## REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

♦ Year ended 24 June 1998 ♦



**COMPANY NO: 1801851** 

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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

Secretary Mrs J M R Dent

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Registered number 1801851

Auditors Robson Rhodes

**Chartered Accountants** 

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 24 June 1998.

#### 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

During the last year, the company incurred a substantial loss because no rent was received on one property until completion of significant maintenance work costing nearly £1.4 million prior to occupation by a new tenant. By the end of the year, all the company's properties were fully let and the directors expect a return to profitability in the current year.

#### Results and dividend

The results for the year are disclosed on page 5. The directors paid an ordinary dividend of 12.5p per share totalling £125,000 for the year ended 24 June 1998 (1997 - £nil).

#### 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 and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- followed applicable accounting standards; and
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis.

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.

#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

(Continued)

#### **Directors**

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	
	1998	1 <b>9</b> 97
	£	£
Mr C D Dent	71,632	0
Mrs J M R Dent	71,632	143,264
Mr J P M Dent	5,000	5,000
Ms C S Dent	5,000	5.000

Mr J P M Dent, Ms C S Dent and Mr C E Shanbury (a partner in Robson Rhodes) are the joint trustees of two charitable trusts which have an interest in 120,000 (1997: 120,000) ordinary shares of 50p each of the company at 24 June 1998. None of the trustees has a beneficial interest in the shares.

No other director had any interest in the shares of the company.

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 £Nil (1997: £7,000) 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.

#### Year 2000

The directors have assessed the risks associated with the year 2000 date change. The costs involved are considered to be insignificant.

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Robson Rhodes are willing to continue in office, and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

The report of the directors was approved by the Board on 24 September 1998 and signed on its behalf by:

José Magianne Ruth Dent

Secretary

## AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF CELUS HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 5 to 15 which have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on page 8.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those statements and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 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.

#### Qualified opinion arising from disagreement about accounting treatment

Except for the failure to revalue annually investment properties, which are stated in the balance sheet at a cost of £1,381,175, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 24 June 1998 and of its loss for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Robson Rhodes

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditor

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London

24 September 1998

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 24 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Property revenue: continuing operations		(811,240)	477,362
Administrative expenses		(196,955)	(204,607)
Operating (loss)/profit - continuing operations	2	(1,008,195)	272,755
Income from other fixed asset investments Interest receivable and similar income	3	90,837 176,921	43,816 201,591
(Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation		(740,437)	518,162
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	(13,537)	(158,391)
(Loss)/profit for the financial year		(753,974)	359,771
Dividends paid: 12.5p per share		(125,000)	-
Retained (loss)/profit for the year	14	(878,974)	359,711
STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND for the year ended 24 June 1998	LOSSES		
		1998 ₤	1997 £
(Loss)/profit for the financial year Unrealised gain/(deficit) on revaluation of listed investments		(878,974) 84,138	359,771 261,048
		(794,836)	620,819

# **BALANCE SHEET** at 24 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	1,120	1,560
Investment properties	8	1,381,175	1,381,175
Subsidiary undertakings	9	76,845	76,845
Other investments	10	1,179,925	1,095,787
		2,639,065	2,555,367
Current assets			
Debtors due after one year	11	115,000	134,000
Debtors due within one year	11	63,841	61,155
Cash at bank		2,409,946	3,259,205
		2 599 797	2 454 260
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	2,588,787 (247,399)	3,454,360 (234,438)
Net current assets		2,341,388	3,219,922
Net assets		4,980,453	5,775,289
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Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	500,000	500,000
Share premium account	14	237,591	237,591
Revaluation reserve	14	706,874	622,736
Profit and loss account	14	3,535,988	4,414,962
Equity shareholders' funds	15	4,980,453	5,775,289
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 24 September 1998 and signed on its behalf by:  $_{0}$ 

Cecil David Dent

Director

# CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 24 June 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operating activities	16	(798,526)	159,678
Returns on investment and servicing of finance Listed investments Interest received		56,657 172,367	35,053 204,273
		(569,502)	239,326
Taxation UK corporation tax paid		(154,757)	(294,628)
		(724,259)	(294,628)
Capital expenditure Payment to acquire fixed assets		<del>-</del>	(377)
Equity dividends paid		(125,000)	-
(Decrease)/increase in cash	17	(849,259)	103,999

