## **COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1796064**

# QUALITY HOTELS LIMITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 DECEMBER 2004

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

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## OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

The board of directors

M J De Santis

B Haase

Company secretary

Mitre Secretaries Limited

Registered office

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**Bankers** 

Barclays Bank plc.

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Middlesex

#### THE DIRECTORS' REPORT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2004.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The company continued to provide management services to Choice International Hospitality Services Licensing Co. B.V. (CIHS).

CIHS continued to remunerate the company for this service by reimbursing all expenses plus a mark up.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The directors do not recommend a dividend.

#### **DIRECTORS**

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

M J De Santis

B Haase

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary and the interests of the group directors are disclosed in the financial statements of the parent company.

#### POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

The company made no political or charitable contributions during the year.

#### POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There were no post balance sheet events.

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company at the end of the year and of the profit or loss for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on pages 11 to 12, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The directors must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which 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 1985. The directors 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.

#### **AUDITORS**

An elective resolution has been passed to re-appoint Stapely Benfold as auditors for the ensuing year.

# THE DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## **SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

Signed by order of the directors

MITRE SECRETARIES LIMITED

Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 10/3105

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF QUALITY HOTELS LIMITED

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

We have audited the financial statements which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses, Reconciliation of Shareholders' Funds, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out therein.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF DIRECTORS AND AUDITORS

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you if, in our opinion, the Directors' Report is not consistent with the financial statements, if the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

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

#### BASIS OF AUDIT OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF **QUALITY HOTELS LIMITED** (continued)

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### **OPINION**

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended, and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Stapely Benfold Stapely Benfold Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

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10/3/05

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	Note	2004 £	2003 €
TURNOVER	2	1,196,652	1,377,663
Administrative expenses		1,167,529	1,355,980
OPERATING PROFIT	3	29,123	21,683
Interest receivable Interest payable	5 6	1,177 (2,080)	1,035 (2,080)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		28,220	20,638
Tax on profit on ordinary activities		137	133
RETAINED PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEA	AR	28,083	20,505
Balance brought forward		67,015	46,510
Balance carried forward		95,098	67,015

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

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

# RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	2004	2003
	£	£
Profit for the financial year	28,083	20,505
Opening shareholders' equity funds	167,015	146,510
Closing shareholders' equity funds	195,098	167,015

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### **31 DECEMBER 2004**

		2004	ı	2003	5
	Note	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8		122,148		145,179
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	2,072,834		1,774,109	
Cash at bank and in hand		151,663		131,648	
		2,224,497		1,905,757	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
within one year	10	2,151,547		1,882,084	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			72,950		23,673
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT	LIABI	LITIES	195,098		168,852
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due					
after more than one year	11		_		1,837
			195,098		167,015
CAPITAL AND RESERVES					
Called-up equity share capital	16		100,000		100,000
Profit and loss account			95,098		67,015
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS			195,098		167,015
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part VII of the Companies Act 1985.

These financial statements were approved by the directors on the 10/3/.05... and are signed on their behalf by:

M J DE SANTIS

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## **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

	2004		2003	
	£	£	£	£
NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		43,784		125,998
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest received Interest element of finance leases	1,177 (2,080)		1,035 (2,080)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE		(903)		(1,045)
TAXATION		(133)		(570)
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets Receipts from sale of fixed assets	(18,737) 1,604		(101,458) 2,916	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM CAPITAL EXPENDITURE		(17,133)		(98,542)
CASH INFLOW BEFORE FINANCING		25,615		25,841
FINANCING Capital element of finance leases	(5,600)		(5,600)	
NET CASH OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING	<del></del>	(5,600)		(5,600)
INCREASE IN CASH		20,015		20,241
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROOPERATING ACTIVITIES	OFIT TO NET	CASH INF	LOW FROM	
		2004		2003
Operating profit Depreciation		£ 29,123 35,644		£ 21,683 58,332
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets Increase in debtors Increase in creditors		4,520 (298,725) 273,222		(2,876) (361,526) 410,385
Net cash inflow from operating activities		43,784		125,998

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT (continued)

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS

	200	04	20	03
Increase in cash in the period	£ 20,015	£	£ 20,241	£
Cash outflow in respect of finance leases	5,600		5,600	
		25,615		25,841
Change in net funds		25,615		25,841
Net funds at 1 January 2004		124,181		98,340
Net funds at 31 December 2004		149,796		124,181
ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS				
		At 1 Jan 2004 £	Cash flows	At 31 Dec 2004 £
Net cash: Cash in hand and at bank		131,648	20,015	151,663
Debt: Finance lease agreements		(7,467)	5,600	(1,867)
Net funds		124,181	25,615	149,796

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Turnover

Turnover is the total amount receivable by the company for services provided excluding VAT and any discounts.

#### Fixed assets

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost.

#### **Depreciation**

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold Property

over the term of the lease

Fixtures & Fittings

10% straight line

Equipment

20% straight line

Computer

33% straight line

#### Hire purchase agreements

Assets held under hire purchase agreements are capitalised and disclosed under tangible fixed assets at their fair value. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability and the interest is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis.

#### Finance lease agreements

Where the company enters into a lease which entails taking substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of an asset, the lease is treated as a finance lease. The asset is recorded in the balance sheet as a tangible fixed asset and is depreciated in accordance with the above depreciation policies. Future instalments under such leases, net of finance charges, are included with creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis, and the capital element which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments.

