

Altro Limited

Annual report and financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2012



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Directors' report

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2012

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Company are the manufacture and marketing of

- Altro safety flooring
- Altro Whiterock wall and ceiling systems
- Altro resin systems
- Autoglym vehicle care and Kanor car wash products

Directors

The directors of the Company who were in office during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were

D J Kahn *Chairman*
E P Boyle
P L Caller
G Cleverdon
M P Fincham *
R J Kahn *Managing Director*
J F H Park *

* *Non-executive*

Secretary

E P Boyle FCCA

Financial review

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 5. The marginal reduction in profit on ordinary activities before taxation is due to the continuing competitive trading environment in all of our major markets.

Key performance indicators

Turnover of £89.4 million represents an increase of 3.0% on the year to 31 December 2011. Profit on ordinary activities before taxation was £9.0 million, a decrease of 1.6% on the previous year. The directors have authorised and paid a dividend of £66.51 (2011: £41.57) per share, totalling £12.0 million (2011: £7.5 million). The directors expect the Company to maintain profitability for the foreseeable future.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks and the Company has procedures and systems to manage these.

The key business risks affecting the Company are considered to relate to competition from other manufacturers, increased raw material and energy costs, fluctuations in the UK and global economy and any action which may be taken by governments in our major markets to address their budget deficits.

The board takes action where possible to eliminate, reduce or mitigate specific risks through the adoption of appropriate strategies.

Financial risk management

The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks, including the effects of changes in currency exchange rates, credit exposure, liquidity and interest rates.

Given the size of the Company, the directors have not delegated the responsibility of monitoring financial risk management to a sub-committee of the board. The policies set by the board of directors are implemented by the Company's finance department.

The main risks arising from the Company's financial management can be analysed as follows:

Currency risk

The Company is exposed in its trading operations to the risk of fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Where appropriate, forward contracts and swaps are used to hedge this exposure.

Credit risk

The Company's principal financial assets are bank balances, stock and trade debtors which represent the Company's maximum exposure to credit risk in relation to financial assets. Risk is managed through internal monitoring processes and credit insurance, both of which have been given greater focus because of difficult trading conditions.

Price risk

The Company is exposed to price risk on raw materials as a result of its operations and such exposure is monitored closely and reported on regularly. In the majority of cases, dual supply arrangements are in place.

Directors' report continued

Liquidity risk

The Company has positive cash balances and appropriate overdraft facilities in place with its bankers where considered necessary

Interest rate risk

The Company has very limited exposure to interest rate risk as borrowings are insignificant. However, there is an exposure to the impact of longer term rate movements in the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme, which is managed by the trustees of the Scheme and their advisers

Directors' liability insurance

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the financial year and is currently in force. The Company also purchased Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors

Employees

The Company operates non-discriminatory employment policies which are designed to attract, retain and motivate the very best people, recognising that this can only be achieved through offering equal opportunities regardless of age, disability, gender, race, religion, colour, nationality, marital status or sexual orientation

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and that appropriate training is arranged

It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should, as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability

Staff are encouraged to plan their careers within the Company and to participate in appropriate ongoing training, consistent with the needs of the business

All divisions develop their own internal communications and employees receive regular updates on the Company's results, strategies and policies

Our success is due to the teamwork and co-operation of the people within the Company. The directors thank all those who have worked so hard and contributed so much to achieve these results during a demanding time

The Company continues to develop and maintain a culture which encourages long service and we are proud that so many employees choose to remain with us over many years

Health & Safety and the environment

Health & Safety and environmental performance remain key business objectives

Our World Class Manufacturing and Sustainability programmes are of prime importance and we continue to invest for the future

Research and development

Research and development remains at the forefront of our vision for the future and our strength and depth in this area are essential parts of our business. All research and development expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred

Pension schemes

The future of our pension schemes is underpinned by the knowledge that a strong and successful Company should ensure that pension obligations can be met today and in the future

The Company continues to support the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme which was closed to new members in September 2005. The Scheme was in deficit as at 31 December 2012 and the Company made a contribution of £1.75 million in the year to the Scheme in addition to the expected future funding contribution, in line with the triennial funding plan agreed with the trustees in 2011

