

**ABF Japan Limited**

**Annual report and financial statements**

**Registered number 00492278**

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## Strategic report

### Review of the company's business

The principal activity of the company is that of a finance company within the Associated British Foods plc group (the "group").

During the period the main activities of the company remained unchanged and the directors anticipate that the company will continue to operate on the same basis.

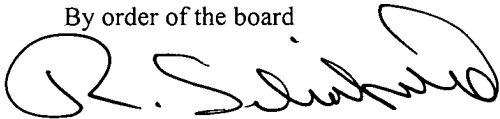
### Trading results and transfer to reserves

The company's result for the year is reflected in the statement of total comprehensive income on page 6. The result for the period was a loss of £3,088 (2016: loss of £4,084).

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The company is not exposed to any significant unusual risks or uncertainties in its role as a finance company within the group. A full description of the risks and uncertainties to which the group is exposed is included within the Associated British Foods plc annual report and accounts.

By order of the board



RS Schofield  
Secretary

13 December 2017

## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and financial statements for the 52 week period ended 16 September 2017. The financial statements are presented in sterling.

### Dividends

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

### Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, notwithstanding that the company has net current liabilities and net liabilities of £511,274. The company is dependent upon its parent company and fellow subsidiaries for continuing financial support. The company has received assurance from ABF Investments plc (an intermediate parent company) that it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company at least for the twelve months from the date that these financial statements are signed. The directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment.

### Directors

The directors who held office during the period were:

RS Schofield  
PA Russell

### Directors' indemnities

The directors have benefited from the ABF Group's Directors and Officers Insurance policy and from indemnity provisions provided by an intermediate holding company during the financial period and as at the date of this report, subject to the conditions set out in the Companies Act 2006.

### Health & Safety

The company keeps its safety, health and environmental performance and levels of legal compliance under regular review and ensures that its risk management controls are appropriate and effective. The company's board of directors reviews these at least annually, as does the board of Associated British Foods plc.

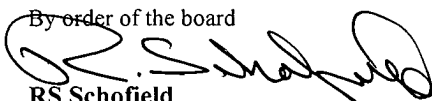
### Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

### Auditor

Persuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and Ernst & Young LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board

  
RS Schofield  
Secretary

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13 December 2017

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, the Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable UK 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 Practice (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 are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of ABF Japan Limited**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of ABF Japan Limited for the 52 week period ended 16 September 2017 which comprise the Statement of total comprehensive income, the Balance sheet, the Statement of changes in shareholder's equity and the related notes 1 to 10, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 16 September 2017 and of its loss for the 52 week period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report set out on pages 1 to 3, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of ABF Japan Limited (continued)**

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Strategic report and Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic report or Directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

**Andrew Walton (Senior statutory auditor)**  
for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor  
London  
15 December 2017

## Statement of total comprehensive income

for the 52 week period ended 16 September 2017

	Note	52 week period to 16 September 2017 £	53 week period to 17 September 2016 £
Interest payable to intermediate holding company		(3,838)	(5,105)
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>(3,838)</b>	<b>(5,105)</b>
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	6	750	1,021
<b>Loss on ordinary activities after taxation</b>		<b>(3,088)</b>	<b>(4,084)</b>
Other comprehensive income		-	-
<b>Total comprehensive loss</b>		<b>(3,088)</b>	<b>(4,084)</b>

There is no material difference between the company's results as reported and on an historical cost basis. Accordingly no note of historical cost profits and losses has been prepared.

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

## Balance sheet

at 16 September 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors: amounts due within one year	7	10,000	10,000
Taxation		756	6
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	8	(522,030)	(518,192)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		(511,274)	(508,186)
<b>Net liabilities</b>		(511,274)	(508,186)
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Issued share capital	9	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss reserve		(521,274)	(518,186)
<b>Equity shareholder's deficit</b>		(511,274)	(508,186)

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 13 December 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:



**PA Russell**  
Director

The notes on pages 9 to 11 form part of the financial statements.

## Statement of changes in shareholder's equity

for the 52 weeks ended 16 September 2017

	<i>Note</i>	<b>Issued share capital</b>	<b>Profit and loss reserve</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£
<b>Balance as at 12 September 2015</b>		10,000	(514,102)	(504,102)
Loss for the financial year		-	(4,084)	(4,084)
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Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	(4,084)	(4,084)
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<b>Balance as at 17 September 2016</b>		10,000	(518,186)	(508,186)
Loss for the financial year		-	(3,088)	(3,088)
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Total comprehensive loss for the year		-	(3,088)	(3,088)
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<b>Balance as at 16 September 2017</b>		<b>10,000</b>	<b>(521,274)</b>	<b>(511,274)</b>
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## Notes to the financial statements

### 1 Authorisation of financial statements and statement of compliance with FRS 101

The financial statements of ABF Japan Limited (the “company”) for the 52 week period ended 16 September 2017 were authorised for issue by the board of directors on 13 December 2017.

The company’s financial statements are presented in pounds sterling. 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 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.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, notwithstanding that it has net current liabilities and net liabilities of £511,274. The directors believe this to be appropriate for the following reasons:

- the company is dependent upon its parent company and fellow subsidiaries for continuing financial support; and
- ABF Investments plc (an intermediate parent company) has provided the company with an undertaking that it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company for at least the next twelve months from the date on which these financial statements are signed. This will enable the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future by meeting its liabilities as they fall due for payment.

Accordingly the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The company is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

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 2017.

### 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.

#### *Interest-bearing loans and borrowings*

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at fair value less directly attributable transaction costs. After initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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

### 4 Auditor's remuneration

The auditor's remuneration was borne by an intermediate holding company in both the current and prior period.

### 5 Directors' and key management emoluments

Key management, which is limited to the named directors of the company, received no emoluments in respect of their services to this company in either the current or the prior period.

### 6 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

#### *(a) Analysis of credit for the period*

	2017 £	2016 £
Current tax	(750)	(1,021)
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Total tax credit	(750)	(1,021)
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#### *(b) Factors affecting the tax credit for the period*

The tax assessed for the current and prior period is the same as the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.54% (2016: 20%).

	2017 £	2016 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(3,838)	(5,105)
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Loss on ordinary activities before tax at the effective rate of corporate tax of 19.54% (2016: 20%)	(750)	(1,021)
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Total tax credit	(750)	(1,021)
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#### *(c) Factors affecting future tax charges*

The UK corporation tax rate was reduced from 20% to 19% with effect from 1 April 2017, with a further reduction to 17% effective from 1 April 2020. The legislation to effect these rate changes had been enacted before the balance sheet date

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 7 Debtors: amounts due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts due from intermediate holding company	10,000	10,000

Amounts due from the intermediate holding company for the current and prior year were not interest bearing.

### 8 Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Amounts due to intermediate holding company	522,030	518,192

Amounts due from the intermediate holding company for the current and prior year were interest bearing.

### 9 Issued share capital

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	Nominal value £
<i>Issued and fully paid</i> At 16 September 2017 and 17 September 2016	10,000	10,000

### 10 Holding company

The immediate holding company is ABF (No. 2) Limited, a company registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is Wittington Investments Limited which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is headed by Wittington Investments Limited, incorporated in Great Britain. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is headed by Associated British Foods plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. 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).