# Britannia Hotels Limited and subsidiary undertakings

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015

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Directors' report

For the year ended 31 March 2015

The directors present their report and financial statements of the group for the year ended 31 March 2015.

**Principal activities** 

The group's principal activities continue to be the operating of hotels and property development. It also sells conference room hire, banqueting functions and health club membership.

**Business review** 

The turnover for the year ended 31 March 2015 was £79.0 million (2014: £73.3 million) – a rise of 7.7% on last year. The group made a profit before tax of £14,229,000 (2014: profit before tax £2,630,000). The directors continue to recognise that the current economic climate in the UK has placed additional demands on the business, which has resulted in the need to maintain provisions for onerous contracts relating to two hotels and carefully consider whether there is a requirement to write down the carrying value of others (no adjustments being deemed necessary in the year ended 31 March 2015).

In order to simplify operations and minimise the administrative requirements of continuing to trade through a number of entities the Group has undertaken to simplify its corporate structure. The trade and assets of the following subsidiaries were hived up into Britannia Hotels Limited on 31 March 2015:

Britannia Adelphi Hotel Limited

Britannia Bolton Hotel Limited

Britannia Leeds Hotel Limited

**Britannia Country House Hotel Limited** 

Britannia Hotel Wolverhampton Limited

Britannia Hotel Edinburgh Limited

The trade and assets of another subsidiary, Birmingham International Limited, were transferred to Britannia Hotels No.2 Limited, a connected company that sits outside of the Group on 31 March 2015.

### Results and dividends

The trading results for the year and the group's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements, and are discussed further in the business review below.

The company has paid no dividends during the year (2014: £Nil).

Directors' report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2015

Results and dividends (continued)

The directors who served during the year and at the date of this report were as follows:

Mr R. Ferrari

Mrs. E. Downey

Mr A. Langsam

**Employees** 

Details of employees and related costs can be found in note 5 to the financial statements.

The group's policies and practices are laid out in employees' contracts of employment. Regular meetings are held within the individual hotels with heads of departments and the resulting information is passed to all employees. The group makes every effort to provide the same opportunities to disabled persons as to others and does not discriminate between employees on the grounds of race, ethnic origin or sex. Equal opportunity is given to all job applicants.

Briefing and consultative procedures exist throughout the group to inform employees on all matters of concern to them and to provide opportunities for comment and discussion.

Disabled employees

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the aptitude of the applicant concerned. In the event of any 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 group that the training, career development and promotion of disabled persons should, as far as possible, be identical with that of other employees.

Post-balance sheet events

Following the year end to the date of signing of the accounts there were no significant events to report.

**Auditors** 

A resolution to re-appoint Grant Thornton UK LLP as the company's auditor will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

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By order of the Board,

R. Ferrari Director

17 September 2015

## Strategic report

For the year ended 31 March 2015

#### Strategy

The strategy adopted during the year has been to maintain the properties in the group to a high standard in order to meet the challenges presented by an increasingly competitive market. The group aims to offer increasing levels of comfort and service whilst maintaining its highly competitive prices and reputation for good value.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover is monitored in overall terms reflecting a mix of occupancy levels and average room rate. As a result of the hotel acquisitions in the current and previous year sales show growth of 7.8% for the year. This policy of organic growth and carefully managed expansion is designed to and enhance the future prospects of the business.

#### **Gross profit**

The gross margin achieved for the year equated to 65.8% (2014: 61.9%). Trading conditions show some signs of improvement at selected locations influencing profitability and encouraging our continuing ambition of further investment in new properties.

### **Operating costs**

Operating costs have decreased by around 7% on the previous year reflecting the directors' focus on the careful management of costs.

#### **Key Performance Indicators**

The directors manage the company's operations by monitoring the above KPI's of turnover, gross profit and operating costs. It is believed that these KPI's are those most applicable in understanding the group as a whole's reported performance.

## **Future outlook**

The directors recognise that the environment of increased competition in the UK hotel industry has placed additional demands on the business. In order to sustain and enhance our position in the market we have endeavoured to improve the standard of our product both in terms of facilities and levels of service. The group have made strategic acquisitions of hotels during the year and has also added two additional properties since the year end. The directors recognise that economic conditions in the short term are likely to put strains upon the business and have carefully considered the availability of working capital and likely levels of trading over the next 12 months. We are confident that the business is well placed in order to meet the challenges.