The Company also operates Defined Contribution Pension Schemes for employees who do not participate in the Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

Payments to suppliers

The Company does not follow any published code or standard on payment practice for suppliers of goods and services. However, in respect of regular suppliers, our policy is generally to establish agreed payment terms which apply to recurring transactions, subject to review as appropriate. For occasional suppliers, the policy is to pay in accordance with the prevailing practice for the particular industry or market concerned, subject to any specific agreement

Directors' report continued

The Company's creditor days were 37 at 31 December 2012 (2011 46)

Charitable and political donations

The Company contributed £19,604 (2011 £14,577) for charitable purposes. There were no political contributions.

Going concern

In arriving at their decision to prepare these financial statements on the going concern basis, the directors have reviewed the Company's budget, forecasts and cash flow projections for 2013 and 2014 (including proposed capital expenditure) and compared these with the Company's cash holdings, its committed borrowing facilities and projected gearing ratios.

The directors believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, and so continue to adopt the going concern basis.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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 prepared 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 judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable United Kingdom 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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each director in office at the date of the Directors' report confirms the following:

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

Independent auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP have expressed their willingness to continue as auditors, and the members have resolved to re-appoint them.

By Order of the Board



E P Boyle
Secretary
4 July 2013

Independent auditors' report to the members of Altro Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012

We have audited the financial statements of Altro Limited for the year ended 31 December 2012 which comprise the Profit and loss account, the Statement of total recognised gains and losses, the Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds, 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).

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 3, 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 to 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.

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

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 31 December 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

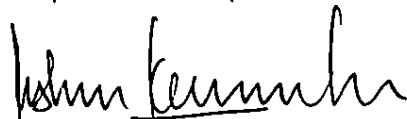
Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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.

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



Deshan Karunaratne (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
St Albans
4 July 2013

Profit and loss account

for the year ended 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Turnover	2	89,413	86,847
Cost of sales		(45,968)	(44,724)
Gross profit		43,445	42,123
Operating expenses	5	(35,319)	(33,951)
Operating profit		8,126	8,172
Income from shares in group undertakings		1,155	1,145
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		9,281	9,317
Interest receivable and similar income	6	54	23
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(304)	(162)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	7	9,031	9,178
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	10	(2,240)	(2,002)
Profit for the financial year		6,791	7,176

All the above results derive from continuing operations

There are no material differences between the profit on ordinary activities before tax and the retained profit for the year stated above and their historical cost equivalents

Statement of total recognised gains and losses

for the year ended 31 December 2012

		2012	2011
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year		6,791	7,176
Actuarial loss on net Defined Benefit Pension Scheme assets	20	(462)	(4,675)
Deferred tax on actuarial loss		106	1,169
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		6,435	3,670

Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

for the year ended 31 December 2012

		2012	2011
	Notes	£'000	£'000
Total recognised gains and losses relating to the year		6,435	3,670
Dividends paid	9	(12,000)	(7,500)
		(5,565)	(3,830)
Parent company capital contribution from share-based payment		623	726
Opening shareholders' funds		30,474	33,578
Closing shareholders' funds		25,532	30,474

Balance sheet

at 31 December 2012

	Notes	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Fixed assets			
Intangible assets	11	1,242	1,386
Tangible assets	12	11,856	11,261
Fixed asset investments	13	5,514	5,514
		18,612	18,161
Current assets			
Stocks	14	10,616	10,561
Debtors	15	13,763	15,232
Cash at bank and in hand		2,314	6,857
		26,693	32,650
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	16	(11,698)	(11,741)
Net current assets		14,995	20,909
Total assets less current liabilities		33,607	39,070
Provisions for liabilities	17	(545)	(729)
Net assets excluding Defined Benefit Pension Scheme liability		33,062	38,341
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme liability	20	(7,530)	(7,867)
Net Assets including Defined Benefit Pension Scheme liability		25,532	30,474
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	18	180	180
Share premium account	19	46	46
Profit and loss account	19	25,306	30,248
Total shareholders' funds		25,532	30,474

The financial statements on pages 5 to 24 were approved by the board on 4 July 2013 and signed on its behalf by



R J Kahn
Managing Director
Altro Limited

Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 31 December 2012

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared under the provisions of the Large- and Medium-Sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (SI 2008/410) and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom. The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the year, are set out below.

