

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 2019**

**for**

**Restons Solicitors Limited**

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for the Year Ended 30 November 2019**

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**Restons Solicitors Limited**  
**Company Information**  
**for the Year Ended 30 November 2019**

**DIRECTORS:**

C J Reston  
Mrs S C Reston  
L M Warburton  
P J R Stewart  
N Kelly

**SECRETARY:**

C J Reston

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

Trinity Chambers  
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**REGISTERED NUMBER:**

05584055 (England and Wales)

**SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR:**

Martin Chatten

**AUDITORS:**

Royce Peeling Green Limited  
Statutory Auditor  
The Copper Room  
Deva Centre  
Trinity Way  
Manchester  
M3 7BG

**Restons Solicitors Limited (Registered number: 05584055)**

**Balance Sheet  
30 November 2019**

	Notes	30.11.19 £	30.11.18 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Intangible assets	4	-	-
Tangible assets	5	<u>510,209</u>	<u>588,256</u>
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<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	6	1,135,195	3,444,801
Cash at bank		<u>3,006,859</u>	<u>1,295,521</u>
		4,142,054	4,740,322
<b>CREDITORS</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(860,764)</u>	<u>(2,076,346)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>3,281,290</u>	<u>2,663,976</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		3,791,499	3,252,232
<b>PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES</b>		<u>(12,528)</u>	<u>(24,621)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,778,971</u>	<u>3,227,611</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	9	100	100
Retained earnings	10	<u>3,778,871</u>	<u>3,227,511</u>
<b>SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS</b>		<u>3,778,971</u>	<u>3,227,611</u>

The financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

In accordance with Section 444 of the Companies Act 2006, the Income Statement has not been delivered.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 22 April 2020 and were signed on its behalf by:

P J R Stewart - Director

The notes form part of these financial statements

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 30 November 2019**

**1. STATUTORY INFORMATION**

Restons Solicitors Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of preparing the financial statements**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" including the provisions of Section 1A "Small Entities" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**Significant judgements and estimates**

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

The key assumptions concerning the future and other key sources of estimation include uncertainties at the reporting date, which may have a risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial periods, are discussed below.

**Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the directors continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**Revenue recognition**

Fee income represents revenue earned under a wide variety of contracts to provide professional services. Revenue is recognised as earned when, and to the extent that, the company obtains the right to consideration in exchange for its performance under these contracts. It is measured at the fair value of the right to consideration, which represents amounts chargeable to clients, excluding value added tax.

Fee income that is contingent on events outside the control of the company is recognised when the contingent event occurs.

**Goodwill**

Goodwill represents the excess of the cost of acquisition of unincorporated businesses over the fair value of net assets acquired. It is initially recognised as an asset cost and is subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment loss.

**Intangible assets**

Intangible assets are initially measured at cost. After initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and any accumulated impairment losses.

**Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Tangible fixed assets**

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

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 25% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on cost
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

**Fixed asset investments**

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Fixed asset investments which are listed on recognised stock exchanges are stated at year end market value.  
Fixed asset investments which are unlisted are stated at cost less provisions for reductions in value.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the company. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of the entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

**Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have been adjusted.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Derecognition of financial assets**

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

**Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the company's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

**Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

**Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income and expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

**Deferred tax**

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit or loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

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2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

**Foreign currencies**

Transactions in foreign currency are translated at exchange rates approximating to the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are translated at the foreign exchange rate ruling at that date. Foreign exchange differences are recognised in the profit and loss account.

**Employee benefits**

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

**Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

**Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the company's pension scheme are charged to profit or loss in the period to which they relate.

**Provisions**

A provision is recognised in the balance sheet when the company has a constructive or legal obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are recognised at their discounted net present value.

**Liability limitation agreement**

The company has entered into a liability limitation agreement with Royce Peeling Green Limited, the statutory auditor for the year ended 30 November 2019. The proportionate liability agreement follows the standard terms in Appendix B to the Financial Reporting Council's June 2008 Guidance on Auditor Liability Agreements, and has been approved by the shareholders.

3. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The average number of employees during the year was 127 (2018 - 177).

4. INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Goodwill £
<b>COST</b>	
At 1 December 2018	
and 30 November 2019	4,800,000
<b>AMORTISATION</b>	
At 1 December 2018	
and 30 November 2019	4,800,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 30 November 2019	-
At 30 November 2018	-



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## 5. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 December 2018	457,199	305,849	172,326	438,783	1,374,157
Additions	-	-	11,401	-	11,401
At 30 November 2019	<u>457,199</u>	<u>305,849</u>	<u>183,727</u>	<u>438,783</u>	<u>1,385,558</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 December 2018	19,081	305,849	101,644	359,327	785,901
Charge for year	9,144	-	37,673	42,631	89,448
At 30 November 2019	<u>28,225</u>	<u>305,849</u>	<u>139,317</u>	<u>401,958</u>	<u>875,349</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 30 November 2019	<u>428,974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,410</u>	<u>36,825</u>	<u>510,209</u>
At 30 November 2018	<u>438,118</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,682</u>	<u>79,456</u>	<u>588,256</u>

## 6. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.11.19 £	30.11.18 £
Trade debtors	972,926	3,138,117
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>162,269</u>	<u>306,684</u>
	<u>1,135,195</u>	<u>3,444,801</u>

## 7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	30.11.19 £	30.11.18 £
Trade creditors	208,321	358,525
Tax	2,787	364,524
Social security and other taxes	220,186	670,449
Other creditors	12,115	104,758
Directors' current accounts	9,799	23,097
Accrued expenses	<u>407,556</u>	<u>554,993</u>
	<u>860,764</u>	<u>2,076,346</u>

## 8. LEASING AGREEMENTS

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	30.11.19 £	30.11.18 £
Within one year	134,950	134,950
Between one and five years	<u>174,310</u>	<u>309,260</u>
	<u>309,260</u>	<u>444,210</u>

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9. **CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

Allotted, issued and fully paid:		Nominal value:	30.11.19	30.11.18
Number:	Class:		£	£
55	'A' Ordinary	£1	55	55
45	'B' Ordinary	£1	45	45
			<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

10. **RESERVES**

	Retained earnings £
At 1 December 2018	3,227,511
Profit for the year	551,360
At 30 November 2019	<u>3,778,871</u>

11. **DISCLOSURE UNDER SECTION 444(5B) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements the following information is provided in accordance with S444 (5B) of the Companies Act 2006 in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements.

The report of the Auditors was unqualified.

Martin Chatten (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Royce Peeling Green Limited

12. **RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

**C J Reston**

Mr C J Reston is a director and controlling shareholder of Restons Solicitors Limited.

During the year dividends of £nil were paid (2018: £1,100,000).

Loans have been provided by C J Reston to the company with nil interest charged and is repayable on demand. The balance at the year end was £9,799 (2018: £23,097).

**Mrs S C Reston**

Mrs S C Reston is a director and shareholder of Restons Solicitors Limited.

During the year dividends of £nil were paid (2018: £900,000).

13. **ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY**

The controlling party is C J Reston and Mrs S C Reston..

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