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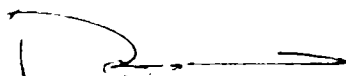
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Joint Administrators' progress report from 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023

Blue Group UK Retail Limited - in administration

21 July 2023

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The following table shows the companies that form the Group. Also shown are the court references, company registration numbers and abbreviations we may use to describe them. In all cases, the relevant court is the High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency & Companies List (ChD).

Company		Abbreviation	Court reference	Company number
Blue Group UK Furniture Limited		BGUKF	CR-2020-002918	02237159
Blue Group Hold Co Limited		BGHC	CR-2020-002915	12040448
Blue Group UK Beds Limited	*	BGUKB	CR-2020-002902	08431253
Blue Group UK Manufacturing Limited	*	BGUKM	CR-2020-002897	04209321
Blue Group UK Retail Limited	*	BGUKR	CR-2020-002906	00040754
Blue Group UK Group Properties Limited	*	BGUKGP	CR-2020-002903	01024575
Formation Furniture Limited	*	FFL	CR-2020-002905	03223063
Homestyle Group Operations Limited	*	HGOL	CR-2020-002904	03130486
Property Portfolio (No 1) Limited		PP1	CR-2020-002919	00281055
Property Portfolio (No 2) Limited		PP2	CR-2020-002917	03511999
Property Portfolio (No 7) Limited		PP7	CR-2020-002922	00548337
Property Portfolio (No 8) Limited		PP8	CR-2020-002921	02347258
Property Portfolio (No 14) Limited		PP14	CR-2020-002926	02910567
Property Portfolio (No 15) Limited		PP15	CR-2020-002925	00884341
Property Portfolio (No 17) Limited		PP17	CR-2020-002924	02287644
Property Portfolio (No 11) Limited		PP11	CR02020-002923	02236968
Wellington Realisations Group Limited (formerly Relyon Group Limited)	*	WRGL	CR-2020-002901	00859590
Wellington Realisations Limited (formerly Relyon Limited)	*	WRL	CR-2020-002899	00470381
Serais Investments Limited	*	SIL	CR-2020-002908	01264703
Unitrans UK Limited	*	UUK	CR-2020-002896	05523545
Unitrans Logistics (UK) Limited	*	ULUK	CR-2020-002898	05523550
Unitrans Limited	*	UL	CR-2020-002900	01372780

* only these companies have granted security over their business and assets by way of a debenture.

Abbreviations and definitions

The following table shows the abbreviations and insolvency terms that may be used in this report:

Abbreviation or definition	Meaning
Joint Administrators / we / us / our	Peter David Dickens and Zelf Hussain
BDO	BDO LLP
Blue Group / the Companies	All of the companies listed on page 3
BGUKR / the Company	Blue Group UK Retail Limited
BEIS	Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Brownlow	Brownlow Utilities Ltd
CAPA	Consultiam Property Limited, trading as CAPA
Creation	Creation Financial Services Limited
ERS	European Retail Solutions II Ltd, agents engaged to assist with Harveys stock disposal
Harveys	Harveys / Harveys Furniture (trading style)
HMRC	HM Revenue & Customs
Hilco	Hilco Valuation Services
IA86	Insolvency Act 1986
Initial fee estimate	The fees estimate provided in respect of BGUKR in our reports dated 8 September 2021
IR16	Insolvency (England pre-Wales) Rules 2016
LTO	Licence to occupy leasehold premises
PHD	PHD Property Advisory Ltd
Preferential Creditors	Primarily employee claims for unpaid wages earned in the four months before the insolvency up to £800, holiday pay and unpaid pension contributions in certain circumstances
Prescribed Part	The amount set aside for Unsecured Creditors from floating charge funds in accordance with Section 176A IA86 and the Insolvency Act 1986 (Prescribed Part) Order 2003
Proposals	Joint administrators' proposals for achieving the purpose of administration dated 8 July 2020
Protective Award	Compensation awarded by an employment tribunal for failure of an employer to consult with employees prior to being made redundant
the Relyon Purchaser	Relyon Beds Limited (formerly Michco 2001 Limited)
the Bensons Purchasers	Bensonsforbedsretail Limited, Bensonsforbedsmanufacturing Limited and BlueGroup Propco Limited
the Purchasers	together, the Bensons Purchasers and the Relyon Purchaser
PwC/firm	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

RPS	Redundancy Payments Service, part of the Insolvency Service, which is an executive agency sponsored by BEIS, and which authorises and pays the statutory claims of employees of insolvent companies under the Employment Rights Act 1996.
ROT	Retention of Title
SAO	Senior Accounting Officer
Secured Creditor	A creditor with security in respect of their debt, in accordance with Section 248 IA86. The only Secured Creditor of the Companies is Alteri Partners LLP t/a Alteri Investors
Shoosmiths	Shoosmiths LLP (a law firm)
SIP	Statement of Insolvency Practice. SIPs are issued to insolvency practitioners under procedures agreed between the insolvency regulatory authorities. SIPs set out principles and key compliance standards with which insolvency practitioners are required to comply
SIP 9	Statement of Insolvency Practice 9: Payments to insolvency office holders and their associates
SIP 13	Statement of Insolvency Practice 13: Disposal of assets to connected parties in an insolvency process
SRIS	Specialist Risk Insurance Solutions Limited
Unsecured Creditors	Creditors who are neither secured nor preferential
V12	V12 Retail Finance Limited
VAT	Value Added Tax
VAT Group	All of the Companies are part of a VAT Group meaning they can submit a VAT return together and simplify the process.

This report has been prepared by Zelf Hussain and Peter Dickens as Joint Administrators of the Company, solely to comply with the Joint Administrators' statutory duty to report to creditors under IR16 on the progress of the administration, and for no other purpose. It is not suitable to be relied upon by any other person, or for any other purpose, or in any other context.

This report has not been prepared in contemplation of it being used, and it is not suitable to be used, to inform any investment decision in relation to the debt of or any financial investment in the Company.

Any estimated outcomes for creditors included in this report are illustrative only and cannot be relied upon as guidance as to the actual outcome for creditors.