(b) Goodwill and intangible fixed assets

Goodwill, being the difference between the cost of businesses acquired and the fair value of their separable net assets, is included in the balance sheet in accordance with FRS 10 Goodwill and Intangible Assets. Purchases of intangible fixed assets are included in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated amortisation. Goodwill and intangible fixed assets are amortised in equal instalments over their estimated useful economic lives, up to a maximum of twenty years.

(c) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The cost of tangible fixed assets is their purchase cost, together with any related incidental costs of acquisition. Depreciation is provided evenly on the cost of tangible fixed assets to write them down to their estimated residual values over their expected useful lives. No depreciation is provided on assets under construction.

The rates of depreciation used are as follows:

- Land and buildings short leasehold - 5% or term of the lease if under twenty years
- Plant, equipment and vehicles - 10% to 50% according to the type of asset

Where there is evidence of impairment, fixed assets are written down to the recoverable amount.

(d) Deferred tax

Deferred tax is provided, except as noted below, on timing differences that have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, where the timing differences result in an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, in the future. Timing differences arise because of differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and tax purposes.

In accordance with FRS 19 Deferred Tax, deferred tax is not provided on timing differences arising from:

- revaluation gains on land and buildings, unless there is a binding agreement to sell them at a balance sheet date,
- gains on the sale of non-monetary assets, where on the basis of all available evidence, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets,
- extra tax payable on the unremitted earnings of the overseas subsidiaries and associates where there is no commitment to remit these earnings,
- fair value adjustment gains to fixed assets and stock to uplift prices to those ruling when an acquisition is made.

Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and law enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted. Where law or accounting standards require gains and losses to be recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses (STRGL), the related deferred tax is also taken directly to the STRGL.

(e) Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at either:

- the rate ruling at the date of the transactions, or
- the contracted rate if the transactions are covered by a forward exchange contract.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date, or if appropriate at the forward contract or option rate. These translation differences are dealt with in the profit and loss account. The fair value of forward exchange contracts as at 31 December 2012 was a gain of £18,331 (2011 loss of £203,266). The Group also uses currency swaps to hedge against foreign exchange risk. The market value of these instruments as at 31 December 2012 was a gain of £26,111 (2011 gain of £129,052).

(f) Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost represents all direct costs incurred in bringing stocks to their present state and location, including an appropriate proportion of manufacturing overheads. Where necessary, provision is made for obsolete, slow-moving and defective stocks.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

(g) Research and development

Research and development expenditure is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred

(h) Pension costs

The Company operates a Defined Benefit Pension Scheme (DB Scheme), closed to new members, the costs of which are assessed in accordance with the advice of an independent actuary

Pension costs for the DB Scheme have been accounted for in accordance with FRS 17 Retirement Benefits. The assets of the DB Scheme are measured at current bid price, and the liabilities using a projected unit method and discounted at a high quality corporate bond rate

The DB Scheme asset or liability is recognised in full on the balance sheet, net of the effects of deferred tax. The cost charged to operating profit is the current and past service cost of the DB Scheme. The interest costs and expected return on DB Scheme assets are included in net interest income. Actuarial gains or losses as a result of the actual return on assets differing from the expected return are recognised in the Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The Company also operates Defined Contribution Pension Schemes (DC Schemes). The pension costs for the DC Schemes represent contributions payable by the Company in the year

(i) Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less provision for impairment in value

(j) Operating leases

Rental costs under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account in equal annual amounts over the periods of the leases

(k) Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 1 (Revised 1996) Cash Flow Statements not to produce a cash flow statement. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Altro Group plc, a Company incorporated in the UK, and its results are included in the consolidated financial statements of The Altro Group plc, which are publicly available

(l) Share-based payment

The Company's ultimate parent company, The Altro Group plc, issues share options to certain employees. The fair value of equity-settled share-based payments is measured at the date of the grant. The fair value of cash-settled share-based payments is remeasured at the end of each year. The charge, based on fair value and the parent company's estimation of shares that will eventually vest, is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period

