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# **Annual report**

for the year ended 31 March 2000

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### **Directors and advisers**

**Directors** 

R Clark FCA Chairman and Chief Executive

·Mrs P A H Clark

'D T Boyd CA

R J Harvey

\*R E Towner MA

\*Non-executive

Secretary

J A Dippie FCA

**Registered Office** 

32 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4TP.

Registered number: 340727

Date of Incorporation: 27 May 1938

**Auditors** 

**KPMG** 

**Principal Bankers** 

Clydesdale Bank plc

Bank of Scotland

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

#### Chairman's statement

I am pleased to announce that the Group made a profit before taxation of £12 million.

The major contribution came from property activities in the UK which included the successful sale of the Golden Square Estate in Soho.

It was a difficult year for the UK cinemas and restaurants. A strong performance by the USA hotels helped produce an overall profit from leisure.

Farming and forestry go from bad to worse but we were fortunate in obtaining a satisfactory sale of Whitecliff Farm in Wiltshire.

Our investments in North America continued to produce good overall results although the grape harvest was badly affected by Spring frost. We obtained external valuations of the original vineyard and hotels which proved very comforting. As these are trading properties the increases in value have not been included in the accounts.

Funds not required by trading subsidiaries have been invested in the Stock Market and are starting to make a useful additional contribution to the overall profit.

In addition to the proposed final dividend of 33 pence per share it is proposed to pay a special "Millennium Dividend" of 100 pence per share to celebrate the year 2000.

Robin Clark

19 July 2000

### Report of the directors

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report, together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000.

#### **Group Activities**

Taylor Clark plc is an investment holding company. The principal activities of its subsidiary undertakings are property development, farming and forestry, restaurants, cinemas and other leisure operations in the UK and North America.

#### Results and dividends

As shown by the consolidated profit and loss account the profit for the financial year amounted to £8,768,000 (1999: £10,358,000). After deducting £2,563,000 (1999: £959,000) for dividends paid and proposed, a retained profit of £6,205,000 (1999: £9,399,000) has been transferred to reserves.

On 9 December 1999 an interim dividend of 30p pence per share (1999: 30 pence per share) was paid. The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of 33 pence per share (1999: 31 pence per share) making a total for the year of 63 pence per share (1999: 61 pence per share). The directors also propose a further final "Millennium" dividend of 100 pence per share (1999: nil) to celebrate the year 2000.

#### **Directors**

The directors in office at the date of this report are set out on page 2. Mr D T Boyd was appointed as a non-executive director on 30 March 2000.

The interests of the directors in the ordinary £1 shares of the company at 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000 are listed below:

	31 March 2000		1 April	1999
		Non		Non
	Beneficial	Beneficial	Beneficial	Beneficial
Robin Clark	108,909	720,300	108,909	720,300
Mrs P A H Clark	108,909	720,300	108,909	720,300
R J Harvey	_	94,000	_	94,000

The non beneficial shareholdings shown above arise because certain of the directors act as trustees. Where more than one director is a trustee the shares held by a particular trust may be shown more than once.

At 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000 Mr Towner did not have any interest in the shares of the company. At 30 and 31 March 2000 Mr Boyd did not have any interest in the shares of the company. None of the directors had any direct interest in the shares of subsidiary undertakings.

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.

#### Major shareholder

The Underwood Trust, a Registered Charity, owns 680,300 (1999: 680,300) ordinary shares of £1 each, representing 43.3% (1999: 43.3%) of the issued share capital.

#### Year 2000

The group implemented a Year 2000 programme which was managed by senior staff and monitored by the Board.

As a consequence the group faced no serious incidents and incurred no significant costs. Further risks are considered to be minimal.

#### Payments to suppliers

The company agrees terms and conditions for its business transactions with suppliers. Payment is then made to these terms subject to the supplier fulfilling its obligations.

The ratio, expressed in days, between the amounts invoiced to the company by its suppliers in the year ended 31 March 2000 and amounts owed to its trade creditors at the end of the year was 28 days (1999: 20 days).

#### **Donations**

The group made neither contributions for political purposes nor charitable donations during the year.

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the reappointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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By Order of the Board,

J A Dippie

Secretary

32 Haymarket, London SW1Y 4TP. 19 July 2000

# 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 of the 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 group 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 prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### Report of the auditors

#### To the Members of Taylor Clark plc

We have audited the financial statements on pages 8 to 27.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and, as described on page 6, 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. 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 company is not disclosed.

