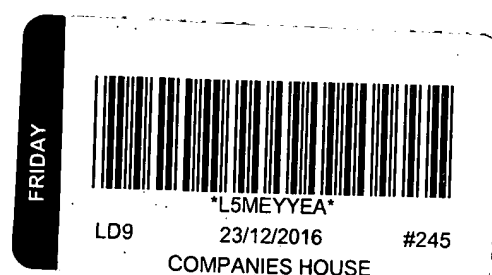

MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

**ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2016**



MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

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MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

INFORMATION

Designated Members

Mr A P S Luto
Mr J Hennessey

Members

Mr M D Giess
Mr C A Levontine
Mr I W McIntyre
Mr S D G Nicholson
Mr C F J North
Ms O B A O'Sullivan
Mr R Sykes (resigned 17 July 2015)
Mr N C B Wilson (resigned 30 September 2015)
Mr R T Carmedy (appointed 4 January 2016, resigned 16 May 2016)

LLP registered number

OC325971

Registered office

22 Tudor Street
London
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Independent auditors

F. W. Smith, Riches & Co.
Chartered Accountants
15 Whitehall
London
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MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

MEMBERS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

The members present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Maxwell Winward LLP (the LLP) for the ended 31 March 2016.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the LLP is the provision of legal services.

BUSINESS REVIEW

The profit for the year before members' remuneration and profit shares was £2,510,721.

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 were designated members during the year:

Mr A P S Luto
Mr J Hennessey

POLICY WITH RESPECT TO MEMBERS' DRAWINGS AND SUBSCRIPTION AND REPAYMENTS OF AMOUNTS SUBSCRIBED OR OTHERWISE CONTRIBUTED BY MEMBERS

Members are permitted to make drawings in anticipation of profits which will be allocated to them. The amount of such drawings is set at the beginning of each financial year, taking into account the anticipated cash needs of the LLP.

New members are required to inject capital proportionate to profit sharing ratios over a period of time. On leaving, capital is repaid to members over a period following resignation.

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MEMBERS' REPORT (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The members are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law, as applied to LLPs, requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law, as applied to LLPs, the members 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 LLP and of the profit or loss of the LLP for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments 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 LLP will continue in business.

The members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the LLP's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the LLP and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the LLP and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint F.W.Smith, Riches & Co. as auditors for the ensuing year will be proposed at a meeting of the members.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to the small limited liability partnerships regime.

This report was approved by the members on 3rd October, 2016 and signed on their behalf by:



APS Luto
Designated member

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

We have audited the financial statements of Maxwell Winward LLP for the year ended 31 March 2016, set out on pages 6 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities).

This report is made solely to the LLP's members in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, as applied to Limited Liability Partnerships. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the LLP'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 LLP and the LLP's members for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Members' Responsibilities Statement on page 3, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the LLP's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the designated members; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Members' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the LLP's affairs as at 31 March 2016 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice applicable to Smaller Entities; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, as applied to limited liability partnerships by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the members were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small limited liability partnerships' regime.



Martin J. Rooney (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of **F. W. Smith, Riches & Co.**
Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditors
London

3rd October, 2016.

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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

| | Note | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|---|------|--------------------|-------------|
| TURNOVER | 2 | 5,711,836 | 6,229,992 |
| Administrative expenses | | (3,231,993) | (3,131,268) |
| Other operating income | 3 | 10,400 | 32,947 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| OPERATING PROFIT | 4 | 2,490,243 | 3,131,671 |
| Interest receivable and similar income | 5 | 20,478 | 16,062 |
| | | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEFORE MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND PROFIT SHARES | | 2,510,721 | 3,147,733 |
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| PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR BEFORE MEMBERS' REMUNERATION AND PROFIT SHARES | | 2,510,721 | 3,147,733 |
| Members' remuneration charged as an expense | 11 | (2,510,721) | (3,147,733) |
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| RESULT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR AVAILABLE FOR DISCRETIONARY DIVISION AMONG MEMBERS | | - | - |
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REGISTERED NUMBER: OC325971