The calculation of the fair value of the share options by the parent company has been based on the Black-Scholes valuation model, using a number of subjective assumptions, the most significant of which is that the expected volatility of the parent company's share valuation will be 50%

The Altro Group plc operates a Share Incentive Plan (SIP) on which it is required to recognise a compensation charge under FRS 20 Share-based Payment, calculated as detailed above

Employer's National Insurance contributions arise on the exercise of certain share options. In accordance with UITF 25 National Insurance Contributions on Share Option Gains, provision has been made by the parent company, The Altro Group plc, based on the difference between the market price of the parent company's shares at the balance sheet date and the option exercise price, spread pro-rata over the vesting period of the options. The liability for the UITF 25 charge has been transferred to Altro Limited via an intercompany recharge from The Altro Group plc

(m) Turnover

The Company follows the principles of Application Note G Revenue Recognition of FRS 5 Reporting the Substance of Transactions, in determining appropriate revenue recognition policies. In principle therefore, revenue is recognised to the extent that the Company has obtained the right to consideration through its performance

Turnover (excluding value added tax) comprises the value of sales of goods after deducting certain sales incentives

(n) Provisions

Provisions principally comprise management's best estimate of costs required to make good for repair works on floors laid, and anticipated costs to make good on modifications at leased premises. Provisions are made when an obligation exists for a future liability in respect of a past event and where the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated, and are undiscounted

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2 Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods sold to external customers and completed contracts, excluding value added tax. Turnover by geographical area was

	2012		2011	
	£'000	%	£'000	%
Territory				
United Kingdom	59,921	67	57,444	66
Continental Europe	14,242	16	14,759	17
The Americas	8,628	9	7,277	8
Australia and Asia Pacific	5,204	6	5,763	7
Rest of world	1,418	2	1,604	2
	89,413	100	86,847	100

The directors have elected not to show an analysis of turnover, profit before tax or net assets by activity, as in their opinion it would be prejudicial to the interests of the Company. An analysis of profit and net assets by geographical area has been omitted for the same reason.

3 Employees

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the year was

	2012 Number	2011 Number
Manufacturing	153	145
Sales and marketing	168	170
Warehouse and distribution	63	58
Administration and management	111	113
	495	486

Employee costs, including directors, during the year were

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Wages and salaries	16,823	16,453
Social security costs	1,847	1,756
Pension costs	2,098	1,827
Employee share schemes (note 21)	623	727
Other staff benefits	428	467
	21,819	21,230

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4 Directors' remuneration

	2012	2011
	£	£
Emoluments	1,424,659	1,230,097
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme contributions	71,807	105,795
Defined Contribution Pension Scheme contributions	186,013	139,510
	1,682,479	1,475,402

Retirement benefits are accruing to two directors (2011 three) under the DB Scheme at 31 December 2012. Contributions were made to a Defined Contribution Pension Scheme on behalf of one director (31 December 2011 one) in the year ended 31 December 2012.

	2012	2011
	£	£
Highest paid director		
Emoluments	460,953	463,017
Defined Benefit Pension Scheme contributions	-	14,281
Defined Contribution Pension Scheme contributions	186,013	139,510
	646,966	616,808

The amount of the accrued pension of the highest paid director at 31 December 2012 is £132,043 (31 December 2011 £132,043). No share options (2011 53,127) and no Phantom share options (2011 78,896) were exercised by the highest paid director in the year.

5 Operating expenses

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Distribution costs	23,896	21,876
Administrative expenses	11,423	12,075
	35,319	33,951

6 Interest receivable and payable

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Interest receivable and similar income		
short term deposits	5	21
other	49	2
Interest receivable and similar income	54	23
Interest payable and similar charges		
bank overdrafts	(13)	(4)
loans from subsidiary companies	(100)	(28)
finance charge on DB Scheme (note 20)	(191)	(130)
Interest payable and similar charges	(304)	(162)

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7 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation

The profit for the year before tax is arrived at after charging / (crediting)

