

# Richer Sounds Limited

## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

52 week period ended  
29 April 2023



Company Registration No. 01402643

# Richer Sounds Limited

## DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

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### DIRECTORS

J Richer  
D Robinson  
J Abraham  
N Kennaugh  
T Letchford

### SECRETARY

T Letchford (appointed 14th March 2023)

### COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER

01402643

### REGISTERED OFFICE

Richer House  
Hankey Place  
London SE1 4BB

### AUDITOR

RSM UK Audit LLP  
Statutory Auditors  
Chartered Accountants  
25 Farringdon Street  
London EC4A 4AB

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### REVIEW OF BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the company during the period was that of hi-fi, home cinema, flat panel TV and related equipment retailing.

The Directors are pleased to present the 2022/23 financial statements. We look back on the year as a success in which the profit level achieved (£9,720k, 2022: £11,918k) exceeded our early expectations based upon the difficult external pressures faced by the retail sector.

With the lasting effects of the pandemic still being felt in some areas and the added global unrest caused by the conflict in Ukraine, there was a huge amount of uncertainty in the market. The cost of living crisis which many of our customers continued to be affected by naturally impacted sales within our sector, which in most cases are considered to be discretionary purchases. As a result the company saw a reduction in turnover throughout the year of 10.1%. This was offset by an increase in our gross margin to 25.1% (2022: 24.6%) as our purchasing team continued to negotiate improved terms from our suppliers.

In response to the impact of the cost of living crisis, during June 2022 management developed the company's offering to include 'Inflation Busting Megadeals'. These deals were targeted toward those customers that were worst affected and reinforced the company's commitment to provide market leading value for money. There was a widespread positive reaction to these promotions, and we saw a sharp rise in transaction volumes through the early part of the year. The company also continued to focus on and grow its custom installation division, with some fantastic projects being completed that showcased our growing expertise in this area.

Despite the reduction in turnover, net profit levels were maintained at 6.4% (2022: 7.1%) by ongoing efforts to keep cost increases to a minimum without compromising on our core business drivers of exceptional customer service and value for money. Management have reviewed and implemented changes to support departments and systems that will bring efficiencies and savings going forward. The company has continued to expand its in-house logistics department with the addition of four delivery vehicles which have provided both a significant cost saving to the business and an improved service to our customers. This is demonstrated by the Delivery Team's current 5 star rating on Trust Pilot.

As at 29 April 2023 Richer Sounds continued to trade from 50 wholly owned stores and one franchise in Northern Ireland. All colleagues are extremely proud of Richer Sounds' physical presence around the country and the Directors continue to focus on ways of making the in store experience even more worthwhile for our customers. It is clear that many customers continue to prefer the personal element of an in store purchase when making high value, considered decisions. The business is aware that this is our key differentiator to our competitors and will continue to champion our stores at every opportunity.

The Company is continually developing to life under employee ownership and the benefits that brings. Colleague involvement from all parts of the business has always been encouraged and part of our success and this has been enhanced by the sense of true ownership that they now all share. For the third year in a row, all colleagues that had been at RS for at least 6 months received an employee ownership profit share which was higher than ever.

Richer Sounds was extremely grateful to be named the winner of the Which? Retailer of the Year award in 2023 for the fifth year in a row. This is testament to the continued hard work and care of all of our colleagues who have been there for our customers throughout the year. As an award voted for by customers, it is great to know that our efforts are appreciated.

Since the year end, wider market conditions have continued to be challenging but our focus remains on various cost saving and efficiency initiatives, as mentioned above, which will benefit the business for years to come.

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### KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OF THE COMPANY

	2023 (52 weeks) £'000	2022 (52 weeks) £'000	2021 (52 weeks) £'000
Gross turnover (including VAT)	181,003	201,382	213,772
Gross margin (excluding VAT)	25.1%	24.6%	25.2%
Gross profit	37,870	41,272	44,874
Net profit on ordinary activities before profit sharing, directors' bonus, charities, exceptional items and tax	9,720	11,918	13,323
Net operating margin (excluding VAT)	6.4%	7.1%	7.5%
Gross sales per colleague	374	415	455
Profit on ordinary activities per colleague	20	25	27
Return on capital employed on ordinary activities before profit sharing, directors' bonus, charities, exceptional items and tax	45.1%	50.1%	57.2%
Total taxes collected: PAYE, NIC, VAT, corporation tax	14,302	15,964	18,414
Average supplier credit period in days	24	21	24
Charitable donations as a percentage of prior year profit before donations and tax *	15.0%	13.2%	16.3%

\* Charitable donations are paid throughout the year based on the profit earned in the previous financial year, with the overall aim to pay 15% of profits to charity.

