Richemont UK Limited (Registered Number: 3484692)

Annual Report For the year ended 31 March 2017

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Directors and Advisors

Directors

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Strategic Report

The directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Principal activities

Richemont UK Limited (the "Company") is a private limited company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006.

The principal activities of the Company are the sale of jewellery and other luxury goods through its own boutiques in London and acting as agents for the distribution of watches to an authorised dealer distribution network in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Review of business and future developments

During the year, the Company made a profit for the financial year of £6,810,000 (2016: £4,465,000). The Statement of Comprehensive Income is set out on page 7. The directors consider the position of the Company to be satisfactory at the year end.

On 31 March 2017 the trade and net assets of the Montblanc (UK) Limited, a fellow group company were acquired at book value.

The future results are in part dependant on the strategy of the Richemont group (Compagnie Financière Richemont SA) as a whole. Details can be found on the Richemont website (www.richemont.com).

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks.

The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are considered to relate to competition from both national and independent retailers, employee retention, and product availability. However, the directors of the Richemont Group manage the group's risk at a brand level rather than at an individual business unit level. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties, in the context of the Richemont Group as a whole, is provided on the Richemont website (www.richemont.com).

Key performance indicators

The directors of the Richemont Group manage the Group's operations on a divisional basis and monitor the performance of the Company at a consolidated brand level. For this reason, the Company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary nor appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company. The development, performance and position of the Richemont brands, which includes the Company, is discussed on the Richemont website (www.richemont.com).

The Strategic Report has been approved by the board and is signed by order of the board by:

Rupert Brooks

Secretary

22 August 2017

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2017

The directors submit their report and the audited financial statements of Richemont UK Limited ('the Company') for the year ended 31 March 2017.

Directors and their interests

The directors of the Company during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

Greig Catto Rupert Brooks Caroline Welch-Ballentine

During the year, no director had a material interest in any contract that was significant in relation to the Company's business.

During the year qualifying third party indemnity provisions were in force for the benefit of the three (2016: four) directors of the Company. At the date of the approval of the financial statements qualifying third party indemnity provisions were in force for three directors.

Dividends

No dividend has been declared nor recommended in respect of the year ended 31 March 2017 (2016: nil).

Environmental policy

The Company is committed to monitoring and improving environmental performance in all aspects of its business activities. The Company has established and implemented an environmental policy, which takes account of good environmental practice in managing the business.

Donations

Contributions made by the company during the year for a variety of charitable purposes amounted to £1,800 (2016: £4,590). No contributions for political purposes were made during the year (2016: £nil).

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law). 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 the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; 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.

The directors 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.

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent Auditors

In the absence of a notice proposing that their appointment be terminated, the auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, will be deemed to be re-appointed for the next financial year.

By Order of the Board

Rupert Brooks Secretary

22 August 2017

Independent auditors' report to the members of Richemont UK Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Richemont UK Limited's financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 March 2017 and of its profit for the year 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.

What we have audited

The financial statements, included within the Annual Report, comprise:

- the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017;
- the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year then ended;
- the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

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

In addition, in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we are required to report if we have identified any material misstatements in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report. We have nothing to report in this respect.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- 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.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 4, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report. With respect to the Strategic Report and Directors' Report, we consider whether those reports include the disclosures required by applicable legal requirements.

Jonathan Sturges (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

22 August 2017

Statement of Comprehensive Income for the year ended 31 March 2017

		2017	2016
	Note	£'000	£'000
Revenue		109,527	73,314
Cost of goods sold		(65,442)	(45,356)
Gross profit		44,085	27,958
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses Other operating income	4	(46,600) (3,200) 15,077	(38,728) (3,039) 20,102
Operating profit	5	9,362	6,293
Finance income Finance costs	7 7	136 (45)	- (119)
Profit before taxation		9,453	6,174
Taxation	8	(2,643)	(1,709)
Profit for the financial year		6,810	4,465
Other comprehensive income/(expense):			
Defined benefit plan actuarial (losses)/gains Tax on defined benefit plan actuarial		(1,940)	242
(losses)/gains		330	(44)
Other comprehensive (expense)/income net of tax		(1,610)	198
Total comprehensive income		5,200	4,663

The notes on pages 10 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

All operations are continuing.