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Depreciation	2,481	2,226
Amortisation of intangibles	144	144
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the financial statements	66	65
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for other services		
other services relating to tax - compliance and advice	31	38
other services	6	92
Research and development	1,595	1,672
Foreign exchange (gains) / losses	(151)	66
Rentals under operating leases		
hire of plant and machinery	-	3
other operating leases	945	1,002
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	16	5

8 Operating lease commitments

The commitments at 31 December under non-cancellable operating leases are

	2012		2011	
	Land and Buildings £'000	Other £'000	Land and Buildings £'000	Other £'000
Leases expiring				
within one year	-	29	55	108
between one and five years	86	560	36	362
after five years	81	-	118	-
	167	589	209	470

9 Dividends

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Authorised and paid £66 51 per share (2011 £41 57)	12,000	7,500

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10 Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge based on the profit for the year is made up as follows

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Current tax		
UK corporation tax		
current tax on income for the year	1,871	1,511
adjustments in respect of prior years	(45)	(254)
Current tax charge for the year	1,826	1,257
Deferred tax timing differences - origination and reversal	414	745
Deferred tax charge for the year	414	745
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	2,240	2,002

The current tax charge for the year is lower (2011 lower) than the applicable hybrid rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24.5% (2011 26.5%). The hybrid rate is a result of a tax rate of 26% for FY2011 and 24% for FY2012.

A reconciliation of the current tax charge for the year is presented below

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	9,031	9,178
Tax charge on profit at a hybrid rate of 24.5% (2011 26.5%)	2,213	2,432
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	140	84
Depreciation more / (less) than capital allowances	23	(37)
Movement in short-term timing differences	(215)	(653)
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(45)	(254)
Foreign tax credits	(283)	(303)
Other	(7)	(12)
Current tax charge for the year	1,826	1,257

Factors that may affect the future current tax charge

A deferred tax asset has not been recognised in respect of timing differences relating to capital losses as there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recovered. The amount of the asset not recognised is £66,138 (2011 £71,889). The asset would be recovered if the Company made sufficient gains in future periods to utilise the capital losses brought forward.

During the year, as a result of the change in the UK main corporation tax rate to 23% that will be effective from 1 April 2013, the relevant deferred tax balances have been re-measured.

Further changes to the UK corporation tax system were announced in the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement 2012. These include a reduction to the main rate of UK corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014. This change had not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and therefore is not included in these financial statements.

The proposed reduction of the main rate of corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014 will be enacted separately. The overall effect of this further change, if it applied to the deferred tax balance at the balance sheet date, would be immaterial.

Notes to the financial statements

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11 Intangible fixed assets

	Distribution rights £'000	Franchise £'000	Goodwill £'000	Total £'000
Cost				
At 1 January 2012	100	141	2,488	2,729
At 31 December 2012	100	141	2,488	2,729
Accumulated amortisation				
At 1 January 2012	100	66	1,177	1,343
Charge for the year	-	7	137	144
At 31 December 2012	100	73	1,314	1,487
Net book value				
At 31 December 2012	-	68	1,174	1,242
At 31 December 2011	-	75	1,311	1,386

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings Short leasehold £'000	Plant equipment and vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost			
At 1 January 2012	359	35,376	35,735
Additions	-	3,113	3,113
Disposals	-	(3,228)	(3,228)
At 31 December 2012	359	35,261	35,620
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2012	350	24,124	24,474
Charge for the year	8	2,473	2,481
Disposals	-	(3,191)	(3,191)
At 31 December 2012	358	23,406	23,764
Net book value			
At 31 December 2012	1	11,855	11,856
At 31 December 2011	9	11,252	11,261

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13 Fixed asset investments

Shares in subsidiary undertakings

	£'000
Cost	
At 1 January 2012	7,046
At 31 December 2012	7,046
Provisions for impairment	
At 1 January 2012	(1,532)
Charge for the year	-
At 31 December 2012	(1,532)
Net book value	
At 31 December 2012	5,514
At 31 December 2011	5,514

The directors believe that the carrying value of the investments is supported by their underlying net assets

The principal trading subsidiaries at 31 December 2012 were

Company	Country of incorporation	Class of shares	% of shares held	Activity
Altro GmbH	Germany	-	100	Distribution
Altro Nordic AB	Sweden	Ordinary	100	Distribution
Altro Scandess SA	Spain	Ordinary	100	Distribution
Altro Canada Inc	Canada	Common	100	Distribution
Altro USA Inc	USA	-	100	Distribution