### PRINCIPAL RISKS

The key business risks affecting the company are considered to be the following:

**Economic and financial conditions:** The Company may be affected by falls in consumer confidence and changes in buying habits. The Company continues to build its business through all of its channels to mitigate the effect of each channel and offer a broad range of products to mitigate the decline of individual product categories.

**Competition from national, independent and internet-based retailers:** The Company operates in a competitive market and so continues to differentiate itself through the knowledge and expertise of its sales colleagues, which it maintains through its training programmes and high standards of recruitment; offering the best value for money it can; and its commitment to second to none customer service. The constant threat of e-tailers and their much lower cost base is growing all the time. The company is continually striving to improve on the in store experience and champion the benefits that bricks and mortar retail can offer both customers and suppliers.

**Stability of the supply chain:** Relationships with our suppliers, which are very good, are key to the business. The Company is in constant contact with its suppliers to ensure continuity of the supply chain over the whole range of the products it sells and that any problems are managed appropriately and in a timely manner.

**Retention of Colleagues:** The Company considers motivation of colleagues of all levels as a crucial element of its success and consequently has a far lower level of colleague turnover, along with stock shrinkage, absenteeism and customer complaints, than the industry average.

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### MATTERS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Our strategy continues to be to consolidate our position with the aim of making a profit by firstly focusing on our customers, providing them with value for money and a second to none service and secondly looking after our colleagues as best we can.

### SECTION 172 COMPANIES ACT STATEMENT

Section 172 Statement of the Companies Act 2006 requires each director to act in the way he or she considers, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- The likely consequences of any decision in the long term
- The interests of the colleagues
- The need to foster the company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others
- The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment
- The desirability of the company maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct, and
- The need to act fairly as between members of the company.

### ***Our stakeholders – Employee Owned Trust***

We are proud that Richer Sounds Limited is controlled by an Employee Ownership Trust which owns 60% of the company, giving all employees an indirect stake in the business in perpetuity. The Richer Sounds Trustee Board Directors entrust the management of the business to the Richer Sounds Management Board, who consult with the elected members of the Colleague's Council on a regular basis about the performance and running of the business and other important operational changes to the business.

### ***Our colleagues - Fair pay***

We firmly believe that **happy colleagues = happy customers** and we are committed to providing our colleagues with secure, well-paid jobs in a stimulating, equal opportunities environment. We are proud to be one of the only retailers to be an accredited Living Wage employer and refuse to issue zero hour contracts to our valued colleagues.

### ***External stakeholders - Customer and Suppliers***

Every one of our sales colleagues signs an ethical selling pledge when they start working with us, so the customer can be sure that we're giving the best possible guidance. All of our stores have experience rooms where customers can listen to their choices and take their time while making that all-important buying decision.

We are proud to have long-term, good business relations with our key suppliers due to our on-time payment agreement and regular consultation. Richer Sounds is signed up to the Prompt Payment Code which further demonstrates our commitment to fair treatment of all suppliers.

### ***Business Conduct***

The Company aims to conduct all its business relationships with integrity and courtesy and to scrupulously honour every business agreement. To further establish these grounding principles of business, Richer Sounds is a proud member of the Good Business Charter.

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### Environment – Streamlined Energy & Carbon Reporting

#### Energy and Greenhouse Gas Report

Richer Sounds Ltd has appointed Carbon Footprint Ltd, a leading carbon and energy management company, to independently assess its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions in accordance with the UK Government's 'Environmental Reporting Guidelines: Including Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting Guidance'.

The GHG emissions have been assessed following the GHG Protocol Corporate Standard and has used the 2022 emission conversion factors published by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS). The assessment follows the dual reporting approach for assessing Scope 2 emissions from electricity usage, showing both location and market-based emissions. The financial control approach has been used.

The table below summarises the GHG emissions for reporting year: 1st May 2022 to 30th April 2023.

Scope	Emission Source	Location-based (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Market-based (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
1	Natural Gas	55.38	55.38
	Site Gas Oil	3.03	3.03
	Vans	50.36	50.36
	LPG	4.24	4.24
1	<b>Scope 1 Total</b>	<b>113.00</b>	<b>113.00</b>
2	Electricity	289.00	327.29
2	<b>Scope 2 Total</b>	<b>289.00</b>	<b>327.29</b>
3.3	Transmission & Distribution	26.44	26.44
3.6	Grey Fleet (employee-owned vehicles)	5.04	5.04
3	<b>Scope 3 Total</b>	<b>31.48</b>	<b>31.48</b>
<b>Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e</b>		<b>433.47</b>	<b>471.76</b>
<b>Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per employee</b>		<b>0.93</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>Tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per £ million turnover</b>		<b>2.16</b>	<b>2.35</b>
<b>Total Energy Consumption (kWh)*</b>		<b>2,059,717</b>	

\* Total Energy Consumption includes UK electricity, UK site gas, company-owned vehicles, and employee-owned vehicles (grey fleet).