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017

		2017	2016
	Note	£,000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	14,957	13,533
Intangible assets	10	9,556	3,527
Other non-current assets		2,371	980_
Total fixed assets		26,884	18,040
Current assets			
Deferred tax asset greater than one year	. 8	2,812	1,055
Inventories	11	42,086	33,397
Trade and other receivables	12	16,804	15,400
Cash and cash equivalents		493	419_
Total current assets		62,195	50,271
Current liabilities			
Bank overdraft		(7,779)	(13,665)
Trade and other payables	13	(31,168)	(15,394)
Provisions for liabilities	14	(420)	(285)
Corporation tax liability	8	(5,033)	(2,820)
Total current liabilities		(44,400)	(32,164)
Net current assets		17,795	18,107
Total assets less current liabilities		44,679	36,147
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions for liabilities	14	(140)	(151)
Retirement benefit obligation	16	(57)	(308)
Other non-current liabilities		(4,308)_	(2,290)
Total non-current liabilities		(4,505)	(2,749)
Net assets	****	40,174	33,398
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	17	15,776	14,200
Share option reserve		431	431
Retained earnings		23,967	18,767
Total capital and reserves		40,174	33,398
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The financial statements on pages 7 to 28 were approved by the Board of Directors on 22 August 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:

Greig Catto Director

Statement of Changes in Equity for the year ended 31 March 2017

	Share capital	Share option reserve*	Retained earnings	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2015	14,200	429	14,104	28,733
Profit for the financial year	-	-	4,465	4,465
Defined benefit plan actuarial gains	· _	-	242	242
Tax on defined benefit plan actuarial gains	-	-	(44)	(44)
Value of employee services		2		2
At 1 April 2016	14,200	431	18,767	33,398
Increase in share capital	1,576	-	-	1,576
Profit for the financial year	-	-	6,810	6,810
Defined benefit plan actuarial losses	-	-	(1,940)	(1,940)
Tax on defined benefit plan actuarial losses		_	330	330
At 31 March 2017	15,776	431	23,967	40,174

^{*} Credits to the share option reserve correspond to the fair value of the employee services received in exchange for share options granted to certain of the Company's employees. The share option reserve is not distributable.

The notes on pages 10 to 28 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017

1 Basis of preparation

(a) General information and basis of preparation

These financial statements are the financial statements of Richemont UK Limited, a private company limited by shares, and registered and domiciled in England and Wales, United Kingdom. The address of the registered office is 15 Hill Street, London, W1J 5QT.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. The financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council and with those parts of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to Companies reporting under FRS 101.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to share-based payment, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash-flow statement, standards not yet effective and related party transactions.

Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group financial statements of Compagnie Financière Richemont SA. The group financial statements of Compagnie Financière Richemont SA are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 23.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including FRS 101, requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement and significant estimates are disclosed in note 2.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

(b) Foreign currency translation

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which the entity operates (the 'functional currency'). The financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is the company's functional and presentation currency.

Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transaction. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at the year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(c) Intangible assets

Leasehold rights and premiums

Premiums paid to parties other than the lessor at the inception of operating leases for leasehold buildings are capitalised and amortised over their expected useful lives or, if shorter, the lease period.

(d) Property, plant and equipment

All property, plant and equipment is shown at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment. Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the items.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All repair and maintenance costs are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income during the financial year in which they are incurred.

Depreciation on property, plant and equipment is calculated using the straight-line method to allocate the cost of each asset less its estimated residual value over its estimated useful life, up to the limits of, as follows:

- Leasehold improvements

the shorter of 10 years or the life of the lease

Office equipment

10 years

- Point of sale fixtures

3 years

The assets' residual values and useful lives are reviewed annually, and adjusted if appropriate.

Assets under construction relate to boutique fittings under installation, which are depreciated from when installation is completed.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing proceeds with the carrying value.