## Principal risks and uncertainties

The hotel industry in the UK is becoming increasingly competitive and this brings an increased risk of losing major sales accounts to competitors. The group manages to control this risk by adding improved services whilst retaining highly competitive prices and maintaining good customer relationships. The group has no overseas operations.

Demand for hotel services can be affected by the general economic conditions in the country. We ensure that we retain the necessary flexibility on our prices in order to quickly respond to changing market conditions. In addition, we

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Strategic report (continued)

For the year ended 31 March 2015

employ tight controls on our costs, particularly labour costs, in order to ensure that the group maintains its competitive

position.

Financial risk management objectives and policies

The financial instruments used by the group include bank loans and overdrafts, cash and items such as trade debtors and trade creditors that arise directly from its operations. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to raise

finance for the group's operations.

The main risks arising from the group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The

directors review and agree policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies

have remained unchanged from previous years.

Interest rate risk

The company finances it operations through a mixture of retained profit, amounts owed to related parties and bank borrowings. It is the group's policy to undertake borrowings on the basis of variable interest rate facilities. The

directors are confident that the overall resources of the organisation and its shareholders are sufficient to enable us to

easily absorb any potential changes in interest rates.

Liquidity risk

The group seeks to manage financial risk by ensuring sufficient liquidity is available to meet foreseeable needs and to

invest cash assets safely and profitably.

Short-term flexibility is achieved by overdraft facilities.

The maturity of borrowings is set out in note 16 to the financial statements.

Credit risk

The group's principal financial assets are cash and trade debtors. The principal credit risk arises from the group's

trade debtors. In order to manage credit risk, the directors enforce a rigorous system of third party credit references,

constantly reviewed credit limits and uncompromising debt collection.

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By order of the Board,

R. Ferrari Director

17 September 2015

## Directors' responsibilities For the year ended 31 March 2015

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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable laws). 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 and profit or loss of the company and group 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 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.

### The directors confirm that:

- so far as each director is aware; there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any
  relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

# Independent auditors report to the members of Britannia Hotels Limited For the year ended 31 March 2014

We have audited the financial statements of Britannia Hotels Limited for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated and parent company balance sheets, the consolidated cash flow statement, the statement of accounting policies 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).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, 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 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and the parent company's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of the group's 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 Strategic Report and Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

# Independent auditors report to the members of Britannia Hotels Limited

For the year ended 31 March 2015

## 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 by the parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · the parent company 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.

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Kevin Engel

Senior Statutory Auditor

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP,

Statutory Auditor, Chartered Accountants

Manchester

2 September 2015

## **Britannia Hotels Limited**

Company Reg No: 1343600

Consolidated profit and loss account

For the year ended 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Turnover	1	79,017	73,318
Cost of sales		(27,004)	(27,898)
Gross profit	-	52,013	45,420
Other operating expenses	2	(36,824)	(39,615)
Operating profit	•	15,189	5,805
Bank interest received		3	23
Interest payable and similar charges	3	(963)	(3,198)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4	14,229	2,630
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(3,081)	207
Retained profit for the year	19	11,148	2,837

All activity relates to continuing operations.

There were no other recognised gains or losses in the year other than the profit for the year. Accordingly a statement of total recognised gains or losses is not presented.

# Britannia Hotels Limited Group balance sheet

31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Fixed assets			
Chief rents	9	33	33
Goodwill	10	1,301	2,140
Intangible total assets		1,334	2,173
Tangible assets	11	154,112	141,676
Investments	12		-
		155,446	143,849
Current assets			
Stocks	13	3,319	3,312
Trade debtors		893	1174
Prepayments and accrued income		3,795	4,242
Other debtors	14	19,487	128,888
Cash at bank and in hand		3,886	799
		31,380	138,415
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Trade creditors		(1,368)	(1,431)
Accruals and deferred income		(6,612)	(12,507)
Other creditors	15	(3,401)	(7,345)
Bank loans	16	(2,536)	(36,436)
		(13,917)	(57,719)
Net current assets		17,463	80,696
Total assets less current liabilities		172,909	224,545
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
Bank loans	16	(11,014)	(113,782)
Director's loan account		(32,472)	-
Provisions for liabilities	17	(24,250)	(22,233)
Net assets		105,173	88,530
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	18	30	30
Revaluation reserve	19	15,909	34,579
Other reserve	19	7,064	7,064
Profit and loss account	19	82,170 	46,857
Equity shareholders' funds	20	105,173	88,530