We have been assessing our carbon emissions since 2018, and have provided the current year, the baseline year, and last year's assessment results for comparison.

Element	Assessment Year			% change on previous year (2021/22)
	2017/18	2021/22	2022/23	
Total energy consumption (kwh)	2,269,542	1,995,567	2,059,717	3.2%
Total gross location based emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	664.19	457.81	433.47	-5.3%
Total Gross Scope 1 & 2 location based emission (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	550.72	391.04	402.00	2.8%
Intensity ratio: tCO <sub>2</sub> e (gross Scope 1 & 2, location-based) per £M revenue	3.50	2.37	2.00	-15.6%

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### Energy Efficiency Actions

During the past financial year, Richer Sounds has continued its ongoing programme of implementing LED lighting across its stores, offices and warehouse facilities and by replacing any failed lighting with energy efficient bulbs. We identified our highest consumption site as being our warehouse and regional office facility in Manchester and committed to installing solar panels at this site to reduce its grid consumption by up to 33%, the project was successfully completed post year-end in September 2023.

### Carbon Neutral Status

Richer Sounds is proud to remain a carbon neutral company. The company's 2022/23 operational emissions have been offset through investing in various projects verified against the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS1523); helping to combat climate change and sustain our environment for future generations.

By order of the board

*David Robinson*

D Robinson  
Director

30 November 2023

# Richer Sounds Limited

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

### for the 52 weeks ended 29 April 2023

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The directors submit their report and the financial statements of Richer Sounds Limited for the 52 weeks ended 29 April 2023 (2022: 52 weeks ended 30 April 2022).

#### DIVIDENDS

Dividends of nil were paid in the period (2022: nil).

#### DIRECTORS

The following directors have held office during the period:

J Richer  
D Robinson  
J Abraham  
N Kennaugh (appointed 7th August 2023)  
T Letchford (appointed 7th August 2023)

#### THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISION FOR DIRECTORS

Qualifying third party indemnity provision is in place for the benefit of all directors of the company.

#### GOING CONCERN

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2 - 6. The company has adequate cash resources and funding together with a strong customer base and an excellent reputation within the sector. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully.

The directors have reviewed cash flow forecasts of the company and have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

The company has no external debt.

Having taken into account the information available to them to the date of signing the financial statements, the directors are satisfied that the company remains a going concern.

#### COLLEAGUE REMUNERATION POLICY

The company has been paying the 'Real' Living Wage since November 2014 and has been fully accredited by the Living Wage Foundation since November 2015. The higher rates of pay are earned (as a minimum) by all colleagues after a 3 month training period.

The salary of the highest paid colleague for the year was 23 times (2022: 18 times) that of the Real Living Wage.

The company does not believe in, and no colleagues are employed under, zero-hour contracts.

#### DISABLED COLLEAGUES

The company employs disabled colleagues and every effort is made to ensure that they are given full and fair consideration when suitable vacancies arise. There is a training scheme in operation so that colleagues who have been injured or disabled in the course of their employment can, where possible, continue in employment with the company.



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The company currently employs 37 (2022: 34) colleagues with a disability which comprises 8% of its total colleagues.

#### COLLEAGUE INVOLVEMENT

The company encourages the involvement of its colleagues in its management through regular meetings between colleagues and senior management. There is a Colleague Council which consists of 13 members across both stores and departments and is open to all colleagues. Its role is to comment on any proposed changes within the business so the company can evaluate feedback and implement improvements/adjustments before a change or new scheme is launched.

The company also has an active suggestion scheme in place, where all colleague suggestions are reviewed and considered. This is managed by the Suggestion Review Panel, a core team of colleagues from all areas and levels of the business who meet on a weekly basis to discuss and put forward the best suggestions arising. A large number of these have been implemented in the past and colleagues are rewarded for their valued input.

During the year we also celebrated the appointment of our first colleague nominated Trustee director. This was another key milestone in the process of becoming employee owned and further strengthens the impact Colleagues can have on the direction of the business.

The company has a Helping Hand Fund that makes grants available to colleagues in cases of hardship. This has been used successfully to support colleagues who find themselves in particular need during the current challenging times.

#### PAYMENT TO CREDITORS

It is the company's policy to negotiate payment terms with its suppliers and to ensure that they all know, when the business is agreed, the terms on which payment will take place. It is our policy to abide by these terms.