We read the other information accompanying the financial statements and consider whether it is consistent with those statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

#### Basis of 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 31 March 2000 and of the profit of the group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act

**KPMG** 

Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors London 19 July 2000

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# Consolidated profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2000

	Note	2000	1999
		£'000	£'000
Turnover of the group including its share of joint ventures	;	43,594	36,229
Less: Share of turnover of joint ventures		(2,186)	(1,150)
Group turnover	2	41,408	35,079
Cost of sales		(27,540)	(23,087)
Gross profit		13,868	11,992
Administrative expenses		(4,061)	(4,014)
Other income/(expense)		488	(149)
Group operating profit	3	10,295	7,829
Share of operating profit of joint ventures		476	268
Total operating profit		10,771	8,097
Loss on sale of discontinued operation		_	(47)
Gains on property disposals		388	2,935
Profit before interest		11,159	10,985
Interest receivable	4	1,956	3,523
Interest payable	5	(549)	(633)
Share of net interest payable of joint ventures		(531)	(220)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2,3	12,035	13,655
Taxation	7	(3,273)	(3,284)
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		8,762	10,371
Minority interests		6	(13)
Profit for the financial year	8	8,768	10,358
Dividends			
Paid		(472)	(472)
Proposed		(2,091)	(487)
Profit for the year transferred to reserves		6,205	9,399

A statement of the reserves is given in note 19.

The notes referred to above form part of these accounts.

# Group statement of total recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 March 2000

Profit for the financial year	2000 £'000 8,768	1999 £'000 10,358
Unrealised surplus/(deficit) on revaluation of properties	1,365	(115)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of investments	6,097	23
Currency translation difference on foreign currency net assets	191	548
Other recognised gains and losses	7,653	456
Total recognised gains and losses	16,421	10,814

# Note of historical cost profits and losses

for the year ended 31 March 2000

Reported profit on ordinary activities before taxation	2000 £'000 12,035	1999 £'000 13,655
Historical cost profit on ordinary activities before taxation	157 12,192	112
Historical cost profit for the year retained after taxation, minority interests and dividends	6,362	9,511

# Group reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31 March 2000

	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year	8,768	10,358
Dividends paid and proposed	(2,563)	(959)
Profit for the year transferred to reserves	6,205	9,399
Other recognised gains and losses	7,653	456
Net movement in shareholders' funds	13,858	9,855
Opening balance of shareholders' funds	134,640	124,785
Closing balance of shareholders' funds	148,498	134,640
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# Group balance sheet

at 31 March 2000

	Note	2000	1999
Fixed assets		£'000	5,000
Property	9	55,410	52,967
Other tangible assets	9	4,216	3,854
Investments in joint ventures	J	1,210	0,00 .
Share of gross assets		15,507	11,532
Share of gross liabilities		(9,402)	(6,977)
	10	6,105	4,555
Other investments	11	27,989	6,569
		93,720	67,945
Current assets			
Property and developments		34,694	37,113
Stocks	13	232	333
Debtors	14	2,254	2,141
Investments		24,695	_
Cash at bank and in hand		9,151	45,539
		71,026	85,126
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(10,145)	(11,312)
Net current assets		60,881	73,814
Total assets less current liabilities		154,601	141,759
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(5,000)	(5,000)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17	(1,103)	(1,752)
Equity minority interests		_	(367)
Net assets		148,498	134,640
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	1,573	1,573
Capital redemption reserve	19	730	730
Revaluation reserve	19	21,709	14,390
Profit and loss account	19	124,486	117,947
Equity shareholders' funds		148,498	134,640

Approved by the Board on 19 July 2000 and signed on its behalf by

R Clark

R J Harvey

Directors

The notes referred to above form part of these accounts.

# Consolidated cash flow statement

for the year ended 31 March 2000

	2000 £'000	1999 £'000
Net cash inflow from operating activities	14,181	5,266
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	1,645	2,363
Taxation	(3,864)	(359)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	(17,881)	7,502
Acquisitions and disposals	(1,881)	(3,812)
Equity dividends paid	(959)	(957)
Cash (outflow)/inflow before use of liquid resources and	<u> </u>	
financing	(8,759)	10,003
Management of liquid resources	12,573	(3,599)
Financing: decrease in debt	_	(5,000)
Increase in cash	3,814	1,404

#### Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds

	20	000	1999	
	£,000	£'000	£,000	£,000
Increase in cash in the year	3,814		1,404	
Cash outflow from movement in debt	_		5,000	
Cash (inflow)/outflow from movement in liquid resources	(12,573)		3,599	
Movement resulting from cash flows		(8,759)		10,003
Translation difference		_		198
Movement in the year		(8,759)		10,201
Net funds at 1 April 1999		36,940		26,739
Net funds at 31 March 2000		28,181		36,940

Further information concerning the consolidated cash flow statement is given in note 20 which forms part of these accounts.

