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Directors' report and consolidated financial statements Registered number SC125204 2 October 2003



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Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003.

Principal activities

The principal activities of the company and group are the operation of hotels and leisure resorts.

Business review

At the time of the interim results, the board of Macdonald Hotels noted that trading remained difficult, although it was confident of the company's proven ability to continue to operate effectively in such conditions. The board considers that trading conditions continue to be difficult with lower rated domestic leisure volumes offsetting a difficult corporate and conference sector.

On 3 September 2003 the company was acquired by Skye Leisure Ventures plc (which subsequently changed its name on 10 February 2004 to Macdonald Hotels plc), a company 50% owned by the founders and certain members of Macdonald Hotels' senior management and 50% owned by Uberior Ventures Limited, a subsidiary of HBOS plc. Macdonald Hotels plc also acquired Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited's 50% interest in Ledge 563 Limited on 3 September 2003.

Following the acquisition by Macdonald Hotels plc the company re-registered as a private company and changed its name from Macdonald Hotels plc to Macdonald Hotels Limited, and was subsequently renamed, on 10 February 2004, Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited.

Results

The results of the group are given in the group profit and loss account on page 6.

Profit before tax and exceptional items amounts to £11.6 million in comparison to £14.3 million in the 52 weeks ended 3 October 2002.

Proposed dividend

The directors do not recommend the payment of a final ordinary dividend (2002: 5.0p) making a total of 2.62p (2002: 7.5p) per share for the year.

Policy and practice on payment of creditors

Although the company does not follow any code or standard on payment practice, it is the group's policy, as far as practicable and excluding instances of dispute concerning price, delivery or quality, to pay its suppliers within agreed terms. At 2 October 2003, 19 days average purchases of the group and company were outstanding (3 October 2002: 22 days).

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the period were as follows:

DJ Macdonald

GH Smith (resigned 4 December 2003)

PJA Dempsey (appointed 25 August 2003; resigned 23 March 2004)

JG Busby JA Lerche SS Christie

F O'Callaghan (resigned 4 December 2003)

JAM Orr

ADM MacDonald

CA MacLeod (resigned 15 September 2003)

R Pajares

The directors retiring by rotation are DJ Macdonald and JA Lerche who, being eligible, offer themselves for reelection.

None of the directors who held office at the end of the financial period had any disclosable interests in the shares of the company.

Directors' report (continued)

Directors and directors' interests (continued)

The interests of the directors in the parent company at 2 October 2003 and the company at 3 October 2002 are as follows:

| | 2 October 2003 Number of £1 shares in Macdonald Hotels plc | 3 October 2002 Number of 5p shares in Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited |
|---------------|---|--|
| DJ Macdonald | 968,667 | 5,273,138 |
| PJA Dempsey | 385,000 | - |
| GH Smith | 912,500 | 3,510,147 |
| JG Busby | 220,000 | 310,907 |
| JA Lerche | 220,000 | 56,119 |
| SS Christie | 220,000 | · - |
| F O'Callaghan | 330,000 | 2,386,000 |
| JAM Orr | 330,000 | 3,095,250 |
| ADM MacDonald | 330,000 | 3,095,250 |

According to the register of directors' interests, no rights to subscribe for shares in or debentures of group companies were granted to any of the directors or their immediate families, or exercised by them, during the financial year except as indicated below:

| | At 3 October 2002 | Exercised | At 2 October 2003 | Exercise price | Market price at date of exercise |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| DJ Macdonald | 193,103 | 193,103 | | 145p | 260p |
| | 438,217 | 438,217 | - | 157p | 260p |
| | 148,634 | 148,634 | ~ | 183p | 260p |
| GH Smith | 126,896 | 126,896 | | 1 45 p | 260p |
| | 282,803 | 282,803 | - | 157p | 260p |
| | 107,107 | 107,107 | • | 183p | 260p |
| JG Busby | 110,344 | 110,344 | - | 145p | 260p |
| • | 196,721 | 196,721 | - | 183p | 260p |
| JA Lerche | 41,931 | 41,931 | • | 145p | 260p |
| | 9,176 | 9,176 | • | 170p | 260p |
| | 152,357 | 152,357 | - | 157p | 260p |
| | 98,361 | 98,361 | - | 183p | 260p |
| SS Christie | 207,650 | 207,650 | | 183p | 260p |
| | 169,670 | 169,670 | - | 183p | 260p |
| | | | | | |
| | 2,282,970 | 2,282,970 | | | |
| | | | | | |

Employees

The group has maintained its policy of communicating and consulting with employees on matters of concern to them and providing information in particular on the financial and economic factors affecting the performance of the group. Fair and equal consideration is given to the recruitment and career development of all employees including disabled persons, whether or not they become disabled while in the group's employment and to the provision and training and other assistance where necessary.

Directors' report (continued)

Political and charitable contributions

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During the period, the group and company made charitable donations totalling £39,000 (2002: £31,000). No donations were given for political purposes.

By order of the board

RG Fraser Secretary

Whiteside House Bathgate West Lothian EH48 2RX

28 April 2004

Statement of directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and group and of the profit or loss for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the group and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



KPMG LLP

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Report of the independent auditors to the members of Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited

(formerly Macdonald Hotels Limited and previously Macdonald Hotels plc)

We have audited the financial statements on pages 6 to 25.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 4, the financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. Our responsibilities, as independent auditors, are established in the United Kingdom by statute, the Auditing Practices Board and by our profession's ethical guidance.

