

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

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VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED

OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BJ Muir
SL Carmel
P Jassal

COMPANY SECRETARY

A Abioye

REGISTERED OFFICE

364-366 Kensington High Street
London
W14 8NS

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED

STRATEGIC REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors present their strategic report for the company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of a finance company.

The result and position of the company as at and for the year ended 31 December 2017 are set out in the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position and statement of changes in equity on pages 5, 6 and 7 respectively. The result and position of the company were in line with directors' expectations.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The company's profit for the financial year was £1,736,000 (2016 - profit £2,312,000). The retained profit for the year has been transferred to reserves.

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Given the straightforward nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using key performance indicators is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES AND FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The company operates as part of the Vivendi Group (the 'group') and all of its transactions are with fellow group undertakings.

As such its activities are dependent on the activities of the group as a whole. The risks and uncertainties facing the company are linked to those of the group. A detailed discussion of the group risks and uncertainties and financial risk management policies is contained in the Vivendi SA annual report.

The company is exposed to the following risks:

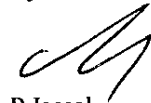
- interest rate fluctuations
- exchange rate movements

All risks and uncertainties are regularly monitored by the Board of Directors of the company.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Notwithstanding the risks and uncertainties outlined above, the directors do not anticipate any significant change in the activities and results of the company in the foreseeable future.

By Order of the board



P Jassal
Director

24 MAY 2018

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The directors present their report, the strategic report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2017.

DIRECTORS

The directors who served the company during the year and subsequently were as follows:

A Brown
RM Constant
BJ Muir
SL Carmel
P Jassal

A Brown resigned as a director on 31 March 2017.

SL Carmel was appointed as a director on 31 March 2017.

P Jassal was appointed as a director on 18 May 2017.

RM Constant resigned as a director on 28 July 2017.

DIRECTORS' QUALIFYING THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

A qualifying third party indemnity provision remains in force as at the date of approving the directors' report, subject to the provisions of section 236 of the Companies Act 2006. Vivendi SA, headed by Bolloré Group, the ultimate parent undertaking, maintains a Directors & Officers Liability Programme which indemnifies directors' personal liabilities resulting from alleged wrongful acts committed in the line of their employment.

POLICY ON THE PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

It is the company's policy that payments to suppliers are made in accordance with those terms and conditions agreed between the company and its suppliers, provided that all trading terms and conditions have been complied with.

DONATIONS

The company made no charitable or political donations in either year.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

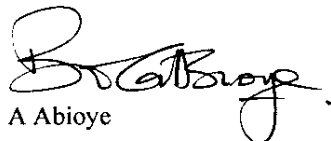
The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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 year. 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the board



A Abioye

Company Secretary

Company Registration Number: 00335444

24 MAY 2018

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Interest receivable and similar income	5	2,150	2,890
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION		2,150	2,890
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(414)	(578)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		1,736	2,312
Other comprehensive income		-	-
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		1,736	2,312

All of the activities of the company are classed as continuing operations.

The notes on pages 8 to 14 form part of these financial statements

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Note	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	556,294	538,672
		556,294	538,672
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(254,521)	(238,635)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		301,773	300,037
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called-up equity share capital	9	128,947	128,947
Profit and loss account		172,826	171,090
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		301,773	300,037

For the year ended 31 December 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies .

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board for issue on **24 MAY 2018**

On behalf of the Board of Directors


P Jassal

Company Registration Number: 00335444

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VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Share capital £'000	Profit & Loss share-holders Account £'000	Total ' funds £'000
Balance brought forward at 1 January 2016	128,947	168,778	297,725
Total comprehensive income for the period			
Profit for the year	-	2,312	2,312
Balance at 1 January 2017	128,947	171,090	300,037
Total comprehensive income for the period			
Profit for the year	-	1,736	1,736
Balance carried forward at 31 December 2017	128,947	172,826	301,773

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VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Virgin Records Overseas Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in the UK under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The registered office is 364-366 Kensington High Street, London, W14 8NS.

The principal activities of the company and the nature of its operations are set out in the strategic report on page 2.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The company's financial statements have been prepared in compliance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Companies Act 2006.

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation of financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company, and have been rounded to the nearest £000.

FRS 102 - Qualifying exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102:

- from preparing a statement of cash flows and related notes;
- from preparing a reconciliation of the number of shares outstanding from the beginning to the end of the financial year;
- from disclosing related party transactions;
- from disclosing key management personnel compensation;
- from certain financial instrument disclosures required by FRS 102.11 *Basic Financial Instruments* and FRS 102.12 *Other Financial Instruments*.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of the company's parent undertaking, Vivendi SA, copies of which can be obtained from 42 Avenue de Friedland, 75380 Paris, Cedex 08, France.

Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect future developments, its financial exposures and its risk exposures are described in the strategic report.

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources available to it to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adapt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Going concern - continued support from parent undertaking

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the company has received confirmation for Societe d'Investissements et de Gestion 104 S.A.S., the company's intermediate parent undertaking, of its intention to continue to provide financial and other support to the extent necessary to enable the company to continue to pay its liabilities as and when they become due for a period not less than one year from the date of approval of these financial statements. Having regard to this intention, the directors believe it is appropriate to prepare these financial statements on a going concern basis, notwithstanding the deficit on net current liabilities at 31 December 2017.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

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

Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the company intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Debt instruments which meet the following conditions of being 'basic' financial instruments as defined in paragraph 11.9 of FRS 102 are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debt instruments that have no stated interest rate (and do not constitute financing transaction) and are classified as payable or receivable within one year are initially measured at an undiscounted amount of the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received, net of impairment.