# Company balance sheet at 31 March 2000

	Note	2000	1999
Fixed assets		£'000	£'000
Property	9	16,250	31,000
Other tangible assets	9	186	251
Investments	11	76,802	41,145
		93,238	72,396
Current assets			
Debtors due after one year	14	22,503	25,450
Debtors due within one year	14	10,971	2,512
Investments		24,695	_
Cash at bank and in hand		3,459	33,771
		61,628	61,733
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(22,625)	(13,912)
Net current assets	, , , , , , ,	39,003	47,821
Total assets less current liabilities	. •	132,241	120,217
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(5,000)	(5,000)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17	(9)	(8)
Net assets		127,232	115,209
Capital and reserves		<u> </u>	··
Called up share capital	18	1,573	1,573
Capital redemption reserve	19	730	730
Revaluation reserve	19	15,054	10,846
Profit and loss account	19	109,875	102,060
Equity shareholders' funds		127,232	115,209

Approved by the Board on 19 July 2000 and signed on its behalf by

R Clark R J Harvey

**Directors** 

The notes referred to above form part of these accounts.

#### Accounting policies

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

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules except for properties and listed investments which are revalued under the alternative accounting rules.

#### Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and its subsidiary undertakings made up to 31 March 2000. The acquisition method of accounting has been adopted. Under this method, the results of subsidiary undertakings acquired or disposed of in the year are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date of acquisition or up to the date of disposal.

An associate is an undertaking in which the group has a long term interest, usually from 20% to 50% of the equity voting rights, and over which it exercises significant influence. A joint venture is an undertaking in which the group has a long-term interest and over which it exercises joint control. The group's share of the profits less losses of associates and of joint ventures is included in the consolidated profit and loss account and its interest in their net assets, is included in investments in the consolidated balance sheet.

Under section 230(4) of the Companies Act 1985 the company is exempt from the requirement to present its own profit and loss account.

#### Goodwill and negative goodwill

Purchased goodwill (both positive and negative) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions before 1 April 1998, when FRS 10 *Goodwill and intangible assets* was adopted, was written off to reserves in the year of acquisition. When a subsequent disposal occurs any related goodwill previously written off to reserves is written back through the profit and loss account as part of the profit or loss on disposal.

Purchased goodwill (representing the excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the separable net assets acquired) arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions since 1 April 1998 is capitalised. Positive goodwill is amortised to nil by equal annual instalments over its estimated useful life.

Negative goodwill arising on consolidation in respect of acquisitions since 1 April 1998 is included within fixed assets and released to the profit and loss account in the periods in which the fair values of the non-monetary assets purchased on the same acquisition are recovered, whether through depreciation or sale.

On the subsequent disposal or termination of a business acquired since 1 April 1998, the profit or loss on disposal or termination is calculated after charging (crediting) the unamortised amount of any related goodwill (negative goodwill).

In the company's financial statements, investments in subsidiary undertakings, associates and joint ventures are stated at cost less amounts written off.

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#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Depreciation of fixed assets

Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives adopting the following rates per annum:

Investment properties and

freehold land — nil

Freehold buildings — 0%-4%

Leasehold properties — over the life of the lease, limited to the final fifty years.

Other tangible assets:

Short life equipment - 50%

Farming equipment — At between 10% and 20%

Other plant and equipment — At between 10% and 33%

Assets in course of construction - nil

#### Investment property

In accordance with SSAP 19, as amended in July 1994, investment properties are revalued annually and the aggregate surplus or deficit is transferred to a revaluation reserve; except where there is a deficit on an individual investment property that is expected to be permanent, which is charged to the profit and loss account for the period. No depreciation or amortisation is provided in respect of freehold investment properties and leasehold investment properties with over twenty one years to run.

This treatment, as regards certain of the group's investment properties, may be a departure from the requirements of the Companies Act concerning depreciation of fixed assets. However, these properties are held for investment and the directors consider that systematic annual depreciation would be inappropriate. The accounting policy adopted is therefore necessary for the financial statements to give a true and fair view. Depreciation or amortisation is only one of the many factors reflected in the annual valuation and the amount which might otherwise have been shown cannot be separately identified or quantified. The profits and losses on disposal of investment properties are computed by reference to the valuation at the previous year end of the assets concerned plus subsequent expenditure.

#### Trading property

On the adoption of FRS 15, the group has followed the transitional provisions to retain the net book value of land and buildings which were revalued in 1996 and which is now deemed to be cost. Trading properties are therefore stated at cost or 1996 valuation. They will not be revalued in the future.

Any impairment in the value of properties is charged to the profit and loss account.