Any persons choosing to rely on this report for any purpose or in any context other than under IR16 do so at their own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Joint Administrators do not assume any liability in respect of this report to any such person.

Please note you should read this report in conjunction with the Joint Administrators' previous reports issued to the Company's creditors, which can be found at www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts in this report and appendices are stated net of VAT.

Zelf Hussain and Peter Dickens have been appointed as Joint Administrators of the Company to manage its affairs, business and property as its agents and act without personal liability. Both are licensed in the United Kingdom to act as insolvency practitioners by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. The Joint Administrators are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/insolvency-practitioner-code-of-ethics>

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Key messages

Why we've sent you this report

We're writing to update you on the progress of the administration of the Company in the six months since our last report dated 27 January 2023.

You can still view our earlier reports on our website at www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup. Please get in touch with us at uk_bluegroup_finalqueries@pwc.com if you need any of the passwords to access the reports.

How much creditors may receive

Secured Creditors

As advised in our Proposals across the Blue Group, the Secured Creditor was owed £42m, at the time the Company entered into administration. All of the Companies listed on page 3 of this report with a * had granted security over their assets to the Secured Creditor. The effect of the pre-pack sale on 30 June 2020 (as detailed in our Proposals and summarised in our first report dated 27 January 2021) immediately reduced the Secured Creditor's indebtedness by £23m.

In total, £40.8m of fixed and floating charge distributions have been made to the Secured Creditor during the period of the administration across the Blue Group (including the £23m effect of the pre-pack sale across all entities listed on page 3). £24.2m of these distributions relates to BGUKR only.

Future distributions to the Secured Creditor are expected to be made from final asset realisations.

We currently estimate that the Secured Creditor's overall recovery across all entities from the administrations will be in the region of 90%.

Preferential Creditors

We paid preferential creditors at a rate of 100p/£ totalling £1,138,817.11 as shown in the receipts and payments account contained within Appendix A.

Unsecured Creditors

In a previous reporting period we declared and paid a Prescribed Part distribution of 0.48 p/£ totalling £492,904 (after costs) to unsecured creditors in respect of the Company as shown in the receipts and payments account at Appendix B.

What you need to do

This report is for your information and you don't need to do anything.

Overview of what we've done to date

Following our appointment as Joint Administrators of the Company and the Blue Group on 30 June 2020, we completed the immediate sale of certain of the Blue Group business and assets.

In our SIP16 disclosures document issued with our Proposals which can still be viewed at www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup, we explained that the sale of the business largely related to the Benson for Beds business.

The retail division of the Blue Group largely consisted of two business brands (Harveys and Bensons). These brands and product offerings were inter-linked and operated across different legal entities with multiple entities across the Blue Group holding leases and employees for Harveys, Bensons and combined stores, respectively (the two businesses often shared trading locations (with Bensons on the top floor and Harveys on the ground floor). The Bensons business was profitable while the Harveys business was significantly loss-making. Accordingly, it was only the Bensons business (and associated assets) that was of interest to the Bensons Purchasers. The legacy operations of the two businesses resulted in a complex group structure, with the "business and assets" required for the continuation of the Bensons for Beds operation spread across a number of legal entities.

The sale of the Bensons for Beds business and associated assets completed immediately post the appointment of administrators to three purchasers, all under common ownership. Assets and businesses that were acquired by the Bensons Purchasers were defined within the combined sale and purchase agreement as either "Retail", "Manufacturing" or "Property" business and assets, which were acquired by the corresponding Bensons Purchasers' entities (i.e. Bensons for Beds Retail Limited, Bensons for Beds Manufacturing Limited and Bensons for Beds Propco Limited, respectively).

Work streams undertaken

The following table highlights the main work streams undertaken in the previous periods in order to deal with the Company's business and assets. Note that this is not an exhaustive list.

Name of Company	Work undertaken to date
BGUKR Main retail trading entity of the Group, the initial sale of the Bensons For Beds business included stock, goodwill and equipment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trading the business in administration to sell Harveys stock through the retail store network• Dealing with properties under LTO• Dealing with extensions of LTO agreements up to 31 March 2022• Collect licence fees from Purchasers and pay ongoing rent from appointment• Paying service charge and insurance on all remaining properties refunds• Realising £10m in relation to trading profit and £6m in relation to goodwill• Dealing with merchant service providers, recovering monies due and instructing agents to continue to pursue information and settlement of sums due from Creation• Overseeing and progressing the completion of open book orders and ring fenced deposit refunds• Dealing with employee related matters including payroll, redundancies and general employee queries received• Dealing with employment related legal matters, this includes dealing with the protective award claims• Calculating and paying preferential claims in respect of employee claims• Finalising the transitional service agreements, an agreement whereby the Companies shared head office and central support functions, following the cessation of trade• Dealing with leased assets, providing commitments and paying for the ongoing costs where the assets were still required by the business and returning leased assets to suppliers where they were not required• Calculating quarterly VAT figures and submitting returns to HMRC

- Liaising with VAT team re VAT treatment and implication of any sales or disposals
- Collating information for corporation tax returns and submission of tax returns
- Requesting tax clearance from HMRC
- Continuing to ensure appropriate arrangements in place for SAO regime - including submission of associated documents to HMRC
- Dealing with receipts, payments and journals, carrying out bank reconciliations and managing funds
- Corresponding with the bank regarding closure of the pre-appointment bank accounts
- Reconciliations to identify and segregate any amounts due to the Companies
- Liaising with agents regarding collection of potential rates and utility refunds
- Liaising with landlords and their managing agents to seek surrenders of leases and making any final payments in relation to the period of occupation
- Liaising with RPS in respect of their proof of debt following the order for a Protective Award
- Carrying out a review of all insurance policies in place, making cancellations / amendments to reflect the number of properties remaining and arranging for any refund due
- Collating information regarding small number of insurance claims and concluding those not commercially viable to pursue
- Pursuing amount due from Guardsman Industries Limited in respect of replacement goods provided by BGUKR and instructing legal advisors to assist with this recovery going forward
- Dealing with the remaining interchange claim (Visa) and instructing an agent to pursue the claim.
- Review of intercompany claims and £21,716 received
- Dealing with customer queries through monitored mailbox and PWC telephone switchboard
- Adjudicating claims, including requesting further information from claimants
- Continued to respond to claim queries via email, post and telephone;
- Dealing with proofs of debt for dividend purposes
- Preparing correspondence to claimants advising outcome of adjudication and advising of intention to declare dividend
- Calculating dividend rate and preparing dividend file
- Issue and advertising notice intended dividend, preparing correspondence to creditors announcing declaration of dividend and declare and payment of unsecured distribution