Creditor days, based on the average creditors throughout the period were 24 days (2022: 21 days).

#### CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION

During the period the company made charitable donations of £1,790,757 (2022: £1,779,561).

#### SLAVE FREE ALLIANCE

We hold a zero tolerance approach to slavery and human trafficking and are committed to acting ethically and with integrity in all our business dealings.

#### LAND AND BUILDINGS

The directors consider that the market value of land and buildings is significantly more than the value shown on the balance sheet, but they do not consider that there is any benefit to shareholders in the company paying for a professional valuation to quantify the difference.

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### TAX POLICY

The company is accredited by the Fair Tax Mark for transparency over tax disclosures and the amount it pays. It has pledged the following:

1. It will pay all the tax it owes. Not just with regards to the letter of the law, but also in the spirit of the law.
2. It will pay the right amount of tax (no more, no less), at the right rate, in the right place and at the right time. It will aim to do this by being completely transparent in the way it reports its tax affairs, and making sure that the tax it pays accurately reflects the business that it does.
3. It won't take advantage of legal loopholes, or look for tax breaks that undermine the spirit of our tax laws. It won't look to do business or specific deals with the sole or main purpose of gaining tax advantages that otherwise wouldn't be available.
4. It won't do business or transactions that would need to be reported to HM Revenue & Customs under the Disclosure of Tax Avoidance Schemes Regulations or be party to any arrangement that might be reasonably expected to fall under the UK's General Anti-Abuse Rule.
5. It believes that tax havens undermine the UK's tax system. It might do business with customers and suppliers located in areas that are considered to be tax havens, but it won't use those places to get a tax break, nor will it take advantage of the secrecy laws that many safe havens offer their clients.
6. The company's financial statements will be prepared in agreement with this policy, and the company will seek to provide all information that any users, including HM Revenue & Customs might need to properly assess its tax position.

### POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

Details of post balance sheet events can be found in note 23.

### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

The directors who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the directors have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

### AUDITOR

The auditor, RSM UK Audit LLP has indicated its willingness to continue in office.

In accordance with section 414c(ii) of the Companies Act 2006, included in the Strategic Report is the Review of Business, principal risks and uncertainties and key performance indicators. This information would have been required by section 7 of the 'large and medium' sized Companies and Group (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 to be contained within the Directors' Report.

By order of the board

*David Robinson*

D Robinson  
Director

Date: 30 November 2023

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## DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, 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 period. 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). 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 those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d. 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 to 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF RICHER SOUNDS LIMITED

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### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Richer Sounds Limited (the 'company') for the year ended 29 April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 29 April 2023 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which 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; or

### **Responsibilities of directors**

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on Page 10, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

### **The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud**

Irregularities are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. The objectives of our audit are to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding compliance with laws and regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, to perform audit procedures to help identify instances of non-compliance with other laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements, and to respond appropriately to identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations identified during the audit.

In relation to fraud, the objectives of our audit are to identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud, to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud through designing and implementing appropriate responses and to respond appropriately to fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit.

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### **The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud (continued)**

However, it is the primary responsibility of management, with the oversight of those charged with governance, to ensure that the entity's operations are conducted in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations and for the prevention and detection of fraud.

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud, the audit engagement team:

- obtained an understanding of the nature of the industry and sector, including the legal and regulatory framework that the company operates in and how the company is complying with the legal and regulatory framework;
- inquired of management, and those charged with governance, about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities, including any known actual, suspected or alleged instances of fraud;
- discussed matters about non-compliance with laws and regulations and how fraud might occur including assessment of how and where the financial statements may be susceptible to fraud.

As a result of these procedures we consider the most significant laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements are FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and tax compliance regulations. We performed audit procedures to detect non-compliances which may have a material impact on the financial statements which included reviewing financial statement disclosures, inspecting correspondence with local tax authorities and evaluating advice received from internal tax advisors.

The most significant laws and regulations that have an indirect impact on the financial statements are those in relation to GDPR and employment law. We performed audit procedures to inquire of management whether the company is in compliance with these law and regulations and inspected correspondence with licensing or regulatory authorities.

The audit engagement team identified the risk of management override of controls, revenue recognition and stock valuation as the areas where the financial statements were most susceptible to material misstatement due to fraud. Audit procedures performed, included but were not limited, to testing manual journal entries and other adjustments and evaluating the business rationale in relation to significant, unusual transactions and transactions entered into outside the normal course of business, challenging judgments and estimates applied in revenue recognition and stock valuation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities> This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

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.

