

Directors' report and financial statements

For the year ended 30 June 2006

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#### Directors and other information

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Clive Gibbons

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#### Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2006

#### Activities

The principal activity of the company is the ownership and operation of The Connaught Hotel

#### Review of developments and future prospects

The profit for the period before tax is £3.0 million (2005 £3.8 million). The profit and loss account is shown on page 9

The directors expect that the present activity level will at least be sustained until the Hotel closes for renovation.

#### **Business review**

The company increased occupancy to 83% during 2006 (2005.78%) Revenue per available room (RevPar) for the company increased by £13 to £230. The key risk facing the company's performance for 2007 is a downturn in the global economy

#### **Dividends**

During the year no dividends have been paid or proposed (2005 £ nil)

#### Directors and their interests

On 24 March 2006, G McKenna resigned as a director On 31 August 2006, M France resigned as a director. On 24 July 2006, S. Alden, S Edwards and P. Reynolds were appointed as directors On 8 February 2007, C Gibbons was appointed as a director and as company secretary

The directors and secretary do not hold any material interests in the shares of the company or any other company in the group

#### **Employees**

The company's policy is to give full and fair consideration to the recruitment of disabled persons having regard to their particular aptitudes and abilities. Appropriate training will be arranged for disabled persons. The company's personnel policies ensure that all its employees are made aware, on a regular basis, of the company's policies, programmes and progress.



Directors' report (continued)

#### Creditor payment policy

The payment policy of the company is to pay all purchases within thirty days of the end of the month. The payment policy applies to all payments to creditors/suppliers for revenue and capital supplies of goods and services without exception.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that he/ she ought to have taken as a director to make himself/ herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### Political and charitable contributions

The Company made no political contributions during the period and no donations to charities

#### **Auditors**

In accordance with Section 384 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution for the re-appointment of KPMG as auditors of the company is to be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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Director

25th April 2007



Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The financial statements are required by law to 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,
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board

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Director

25th April 2007



#### KPMG Chartered Accountants

1 Stokes Place St Stephen's Green Dublin 2 Ireland

### Independent auditor's report to the members of The Connaught Hotel Limited

We have audited the financial statements of The Connaught Hotel Limited for the year ended 30 June 2006 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes 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 auditors' 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

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 4, the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK accounting standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 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 or material inconsistencies with the financial statements

#### 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.



Independent auditor's report to the members of The Connaught Hotel Limited (continued)

#### Basis of audit opinion (continued)

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, in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended, and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the companies Act 1985

KPMG

Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

26 April 2007



# Statement of accounting polices for the year ended 30 June 2006

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared in Sterling in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention and comply with financial reporting standards of the Accounting Standards Board, as promulgated by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

#### Cash flow statement

The Company's ultimate parent undertaking publishes financial statements which are publicly available Those financial statements include a consolidated cash flow statement. For this reason the exemption requirements of FRS 1 (Revised) "Cash Flow Statements" are met and the Company has therefore not prepared a cash flow statement.

#### **Group accounts**

The Company is exempt from the obligation to prepare consolidated accounts by virtue of S228 of the Companies Act 1985 in that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of its ultimate parent and controlling undertaking which itself prepares group accounts which are publicly available. These financial statements are therefore entity financial statements and are not consolidated financial statements.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents income from hotel operations, excludes value added tax and is recognised on provision of the related service. Turnover is derived solely from UK operations

#### **Interest**

Interest charges incurred in financing the restoration of the properties are not capitalised. All interest is charged against profits as it arises

#### **Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value

#### Tangible Fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are held at cost Expenditure on development of the company's hotel and restaurants, including major replacement and improvement of assets, is disclosed as land and buildings, plant, machinery, fixtures and fittings. Land and buildings includes the costs associated with structural improvements to freehold properties. The cost of replacement of glass and china and certain other loose equipment of hotels and restaurants is charged to the profit and loss account in the period in which it is incurred



Statement of accounting polices (continued) For the year ended 30 June 2006

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is not charged on freehold property as the group has a policy and practice of disposing of assets well before the end of their economic lives and the disposal proceeds of similar assets have not been materially less than their carrying amounts

As a result, on an annual basis the Group estimates the recoverable amount of its hotel properties based on the higher of their net realisable values or the present values of future cash flows expected to result from their use. Where the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount of the hotel properties the Group recognises an impairment loss in the profit and loss account.

Other fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. No depreciation is charged on archive materials and manuscripts however as they are maintained in good condition and they are expected to have a high residual value.