# Britannia Hotels Limited Group balance sheet

31 March 2015

The financial statements on pages 9 to 35 were approved by the Board of Directors on 17 September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

R. Ferrari Director

Britannia Hotels Limited Company no: 1343600

## Britannia Hotels Limited Company balance sheet 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Fixed assets		2 000	2 000
Chief rents	9	33	33
Intangible assets	10	471	803
Tangible assets	11	143,565	86,783
Investments	12	2,000	2,020
		146,069	89,639
Current assets			
Stocks	13	3,246	2,973
Trade debtors		823	601
Prepayments and accrued income		3,784	3,873
Debtors	14	31,066	140,794
Cash at bank and in hand		4,724	2,977
		43,643	151,218
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year			
Trade creditors		(1,263)	(911)
Accruals and deferred income		(6,409)	(10,185)
Other creditors	15	(63,931)	(33,824)
Bank loans		(2,536)	(36,436)
		(74,139)	(81,356)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(30,496)	69,862
Total assets less current liabilities		115,573	159,501
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
Bank loans		(11,014)	(113,782)
Director's loan account		(32,472)	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges	17	(24,371)	(1,122)
Net assets		47,716	44,597
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	18	30	30
Revaluation reserve	19	15,910	15,910
Profit and loss account	19	31,776	28,657
	•		
Closing equity shareholders' funds	20	47,716	44,597

## Britannia Hotels Limited Company balance sheet 31 March 2015

The financial statements on pages 9 to 35 were approved by the Board of Directors on 17 September 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

R. Ferrari Director

**Britannia Hotels Limited** 

# Consolidated cash flow statement

For the year ended 31 March 2015

	Notes	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	21	148,889	(105,297)
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	22	(960)	(3,175)
Capital expenditure – acquisitions and disposals	22	(6,941)	(8,080)
Cash inflow/(outflow) before financing		140,988	(116,552)
Financing	22	(137,210)	110,853
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year	23	3,778	(5,699)

## Statement of accounting policies

For the year ended 31 March 2015

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain fixed assets (in accordance with the transitional rules of FRS 15) and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. The directors have reviewed the accounting policies to ensure that they are compliant with the requirements of FRS 18.

## Going concern

The directors perform an annual review of the entity's ability to continue to operate as a going concern, taking into account expected cashflows and the ability to source funding from other group companies, controlling parties and external parties. On this basis the directors consider it appropriate to adopt the going concern basis.

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The group financial statements consolidate the financial statements of Britannia Hotels Limited and its material subsidiary undertakings (note 12) drawn up to the end of March each year. The results of subsidiaries acquired or sold are consolidated for the periods from or to the date on which control passed. Acquisitions are accounted for under the acquisition method.

## Intangible assets - Goodwill

The goodwill in the group accounts arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and businesses, representing any excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired has been capitalised and written off on a straight line basis over three years and ten years respectively.

#### Intangible assets - Chief rents

Chief rents created are capitalised on the basis of 3 - 5 times the annual amounts receivable. No amortisation is provided on chief rents capitalised, as the amount involved would not be significant.

## Notes to financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2015

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or valuation net of depreciation and any provisions for impairment.

No depreciation is provided on freehold hotel properties or hotel properties with leases of twenty years or more to run at the balance sheet date or plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings. It is the group's practice to maintain these assets in a continual state of sound repair and to extend and make improvements thereto from time to time. Accordingly the directors consider that the lives of these assets are so long, and residual values (based on prices prevailing at the time of acquisition or subsequent valuation) are so high, that their depreciation is insignificant. Moreover, whilst the initial costs incurred on extensive repair and refurbishment programmes are capitalised, those in respect of items subsequently replaced are written off to the profit and loss account as incurred. In accordance with FRS 15 "Tangible fixed assets", the directors perform an annual impairment review. Any deficits are charged in the profit and loss account except where the asset has in the past been revalued, when the deficit is charged to the revaluation reserve.

Depreciation on other tangible fixed assets is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of assets over their expected useful lives as follows:

Motor vehicles 25% per annum reducing balance basis.