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial instruments (continued)

Financial assets and liabilities (continued)

Other debt instruments not meeting conditions of being 'basic' financial instruments are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the company transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the company, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the fair value of cash or other resources received or receivable, net of direct issue costs.

Fair value measurement

The best evidence of fair value is a quoted price for an identical asset in an active market. When quoted prices are unavailable, the price of a recent transaction for an identical asset provides evidence of fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances or a significant lapse of time since the transaction took place. If the market is not active and recent transactions of an identical asset on their own are not a good estimate of fair value, the fair value is estimated by using a valuation technique.

Other debtors / creditors

Other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price less attributable transaction costs. Other creditors are recognised initially at transaction price plus attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, for example if payment is deferred beyond normal business terms, then it is measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of instrument for a similar debt instrument.

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Expenses

Interest receivable and Interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable, finance charges, unwinding of the discount on provisions, and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised through profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income .

Other interest receivable and similar income include interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit or loss as they accrue. Dividend income is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income on the date the company's right to receive payments is established. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

Taxation

Tax on the profit or loss for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised through profit or loss in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income, in which case it is recognised directly in equity or other comprehensive income.

Current tax is the expected tax payable or receivable on the taxable income or loss for the year, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is provided on timing differences which arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements. The following timing differences are not provided for: differences between accumulated depreciation and tax allowances for the cost of a fixed asset if and when all conditions for retaining the tax allowances have been met; and differences relating to investments in subsidiaries, associated and joint ventures to the extent that it is not probable that they will reverse in the foreseeable future and the reporting entity is able to control the reversal of the timing difference. Deferred tax is not recognised on permanent differences arising because certain types of income or expense are non-taxable or are disallowable for tax or because certain tax charges or allowances are greater or smaller than the corresponding income or expense.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rate that is expected to apply to the reversal of the related difference, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the statement of financial position date. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

VIRGIN RECORDS OVERSEAS LIMITED
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The directors may make judgements in the application of the accounting policies above that have a significant impact on the amounts recognised, and may make estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

In preparing the financial statements for the year, the directors have concluded there are no critical judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty to disclose.

4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The company had no employees during the year ended 31 December 2017 (2016: no)

Emoluments for the directors of the Company are paid for by a fellow group company. The fellow group company has not recharged any amount to the Company (2016: nil) on the basis that they are unable to make a reasonable apportionment of the portion of these total emoluments that relate to qualifying services provided by directors of the Company.

5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	2,150	2,890
	<u>2,150</u>	<u>2,890</u>

6. TAX ON PROFIT

(a) Analysis of tax charge in the year

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Current tax:		
Group relief payable for losses claimed from other group undertakings	414	578
Tax on profit	<u>414</u>	<u>578</u>

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6. TAX ON PROFIT (continued)

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the year is the same as than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%).

Under the Finance (No.2) Act 2015, the main rate of corporation tax was reduced from 20% to 19% effective from 1 April 2017. A further reduction to 17% from 1 April 2020 will apply by virtue of the Finance Act 2016 s46 which was enacted on 15 September 2016. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the rate that is expected to apply to the accounting period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on the above rates

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Profit before taxation	2,150	2,890
Profit at the standard rate of UK Corporation tax of 19.25% (2016: 20.00%)	<u>414</u>	<u>578</u>
Current tax charge for the financial year	<u>414</u>	<u>578</u>

7. DEBTORS: Amounts due within one year

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	556,294	538,672
	<u>556,294</u>	<u>538,672</u>

All amounts owed from fellow group undertakings are classified as current as they are repayable on demand. Interest rates on intercompany loans have been agreed between parties on a loan by loan basis.

8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £'000	2016 £'000
Amounts owed to group undertakings	254,521	238,635
	<u>254,521</u>	<u>238,635</u>

All amounts owed to fellow group undertakings are classified as current as they are repayable on demand. Interest rates on intercompany loans have been agreed between parties on a loan by loan basis.

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9. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised:

	2017		2016	
	No	£'000	No	£'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	134,998,000	134,998	134,998,000	134,998
Ordinary A shares of £1 each	2,000	2	2,000	2
	<u>135,000,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>	<u>135,000,000</u>	<u>135,000</u>

Allotted, called up and fully paid:

	2017		2016	
	No	£'000	No	£'000
Ordinary shares of £1 each	128,945,478	128,945	128,945,478	128,945
Ordinary A shares of £1 each	2,000	2	2,000	2
	<u>128,947,478</u>	<u>128,947</u>	<u>128,947,478</u>	<u>128,947</u>

10. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The immediate parent undertaking at is EMI Group Worldwide. The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party as at 31 December 2017 was Bolloré Group.

The smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Vivendi SA, a company incorporated in France. Copies of its annual report in English may be obtained from:

42 avenue de Friedland
75380 Paris
Cedex 08
France

The largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Bolloré Group, a company incorporated in France. Copies of its annual report in English may be obtained from:

Tour Bolloré
31-32 quai de Dion Bouton
92 811 Puteaux
France