*Mandy Girder*

Mandy Girder (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of RSM UK Audit LLP, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Accountants  
25 Farringdon Street  
London  
EC4A 4AB  
Date: 30 November 2023

**Richer Sounds Limited**  
**STATEMENT OF INCOME AND RETAINED EARNINGS**  
for the 52 weeks ended 29 April 2023

	<i>Notes</i>	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
Turnover	1	150,836	167,818
Cost of sales		(112,966)	(126,546)
Gross profit		<u>37,870</u>	<u>41,272</u>
Other operating expenses (net)	2	(28,092)	(29,372)
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OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE PROFIT SHARING, DIRECTORS' BONUS AND CHARITIES		9,778	11,900
Profit sharing, directors' bonus and charities		(3,923)	(4,025)
OPERATING PROFIT		<u>5,855</u>	<u>7,875</u>
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	58
Interest receivable and similar income	3	30	-
Interest payable	4	(88)	(40)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	5	<u>5,797</u>	<u>7,893</u>
Taxation	7	(1,346)	(1,725)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION AND PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD		<u>4,451</u>	<u>6,168</u>
RETAINED EARNINGS AT 1 May 2022		21,507	22,339
Capital contribution to EOT		(3,500)	(7,000)
RETAINED EARNINGS AT 29 April 2023		<u>22,458</u>	<u>21,507</u>

The turnover and operating profit for the period arise from the company's continuing operations.

**Richer Sounds Limited**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**29 April 2023**

Company Registration No. 01402643

	Notes	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible assets	8	18,749	18,524
Intangible fixed assets	9	147	-
		<u>18,896</u>	<u>18,524</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Stocks	11	29,156	27,803
Debtors	12	13,584	14,861
Cash at bank and in hand		-	-
		<u>42,740</u>	<u>42,664</u>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	(25,952)	(28,612)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>16,788</u>	<u>14,052</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>35,684</b>	<b>32,576</b>
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	14	(12,443)	(10,597)
Provisions	15	(733)	(422)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>22,508</u>	<u>21,557</u>
<b>CAPITAL AND RESERVES</b>			
Called up share capital	17	50	50
Profit and loss account		22,458	21,507
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>22,508</u>	<u>21,557</u>

The financial statements on pages 14 to 31 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 30 November 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

*David Robinson*

D Robinson  
Director



**Richer Sounds Limited**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**for the 52 weeks ended 29 April 2023**

	Notes	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Cash generated from operations	18	7,528	(6,803)
Interest paid		(88)	(40)
Income taxes paid		(1,963)	(1,725)
<b>NET CASH GENERATED FROM / (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>5,477</b>	<b>(8,568)</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(1,195)	(889)
Purchase of intangible assets		(147)	58
Interest received		30	-
<b>NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(1,312)</b>	<b>(831)</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Capital contribution to EOT		(3,500)	(7,000)
<b>NET CASH RECEIVED /(USED) IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>(3,500)</b>	<b>(7,000)</b>
<b>NET INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>		<b>665</b>	<b>(16,399)</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at start of financial period		(959)	15,440
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD</b>		<b>(294)</b>	<b>(959)</b>
Relating to:-			
Bank balances and short term deposits included in cash at bank and in hand / (Overdraft)		(294)	(959)
		<b>(294)</b>	<b>(959)</b>

# Richer Sounds Limited

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

Richer Sounds Limited is a private company domiciled and incorporated in England which is limited by shares. The address of the company's registered office and principal place of business is Richer House, Hankey Place, London, SE1 4BB. The company's principal activities are disclosed in the Strategic Report.

### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These financial statements of Richer Sounds Limited have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, including the provisions of the Large and Medium sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and under historical cost convention.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1,000, except where otherwise indicated.

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling which is the functional currency of the company.

### GOING CONCERN

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2 - 6. The company has adequate cash resources and funding together with a strong customer base and an excellent reputation within the sector. As a consequence, the directors believe that the company is well placed to manage its business risks successfully.

The directors have reviewed cash flow forecasts of the company and have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Having taken into account the information available to them to the date of signing the financial statements, the directors are satisfied that the company remains a going concern.

### TURNOVER

Turnover represents the value, net of Value Added Tax, of goods sold and services provided to customers during the period. Revenue earned from customer support agreements is recognised as such over the life of the agreement by reference to the stage of completion of the transaction at the balance sheet date and included within deferred income.

### FOREIGN CURRENCY

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currencies) are initially recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or, if the asset or liability is measured at fair value, the rate when that fair value was determined.

All translation differences are taken to profit or loss, except to the extent that they relate to gains or losses on non-monetary items recognised in other comprehensive income, when the related translation gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

### OTHER INCOME

#### *Interest income*

Interest income is accrued on a time-apportioned basis, by reference to the principal outstanding at the effective interest rate.