What we still needed to do in our last report

When we last reported, the key outstanding matters in the administration was as follows:

- Deal with ongoing insurance matters;
- Finalise realisations of remaining assets, recovery actions with respect to additional claims and collection of monies due under the merchant services agreements;
- Subject to the availability of funds, make further distributions to the Secured Creditor;
- Review and submit the Company's final VAT reclaim; and
- Deal with closure matters, including drafting and issuing our final progress report, closure of our internal systems and clearance from other third parties as might be required.

Progress since we last reported

Other assets

Merchant services and finance providers

As previously reported, on appointment, various merchant services and consumer finance providers to BGUKR held deposits which we were seeking to recover and information suggested that Creation and V12 held amounts of £2.1m and £0.3m, respectively. We have received £0.74m from Creation and £0.3m from V12 and our agents continue to pursue information and settlement of sums due to us.

Post sale matters

Customer communications

We continue to receive queries from current and former customers of Bensons for Beds and Harveys to our monitored mailbox and also to PwC's telephone switchboard. Since the start of the period covered by this report a total of 51 enquiries have been received all of which have been reviewed and dealt with. This brings the total emails received to 19,223.

To assist with enquiries we updated the automated responses to our mailboxes to give a quick response to enquiries with the relevant update and guidance. For ongoing enquiries we also update our website www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup which allows access to all documentation issued and frequently asked questions.

Guardsman claim

The Company was party to an agreement with AmTrust Europe Limited and Guardsman Industries Limited regarding the provision of domestic furniture insurance. We are pursuing an amount due from Guardsman Industries Limited in respect of replacement goods provided by the Company. We have obtained a supportive opinion from Counsel and instructed legal advisors to assist with this recovery and the matter is ongoing. The Joint Administrators' staff, their legal advisors, and representatives from AmTrust Europe Limited and Guardsman Industries Limited held a meeting in January 2023 however this did not result in an acceptable settlement offer and as such we are reviewing the files with the support of the Purchasers to further support the quantum claimed before we re-enter discussions.

Interchange claim

The Company previously entered into an action regarding interchange fees, in relation to charges levied by certain credit card companies which were subsequently ruled to be unfair. A claim against Mastercard was settled prior to the administration and our agents Henderson & Jones continue to pursue the remaining Visa claim. Various court hearings are scheduled to take place on various matters which may impact the quantum of our claim, these are due to start in early 2024. We will update creditors further in our next report.

Insurance

Upon our appointment we notified our brokers, SRIS, that insurance cover was required for all entities within the Blue Group. The insurance covered stock, cash, motor vehicles (including fleet vehicles), material damage for property, employers' liability, and public and property liability.

Our insurance requirements have continued to change and we continue to monitor the position and liaise with SRIS at regular intervals to ensure the insurance in place is suitable and sufficient for the administration requirements. Where insurance is no longer required that insurance is cancelled from the relevant date.

Property matters

We continued to liaise with landlords regarding properties within the Company. In the period a letter was sent to all landlords in relation to any outstanding rent payments due for the post appointment period of occupation. Final payments are in the process of being made and this will conclude the rental matters from the Joint Administrators perspective.

Other matters

Statutory and compliance

During the period covered by this report we have continued to comply with our statutory obligations. These include preparing and delivering our progress report to creditors, statutory filing of documents and internal controls to ensure the administration strategy continues to be appropriate and outstanding matters are being progressed on a timely basis.

Tax

As previously reported in line with our statutory obligations, we prepared and submitted the FY22 period to closure tax returns for the Company.

We have received correspondence via email that HMRC have no objections to the closure of the administration.

The Blue Group was subject to the SAO regime for FY21 and during the prior period we worked to ensure the appropriate arrangements for an SAO were in place, this included the submission of associated SAO documentation to HMRC prior to the filing deadline of 30 June 2022. For the FY22 SAO filings, given the majority of entities have since been dissolved, no SAO obligations have arisen. HMRC have confirmed that the SAO position for the group was up to date as part of the tax clearance process.

VAT

During the period covered by this report, our VAT team prepared and submitted further post appointment VAT returns for the Blue Group to HMRC. The VAT returns covered the period 1 October 2022 to 31 December 2022 and 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023.

The return submitted for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 was also the final VAT return and the Company has now been deregistered for VAT. Any future VAT reclaims shall be done by submitting a VAT 246.

In the last period we reported we were awaiting VAT repayments and the amounts due are still outstanding. Our VAT team is in regular discussions with HMRC regarding these outstanding repayments.

Administration extension and closures

Due to the ongoing interchange claim mentioned above the Joint Administrators have sought a further extension of the administration of the Company. During the period covered by this report the court approved the extension and the administration is now due to expire on 30 June 2024.

In respect of the wider Blue Group the administrations of the following entities have been finalised as per the table below and final reports have been issued to all relevant creditors and are available on the website www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup

Entity	Date administration finalised, final report issued and filed at Companies house	Date of dissolution
BGUKB	29 June 2023	-
BGUKGP	29 June 2023	-
BGUKM	29 June 2023	-
HGO	29 June 2023	-
WRL	29 June 2023	-
WRGL	29 June 2023	-
PP1	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
PP2	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
PP8	13 December 2022	19 March 2023

PP14	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
PP15	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
PP17	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
BGUKF	13 December 2022	19 March 2023
FFL	27 January 2023	-
SL	27 January 2023	2 May 2023
ULUKL	27 January 2023	3 May 2023

Connected party transactions

SIP 13 requires us to disclose details of the disposal of any of the Company's assets to connected parties. There were no new connected party transactions made in the period covered by this report. For details of connected party transactions in prior periods, please refer to our previous reports. A full explanation can be found in our SIP16 report, which is accessible via our website at www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup.