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. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the group is not disclosed.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we 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 of the state of affairs of the company and the group as at 2 October 2003 and of the profit of the group for the 52 weeks then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

KPMG LLP

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

KPMG-LLP

30 April 2004

Consolidated profit and loss account

for the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003

| | Note | Continuing businesses | Share of Ledge 563 joint venture | 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 | Continuing businesses | Share of Ledge 563 joint venture | 52 weeks ended 3 October 2002 |
|---|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| | | £000 | €000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Turnover: group and share of joint ventures | 2 | 89,723 | 42,904 | 132,627 | 91,559 | 48,189 | 139,748 |
| Less: share of joint ventures | 10 | (101) | (42,904) | (43,005) | (195) | (48,189) | (48,384) |
| Group turnover | | 89,622 | - | 89,622 | 91,364 | - | 91,364 |
| Cost of sales - normal - exceptional | 2 | (70,114) (7,070) | - | (70,114) (7,070) | (70,063) | - | (70,063) - |
| | | | | | | | |
| Gross profit Administrative expenses | | 12,438 (3,001) | - | 12,438 (3,001) | 21,301 (2,802) | - | 21,301 (2,802) |
| Group operating profit Share of operating profit of joint | | 9,437 | - | 9,437 | 18,499 | - | 18,499 |
| ventures - normal - exceptional | | (58) | 6,016 | 5,958 | (5) | 7,475 | 7,470 |
| Share of operating loss of associate | | (240) | (2,370) | (2,370) (240) | (177) | - | (177) |
| Total operating profit | | 9,139 | 3,646 | 12,785 | 18,317 | 7,475 | 25,792 |
| Profit on sale of joint venture Profit on sale of properties Share of profit on sale of joint | | 3,943 | - | 3,943 | 264 | • | 264 |
| venture properties | | - | 845 | 845 | - | 1,586 | 1,586 |
| Profit before interest Net group interest payable Share of joint venture and associate interest payable | 2 3 | 13,082 (1,750) | 4,491 | 17,573 (1,750) | 18,581 (2,357) | 9,061 | 27,642 (2,357) |
| - normal - exceptional | <i>3</i> <i>3</i> | (387) | (8,502) (2,105) | (8,889) (2,105) | (168) | (8,998) | (9,166) |
| Profit/(loss) before tax and exceptional items Operating exceptional items | | 14,072 (7,070) | (2,486) (2,370) | 11,586 (9,440) | 15,792 | (1,523) | 14,269 |
| Non operating exceptional items Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities | | 3,943 | (1,260) | 2,683 | 264 | 1,586 | 1,850 |
| before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities | 4 7 | 10,945 (2,435) | (6,116) 2,459 | 4,829 24 | 16,056 (4,612) | 63 | 16,119 (4,612) |
| Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation Minority interests – equity | | 8,510 (34) | (3,657) | 4,853 (34) | 11,444 (9) | 63 | 11,507 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period attributable to shareholders Dividends – equity | 8 | 8,476 (1,548) | (3,657) | 4,819 (1,548) | 11,435 (4,428) | 63 | 11,498 (4,428) |
| Retained profit for the period | | 6,928 | (3,657) | 3,271 | 7,007 | 63 | 7,070 |

There is no material difference between the retained profit for the period stated above and its historical cost equivalent.

Consolidated balance sheets

at 2 October 2003

| at 2 October 2005 | Note | Gro | מע | Compa | anv |
|--|------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Fixed assets | | | | | |
| Tangible fixed assets | 9 | 166,325 | 161,276 | 3 | 8 |
| | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | |
| Share of gross assets of joint ventures | | 5,526 | 134,398 | - | - |
| Share of gross liabilities of joint ventures | | (5,538) | (132,142) | - | - |
| | | | | 11 | 1 |
| Share of net (liabilities)/assets of joint ventures | | (12) | 2,256 | - 1 | 2,500 |
| Share of net assets of associates | | 1,528 | 1,648 | 1,648 | 1,648 |
| Investment in own shares | | - | 2,001 | ´ - | · - |
| Other investments | | 2,257 | 29,537 | 20,686 | 49,436 |
| Total investments | 10 | 3,773 | 35,442 | 22,334 | 53,584 |
| | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets and investments | | 170,098 | 196,718 | 22,337 | 53,592 |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Stocks | 11 | 2,593 | 2,832 | _ | _ |
| Debtors | 12 | 16,355 | 19,346 | 109,876 | 110,000 |
| Cash and short term deposits | | 105 | 3,566 | - | - |
| | | 19,053 | 25,744 | 109,876 | 110,000 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 13 | (74,719) | (37,311) | (81,534) | (23,177) |
| Creations amounts failing due within one your | 13 | | (57,511) | (01,554) | (23,177) |
| Net current (liabilities)/assets | | (55,666) | (11,567) | 28,342 | 86,823 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 114,432 | 185,151 | 50,679 | 140,415 |
| Creditors: amounts falling due after more than | | 114,432 | 105,151 | 30,079 | 140,415 |
| one year | 14 | _ | (80,200) | _ | (80,200) |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 15 | (11,379) | (10,351) | 66 | 75 |
| Minority interest | - 13 | (361) | (327) | - | • |
| | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 102,692 | 94,273 | 50,745 | 60,290 |
| Capital and reserves | | | | | |
| Called up share capital | 19 | 3,169 | 3,014 | 3,169 | 3,014 |
| Share premium account | 20 | 32,606 | 27,613 | 32,606 | 27,613 |
| Revaluation reserve | 20 | 24,965 | 24,965 | - | ,515 |
| Profit and loss account | 20 | 41,952 | 38,681 | 14,970 | 29,663 |
| Shareholders' funds – all equity | | 102,692 | 94,273 | 50,745 | 60,290 |
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These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 April 2004 and were signed on its behalf by:

DJ Macdonald Director

SS Christie
Director

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Consolidated cash flow statement

| for the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 | | | | | |
|---|------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|---------|
| for the 32 weeks ended 2 October 2003 | Note | 52 weeks o 2 October | 2003 | 52 weeks e 3 October | 2002 |
| | | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | 21 | | 23,531 | | 21,153 |
| Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance | | | | | |
| Interest received | | 3,533 | | 2,917 | |
| Interest paid | | (5,681) | | (5,364) | |
| | | | (2,148) | | (2,447) |
| Taxation Composition tax poid | | | (E E40) | | (4.549) |
| Corporation tax paid | | | (5,549) | | (4,548) |
| Capital expenditure and financial investments | | | | | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (12,098) | | (14,088) | |
| Disposal of tangible fixed assets | | 48 | | 2,935 | |
| Disposal of trade investments | | ~ | | 3,000 | |
| Investment in own shares | | ~ | | (1,188) | |
| | | | | - | |
| Net cash outflow from capital expenditure and | | | | | |
| financial investments | | | (12,050) | | (9,341) |
| | | | | | |
| Acquisitions and disposals | | | | (2.672) | |
| Purchase of subsidiary undertakings Disposal of joint venture | | 31,250 | | (3,672) | |
| Investment in associated undertakings and other | | 31,230 | | - | |
| investments | | (1,470) | | (217) | |
| | | | | | |
| Net cash inflow/(outflow) from acquisitions and | | | | | |
| disposals | | | 29,780 | | (3,889) |
| | | | , | | (2,222) |
| Equity dividends paid | | | (4,501) | | (2,864) |
| | | | | | |
| Cash inflow/(outflow) before financing | | | 29,063 | | (1,936) |
| | | | | | |
| Financing Share issue | | 5,148 | | 203 | |
| Receipt of inter company loans | | 52,650 | | 5,000 | |
| Repayment of loans | | (84,800) | | (900) | |
| | | (,) | | | |
| Net cash inflow from financing | | | (27,002) | | 4,303 |
| iver cash millow if our maneting | | | (21,002) | | 7,505 |
| Yourself and Sudhama C. I | 21 | | 2.661 | | 2.267 |
| Increase in cash in the period | 21 | | 2,061 | | 2,367 |

Consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses

| | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
|--|--|---|
| | ended | ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | 000£ | £000 |
| Profit for the financial period | 4,819 | 11,498 |
| Prior period adjustment for deferred tax | - | (6,793) |
| Total gains and losses recognised since last annual report | 4,819 | 4,705 |
| | | |
| | | |
| | | |
| | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
| | 52 weeks ended | 52 weeks ended |
| | | |
| | ended | ended 3 October 2002 |
| | ended 2 October | ended 3 October |
| For the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 Profit attributable to shareholders | ended 2 October 2003 £000 | ended 3 October 2002 £000 |
| For the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 Profit attributable to shareholders | ended 2 October 2003 £000 | ended 3 October 2002 £000 |
| For the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 Profit attributable to shareholders Dividends | ended 2 October 2003 £000 | ended 3 October 2002 £000 |
| Frofit attributable to shareholders Dividends Retained profit for the period | ended 2 October 2003 £000 4,819 (1,548) | ended 3 October 2002 £000 11,498 (4,428) |
| For the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 Profit attributable to shareholders Dividends Retained profit for the period Share issue | ended 2 October 2003 £000 4,819 (1,548) 3,271 5,148 | ended 3 October 2002 £000 11,498 (4,428) 7,070 203 |
| Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds for the 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 Profit attributable to shareholders Dividends Retained profit for the period Share issue Net increase in shareholders' funds Opening shareholders' funds | ended 2 October 2003 £000 4,819 (1,548) 3,271 | ended 3 October 2002 £000 11,498 (4,428) |

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the group's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards and under historical cost accounting rules, modified to include the revaluation of certain land and buildings.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 2 October 2003. Unless otherwise stated, the acquisition method of accounting is used to consolidate the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired during a financial period. The group's share of the results and net assets of its joint ventures, undertakings over which it exercises joint control, associate undertakings and undertakings over which it exercises significant influence are included in the consolidated profit and loss account and in investments in the balance sheet under the equity method of accounting. No profit and loss account is presented for Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited as permitted by Section 230 of the Companies Act 1985.

Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales excluding value added tax. Timeshare sales are disclosed net of discounts granted.

Goodwill

Prior to 29 March 1998, goodwill relating to the acquisition of shares in subsidiary undertakings, being the excess of the fair value of the purchase consideration over the fair value attributed to the underlying net assets at the date of acquisition, was written off against reserves in the financial period in which it arose. In the event of a subsequent disposal of the businesses to which it relates, a charge or credit to the profit and loss account in respect of such goodwill would arise. Positive goodwill arising on acquisitions since March 1998 is capitalised, classified as an asset in the balance sheet and amortised in accordance with FRS 10. In the company's financial statements investments in subsidiary undertakings, associates and joint ventures are stated at cost.

Fixed assets and depreciation

a. Land and buildings

The group's hotel properties were valued in February 1996 on the basis of existing use as fully equipped operational entities having regard to their trading potential. On adoption of FRS 15, the group followed the transitional provisions to retain the net book value of land and buildings, which were revalued in 1996 but not to adopt a policy of revaluation in the future. Costs incurred during the construction of hotels and other properties are recorded as projects in progress. On completion the costs are re-allocated to the appropriate fixed asset category.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Fixed assets and depreciation (continued)

b. Depreciation

Depreciation is provided to write the assets down to their estimated residual value by equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives as follows:

Land - not depreciated
Freehold hotel properties - 50 years
Building surfaces - 10-30 years
Office premises - 50 years
Furniture, fittings and fixtures - 4-10 years
Motor vehicles - 4 years
Information technology equipment - 4 years

Any impairment in the value of hotel properties is charged to the profit and loss account or statement of total recognised gains or losses, as appropriate, in the financial period in which it arises.

Investments are stated at cost less any necessary provision for diminution in value. Other fixed assets are stated at cost.

Interest

Interest charges incurred in the construction or redevelopment of trading units are capitalised up to the point of practical completion. All other interest is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

Operating leases

Operating lease rental charges are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profits for the period. In accordance with FRS 19, deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, for all material timing differences in respect of the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date except as otherwise required by FRS 19.

Stocks

Stocks, including unsold timeshare weeks, are stated at the lower of net realisable value and cost.

Pension costs

The group operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged against the profit and loss account as incurred.

