Company registration no: 49907

# THE BERKELEY HOTEL COMPANY (49907) LIMITED

**Report and Financial Statements** 

For the year ended 31 December 1999

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# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2000

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# **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1999**

# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

## DIRECTORS

T J Gates G McKenna

## **SECRETARY**

M R France

# REGISTERED OFFICE

1 Savoy Hill London WC2R OBP

## **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche Chartered Accountants Hill House 1 Little New Street London EC4A 3TR

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 1999.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The company did not trade in the year and the directors do not therefore recommend the payment of a dividend.

On 5 January 1999 the company's immediate parent company changed its name from The Savoy Hotel Limited to Claridge's Hotel Limited following a restructuring of the group.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The company is not expected to trade in the foreseeable future.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served during the year were as follows:

A J Fort

(resigned 30 September 1999)

R Pajares

(resigned 30 December 1999)

T J Gates

(appointed 30 September 1999)

G McKenna

(appointed 30 December 1999)

None of the directors hold any interest in the shares of the company or any other group company.

#### **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

M R France

Secretary

2000

## STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## **AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS**

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 and 6 which have been prepared under the accounting policy set out on page 6.

## Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 3 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 1999 and of its result for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Deloitte & Touche

Chartered Accountants and

Registered Auditors

Hill House

1 Little New Street

London EC4A 3TR

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# **BALANCE SHEET** 31 December 1999

	Note	1999 £	1998 £
CURRENT ASSETS	4	6.022	< 0.2.2
Debtors	4	6,033	6,033
NET ASSETS		6,033	6,033
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	5	130,000	130,000
Profit and loss account		(123,967)	(123,967)
Equity shareholders' funds		6,033	6,033

The company was dormant (within the meaning of section 250 of the Companies Act 1985) throughout the year ended 31 December 1999.

These financial statements on pages 5 and 6 were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 across 2000. Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

T J Gates

Director

# NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS For the year ended 31 December 1999

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICY

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

#### 2. TRADING

The company did not trade during the year. Auditor's remuneration of £500 (1998: £nil) was borne by another group company.

#### 3. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

No remuneration was paid to any director during the year (1998: £nil).

## 4. DEBTORS

		1999 £	1998 £
	Amounts owed by parent undertaking	6,033	6,033
5.	CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
		1999	1998
		£	£
	Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid:		
	30,000 5% (3.75% plus tax credit) Cumulative		
	preference shares of £1 each	30,000	30,000
	40,000 6% (4.5% plus tax credit)		
	Preference shares of £1 each	40,000	40,000
	60,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	60,000	60,000
		130,000	130,000

The preference shares rank above the ordinary shares in respect of their rights to capital payment on redemption or winding up. The preference shares do not confer any right of participation in the profits or assets of the company. The preference shareholders have waived their rights to any dividends until further notice. All shares rank equally in all other respects.

#### 6. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

At 31 December 1999, the company's ultimate parent company and controlling party is BRE/Savoy Acquisitions Company (an unlimited company) registered in England and Wales. This is the largest group in which the company is a member and for which Group accounts are prepared. Copies of its statutory accounts are available from its registered office 1 Savoy Hill, London WC2R 0BP.

Blackstone Hotel Acquisitions Company is the smallest member of the Group in which the company is a member and for which Group accounts are prepared. Copies of its statutory accounts are also available from its registered office 1 Savoy Hill, London WC2R 0BP.

#### 7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE

The company is exempt under the provisions of paragraph 3, Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing details of transactions with Group related parties.