chartered Accountants

2 Bloomsbury Street

London WC1B 3ST

29 February 2008

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 30 April 2007

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
TURNOVER	1	7,972,016	6,878,993
Operating expenses	2	(4,830,076)	(3,860,963)
OPERATING PROFIT	4	3,141,940	3,018,030
Investment income	5	174,903	109,445
Interest payable	6	(60,254)	(57,160)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEFORE MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND PROFIT SHARES	7	3,256,589	3,070,315
Members' remuneration charged as an expense		(3,160,341)	(1,107,672)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AVAILABLE FOR DISCRETIONARY DIVISION AMONG MEMBERS	12	96,248	1,962,643

The profit for the period arises from the partnership's continuing operations

No separate Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented as all such gains and losses have been dealt with in the profit and loss account

BALANCE SHEET As at 30 April 2007

	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible assets	8	961,855	45,182
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Current investments Cash at bank and in hand	9 10	4,163,681 30,761	2,508,336 31,178 815,462
		4,194,442	3,354,976
CREDITORS amounts falling due within one year	11	(3,518,015)	(2,208,282)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		676,427	1,146,694
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS		1,638,282	1,191,876
REPRESENTED BY			
LOANS AND OTHER DEBTS DUE TO MEMBERS WITHIN			
ONE YEAR Members' capital classified as a liability under FRS25	12	262,247	227,580
EQUITY Members' other interest classified as equity under FRS25	12	1,376,035	964,296
		1,638,282	1,191,876
TOTAL MEMBERS' INTERESTS Loans and debts due to members	12	307,250	1,025,467
		1,945,532	2,217,343

Approved and authorised for issue by the members on 27 F-1 2008 and signed on their behalf by

R J Loosley

Designated member

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ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 30 April 2007

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships" (SORP) issued in March 2006

The limited liability partnership has reported a profit for the period of £96,248 (2006 profit £1,962,643 (after members remuneration)) and has net assets of £1,638,282 (2006 £1,191,876) The limited liability partnership is dependent upon the support of Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP who at the year end were owed £532,840 (2006 £Nil)

TURNOVER AND REVENUE RECOGNITION

Turnover represents amounts chargeable to clients for professional services provided during the year, inclusive of direct expenses incurred on client assignments but excluding value added tax. Turnover is recognised when a right to consideration has been obtained through performance under each contract. Consideration accrues as contract activity progresses by reference to the value of the work performed.

Turnover also includes appropriate amounts in respect of long-term work in progress as described below, to the extent that the outcome of these contracts can be assessed with reasonable certainty

Turnover is not recognised where the right to received payment is contingent on events outside the control of the LLP Interim billings on account are otherwise not included

Unbilled revenue is included in debtors as 'Accrued income' Amounts billed on account of work in progress are shown as deduction from gross work in progress, to the extent that they are not recognised as revenue Amounts billed on account in excess of the amounts recognised as revenue are included in creditors

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are stated at historic cost

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write each asset down to its estimated residual value evenly over its expected useful life, as follows -

Leasehold property improvements Computer equipment Office equipment Furniture, fixtures and fittings Over the life of the lease Over a period of three years Over a period of four years Over a period of four years

INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at cost Provisions are made for any permanent diminutions in value

OPERATING LEASES

The annual rentals on 'operating leases' are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction All differences are taken to the profit and loss account

TAXATION

The taxation payable on profits is the personal liability of the members during the period. A retention from profits is made to fund the payments of taxation on members behalf. The retention is reflected in other reserves and payments are charged against this retention.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

For the year ended 30 April 2007

CLAIMS

Provision is made on a case-by-case basis in respect of the cost of defending claims and where appropriate, the estimated cost to Fasken Martineau Stringer Saul LLP of settling claims. Separate disclosure is not made of claims covered by insurance recoveries expected to be obtained on the grounds that disclosure might seriously prejudice the outcome of the claims.

MEMBERS REMUNERATION

In accordance with the provisions of the SORP, amounts due to members in respect of participated rights in the LLP that give rise to a liability are treated as members' remuneration charged as an expense in the LLP's profit and loss account. These amounts consist of salaried members' remuneration and the fixed share equity members' remuneration.

Any divisions out of the remaining profits are reported as equity allocations when they occur

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1 TURNOVER

Turnover is wholly derived from the principal activities of the LLP Sales were made in the following geographical markets

		2007 £	2006 £
	United Kingdom	6,623,738	5,816,644
	Europe	623,735	489,433
	Rest of the World	724,543	572,916
		7,972,016	6,878,993
	No further analysis is provided as the information is of a commerc	nally sensitive nature	
2	ANALYSIS OF OPERATING EXPENSES	2007	2006
4	MALIBIO OF OF ENAME EN ENGLS	£	£
	Staff costs (note 3)	2,035,102	1,687,092
	Depreciation	70,027	14,948
	Other operating charges	2,724,947	2,158,923
		4,830,076	3,860,963
3	EMPLOYEES	2007	2006
3	EMFLO I EES	No	No
	The average monthly number of persons employed during the period (excluding members) was	l	
	Legal staff		
	Technical	14	13
	Non-technical	31	26
		45	39
			
		2007	2006
		£	£
	Staff costs incurred during the period in respect of these employees		
	were Salamas	1,824,489	1,521,082
	Salaries	191,028	166,010
	Social security costs Other pension costs	19,585	-
		2,035,102	1,687,092
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4	OPERATING PROFIT	2007 £	2006 £
	Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)	£	r
	Depreciation on tangible fixed assets		
	- Owned assets	70,027	14,948
	Operating lease rentals		
	- Land and buildings	603,996	349,312
	- Plant and machinery	60,248	59,211
	Amounts payable to Baker Tilly and their associates in respect of both audit and non-audit services		
	Audit services	14.500	15 500
	- statutory audit	14,500	15,500 10,500
	- audit-regulated regulatory reporting	11,500	10,300
	Tax services		10.050
	- compliance services	27,388	18,250
	- advisory services	29,339	14,280
		82,727	58,530
			