Derivative instruments

Where interest rate caps and collars are used to manage interest rate exposure, interest is charged to the profit and loss account over the lives of the instruments based on their contracted rates together with the cost of the instrument.

2 Segmental analysis

| | Turn | over | Profit befor | e interest |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 52 weeks ended | 52 weeks ended | 52 weeks ended | 52 weeks ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Owned hotels | 65,879 | 66,248 | 14,199 | 15,006 |
| Resorts (including joint ventures) | 15,957 | 16,339 | 2,027 | 2,928 |
| Management contracts | 7,887 | 8,972 | 3,224 | 3,362 |
| Central costs | - | - | (3,001) | (2,802) |
| Acquisition/transaction costs | - | - | (9,440) | - |
| | 89,723 | 91,559 | 7,009 | 18,494 |
| Share of Ledge 563 joint venture | 42,904 | 48,189 | 6,016 | 7,475 |
| Share of associate | • | - | (240) | (177) |
| Profit on sale | - | - | 4,788 | 1,850 |
| • | 132,627 | 139,748 | 17,573 | 27,642 |
| | | | | |

Acquisitions/transaction costs primarily consist of costs relating to the cancellation of share options for cash (£4,4 million), bank arrangement fees (£2.5 million) and other legal and professional fees (£2.5 million).

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales excluding value added tax. Resorts turnover has been restated to reflect sales net of discounts granted. All turnover originated in the United Kingdom. The Spanish subsidiary acts as an agent on behalf of its immediate parent company in the UK.

Net assets

The net assets of the group are located in the United Kingdom and Spain. Of the group net assets, Owned Hotels total £91,242,000 (3 October 2002: £83,444,000) and Owned Resorts £11,450,000 (3 October 2002: £10,829,000). The net assets attributable to the management contracts business are not material.

3 Net interest payable

| | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | ended | ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Receivable – Ioan stock | (2,450) | (2,820) |
| Payable – bank borrowings | 4,200 | 5,206 |
| Capitalised | • | (29) |
| | | |
| Net group interest payable | 1,750 | 2,357 |
| Share of joint venture's bank borrowings interest | 6,071 | 6,254 |
| Share of joint venture's interest rate swap provision (see below) | 2,105 | - |
| Share of joint venture's loan stock interest | 2,427 | 2,744 |
| Share of associate's interest | 391 | 168 |
| | | |
| Net interest payable | 12,744 | 11,523 |
| | | |

The share of the joint venture's interest rate swap provision relates to the estimated cost at 3 September 2003 of exiting swaps held by Ledge 563 Limited.

4 Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

| | 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 £000 | 52 weeks ended 3 October 2002 £000 |
|--|--|--|
| Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting): | | |
| Depreciation Operating lease rentals: | 7,001 | 6,527 |
| - plant and machinery | 185 | 160 |
| - property | 161 | 145 |
| Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets | - | (560) |
| Auditors' remuneration – audit services | 87 | 72 |
| Other fees paid to the auditors and their associates | 216 | 163 |

In addition to the above, the auditors received audit and non-audit fees in relation to the joint venture company, Ledge 563, of £25,000 (3 October 2002: £30,000) and £42,000 (3 October 2002: £266,000) respectively. The parent company audit fee was £12,000 (3 October 2002: £12,000).

5 Staff numbers and costs

The average number of persons employed by the group (including directors) during the year, analysed by category, was as follows:

| | Number of employee | |
|---|--------------------|-----------|
| | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
| | ended | ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Owned hotels | 2,820 | 2,877 |
| Joint ventures and management contracts | 3,084 | 3,360 |
| | 5,904 | 6,237 |
| | | |
| The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows: | | |
| | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
| | ended | ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | €000 | £000 |
| Wages and salaries | 65,168 | 63,329 |
| Social security costs | 5,557 | 5,092 |
| Other pension costs (note 17) | 921 | 1,201 |
| | 71,646 | 69,622 |
| Of which recharged under management contracts | (36,086) | (35,177) |
| | 35,560 | 34,445 |
| | 35,560 | 34,443 |

6 Remuneration of directors

| | 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 £000 | 52 weeks ended 3 October 2002 £000 |
|--|--|--|
| Directors' emoluments Amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes, crystallising following the | 1,273 | 1,257 |
| acquisition by Macdonald Hotels plc | 2,157 | <u>-</u> |
| | 3,430 | 1,257 |
| Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes | 282 | 137 |
| Excess retirement benefits over original entitlement | 141 | 118 |
| Compensation for loss of office | _ | 131 |
| Amounts paid to third parties in respect of directors' services | 84 | 84 |
| | 3,937 | 1,727 |
| | | |

The aggregate of emoluments and amounts receivable under long term incentive schemes of the highest paid director was £479,000 (2002: £443,000) and £788,000 (2002: £nil) respectively, and company pension contributions of £29,000 (2002: £29,000) were made to a money purchase scheme on his behalf. During the year, the highest paid director exercised share options over 193,103 shares at 145p, 438,217 shares at 157p and 148,634 shares at 183p. The market price at the date of exercise was 260p.

| | 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 | 52 weeks ended 3 October 2002 |
|---|--|--|
| Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors under: | | |
| Money purchase schemes | 5 | 5 |
| The number of directors who exercised share options was | 5 | 3 |
| The number of directors in respect of whose services shares were received or receivable under long term incentive schemes was | 5 | 5 |

7 Taxation

The taxation charge comprises:

| | | | | 52 weeks ended |
|--|---------|-----------------------|-------|----------------|
| | 52 weel | ks ended 2 October 20 | 03 | 3 October 2002 |
| | Group | Share of JV | Total | £000 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Current tax - current year | 2,065 | (1,770) | 295 | 4,331 |
| - prior year | (147) | (409) | (556) | (200) |
| Total current period tax charge/(credit) | 1,918 | (2,179) | (261) | 4,131 |
| Deferred tax: - current year | 734 | (280) | 454 | 481 |
| - prior year | (217) | - | (217) | - |
| Total deferred tax charge/(credit) | 517 | (280) | 237 | 481 |
| Total tax charge/(credit) | 2,435 | (2,459) | (24) | 4,612 |
| | | | · | = |