(e) Impairment of assets

All property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and financial assets are tested for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstance indicate that the carrying amount may not be fully recoverable. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value, less costs to sell, and its value in use. For the purposes of assessing impairment, assets are grouped at the lowest levels for which there are separately identifiable cash flows.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(f) Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less applicable variable selling expenses. Cost is determined using either a weighted average cost, specific identification or the 'first-in, first-out' (FIFO) method depending on the nature of the inventory.

(g) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are recognised initially at fair value. A provision for impairment of trade receivables is established when there is objective evidence that the Company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables. The quantum of the provision is set by the directors with reference to all the available information and including an assessment of the extent to which the debt may be recovered and the likelihood of such a recovery being made. The amount of the provision is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

(h) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand and deposits held at banks, less bank overdrafts, which are classified as current liabilities and are stated at fair value. There are no other borrowings.

(i) Current and deferred income tax

Provision is made in each financial year for all taxation expected to be payable in respect of profits earned during the year.

Deferred income tax is provided using the liability method, on temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements. Deferred income tax is not accounted for if it arises from initial recognition of an asset or liability in a transaction, other than a business combination, that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates (and laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the year end date and are expected to apply when the related deferred income tax asset is realised or the deferred income tax liability is settled.

Deferred income tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profit will be available against which the temporary differences can be utilised.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(j) Employee benefits

Retirement benefit obligations

The Company is a participating employer in the Richemont UK Pension Plan (the "Plan"), which provides defined benefits. The Plan's funds are administered by trustees and are independent of the Company's finances. Contributions are paid to the Plan in accordance with a Schedule of Contributions agreed between the trustees and the Principal Employer of the Plan, Richemont Holdings (UK) Limited.

The total pension cost for the year, calculated in accordance with IAS19 (Employee Benefits), is split between the UK entities that participate in the Plan taking into account the attributes of each entities' employees in the Plan. The Company's assets and obligations relating to the Plan are calculated in accordance with its share of the obligations in the Plan at 31 March 2013 (the most recent valuation of the Plan) on the IAS19 assumptions at that date. Actuarial gains and losses are recognised immediately through other comprehensive income/(expense).

For defined contribution plans, the Company pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension insurance plans on a mandatory, contractual or voluntary basis. The company has no further payment obligations once the contributions have been paid. The contributions are recognised as an employee benefit expense when they are due. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that a cash refund or a reduction in future payments is probable.

Bonus plans

The Company recognises a liability and an expense for bonuses where contractually obliged or where there is a past practice that has created a constructive obligation.

(k) Provisions

Provisions for restructuring costs, legal claims and other liabilities are recognised when: the Company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events; it is more likely than not that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation; and the amount can be reliably estimated. Provisions are not recognised for future operating losses.

Where there are a number of similar obligations, the likelihood that an outflow will be required in settlement is determined by considering the class of obligations as a whole. A provision is recognised even if the likelihood of an outflow with respect to any one item included in the same class of obligations may be small.

Provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the year end date. The impact of discounting on provisions is immaterial.

(I) Revenue recognition

Revenue comprises the fair value of the sale of goods and services, net of value-added tax, duties, other sales taxes, rebates, expected returns and trade discounts. Revenue is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods and services are transferred to the buyer.

The commissions receivable on sales procured as agents are recognised as other operating income in the same period that those sales are recognised by the fellow Richemont group companies.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

1 Basis of preparation (continued)

(m) Interest income

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest method.

(n) Leases

The Company leases certain property, plant and equipment. All of the leases for which the Company is the lessee are accounted for as operating leases as a significant portion of the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor. Payments made under operating leases (net of any incentives received) are charged to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(o) Share-based payments

The Company's ultimate parent company, Compagnie Financière Richemont SA, operates an equity-settled share-based compensation plan based on options granted in respect of Richemont units. The fair value of the employee services received in exchange for the grant of options is recognised as an expense by the Company. The total amount to be expensed over the vesting period is determined by reference to the fair value of the options granted, excluding the impact of any non-market vesting conditions. Non-market vesting conditions are included in assumptions about the number of options that are expected to become exercisable. At each year end date, the Richemont Group revises its estimate of the number of options that are expected to vest. It recognises the impact of the revision of original estimates, if any, in the Statement of Comprehensive Income over the remaining vesting period and a corresponding adjustment to equity.

