COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED

Company number 2355062

Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 March 2002

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COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

DIRECTORS C C Walker

MRA Carlton

SECRETARY H Fleming

REGISTERED OFFICE Hanover Place

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BANKERS Barclays Bank plc

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AUDITORS Kingston Smith

Chartered Accountants Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road

London EC1M 7AD

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2002.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to £6,306 (2001: £6,378), which is to be transferred to accumulated losses.

The results of the company for the year are set out on page 6.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND BUSINESS REVIEW

The Company's principal activity during the year was the provision of financial services. It was regulated by the FSA (Financial Services Authority). The directors anticipate a return to operating profit in the coming year.

The directors do not anticipate any major changes to the nature of the business during the coming year.

Charitable donations of £350 (2001 £350) were made during the year.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The directors during the year and their interests (including family interests) in the share capital of the company, at the beginning and end of the year, were as follows:

	At 31 March 2002	At 1 April 2001
	Ordinary	Ordinary
	Shares	Shares
L C Seely (resigned 8 October 2002)	385,000	385,000
C C Walker	275,000	275,000
M R A Carlton	155,295	155,295
M W Delmar-Morgan (resigned 8 October 2002)	_	-

AUDITORS

Kingston Smith were appointed auditors during the year. They have indicated their willingness to continue in office and in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act it is proposed that they be reappointed auditors to the company for the ensuing year.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

H. FLEMING

SECRETARY

date 27 (1/03

Hanover place, 8 Church Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1JP.

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

Statement of 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 those 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; and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume 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 responsibile for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent auditors' report to the shareholders of Columbus Financial Advisers Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Columbus Financial Advisers Limited for the year ended 31 March 2002 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and the related notes. These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and 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 for no purpose other than to draw to the attention of the company's members those matters which we are required to include in an auditor's report addressed to them. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to any party other than the company and company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As 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.

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORT OF THE AUDITORS (continued)

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.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the the company's affairs as at 31 March 2002 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Kingston Smith
Kingston Smith
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditor

Devonshire House 60 Goswell Road London EC1M 7AD

28th January 2003

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
TURNOVER-Continuing activities Cost of sales	2	1,649,851 (941,744)	2,958,456 (2,010,947)
Gross profit		708,107	947,509
Administrative expenses		(714,685)	(954,180)
OPERATING LOSS	3	(6,578)	(6,671)
Bank interest receivable Bank and loan interest payable		11,570 (16)	18,858 (120)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		4,976	12,067
TAXATION CREDIT / (CHARGE)	5	1,330	(5,689)
PROFIT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR	_	6,306	6,378
ACCUMULATED LOSSES	_		
At 1 April 2001 Profit for the financial year		(54,308) 6,306	(60,686) 6,378
At 31 March 2002	 -	(48,002)	(54,308)
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There are no realised gains or losses other than those included in the profit and loss account.

Notes 1-18 form part of these financial statements.

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED BALANCE SHEET AT 31 MARCH 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	19,826	28,686
Investments	7	10,225	75
		30,051	28,761
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	8	166,266	466,242
Cash at bank and in hand		245,631	372,322
	_	411,897	838,564
CURRENT LIABILITIES			4-4
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(151,714)	(596,480)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		260,183	242,084
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		290,234	270,845
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	10	(110,083)	(97,000)
NET ASSETS	_	180,151	173,845
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CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called Up Share Capital	11	228,153	228,153
Profit and Loss Account		(48,002)	(54,308)
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Equity Shareholders' Funds	-	180,151	173,845

Approved by the Board on

C. C. WALKER DIRECTOR

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COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

	Note	2002 £	2001 £
NET CASH (OUTFLOW) / INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	17	(112,142)	97,834
RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS AND SERVICING OF FINANCE Interest paid Interest received	(16) 11,570	(120) 18,858	
Net cash flow from returns on investments and servicing of finance		11,554	18,738
TAXATION		(5,993)	(5,807)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Purchase of tangible fixed assets Purchase of investment securities	(9,960) (10,150)	(16,091) (75)	
Net cash outflow from investing activities		(20,110)	(16,166)
Net cash (outflow) / inflow before financing	-	(126,691)	94,599
FINANCING			-
(DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH IN THE YEAR	18	(126,691)	94,599
RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS			
(Decrease) / increase in cash in the year	18	(126,691)	94,599
Movement in net funds Net funds at 1 April 2001 Net funds at 31 March 2002		(126,691) 372,322 245,631	94,599 277,723 372,322

Notes 1-18 form part of these financial statements.

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Accounting basis and standards

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

(b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected economic useful life, as follows:

Computer systems - over two-three years
Office furniture - over four years
Fixtures and fittings - over four years
Office equipment - over four years

(c) Leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases have been charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

(d) Deferred taxation

Provision is made for deferred taxation on all reversible timing differences but deferred tax assets are only recognised where recoverability is anticipated.

(e) Pension scheme arrangements

The company makes contributions to the personal pension schemes of directors and other employees. The assets of these schemes are held separately from the assets of the company. The charge to the profit and loss account represents contributions payable to the schemes, which are defined contribution schemes.

2 TURNOVER

Turnover represents the commissions earned from the one principal activity of providing financial services. Full credit is taken for initial commissions due on all business debited in the year irrespective of the period of the policy. Renewal commission is accounted for when received. Provision is made for commissions on indemnity terms which are repayable in the year together with further provision based on previous experience.