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current period

The current tax charge for the period is lower (3 October 2002: lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (30%). The differences are explained below.

| | | | | 52 weeks ended |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|
| | 52 weeks ended 2 October 2003 | | | 3 October 2002 |
| | Group | Share of JV | Total | £000 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Current tax reconciliation: | | | | |
| Profit on ordinary activities before tax | 10,945 | (6,116) | 4,829 | 16,119 |
| Current tax at 30% | 3,284 | (1,835) | 1,449 | 4,836 |
| Effects of: | | | | |
| Expenses not deductible for tax purposes | 535 | 37 | 572 | 113 |
| Capital allowances for the period (in excess of)/ or | | | | |
| below depreciation | (734) | 280 | (454) | (481) |
| Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior | ` / | | ` , | ` ' |
| periods | (147) | (407) | (554) | (200) |
| Gains on fixed asset disposals not subject to tax | (1,183) | (254) | (1,437) | (164) |
| Unutilised losses in associates | `´ 90´ | ` - | `´ 90´ | ` |
| Other differences | 73 | | 73 | 27 |
| | | <u>-</u> | | |
| Current period tax charge | 1,918 | (2,179) | (261) | 4,131 |
| | | | | == |

8 Dividends

| • | 52 weeks | 32 weeks |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| | ended | ended |
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Interim dividend of 2.62p net per share paid (2002: 2.5p) | 1,548 | 1,475 |
| Final dividend of nil p net per share proposed (2002: 5.0p) | - | 2,953 |
| | | - |
| Total dividend | 1,548 | 4,428 |
| | | |

9 Tangible fixed assets

| | | Company | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--|---------|--|
| | Freehold properties | Projects in progress | Vehicles, fittings and equipment | Total | Vehicles, fittings and equipment |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Cost or valuation | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 | 2000 |
| At beginning of period | 141,001 | 4,234 | 48,619 | 193,854 | 54 |
| Additions | 402 | 9,942 | 1,754 | 12,098 | |
| Reclassification | 624 | (938) | 314 | -,-, | _ |
| Disposals | | - | (265) | (265) | - |
| | | | | | |
| At end of period | 142,027 | 13,238 | 50,422 | 205,687 | 54 |
| 1000 | | 12.020 | | 142 722 | |
| At cost since 1996 | 80,072 | 13,238 | 50,422 | 143,732 | 54 |
| At valuation since 1996 | 61,955 | | - | 61,955 | |
| Depreciation | | | | | |
| At beginning of period | 7,753 | - | 24,825 | 32,578 | 46 |
| On disposals | | - | (217) | (217) | - |
| Charge for period | 1,566 | - | 5,435 | 7,001 | 5 |
| | | | | | |
| At end of period | 9,319 | - | 30,043 | 39,362 | 51 |
| Net book value | <u></u> | | | | |
| At 2 October 2003 | 132,708 | 13,238 | 20,379 | 166,325 | 3 |
| 442 041 0000 | 122.046 | 4.00.4 | 22.704 | 161.076 | |
| At 3 October 2002 | 133,248 | 4,234 | 23,794 | 161,276 | 8 |

In accordance with FRS 15: Tangible Fixed assets, the group has followed the option of retaining the book value of land and buildings, certain of which were valued in February 1996 by an independent firm of chartered surveyors, Robert Barr & Co. The freehold property element (ie excluding fittings and equipment) at £62.0 million of their total valuation of £69.5 million has been incorporated in the financial statements. The properties were valued on the basis of existing use value as fully equipped operational entities having regard to their trading potential and the valuations were carried out in accordance with the Practice Statements in the Appraisal and Valuation Manual of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. The value attributed by the directors to fittings and equipment was equal to the net book amount of these assets. The surplus on revaluation of the properties has been credited to revaluation reserve.

The cost or valuation of freehold properties category is made up of £19,952,000 (3 October 2002: £20,364,000) of land which is not depreciated, £26,466,000 (31 October 2002: £25,473,000) of building surfaces and finishes and £95,609,000 (3 October 2002: £95,164,000) of hotel buildings.

On an unmodified historical cost basis the net book amount of the group tangible fixed assets at 2 October 2003 would be £144,424,000 (3 October 2002: £139,375,000).

The gross amount of depreciable assets is £185,735,000 (3 October 2002: £173,490,000). Fixed assets at cost include capitalised interest of £516,000 (3 October 2002: £516,000).

10 Fixed asset investments

| Subsidiaries | Joint ve | ntures | Associa | tes | Trade | Own | |
|----------------|----------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Shares £000 | Shares £000 | Loans £000 | Shares £000 | Loans £000 | investments £000 | shares £000 | Total £000 |
| | 2000 | | 2000 | 2000 | | 2000 | 2000 |
| | | | | | | | |
| - | 2,256 | 28,750 | 155 | 1,493 | 787 | 2,001 | 35,442 |
| - | , | 1,470 | - | ´ - | - | · • | 1,470 |
| _ | 1,443 | (28,750) | _ | - | _ | (2,001) | (29,308) |
| - | (3,711) | - | (120) | - | - | - | (3,831) |
| | (12) | 1,470 | 35 | 1,493 | 787 | | 3,773 |
| | | | | | | | |
| 10.000 | 2.500 | 20.750 | 155 | 1 402 | 707 | | 62.604 |
| • | | | | • | /8/ | | 53,584 |
| | (2,300) | (20,730) | <u>.</u> | | <u>-</u> | | (31,250) |
| 19,899 | - | - | 155 | 1,493 | 787 | - | 22,334 |
| | Shares £000 | Shares £000 - 2,256 - 1,443 - (3,711) - (12) - (12) - (2,500) - (2,500) | Shares £000 £000 £000 - 2,256 28,750 - 1,470 - 1,443 (28,750) - (3,711) (12) 1,470 - (12) 1,470 - (2,500) (28,750) - (2,500) (28,750) | Shares £000 £000 £000 \$\frac{\pmathcal{2}}{\pmathcal{2}}\$ \$\frac{1}{\pmathcal{2}}\$ \$\frac{1}{\pm | Shares £000 Shares £000 Loans £000 E000 £000 £000 - 2,256 28,750 155 1,493 - 1,443 (28,750) - - - (3,711) - (120) - - (12) 1,470 35 1,493 - (2,500) (28,750) - - | Shares £000 Shares £000 Loans £000 Loans £000 investments £000 - 2,256 28,750 155 1,493 787 - 1,470 - - - - 1,443 (28,750) - - - - (3,711) - (120) - - - (12) 1,470 35 1,493 787 - (2,500) (28,750) - - - - - (2,500) (28,750) - - - - | Shares £000 Shares £000 Loans £000 Loans £000 investments £000 shares £000 - 2,256 28,750 155 1,493 787 2,001 - 1,470 - - - - - - 1,443 (28,750) - - - (2,001) - (3,711) - (120) - - - - (12) 1,470 35 1,493 787 - - (2,500) 28,750 155 1,493 787 - - (2,500) (28,750) - - - - |