(p) Trade payables

Trade payables are initially recognised at fair value, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method.

(q) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

(r) Dividend distribution

Dividend distribution to the Company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The Company is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain Balance Sheet and Statement of Comprehensive Income items and certain disclosures regarding contingencies. Estimates and judgements applied by management are continuously evaluated and are based on information available, historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances at the dates of preparation of the financial statements. Principal matters where assumptions, judgement and estimates have a significant role relate in particular to:

- the determination of carrying values for property, plant and equipment and inventories;
- the assessment and recording of liabilities in respect of retirement benefit obligations; and
- the recognition of provision for income taxes, including deferred taxation, taking into account the related uncertainties in the normal course of business.

3 Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include price risk, credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate cash flow risk and foreign exchange risk.

Price risk

The Company is not exposed, materially, to commodity price risk as generally purchases are intra-Group. Any exposure to commodity price risk is therefore managed by the Richemont Group.

Credit risk

The Company has no significant concentrations of credit risk. It has policies in place to ensure that sales of products are made to customers with an appropriate credit history. Credit risk arising from cash and deposits with credit institutions is managed by the Richemont Group.

Liquidity risk

The Company maintains a mixture of cash balances and overdrafts that are designed to ensure the Company has sufficient funds available for operations and planned expansions.

Interest rate cash flow risk

As the Company has no significant interest bearing assets, with the exception of cash, the Company's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. Interest rate risk arising from cash and cash equivalents with credit institutions is managed by the Richemont Group.

Foreign exchange risk

The Company has limited exposure to foreign exchange risk arising primarily with respect to the Swiss franc and Euro. Foreign exchange risk arises from future commercial transactions and recognised assets and liabilities. The Company does not seek to hedge this exposure.

4 Other operating income

Other operating income represents commissions received from fellow Richemont Group companies for sales procured as agents as well as costs for the provision of services recharged to fellow Richemont Group companies.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

5 Operating profit

operating profit	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):	£ 000	£ 000
Operating lease rentals – office equipment	38	31
Operating lease rentals - property	19,103	15,605
Employee benefit expenses	12,606	11,094
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	2,658	2,361
Amortisation of leasehold premiums	749	851
Loss on disposal of intangible assets	•	56
Loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment	29	-
Repairs and maintenance expenditure on property,		
plant and equipment	667	697
Inventory – net movement in provision	(107)	50
Inventory – expensed	63,776	43,705
Trade receivables – net movement in provision	(7)	2

The auditors' remuneration of £24,000 for audit services (2016: £24,000) and £3,000 for non-audit services (2016: £3,000) is borne by Richemont UK Limited's parent company, Cartier Limited.

6 Employee benefits and other information

The monthly average number of persons employed during the year was as follows:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Selling Administration	129 67 196	121 62 183
Their aggregate compensation was as follows:-	2017 £'000	ر £'000
Wages and salaries Social security costs Share-based payment awards (note 15) Other pension costs – defined benefit (note 16) Other pension costs – defined contribution (note 16)	11,448 1,388 - (542) 312 12,606	9,395 1,104 2 329 264 11,094

The directors received no emoluments in respect of their services to Richemont UK Limited (2016: £nil).

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

7 Finance (costs) / income - net

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		2017	2016
		£'000	£,000
	Finance income		
	Foreign exchange gains	136	-
		136	-
	Finance costs:		
	Interest payable on bank loans and overdrafts	(37)	(111)
	Other finance costs	(8)	(8)
		(45)	(119)
	Net finance (costs)/income	91	(119)
8	Taxation		
	Analysis of charge in the year	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
	Current tax - continuing operations		
	- UK corporation tax on profits for the year	2,593	2,019
	- Adjustments in respect of prior years	(11)	23_
•	Total current tax	2,582	2,042
	Deferred tax		
	- Origination and reversal of temporary differences	(30)	(334)
	- Adjustments in respect of prior years	34	(84)
	- Effect of decreased tax rate on opening balance	57	85_
	Total deferred tax credit	61	(333)
	Total tax charge	2,643	1,709

There is a taxation charge of £2,643,000 for the current year (2016: £1,709,000).