Turnover is attributable to the one principal activity of the company which arose wholly in the United Kingdom.

3	OPERATING LOSS	2002 £	2001 £
	This is stated after charging:		
	Directors' emoluments (see note 4)	539,406	852,279
	Auditors' remuneration	7,500	10,616
	Depreciation - owned assets	18,820	21,017
	Operating leases		
	- land and buildings	32,592	20,987
	- other	5 907	5 478

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002 (continued)

4 EMPLOYEES

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(b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the year: The tax assessed for the year is lower than the starting rate of corporation tax in the U.K. of 10%. The differences are explained below: Profit on ordinary activities before tax 4,976 12,067
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the starting rate /
small companies rate in the U.K. of 10% / 20% 498 2,413 Effects of:
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes 176 324
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances 31 1,281
Small companies starting rate relief - (748)
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Adjustments to the tax charge in respect of previous years. (2,035) 2,419 Current tax (credit) / charge for the year (Note 5(a)) (1,330) 5,689

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002 (continued)

6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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	Computer and Office Equipment £	Office Furniture Fixtures & Fittings £	Total £
Cost:	~	~	~
At 1 April 2001	73,291	28,284	101,575
Additions	9,960	0	9,960
Disposals	(7,366)	(4,148)	(11,514)
At 31 March 2002	75,885	24,136	100,021
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2001	52,838	20,051	72,889
Charge for year	13,059	5,761	18,820
Eliminated on disposal	(7,366)	_(4,14 <u>8)</u>	(11,514)
At 31 March 2002	58,531	21,664	80,195
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2002	17,354	2,472	19,826
At 31 March 2001	20,453	8,233	28,686
UNLISTED INVESTMENTS			Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2001			75
Additions			10,150
At 31 March 2002			10,225

The company holds 4500 options to purchase class C shares in Integrated Financial Arrangements PLC at £0.05 per option. The option may be exercised 10 business days following the earlier of 5 January 2005, the date of floatation or the date of the sale of the company. The exercise price is £1 per option.

During the year, the company purchased 1,053 ordinary shares in Integrated Financial Arrangements PLC at a cost of £10,000.

8	DEBTORS	2002 £	2001 £
	Trade debtors	119,285	424,687
	Prepayments	20,299	20,050
	Other debtors	19,344	14,167
	Share capital called up but unpaid	7,338	7,338
		166,266	466,242
9	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	2002	2001
		£	£
	Trade creditors	106,538	243,371
	Corporation Tax	705	5,610
	Social Security and other taxes	6,558	41,618
	Other creditors	24,586	211,736
	Accruals	13,327	94,145
		151,714	596,480

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002 (continued)

10	PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES	2002	200 1
	Cost	~	4
	At 1 April 2001	97,000	-
	Movement in the year	13,083	97,000
	At 31 March 2002	110,083	97,000

Following a pension review, ten pensions were highlighted where possible redress was required. Full provision for the professional Indemnity Insurance excess has been provided.

11	SHARE CAPITAL	2002 £	2001 £
	Authorised:		
	Ordinary Shares of 1p each	41,024	41,024
	Deferred Shares of 1p each	217,800	217,800
	·	258,824	258,824
	Allotted, Called-up and Fully Paid		
	Ordinary Shares of 1p each	2,200	2,200
	Deferred Shares of 1p each	217,800	217,800
	Allotted, Called-Up and Partly Paid		
	Ordinary Shares of 1p each	8,153	8,153
		228,153	228,153

The Deferred shares of 1p each are entitled, on liquidation, to return of an amount equivalent to nominal value and have no other participation right. Such right is subject to a minimum return to Ordinary shareholders on liquidation of £1,000 per share. Accordingly, the holders of Deferred 1p shares have no participation in existing shareholders' funds.

The movement in equity shareholders' funds during the year is represented by:

Opening shareholders' funds	173,845	167,467
Profit for year	6,306	_6,378
Closing shareholders' funds	180,151	173,845

12 PENSIONS

The company has made payments to money purchase schemes on behalf of directors and employees amounting to £36,546 (2001: £24,758).

13 OPERATING LEASES

The company has the following commitments under operating leases which expire:

	Land and Buildings	Other Equipment	<u>Total</u>
In two to five years		3,023	3,023

COLUMBUS FINANCIAL ADVISERS LIMITED NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2002 (continued)

14 CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

At 31 March 2002 the Company had no contingent liabilities that require disclosure (2001 - Nil).

15 TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

During the year policies were negotiated for directors and their connected persons in accordance with normal trading terms, together with commission participation arrangements.

During the year introducer commissions of £53,022 (2001: Nil) were receivable from Columbus Consulting Limited, a company controlled by C.C. Walker. The amount outstanding at the end of the year was £22,140 (2001: £ Nil).

16 ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling party is C.C. Walker, a director of the company, by virtue of his current shareholding.

17 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING LOSS TO OPERATING CASH FLOW

	2002 £	2001 £
Operating loss	(6,578)	(6,671)
Depreciation charges	18,820	21,017
Decrease / (increase) in debtors	302,394	(116,784)
(Decrease) / increase in creditors	(426,778)	200,272
Net cash (outflow) / inflow from operating activities	(112,142)	97,834

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18 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

at 1 April 2001	372,322
	(126,691)
at 31 March 2002	245,631