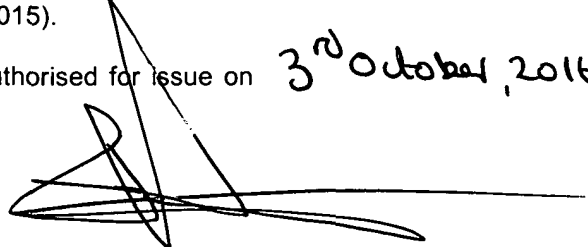
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2016

| | Note | £ | 2016 £ | £ | 2015 £ |
|---|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 7 | | 184,930 | | 822 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | |
| Debtors | 8 | 2,308,142 | | 2,073,506 | |
| Cash at bank and in hand | | 1,123,683 | | 2,030,762 | |
| | | <u>3,431,825</u> | | <u>4,104,268</u> | |
| CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year | 9 | (1,111,016) | | (1,362,165) | |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | | <u>2,320,809</u> | | <u>2,742,103</u> |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | | <u>2,505,739</u> | | <u>2,742,925</u> |
| REPRESENTED BY: | | | | | |
| Loans and other debts due to members within one year | | | | | |
| Members' capital classified as a liability | 11 | 1,074,450 | | 1,162,500 | |
| Other amounts | 11 | <u>1,431,289</u> | | <u>1,580,425</u> | |
| | | | <u>2,505,739</u> | | <u>2,742,925</u> |
| TOTAL MEMBERS' INTERESTS | | | | | |
| Loans and other debts due to members | 10 | | <u>2,505,739</u> | | <u>2,742,925</u> |

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to small LLPs within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 as applied by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on 3rd October, 2016 and were signed on their behalf by:


A P S Luto
 Designated member


J Hennessey
 Designated member

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships" issued in July 2014 (SORP 2014).

1.2 Turnover

Turnover represents fees receivable for professional services provided during the year, inclusive of expenses and disbursements on client assignments and exclusive of Value Added Tax. Turnover is recognised as contract activity progresses, by reference to the value of work performed, and the right to consideration has been earned.

Turnover in respect of contingent fees assignments (over and above any agreed minimum fee which is recognised as above) is recognised in the period when the contingent event occurs.

Unbilled turnover on individual client assignments is included as accrued income within debtors. Where individual on-account billings exceed revenue recognised on client assignments, the excess is classified as deferred income within creditors.

1.3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

| | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Leasehold property | - | over the life of the lease |
| Office equipment | - | 3 years |

1.4 Operating leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Profit and Loss Account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5 Members' remuneration

The profits of the LLP are divided between A and B members. Since the LLP does not have an unconditional right to withhold profits from members at the year end all profits are treated as members' remuneration charged as an expense in the Profit and Loss Account.

The terms of the members' agreement require that capital be returned to a member over a period following their resignation. They are accordingly accounted for as liabilities of the LLP and presented within loans and other debts due to members.

1.6 Pensions

The LLP operates a stakeholder pension scheme. The annual contributions payable are charged to the Profit and Loss Account.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

1.7 Taxation

Income tax and national insurance payable on the LLP's profits is the personal liability of the members during the period. A retention from profits is made to fund the payment of taxation on the members' behalf. The retention is reflected in loans and other debts due to members and payments are charged against this retention.

1.8 Claims

In common with comparable professional practices, the LLP is involved in disputes in the ordinary course of business which may give rise to claims. A provision is made in the financial statements for all such circumstances where costs are likely to be incurred and represents the cost of defending and concluding the claims.

The LLP carries professional indemnity insurance and no separate disclosure is made of the cost of the claims covered by insurance as to do so could seriously prejudice the position of the LLP.

2. TURNOVER

11.6% of the entity's turnover (2015 - 14.1%) is attributable to geographical markets outside the United Kingdom.

3. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other operating income | 10,400 | 32,947 |

4. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Depreciation of tangible fixed assets: - owned by the LLP | 92,701 | 106,405 |
| Auditors' remuneration - as auditors | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Auditors' remuneration - for other services | 65,000 | 46,500 |
| Pension costs | 35,332 | 13,724 |
| Operating lease charges | 328,904 | 257,126 |
| Profit on sale of fixed assets | (1,820) | - |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Other interest receivable | 20,478 | 16,062 |

6. INFORMATION IN RELATION TO MEMBERS

| | 2016 Number | 2015 Number |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| The average number of members during the year was | 9 | 11 |
| | £ | £ |
| Paid under the terms of the LLP agreement | 2,510,721 | 3,147,733 |
| | £ | £ |
| The amount of profit attributable to the member with the largest entitlement was | 453,827 | 537,002 |

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Leasehold improve- ments £ | Office equipment £ | Total £ |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Cost | | | |
| At 1 April 2015 | 145,495 | 185,610 | 331,105 |
| Additions | 276,811 | - | 276,811 |
| Disposals | (145,495) | (18,989) | (164,484) |
| At 31 March 2016 | 276,811 | 166,621 | 443,432 |
| Depreciation | | | |
| At 1 April 2015 | 145,495 | 184,788 | 330,283 |
| Charge for the year | 92,270 | 431 | 92,701 |
| On disposals | (145,495) | (18,987) | (164,482) |
| At 31 March 2016 | 92,270 | 166,232 | 258,502 |
| Net book value | | | |
| At 31 March 2016 | 184,541 | 389 | 184,930 |
| At 31 March 2015 | - | 822 | 822 |

MAXWELL WINWARD LLP

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

8. DEBTORS

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade debtors | 1,513,598 | 1,431,916 |
| Other debtors | 794,544 | 641,590 |
| | <u>2,308,142</u> | <u>2,073,506</u> |

9. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Trade creditors | 20,820 | 93,324 |
| Other taxation and social security | 378,044 | 446,301 |
| Other creditors | 712,152 | 822,540 |
| | <u>1,111,016</u> | <u>1,362,165</u> |

10. LOANS AND OTHER DEBTS DUE TO MEMBERS

| | 2016 £ | 2015 £ |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Members' capital classified as a liability | 1,074,450 | 1,162,500 |
| Amounts owed to members in respect of profits | 868,176 | 816,783 |
| Tax provisions | 563,113 | 763,642 |
| | <u>2,505,739</u> | <u>2,742,925</u> |

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016**

11. RECONCILIATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

| | Members' capital classed as a liability £ | Other amounts £ | Total £ |
|--|---|-----------------------|------------------|
| Members' interests at 1 April 2015 | 1,162,500 | 1,580,425 | 2,742,925 |
| Members' remuneration charged as an expense | - | 2,510,721 | 2,510,721 |
| Members' interests after profit for the period | 1,162,500 | 4,091,146 | 5,253,646 |
| Drawings and distributions | - | (1,542,358) | (1,542,358) |
| Other movements: | | | |
| Tax paid on behalf of members | - | (1,117,499) | (1,117,499) |
| Capital repaid | (168,050) | - | (168,050) |
| Capital introduced by members | 80,000 | - | 80,000 |
| Members' interests at 31 March 2016 | <u>1,074,450</u> | <u>1,431,289</u> | <u>2,505,739</u> |

In the event of a winding up, loans and other debts due to members rank equally with unsecured creditors and there is no additional protection afforded to creditors.

12. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 March 2016 the LLP had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

| | Land and buildings 2016 £ | 2015 £ | 2016 £ | Other 2015 £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------|--------------------|
| Expiry date: | | | | |
| Within 1 year | - | 112,500 | 615 | 16,767 |
| Between 2 and 5 years | <u>214,623</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>31,744</u> | <u>-</u> |

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

In the opinion of the members there is no controlling party as defined by the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015).