#### Fixed asset investments

Listed investments held as fixed assets are revalued annually to the market price at the balance sheet date. The aggregate surplus or deficit on revaluation is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

Other investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision, where in the opinion of the directors there has been an impairment in value.

#### Current asset investments

Current asset investments comprise listed investments which are held on a short term basis and are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Woodlands

The investment in woodlands reflects the costs of establishing and maintaining commercial woodlands, net of grants received. The running costs are taken to profit and loss account.

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

Property and developments held as current assets

Properties held for development are included in current assets at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises the original cost of the property, together with subsequent third party development costs until the property is complete and available for use. For properties previously held for investment which the directors have decided are to be redeveloped and which are reclassified as development properties, cost is considered to be historical cost or if higher, the latest valuation prior to their reclassification. This is not in accordance with Schedule 4 to the Companies Act 1985, which requires current assets to be included at the lower of cost and net realisable value, and which would therefore require such properties to be restated on the basis of historical cost when they were reclassified. The directors consider that compliance with this requirement would fail to give a true and fair view of the profit or loss to the Group on disposal of such development properties from current assets, since such profit or loss would be dependent on the classification of the asset immediately prior to sale. The effect of this departure is to increase both the value of development properties and the balance on the revaluation reserve by £365,000 (1999: £365,000).

#### Stocks

Stocks have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Leased assets

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as they are incurred.

#### Turnover

Turnover represents income from leisure operations, sales of goods and farm produce invoiced to outside customers, sales of property held for resale and investments, and rents, excluding Value Added Tax.

#### Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision is made for deferred tax only to the extent that it is probable that an actual liability will crystallise.

#### Foreign currency

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded using the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated using the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date and the gains or losses on translation are included in the profit and loss account.

The accounts of overseas subsidiary undertakings are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the balance sheet date. The exchange differences arising on the translation of opening net assets are taken directly to reserves.

#### Pensions

Pension contributions are charged to the profit and loss account in accordance with actuarial recommendations so as to spread the cost of pensions over the employees' estimated remaining working lives with the group.

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Assets employed

#### 2 Turnover and business segment analysis

By activity	,					
2000		Property £'000		sure 000	Other £'000	<i>Total</i> £'000
Group turnover		27,919	12,	229	1,260	41,408
Profit before interest		10,536		384	239	11,159
Profit before taxation		9,860		198	1,977	12,035
Assets employed		76,276	18,	003	54,219	148,498
1999						
Group turnover		21,766	11,	602	1,711	35,079
Profit before interest		6,924	2,	098	1,963	10,985
Profit before taxation		7,153	2,	597	3,905	13,655
Assets employed		69,408	14,	099	51,133	134,640
By geographical market		2000			1999	9
		North			North	
(by destination and origin)	UK	America	Total	UK	America	Total
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Group turnover	37,213	4,195	41,408	30,637	4,442	35,079
Profit before interest	10,043	1,116	11,159	9,707	1,278	10,985
Profit before taxation	11,243	792	12,035	12,668	987	13,655

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3	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		
	The profit before taxation is arrived at after crediting and charging the	0000	1000
	following:	2000	1999 £'000
		£'000	£.000
	Crediting:		
	Income from listed investments	535	138
	Exceptional write back of provisions		3,704
	Charging:		
	Depreciation (leased assets £38,000 (1999: £55,000))	1,154	1,031
	Impairment of leasehold trading property	457	
	Auditors' remuneration:		
	Audit fees Group (including Company £27,000 (1999: £32,000))	118	119
	Other services	97	88
	Operating lease rental payments in respect of land and buildings	409	419
			-
4	Interest receivable		
		2000	1999
		£'000	£,000
	Bank and other interest receivable	1,872	3,184
	Currency translation differences	84	339
		1,956	3,523
5	Interest payable		
•	11101001 payablo	2000	1999
		£,000	€,000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	549	593
	Other interest charges		40
		549	633

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#### Staff costs and directors' emoluments

The average number of persons employed by the group during the yea	r was as follows:	
	2000	1999
	Number	Number
Property, management and administration	17	18
Leisure (including approximately 60% part time)	432	426
Other	7	10
	456	454
The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:		
	2000	1999
	£,000	£'000
Wages and salaries	3,879	3,839
Social security costs	266	305
Other pension costs	254	250
**************************************	4,399	4,394
Directors' remuneration:		
	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000
Directors' emoluments	324	317
Amount paid to third party in respect of directors' services	20	15
	344	332

The aggregate of emoluments of the highest paid director (excluding pension contributions) were £161,000 (1999: £154,000). He is a member of a defined benefit scheme, under which the accrued pension to which he would be entitled from his normal retirement date if he were to retire at the year end, was £103,000 (1999: £99,000).