The Company has taken advantage of the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 s400 not to prepare consolidated financial statements as the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Altro Group plc, incorporated in Great Britain. The results, assets and liabilities of the Company's subsidiary undertakings are included in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's parent undertaking, The Altro Group plc

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14 Stocks

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Raw materials and consumables	4,413	4,177
Finished goods and goods held for resale	6,203	6,384
	10,616	10,561

15 Debtors

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	8,905	8,627
Amounts owed by group undertakings	439	2,863
Other debtors	880	390
Prepayments and accrued income	3,539	3,352
	13,763	15,232

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, and accrue interest at relevant agreed rates to the extent that such balances are overdue

16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Trade creditors	4,983	6,488
Amounts owed to group undertakings	1,788	1,649
Corporation tax	948	173
Other taxation and social security	842	531
Other creditors	165	256
Accruals	2,972	2,644
	11,698	11,741

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, repayable within one year and accrue interest at the rate of 5.5% per annum

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17 Provisions for liabilities and charges

	Deferred tax £'000	Other £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2012	464	265	729
(Credited) / charged to profit and loss account for the year	(66)	293	227
Utilised in the year	-	(168)	(168)
Released in the year	-	(243)	(243)
At 31 December 2012	398	147	545

Other provisions represent estimated amounts in respect of worldwide dilapidations and reparations. These provisions are expected to be used over the next five years.

Deferred tax

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Accelerated capital allowances	496	537
Short-term timing differences	(98)	(73)
Deferred tax provision	398	464

Deferred tax asset relating to Defined Benefit Pension Scheme

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
At 1 January	2,623	2,045
Deferred tax charge to profit and loss account	(480)	(591)
Deferred tax credit to statement of total recognised gains and losses	106	1,169
Deferred tax provision	2,249	2,623

18 Called up share capital

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Authorised		
200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each (2011: 200,000 ordinary shares of £1 each)	200	200
Called up allotted and fully paid		
180,433 ordinary shares of £1 each (2011: 180,433 ordinary shares of £1 each)	180	180

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19 Reserves

	Share premium £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At 1 January 2012	46	30,248	30,294
Profit for the financial year	-	6,791	6,791
Actuarial loss on DB Pension Scheme, net of deferred tax	-	(356)	(356)
Equity dividend paid	-	(12,000)	(12,000)
Parent company capital contribution from share-based payment	-	623	623
At 31 December 2012	46	25,306	25,352

20 Retirement benefits

(a) Defined Benefit Pension Scheme (DB Scheme)

The Company operates one 'funded' DB Scheme in the UK which offers both pensions in retirement and death benefits to members. Pension benefits are related to the members' final salary at retirement and their length of service. A full actuarial valuation was carried out at 30 April 2011, the preliminary results have been updated to 31 December 2012 by a qualified independent actuary and showed a deficit at that date of £9.8 million measured in accordance with FRS 17 Retirement Benefits.

As the DB Scheme is closed to new members, under the projected unit method, the current service cost, as a percentage of pensionable salaries, will increase as the members of the Scheme approach retirement. Contributions by the Company to the DB Scheme for the year beginning 1 January 2013 are currently expected to be £1.59 million of future accrual payments and £1.75 million of deficit reduction payments.

i) Net pension liability

The pension liability at 31 December was as follows:

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Fair value of DB Scheme assets	88,216	80,808
Present value of DB Scheme liabilities	(97,995)	(91,298)
Pension liability before tax	(9,779)	(10,490)
Related deferred tax asset	2,249	2,623
Net pension liability	(7,530)	(7,867)

The present value of 'unfunded' DB Scheme liabilities is nil (2011: nil). The irrecoverable surplus in the DB Scheme is nil (2011: nil).