Depreciation of other tangible assets is provided on a straight-line basis over the following useful lives

Plant and machinery Fixtures and fittings

between 4 and 20 years between 5 and 20 years

#### **Deferred taxation**

Deferred taxation is provided in full on an undiscounted basis on timing differences that result in an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at rates expected to apply when they crystallise based on current tax rates and law Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered

#### Pension and other post retirement benefits

The company is a participating employer in the Maybourne Hotels Group pension and life insurance scheme, providing benefits based on final pensionable pay. The company is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme on a consistent and reasonable basis and therefore, as required by FRS 17 'Retirement benefits', accounts for the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. As a result the amount charged to the profit and loss accounts represents the contributions payable to the scheme in respect of the accounting period.



Profit and loss account for the year ended 30 June 2006

		Year ended 30 June 2006 £'000	18 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000
	Note		
Turnover – continuing operations	1	9,788	13,573
Cost of sales		(2,236)	(3,220)
Gross profit		7,552	10,353
Administrative expenses		(4,550)	(6,515)
Operating profit – continuing operations	3	3,002	3,838
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		3,002	3,838
Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	4	218	155
Profit for the financial year/period	12	3,220	3,993

The company had no recognised gains or losses in the financial period or in the preceding financial period other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account. All activities in the current and preceding periods are derived from continuing operations.



Balance sheet

At 30 June 2006			
	Note	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	68,492	67,99 <b>7</b>
Financial assets	6	166	166
		68,658	68,163
Current assets Stocks	7	56	33
Debtors	8	17,859	15,141
Cash at bank and in hand	Ü	33	-
		17,948	15,174
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(1,969)	(1,845)
Net current assets		15,979	13,329
Total assets less current liabilities		84,637	81,492
Provision for liabilities and charges			
Deferred taxation	10	•	(75)
Net Assets		84,637	81,417
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	11	150	150
Share premium account	12	70,846	70,846
Profit and loss account	12	13,641	10,421
Shareholders' funds	13	84,637	81,417

These financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 25 April 2007

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Director



### Notes

forming part of the financial statements

#### 1 Turnover

		Year ended 30 June 2006 £'000	18 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000
	Hotel, restaurant and ancillary business receipts	9,788	13,573
	All revenue is derived from operations within the UK		
2	Information regarding directors and employees		
		Year ended 30 June 2006 No.	18 months ended 30 June 2005 No
	Average number of persons employed (excluding directors)		
	Hotel and administration	98	96
		Year ended 30 June	18 months ended 30
		2006	June 2005
		£'000	£'000
	Staff costs during the period (excluding directors)	4.000	
	Wages and salaries	1,820	2,606
	Social security costs Pension costs	156 79	214 81
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		2,055	2,901

The directors receive no remuneration for their services to this company



Notes (continued)

#### 3 Operating profit

	Operating profit is stated after charging: Auditors' remuneration – audit services Depreciation – owned assets	Year ended 30 June 2006 £'000 25 631	18 months ended 30 June 2005 £'000 23 1,057
4	Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	Year ended 30 June	18 months ended 30
		2006 £'000	June 2005 £'000
	UK corporation tax for the period at 30%		
	(2005 30%) based on the profit/loss for the period  Deferred tax credit  Timing differences origination and reversal	-	-
	Current period	150	171
	Adjustment in respect of prior periods	68	(16)
	Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities	218	155
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#### Factors affecting corporation tax charge for the current period

The corporation tax assessed for the period is lower than that resulting from applying the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2005) 30%)



Notes (continued)

#### 4 Tax credit on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

The differences are explained below		
•	Year ended 30 June 2006	18 months ended 30 June 2005
	£'000	£'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	3,002	3,838
Tax at 30% thereon	901	1,151
Effects of.		
Capital allowances in excess of qualifying depreciation	150	171
Group relief received for nil consideration	(1,306)	(1,418)
Non qualifying depreciation	-	91
Other permanent differences	255	5
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Deferred tax has not been provided on the difference between the carrying value and the tax basis of fixed assets. This tax will only become payable if the assets are sold and rollover relief is not obtained. The estimated amount of tax that would become payable in these circumstances is £14.5 million.

Deferred tax has not been provided in respect of gains realised that have been rolled over into the acquisition cost of replacement assets. This tax will become payable if the replacement assets are sold and further rollover relief is not available. The estimated amount of tax that would become payable in these circumstances is £0 4m.