⁽a) The disposal of the shares results in a positive balance as the group has recognised its share of the loss in the joint venture for the year.

At 2 October 2003 the following companies were the principal subsidiaries, joint ventures, associated undertakings and investments, either operating in the UK or Spain. All of the entities are included in the consolidation and are 100% owned unless noted below.

| Subsidiaries |
|--------------|
|--------------|

Associates

| Intra Inns Limited | (i) | Holyrood Hotels Limited (19%) | (i) |
|---------------------------------------|----------|--|-----------|
| Kilhey Court Hotels Limited | (i) (iv) | Cardrona Hotel, Golf & Country Club Limited (15%) | |
| Macdonald Hotels (UK) Limited | (i) | Aviemore Highland Resort Limited (33%) | (ii) (iv) |
| Macdonald Hotels (Management) Limited | (iii) | • • • | |
| Leisure Resorts Management Limited | (iii) | Investments | |
| Aviemore Leisure Management Limited | (iii) | | |
| Macdonald Resorts Limited | (ii) | Topco (No 1) Limited (15%) | (ii) |
| Pittodrie Group Limited (50%) | (iii) | | |
| Pittodrie House Hotel Limited (57.5%) | (i) (iv) | Joint ventures | |
| Pittodrie Estates Limited (50%) | (i) (iv) | | |
| | | Holland House Hotels (Cardiff) Limited (49%) | |
| | | ("HHH Cardiff") | (ii) |
| | | Barratt International Resorts Ermita Limited (50%) | |
| | | ("BIREL") | (ii) (iv) |

The nature of the business is as noted.

- (i) Hotels
- (ii) Hotels and Leisure
- (iii) Management Services
- (iv) Held through intermediate subsidiary

A full list of subsidiary undertakings will be included in the company's annual return.

Trade investments relate to the group's interest in Topco (No 1) Limited (of which £675,000 is deferred).

10 Fixed asset investments (continued)

| Share | of | joint | ventures |
|-------|----|-------|----------|
|-------|----|-------|----------|

| Share of joint ventures | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | | weeks ended 2 | October 2003 | | | nded 3 October 200 | |
| | Ledge 563 £000 | BIREL £000 | HHH Cardiff £000 | Total £000 | Ledge 563 £000 | BIREL £000 | Total £000 |
| | 2000 | 2000 | 1000 | 1000 | 2000 | 2000 | 1000 |
| Share of turnover | 42,904 | 63 | 38 | 43,005 | 48,189 | 195 | 48,384 |
| Share of operating profit/(loss) | 3,646 | (65) | 7 | 3,588 | 7,475 | (5) | 7,470 |
| Share of profit on sale of properties | 845 | | | 845 | 1,586 | - | 1,586 |
| Share of (loss)/profit before interest | 4,491 | (65) | 7 | 4,433 | 9,061 | (5) | 9,056 |
| Share of net interest payable | (10,607) | | 4 | (10,603) | (8,998) | | (8,998) |
| Share of (loss)/profit on ordinary activities | // 44 C | 465 | | 45 450) | | | 50 |
| before tax Taxation | (6,116) 2,459 | (65) - | 11 | (6,170) 2,459 | 63 | (5) | 58 |
| Share of profit/(loss) on ordinary activities | - | | | | | | |
| after tax | (3,657) | (65) | | (3,711) | 63 | (5) | 58 |
| | | At 2 Octobe | er 2003 | | At 3 | October 2002 | |
| Share of gross assets: | | | | and the state of t | | | |
| Fixed assets Current assets | - | 1,918 444 | 8,319 548 | 10,237 992 | 243,971 22,467 | 1,918 440 | 245,889 22,907 |
| Current assets | | | 548 | | <u> </u> | | |
| Gross assets | - | 2,362 | 8,867 | 11,229 | 266,438 | 2,358 | 268,796 |
| Share of gross assets | - | 1,181 | 4,345 | 5,526 | 133,219 | 1,179 | 134,398 |
| Share of gross liabilities: | | | <u></u> | | | | |
| Creditors: due within one year | - | (1,193) | (5,844) | (7,037) | (17,244) | (1,130) | (18,374) |
| Creditors: due after more than one year | | (1,215) | (3,000) | (4,215) | (244,766) ———— | (1,144) | (245,910) |
| Gross liabilities | | (2,408) | (8,844) | (11,252) | (262,010) | (2,274) | (264,284) |
| Share of gross liabilities | • | (1,204) | (4,334) | (5,538) | (131,005) | (1,137) | . (132,142) |
| Net investment in joint ventures | | (23) | 11 | (12) | 2,214 | 42 | 2,256 |
| • | | | | | <u> </u> | | |