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

#### 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.

#### 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%
Motor cars	-	20%

#### 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

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

#### 2. OPERATING (LOSS)/PROFIT

	1998	1997
Operating profit is arrived at after charging:	£	£
Auditors' remuneration Depreciation	11,000 440	11,000 440

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

## 3. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank deposit interest receivable Other interest receivable	176,881 40	201,591
	176,921	201,591
EMPLOYEES		
	1998 No	1997 No
Average number of people (including directors) employed by the company during the year in an administrative capacity was:	7	7
Staff costs, including directors:		
	1998 £	1997 £
Wages and salaries Social security costs	103,621 9,284	102,000 6,405
	112,905	108,405

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

### 5. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

	1998 ₤	1997 £
Management remuneration	81,903	81,626
Chairman	12,148	12,028
Highest paid director	59,756	59,598
TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
	1998 £	1997 ₤
Corporation tax at 31% (1997 - 33%) Adjustment to prior years' estimates Tax credits on franked investment income Income tax suffered on overseas earnings	(242) 13,779	155,000 (5,372) 8,675 88
	13,537	158,391

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

#### 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Motor cars £	Furniture and equipment	Total
Cost At 25 June 1997 Additions	21,513	4,401	£ 25,914
At 24 June 1998	21,513	4,401	25,914
<b>Depreciation</b> At 25 June 1997 Charge for the year	21,513	2,841 440	24,354 440
At 24 June 1998	21,513	3,281	24,794
Net book value At 24 June 1998	-	1,120	1,120
At 24 June 1997	-	1,560	1,560
INVESTMENT PROPERTIES			<u> </u>
	Long leasehold	Freehold	Total

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	Long leasehold £	Freehold £	Total £
Cost At 25 June 1997 and at 24 June 1998	428,250	952,925	1,381,175
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No provision for deferred taxation of approximately £61,000 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 of the properties in the foreseeable future.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

## 9. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

Cost	£
At 25 June 1997 and 24 June 1998	170,863
Provisions	
At 25 June 1997 and 24 June 1998	94,018
Net book value	
At 24 June 1998 and 24 June 1997	76,845

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	53,484	5,344	100%
Cramas Properties Limited	England & Wales	27,600	-	100%

Under the equity method of valuation, the investment in subsidiary undertakings would be £76,535 (1997: £76,646).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

### 10. OTHER INVESTMENTS

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Disteu investments	1998 £	1997 £
Market value At 25 June 1997	1,095,787	834,740
Change in valuation during the year	84,138	261,047
At 24 June 1998	1,179,925	1,095,787
The original cost of the listed investments held at 24 June was	473,051	473,051

Corporation tax of approximately £121,000 (1997: £125,000) would be payable if the listed investments were sold at their market value.

### 11. DEBTORS

	1998 £	1997 £
Due after one year Amounts owed by subsidiary undertaking Other debtors	110,000 5,000	125,000 9,000
	115,000	134,000
Due within one year		
Amount owed by subsidiary undertaking	7,948	3,417
Other debtors	-	1,000
Sundry debtors and prepayments	55,893	56,738
	63,841	61,155

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

### 12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	1998 £	1997 £
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking	27,600	27,600
Corporation tax	-	155,000
Other tax and social security	23,240	1,680
Accruals and deferred income	196,559	50,158
	247,399	234,438
CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL		
	1998	1997
	£	£
Authorised, allotted and fully paid		
1,000,000 ordinary shares of 50p each	500,000	500,000
	Corporation tax Other tax and social security Accruals and deferred income  CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL	Amounts owed to subsidiary undertaking  Corporation tax  Other tax and social security  Accruals and deferred income  23,240  196,559  247,399  CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL  1998 £

#### 14. RESERVES

	Share premium account £	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account £
At 25 June 1997	237,591	622,736	4,414,962
Retained loss	-	-	(878,974)
Investment revaluation surplus	-	84,138	-
At 24 June 1998	237,591	706,874	3,535,988
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 24 June 1998

### 15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

	1998 £	1997 ₤
Total recognised (losses)/gains Opening shareholders' funds	(794,836) 5,775,289	620,819 5,154,470
Closing shareholders' funds	4,980,453	5,775,289

