Report and Accounts

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# **DOUBLEITEM LIMITED**Company Information

## Directors

R C Felton J Hands

## Secretary

Jordans Company Secretaries Limited

## **Auditors**

PKF (UK) LLP Farringdon Place 20 Farringdon Road London, UK EC1M 3AP

## Registered office

The Old Library The Drive Sevenoaks Kent TN13 3AB

## Registered number

392632

#### **Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the period ended 29 November 2007

#### Principal activities

The company did not trade during the period

#### Review of business and future developments

The results for the period and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements

#### Dividends

No dividends will be distributed for the period ended 29 November 2007 (2006 £Nil)

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the period under review were

R C Felton

J Hands

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally. Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- 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 that 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 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.

## Provision of information to auditors

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So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of
  any relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies

This report was approved by the board on 16 May 2008

J Hands Director

Independent auditors' report

#### to the members of DOUBLEITEM LIMITED

We have audited the accounts of Doubleitem Limited for the period ended 29 November 2007 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards ('United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice') are set out in the statement of directors' responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) 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 judgments 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 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, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 29 November 2007 and of its result for the period then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

PKF (UK) LLP

PKF (UK) LLP Registered auditors

London, UK

23 May 2008

## **Profit and Loss Account**

for the period from 1 December 2006 to 29 November 2007

		Period ended	Period ended
	Notes	29 November 2007	30 November 2006
		£	£
Administrative expenses		-	(30,148)
Operating loss	2		(30,148)
Exceptional items Profit on the disposal of tangible fixed assets	3	-	479,402
			449,254
Interest receivable		-	91,975
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		-	541,229
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	183,000
Profit for the period	9		724,229

## Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the loss for the period ended 30 November 2006

All of the company's activities were discontinued during the period ended 30 November 2006

## DOUBLEITEM LIMITED Balance Sheet as at 29 November 2007

	Notes		29 November 2007 £		30 November 2006 £
Current assets					
Debtors	6_	5,609,684		5,609,684	
Net current assets			5,609,684		5,609,684
			5,609,684		5,609,684
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	7		3,484,897		3,484,897
Profit and loss account	9		2,124,787		2,124,787
Shareholders' funds	10		5,609,684		5,609,684

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on 25 May 2008

J Hands Director

## Notes to the Accounts

## for the period from 1 December 2006 to 29 November 2007

## 1 Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of the hotel and in accordance with applicable accounting standards

## Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life, as follows

Freehold buildings core 50 years
Freehold buildings surface finishes and services 20 years
Fixtures and fittings 4 to 25 years

### Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking

## Deferred taxation

As required by Financial Reporting Standard 19 "Deferred Tax", full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing difference between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation, exept for those timing differences in respect of which FRS19 specifies that deferred tax should not be recognised

Deferred assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax balances are not discounted

#### Related party transactions

The company's assets were sold on 4th July 2006

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in FRS 8 in connection with the disclosure of transactions with other group undertakings

2	Operating loss	2007 £	2006 £
	This is stated after charging	*	*
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	<u>-</u>	29,333
	The auditors' remuneration of £750 for the period ended 29 November 2007 (2006 for the period have been borne by another group company	£750) and any	tax advice fees
3	Exceptional items	2007 £	2006 £
	Profit on disposal of land and buildings	<u>-</u>	479,402

## Notes to the Accounts

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4	Staff costs	2007 Number	2006 Number
	Average number of employees during the year		
	Administration	2	
	There were no staff costs for the period ended 29 November 2007 (2006 £nil)		
	None of the directors received any remuneration for the period (2006 £nil)		
5	Taxation		
	Current year charge	2007 £	2006 £
	Corporation tax	-	_
	Total current tax	-	-
	Deferred taxation	-	(183,000)
	Total tax		(183,000)
		2007	2006
	Factors affecting tax charge for the period	£	£
	Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	-	541,229
	Profit(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by		
	standard rate of corporation tax (30%)	-	162,369
	Explained by		
	Expenses not deductible for corporation tax purposes	-	275,963
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	-	173,795
	Losses brought forward utilised in the period	-	(39,069)
	Group relief surrendered		(573,058)
	Total current tax	<u> </u>	-

## **Notes to the Accounts**

# for the period from 1 December 2006 to 29 November 2007

6	Debtors			2007 £	2006 £
	Amounts due from immediate parent undertaking Amounts due from group undertaking			7,470 5,602,214	7,470 5,602,214
				5,609,684	5,609,684
7	Share capital	2007	2006	2007	2006
,	Share capital	No	No	2007 £	2000 £
	Authorised			-	
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,490,897	3,490,897	3,490,897	3,490,897
	Allotted, issued and fully paid				
	Ordinary shares of £1 each	3,484,897	3,484,897	3,484,897	3,484,897
8	Revaluation reserve			2007	2006
				£	£
	At 1 December 2006			_	1,495,080
	Transfer relating to revalued assets			-	(1,495,080)
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	At 29 November 2007			<del></del>	
9	Profit and loss account			2007	2006
				£	£
	At 1 December 2006			2,124,787	(94,522)
	Profit for the period			-, :,, - :	724,229
	Transfers relating to fixed assets			-	1,495,080
	At 29 November 2007			2,124,787	2,124,787
10	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' fu	ınds		2007	2006
				£	£
	At 1 December 2006			5,609,684	4,885,455
	Profit for the period			J,007,004 -	724,229
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	At 29 November 2007			5,609,684	5,609,684

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## 11 Contingent liability

On 1 December 2005 the group paid off its bank loans and entered into a new facility. As part of this arrangement, the company has granted a new fixed and floating charge over the company and certain property and current assets. The amount owed by the Hand Picked Hotels group as at 29 November 2007 was £88,350,000 (2006 £75,350,000)

## 12 Ultimate Parent Company

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Benfica Limited, which is registered in the Isle of Man. The company's immediate parent is Earlyservices Limited (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) a company registered in England and Wales. The largest and smallest group, in whose financial statements the results of the company will be consolidated is Hand Picked Hotels Limited, which is registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of Hand Picked Hotels Limited will be available to the public and will be obtainable in due course from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff

The controlling party is Mr G Hands