11 Stocks

| | Grou | ıp | Compa | any |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 |
| Unsold timeshare weeks for resale Goods for resale | 1,468 1,125 | 1,562 1,270 | <u>.</u> - | - |
| | 2,593 | 2,832 | - | - |
| | | | | |

12 Debtors

| | Group | | Company | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Trade debtors | 6,311 | 6,154 | 163 | - |
| Other debtors and prepayments | 5,717 | 8,597 | 326 | 590 |
| Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings | - | - | 105,754 | 106,775 |
| Amounts due from joint ventures | 1,902 | 4,595 | 330 | 2,635 |
| Corporation tax | 2,425 | - | 3,303 | · |
| | | | | |
| | 16,355 | 19,346 | 109,876 | 110,000 |
| | | | | |

Although amounts due from subsidiary undertakings are payable on demand, the parent company has no plans to demand settlement in the short term. All other debtor balances are due within one year.

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

| | Group | | Company | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Bank overdrafts | 1,181 | 6,703 | 21,615 | 10,601 |
| Loans repayable within one year | , - | 4,600 | · <u>-</u> | 4,600 |
| Trade creditors | 5,505 | 4,963 | - | 1 |
| Proposed dividend | • | 2,953 | - | 2,953 |
| Corporation tax | • | 4,049 | - | 2,613 |
| Other taxation and social security | 5,214 | 2,573 | 1,133 | 86 |
| Other creditors | 4,506 | 4,589 | 1,502 | 1,598 |
| Accruals and deferred income | 8,323 | 6,881 | 5,172 | 725 |
| Amounts owed to parent undertaking | 49,990 | - | 52,112 | - |
| | | | | |
| | 74,719 | 37,311 | 81,534 | 23,177 |
| | | | | ==== |

As a condition to the availability of facilities under the Macdonald Hotels plc Facility Agreements, Bank of Scotland hold fixed and floating charges over all of the assets of Macdonald Hotels plc incorporating both Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited and Ledge 563 Limited.

14 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

| 14 Citations, amoun | its failing duc are | ci more man | me year | | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|--------------------|--|
| | | Group | | Company | | |
| | | 2 Octobe | | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | | 200 | 03 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £00 | 00 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Bank loans | | | - | 80,200 | - | 80,200 |
| Analysis of debt: | | | = | | | ***** |
| , | | | Group | | Compa | nv |
| | | 2 Octobe | _ | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | | 200 |)3 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £00 | 00 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Bank loans repayable: | | | | | | |
| within one year | | | - | 4,600 | - | 4,600 |
| between one and tw | o years | | - | 9,200 | - | 9,200 |
| between two and fiv | e years | | - | 27,600 | - | 27,600 |
| after five years | • | | - | 43,400 | - | 43,400 |
| | | | _ | | | |
| | | | - | 84,800 | - | 84,800 |
| | | | = | | | |
| | 2 October | 3 October | Rate | | Repayment | |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 11010 | | | |
| | £000 | £000 | | | | |
| Bank loans | | | | | | |
| Term loans - Tranche A | - | 32,000 | LIBOR | or Base + 1.5% | | nstalments commencing rawdown to January 2008 |
| - Tranche B | - | 14,000 | LIBOR | or Base + 2.5% | Equal quarterly in | nstalments commencing rawdown to January 2008 |
| - Tranche C | - | 20,000 | LIBOR | or Base + 0.9% | | ment in December 2018 |
| Revolving credit | | 18,800 | LIBOR | or Base + 0.9% | | ment in December 2018 |
| Total bank loans | | 84,800 | | | | |

All bank loans were repaid by Macdonald Hotels plc in September 2003 following the acquisition of the group.

15 Provisions for liabilities and charges

| | Group | | Company | |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 |
| Deferred tax Associate: share of net liabilities | 10,423 956 | 9,906 445 | (66) | (75) |
| | 11,379 | 10,351 | (66) | (75) |
| Associate refers to the group's share of Aviemore Highle | and Resort Limite | :d | | |
| The deferred tax balance and movements during the year | r were as follows: | | | |
| | | | Group 2 October 2003 £000 | Company 2 October 2003 £000 |
| At 3 October 2002 Charge for period | | | 9,906 517 | (75) 9 |
| At 2 October 2003 | | | 10,423 | (66) |
| | Grou | n | Compa | nv |
| | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 | 2 October 2003 £000 | 3 October 2002 £000 |
| Difference between accumulated depreciation and capital allowances Other timing differences | 10,507 (84) | 10,062 (156) | (4) (62) | (5) (70) |
| | 10,423 | 9,906 | (66) | (75) |

16 Financial commitments

(1) Capital commitments

| Capital Collamining | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| • | Group | | Company | |
| | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Contracted but not provided for | 1,862 | 300 | - | - |
| | | | | |

(2) Operating lease commitments

Annual commitments of the group under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

| | Properties | | Plant and equipment | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|
| | 2 October | 3 October | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| Operating leases which expire: | | | | |
| within one year | 31 | 31 | 80 | 53 |
| between two and five years | - | - | 63 | 69 |
| after five years | 120 | 120 | - | - |
| | | | | |
| | 151 | 151 | 143 | 122 |
| | | | | |

17 Pension commitments

The company operates two defined contribution occupational pension schemes, the MHL Pension Scheme and the Macdonald Hotels plc Group Pension Scheme. The assets of each scheme are held in independently administered funds. Pension costs represent contributions payable by the group to each fund, together with defined contributions payable by the group to individual funds administered separately for directors and certain employees in accordance with their respective service contracts or terms and conditions of employment, which are charged to the profit and loss account annually.

The total of the contributions for the year was £921,000 (2002: £1,201,000). Contributions totalling £238,000 (2002: £15,000) remain unpaid at 2 October 2003 and are included in accruals.