Plant & machinery etc 33% per annum straight line basis

#### Revaluation of properties

The group has taken advantage of the transitional provisions of FRS 15 "Tangible fixed assets" and retained the book amounts of certain freehold properties which were revalued prior to implementation of that standard.

On the disposal of a revalued fixed asset, any related balance remaining in the revaluation reserve is transferred to the profit and loss account as a movement on reserves.

## Investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

#### **Stocks**

Stocks including development properties held for resale, are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

### **Taxation**

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

## Notes to financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2015

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is measured on a discounted basis to reflect the time value of money over the period between the balance sheet date and the dates on which it is estimated that the underlying timing differences will reverse, up to a maximum period of 25 years. The discount rates used reflect the post tax yields to maturity that can be obtained on government bonds with similar maturity dates and currencies to those of the deferred tax assets or liabilities.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of trade discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes. Turnover in respect of accommodation is recognised overnight during each night the customer stays whilst other sales, including restaurant and bar revenue, are recognised at the point of purchase. Rental income and Management Service income are recognised in the period in which they are earned.

#### Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are similarly spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term, except where the period to the review date on which the rent is first expected to be adjusted to the prevailing market rate is shorter than the full lease term, in which case the shorter period is used.

#### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the Company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount the obligation.

Long-term provisions are measured at the present value of management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date. The present value of long-term provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at an appropriate pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

## Notes to financial statements

For the year ended 31 March 2015

1 Turnover		
	2015	2014
Association and a skinika	£'000	£'000
Area of activity: Hoteliers	69,682	62,201
	9,223	11,005
Hotel management services	9,223 112	112
Rental income		
-	79,017	73,318
All turnover arose from activity in the UK. Activities are regarded as one class of business	SS.	
2 Other operating expenses		
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Distribution expenses	5,491	4,791
Administrative expenses - onerous lease provision (note 17)	1,797	3,190
Administrative expenses – other	29,536	31,633
-	36,824	39,614
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3 Interest payable and similar charges		0044
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Bank loans and overdrafts	963	3,198
4 Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging:		
	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Depreciation	17	16
Amortisation of goodwill	839	839
Provision in respect of onerous leases	1,797	3,190
Operating lease rentals	1,167	1,053
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	•	,
- for audit of these financial statements	24	24
- for audit of subsidiary financial statements	10	10
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Amounts paid to Deloitte in respect of corporation tax compliance services were £26,375 (2014 – Grant Thornton £51,870).

For the year ended 31 March 2015

## 5 Staff costs

The average monthly number of employees (including executive directors) was:

	2015 Number	2014 Number
Office and management	149	189
Directors	3	. 3
Direct workers	1,743	1,674
	1,895	1,866
Their aggregate remuneration comprised:	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	10.055	16 000
Wages and salaries Social security costs	19,055 889	16,990 1,064
Social Security Costs	19,944	18,054
	13,344	10,004
6 Directors' remuneration, interests and transactions		
The total amounts for directors' remuneration was as follows:		
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Emoluments	198	198
Emoluments in respect of the highest paid director	50	50
7 Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
The tax charge comprises:		
Current tax	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
UK corporation tax current year	2,472	-
UK corporation tax adjustment in respect of prior periods	398	(675)
Total current tax	2,870	(675)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	528	395
Effect of change of tax rates	1	(360)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	40	555
(Decrease) in discount rate	(358)	(122)
Total deferred tax (see note 17)	<u> 211</u>	468
Total tax on profit on ordinary activities	3,081	(207)

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## 7 Tax on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

The differences between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK corporation tax to the profit before tax is as follows.

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
	£ 000	£ 000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	14,229	2,630
Tax on group profit on ordinary activities at standard UK corporation		
tax rate of 21% (2014 – 23%)	2,998	605
Effects of:		
Utilisation of losses	(2)	-
Net income/expenses not deductible/allowable for tax purposes	81	24
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(593)	(683)
Adjustments in respect of prior year	398	(675)
Other timing differences	(12)	-
Group relief	<u> </u>	54
Current tax charge/(credit) for the year	2,870	(675)

The company earns its profits in the UK, therefore the tax rate used for tax on profit on ordinary activities is the standard rate for UK corporation tax of 21% (2014: 23%)

## 8 Profit attributable to Britannia Hotels Limited

The profit after tax for the financial year dealt within the financial statements of the parent company, Britannia Hotels Limited, was £3,119,000 (2014 – loss of £2,799,000). As permitted by Section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, no separate profit and loss account is presented in respect of the parent company.