Investigations and actions

Nothing has come to our attention during the period under review to suggest that we need to do any more work in line with our duties under the Company Directors' Disqualification Act 1986 and Statement of Insolvency Practice No.2.

Our receipts and payments account

We set out in Appendix A an account of our receipts and payments in the administration from 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023, which includes an cumulative account to date.

Our expenses

We set out in Appendix B a statement of the expenses we've incurred to the date covered by this report and estimates of our future expenses. The statement excludes any potential tax liabilities that we may need to pay as an administration expense in due course because amounts due will depend on the position at the end of the tax accounting period.

Our fees

We set out in Appendix C an update on our remuneration which covers our fees, disbursements and other related matters in this case.

Pre-administration costs

You can find in Appendix D information about the approval of the unpaid pre-administration costs previously detailed in our proposals.

Creditors' rights

Creditors have the right to ask for more information within 21 days of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.9 IR16. Any request must be in writing. Creditors can also challenge fees and expenses within eight weeks of receiving this report as set out in Rule 18.34. This information can also be found in the guide to fees at:

<https://www.icaew.com/-/media/corporate/files/technical/insolvency/creditors-guides/2021/administration-creditor-fee-guide-1-april-2021.ashx?la=en>

You can also get a copy free of charge by contacting us at uk_bluegroup_finalqueries@pwc.com

What we still need to do

We continue to progress the outstanding matters as follows:

- Deal with any ongoing insurance matters;

- Finalise realisations of remaining assets, recovery actions with respect to additional claims and collection of monies due under the merchant services agreements;
- Subject to the availability of funds, make further distributions to the Secured Creditor under the terms of its security;
- Submit VAT 426 to HMRC in relation to any VAT refunds due; and
- Deal with closure matters, including drafting and issuing our final progress report, closure of our internal systems and clearance from other third parties as might be required.

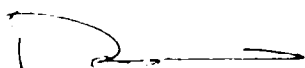
Next steps

The exit option and closure of BGUKR is dependent on the outcome of the administration. At the moment we think that the most likely exit route will be to file a notice with the Registrar of Companies following which the Company will be dissolved three months later. This is expected to take place once the Guardsman and interchange claims have been concluded.

We expect to send our next report to creditors at the end of the administration or in about six months, whichever is sooner.

If you've got any questions, please get in touch with us at uk_bluegroup_finalqueries@pwc.com.

Yours faithfully
For and on behalf of the Company



Peter Dickens
Joint Administrator

Appendix A: Receipts and payments accounts

Notes

- a. All items stated are net of VAT Funds are held on non-interest bearing accounts
- b. Where the receipts and payments accounts state “Cash allocation re leasehold properties” further details in regards to this can be found in the SIP16 report included with our Proposals dated 8 July 2020.
- c. There have been no payments made to us, our firm or our associates other than from the insolvent estate as shown in the receipts and payments accounts provided below.
- d. Balances held in the LTO accounts are for payment of any outstanding rents, service charges or insurance payments and any nominal balance held will be returned to the respective parties in due course.
- e. As part of the agreement to extend the LTO, the Bensons Purchaser agreed to contribute to the associated office holder costs. These are shown in the R&P as LTO extension fees, and will be drawn as office holders' fees in due course.

Blue Group UK Retail Limited - in Administration
Receipts and payments account for the period 30 June 2020 to 29 June 2023

Statement of Affairs	From 30 June 2020 to 29 December 2022	From 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023	Cumulative to 29 June 2023
£	£	£	£
Assets subject to a fixed charge			
Receipts			
-	-	-	-
Total receipts			
Payments			
Total payments			
Net cash position			
Assets subject to a floating charge			
Receipts			
	8,778,602.32	1,245,329.92	10,023,932.24
Trading Profit / (Loss)			
Finance income	3,108,998.76	-	3,108,998.76
Leasehold Property	15,000.00	-	15,000.00
Equipment	432,084.07	-	432,084.07
Stock	2,746,255.00	-	2,746,255.00
Bank debts	973,905.22	-	973,905.22
Goodwill	6,027,239.00	-	6,027,239.00
Sundry debts and refunds	9,799.19	-	9,799.19
Bank Interest Gross	13,622.36	-	13,622.36
Grants & Subsidies	3,030,411.85	-	3,030,411.85
Balance at Bank	3,278,291.52	-	3,278,291.52
Third party funds	422,590.34	-	422,590.34
Funding for LTO extension costs	87,222.47	-	87,222.47
Licence to Occupy funds	1,107,271.55	(140,278.30)	966,993.25
Suspense Account	23,578.30	-	23,578.30
Pre-payments	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,054,871.95	1,245,329.92	31,159,923.57
Payments			
Agents' Fees - Property & Assets	(119,099.57)	-	(119,099.57)
Legal Fees and expenses	(65,937.27)	(5,303.42)	(71,240.69)
Customer deposits	-	(22,712.84)	(22,712.84)
Legal Settlements	-	(7,500.00)	(7,500.00)
HMRC penalty	-	(5,927.60)	(5,927.60)
Professional fees	-	(1,440.00)	(1,440.00)
Treasury control	-	-	-
Office holders' fees	(500,000.00)	-	(500,000.00)
Office costs, Stationery & Postage	(9,240.08)	-	(9,240.08)
Rent	-	(831,717.48)	(831,717.48)
Statutory advertising	(754.00)	-	(754.00)
Storage Costs	(12,430.37)	(14,240.28)	(26,670.65)
Heat, Light and Insurance	(22,054.64)	(672.00)	(22,726.64)
Pre-administration expenses	(209,437.11)	-	(209,437.11)
Finance / Bank interest & charges	(2,776.72)	(231.50)	(3,008.22)
Total payments	(941,729.76)	(889,745.12)	(1,831,474.88)
Net assets available for preferential creditors	29,113,142.19	355,584.80	29,328,448.69
Less Preferential Creditors	(1,138,817.11)	-	(1,138,817.11)
Net property	27,974,325.08	355,584.80	28,189,631.58
Less Prescribed Part Fund	(492,903.91)	-	(492,903.91)
Total Net Floating Charge Assets	27,481,421.17	355,584.80	27,696,727.67
Secured cred for distribution	(24,248,225.50)	-	(24,248,225.50)
Balance of Net Floating Charge Assets	3,233,195.67	355,584.80	3,448,502.17
Total assets held	3,233,195.67	355,584.80	3,448,502.17
VAT Control Account	(307,696.52)	(63,200.08)	(370,896.60)
Total cash held	2,925,499.15	292,384.72	3,077,605.57