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### *Rental income*

Rental income on assets leased under operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term and is presented within other operating income.

### GROUP ACCOUNTS

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Section 402 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts on the basis that its subsidiary undertakings are not material to the company.

### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land and investment properties, at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of each asset to its estimated residual value on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Freehold buildings	1% per annum
Leasehold properties	over the term of the lease
Property improvements	20% per annum
Fixtures and equipment	20%-33% per annum
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

Residual value is calculated on prices prevailing at the reporting date, after estimated costs of disposal, for the asset as if it were at the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

Land and buildings are accounted for separately even when acquired together.

### INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Intangible assets are amortised to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over their useful lives, as follows:-

Purchased computer software	20% per annum
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Amortisation is revised prospectively for any significant change in useful life or residual value. On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset is recognised in profit or loss.

### IMPAIRMENT OF FIXED ASSETS

An assessment is made at each reporting date of whether there are indications that a fixed asset may be impaired or that an impairment loss previously recognised has fully or partially reversed. If such indications exist, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset or, for goodwill, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill belongs.

Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts, being the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, are recognised as impairment losses. Impairments of revalued assets are treated as a revaluation loss. All other impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss or, for revalued assets, as a revaluation gain. On reversal of an impairment loss, the depreciation or amortisation is adjusted to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount (less any residual value) over its remaining useful life.

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### STOCKS

Stocks are valued on a weighted average cost basis at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Net realisable value is based upon estimated selling price less further costs expected to be incurred to disposal.

At each reporting date, the company assesses whether stocks are impaired or if an impairment loss recognised in prior periods has reversed. Any excess of the carrying amount of stock over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss.

Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

### TAXATION

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the tax payable.

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the period. Taxable profit differs from total comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the value of assets and liabilities recognised in a business combination and the amounts that can be deducted or assessed for tax.

Current and deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income or equity, when the tax follows the transaction or event it relates to and is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income, or equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### LEASES

#### *The Company as Lessee – Operating Leases*

All leases are operating leases and the annual rentals are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the lease term. Rent free periods or other incentives received for entering into an operating lease are accounted for as a reduction to the expense and are recognised, on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### *The Company as Lessor – Operating Leases*

Rental income from assets leased under operating leases is recognised on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Rent free periods or other incentives given to the lessee are accounted for as a reduction to the rental income and recognised on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

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### COLLEAGUE BENEFITS

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense. The best estimate of the expenditure required to settle an obligation for termination benefits is recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### BORROWING COSTS

All borrowing costs are expensed as incurred.

### RETIREMENT BENEFITS

#### *Defined contribution plans*

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions payable in the period. Differences between contributions payable in the period and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102, in full, to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Financial Assets**

##### *Trade debtors*

Trade debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

Where the arrangement with a trade debtor constitutes a financing transaction, the debtor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### **Financial liabilities and equity**

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities and equity instruments 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.

##### *Bank loans and overdrafts*

Bank loans and overdrafts are presented within creditors: amounts falling due within one year and amounts falling due after more than one year.

##### *Trade Creditors*

Trade creditors payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

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Where the arrangement with a trade creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument.

### *Derecognition of financial assets and liabilities*

A financial asset is derecognised only when the contractual rights to cash flows expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are transferred to another party, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party. A financial liability (or part thereof) is derecognised when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

### **DIVIDENDS**

Dividends are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

### **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

### *Critical accounting estimates and assumptions*

The company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial period are discussed below:

- **Stock Provision**  
The company has recognised provisions for impairment of stocks in the financial statements which requires management to make judgements. The judgements, estimates and associated assumptions necessary to calculate these provisions are based on historical experience, post period-end sales patterns and other relevant factors.
- **Revenue recognition**  
The level of revenue recognised in relation to customer support agreements requires management to make certain judgements and estimations. The judgements, estimates and associated assumptions necessary to calculate the amount of revenue to be recognised in each accounting period is based on historical experience, registration rates and other relevant factors.

### **GOVERNMENT GRANTS**

Government grants relating to costs including furlough are deferred and recognised in the profit or loss over the period necessary to match with the costs that they are intended to compensate. They are recognised within other operating expenses.

# Richer Sounds Limited

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the 52 weeks ended 29 April 2023

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### 1 TURNOVER AND PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION

The company's turnover and profit before taxation were all derived from its principal activity which arose entirely in the United Kingdom.