	Number of d	irectors
	2000	1999
Retirement benefits are accruing to the following number of directors		
under a defined benefit scheme	2	2
Taxation	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000
Corporation tax at 30% (1999: 31%) based on the profit for the year	(4,030)	(1,944)
Tax attributable to franked investment income	_	(22)
Deferred taxation	658	(1,077)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	275	(169)
Overseas tax	(176)	(72)
	(3,273)	(3,284)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	2000	1999
	£'000	9000ع
Dealt with in the accounts of the holding company	7,238	18,739
Retained by subsidiary undertakings	1,530	(8,381)
	8,768	10,358

Fixed assets: Property and other	Freehold ,		Leasehold property		Oth
			Short lease	Total	tangil
	Investment	Trading	Trading	property	asse
Group:	£,000	£'000	£,000	£'000	£,0
Cost or valuation:	26 020	16 005	1.014	E2 210	D 1
1 April 1999 Additions	36,080	16,025 2,838	1,214	53,319 2,838	8,4 1,2
Disposals	_	2,636 (1,123)		2,030 (1,123)	(5
Translation difference	<u> </u>	(1,123)		140	(5
Surplus on revaluation	1,365			1,365	
31 March 2000	37,505	17,820	1,214	56,539	9,2
Cost		10,636	69	10,705	9,2
Valuation	37,505	7,184	1,145	45,834	
	37,505	17,820	1,214	56,539	9,2
Depreciation:					
1 April 1999	_	240	112	352	4,6
Charged in year		276	42	318	3
Impairment	_	_	457	457	
Disposals Translation difference			_	_ 2	(4
31 March 2000		518	611	1,129	5,0
Net book value:		310	- 011	1,123	
1 April 1999	36,080	15,785	1,102	52,967	3,8
31 March 2000	37,505	17,302	603	55,410	4,2
Historical cost of items valued un-					
the alternative accounting rules	24,819	4,645	1,512	30,976	
				Freehold	Otl
				investment	tangi
				property	ass
Company:				£,000	£'0
Cost or valuation:					
1 April 1999				31,000	7
Additions					
Disposals Surplus on revaluation				(16,000) 1,250	(2
31 March 2000				16,250	5
Cost					5
Valuation				16,250	
				16,250	5
Depreciation: 1 April 1999					
1 April 1999 Charged in year				_	5
Disposals				_	(2
31 March 2000					3
Net book value:					
1 April 1999				31,000	2
31 March 2000				16,250	1
Historical cost of items valued un-	der the alternat	ive account	ina rules	7,460	

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#### 9 Fixed assets: Property and other tangible assets (continued)

Tangible fixed assets at 31 March 2000 have been included on the following bases:

 Investment properties have been valued on an open market basis as at 31 March 2000 using the relevant professional guidelines applicable to each country in which the property is located. The portfolio was valued by:

	Group	Company
	By value	By value
	5,000	£'000
DTZ Debenham Thorpe, International Property		
Advisers	14,250	14,250
Directors of group undertakings	23,255	2,000

- Trading property is included at cost or at 1996 valuation which under the transitional arrangements of FRS 15 is now deemed to be cost.
- Other tangible assets comprise fixtures, fittings, plant, machinery and motor vehicles. These
  assets are included at cost less provision for depreciation and, if appropriate, impairment in
  value.

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#### 10 Fixed assets: Investments in joint ventures

At 31 March 2000	6,105
Translation difference	85
Share of earnings	(55)
Distributions received	(63)
Additions	1,583
At 1 April 1999	4,555
Group:	
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At both 1 April 1999 and 31 March 2000 the group held interests in the following joint ventures:

- a 50% limited partnership interest in Hy's at the Mountain, a Canadian Limited Partnership which operates a restaurant.
- a 47.5% interest in Hill Creek Farms LLC, a limited liability company formed to develop and operate an almond orchard and vineyard in Northern California.
- a 37.5% interest in Liberty West Holdings LLC ("Liberty West"), a limited liability company formed to purchase and operate an office and retail property in Nevada.

On 1 January 2000 the group entered into a further joint venture in the USA for a 50% interest in Vallejo Hotel Group LLC, a limited liability company formed to renovate and operate a hotel in Northern California.

Further information, as required by FRS 9 is set out below:

	Group share of	Group share of
	joint ventures	Liberty West
	£'000	5,000
Turnover	2,186	1,263
(Loss)/Profit before and after taxation	(55)	38
Fixed assets	13,581	8,563
Current assets	1,926	515
Liabilities due within one year	352	190
Liabilities due after more than one year	9,050	6,345

None of the joint ventures are subject to corporate taxation. Tax is payable by the shareholders of the joint ventures on their share of income.

