

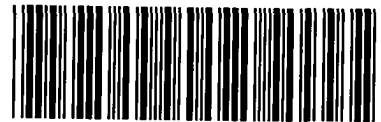
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DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP

MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

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Limited Liability Partnership Registration No. OC373542 (England and Wales)

DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP INFORMATION

Designated members

L A Attrup
B A Brennan
K E Carroll
J D Foy
S C Glenholme
D D Keegan
H J Kent
C E Sharp
N A G Turner
H Young
R L Boulton

Limited liability partnership number

OC373542

Registered office

Ivy House
107 St Peter's Street
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Hertfordshire
AL1 3EW

Auditors

Kingston Smith LLP
105 St Peter's Street
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DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP

MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

The members present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2014.

The LLP's members are, on a day to day basis, known as Partners.

Principal activities

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

Designated Members

The following designated members have held office since 1 May 2013:

L A Attrup	C E Sharp
B A Brennan	N A G Turner
K E Carroll	H Young
J D Foy	R L Boulton
S C Glenholme	
D D Keegan	
H J Kent	

Policy on members' drawings

Members are permitted to make drawings in anticipation of profits that 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 subscribe a minimum level of capital. On retirement, capital is repaid to members over a period of time in accordance with the members' agreement.

Statement of members' responsibilities

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

Legislation applicable to limited liability partnerships 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). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the LLP and of the profit and loss of the LLP for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the members are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and 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 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 as modified by the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2008. The members 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.

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MEMBERS' REPORT (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

In so far as the members are aware

- there is no relevant audit information of which the LLP's auditor is unaware, and
- the members have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

Kingston Smith LLP is deemed to be re-appointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006 as modified by the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2008.

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Signed on behalf of the members

Approved by the members on:


D Keegan
Designated member


L Attrup
Designated member

DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

We have audited the financial statements of Debenhams Ottaway LLP for the year ended 30 April 2014, set out on pages 4 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the LLP's members in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, as applied by Part 12 of The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008. 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 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 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 AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Members' Report, 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 30 April 2014 and of its profits 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, as applied to limited liability partnerships by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

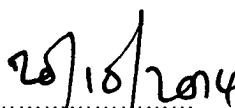
MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

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.



**Nigel Birch (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Kingston Smith LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor**



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DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Turnover		7,399,818	6,858,813
Administrative expenses		(5,712,174)	(5,396,292)
Operating profit	2	1,687,644	1,462,521
Interest receivable and similar income	4	255,604	240,814
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(45,729)	(63,013)
Profit on ordinary activities before members' remuneration and profit shares		1,897,519	1,640,322
Members' remuneration charged as an expense		(1,897,519)	(1,640,322)
Profit for the financial year available for discretionary division among members		-	-

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

There are no recognised gains and losses other than those passing through the profit and loss account.


DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2014

	Notes	2014 £	2013 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	259,875	218,242
Current assets			
Work in progress	7	571,210	536,823
Debtors	8	2,861,408	2,723,791
Cash at bank and in hand		889,575	580,893
		<u>4,322,193</u>	<u>3,841,507</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	<u>(1,291,196)</u>	<u>(1,460,329)</u>
Net current assets		<u>3,030,997</u>	<u>2,381,178</u>
NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTABLE TO MEMBERS	10	<u><u>3,290,872</u></u>	<u><u>2,599,420</u></u>
REPRESENTED BY:			
Loans and other debts due to members			
Other amounts due to members	10	1,640,872	1,169,420
Members' other interests			
Members' capital classified as a liability	10	1,650,000	1,430,000
		<u><u>3,290,872</u></u>	<u><u>2,599,420</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue on and signed on their behalf by



 D Keegan
 Designated member



 L Attrup
 Designated member

Limited Liability Partnership Registration No. OC373542

DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP
CASH FLOW STATEMENT
AS AT 30 APRIL 2014

	Notes	2014 £	£	2013 £	£
Cash flow from operating activities	13		1,420,736		1,392,684
Returns on investments and servicing of finance					
Interest received		255,604		240,814	
Interest paid		(45,729)		(63,013)	
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance			209,875		177,801
Capital expenditure and financial investment					
Payments made to acquire tangible assets		(115,862)		(41,518)	
Net cash outflow for capital expenditure			(115,862)		(41,518)
Transactions with members and former members					
Payments to and on behalf of members		(1,426,067)		(1,554,303)	
Post retirement payments to former members		-		(108,209)	
Net cash outflow to members and former members			(1,426,067)		(1,662,512)
Net cash inflow / (outflow) before management of liquid resources and financing			88,682		(133,545)
Financing					
Capital introduced		220,000		80,000	
Net cash (outflow) from financing			220,000		80,000
			308,682		(53,545)

DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

1 Accounting policies

1.1 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" ("the SORP").

1.2 Revenue recognition

Fees receivable are recognised in the profit and loss account when a right to consideration has been obtained in exchange for performance of contractual obligations. Income is recorded at the fair value of the right to consideration, including principal time, after deducting allowances for discounts, credit risk, and any other uncertainties relating to a client's willingness to pay.