	From 30 June 2020 to 29 December 2022	From 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023	Cumulative to 29 June 2023
Trading			
Trading sales - cash	18,856,705.28	-	18,856,705.28
TSA fees	2,276,929.94	-	2,276,929.94
Total receipts	21,133,635.22	-	21,133,635.22
Payments			
Suppliers	(1,059,345.49)	(47,164.82)	(1,106,510.31)
Duress Payments	(5,759.38)	-	(5,759.38)
Trading recoverable VAT	(1,250.00)	-	(1,250.00)
Wages & salaries	(3,211,298.19)	-	(3,211,298.19)
PAYE/N C and Pension Deductions	(1,161,976.90)	-	(1,161,976.90)
Employee/Subcontractor Costs & Expenses	(13,665.75)	-	(13,665.75)
Heat, Light & Insurance	-	(60,486.36)	(60,486.36)
TSA Costs	(377,820.51)	-	(377,820.51)
Legal Costs	(4,000.00)	(46,476.04)	(50,476.04)
Payments Made for Group companies	401,298.00	(446,574.78)	(45,276.78)
Agents fees and property assets	(96,777.62)	-	(96,777.62)
Professional fees (Retail Trading Agents)	(2,799,734.94)	-	(2,799,734.94)
Contribution to Shared Property Costs	(2,893,090.12)	1,846,031.92	(1,047,058.20)
NewCo recharges	-	-	-
Office Holders' Fees on a time cost basis	(1,131,612.00)	-	(1,131,612.00)
Total payments	(12,355,032.90)	1,245,329.92	(11,109,702.98)
Trading Profit / (Loss)	8,778,602.32	1,245,329.92	10,023,932.24

	Cumulative to 29 December 2022	From 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023	Cumulative to 29 June 2023
LTO Account			
Receipts			
Contribution to costs	314,443.54	-	314,443.54
Licence Fees - Rent	10,351,241.35	7,857,424.64	18,208,665.99
Licence Fees - Service Charge	844,773.74	(73,186.13)	771,587.61
Licence Fees - Rates	224,018.60	4.23	224,022.83
Licence Fees - Insurance	15,123.37	-	15,123.37
Total receipts	11,749,600.60	7,784,243	19,533,843
Payments			
LTO - Rent	(9,636,597.88)	(7,690,922.08)	(17,327,519.96)
LTO - Service Charge	(630,654.85)	(2,113.16)	(632,768.01)
LTO - Rates	(8,063.53)	(90,683.04)	(98,746.57)
LTO - Insurance	(367,012.79)	(140,802.76)	(507,815.55)
Total payments	(10,642,329.05)	(7,924,521.04)	(18,566,850.09)
Net LTO receipts/(payments)	1,107,271.55	(140,278.30)	966,993.25

Appendix B: Expenses

Expenses are amounts properly payable by us as Joint Administrators from the estate, but exclude our fees and distributions to creditors.

These include disbursements, which are expenses met by and reimbursed to an office holder in connection with an insolvency appointment.

Expenses fall into two categories:

Expense	SIP 9 definition
Category 1	Payments to persons providing the service to which the expense relates who are not an associate of the office holder.
Category 2	Payments to our firm or our associates or which have an element of shared costs (for example, photocopying and mileage disbursements, or costs shared between different insolvent estates).

We don't need approval from creditors to draw Category 1 expenses as these have all been provided by third parties but we do need approval to draw Category 2 expenses. The body of creditors who approve our fees also have the responsibility for agreeing the policies for payment of Category 2 expenses. In this case the Secured and Preferential Creditors have the responsibility for agreeing our fees and agreeing the policy for payment of the Category 2 expenses for BGUKR.

The rate for services provided by the Joint Administrators' own firm (Category 2 expenses) may periodically rise (for example to cover annual inflationary cost increases) over the period of the administration. All other disbursements to be charged at cost.

The tables on the next page provide a breakdown of the Category 2 expenses which have been incurred by us as administrators or our associates, together with details of the Category 1 expenses that have been incurred by PwC and will be recharged to the case.

Joint administrators' disbursements

BGUKR			
Category	Description	Costs incurred to 29 12 22 £	Costs incurred in the period 30 12 22 to 29 06 23 £
2	Photocopying – Up to 10 pence per side copied. only charged for circulars to creditors and other bulk copying.		-
2	Mileage - At a maximum of: petrol/diesel/hybrid - 64 pence per mile (up to 2.000cc) or 80 pence per mile (over 2.000cc) full electric - 72 pence per mile bicycle - 12 pence per mile	737.35	189.89
2	Printing - Up to 10 pence per side	1.956.26	0.32
1	Other Travel	31.52	356.26
1	Courier	1.689.32	12.93
1	Archiving	1.054.30	3.406.36
1	Bordereau	225.00	-
1	Postage	15.051.81	-
1	Advertising	-	-
1	Hotels / Accommodation	10.66	-
	TOTAL	20,756.22	3,965.76
	Paid to date	6,612.00	-

Expenses incurred in the administration

The tables below provide details of the expenses incurred in the administration:

BGUKR							
Description	Costs incurred brought forward	Costs incurred in the period	Total costs incurred	Future estimated costs	Anticipated Total	Initial estimate	Variance
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
Rent	-	831,717.48	831,717.48	-	831,717.48	-	831,717.48
Suppliers	1,103,423.68	47,164.82	1,150,588.50	-	1,150,588.50	893,001.63	257,586.87
Storage Costs	12,430.37	14,240.28	26,670.65	10,443.00	37,113.65	-	37,113.65
Bank interest/charges	2,776.72	231.50	3,008.22	-	3,008.22	2,470.00	538.22
Legal settlements	-	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	7,500.00	-	7,500.00
Office costs, Stationery & Postage	9,240.08	-	9,240.08	-	9,240.08	-	9,240.08
Duress payments	5,759.38	-	5,759.38	-	5,759.38	5,759.38	-
Trading Irrecoverable VAT	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	-	1,250.00	1,807.32	(557.32)
Wages & Salaries	3,211,298.19	-	3,211,298.19	-	3,211,298.19	2,893,049.19	318,249.00
PAYE/NIC and Pension Deductions	1,161,976.90	-	1,161,976.90	-	1,161,976.90	981,104.39	180,872.51
Employee/Subcontractor Costs & Expenses	13,666.75	-	13,666.75	-	13,666.75	8,541.45	5,125.30
HMRC Penalty	-	5,927.60	5,927.60	-	5,927.60	-	5,927.60
TSA Costs	377,820.51	-	377,820.51	-	377,820.51	189,863.78	187,956.73
Contribution to property costs	2,893,090.12	-	2,893,090.12	-	2,893,090.12	2,551,207.82	341,882.30
Payments Made for Group companies	(400,828.76)	-	(400,828.76)	-	(400,828.76)	476,286.25	(877,115.01)
Legal fees & Expenses	65,937.27	5,303.42	71,240.69	1,000.00	72,240.69	84,026.50	(11,785.81)
Counsel fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Customer deposits / Third party monies	-	22,712.84	22,712.84	-	22,712.84	-	22,712.84
Professional fees	2,799,734.94	1,440.00	2,801,174.94	-	2,801,174.94	1,706,610.19	1,094,564.75
Insurance	5,142.64	-	5,142.64	-	5,142.64	-	5,142.64
Agents' Fees - Property & Assets	215,877.19	-	215,877.19	-	215,877.19	-	215,877.19
Administrators' disbursements	20,756.22	3,965.76	24,721.98	-	24,721.98	20,878.01	3,843.97
Pre-administration expenses	209,437.11	-	209,437.11	-	209,437.11	-	209,437.11
Rental Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Heat, Light & Insurance	22,054.64	672.00	22,726.64	-	22,726.64	10,675.91	12,050.73
Statutory advertising	844.00	-	844.00	-	844.00	695.00	149.00
TOTAL	11,731,687.95	940,875.70	12,672,563.65	11,443.00	12,684,006.65	9,825,976.82	2,858,029.83
Paid to date			12,575,786.03				

Appendix C: Remuneration update

We sought and obtained approval to draw our fees on a time cost basis by circulating a remuneration report to the necessary approving bodies shortly after the second progress report.

The time cost charges incurred in the period covered by this report are £208,408. This amount does not necessarily reflect how much we will eventually draw as fees for this period.

Our time costs will exceed the amount approved by the fee approving bodies. However, although we will still incur costs we are not proposing to seek further fee approvals.

Company	Level of fees approved (maximum) (£)	Fees taken to date (£)	Time costs incurred in the reporting period (£)	Time costs incurred to date (£)
BGUKR	4,117,498	1,631,612	208,408	4,878,497

We set out in this Appendix details of our work to date, anticipated future work, subcontracted work and payments to associates.

Our hours and average rates

BGUQR - all to 29 December 2022

Work Type Group	Partner (Hrs)	Director (Hrs)	Senior Manager (Hrs)	Manager (Hrs)	Senior Associate (Hrs)	Associate (Hrs)	Support (Hrs)	Total (Hrs)		Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
Accounting & Treasury	-	11.00	26.30	232.70	376.35	647.26	59.45	1,353.06		446,071.94	329.68
Assets	7.00	14.55	210.90	68.93	345.68	68.25	8.30	723.61		322,353.95	445.48
Closure Procedures	-	-	-	8.70	-	-	-	8.70		6,105.50	701.78
Creditors	2.50	1.70	86.56	227.97	1,289.44	3,553.36	97.39	5,258.92		738,301.51	140.39
Employees & Pensions	4.41	49.80	412.40	371.25	360.20	528.15	46.44	1,772.65		650,667.80	367.06
Investigations	-	1.50	99.65	2.30	55.80	-	9.50	168.75		110,355.75	653.96
Statutory & Compliance	-	16.80	71.75	164.75	689.43	205.86	25.84	1,174.43		479,936.19	408.65
Strategy & Planning	174.50	147.90	408.70	352.75	853.13	171.48	161.61	2,270.07		1,159,172.39	510.63
Tax & VAT	15.95	0.20	64.80	131.75	284.67	35.89	63.75	597.01		292,654.85	490.20
Trading	-	12.30	6.55	355.95	635.05	23.25	14.10	1,047.20		464,469.75	443.53
Total for the period	204.36	255.75	1,387.61	1,917.05	4,889.75	5,233.50	486.38	14,374.40		4,670,089.63	324.89

BGUQR - 30 December 2022 to 29 June 2023

Work Type Group	Partner (Hrs)	Director (Hrs)	Senior Manager (Hrs)	Manager (Hrs)	Senior Associate (Hrs)	Associate (Hrs)	Support (Hrs)	Off shore professionals	Total (Hrs)	Time cost £	Average hourly rate £
Accounting & Treasury	-	-	0.35	3.40	20.10	14.15	-	0.70	38.70	18,618.25	481.09
Assets	1.50	-	12.95	1.20	7.60	-	-	3.20	26.45	18,597.00	703.10
Closure Procedures	-	-	0.20	-	1.10	-	-	-	1.30	738.50	568.08
Creditors	-	-	0.40	4.55	16.85	7.50	-	10.00	39.30	13,877.25	353.11
Employees & Pensions	-	-	-	0.50	5.45	-	-	-	5.95	2,857.25	480.21
Investigations	-	-	50.90	-	0.80	7.75	-	-	59.45	51,647.50	868.76
Secured Creditors	-	-	-	-	0.20	-	-	-	0.20	103.00	515.00
Statutory & Compliance	8.75	-	10.00	8.30	41.05	0.70	-	7.10	75.90	47,299.75	623.19
Strategy & Planning	-	-	0.30	0.10	1.80	1.00	-	0.60	3.80	1,703.00	448.16
Tax & VAT	3.00	-	11.2	13.9	10.5	33.5	-	-	72.10	44,612.00	618.75
Trading	8.25	0.10	0.20	-	-	-	-	0.10	8.65	8,354.50	965.84
Total for the period	21.50	0.10	86.50	31.95	105.45	64.60	0.00	-	331.80	208,408.00	628.11
Brought forward at 29 June 2022									14,374.40	4,670,089.63	324.89
Grand Total									14,706.20	4,878,497.63	331.73