The liabilities due after one year shown for Liberty West are a bank mortgage loan secured on the property and without recourse to the group.

#### 11 Fixed assets: Other investments

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		Investments		
	Listed	in	Other	
	investments	woodlands	investments	Total
	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Group:				
Cost or market value				
1 April 1999	3,898	1,971	1,236	7,105
Additions	15,423	138	1,039	16,600
Disposals	(977)	-	(56)	(1,033)
Revaluation surplus	6,098	<del></del>	_	6,098
Translation difference			5	5
31 March 2000	24,442	2,109	2,224	28,775
Provisions				
1 April 1999	_	_	536	536
Provided in year	_	_	250	250
31 March 2000	_		786	786
Net book value:				
31 March 1999	3,898	1,971	700	6,569
31 March 2000	24,442	2,109	1,438	27,989
		Charas is		
	Listed	Shares in subsidiary	Other	
	investments	•		Total
	£'000	rndertakings £'000	£'000	£'000
Company	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000	£ 000
Company: Cost or market value				
1 April 1999	3,898	40,845	879	45,622
Additions	15,423	14,363	1,039	30,825
Disposals	(977)	14,303	(39)	(1,016)
Revaluation surplus	6,098	_	(39)	6,098
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31 March 2000	24,442	55,208	1,879	81,529
Provisions				
1 April 1999	_	3,941	536	4,477
Provided in year		<u> </u>	250	250
31 March 2000		3,941	786	4,727
Net book value:				
31 March 1999	3,898	36,904	343	41,145
31 March 2000	24,442	51,267	1,093	76,802

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#### 12 Subsidiary undertakings

The company owned the proportions set out below of the issued share capital of the following principal subsidiary undertakings:

	principal subsidiary undertakings.		Percentage of equity owned at 31 March 2000	regis	ntry of tration/ poration
	Property		al 31 Maich 2000	тсот	Joration
	Taylor Clark Properties Limited		100	Sc	otland
	Taylor Clark International Limited		100	En	gland
	Taylor Clark Inc		100*	US	SA
	Castlehill Properties Inc		100*	US	SA
	TCI Reno Inc		100*	US	SA
	Leisure				
	Littlejohn's Restaurants (U.K.) Limited		100	Sc	otland
	Caledonian Nightclubs Limited		100	Sc	otland
	Caledonian Cinemas Limited		100	Sc	otland
	Farming and woodlands				
	Wylye Valley Farming Limited		100	En	gland
	*Owned by a subsidiary undertaking				
13	Stocks				
	Stocks comprise:			Gr 2000	oup 1999
				£'000	£'000
	Leisure operations			136	123
	Farm produce			96	210
				232	333
14	Debtors				
			roup		mpany
		2000	1999	2000	1999
	A management of the state of th	£,000	£,000	£'000	£,000
	Amounts due after one year  Amounts owed by subsidiary				
	undertakings			22,503	25,450
	Amounts due within one year				
	Trade debtors	695	944	160	79
	Amounts owed by subsidiary				
	undertakings	_	_	10,156	2,208
	Corporation tax receivable	244	97	2	2
	Other debtors  Prepayments and accrued income	598 717	768 332	26 627	15 208
	r repayments and accrued income		<del></del>		
		2,254	2,141	10,971	2,512

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000
Bank loans and overdrafts	665	3,599	68	_
Trade creditors	1,165	518	52	29
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	_	<del></del>	18,410	12,030
Other creditors including taxation and social security	3,993	3,158	562	725
Accruals and deferred income	2,231	3,550	1,442	641
Dividends	2,091	487	2,091	487
	10,145	11,312	22,625	13,912
Other creditors including taxation and social	•			
security comprise:				
Corporation tax	2,809	2,480	284	454
Advance corporation tax	_	115	_	115
Other taxes	297	285	126	91
Social security	90	88	27	26
Other creditors	797	190	125	39
	3,993	3,158	562	725

£665,000 (1999: £3,599,000) of the bank loans and overdrafts are secured by charges over certain of the group's fixed assets.

#### 16 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Group		Company	
	2000	1999	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000	£'000	5,000
Bank loans repayable between 2 and 5 years	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000

The bank loan of £5,000,000 is repayable in April 2001 and the interest rate is fixed at 8.44%. It is secured by a charge over certain of the group's fixed assets.

