**Annual Report** 

Year ended 24 June 2008

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## **Company Information**

Directors

Mrs J M R Dent (Chairman)

Mr C D Dent Mr J P M Dent Ms C S Dent Ms L R Dent

Secretary

Mrs J M R Dent

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## Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 24 June 2008.

### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company is unchanged since last year and consists of property investment in freehold and long leasehold commercial properties in the West End of London.

#### Business review and future development

Most of the properties were let throughout the last year and the company continued to trade profitably. However in the current year, some leases are due to expire and will need to be renewed or relet, against a backdrop of more volatile market and trading conditions. The profits for the coming year could be reduced by delays in reletting. Subject to the successful reletting of these properties, the existing level of profitability is expected to be maintained.

#### Results and dividend

The results for the year are disclosed on page 5. The directors paid an ordinary dividend of 100p (2007: 100p) per share totalling £1,000,000 for the year ended 24 June 2008 (2007 £1,000,000).

### Statement of directors' responsibilities for the Annual Report

Company law in the United Kingdom 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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- 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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the directors' report and other information included in the Annual Report is prepared in accordance with company law in the United Kingdom.

### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year are detailed on page 1.

Those directors serving at the end of the year had interests in the share capital of the company at 24 June as follows:

	Ordinary shares of 50p each	
	2008	2007
Mr C D Dent	71,632	71,632
Mrs J M R Dent	71,632	71,632
Mr J P M Dent	5,000	5,000
Ms C S Dent	30,500	30,500
Ms L R Dent	30,632	30,632

## Report of the Directors continued

Mr J P M Dent, Ms C S Dent and Ms L R Dent are joint trustees of a charitable trust, which had an interest in 120,000 (2007: 120,000) ordinary shares of 50p each of the company at 24 June 2008.

Mr J P M Dent, Ms C S Dent and Ms L R Dent are joint trustees of a discretionary trust of which they were beneficiaries which held an interest in 475,000 ordinary shares of 50p each in the company at 24 June 2008.

Mr J P M Dent holds 25,500 ordinary shares of 50p each in the company as a bare trustee for the benefit of his children.

None of the directors had any material interest in any contract or arrangement entered into by the company during the year.

### Charitable and political contributions

During the year the company subscribed £400 (2007: £500) for charitable purposes.

#### Investment properties

The directors are of the opinion that the current value of the investment properties is substantially in excess of book value. The amount of the excess cannot be more closely determined without a professional valuation, the expense of which is not justified.

#### Subsidiary Undertakings

The directors of White Lodge Ltd have taken the decision to cease trading after the year end, as a result the investment in White Lodge Ltd has been reclassified from Fixed to Current Assets.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

At the date of making this report each of the company's directors, as set out on page 1, confirm the following:

- so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself
  aware of any relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their
  report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **Auditors**

A resolution to reappoint Grant Thornton as auditors of the company will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 10th October 2008 and signed on its behalf by:

José Marianne Ruth Dent Secretary

## Report of the Independent Auditor to the Members of Celus Holdings Ltd

We have audited the financial statements of Celus Holdings Ltd for the year ended 24th June 2008 which comprise the principal accounting policies, the profit and loss account, the balance sheet/, the statement of total recognised gains, cash flow statement and notes 1 to 14. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the Directors' Report and financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom law and Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

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

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

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

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

### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and 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.

### Opinion

### In our opinion:

- Except for the failure to revalue annually investment properties, which are stated in the balance sheet at a
  cost of £1,567,686, the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom
  Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 24th June 2008 and of
  its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

GRANT THORNTON UK LLP
REGISTERED AUDITOR
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
10th October 2008

## **Profit and Loss Account**

For the year ended 24 June 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Property revenue: continuing operations Administrative expenses		1,691,305 (337,991)	1,428,034 (305,233)
Operating profit – continuing operations	2	1,353,314	1,122,801
Income from other fixed asset investments Interest receivable and similar income	3	46,627 374,288	48,483 318,327
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,774,229	1,489,611
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(525,666)	(435,161)
Profit for the financial year		1,248,563	1,054,450
Dividends paid: 100p (2007:100p) per share		(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Retained profit for the year	15	248,563	54,450
Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Loss	es		
For the year ended 24 June 2008			
		2008 £	2007 £
Profit for the financial year Unrealised (loss)/surplus on revaluation of listed investments		248,563 (591,908)	54,450 144,880
		(343,345)	199,330
Note of Historical Cost Profits and Losses			
For the year ended 24 June 2008			
		2008 £	2007 £
Profit for the year		248,863	54,450
Historical cost surplus for the year		248,563	54,450