	Comprising	26.000	26,000
	- audit services	26,000 56,727	32,530
	- non-audit services	56,727	
		82,727	58,530
5	INVESTMENT INCOME	2007	2006
		£	£
	Bank interest receivable	174,903	109,339
	Interest on overdue invoices	, <u>-</u>	106
		174,903	109,445
6	INTEREST PAYABLE	2007	2006
Ü		£	£
	Interest on bank loan and overdraft	13,649	-
	Other interest payable	46,605	57,160
		60,254	57,160

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7 MEMBERS' SHARES OF PROFIT

Profits are shared among the members after the end of the year in accordance	with agreed	profit sharing
arrangements		
•	2007	2006

	2007	2006
Average monthly number of members	20	16
	2007 £	2006 £
Average profit per members	162,829	191,895
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The share of profits that has been allocated since the year end to the member with the largest entitlement to profit is £269,100

Total £	Furniture and office equipment £	Computer equipment £	Leasehold improvements £	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	8
				Cost	
60,130	21,111	39,019	-	At 30 April 2006	
986,700	69,437	94,349	822,914	Additions	
1,046,830	90,548	133,368	822,914	At 30 April 2007	
				Depreciation	
14,948	4,837	10,11 1	-	At 30 April 2006	
70,027	5,935	22,857	41,235	Charge in year	
84,975	10,772	32,968	41,235	At 30 April 2007	
				Net book value	
961,855	79,776	100,400	781,679	As at 30 April 2007	
45,182	16,274	28,908	-	As at 30 April 2006	
2006	2007			DEBTORS	9
£	£			DDDIONO	,
				Due within one year	
1,576,433	2,557,736			Trade debtors	
-	143,445			Amounts owed by related party	
76,953	11,195			Other debtors	
854,950	1,451,305			Prepayments and accrued income	
2,508,336	4,163,681				

Amounts owed by related party undertaking are unsecured, repayable on demand and interest free

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10	CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS	Listed investments £	Unlisted investments	Total £
	Cost			
	1 May 2006	83,118	154	83,272
	Additions	-	25,000	25,000
	Disposals	(20,000)	-	(20,000)
	30 April 2007	63,118	25,154	88,272
	Provision for diminution in value			
	i May 2006	52,094	-	52,094
	Increase in provision	5,417	-	5,417
	30 April 2007	57,511	-	57,511
	Net book value			
	30 April 2007	5,607	25,154	30,761
				
	30 April 2006	31,024	154	31,178
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The market value of listed investments at the balance sheet date is £5,608 (2006 £40,802)

The provision for diminution in value represents a prudent assessment by the directors at the balance sheet date of the level of impaired loss and reflects the fall, in line with many other quoted companies, in the share price between the date of the investment and the balance sheet date. The directors remain optimistic that this impairment provision can be reversed in the future

11	CREDITORS Amounts due within one year	2007 £	2006 £
	Bank loan and overdraft	1,571,243	-
	Trade creditors	202,766	76,600
	Amounts owed to related party	676,285	•
	Amounts due to members	307,250	1,025,467
	Taxes and social security costs	79,879	240,723
	Other creditors	265,725	27,891
	Accruals and deferred income	414,867	837,601
		3,518,015	2,208,282
			

The bank overdraft and bank loan are secured by a debenture over the assets of the LLP and a £100,000 guarantee from eight members of Fasken Martineau Stringer Saul LLP

The bank overdraft is repayable on demand with interest payable at 1 5% over base rate

The bank loan is repayable by installments of £20,241 and incurs interest payable of 1% over base rate

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12 LOANS AND OTHER DEBTS DUE TO MEMBERS

Members' other interests

	Members'	Other reserves	Total	Loans and other debts due to/(from) members	Total
Amounts due to members At 30 April 2006	227,580	964,296	1,191,876	1,025,467	2,217,343
Members' remuneration charges as an expense	-	1,326,384	1,326,384	1,833,957	3,160,341
Profit for the financial year available for discretionary division among members	-	96,248	96,248	-	96,248
Members' interests after profit for the year	227,580	2,386,928	2,614,508	2,859,424	5,473,932
Allocated profits	-	(127,750)	(127,750)	127,750	-
Distribution to members Current year drawings Prior year drawings	-	- -	-	(1,599,016) (1,170,908)	(1,599,016) (1,170,908)
Capital Paid in Repaid	34,667	- -	34,667	-	34,667 -
Other movements Tax paid	-	(883,143)	(883,143)	90,000	90,000 (883,143)
Amounts due to members At 30 April 2007	262,247	1,376,035	1,638,282	307,250	1,945,532

Except for claims made by fixed share equity members in respect only of their fixed share of profits, members' interests rank after unsecured creditors in the event of the winding up of the limited liability partnership

All amounts due to members relate to items falling due within one year

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13 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 30 April 2007 the LLP had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows

	Land and Buildings		Plant and Machinery	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£	£	£	£
Expiring within one year	-	_	24,519	10,306
Expiring between two and five years	-	-	69,968	32,692
Expiring in five years or more	361,267	349,312	-	-
	361,267	349,312	94,487	42,998

14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The limited liability partnership has received claims in the normal course of business, but it is not considered that any further provisions are required in addition to those already included in these financial statements

15 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the LLP recharged £454,280 to Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP, an associated partnership in Canada in respect of merger related and other costs The LLP was owed £143,445 (see note 9) by Fasken Martineau Du Moulin LLP and owed them £676,285 (see note 11) at the year end