The UK corporation tax charge represents the consideration paid to other group entities for losses claimed as group relief.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

8 Taxation (continued)

The total tax charge is reconciled to the profit before tax at the standard rate of UK corporation tax below:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Profit before taxation	9,453	6,174
United Kingdom corporation tax on profit for the year at 20% (2016: 20%)	1,891	1,235
Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Group relief claimed Consideration paid for losses claimed as group relief Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods Adjustments to deferred tax charge in respect of	682 (2,593) 2,593 (11)	585 (2,019) 2,019 23
previous periods Effect of changes in rates	34 62	(84) 122
Tax benefit of share options exercised Premium on short lease	(15)	(164) (8)
Tax charge	2,643	1,709

There is a net deferred tax asset at the balance sheet date. The asset has been recognised to the extent that it is considered to be recoverable in the foreseeable future. Changes to the UK corporation tax rates were substantively enacted as part of Finance Act 2015 (on 26 October 2015) and Finance Act 2016 (on 7 September 2016). These include reductions to the main rate to reduce the rate to 19% from 1 April 2017 and to 17% from 1 April 2020. Deferred taxes at the balance sheet date have been measured using these enacted tax rates and reflected in these financial statements. The asset is made up of:

	2017	2016
	£'000	£,000
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets temporary differences	1,092	907
Other temporary differences	232	148
Transferred from Montblanc (UK) Limited	1,488	-
Recognised deferred tax asset	2,812	1,055

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

9 Property, plant and equipment

	Point of sale fixtures	Assets under construction		Leasehold improvements	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost					
At 1 April 2016	18	-	172	19,366	19,556
Additions	-	307	47	2,092	2,446
Disposals	-	-	(2)	(580)	(582)
Transferred from Montblanc					
(UK) Limited	217		15	1,463	1,695
At 31 March 2017	235	307	232	22,341	23,115
Accumulated depreciation					
At 1 April 2016	18	-	36	5,969	6,023
Charge for the year	-	-	24	2,634	2,658
Disposals	-	-	-	(523)	(523)
At 31 March 2017	18	-	60	8,080	8,158
Net book value					
At 31 March 2017	217	307	172	14,261	14,957
At 31 March 2016	_	_	136	13,397	13,533

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10 Intangible assets

	Leasehold premiums	Total
	£'000	£'000
Cost at 1 April 2016	9,901	9,901
Additions	4,832	4,832
Transferred from Montblanc (UK) Limited	1,946	1,946
Cost at 31 March 2017	16,679	16,679
Accumulated amortisation at 1 April 2016	6,374	6,374
Charge for year	749	749
Accumulated amortisation at 31 March 2017	7,123	7,123
Net book value at 31 March 2017	9,556	9,556
Net book value at 31 March 2016	3,527	3,527

Amortisation of intangible assets is charged to selling and distribution costs in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

11 Inventories

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Finished goods	42,086	33,397

The above amounts are net of provisions of £713,000 (2016: £820,000)

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12 Trade and other receivables

	2017	2016
	£,000	£,000
Trade receivables	7,290	5,593
Less: provision for impairment	(9)	(16)
·	7,281	5,577
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	4,514	6,195
Input VAT recoverable	352	-
Other receivables	2,334	1,984
Prepayments and accrued income	2,323	1,644
	16,804	15,400

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other receivables approximates their fair values. The past due but not impaired receivables are deemed to be recoverable as there is no history of default. The other classes of receivables do not contain impaired assets. Other receivables are primarily amounts owed by credit card issuers.

The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date is the carrying value of each class of receivable mentioned above. The Company does not hold any collateral as security.

The carrying amounts of trade receivables denominated in Euros are £11,917 (2016: £7,359) at an average exchange rate of 0.8608. There are no other significant foreign currency receivables.

