

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITED

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH APRIL 1997

REGISTERED No. 969186

GRAY & COMPANY
Chartered Certified Accountants
& Registered Auditors



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DIRECTORS

M Chambers
Mrs R Chambers

SECRETARY

M Chambers

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ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITEDREPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
for the year ended 30th April 1997

1. ACCOUNTS

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 30th April 1997.

2. 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 profit and loss of the company for that period. In preparing the 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;
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 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 are also responsible for safe guarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

2. PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activities of the company in the period under review were those of recruitment consultants and publishers.

3. DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors who were in office during the period and their beneficial interest in the issued ordinary share capital of the company was as follows:

	1997	1996
	£	£
M Chambers	9,900	9,900
Mrs R Chambers	100	100

8. AUDITORS

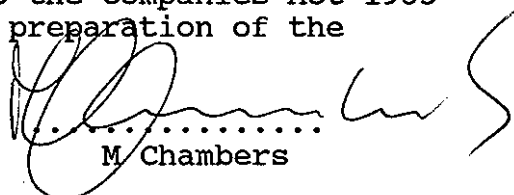
In accordance with Section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing the re-appointment of Gray & Company as Auditors to the company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

9. CLOSE COMPANY TAXATION

In the opinion of the directors, the company is a close company within the meaning of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

The directors have taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by Part II of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies in the preparation of the directors' report.

By Order of the Board
18th day July 1997.


M Chambers

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITED.

We have audited the accounts on pages 3 to 7 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 5.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

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 company'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 the company's affairs at the 30th April 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.



Gray & Company
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1, Virgil Street
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SE1 7EF

Dated this 18th day of July 1997.

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITEDPROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNTFOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30TH APRIL 1997

			<u>1996</u>
	<u>NOTES</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
TURNOVER	1b,	1,970,458	1,587,726
Cost of Sales		<u>(1,536,464)</u>	<u>(1,100,963)</u>
GROSS PROFIT		433,994	486,763
Administrative Expenses		(243,690)	(336,024)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)	2	<u>190,304</u>	<u>150,739</u>
Interest Received		<u>7,374</u> 197,678	<u>12,863</u> 163,602
Interest Payable		<u>(5,092)</u>	<u>-</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) On Ordinary Activities before Taxation		192,586	163,602
TAXATION	3	<u>(48,649)</u>	<u>(43,682)</u>
PROFIT/(LOSS) On Ordinary Activities after Taxation		143,937	119,920
Dividends paid		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
RETAINED PROFIT/(LOSS) for the period		<u>143,937</u>	<u>119,920</u>

STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There are no other recognised gains and losses other than the profit for the year.

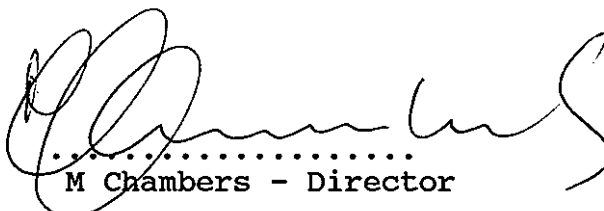
The Notes on pages 5 to 7 form an integral part of these accounts.

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITEDBALANCE SHEET AS AT 30TH APRIL 1997

		<u>1996</u>	
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	1(c), 4	58,890	42,271
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	932,678	706,875
Cash at Bank and in Hand		<u>-</u>	<u>67,214</u>
		932,678	774,089
CREDITORS: Amount falling due within one year	6	<u>(553,328)</u>	<u>(522,057)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		379,350	252,032
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>438,240</u>	<u>294,303</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up Share Capital	7	10,000	10,000
Profit and Loss Account Surplus	9	428,240	284,303
		<u>438,240</u>	<u>294,303</u>

The directors have taken advantage of special exemptions conferred by Part I of Schedule 8 to the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies in the preparation of the accounts and have done so on the grounds that, in their opinion, the company is entitled to those exemptions.