Intangible fixed assets - chief rents     Group and company	Chief rents capitalised £'000
Cost and net book value	
At 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2015	33

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10 Intangible fixed assets - Goodwill  Group	Goodwill £'000
Cost	0.740
At 1 April 2014 and at 31 March 2015	3,748
Amortisation	
At 1 April 2014	1,608
Charge for the year	839
At 31 March 2015	2,447
Net book value	
At 31 March 2015	1,301
At 31 March 2014	2,140
Company	Goodwill
Company	£'000
Cont	
Cost At 1 April 2014 and at 21 March 2015	1,273
At 1 April 2014 and at 31 March 2015	1,275
Amortisation	404
At 1 April 2014	401
Charge for the year	401
At 31 March 2015	802
Net book value	
At 31 March 2015	471
At 31 March 2014	803

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## 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land, and buildings	Leasehold improvements	Long leasehold land and buildings	Plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings	Motor vehicles	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost or valuation			•	•		
At 1 April 2014	62,643	358	48,201	39,774	77	151,053
Additions	-	-	-	493	5	498
Disposals	· _	· ·	-	-	(3)	(3)
Transfers in	6,460	-	_	-	-	6,460
Revaluations	117		5,378			5,495
At 31 March 2015	69,220	358	53,579	40,267	79	163,503
Depreciation						
At 1 April 2014	9,040	-	-	277	60	9,377
Charge for the year	-	-	-	12	5	17
On disposals	. <u>-</u>		· •		(3)	(3)
At 31 March 2015	9,040	-		289	62	9,391
Net book value						_
At 31 March 2015	60,180	358	53,579	39,978	17	154,112
At 31 March 2014	53,603	358	48,201	39,497	17	141,676

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## 11 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company	Long leasehold land, buildings £'000	Freehold land, buildings and improvements £'000	Plant, machinery fixtures and fittings £'000	Motor vehicles £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000	2 000
At 1 April 2014	26,147	37,524	27,095	77	90,843
Additions	-	_	451	5	456
Disposals	-	_	-	(3)	(3)
Transfers in	27,433	19,694	9,204		56,331
At 31 March 2015	53,580	57,218	36,750	79	147,627
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2014	-	4,000	-	60	4,060
Charge for the year	_	-	-	5	5
On disposals	_			(3)	(3)
At 31 March 2015		4,000		62	4,062
Net book value					
At 31 March 2015	26,580	53,218	27,546	17	143,565
At 31 March 2014	26,147	33,524	27,095	17	86,783

The company has adopted Financial Reporting Standard No. 15 "Tangible Fixed Assets" and has followed the transitional provisions to retain the revalued amount of certain land and buildings.

## Group

If land and buildings and plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings had not been revalued, they would have been included at the following amounts:

		2015			2014	
	Freehold	Long	Plant,	Freehold	Long	Plant,
	land	leasehold	machinery,	land,	leasehold	machinery,
	buildings and	land and	fixtures and	buildings and	land and	fixtures and
	improvements	buildings	fittings	improvements	buildings	fittings
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000	£'000
Cost and net book value	53,105	32,569	28,040	46,645	32,569	27,545

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## 11 Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Company

If land and buildings and plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings had not been revalued, they would have been included at the following amounts:

	2	2015		4
•	Freehold	Plant,	Freehold	Plant,
	Land,	machinery,	land,	machinery,
	buildings and	fixtures and	buildings and	fixtures and
	improvements	fittings	improvements	fittings
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000
Cost and net book value	73,208	31,158	26,081	21,501
12 Fixed asset investments	_		_	
	G	roup	Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£	£	£	£
Subsidiary undertakings	-	100	2,00,300	2,020,404

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## 12 Fixed asset investments (continued)

## Company

The parent company has investments in the following subsidiary undertakings which principally affected the results or net assets of the group.