Notes (continued)

#### 5 Tangible fixed assets

Long leasehold land and buildings £'000		the course of	Fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery £'000	Total £'000
62,772	591	1,529	11,758	76,650
-	-	1,126	-	1,126
62,772	591	2,655	11,758	77,776
•		*		8,653
		<del>-</del>	597	631
	523	-	8,761	9,284
62,772	68	2,655	2,997	68,492
62,772	102	1,529	3,594	67,997
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Borrowings of the company's parent, Coroin Ltd, and other group companies, are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the Company

#### 6 Financial fixed assets

Investments in subsidiary undertakings	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
At cost and net book value	4 000	2000
At beginning and end of year/period	166	166



Notes (continued)

#### 6 Investments in subsidiaries (continued)

These subsidiary undertakings are as follows:

	Subsidiary undertaking	Country of incorporation	Activity	Shareholding
	The Connaught Hotel (52242) Limited Mount Street Mansions Limited	Great Britain Great Britain	Dormant Company Dormant Company	100% 100%(indirect)
7	Stocks			
			2006	2005
			£,000	£'000
	Raw materials and consumables		56	33

The directors are of the opinion that the net realisable value of stock is greater than the carrying value

#### 8 Debtors

	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Trade debtors	482	515
Amounts owed by group undertakings	17,064	14,388
Prepayments and accrued income	129	151
Other debtors	41	87
Deferred tax asset (note 10)	143	-
	17,859	15,141
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All amounts fall due within one year



Notes (continued)

### 9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

,	Creditors, amounts faming true within one year		
		2006	2005
		£'000	£'000
	Bank loans and overdraft	117	
	Trade creditors		5 252
		403	353
	Amounts owed to group undertakings	350	393
	Amount owed to subsidiary undertakings	165	-
	Other taxes and social security	396	397
	Other creditors	289	175
	Accruals and deferred income	249	522
		1,969	1,845
10	Deferred tax		
		2006	2005
		£'000	£'000
	Movement in deferred tax provision		
	Opening deferred tax liability	(75)	(230)
	Credit to the profit and loss account	218	Ì155 <sup>°</sup>
	Deferred tax asset/(liability) at end of year/period	143	(75)
		2006	2005
	Analysis of deferred tax balance	£'000	£'000
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	141	(75)
	Short term timing differences	2	-
	Deferred tax asset / (provision for deferred tax)	143	(75)



Notes (continued)

#### 11 Called up share capital

	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Authorised, called up, allotted and fully paid		
1,000,000 "A" ordinary shares of 10p each	100	100
500,000 "B" ordinary shares of 10p each	50	50
	150	150

Shares rank equally, except for a dividend and return on capital, where the distribution rights of the "A" shares are 10,000 times those of "B" shares

#### 12 Reserves

	Share Premium £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total £'000
At 1 July 2005 Profit for the year	70,846	10,421 3,220	81,267 3,220
At 30 June 2006	70,846	13,641	84,487



Notes (continued)

#### 13 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

		2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	At start of year/period	81,417	77,424
	Profit for the financial year/period	3,220	3,993
	At end of year/period	84,637	81,417
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14	Capital commitments		
	•	2006	2005
		£'000	£,000
	Capital commitments (land and buildings)		
	Contracted but not provided for in the accounts	-	15

#### 15 Pensions and similar obligations

The Connaught Hotel Limited is a participating employer in the Maybourne Hotels Group pension and life insurance scheme. The scheme has three sections—staff and senior staff which are defined benefit schemes and directors which is a money purchase scheme. The staff scheme is open to all staff if they meet the eligibility criteria. The company actively encourages staff to join the scheme as it believes that it is an important element of the remuneration package. This is disclosed fully in the consolidated accounts of Coroin Limited.

The directors are unable to identify The Connaught Hotel Limited's share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme. As a result it is accounted for as a defined contribution scheme. The scheme is currently in deficit, and it is expected that contributions will be increased to reduce the deficit. At 30 June 2006 this deficit, calculated in accordance with FRS 17, amounted to £7.8 million (30 June 2005, £13.5 million as restated). Full details of the scheme are disclosed in the accounts of Coroin Limited.



Notes (continued)

#### 16 Related party disclosures

The company is exempt under the provisions of paragraph 3, Financial Reporting Standard 8 "Related Party Disclosures" from disclosing details of transactions with Group related parties

#### 17 Ultimate parent company

The company's ultimate parent company is Coroin Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales This is the smallest and largest group in which the results of the company are consolidated Copies of those statutory accounts will also be available from its registered office, 30 Old Burlington Street, Mayfair, London, W1S 3AR.