Following a strategic review of the company's pension provision, undertaken following the acquisition of Barratt International Resorts Limited and the Heritage Hotels in a joint venture with the Bank of Scotland, the company closed the MHL Pension Scheme to new entrants after 31 October 2001. The payment of further contributions to the MHL Pension Scheme also ceased with effect from that date. The scheme trustees have since started to wind up the scheme. Following consultation with the trustees' professional advisers the contributions held on deposit in the trustees' bank account with Bank of Scotland representing the period December 2000 to October 2001 were invested in the Equitable Life Building Society Fund. Scheme members have been offered the option of transferring their scheme entitlement to another pension arrangement of their choice failing which the trustees will arrange for the remaining entitlements to be secured via the application of individual policies.

With effect from 1 November 2001 the company introduced the Macdonald Hotels plc Group Pension Scheme, which effectively replaces the MHL Pension Scheme.

18 Contingent liabilities

The company is party to joint and several guarantees with other group members, including Macdonald Hotels plc, in respect of bank borrowings. The company's liability in respect of these guarantees at 2 October 2003 amounted to £472 million (2002: £nil).

The company is party to an unlimited joint and several guarantee with its wholly owned subsidiary Macdonald Resorts Limited to the Civil Aviation authority in respect of third party liabilities associated with that company's Air Tour Operator's Licence.

19 Called up share capital

| | Group and Company | |
|---|-------------------|-------------|
| | 2 October | 3 October |
| | 2003 | 2002 |
| | £000 | £000 |
| Authorised | | |
| 78,000,000 ordinary shares of 5p each | 3,900 | 3,900 |
| | | |
| Allotted, called up and fully paid | | |
| At 3 October 2002 - 60,287,336 ordinary shares of 5p each | 3,014 | 3,008 |
| Allotted during the year | 155 | 6 |
| | | |
| At 2 October 2003 – 63,370,864 ordinary shares of 5p each | 3,169 | 3,014 |
| | | |

During the year the company issued 3,083,528 shares for a total cash consideration of £5,148,000, the proceeds of which were used for working capital purposes.

20 Reserves

| | Group £000 | Company £000 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Share premium account | 4000 | |
| At 3 October 2002 | 27,613 | 27,613 |
| Premium on shares issued in period | 4,993 | 4,993 |
| At 2 October 2003 | 32,606 | 32,606 |
| At 2 October 2003 | <u> </u> | |
| Revaluation reserve | | |
| At 2 October 2003 and 3 October 2002 | 24,965 | - |
| | | |
| Profit and loss account | | |
| At 3 October 2002 | 38,681 | 29,663 |
| Profit/(loss) for the period | 4,819 | (13,145) |
| Dividends paid | (1,548) | (1,548) |
| At 2 October 2003 | 41,952 | 14,970 |
| | | |

The cumulative total of goodwill written off against reserves in respect of acquisitions prior to 3 April 1998 when FRS 10: Goodwill and intangible assets, was adopted amounts to £80,000 (3 October 2002: £80,000).

21 Consolidated cash flow statement

| (1) Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flows | 5 | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
| | | ended | ended 3 October |
| | | 2 October 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £000 | £000 |
| | | 2000 | 2000 |
| Operating profit | | 9,437 | 18,499 |
| Depreciation charged for period | | 7,001 | 6,527 |
| Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets | | - | (296) |
| Movement in: | | | () |
| Stocks | | 239 | (258) |
| Debtors | | 4,586 2,269 | (2,181) (1,138) |
| Creditors | | 2,268 | (1,136) |
| Net cash inflow from operating activities | | 23,531 | 21,153 |
| - ve case made it is one operating and is seen | | | |
| | | | |
| (2) Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt | | | |
| | | 52 weeks | 52 weeks |
| | | ended | ended |
| | | 2 October | 3 October |
| | | 2003 | 2002 |
| | | £000 | £000 |
| Increase in cash in the period | | 2,061 | 2,367 |
| Cash used to repay loans | | 84,800 | 900 |
| New term loans | | • | (5,000) |
| | | | |
| Change in net debt | | 86,861 | (1,733) |
| Opening net debt | | (87,937) | (86,204) |
| | | | |
| Closing net debt | | (1,076) | (87,937) |
| · | | | |
| (3) Analysis of net debt | | | |
| (5) Analysis of her deor | 3 October | Cash | 2 October |
| | 2002 | flows | 2003 |
| | £000 | £000 | £000 |
| | | | |
| Cash and short term deposits | 3,566 | (3,461) | 105 |
| Overdrafts | (6,703) | 5,522 | (1,181) |
| Loans due within one year | (4,600) | 4,600 | - |
| Loans due after one year | (80,200) | 80,200 | - |
| N. a. J. da | (97.037) | 96 961 | (1.07.0 |
| Net debt | (87,937) | 86,861 | (1,076) |

22 Related party transactions

In acquiring 50% of the share capital of Ledge 563 Limited ('Ledge 563') in April 2001, the group subscribed for 2,500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each and for loan stock of £28,750,000. Interest on the loan stock was payable by Ledge 563 at 5% above base rate up to the date of sale of 3 September 2003.

During the period the group received £2,410,000 in loan stock interest from Ledge 563, of which £nil (3 October 2002: £939,000) was outstanding at the year end.

The group had a 10 year management contract with Ledge 563 to manage the Heritage hotels, with fees payable as a percentage of gross revenue and a percentage of gross operating profit. Total fees charged to Ledge 563 up to 3 September 2003 amounted to £5,640,000 (3 October 2002: £6,340,000), of which £nil (3 October 2002: £916,000) was outstanding at the year end. The group also leases information technology equipment to Ledge 563 for which amounts received during the year amounted to £672,000 (3 October 2002: £672,000), of which £1,344,000 (3 October 2002: £2,016,000) was prepaid at the year end.

23 Ultimate parent undertaking

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Macdonald Hotels plc (formerly Skye Leisure Ventures plc), incorporated in Scotland on 8 April 2003, established to acquire Macdonald Hotels and Resorts Limited and Ledge 563 Limited. The consolidated accounts of this company are not currently filed.