## **Balance Sheet**

at 24 June 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Fixed assets	7	647	846
Tangible assets Investment properties	8	1,567,686	1,425,648
Subsidiary undertakings	9	1,507,000	49,246
Other investments	10	1,556,607	2,148,515
		3,124,940	3,624,255
Current assets			
Current asset investment - subsidiary undertakings	9	49,246	_
Debtors due after one year	11	16,336	199,426
Debtors due within one year	11	144,396	308,076
Cash at bank and in hand		7,677,639	6,265,592
		7,887,617	6,773,094
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(1,665,399)	(706,642)
Net current assets		6,222,218	6,066,452
Total assets less current liabilities		9,347,158	9,690,707
Provision for liabilities and charges	13	(7,716)	(7,920)
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Net assets		9,339,442	9,682,787
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	500,000	500,000
Share premium account	15	237,591	237,591
Revaluation reserve	15	1,135,071	1,726,979
Profit and loss account	15	7,466,780	7,218,217
Equity shareholders' funds		9,339,442	9,682,787

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10th October 2008 and signed on its behalf by:

Jonathan Paul Maurice Dent Director

## **Cash Flow Statement**

For the year ended 24 June 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	17	2,568,545	1,252,654
Returns on investment and servicing of finance			
Dividends received Interest received		66,76 <b>2</b> 363,085	51,765 315,114
		429,847	366,879
Taxation UK corporation tax paid		(444,058)	(454,203)
Equity dividends paid		(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Fixed Asset Purchases		(142,087)	
Increase in cash	18	1,412,047	165,330

## **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### 24 June 2008

## 1. Accounting Policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the inclusion of listed investments at revalued amounts.

The company is not required to prepare group accounts because the group qualifies as small under section 249 of the Companies Act 1985.

#### Property revenue

Property revenue represents rents receivable, less ground rent and maintenance expenses. Where properties are subject to rent reviews, the increase in the rental is only brought into account when agreed, including the increase, which may relate to a period commencing in a previous accounting period. Payments for dilapidations are brought into account when received.

#### Deferred taxation

The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Full provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method, without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless such provision is not permitted by FRS 19.

### Depreciation on tangible assets

Depreciation is provided in equal annual instalments ever the anticipated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation used are as follows:

Furniture and equipment -

10%

### Investment properties

Investment properties are stated at cost when acquired by the company on transfer following the reconstruction of the predecessor company on 15 June 1984 and by subsidiaries before that date.

The directors are of the opinion that the current market value of the properties is considerably in excess of their net book value. The directors also consider the expense of professional valuations unjustifiable. Investment properties are not depreciated, as in the opinion of the directors any such depreciation would be immaterial.

## Other investments

Other investments are shown at market value; investments in subsidiaries are shown at cost to the parent company.

Income from listed investments is recognised on an accruals basis.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the exchange rate ruling at the date that the transaction occurred. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at 24 June. Exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

2.	Operating	Profit
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	Operating profit is arrived at after charging:		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Auditors' remuneration Depreciation	14,000 199	13,500 198
3.	Interest Receivable and Similar Income		
		2008	2007
	Bank interest receivable Other Income receivable	£ 373,030 1,258	£ 312,888 5,439
		374,288	318,327
4.	Employees		
		2008 No	2007 No
	Average number of people (including directors employed by the company during the year in an administrative capacity was:	6	6
	Staff costs, including directors:		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	165,224 16,417	151,082 13,631
		181,641	164,713
5.	Directors		
		2008 £	2007 £
	Directors remuneration	155,000	141,250
	Chairman	25,000	21,250
	Highest paid director	50,000	43,750