Fee income that is contingent on events outside the control of the firm is recognised when the contingent event occurs.

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 less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold improvements	Over the period of the lease
Office equipment and furniture	15% reducing balance
Computer equipment	33.33% reducing balance

1.4 Leasing

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged against income on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.5 Work in progress

Work in progress in relation to contingent fee arrangements, where the contingent condition has not been met at the balance sheet date is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost is arrived at on the basis of direct chargeable salary costs plus attributable overheads based on normal levels of activity.

1.6 Taxation

The taxation payable on the profits is the personal liability of the members. Consequently no reserve for taxation is made in these financial statements and the profits are shown within 'Loans and other debts due to members' without any deduction of tax.

1.7 Retirement benefits

The LLP operates a defined contribution pension scheme for its employees. The amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown in creditors in the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

2 Operating profit

	2014	2013
	£	£
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible assets	74,229	60,820
Auditors' remuneration	15,500	14,000
Operating lease costs - plant and equipment	22,995	22,283
- Land & buildings	188,410	224,267

3 Turnover

The LLP's turnover is from the provision of legal services. All turnover comes from UK-based offices.

4 Interest payable and interest receivable

	2014	2013
	£	£
Interest receivable		
Bank interest	255,604	240,814
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Interest payable		
Interest paid to clients	45,729	63,013
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Employee information

	2014	2013
	£	£
Wages and salaries	2,314,298	2,349,153
Social security costs	998,823	993,372
Other pension costs	112,533	105,759
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u>3,425,654</u>	<u>3,448,284</u>

The average number of persons (excluding members) employed by the LLP were 50 professional staff (2013: 47) and 49 administrative staff (2013: 46).

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

6 Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold Improvements	Office Equipment	Total
Cost			£
At 1 May 2013	236,085	475,556	711,641
Additions	6,644	109,218	115,862
	<u>242,729</u>	<u>584,774</u>	<u>827,503</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2013	204,249	289,150	493,399
Charge for the year	7,890	66,339	74,229
	<u>212,139</u>	<u>355,489</u>	<u>567,628</u>
Net book value			
At 30 April 2014	30,590	229,285	259,875
At 30 April 2013	<u>31,836</u>	<u>186,406</u>	<u>218,242</u>

7 Work in Progress

	2014	2013
	£	£
Contingent work in progress:	571,210	536,823
	<u>571,210</u>	<u>536,823</u>

8 Debtors

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade debtors	1,098,324	982,105
Amounts recoverable on contracts	1,485,249	1,510,432
Prepayments and other debtors	277,835	231,254
	<u>2,861,408</u>	<u>2,723,791</u>

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2014	2013
	£	£
Trade creditors	112,570	84,849
Bank loans and overdrafts	99,375	201,504
Taxation and social security	351,661	359,362
Other creditors	385,802	275,390
Amounts due to retired partners	341,788	539,224
	<u>1,291,196</u>	<u>1,460,329</u>

DEBENHAMS OTTAWAY LLP
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

10 Loans and other debts due to members

	Members' Capital Accounts	Other amounts due to members	Total
	£	£	£
Members' interests at 1 May 2013	1,430,000	1,169,420	2,599,420
Members' remuneration charged as an expense	-	1,897,519	1,897,519
Members' interests after profit for the year	1,430,000	3,066,939	4,496,939
Capital contributions	220,000	-	220,000
Drawings	-	(1,426,067)	(1,426,066)
Members' interests at 30 April 2014	1,650,000	1,640,872	3,290,872

In the event of a winding up the amounts included in "Loans and other debts due to members" will rank equally with unsecured creditors.

11 Financial commitments

At 30 April 2014 the limited liability partnership was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the year to 30 April 2015:

	2014	2013
	£	£
Land and buildings operating leases which expire:		
Less than one year	-	-
Between one and two years	-	-
Between two and five years	23,250	23,250
After five years	183,500	187,500
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Other operating leases which expire:		
Between one and two years	785	-
Between two and five years	22,288	22,916
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

12 Information in relation to members

	2014 Number	2013 Number
The average number of members during the year was:	11	11

	2014 £	2013 £
Highest paid member's remuneration:	173,001	157,088

	2014 £	2013 £
The average salaried members' remuneration during the year was:	76,263	78,010

13 Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2014 £	2013 £
Operating profit	1,687,644	1,462,521
Depreciation of tangible assets	74,229	60,820
(Increase) in work in progress	(34,387)	(293,160)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(137,617)	166,635
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(169,133)	(4,132)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,420,736	1,392,684

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2014

14 Analysis of net debt	1 May 2013	Cash flow	Other non- cash changes	30 April 2014
	£	£	£	£
Net cash:				
Cash at bank and in hand	580,893	308,682	-	889,575
Bank overdrafts and loans	(201,504)	102,129	-	(99,375)
Net funds	379,389	410,811	-	790,200
15 Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt			2014	2013
			£	£
Movement in net funds for the year			410,811	(53,545)
Opening net funds			379,389	432,934
Closing net funds			790,200	379,389