	Country of incorporation or principal business address	Principal activity	Holding of ordinary shares %
Ambassador Hotels (Bournemouth) Limited	England and Wales	Holding company	100
Ambassador (East Cliff) Limited	England and Wales	Hoteliers	100
Britannia Centre Limited	England and Wales	Property	100

All of the subsidiaries are directly owned by Britannia Hotels Limited, apart from Ambassador (East Cliff) Limited. Britannia Hotels Limited has a direct holding of 5% in Ambassador (East Cliff) Limited and an indirect holding of 100% by virtue of the fact that Ambassador Hotels (Bournemouth) Limited holds the other 95%.

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## 13 Stocks

13 Stocks	C	_	0	
	Group		Compa	<del></del>
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Development properties	2,572	2,572	2,572	2,572
Wet stocks	383	397	343	226
Food stocks	264	238	237	121
Other	100	105	94	54
_	3,319	3,312	3,246	2,973
14 Debtors			_	
	Group		Compa	
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2.000	2.000	13,143	20,148
Other debtors (note 26)	19,482	126,587	17,919	120,103
Unpaid share capital	19,462	120,307	17,919	
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Corporation tax		<u> 2,296</u> –		539
<u>-</u>	19,487	128,888	31,066	140,794
15 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year				
	Group		Compa	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£,000
Bank overdrafts	-	691	1,228	-
Other loans (note 26)	80	80	80	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings (note 26)	-	96	59,190	32,115
Other taxation and social security	1,426	396	1,325	94
Other creditors (note 26)	1,773	6,082	1,984	1,615
Corporation tax	122	-	124	
	3,401	7,345	63,931	33,824

Overdrafts for the group and for the company are secured on the assets of the Company and on those of Britannia Adelphi Hotel Limited.

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16 Bank loans

Bank loans are repayable as follows:

	Group		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bank loans				
Between one and two years	2,536	59,825	2,536	59,825
Between two and five years	7,608	50,533	7,608	50,533
After five years	870	3,424	870	3,424
	11,014	113,782	11,014	113,782
On demand or within one year	2,536	36,436	2,536	36,436
	13,550	150,218	13,550	150,218

A bank loan with Svenska Handelsbanken of £5,849,884 (2014 - £7,004,133) is secured by a fixed charge on the Company's Bosworth Hall Hotel. The interest rate on the loan is linked to the base rate and will incur interest at 0.75% above base rate.

A bank loan with Royal Bank of Scotland of £7,700,000 (2014 - £9,100,000) is secured by a fixed charge on the assets of the Company and on those of Britannia Adelphi Hotel Limited. The interest rate on the loan is linked to the London Inter-Bank Offer rate.

### 17 Provisions for liabilities

Group

	Deferred taxation £'000	Onerous lease £'000	Total £'000
At 1 April 2014	1,412	20,821	22,233
Movement arising from disposal or acquisition of business	11	-	11
Charged to profit and loss account	209	1,797	2,006
At 31 March 2015	1,632	22,618	24,250

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# 17 Provisions for liabilities and charges (continued) Company

Deferred taxation	Onerous lease	Total
£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2014 1,122	-	1,122
Transferred in -	22,618	22,618
Movement arising from disposal or acquisition of business 414	-	414
Charged to profit and loss account 217	-	217
At 31 March 2015 1,753	22,618	24,371
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax is provided as follows		
	2015	2014
Group	£'000	£'000
Accelerated capital allowances	3,396	3,036
Other short term timing differences	(650)	(461)
Tax losses available	(333)	(621)
Deferred tax not provided for	606	450
Undiscounted provision for deferred tax	3,019	2,404
Discount	(1,387)	(992)
Discounted provision for deferred tax	1,632	1,412
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Company		
Accelerated capital allowances	3,616	2,198
Tax losses available	(89)	(243)
Short term timing differences	(650)	(46)
Deferred tax not provided for	363	
Undiscounted provision for deferred tax	3,240	1,909
Discount	(1,487)	(787)
Discounted provision for deferred tax	1,753	1,122

#### **Onerous lease**

Provision has for two hotel leases, where the directors do not believe they will make a positive contribution over the periods of the leases. The provision has been made by reference to the estimated present value of future contractual payments, reduced (where applicable) by the estimated contribution from trading activities at these hotels. The future payments have been discounted at a rate of 3.9% (2014 – 3.3%). The choice of discount rate reflects the directors' estimate of risk attached to such payments. The principal uncertainties relating to the calculation of the provision are the levels of future trading and movements in discount rates. The provisions are expected to be utilised over the remaining period of the lease.

