

# **ABF Grocery Limited**

Annual report and financial statements

Registered number 00289545

16 September 2023



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## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the 52-week period ended 16 September 2023.

The directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions relating to small companies under section 415A of the Companies Act 2006. For the financial period ended 16 September 2023 the company was entitled to the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report under section 414B of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements are presented in sterling, rounded to the nearest thousand.

### Trading results

The company did not trade during the current or previous period.

### Dividends

No dividends were paid or proposed in the current or prior period. The directors do not recommend the further payment of a dividend.

### Going concern

After making due enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

### Directors

The directors who held office during the period were:

AA Smith  
RG Cahill

### Directors' indemnities

The company is a subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc. The directors of the company have benefited from the Associated British Foods plc group Directors and Officers Insurance policy.

By order of the board



AA Smith  
Director

14 November 2023

Registered office  
Weston Centre  
10 Grosvenor Street  
London  
W1K 4QY

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Standards (UK Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 *'Reduced Disclosure Framework'*.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

## Statement of total comprehensive income

for the 52-week period ended 16 September 2023

During the financial year and the preceding financial year the company did not trade and received no income and incurred no expenditure. Consequently, during those years the company made neither a profit nor a loss and no comprehensive income.

## Balance sheet

at 16 September 2023

|                                                              | Note | 2023<br>£'000 | 2022<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                                        |      |               |               |
| Debtors: due by intermediate holding company within one year |      | 70            | 70            |
|                                                              |      | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Net assets</b>                                            |      | 70            | 70            |
|                                                              |      | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                                  |      |               |               |
| Issued share capital                                         | 5    | 15            | 15            |
| Profit and loss reserve                                      |      | 55            | 55            |
|                                                              |      | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |
| <b>Equity shareholders' funds</b>                            |      | 70            | 70            |
|                                                              |      | <hr/>         | <hr/>         |

### Statement by the directors:

For the financial period ended 16 September 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 480 of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act") relating to dormant companies.

The directors:

- confirm that the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year ended 16 September 2023 in accordance with section 476 of the Act; and
- acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 14 November 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



AA Smith  
Director

The notes on pages 5 to 6 form part of the financial statements.

## Statement of changes in shareholder's equity

*for the 52-week period ended 16 September 2023*

|                                         | Issued share<br>capital | Profit and<br>loss reserve | Total       |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
|                                         | £'000                   | £'000                      | £'000       |
| <b>Balance as at 18 September 2021</b>  | 15                      | 55                         | 70          |
| Profit for the financial year           | -                       | -                          | -           |
|                                         | <hr/>                   | <hr/>                      | <hr/>       |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | -                       | -                          | -           |
|                                         | <hr/>                   | <hr/>                      | <hr/>       |
| <b>Balance as at 17 September 2022</b>  | 15                      | 55                         | 70          |
| Profit for the financial year           | -                       | -                          | -           |
|                                         | <hr/>                   | <hr/>                      | <hr/>       |
| Total comprehensive income for the year | -                       | -                          | -           |
|                                         | <hr/>                   | <hr/>                      | <hr/>       |
| <b>Balance as at 16 September 2023</b>  | <b>15</b>               | <b>55</b>                  | <b>70</b>   |
|                                         | <hr/> <hr/>             | <hr/> <hr/>                | <hr/> <hr/> |

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Statement of compliance with FRS 101

The company's financial statements are presented in sterling, rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£'000) except where otherwise indicated. They are prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' (FRS 101) and the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions permitted by FRS 101 in relation to share-based payments, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets and certain related party transactions. Where required, equivalent disclosures are made in the consolidated financial statements of Associated British Foods plc.

After making due enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operation for at least 12 months from the date on which these financial statements are approved. Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The company is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales, and is registered with the number 00289545. The address of the company's registered office is Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY

The principal accounting policies adopted by the company are set out in note 3 below. They have been applied consistently to all years presented.

### 2 Accounting reference date

These accounts have been prepared for the 52-week period ended 16 September 2023.

### 3 Significant accounting policies

#### *Taxation*

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

#### *Dividends*

Dividends, both payable and receivable are recognised in the year in which they are paid or received.

#### *Financial assets and liabilities*

Financial assets and liabilities are measured initially at fair value plus directly attributable transaction costs and thereafter at amortised cost.

### 4 Directors' and key management emoluments

The directors have received no emoluments in respect of their services to this company in either the current or in the prior period.

## Notes to the financial statements *(continued)*

### 5 Issued share capital

|                                            | Ordinary shares<br>of £1 each | Nominal<br>value<br>£'000 |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Issued and fully paid                      | 15,000                        | 15                        |
| At 16 September 2023 and 17 September 2022 |                               |                           |
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### 6 Parent company

The ultimate parent company is Wittington Investments Limited, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up (within which the results of the company are consolidated) and of which the company is a member is headed by Wittington Investments Limited. The smallest such group of undertakings is headed by Associated British Foods plc, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales.

The consolidated accounts of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY, which is the registered office of each of Wittington Investments Limited and Associated British Foods plc. The consolidated accounts of Associated British Foods plc are also available for download on the group's website at [www.abf.co.uk](http://www.abf.co.uk).