#### 17 Provisions for liabilities and charges

31 March 2000	9
Charged to profit and loss account	1
1 April 1999	8
Company	£,000
	Deferred taxation
31 March 2000	1,103
Translation difference	9
Credited to profit and loss account	(658)
1 April 1999	1,752
Group	2'000
	taxation
	Deferred
Provisions for habilities and charges	Oo

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17	Provisions for liabilities and characteristics are the amounts provided and full p			taxation calc	ulated under ti	ne liahility
	method are set out below:	otoma nabiii	=	000		99
				Full		Full
			Amount	potential	Amount	potential
			provided	liability	provided	liability
			£'000	£,000	£,000	£'000
	Accelerated capital allowances		881	881	498	498
	Other timing differences		222	222	1,254	1,254
	Revalued land and buildings		_	790	_	148
	Revalued fixed asset investment	S		1,879		
			1,103	3,772	1,752	1,900
18	Share capital					Allotted,
	onare capital					called up
						and fully
					Authorised	paid
					£'000	£'000
	Ordinary shares of £1 each:				2 000	2 000
	31 March 2000 and 1999				2,500	1,573
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19	Reserves	Capital	Revaluatio	on reserves	Profit	
		redemption	Investment	Listed	and loss	
		reserve	Properties I	Investments	account	Total
		£,000	£'000	£,000	€,000	£,000
	Group					
	1 April 1999	730	14,193	197	117,947	133,067
	Profit for the year	_	4 005		6,205	6,205
	Increase arising on revaluation	_	1,365	6,097		7,462
	Realised on disposal Currency translation difference		(127) 14	(30)	157 177	— 191
		700		0.004		
	31 March 2000	730	15,445	6,264	124,486	146,925
		Capital	Revaluatio	on reserves	Profit	
		redemption	Investment	Listed	and loss	
		reserve	Properties I		account	Total
		£'000	£'000	£,000	5,000	£,000
	Company					
	1 April 1999	730	10,649	197	102,060	113,636
	Retained profit for the year	<del></del>			4,675	4,675

At 31 March 2000, the cumulative goodwill written off against group reserves amounted to £1,302,000 (1999: £1,302,000).

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Increase arising on revaluation

Realised on disposal

31 March 2000

#### 20 Notes to the cash flow statement

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

	2000	1999
	£'000	£,000
Group operating profit	10,295	7,829
Loss/(profit) on sale of fixed tangible assets	14	(11)
Profit on sale of fixed asset investments Impairment of leasehold trading property	(199) 457	(21)
Depreciation charges	1,154	1,031
Amount provided against fixed asset investments	250	395
Currency translation differences	(55)	169
Decrease in stocks	101	356
Decrease in debtors	31	269
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(286)	375
Decrease/(increase) in property and developments	2,419	(4,122)
Decrease in other provision	_	(1,004)
Net cash inflow from operating activities	14,181	5,266
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	0.404	0.000
Interest received	2,191	2,963
Interest paid	(546)	(600)
Net cash inflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	1,645	2,363
On the Laws and there and fine a rial investment		
Capital expenditure and financial investment	(4.000)	/4 044\
Purchase of tangible fixed assets Purchase of fixed asset investments	(4,089)	(1,311)
	(16,600) 1,576	(790) 6,688
Proceeds from sales of tangible fixed assets Proceeds from sales of fixed asset investments	1,232	2,915
	1,202	2,010
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from capital expenditure and financial investment	(17,881)	7,502
The state of the s	(11,001)	1,002
Acquisitions and disposals		
Investments in joint ventures	(1,583)	(3,783)
Distributions received from joint ventures	63	18
Acquisition of minority interest	(361)	_
Costs from sale of subsidiary		(47)
Net cash outflow from acquisitions and disposals	(1,881)	(3,812)
Management of liquid resources		/ <del>-</del>
Cash withdrawals from/(added) to fixed deposits	37,268	(3,599)
Increase in current asset investments	(24,695)	
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from management of liquid resources	12,573	(3,599)
Financing		
Debt due beyond a year		
Loan repaid		(5,000)
Net cash outflow from financing		(5,000)
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# 20 Notes to the cash flow statement (continued) Analysis of net funds

	<i>1 April</i> 1999	<i>Cash</i> flow	31 March 2000
	5,000	£'000	£,000
Cash in hand and at bank	2,021	880	2,901
Overdrafts	(3,599)	2,934	(665)
		3,814	
Debt due after 1 year	(5,000)	_	(5,000)
Funds on deposit over one day	43,518	(37,268)	6,250
Current asset investments	_	24,695	24,695
Total	36,940	(8,759)	28,181

#### 21 Commitments

Commitments for capital expenditure at 31 March not provided for in the accounts were as follows:

	G	Group	
	2000	1999	
	£'000	£'000	
Contracted	_	1,149	

The group is committed to making payments of £355,000 (1999: £419,000) in the next financial year in respect of operating leases for land and buildings in which the commitment exceeds five years.