Our time charging policy and hourly rates

We and our team charge our time for the work we need to do in the administration. We delegate tasks to suitable grades of staff, taking into account their experience and any specialist knowledge that is needed and we supervise them properly to maximise the cost effectiveness of the work done. Anything complex or important matters of exceptional responsibility are handled by our senior staff or us.

All of our staff who work on the administration (including our cashiers, support and secretarial staff) charge time directly to the case and are included in any analysis of time charged. Each grade of staff has an hourly charge out rate which is reviewed from time to time. Work carried out by our cashiers, support and secretarial staff is charged separately and isn't included in the hourly rates charged by partners or other staff members. Time is charged in six minute units. The minimum time chargeable is three minutes (i.e. 0.05 units). We don't charge general or overhead costs.

We set out below the maximum charge-out rates per hour for the grades of our staff who already or who are likely to work on the administration

Grade	From 1 July 2019 £/hr	From 1 July 2020 £/hr	From 1 July 2021 £/hr	From 1 July 2022 £/hr
Partner	690	850	875	980
Appointment taking director	n/a	n/a	n/a	960
Director	595	720	740	915
Assistant director (not appointee)	n/a	n/a	n/a	900
Senior manager	515	585	625	860
Manager	405	475	525	730
Senior associate	310	390	425	515
Associate	210	245	280	375
Offshore professionals	n/a	245	280	515
Support Staff	120	125	130	160

Should an increase in charge out rates result in our time costs exceeding the fee estimate provided to creditors at the time we sought approval of the basis of our remuneration, we will need to seek approval from the relevant creditor body in order to draw fees in excess of that estimate.

We call on colleagues such as those in our Tax, VAT, Real Estate and Pensions departments where we need their expert advice. We may also utilise Technology Specialists from the wider Business Restructuring Services team or other parts of our firm. Their specialist charge-out rates vary but the following are the maximum rates by grade per hour.

Grade	From 1 July 2019 £/hour	From 1 September 2020 £/hour	From 1 July 2021 £/hour	From 1 July 2022 £/hr
Partner	1,520	1,600	1,680	1,810
Director	1,465	1,465	1,540	1,660

Senior Manager	1,290	1,355	1,425	1,425
Manager	775	815	860	950
Senior Associate/Consultant	575	605	640	690
Associate/Assistant Consultant	305	325	345	375
Support Staff	n/a	180	190	205

In common with many professional firms, our scale rates may rise eg to cover annual inflationary cost increases.

Payments to associates

No payments have been made to associates or any party who could reasonably be perceived as an associate during the period of this report. Relevant parties have been chosen due to their specific area of expertise or technical knowledge and payments to those parties based on standard commercial terms.

Our work in the period

Earlier in this section we have included an analysis of the time spent by the various grades of staff, and detail on page 20 of this report the key areas of work undertaken for the Company.

Work undertaken	Why the work was necessary	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy and planning		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to update fee budget; Run monthly report to monitor costs; and Hold team meetings not relating to trading and discussions regarding status of administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct financial benefit, however the work is necessary to ensure correct management and oversight of the administration.
Accounting & treasury		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with receipts, payments and journals; Carry out bank reconciliations and managing funds; and Chasing and payment of unclaimed dividends to the Insolvency Service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct financial benefit, however the work is necessary to ensure correct management of the accounts and safeguarding of funds.
Assets		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dealing with any adhoc queries relating to property reconciliations; Liaise with landlords and their managing agents to seek surrenders of lease that have not been accepted; Pursuing amount due to BGUKR from Guardsman Industries Limited and liaising with legal advisors to assist with this recovery; and Pursue the recovery of funds from merchant providers and liaising with our agents for information and settlement of sums due and assist in recovering funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigate claims against the administration and comply with our obligations under the sale agreement. Negotiations with landlords will lead to reductions in rental payments, resulting in greater potential recoveries for creditors. Enhanced asset realisations for the administration.
Creditors		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to the Secured Creditor's queries; Responding to unsecured and preferential creditor queries; Provide updates to the Secured Creditor; and Continue to respond to queries via email, post and telephone. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct benefit to the Secured Creditor through payment of distributions and provision of information. Direct benefit to creditors through payment of dividends (where available) and provision of information.

Employees & Pensions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with inbound queries from ex-employees of BGUKR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit to creditors in relation to the potential distribution.
Tax and VAT		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and submit post-appointment VAT returns; • Prepare and submit the relevant forms to de-register for VAT. • Chasing HMRC in respect of VAT refunds awaited; • Liaising with HMRC regarding sales queries • Responding to queries raised with france tax authority • Review of books and records to assist with france tax authority enquiries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by statute.
Statutory and compliance		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and circulate further progress reports; and file at Companies House; • Conducting 6 monthly case review; • Updating checklists and diary management system • Extension to the administration to deal with the ongoing interchange claim 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by statute.

Our future work

We still need to do the following work to achieve the purpose of administration.