Ageing of trade receivables:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Not overdue Past due less than three months Past due between three months and six months	7,151 127 3	5,215 361
Past due between three months and six months	7,281	5,577
	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
At 1 April of prior year Increase in provision for receivables impairment	16 6	14 · 4
Unused amount reversed At 31 March	(13)	(2) 16

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13 Trade and other payables

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Trade payables	1,801	2,117
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	22,118	6,804
Other payables	2,933	2,849
Other taxes	73	148
Accruals and deferred income	4,243	3,476
	31,168	15,394

The directors consider that the carrying amount of trade and other payables approximates to their fair values. No security has been given by the company in respect of the creditors detailed above.

14 Provisions for liabilities

	Warranty and Sales Returns	Employee benefits	Social security on share options	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2016 Transferred from Montblanc (UK)	151	256	29	436
Limited	207	9	-	216
Provided during the year	15	-	-	15
Utilised during the year	(54)	(53)	-	(107)
At 31 March 2017	319	212	29	560

Analysis of total provisions:

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current portion	420	285
Non-current portion	140	151
·	560	436

Warranty provisions

The company has established provisions for warranties provided on certain products. Based on past experience a provision of £319,000 (2016: £151,000) has been recognised. It is anticipated that the provisions will be utilised.

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14 Provisions for liabilities (continued)

Employee benefits provision

These include social security charges on the Compagnie Financière Richemont SA share-based compensation plan. It is anticipated that the provisions will be utilised within 5 years.

15 Share option scheme

The Group has a long-term share-based compensation plan whereby executives are awarded options to acquire shares at the market price on the date of grant. Awards under the stock option plan generally vest over periods of four to six years and have expiry dates, the date after which unexercised options lapse, of nine years from the date of grant. The executive must remain in the Group's employment until vesting. The options granted as from 2008 onwards include a performance condition correlated to other luxury goods companies upon which vesting is conditional.

A reconciliation of the movement in the number of awards granted to executives is as follows:

	Weighted average exercise price in CHF per share	Number of options
Balance at 1 April 2015 Exercised	23.33 23.94	30,763 (23,893)
Balance at 31 March 2016 Granted	21.20	6,870
Exercised Balance at 31 March 2017	21.20	6,870

Options in respect of 6,870 shares were exercisable at 31 March 2017 (2016: 6,870).

The following information applies to options outstanding at the end of each year:

	Exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average remaining contractual life
31 March 2017	CHF 21.20	6,870	0.25 years
31 March 2016	CHF 21.20	6,870	1.25 years

The amounts recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income (before social security and taxes) for equity-settled share-based payment transactions can be summarised as follows:

2017	2016
£'000	£'000

Share option expense

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16 Retirement benefit obligations

Defined benefit plan

The Company, along with other Richemont Group entities in the UK, is a participating employer in the Richemont UK Pension Plan. This Plan provides benefits based on final pensionable emoluments and the risks are shared between the participating entities. The assets of the Plan are held in a separate trustee-administered fund.

Over 2016/17 the Group consulted with members regarding their future pension provision, and as a result the plan closed to all future accrual from 31 March 2017. From 31 March 2017 members' benefits are linked to inflation up until their retirement date rather than pensionable salaries. Therefore, the closure of the plan has resulted in a past service credit during the year.

On 1 December 2016 the plan trustee entered into a full "buy-in" with a UK insurance company. Under the terms of the contract, the insurer will meet all benefits due to members of the plan. The premium for this insurance contract was largely met over 2016/17, in part by contributions totalling £225m from the Group.

As a result of the buy-in, the risk to the Company of future contributions falling due has almost entirely been removed. The Company is however liable for additional contributions in respect of any data or benefit errors in the insurance, and the trustee is currently reviewing these items. The expected outcome of this review is an additional premium falling due from the Plan of c.£3.5m (for all UK entities), and this additional liability has been recognised as a past service cost.

The total pension cost for the year that relates to the Plan is calculated in accordance with IAS19 (Employee Benefits). There is a policy to split the total balance sheet liability and pension cost between the UK entities that participate in the Plan.

The pension cost is split by reference to the cost of accruing benefits, allowing for the age, benefit and salary profile of each participating employer's members in the Plan. Hence, the Company's pension cost represents its share of the total cost relating to the Plan.