# 16. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	1998 £	1997 £
Operating (loss)/profit	(1,008,195)	272,755
Depreciation	440	440
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	41,269	(29,171)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	167,960	(84,346)
	(798,526)	159,678

#### 17. ANALYSIS OF CASH

	Cash at bank and in hand £
At 25 June 1996	3,155,206
Net cash inflow	103,999
At 25 June 1997	3,259,205
Net cash (outflow)	(849,259)
At 24 June 1998	2,409,946



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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 24 June 1998		For directo	rs' use only	
Property revenue	Rent	1998 Outgoings	Net	1997
	£	£	£	£
58/62 Newman Street, London W1 63/64 Newman Street, London W1 66/68 Margaret Street, London W1	176,910 125,000 262,850	1,374,063 (247) 2,184	(1,197,153) 125,247 260,666	47,153 78,283 351,926
	564,760	1,376,000	(811,240)	477,362
Interest receivable Dividends receivable			176,921 90,837	201,591 43,816
Y Y2			(543,482)	722,769
Less: Expenses Directors' remuneration			75,000	75,000
Management expenses			121,955	122,607
Charitable and other donations				7,000
			(196,955)	204,607
Net (loss)/profit for the year subject to	taxation		(740,437)	518,162
Deduct: Taxation				
Corporation tax			-	155,000
Prior year adjustments			(242)	(5,372)
Tax credits on franked investment incom Income tax suffered on overseas earning			13,779 -	8,675 88
			(13,537)	158,391
(Loss)/profit for the year			(753,974)	359,771
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DETAILED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 24 June 1998	For directo	rs' use only
	1998 £	1997 £
Directors' remuneration		
C D Dent	55,000	55,000
Mrs J M R Dent	10,000	10,000
J P M Dent	5,000	5,000
Ms C S Dent	5,000	5,000
	75,000	75,000
Management expenses		
Office expenses	40,753	42,097
Audit, accountancy, secretarial and taxation services	74,583	73,907
Motor car expenses	4,191	3,428
Entertainment	628	542
Advertising expenses	976	859
Depreciation - furniture	440	440
Bank interest and bank charges	47	58
Legal and professional	30	1,276
General	307	-
	121,955	122,607
Charitable and other donations Paid under gift aid		7,000
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# RENTS RECEIVABLE for the year ended 24 June 1998

For directors' use only

	Current year £	Tenancy at Will £	Total £
58/62 Newman Street	176,910	<del>-</del>	176,910
63/64 Newman Street	125,000	-	125,000
66/68 Margaret Street	257,850	5,000	262,850
	559,760	5,000	564,760

# ANALYSIS OF GROSS RENTS RECEIVABLE AND ARREARS for the year ended 24 June 1998

For directors' use only

Current Annual Rent	Receivable per accounts	Cumulative rent arrears
514,739	176,910	- 
125,000	125,000	-
34,500	34,500	42,000
42,500	42,500	-
22,000	{ 16,500 { 5,500	-
26,250	26,250	-
20,000	15,000	-
63,000	69,000	19,998
48,600	48,600	-
256,850	257,850	61,998
896,589	559,760	61,998
	Annual Rent £ 514,739  125,000  34,500  42,500  22,000  26,250  20,000  63,000  48,600	Annual Rent £         per accounts £           514,739         176,910           125,000         125,000           34,500         34,500           42,500         42,500           22,000         {16,500 { 5,500}           26,250         26,250           20,000         15,000           63,000         69,000           48,600         48,600           256,850         257,850

# SCHEDULE OF LISTED INVESTMENTS for the year ended 24 June 1998

For directors' use only

Stock	Holding	Historical cost £	Share price £	Market value of holding £
Charter Plc 2p ordinary shares	5,625	14,535	6.34	35,663
Land Securities Plc £1 ordinary shares	100,000	355,429	9.17	917,000
Minorco US \$1.40 ordinary shares	1,125	7,087	7.76	8,730
London Merchant Securities PLC 25p ordinary shares 25p deferred ordinary shares	134,527 40,493	96,000	1.34 0.945	180,266 38,266
		473,051		1,179,925