Area of work	Work undertaken	Estimated future cost £	What, if any, financial benefit the work provided to creditors OR whether it was required by statute
Strategy & planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to update fee budget; Run reports to monitor costs; and Hold team meetings not relating to trading and discussions regarding status of administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BGUKR: £5k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct financial benefit, however the work is necessary to ensure correct management and oversight of the administration.
Accounting & treasury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with receipts, payments and journals; Carry out bank reconciliations and managing funds; and Closure of bank accounts and internal systems. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BGUKR: £10k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No direct financial benefit, however the work is necessary to ensure correct management of the accounts and safeguarding of funds.
Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deal with any adhoc queries relating to property reconciliations; Liaise with landlords and their managing agents regarding surrenders of lease that have not been accepted; Pursuing amount due to BGUKR from Guardsman Industries Limited and liaising with legal advisors to assist with this recovery; Pursue the recovery of funds from merchant providers and liaising with our agents for information and settlement of sums due and assist in recovering funds. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BGUKR: £45k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigate claims against the administration and comply with our obligations under the sale agreement. Negotiations with landlords will lead to reductions in rental payments, resulting in greater potential recoveries for creditors. Enhanced asset realisations for the administration.
Creditors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to the Secured Creditor's queries; Provide updates to the Secured Creditor; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BGUKR: £5k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Direct benefit to the Secured Creditor through payment of distributions and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potentially make a further distribution to the Secured Creditor in accordance with security entitlements; and • Continue to respond to queries via email, post and telephone. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of information. • Direct benefit to creditors through payment of dividends (where available) and provision of information.
Employees & Pensions			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deal with inbound queries from ex-employees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGUKR: £2k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benefit to creditors in relation to the potential distribution.
Tax & VAT			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit final reclaim to HMRC for VAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGUKR: £5k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by statute.
Statutory & compliance			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and circulate future progress reports; • Preparation of the final progress report; • File at Companies House; and • Follow the relevant procedures for ceasing to act. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGUKR: £15k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As required by statute.
Closure Procedures			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete checklists and diary management system; • Close down internal systems; and • Prepare and issue the final reports to creditors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BGUKR: £15k 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To ensure all outstanding matters are dealt with in good time. • Ensures an orderly case closure

Our relationships

We have no business or personal relationships with the parties who approve our fees or who provide services to the administration where the relationship could give rise to a conflict of interest.

Details of subcontracted work

The following work, which we or our staff would normally do, has been subcontracted to the parties listed below. This work has been subcontracted as we considered it more cost effective to do so and in certain cases these subcontractors could provide additional skills, knowledge or expertise which our team did not have.

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason outsourced	Basis of fees	Fees paid in the period
To undertake business rates and service charge review and subsequent recovery	CAPA	Industry expertise	Fixed fee of 15% of recoveries and negotiating/agreeing rent waivers resulting in rent savings	-
Deployment of agents to retail stores to oversee the day-to-day trading of the store	ERS	Industry expertise	Due to the nature of work required a fee was agreed as a combination of a fixed fee of £250k and a contingent element based on an administration trading surplus and number of weeks the stores were in operation, as per a formal Selling Agency Agreement.	-
Water rates review and refund recovery	Brownlow	Industry expertise	Fixed fee of 30% of recoveries	-
To deal with the remaining LTO properties within the Group	PHD	Industry expertise	Fixed fee per property per month	-

Legal and other professional firms

We've instructed the following professionals on this case:

Service provided	Name of firm / organisation	Reason selected	Basis of fees
Legal services, including: Appointment related matters; Advice on RoT claims; Sale of business contracts; Property related matters; Extension of administration; and General legal advice.	• Shoosmiths LLP	• Industry Expertise	• Time costs and disbursements
Advice in respect of Guardsman claim	• Fieldfisher LLP	• Industry Expertise	• Time costs and disbursements
Advice in respect of settlement of sums due from Creation	• Pythagoras Capital	• Industry Expertise	• Contingent fee based on asset realisations

Chattel agents and valuers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hilco Capital 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RICS asset/property valuers with industry expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingent fee based on asset realisations
Advice in respect of interchange fee claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henderson & Jones Limited 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Expertise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contingent fee based on asset realisations

Appendix D: Pre-administration costs

At the date of our appointment as Joint Administrators, the unpaid pre-administration costs were as shown below:

Firm	Services	Initial amount unpaid (£)	Amount paid (£)	Balance outstanding (£)
PwC	Administrators-in-waiting	606,943.00	-	606,943.00
Shoosmiths	Sale and purchase agreement and administration planning	178,477.57	178,477.57	-
BDO	Marketing and sale process	30,959.57	30,959.57	-
Hilco	Valuation services	2,051.68	2,051.68	-
Total		818,431.82	211,488.82	606,943.00

In respect of the PwC - Administrators in waiting costs above, this amount applies to all costs incurred across all entities of the Blue Group on appointment. We will not seek to recover these costs across the estates and they will ultimately be written off.

For further details on these pre-administration costs, please see the Proposals which can be downloaded from www.pwc.co.uk/bluegroup.

Pre-administration costs due to Shoosmiths, BDO and Hilco were approved on 28 September 2021.

Appendix E: Other information

Court details for the administration:	High Court of Justice Business and Property Courts of England and Wales Insolvency & Companies List (ChD)
Company's registered name:	Blue Group UK Retail Limited
Trading name:	Bensons for Beds
Registered number:	00040754
Registered address:	Level 8, Central Square, 29 Wellington Street, Leeds, LS1 4DL
Date of the joint administrators' appointment:	30 June 2020
Joint administrators' names, addresses and contact details:	<p>Zelf Hussain of PwC, 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT</p> <p>Peter David Dickens of PwC, 1 Hardman Square, Manchester, M3 3EB</p> <p>Yulia Marshall of PwC 7 More London, Riverside, London, SE1 2RT from 30 June 2020 to 8 December 2022</p>
Extension(s) to the initial period of appointment:	<p>Extensions approved by the relevant approving bodies on 1 June 2021 for all entities with the exception of PP7 and BGHCO for a period of 12 months to 29 June 2022.</p> <p>Extension approved by the relevant approving body on 3 June 2021 for BGHCO for a period of 12 months to 29 June 2022.</p> <p>Extension approved by the Court for all companies for a period of 12 months to 29 June 2023</p> <p>Extension approved by the Court for BGUKR for a period of 12 months to 29 June 2024</p>