Contributions are paid to the Plan in accordance with the recommendations of an independent actuarial advisor. The Company's contributions reflect the age, benefit and salary profile of its members in the Plan.

The Company's assets and obligations relating to the Plan are calculated in accordance with its share of the obligations in the Plan as at 31 March 2013 (the most recent valuation of the Plan) on the IAS19 assumptions at that date. The key accounting figures for the Company are as follows:

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 (continued)

16 Retirement benefit obligations (continued)

Defined benefit plan (continued)

	2017	2016
	£'000	£'000
Balance sheet liability at 1 April	(308)	(398)
Pension credit/(cost)	542	(329)
Company contribution	1,692	177
Other comprehensive (expense)/income	(1,940)	242
Transferred from Montblanc (UK) Limited	(43)	
Balance sheet liability at 31 March	(57)	(308)

Full disclosure of the IAS19 results for the Plan is shown in the financial statements of Richemont Holdings (UK) Limited.

Defined contribution plans

Pension costs for defined contribution schemes are as follows:

£'000
£ 000
264

17 Share capital

	£'000	£'000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
15,776,400 (2016: 14,200,000) ordinary shares of £1 each	15,776	14,200

2017

2016

The Company has one class of ordinary shares, which carry no rights to fixed income.

During the year the authorised share capital was increased to 15,776,400 and a further 1,576,400 ordinary shares were allotted, called up and fully paid.

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18 Capital commitments

Capital commitments authorised and contracted for at 31 March 2017 amounted to £2,829,000 (2016: £nil). Capital commitments authorised but not contracted for at that date amounted to £nil (2016: £nil).

19 Contingent liabilities and guarantees

The Company has granted indemnities to banks totalling £2,000,000 (2016: £2,000,000) in respect of the operation of a deferment guarantee arrangement with HMRC.

20 Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2017 the Company had minimum future commitments under non-cancellable operating leases expiring as follows:-

Property	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Not later than one year	13,491	8,841
Later than one year and not later than five years	41,658	25,779 61 625
Later than five years	70,388 125,537	61,625 96,245
Other	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Not later than one year	76	56
Later than one year and not later than five years	82	57
Later than five years	-	
	158	113

The Company has in place arrangements with two lessors which provide for rent on four retail premises to be determined according to the level of retail turnover in those premises subject to a minimum annual rent included in the figures above.

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21 Related party transactions

	2017	2016
	£'000'3	£'000
Directors	33	29

The directors consider that there are no key managers, whose roles and activities within the company define them as related parties in accordance with IAS 24, outside the Board of Directors. Disclosures in respect of the remuneration of directors are located in note 6 to the financial statements. This does not include share options, details of which are disclosed in note 15.

22 Business combinations and transfer of trade and assets

There were no business combinations during the year.

As part of a group reorganisation the trade, assets and liabilities of Montblanc (UK) Limited were acquired by Richemont UK Limited at book value on 31 March 2017. The consideration of £7,239,000 was settled by way of an inter-company payable.

	£'000's	
Property, plant and equipment	1,695	
Intangible assets	1,946	
Other non-current assets	758	
Deferred tax	1,487	
Inventories	4,099	
Trade and other receivables	1,834	
Cash at bank and on hand	46	
Trade and other payables	(3,546)	
Provisions – current portion	(216)	
Current tax liabilities	(432)	
Bank overdraft	(373)	
Provisions – non-current portion	(16)	
Post retirement obligations	(43)	
Net assets acquired	7,239	

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23 Ultimate and immediate holding company

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cartier Limited, a company registered in England and Wales.

The Directors regard Compagnie Financière Richemont SA, a limited company incorporated in Switzerland, to be the ultimate parent company. Shares representing 50% of the voting rights of that company are held by Compagnie Financière Rupert which, for the purposes of IAS 24, is regarded by the Directors as the controlling party.

Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA is the largest and smallest group of related undertakings for which consolidated financial statements are prepared. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Compagnie Financière Richemont SA may be obtained from: The Secretary, Compagnie Financière Richemont SA, 50 Chemin de la Chenaie, 1293 Bellevue - Geneva, Switzerland.