2	OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES (NET)	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	Distribution costs	1,991	3,580
	Administration expenses	26,377	26,806
	Other operating income	(276)	(439)
	Government grant income	-	(575)
		<u>28,092</u>	<u>29,372</u>

Government grant income represents amounts receivable relating to CJRS income £nil (2022: £372,000) and COVID-19 business support grants £nil (2022: £203,000)

3	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	Bank interest	30	-
		<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>

4	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	Bank interest	74	40
	Other interest	14	-
		<u>88</u>	<u>40</u>

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5	PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	<i>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is stated after charging/(crediting):</i>		
	Depreciation and amounts written off tangible fixed assets		
	Charge for the period:		
	Owned assets	970	872
	Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	-	341
	Operating lease rentals:		
	Land and buildings	1,812	1,848
	Other	340	340
	Auditor's remuneration - audit	72	62
	- tax services	18	17
	Net rental income	(168)	(213)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
6	EMPLOYEES	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 No.	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 No.
	The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the period was:		
	Office and management	155	175
	Retailing and warehousing	329	310
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		484	485
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	Staff costs for the above persons:		
	Wages and salaries	18,322	17,364
	Social security costs	1,961	1,751
	Other pension costs	327	335
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		20,610	19,450
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6	EMPLOYEES (continued)	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	<b>DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION</b>		
	Emoluments	997	797
		<hr/>	<hr/>
	Emoluments in respect of the highest paid director amounted to:		
	Remuneration	556	372
		<hr/>	<hr/>

One director accrued benefits under a money purchase pension scheme (2022: one).

**KEY MANAGEMENT**

Key management includes the directors and members of senior management. The compensation paid or payable to key management for employee services is £2,418,760 (2022: £2,690,676) and post-employment benefits of £15,739 (2022: £18,156).

7	TAXATION	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
	Current tax:		
	UK corporation tax on profits of the period	1,039	1,543
	Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(3)	(89)
	Total current tax	<hr/> 1,036	<hr/> 1,454
	Deferred taxation:		
	Origination and reversal of timing differences	310	271
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<hr/> 1,346	<hr/> 1,725

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**7 TAXATION (continued)**

	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
Factors affecting tax charge for period:		
The tax assessed for the period is higher than the effective rate of corporation tax in the UK 19.49% (2022: 19.00%). The differences are explained below:		
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	5,797	8,015
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by effective rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020: 19%)	1,130	1,523
Effects of:		
Fixed asset differences	97	55
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3	2
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(3)	(89)
Other timing differences	65	133
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	54	101
Tax charge for period	1,346	1,725

The tax charge for the company is higher than the standard rate principally due to the differences between the accounting treatment of fixed asset depreciation and the capital allowances claimed by the company.

In previous years, foreign tax has arisen on property income in the Republic of Ireland.

A breakdown of the deferred tax liability is given in note 15. The deferred tax liability relates to fixed asset timing differences which are offset by general provisions not deductible for tax in the current year. The deferred tax liability will crystallise over a number of years.

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**8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<i>Freehold properties £000</i>	<i>Leasehold properties £000</i>	<i>Property improve- ments £000</i>	<i>Fixtures and equipment £000</i>	<i>Motor vehicles £000</i>	<i>Total £000</i>
Cost						
30 April 2022	16,594	2,033	570	2,916	37	22,150
Additions	-	-	12	1,054	129	1,195
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
30 April 2023	<u>16,594</u>	<u>2,033</u>	<u>582</u>	<u>3,970</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>23,345</u>
Depreciation						
30 April 2022	1,257	456	448	1,455	10	3,626
Charged in the period	166	37	70	659	38	970
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
29 April 2023	<u>1,423</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>518</u>	<u>2,114</u>	<u>48</u>	<u>4,596</u>
Net book value						
29 April 2023	<u>15,171</u>	<u>1,540</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>1,856</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>18,749</u>
30 April 2022	<u>15,337</u>	<u>1,577</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>1,461</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>18,524</u>

The net book value of the company's leasehold land and buildings includes £1,456,000 (2022: £1,486,000) in respect of long leasehold and £84,000 (2022: £91,000) in respect of short leasehold premises.

Charges exist over certain freehold property in relation to the company's banking facilities.