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18 Called-up share capital			2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Group and Company				
Authorised 30,000 (2014 – 30,000) ordinary shares of £1 each			30	30
Allotted, called-up and fully-paid 30,000 (2014 – 30,000) ordinary shares of £1 each			30	30
30,000 (2014 – 30,000) ordinary snares of £1 each		•		
19 Reserves	Other reserve	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
Group	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
At 1 April 2014	7,064	34,579	46,857	88,500
Retained profit for the year Revaluation in year Transfers	- - -	5,495 (24,165)	11,148 - 24,165	11,148 5,495 -
At 31 March 2015	7,064	15,909	82,170	105,143
Company		Revaluation reserve £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000

44,567

3,119

47,686

15,910

15,910

28,657

3,119

31,776

At 1 April 2014

At 31 March 2015

Retained profit for the year

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20 Reconciliation of movements in equity shareholders' funds		
···	2015	2014
Group	£'000	£'000
Profit for the financial year	11,148	2,837
Opening equity shareholders' funds	88,530	85,693
Revaluation in year	5,495	
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Closing equity shareholders' funds	105,173	88,530
	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Company	0.440	(0.700)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	3,119	(2,799)
Opening equity shareholders' funds	44,597	47,396
Closing equity shareholders' funds	47,716	44,597
21 Reconciliation of operating profit to operating cash flows	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000
Openskip a profit	45 400	
Operating profit	15,189	5,805
Amortisation of goodwill	839	839
Depreciation charges	- (7)	16
(Increase) in stocks	(7)	(28)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	107,883	(112,317)
Increase in creditors —	25,035	388
Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities	148,889	(105,297)
22 Analysis of cash flows	2045	2014
	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	2000	2 000
Interest received	3	23
Interest paid	(963)	(3,198)
Net cash outflow	(960)	(3,175)
Capital expenditure		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(6,958)	(8,082)
Sale of tangible fixed assets	17	2
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Net cash outflow	(6,941)	(8,080)

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22 Analysis of cash flows (continued)			
Financing			
		2015	2014
		£'000	£'000
New loans		•	115,489
Repayment of loans		(136,668)	(2,529)
Taxation	-	(542)	(2,107)
Net cash (outflow)/inflow	-	(137,210)	110,853
23 Analysis and reconciliation of net debt			
	31 March		31 March
	2014 £'000	Cash flow £'000	2015 £'000
Cash at bank and in hand	799	3,087	3,886
Overdrafts	(691)	691	
	108	3,778	3,886
Debt due after 1 year	(113,782)	102,768	(11,014)
Debt due within 1 year	(36,516)	33,900	(2,616)
	(150,298)	136,668	(13,630)
Net debt	(150,190)	140,446	(9,744)
	(100,100)	. 10,110	(0,117)
		2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Increase/(decrease) in cash in the year		3,778	(5,699)
Cash outflow/(inflow) from increase in debt	-	136,668	(112,960)
Movement in net debt in year		140,446	(118,659)
Net debt at start of year		(150,190)	(31,531)
Net debt at end of year		(9,744)	(150,190)
24 Financial commitments			
Annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follo	ws:		
		2015 Land and	2014 Land and
		buildings	buildings
		£'000	£'000
Group			
Expiry date		4.655	000
- after five years	•	1,008	939

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## 25 Contingent liabilities

Company

The company has guaranteed to the Royal Bank of Scotland plc the borrowings of Britannia Adelphi Hotel Limited, Birmingham International Limited, Britannia Hotel Leeds Limited, Britannia Hotel Bolton Limited, Britannia Country House Hotel Limited, Ambassador (East Cliff) Limited and Britannia Hotel Wolverhampton Limited. At 31 March the potential liability was as follows:

	2015 £'000	2014 £'000
Britannia Adelphi Hotel Limited		919
Britannia Hotel Leeds Limited	933	807
Britannia Hotel Bolton Limited	32	2,276
Britannia Country House Hotel Limited	298	794
Ambassador (East Cliff) Limited	-	-
Britannia Hotel Wolverhampton Limited		

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## 26 Related party transactions