No provision has been made in the financial statements in respect of financial commitments of £1,786,000 (1999: £3,700,000) which relate to payments which will become due under contracts entered into for the purchase of land and buildings and the construction or redevelopment of properties.

#### 22 Contingent liabilities

The company together with certain of its fellow group undertakings, has group facilities with its bankers. In connection with these facilities each participating undertaking has guaranteed the debt due by its fellow participating undertakings to its bankers. The company's potential liability under the guarantee at 31 March 2000 was £105,000 (1999: £3,069,000).

#### 23 Pension costs

Taylor Clark plc Retirement and Death Benefit Scheme

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme for group employees with the assets being held separately from those of the company.

Contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost over employees' working lives with the group. The contributions are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the projected unit method.

The most recent actuarial valuation was carried out as at 1 April 1998. The assumptions which have the most significant effect on the results of the valuation are those relating to the rate of return on investments, rate of increase in salaries and rate of pension increases. It was assumed that investment returns would exceed salary increases by 2% per annum and pension increases by 2½% per annum.

The actuarial valuation showed the actuarial value of the assets represented a funding level of 102%.

The pension charge for the year was £254,000 (1999: £251,000). There were no outstanding or prepaid contributions at either the beginning or end of the year. The contribution of the group for the scheme was 15% (1999: 15%) of total pensionable salary. The employees contribute an additional 4% (1999: 4%).

#### 24 Related party transactions

The Taylor Clark plc group's related parties, as defined by Financial Reporting Standard 8, the nature of the relationship and the extent of transactions with them are summarised below:

		2000	1999
	Sub note	£'000	£,000
Management charge to The Underwood Trust, in respect of services provided by the group	1	16	15
Dividends paid by Taylor Clark plc and received in a beneficial capacity by:			
The Underwood Trust		415	408
Directors of Taylor Clark plc		133	143
Amounts due from The Underwood Trust at 31 March		19	<del></del>
Fees paid to Richards Butler	2		3

#### Sub notes

- 1 At 31 March 2000, The Underwood Trust held 680,300 ordinary shares (1999: 680,300) representing in aggregate 43.3% (1999: 43.3%) of the issued share capital of the company. The Underwood Trust is an English charitable trust which was established in 1973. The Trustees of The Underwood Trust comprise Mr R Clark, who is also Chairman of Taylor Clark plc, together with Mrs P A H Clark, a fellow director of Taylor Clark plc.
- 2 Mr R E Towner, a director of Taylor Clark plc, is a consultant to Richards Butler, solicitors.
- 3 Mr R Clark and his family and Mr C Clark are the ultimate controlling parties of the group.

# Financial record

for the years ended 31 March

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995
	£'000	£'000	£,000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Balance sheet						
Fixed assets						
Property	55,410	52,967	56,041	102,481	107,096	108,204
Other tangible						
assets	4,216	3,854	3,852	7,649	8,438	8,119
Investments	34,094	11,124	9,745	3,454	3,700	3,077
Net current assets	60,881	73,814	67,383	26,084	6,185	3,915
Other liabilities and						
provisions	(6,103)	(6,752)	(11,882)	(15,469)	(6,525)	(6,543)
Minority interests	_	(367)	(354)	(341)	(325)	(227)
Net assets	148,498	134,640	124,785	123,858	118,569	116,545
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Capital and reserves						
Called up share capital	1,573	1 570	1 570	1 570	1,573	1 570
Revaluation reserve	21,709	1,573 14,390	1,573 14,552	1,573 33,442	32,568	1,573 30,142
Other reserves	125,216	14,390	108,660	88,843	32,366 84,428	84,830
Other reserves	125,210	110,077	100,000	00,043	04,420	04,030
Equity shareholders'						
funds	148,498	134,640	124,785	123,858	118,569	116,545
		<del>-</del>				
Turnover and						
profits						
Turnover	41,408	35,079	53,448	35,958	33,704	25,871
Profit/(loss) after	•	ŕ	•	•	•	•
taxation	8,762	10,371	1,262	5,170	(1,763)	3,446
Dividends	(2,563)	(959)	(944)	(928)	(409)	(881)

# Directors of principal subsidiary companies

(excluding directors of Taylor Clark plc)

**Property Companies** 

Jon Brand

John Dippie

Christopher Edwards\*

John Fox

Duncan McDonald Andrew Woods

Leisure Companies

Ron Farquharson Gavin MacKenzie

Wylye Valley Farming Limited

Andrew Clark John Coates\* Antony Cox

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