**9 INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

	<i>Software £000</i>
Cost	
1 May 2022	1,309
Additions	147
29 April 2023	<u>1,456</u>
Amortisation and impairment	
1 May 2022	1,309
Amortisation charged in the period	-
29 April 2023	<u>1,309</u>
Carrying amount	
29 April 2023	<u>147</u>
1 May 2022	<u>-</u>

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**10 FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Other investments
	Subsidiary undertakings £000
Cost:	
1 May 2022	
Disposal	12
	-
29 April 2023	12
Provision for diminution in value	
1 May 2022	12
Charged in the period	-
Disposal	-
	-
29 April 2023	12
Net book value:	
29 April 2023	-
1 May 2022	-

The company holds more than 20% of the equity of the following companies:

Name of company	Holding (ordinary shares of £1 each)	Proportion held	Nature of business
Ariston Acoustics Limited	2	100%	Dormant
Hi-fi Direct Limited	2	100%	Dormant
Big Screen Entertainment Limited	2	100%	Dormant
Ariston Audio Limited	2	100%	Dormant

The above companies are not consolidated on the grounds of materiality.

11 STOCKS	52 weeks to 29 April 2023 £000	52 weeks to 30 April 2022 £000
Goods for resale	29,156	27,803

Stocks are stated after provisions for impairment of £1,110k (2022: £1,532k).

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12	DEBTORS	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Trade debtors	9,186	10,217
	Other debtors	1,742	1,804
	Prepayments and accrued income	2,656	2,840
		<u>13,584</u>	<u>14,861</u>
13	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Bank loans and overdrafts	294	958
	Trade creditors	14,289	15,267
	Corporation tax	103	1,031
	Other taxation and social security costs	1,171	557
	Other creditors	1,376	959
	Accruals and deferred income	8,719	9,840
		<u>25,952</u>	<u>28,612</u>
14	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due in more than one year	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Deferred income	12,443	10,597
		<u>12,443</u>	<u>10,597</u>
15	PROVISIONS		Deferred tax £000
	At 1 May 2022		423
	Charge to profit and loss account		(310)
	At 29 April 2023		<u>733</u>
		29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	The deferred tax liability/(asset) consists of the following:		
	Excess depreciation over capital allowances	423	586
	Other timing differences	(310)	(163)
		<u>733</u>	<u>423</u>

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16	FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Financial assets:		
	Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	10,920	10,679
	Financial Liabilities:		
	Measured at amortised cost	(21,875)	(21,485)
17	SHARE CAPITAL	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Allotted, issued and fully paid:		
	50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	50	50

The company ordinary shares, which carry no right to fixed income, each carry the right to one vote at general meetings of the company

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18	RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT AFTER TAX TO NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATIONS	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
	Profit after tax	4,451	6,170
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	970	866
	Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	-	341
	Profit on disposal of fixed assets	-	(58)
	Interest receivable	(30)	-
	Interest payable	88	40
	Taxation	1,346	1,725
		<u>6,825</u>	<u>9,084</u>
	Operating cash flows before movements in working capital		
	(increase) in stocks	(1,352)	(11,124)
	decrease/ (increase) in debtors	1,277	(4,649)
	Increase /(decrease) in creditors	778	(113)
	Cash generated /(used in) from operations	<u>7,528</u>	<u>(6,802)</u>

19 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 29 April 2023 the company had commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	Land and buildings		Other	
	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000	29 April 2023 £000	30 April 2022 £000
Amounts due in the first year	1,785	1,849	341	341
Amounts due in the second to fifth years	6,312	4,569	93	252
Amounts due after five years	6,615	7,074	-	-
	<u>14,712</u>	<u>13,492</u>	<u>434</u>	<u>593</u>

20 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

During the year the company has entered into a contract for future capital expenditure of £390,000 over the next year that is not recognised within the balance sheet.

21 PENSION COMMITMENTS

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme whose assets are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company and amounted to £327,000 (2022: £335,000).

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### 22 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Name of party	Relationship	Description of transaction	Value of P/L transactions in the period		Balance at period end	
			2023 £'000	2022 £'000	2023 £'000	2022 £'000
JR Properties	J Richer is the owner	Rent payable	(1,762)	(1,790)	-	-
		Loans to	-	-	22	(15)
The Fairness Foundation	Registered Charity / common Directors	Donation / recharges	-	656	3	74
		Sales	-	-	-	-
J Richer & R Richer	Shareholders and J Richer is a director	Loans to/(from)	-	-	(81)	19
		Interest payable	-	-	-	-
		Dividends	-	-	-	-
JR Publishing and Media	J Richer is the owner	Loans to/(from)	-	-	8	1
Richer Sounds Foundation	Richer Sounds Charitable company / Common Directors	Donations	477	394	(1)	-
Persula Foundation	Common Directors	Donations	1,311	723	28	-

The company's employee ownership trust (EOT) has acquired shares in the company and holds them in a trust for employees. In 2023 £3,500,000 (2022: £7,000,000) was gifted to the EOT from the company.

### 23 POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

The company paid £3,500,000 as a distribution to the company's Employee Ownership Trust (EOT) between July and September 2023.