

Company Registration No. 3169067

INDEPENDENT PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Financial Statements
31 March 2000



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INDEPENDENT PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Company information

Directors

A P Curtis
F B Hyland
M R Ingram
A J Stokes
C G Warburton

Secretary

F B Hyland

Registered office

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Registered number

3169067

Auditors

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Chantrey Vellacott DFK

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2000

The directors present their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2000.

Review of the business

The company received its registration from IMRO on 30 May 1997.

The principal activities of the company is the provision of fund management, research and consultancy advice in the sector of Collective Investments Schemes.

The directors have reviewed the development of the business during the year and the position as at the year end and consider them to be satisfactory.

Results and dividends

The results for the year ended 31 March 2000 are shown in the profit and loss account on page 5. The profit for the year after taxation was £11,616.

Directors

The directors who served during the year were:

A P Curtis
F B Hyland
M R Ingram
A J Stokes
C G Warburton

Directors' interests in shares

The directors' beneficial interests and those of their families in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of £1 each	
	31 March 2000	1 April 1999
A P Curtis	-	-
F B Hyland	-	-
M R Ingram	-	-
A J Stokes	-	-
C G Warburton	-	-

The interests of the directors in the shares of the holding company, The Investors Partnership Limited, are disclosed in the financial statements of that company.

Auditors

A resolution to reappoint Chantrey Vellacott DFK as auditors of the company will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

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Directors' report for the year ended 31 March 2000

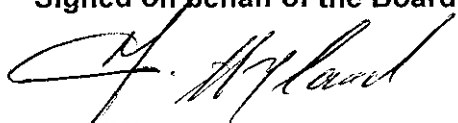
Directors' responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of its financial year and of the profit or loss of the company for the year then ended. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and 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 safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the Board



F B HYLAND
Secretary

Approved by the Board on 25 July 2000

Auditors' report to the members of Independent Portfolio Managers Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on page 8.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 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 as at 31 March 2000 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.



CHANTREY VELLACOTT DFK

**Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors**

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25 July 2000

INDEPENDENT PORTFOLIO MANAGERS LIMITED

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Turnover	2	114,523	35,816
Administrative expenses		103,308	42,871
Operating profit/(loss)		11,215	(7,055)
Interest receivable and similar income	3	403	1,236
Interest payable and similar charges	4	(2)	(3)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	5	11,616	(5,822)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the year	12	11,616	(5,822)

None of the company's activities was acquired or discontinued during the above two financial years.

The company has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the profits above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented.

There is no difference between the profits shown above and their historical cost equivalents.


The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet at 31 March 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Current assets			
Debtors	8	33,430	25,110
Cash at bank and in hand		32,661	34,965
		<u>66,091</u>	<u>60,075</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,200)	(10,800)
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>60,891</u>	<u>49,275</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(20,000)	(20,000)
		<u>40,891</u>	<u>29,275</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	100,000	100,000
Profit and loss account	12	(59,109)	(70,725)
Shareholders' funds	13	<u>40,891</u>	<u>29,275</u>

Approved by the Board on 25 July 2000 and signed on its behalf.


A P CURTIS - Director


A J STOKES - Director

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Cash flow statement for the year 31 March 2000

	Notes	2000 £	1999 £
Net cash outflow from operating activities	14a	(2,705)	(12,814)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		403	1,236
Interest paid		(2)	(3)
Net cash inflow for returns on investments and servicing of finance		401	1,233
Net cash outflow before management of liquid resources and financing		(2,304)	(11,581)
Decrease in cash in the year		(2,304)	(11,581)

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000

1 Accounting policies

a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting.

b) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided under the liability method in respect of all material timing differences between the profits as computed for taxation purposes and the profits as stated in the financial statements, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise. The rate of tax used is that which is expected to be applied when the liability or asset is expected to crystallise.

c) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates ruling at the year end. All other gains and losses on exchange are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

2 Turnover

Turnover represents the amounts receivable for goods and services excluding VAT arising wholly within the United Kingdom.

3 Interest receivable and similar income

	2000 £	1999 £
Bank interest	403	1,236

4 Interest payable and similar charges

	2000 £	1999 £
On bank loans and overdrafts wholly repayable within 5 years	2	3

5 Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation

	2000 £	1999 £
This is stated after charging:		
Auditors' remuneration: In respect of audit services	2,500	4,000

6 Employee information

There were no employees during the year apart from the directors

7 Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

There was no tax liability for the year due to trading losses brought forward from previous years.

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2000

8 Debtors	2000	1999
	£	£
Trade debtors	14,558	12,886
Amounts owed by parent company	18,452	12,224
Prepayments and accrued income	420	-
	<u>33,430</u>	<u>25,110</u>
9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2000	1999
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	5,200	10,800
	<u>5,200</u>	<u>10,800</u>
10 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2000	1999
	£	£
Amounts owed to parent company - subordinated loan	20,000	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Analysis of loans		
Not wholly repayable within five years	20,000	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Total debt	20,000	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
The maturity of total debt may be analysed as follows:		
Over five years	20,000	20,000
	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>
11 Called up share capital	2000	1999
	£	£
Authorised		
Equity shares:		
250,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	250,000	250,000
	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
Equity shares:		
100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
	<u>100,000</u>	<u>100,000</u>

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12 Reserves

Profit and
loss
account
£

At 1 April 1999	(70,725)
Profit retained for the year	11,616
At 31 March 2000	<u>(59,109)</u>

13 Reconciliation of movement on shareholders' funds

2000
£

1999
£

Profit/(Loss) for the financial year	11,616	(5,822)
Opening shareholders' funds	29,275	35,097
Closing shareholders' funds	<u>40,891</u>	<u>29,275</u>

Shareholders' funds are fully attributable to equity interests.

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14 Notes to the cash flow statement

a) Reconciliation of operating profit/(loss) to net cash outflow from operating activities	2000	1999
	£	£
Operating profit/(loss)	11,215	(7,055)
Increase in debtors	(8,320)	(6,959)
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors within one year	(5,600)	1,200
Net cash outflow from operating activities	(2,705)	(12,814)

b) Analysis of net funds	1 April 1999	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes	31 March 2000
	£	£	£	£
Net cash:				
Cash at bank and in hand	34,965	(2,304)		32,661
Debt:				
Debts falling due after one year	(20,000)	-	-	(20,000)
Net funds	14,965	(2,304)	-	12,661

c) Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt	2000	1999
	£	£
Decrease in cash in the year	(2,304)	(11,581)
Cash inflow from increase in debt	-	-
Movement in net funds in the year	(2,304)	(11,581)
Opening net funds	14,965	26,546
Closing net funds	12,661	14,965

15 Control

The immediate and ultimate parent company is The Investors Partnership Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

16 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions conferred by Financial Reporting Standard No 8 from the requirement to make disclosures concerning related parties on the grounds that the financial statements of the company are included within the consolidated accounts of its parent company, which are publicly available.