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20 Retirement benefits (continued)

ii) Analysis of assets and expected rates of return

The assets in the DB Scheme and the expected rates of return at 31 December were

	2012			2011		
	Expected rate	% of overall	£'000	Expected rate	% of overall	£'000
	of return	DB Scheme		of return	DB Scheme	
	%	assets		%	assets	
Equities	8.0	27.2	23,971	8.0	26.1	21,123
Corporate bonds	4.6	10.8	9,528	4.8	5.2	4,187
LDI funds and cash	2.7	39.6	34,940	2.8	46.8	37,837
Diversified Growth Funds	8.0	22.4	19,777	8.0	21.9	17,661
Fair value of DB Scheme assets		100.0	88,216		100.0	80,808

The Scheme assets do not include any of the Company's own financial instruments, nor any property occupied by, or other assets used by the Company

iii) Financial and demographic assumptions

The principal financial assumptions used by the actuary at the balance sheet date were

	2012	2011
	%	%
Rate of increase in salaries	4.1	4.2
Rate of increase in pensions in payment (post April 1997)	3.6	3.7
Discount rate	4.6	4.8
Inflation assumption	3.1	3.2

The assumed life expectancies on retirement at age 65 were

		2012	2011
		years	years
Retiring today	males	22.0	22.8
	females	25.2	24.2
Retiring in 20 years' time	males	23.4	24.2
	females	26.7	25.8

The assumptions used in determining the overall expected return of the Scheme have been set with reference to yields available on government bonds and appropriate risk margins

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20 Retirement benefits (continued)

iv) Changes in fair value of DB Scheme assets

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Fair value of DB Scheme assets at 1 January	80,808	74,025
Expected return on DB Scheme assets	4,193	4,349
Actuarial gain	1,797	580
Contributions by employers	3,116	3,182
Contributions by DB Scheme members	665	712
Benefits paid	(2,363)	(2,040)
Fair value of DB Scheme assets at 31 December	88,216	80,808

The expected return on DB Scheme assets is determined by considering the expected returns available on the assets underlying the current investment policy. Expected yields on fixed interest investments are based on gross redemption yields as at the balance sheet date. Expected returns on equity investments reflect long-term real rates of return experienced in the respective markets.

The actual return on DB Scheme assets in the year was £6.0 million (2011: £4.9 million).

v) Changes in present value of DB Scheme liabilities

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Present value of DB Scheme liabilities at 1 January	91,298	81,329
Current service cost	1,752	1,563
Interest cost	4,384	4,479
Contributions by DB Scheme members	665	712
Actuarial loss	2,259	5,255
Benefits paid	(2,363)	(2,040)
Present value of Scheme liabilities at 31 December	97,995	91,298

vi) Analysis of amounts recognised in the profit and loss account

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Current service cost	1,752	1,563
Total operating charge	1,752	1,563
Expected return on DB Scheme assets	(4,193)	(4,349)
Interest on DB Scheme liabilities	4,384	4,479
Total finance charge (note 6)	191	130

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20 Retirement benefits (continued)

vii) Cumulative actuarial gains and losses recognised in equity

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000
Cumulative actuarial loss at 1 January	(24,348)	(19,673)
Actuarial loss recognised in the year	(462)	(4,675)
Cumulative actuarial loss at 31 December	(24,810)	(24,348)

viii) History of DB Scheme

Assets and liabilities

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2010 £'000	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Fair value of DB Scheme assets	88,216	80,808	74,025	65,123	54,714
Present value of DB Scheme liabilities	(97,995)	(91,298)	(81,329)	(72,419)	(51,292)
Pension (liability) / asset before tax	(9,779)	(10,490)	(7,304)	(7,296)	3,422

Actuarial gains and losses

	2012 £'000	2011 £'000	2010 £'000	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Total actuarial (loss) / gain recognised	(462)	(4,675)	(1,697)	(13,772)	6,419

Experience adjustments

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Experience adjustments to Scheme assets					
amount (£'000)	1,797	580	2,588	3,861	(7,176)
% of DB Scheme assets	2.0	0.7	3.5	5.9	(13.1)
Experience adjustments to Scheme liabilities					
amount (£'000)	(210)	(3,739)	-	-	(666)
% of DB Scheme liabilities	(0.2)	(4.1)	-	-	(1.3)

From January 2013 onwards, it has been agreed with the trustees that contributions to the DB Scheme by the Company will be made at a rate of 18.2% of members' salaries

(b) Defined Contribution Pension Schemes (DC Schemes)

The Company makes contributions into a number of Defined Contribution Pension Schemes, whose assets are held in separate funds. The total contributions payable by the Company in the year in respect of these Schemes were £346,107 (2011: £264,032). There were no accrued contributions at the year end. Contributions of £2,464,668 were prepaid at the year end (2011: £2,650,680).