## 6. Tax on Profit on Ordinary Shares

	2008 £	2007 £
United Kingdom Corporation Tax Current tax on income for the year Group relief	526,000	436,000
Adjustments in respect of prior years	(130)	(124)
Current taxation	525,870	435,876
Deferred taxation  Net origination (reversal) of timing differences  Adjustments in respect of prior years	(204)	(715)
Current taxation charge	525,666	435,161
Current tax reconciliation Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,774,229	1,489,611
Theoretical tax at UK corporation tax rate 30% (2007:30%) Effects of: -	524,028	446,883
- adjustments in respect of prior years	(130)	(124)
- accelerated capital allowances	(362)	`715 <sup>°</sup>
<ul> <li>UK dividends not taxable</li> </ul>	(3,076)	(11,918)
<ul> <li>Expenses Not Deductible for tax purposes</li> </ul>	4,934	168
- Other adjustments	476	152
Actual current taxation charge	525,870	435,876
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## 7. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Furniture and equipment £
Cost At 25 June 2007 Disposal	1,985
At 24 June 2008	1,985
Depreciation At 25 June 2007 Charge for the year Disposals	1,139 199 -
At 24 June 2008	1,338
Net book value At 24 June 2008	647
At 24 June 2007	846

## 8. Investment Properties

	Long leasehold	Freehold	Total
	£	£	£
Cost and NBV			
At 25 June 2007	472,723	952,925	1,425,648
Additions	142,038	-	142,038
Disposals	-	-	•
At 24 June 2008	614,761	952,925	1,567,686
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No provision for deferred taxation of approximately £11,000 (2007 - £20,000) which would be payable if the properties were sold at their book value has been made, as there is no intention to dispose of any properties in the foreseeable future.

## 9. Subsidiary Undertakings

Cost and net book value				l otal £
At 24 June 2007				49,246
At 24 June 2008				49,246
Principal subsidiary	Country of incorporation or registration	Capital and reserves	Profit for the financial year	Parent interest in ordinary shares
		£	£	
White Lodge Limited	England & Wales	664,891	574,640	100%

Under the equity method of valuation the investment in subsidiary undertakings would be £664,891 (2007: £90,249) The directors of White Lodge Ltd have taken the decision to cease trading after the year end; as a result the investment in White Lodge Ltd has been reclassified from Fixed to Current Assets.

## 10. Other investments

### Listed investments

	2008
Market value At 25 June 2007	£
Change in valuation during the year	2,148,515 (591,908)
At 24 June 2008	1,556,607
The original cost of the listed investments held at 24 June 2008 was	421,535

No provision has been made for the deferred tax of £188,000 (2007: £391,000) on gains on revaluing investments to their market value, as there is no intention to dispose of the investments in the foreseeable future.

## 11. Debtors

	2008 £	2007 £
Due after one year	~	-
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking	-	190,000
Rental income receivable	16,336	9,945
	<u>16,336</u>	199,945
Due within one year		
Rental income receivable	51,401	259,238
Sundry debtors and prepayments	92,995	48,838
	155,412	308,076

<b>12</b> .	<b>Creditors: Amounts</b>	Falling Due	Within One Year
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12.	Creditors. Amounts raining Due within One rear		
		2008 €	2007 £
	Corporation tax Other tax and social security Accruals and deferred income Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking Other creditors	280,256 96,767 483,567 725,039 79,770	206,123 57,436 379,748 13,087 50,248
		1,665,399	706,642
13.	Provisions for Liabilities and Charges		
			Deferred taxation £
	At 25 June 2007 Transfer from profit and loss account		7,920 (204)
	At 24 June 2008		7,716
	Deferred taxation comprises:		
		Amounts p 2008 £	provided 2007 £
	Capital allowances	7,716	7,920
14.	Called Up Share Capital		
	•	2008 £	2007 £
	Authorised, allotted and fully paid 1,000,000 ordinary shares of 50p each	500,000	500,000

## 15. Reserves

	Share premium account £	Revaluation Reserve £	Profit and loss account £
At 25 June 2007 Retained profit Investment revaluation loss	237,591 - -	1,726,979 - (591,908)	7,218,217 248,563
At 24 June 2008	237,591	1,135,071	7,466,780
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## 16. Reconciliation of Shareholders Funds

	2008 £	2007 £
Total recognised gains Opening shareholders' funds	(343,345) 9,682,787	199,330 9,483,457
Closing shareholders' funds	9,339,442	9,682,787

# 17. Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities

	2008 £	2007 £
Operating profit Depreciation Decrease in debtors Increase in creditors	1,353,314 199 330,588 884,444	1,122,801 198 88,443 41,212
	2,568,545	1,252,654
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## 18. Analysis of Cash

	2008 £	2007 £
At 25 June 2006 Net cash inflow	6,265,592 1,412,047	6,100,262 165,330
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At 24 June 2007	7,677,639	6,265,592