The Financial Statements on pages 3 to 7 were approved on: 18th July 1997



 M Chambers - Director

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - 30TH APRIL 1997

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**(a) Basis of accounting.**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

(b) Turnover

Turnover represents sales and expenses receivable excluding Value Added Tax.

(c) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided, at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

Leasehold property	-	Period of the lease
Motor vehicles	-	20% on cost.
Office Equipment & Fixtures & fittings	-	15% on cost.

(e) Accounting for leases

Assets held under operating leases are not capitalised; the rental payments are written off in the profit and loss account as they are incurred.

(f) Pension costs

The pension costs charge represents contributions and expenses payable by the company to an executive defined contribution pension scheme.

2. OPERATING PROFIT

The operating profit is stated after charging:

	£	<u>1996</u> £
Depreciation of Tangible Assets	21,731	16,412
Auditors Remuneration	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>

3. TAXATION

The tax charge on the profit on ordinary activities for the year was as follows:

	£	<u>1996</u> £
U.K. Corporation tax @ 24% based upon the results of the period.	48,649	43,682
	<u>48,649</u>	<u>43,682</u>

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITED

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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	<u>Land & Buildings</u>	<u>Fixtures Furniture & Equip.</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£	£
Cost:				
At 1.5.96	3,183	102,180	5,425	110,788
Additions	-	30,790	7,560	38,350
Disposals	<u>(3,183)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,183)</u>
At 30.4.97	<u>-</u>	<u>132,970</u>	<u>12,985</u>	<u>145,955</u>
Depreciation:				
At 1.5.96	(3,182)	(60,182)	(5,153)	(68,517)
Eliminated On Disposals	3,183	-	-	3,183
Charge for Period.	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(19,946)</u>	<u>(1,784)</u>	<u>(21,731)</u>
At 30.4.97	<u>-</u>	<u>(80,128)</u>	<u>(6,937)</u>	<u>(87,065)</u>
Net book Value:				
At 30.4.97	-	52,842	6,048	58,890
At 30.4.96	<u>1</u>	<u>41,998</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>42,271</u>

5. DEBTORS

		<u>1996</u>
	£	£
Trade Debtors	196,063	284,202
Inter Company Debtors	661,467	382,911
Other Debtors	<u>75,148</u>	<u>39,762</u>
	<u>932,678</u>	<u>706,875</u>

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING
DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

		<u>1996</u>
	£	£
Directors' current accounts	25,000	103,293
Trade Creditors	32,510	30,343
Social Security and Other Taxes	202,482	174,566
Bank Overdraft	87,690	-
Other creditors	18,475	5,618
Accruals & deferred income	<u>187,171</u>	<u>208,237</u>
	<u>553,328</u>	<u>522,057</u>

ORBACH & CHAMBERS LIMITED

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7. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

	£	<u>1996</u> £
Authorised		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

8. DIRECTORS REMUNERATION & INTERESTS

a) Emoluments of the directors were as follows:

	£	<u>1996</u> £
Directors fees	-	20,000
Other emoluments	-	-
Pension Scheme Contribution	<u>-</u>	<u>129,600</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>149,600</u>

9. PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

	£	<u>1996</u> £
Retained profits at 1.5.96	284,303	164,383
Profit for the year	<u>143,937</u>	<u>119,920</u>
Retained profits at 30.4.97	<u>428,240</u>	<u>284,303</u>

10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the company occupied two commercial properties in which Mr M Chambers has an interest. A rental of £25,000 (1996:£25,000) was paid to Mr Chambers in respect of the company's occupancy of 74/75 Long Lane, London EC1A 9ET, a building owned by Mr Chambers.

For part of the year the company also occupied part of Saville House, 23 Long Lane, London, EC1A 9HL, the terms of the lease are currently under negotiation between the company and the Trustees of the Orbach & Chambers Pension Fund, the respective owners. A rental of £6,543 has been provided in the accounts to cover the period of occupancy. Mr Chambers is a Trustee of the Orbach & Chambers Pension Fund. All rentals paid or provided are deemed to be at market value.