#### Pension costs

The company operates a defined benefit pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company. The contributions to the scheme are charged to the profit and loss account so as to spread the cost of pensions over the service lives of employees. Variations from the regular costs are spread over the average expected remaining working lives of current members in the scheme.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Deferred taxation**

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 have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or a right to pay less or to receive more tax, with the following exceptions:

Provision is made for tax on gains arising from the revaluation (and similar fair value adjustments) of fixed assets, and gains on disposal of fixed assets that have been rolled over into replacement assets, only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, there is a binding agreement to dispose of the assets concerned. However, no provision is made where, on the basis of all available evidence at the balance sheet date, it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over into replacement assets and charged to tax only where the replacement assets are sold;

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is 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 measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

#### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

#### 2. TURNOVER

The turnover was derived from the company's principal activity which was carried out wholly in the United Kingdom.

#### 3. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2004	2003
	£	£
Directors' emoluments		_
Amortisation	7,767	
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	35,643	55,649
Depreciation of assets held under finance lease	ŕ	
agreements	(7,766)	5,600
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets	4,520	(2,876)
Auditors' fees	3,250	2,595
Net loss on foreign currency translation		179
Loss/(Profit) on disposal of fixed assets Auditors' fees	•	(2,87) 2,59.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

## 4. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial year amounted to:

	2004	2003
	No	No
Number of administrative s	staff 32	32
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The aggregate payroll costs	s of the above were:	
	2004	2003
	£	£
Wages and salaries	755,592	722,343
Social security costs	74,230	
Other pension costs	31,311	
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	861,133	832,328
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5. INTEREST RECEIVAB	LE	
	2004	2003
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	1,177	
Daim intolest lecelvable	1,177	1,000
6. INTEREST PAYABLE A	AND SIMILAR CHARGES	
	2004	2003
	2004 £	2003 £
Hire purchase and finance	<del></del>	- <del>-</del>
Thre parchase and imance	case charges 2,000	2,080
7. TAXATION		
i. IAAAIION	2004	2003
	£	£
UK Corporation tax at 12.9		ı.
19.25%)	976 (2002. 1 <b>37</b>	133
19.23/0)	13/	133

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold	Fixtures &	English	Total
	Property £	Fittings £	Equipment £	Total £
COST				
At 1 January 2004	70,000	63,714	182,677	316,391
Additions	13,798	_	4,939	18,737
Disposals			(6,124)	(6,124)
At 31 December 2004	83,798	63,714	181,492	329,004
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2004	2,917	33,756	134,539	171,212
Charge for the year	7,767	9,883	17,994	35,644
At 31 December 2004	10,684	43,639	152,533	206,856
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 December 2004	73,114	20,075	28,959	122,148
At 31 December 2003	67,083	29,958	48,138	145,179
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# Finance lease agreements

Included within the net book value of £122,148 is £2,800 (2003 - £8,400) relating to assets held under finance lease agreements. The depreciation charged to the financial statements in the year in respect of such assets amounted to £5,600 (2003 - £5,600).

#### 9. **DEBTORS**

	2004	2003
	£	£
Trade debtors	14,337	1,459
Amounts owed by group undertakings	2,034,855	1,746,151
Other debtors	7,597	14,454
Prepayments and accrued income	16,045	12,045
	2,072,834	1,774,109

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2004	2003
	£	£
Trade creditors	10,813	14,690
Amounts owed to group undertakings	2,097,314	1,819,071
Other creditors including taxation and social secur	rity:	
Corporation tax	137	133
PAYE and social security	17,908	20,482
Finance lease agreements	1,867	5,630
Other creditors	6,458	1,047
Accruals and deferred income	17,050	21,031
	2,151,547	1,882,084

#### 11. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2004	2003
	£	£
Finance lease agreements	_	1,8 <b>3</b> 7

#### 12. COMMITMENTS UNDER FINANCE LEASE AGREEMENTS

Future commitments under finance lease agreements are as follows:

	2004	2003
	£	£
Amounts payable within 1 year	1,867	5,630
Amounts payable between 2 to 5 years	, <u>-</u>	1,837
	1,867	7,467

#### 13. PENSION SCHEME

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for the benefit of the senior employees. The assets of the scheme are administered by trustees in a fund independent to the company.

The total contributions paid in the year amounted to £31,311 (2003 £33,001).

#### 14. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE DIRECTORS

There were no transactions between the directors and the company during the year.

#### 15. RELATED PARTIES

Included in debtors is an amount of £2,034,855 (2003 £1,746,151) due from Choice International Hospitality Services Licensing Co. B.V., the immediate parent company. The creditors include an amount of £2,097,314 (2003 £1,819,071) owed to Choice Hotels International Inc., the ultimate parent company.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2004

#### 16. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised share capital	Αı	ıthor	ised	share	capital
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100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each		£ 100,000		100,000
Allotted, called up and fully paid:				
	2004		2003	
	No	£	No	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000

#### 17. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company is a subsidiary undertaking of Choice International Hospitality Services Licensing Co. B.V.. Choice International Hospitality Services Licensing Co. B.V. is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ultimate parent company, Choice Hotels International Inc..

The consolidated accounts of Choice Hotels International Inc. are available to the public and may be obtained from 10750 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD20901, USA.