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21 Share-based payment

During the year ended 31 December 2012, the Company's ultimate parent company, The Altro Group plc, operated three share-based payment arrangements for the benefit of the staff of Altro Limited, as follows

- The Altro Group plc Phantom Share Option Scheme 2005
- The Altro Group plc 2007 Approved Senior Staff Share Option Scheme
- The Altro Group plc Share Incentive Plan

The Share Incentive Plan (SIP) has been in operation since 2003. At the Company's discretion an award of free shares may be made annually to all eligible employees. The shares are held in trust for a minimum of three years to take advantage of HMRC tax concessions. Awards have been made each year to UK-based employees of Altro Limited with six months' service at the qualifying date.

The fair value of shares granted under the SIP is based on share price at grant date. The exercise price is nil, and dividends are paid as they fall due.

The charge in respect of share-based payment transactions included in the Company's consolidated profit and loss account for the year is as follows

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Expense arising from share-based payment arrangements	667	799

A reconciliation of option and SIP movements over the year to 31 December 2012 is shown below. Shares issued under the SIP do not have an exercise price and therefore only a reconciliation of the number of awards has been shown and not of their weighted average exercise price.

	2012		2011	
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price pence	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price pence
Outstanding at 1 January	798,175	382	1,188,410	340
Granted during the year	190,436	475	193,225	441
Exercised during the year	(227,561)	350	(575,483)	317
Cancelled during the year	(6,185)	485	(7,977)	376
Outstanding at 31 December	754,865	409	798,175	382
Exercisable at 31 December	144,841	422	98,965	384

During the year one director exercised share options (2011: four).

The weighted average fair value of the share options granted during the year was calculated using the Black-Scholes option valuation model, with the following assumptions and inputs:

	2012	2011
Risk-free interest rate	0.6%	0.8%
Expected volatility	50%	50%
Expected option life	4 years	4 years
Expected dividend yield	3.0%	2.5%

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21 Share-based payment (continued)

The expiry dates and exercise prices of The Altro Group plc share options outstanding at 31 December are as follows

Share option schemes	Settlement method	2012	2011	Exercise price pence	Exercisable between
		Number of options	Number of options		
Approved	Equity	27,078	33,263	485	03 04 2011 and 03 04 2015
		10,123	10,123	404	05 03 2012 and 05 03 2019
		17,475	17,475	515	04 04 2014 and 04 04 2021
		1,633	-	475	11 04 2015 and 11 04 2022
Total Approved		56,309	60,861		
Phantom	Cash	-	27,260	262	21 04 2009 and 21 04 2013
		10,449	29,094	352	18 04 2010 and 18 04 2014
		3,961	9,348	485	18 04 2010 and 18 04 2014
		7,281	11,849	485	03 04 2011 and 03 04 2015
		85,949	121,934	404	05 03 2012 and 05 03 2016
		149,276	174,884	316	15 07 2013 and 15 07 2017
		103,893	103,893	515	04 04 2014 and 04 04 2018
		125,569	-	475	11 04 2015 and 11 04 2019
Total Phantom		486,378	478,262		
Share Incentive Plan	Equity	212,178	259,052		
Total Share Incentive Plan		212,178	259,052		
Total share options outstanding		754,865	798,175		

22 Capital commitments

	2012	2011
	£'000	£'000
Contracted but not provided for	2,420	804

23 Related party transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption available under FRS 8 Related Party Transactions and has not disclosed transactions with other Group companies. There are no other related party transactions requiring disclosure.

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24 Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The immediate and ultimate parent company and controlling party is The Altro Group plc, for which Group financial statements are prepared. The Company is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. Copies of the Group financial statements are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff CF14 3UZ. For the year ended 31 December 2012, the largest and smallest groups in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by The Altro Group plc.