During the year, the group entered into transactions with various businesses in which the shareholders, A. Langsam and Hawksford Trust Company Jersey Limited as trustee of The Moravcik Trust and/or directors, are materially interested as detailed below:

Company	Nature of entity	Interested as shareholder	Interested as
Britannia Jinky Jersey Limited	Limited Company	A Langsam	A Langsam
Britannia Hotels (Fylde) Limited	Limited Company	A Langsam	A Langsam
A. Langsam Hoteliers	Unincorporated sole trader	A. Langsam	
A. Langsam Estate Agents	Unincorporated sole trader	A. Langsam	
St Peter's Court (Bosworth) Flat Management Company Limited	Limited Company	A. Langsam	

Included in amounts due to group undertakings (note 15) is the following balance relating to a non-consolidated subsidiary (note 12):

	Group		Company	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Britannia Hotel (Manchester) Limited		96		97

The company and group have taken advantage of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 whereby wholly owned subsidiaries need not disclose related party transactions with group companies for which consolidated financial statements have been prepared.

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## 26 Related party transactions (continued)

Included in other debtors/(creditors) are the following balances:

_	Group		Company	
_	2015	2014	2015	2014
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	2,216	-	15,884
Management Services				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Limited - Hoteliers	-	78,147	-	26,898
A. Langsam Hotelier	14,571	6,319	14,567	49,400
A. Langsam Estate Agents	564	62	565	62
A. Langsam	(80)	(80)	(80)	-
St Peter's Court (Bosworth) Flat Management	(14)	1	(14)	1
Company Limited				
Parkhead Developments (Manchester) Limited	-	-	-	-
Britannia Barrowfield LLP	-	1,051	-	178
Britannia Lenzie LLP	-	784	-	5
Britannia Shelbourne LLP	-	248	-	176
Britannia Jinky Jersey Limited	1,596	21,843	1,596	22,132
Britannia Hotels (Fylde) Limited	(1,113)	2,694	(1,112)	2,694
Britannia Hotels Payroll Limited	1,071	1,427	1,080	1,427
Britannia Hotels No.2 Limited	1,591	<u>-</u>	(250)	

During the year the group had the following transactions with related parties:

	2015 Charged to/(by)		2014 Charged to/(by)	
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Entity	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	•	-	(2,480)
Management Services - Building Division				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	-	65	-
Management Services - Rent				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	-	525	(13,955)
Management Services - General expenses				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Limited - Hoteliers -	-	-	8,073	(59)
General expenses				
A. Langsam - Hotelier - General expenses	3,119	-	3,476	-
Britannia Barrowfield LLP - General expenses	-	-	1,440	-
Britannia Lenzie LLP - General expenses	-	-	992	(39)
Britannia Shelbourne LLP - General expenses	-	-	178	
Britannia Jinky Jersey Limited - General expenses	230	-	67	(734)
Britannia Hotels (Fylde) Limited - General expenses	407	(2)	-	(10)
Britannia Hotels No.2 Limited	10,179	(15,578)	-	•

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## 26 Related party transactions (continued)

During the year the company had the following transactions with related parties:

Entity —	2015 Charged to/(by)		2014 Charged to/(by)	
	A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	-	-
Management Services - Building Division				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	-	65	-
Management Services - Rent				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Ltd - Hotel	-	-	366	(3,502)
Management Services - General expenses				
A. Langsam and Mjalby Hotels Limited - Hoteliers -	-	-	1,846	(13)
General expenses				
A. Langsam - Hotelier - General expenses	85	-	389	-
Britannia Barrowfield LLP - General expenses	-	-	373	-
Britannia Lenzie LLP - General expenses	-	-	101	(1)
Britannia Shelbourne LLP - General expenses	-	-	61	-
Britannia Jinky Jersey Limited - General expenses	567	-	405	(65)
Britannia Hotels (Fylde) Limited - General expenses	61	(2)	-	(8)
Britannia Hotels No.2 Limited	2,221	(6,059)		

Other movements in the balances shown above relate to their settlement in the year. Transactions with related parties are presented on a net basis where they relate to transactions that are similar in nature.

Transactions with other related parties are not considered to be material.

## 27 Ultimate controlling party

The ultimate controlling parties are A. Langsam and Hawksford Trust Company Jersey Limited as trustee of The Moravcik Trust by virtue of their shareholdings in the company.