Registered number: 26091

## WHITBREAD WEST PENNINES LIMITED

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012



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## **COMPANY INFORMATION**

DIRECTORS Whitbread Directors 1 Limited

Whitbread Directors 2 Limited

D Lowry

COMPANY SECRETARY Whitbread Secretaries Limited

COMPANY NUMBER 26091

REGISTERED OFFICE Whitbread Court

Houghton Hall Business Park

Porz Avenue Dunstable Bedfordshire LU5 5XE

AUDITORS Ernst & Young LLP

Apex Plaza Forbury Road Reading Berkshire RG1 1YE

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

The Directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 1 March 2012

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended 1 March 2012 and the prior year the Company has been engaged in the management of claims in relation to property contracts

#### **DIRECTORS**

The Directors who served during the year were

Whitbread Directors 1 Limited Whitbread Directors 2 Limited D Lowry

All fees paid to directors as remuneration are borne by the parent company and it is not practical to allocate the amount for services in respect of this company

#### **QUALIFYING THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS**

A qualifying indemnity provision (as defined in Section 236 (1) of the Companies Act 2006) is in force for the benefit of the directors

#### **PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who are Directors at the time when this Directors' Report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and
- that Director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with section 485 of the Companies Act 2006

in preparing this report, the Directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 415A of the Companies Act 2006

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf

Secretary

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#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the Directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 these financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments 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,
- 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 AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WHITBREAD WEST PENNINES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Whitbread West Pennines Limited for the year ended 1 March 2012, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 Auditors' 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

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement, 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) Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 1 March 2012 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

#### **OPINION ON OTHER MATTER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMPANIES ACT 2006**

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WHITBREAD WEST PENNINES LIMITED

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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, or
- the Directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Directors' Report

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Debbie O'Hanlon (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of

Ernst & Young LLP Statutory Auditor

Reading

Date 20 November 2012

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

	Note	Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS			
Other exceptional items	6	(13,636)	9,420
(LOSS)/PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST		(13,636)	9,420
Interest receivable and similar income	4	449,438	-
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(10,963)	
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		424,839	9,420
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(111,178)	110,209
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	12	313,661	119,629

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2012 or 2011 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements

# WHITBREAD WEST PENNINES LIMITED REGISTERED NUMBER: 26091

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 1 MARCH 2012

			1 March 2012		3 March 2011
	Note		3		£
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	8	6,878,623		6,497,726	
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	(111,178)		(13,934)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			6,767,445		6,483,792
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILI	TIES		6,767,445		6,483,792
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES					
Other provisions	10		(341,081)		(371,089
NET ASSETS			6,426,364		6,112,703
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called up share capital	11		6,246,924		6,246,924
Share premium account	12		329,217		329,217
Profit and loss account	12		(149,777)		(463,438)
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	13		6,426,364		6,112,703

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by

Director O LOUSRY

Date 16 NOVEMBER 2012

The notes on pages 7 to 11 form part of these financial statements

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

#### 1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 1.1 Authorisation

The financial statements of Whitbread West Pennines Ltd for the year ended 1 March 2012 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 16 rowanted 2012

#### 1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

## 13 Going concern

The Company's business activities together with the factors likely to effect its future development, performance and position are set out above. The financial position of the Company is set out in the following accounts.

The Company has adequate financial resources and, as a consequence, the directors believe that the Company is well placed to manage its business risks

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1

#### 1.5 Provisions

A provision is recognised when the Company has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation

## 2. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Audit fees for the year were paid a the parent company, Whitbread Group PLC information about the total audit fees paid by the Group can be found in the Whitbread PLC report and financial statements for the year ended 1 March 2012

#### 3. STAFF COSTS

The Company has no employees other than the Directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2011 - £NIL) All fees paid to directors as remuneration are borne by the parent company and it is not practical to allocate the amount for services in respect of this company

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE		
		Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
	Interest receivable from group companies	449,438	
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE		
		Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
	Other interest payable	10,963	-
6.	EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS		
		Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
	Costs associated with onerous contracts Release of onerous contract provision	13,636	(9,420)
		13,636	(9,420)
7.	TAXATION		
		Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
	Analysis of tax charge/(credit) in the year		
	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year Adjustments in respect of prior periods	111,178 -	23,454 (133,663)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	111,178	(110,209)

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

#### 7 TAXATION (continued)

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2011 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26 17% (2011 - 28%) The differences are explained below

	Year ended 1 March 2012 £	Year ended 3 March 2011 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	424,839	9,420
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 26 17% (2011 - 28%)	111,180	2,638
Effects of.  Expenses not deductible for tax purposes, other than goodwill		
amortisation and impairment Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	(2)	- (133,663)
Transfer pricing adjustment	-	20,816
Current tax charge/(credit) for the year (see note above)	111,178	(110,209)

## Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Finance Act 2011 reduced the main rate of UK corporation tax to 26% from 1 April 2011 and to 25% from 1 April 2012

In his budget of 21 March 2012, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced an additional 1% reduction in the rate of corporation tax, with effect from 1 April 2012. Further changes to corporation tax are also proposed, to reduce the main rate by 1% per annum to 22% by 1 April 2014. These changes had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and consequently, in accordance with UK accounting standards, are not reflected in these financial statements.

The rate change will impact the amount of the future cash tax payment to be made by the Company

#### 8. DEBTORS

	1 March 2012	3 March 2011
Amounts owed by group undertakings Other debtors	£ 6,878,623 -	6,387,517 110,209
	6,878,623	6,497,726

In line with the Intercompany indebtedness agreement, dated 31 January 2012, all Intercompany balances are due to / from Whitbread Group PLC. As a result a net Intercompany position has been disclosed above

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
		1 March 2012 £	3 March 2011 9
Amounts owed to group undertakings Corporation tax		111,178	13,934
		111,178	13,934
PROVISIONS			
	Onerous contracts £	Other £	Total £
At 4 March 2011 Additions Amounts used Discounted adjustments	181,217 13,636 (823) 10,963	189,872 - (53,784)	371,089 13,636 (54,607) 10,963
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A provision was raised in relation to property reversions as a result of The Laurel Pub Company Limited entering administration in March 2008

## Other

Provision was raised for litigation

## 11. SHARE CAPITAL

	2012 £	2011 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
6,246,924 Ordinary shares of £1 each	6,246,924	6,246,924

3 March

1 March

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 MARCH 2012

#### 12. RESERVES

12.	NEGERACO		
		Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
	At 4 March 2011 Profit for the year	329,217 -	(463,438) 313,661
	At 1 March 2012	329,217	(149,777)
13.	RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		
		1 March 2012 £	3 March 2011 £
	Opening shareholders' funds Profit for the year	6,112,703 313,661	5,993,074 119,629
	Closing shareholders' funds	6,426,364	6,112,703

#### 14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Whitbread PLC, the ultimate controlling entity of the group, and has taken advantage of the exemption given in Financial Reporting Standard No 8 not to disclose transactions with other group companies

#### 15. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking is Whitbread Group PLC. The ultimate parent undertaking is Whitbread PLC.

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is Whitbread Group PLC, registered in England and Wales Copies of their accounts can be obtained from Whitbread Court, Houghton Hall Business Park, Porz Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 5XE

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