Company No: 3707886 Registered in England and Wales

# THE ARDEN HOTEL LIMITED

# REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

\* FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008 \*

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#### COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors

J.E. Gardner
Mrs. R.M. Gardner
D.J.Gardner
S.J.M. Gardner
P.L. Bretherton
A.G. Cheal

Secretary

D.J. Gardner

Registered office

Coventry Road Bickenhill Solihull West Midlands B92 0EH

Registered number

3707886

Auditor

Williams, Ashton & Anderson Registered Auditor, and Authorised Public Accountants 359 Yardley Road Yardley Birmingham B25 8NB

Bankers

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Solicitors

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2008.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the company is that of hotel, restaurant and leisure centre proprietors.

#### REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

We achieved record sales of £4,581,201, exceeding last year's figures by £158,082, a very pleasing result. Again a large proportion of this growth was fuelled by increased sales over the GDS and Internet. We expect this trend to continue into the future. As with all business in these current times, it is very difficult to forecast what is likely to happen next week, least of all next year. However, our best estimate is that sales are likely to fall 5% next year. We hope to avoid the exceptional one off expenses we incurred to June 2008, and so achieve a higher level of profitability going forward and more importantly retain a cash reserve.

During the year we renegotiated our loans from LIBOR basis rate, and also achieved a lower margin. We are therefore in a position to enjoy the low rates being witnessed currently. Our other most significant cost, wages, remained constant at 29.5% of turnover (29.8% 2007).

#### **DIVIDENDS**

A dividend of £250,000 was declared during the year. No further dividend is proposed.

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#### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (CONTD.)

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

#### DIRECTORS

The present directors of the company are set out on page 1. All the directors served throughout the year.

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

	Ordinary Shares	of £1 each
	30.6.2008	30.6.2007
J.E. Gardner	2,990	2,990
Mrs. R.M. Gardner	2,990	2,990
P.L. Bretherton	5,980	5,980
S.J.M. Gardner	5,980	5,980
A.G. Cheal	5,980	5,980
D.J. Gardner	5,980	5,980

#### CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The company made charitable donations of £561 during the year (2007 £238).

#### AUDIT ENQUIRIES

As far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Each of the directors has taken all steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make him/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

In accordance with the Companies Act 1985, Williams, Ashton & Anderson retire and offer themselves for re-appointment.

The report of the directors was approved by the board on 19 December 2008 and signed on its behalf by:

D.J. GARDNER

Director

Coventry Road Bickenhill B92 OEH

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ARDEN HOTEL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of The Arden Hotel Limited for the year ended 30 June 2008 on pages 6 to 18. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 the 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 (United Kingdom 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 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 International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes an 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE ARDEN HOTEL LIMITED (CONTD.)

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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2008 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985.

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WILLIAMS, ASHTON & ANDERSON

REGISTERED AUDITOR, AND AUTHORISED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

19 December 2008

# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
TURNOVER	2 (a)	4,581,201	4,423,119
Cost of sales		(618,934)	(615,435)
GROSS PROFIT		3,962,627	3,807,684
Selling and distribution costs Administrative expenses		(140,968) (2,997,030)	(134,837) (2,703,666)
		(3,137,998)	(2,838,503)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	824,629	969,181
Investment income Interest (payable)	4 5	3,270 (382,044)	10,372 (337,317)
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR BEFORE TAXATION		445,855	642,236
Taxation	8	(119,416)	(174,000)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR	17	326,439	468,236

#### CONTINUING OPERATIONS

Turnover and operating profit derive wholly from continuing operations.

# TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

There were no recognised gains or losses other than those recorded in the profit and loss account.

BALANCE SHEET			
AT 30 JUNE 2008	Note	2008 £	2007 £
FIXED ASSETS Tangible Investment in subsidiary undertakings	10 11	9,456,422 50,000 9,506,422	9,784,103 50,000
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors due within one year Cash at bank	2c 12	21,868 229,568 10,340	22,387 224,820 396,900
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	13	261,776	644,107 (1,666,011)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES)		(1,027,388)	(1,021,904)
TOTAL ASSETS, LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		8,479,034	8,812,199
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(4,466,347)	(4,861,951)
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES AND CHARGES Deferred taxation	16	(231,000)	(245,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		3,781,687	3,705,248
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up share capital Profit and loss account	17 17	29,900 3,751,787	29,900
EQUITY SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	17	3,781,687	3,705,248

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 19 December 2008 and signed on its behalf by:

D.J. GARDNER Director

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#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

Reconciliation of operating profit to net cas activities	sh inflow fro	m operating
Note	e 2008	2007
	£	£
Operating profit	824,629	969,181
Depreciation charge	381,724	408,478
(Increase) in debtors	(4,748)	(32,371)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(57,006)	15,403
Decrease in stocks	519	-
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	1,145,118	1,360,691
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT		
Net cash inflow from operating activities	1,145,118	1,360,691
Returns on investments and servicing of finance 1	(378,774)	
Taxation 1		(222,581)
Capital expenditure 1	(54,043)	(66,606)
Equity dividends paid	(500,000)	(200,000)
Financing - decrease in debt	(408,151)	(452,268)
(Decrease)/increase in cash	(386,560)	92,291
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RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET DEBT 2		
(Decrease)/increase in cash in the period	(386,560)	92,291
Cash outflow from decrease in debt	408,151	452,268
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Change in net debt resulting from cash flows:	21,591	544,559
Net debt brought forward	(4,910,931)	(5,455,490)
Net debt carried forward	(4,889,340)	(4,910,931)

#### NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2008

1.	ANALYSIS OF CASH FLOWS FOR HEADINGS	NETTED IN	2008 £	2007 £
	THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT Returns on investments and servicing Interest received Interest paid	g of finance:	3,270 (382,044)	•
			(378,774)	(326,945)
	Taxation UK Corporation tax paid		(190,710)	(222,581)
	Capital expenditure Payments to acquire tangible fixed a	assets	(54,043)	(66,606)
2.	ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT	2007 £	Cash flow	2008 £
	Cash in hand and at bank	396,900	(386,560)	10,340
	Debt due after one year Debt due within	(4,861,951)		
	one year Finance leases	(443,069) (2,811)		(433,333)
		(5,307,831)	408,151	(4,899,680)
		(4,910,931)	21,591	(4,889,340)

#### 30 JUNE 2008

#### 1. DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state 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;
- \* prepare the statements on a 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 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.

### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

The principal accounting policies which the directors have adopted within that convention are set out below.

#### (a) TURNOVER

Turnover consists of the invoiced value (excluding value added tax) of goods and services supplied to third parties. All transactions arose in the United Kingdom.

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#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### (b) DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is provided so as to reduce fixed assets to their estimated residual value at the end of their anticipated useful lives. The principal annual rates used are:

Freehold buildings Between 2% and 5% p.a. straight

line basis

Computers 25% p.a. straight line basis

Fixtures & fittings 15% p.a. reducing balance basis and

25% p.a. straight line basis

Freehold land is not depreciated.

Assets are depreciated from the date they come into use.

#### (c) STOCKS

Stocks consist of goods for resale and are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Cost is determined on a first-in first-out basis.

Net realisable value is based on the estimated selling price after taking into account all further costs expected to be incurred.

#### (d) TAXATION

The charge for taxation is based on the profit or loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method.

#### (e) LEASED ASSETS

Where asset acquisitions are financed by hire purchase and leasing agreements ("finance leases"), the assets are included in the balance sheet at cost less depreciation in accordance with the company's normal accounting policies. The present value of future rentals is shown as a liability. The interest element of rental obligations is charged to the profit and loss account over the period of the lease in constant proportion to the balance of capital repayments outstanding. Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account as incurred.

#### (f) INVESTMENTS

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

#### (q) GROUP ACCOUNTS

Group accounts have not been prepared as the company is exempt under S.248 Companies Act 1985 as the group is medium-sized.

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3.	OPERATING PROFIT	2008	2007
		£	£
	Operating profit is shown after charging:		
	Depreciation of owned fixed assets	381,724	401,374
	Depreciation of leased assets	-	7,104
	Auditors' remuneration	5,200	5,200
4.	INVESTMENT INCOME	2008	2007
		£	£
	Bank interest	3,270	10,372
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5.	INTEREST PAYABLE	2008	2007
٥.	INIDADI INIADD	£	£
	Bank overdraft and loans	262,015	244,443
	Loan notes	118,202	92,083
	Finance leases	1,827	791
		202 044	227 217
		382,044	337,317
6.	Employees: Average number of people (including remunerated)	d directors)	employed
	by the company during the year:	2008	2007
		2008 £	2007 £
		No. of e	·=
	Office and management staff	NO. OF E	iproyees 3
	Restaurant and hotel staff	113	114
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		116	117
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	Costs in respect of these employees:	£	£
	Wages and salaries	1,351,142	1,319,498
	Social security costs	92,054	92,611
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		1,443,196	1,412,109

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7.	DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION Salaries	2008 £ 150,000	2007 £ 156,558
8.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2008 £	2007 £
(a)	Analysis of charge for the year Current tax:	•	<b>-</b>
	UK corporation tax on profits for the year Adjustments in respect of previous periods	132,588 828	190,000
	Deferred tax:-	133,416	190,000
	Origination and reversal of timing differences Adjustment in respect of previous periods	(14,000)	(16,000)
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	119,416	174,000
(b)	Factors affecting tax charge for year		
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	445,855	642,236
	Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by 25.22% (2007 27%)	112,445	173,404
	Effect of: Depreciation in excess of capital allowances Adjustment to tax charge in respect of	20,143	16,596
	previous periods	828	
	Current tax charge for year	133,416	190,000

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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# 8. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (contd.)

(c) Factors that may affect future tax charges: Little change is expected in future years with depreciation being in excess of capital allowances, but due to the phased removal of Industrial Buildings allowances, future tax charges will be significantly higher.

The company acquired the freehold property from its subsidiary company in a previous period. Prior to this the property had been revalued in the accounts of the subsidiary. No deferred taxation has been provided in respect of any potential capital gain as it is not anticipated that the property will be disposed of within the foreseeable future.

9.	DIVIDENDS			2008 £	2007 £
	Final dividend declar	red		250,000	500,000
10.	TANGIBLE ASSETS				
		Freehold property	Fixtures fittings plant & equipment	Computers	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£
	Cost				
	At 1 July 2007	10,788,483	2,254,294	96,558	13,139,335
	Additions	4,820	48,270	953	54,043
	At 30 June 2008	10,793,303	2,302,564	97,511	13,193,378
	Depreciation				
	At 1 July 2007	1,774,594	1,486,012	94,626	3,355,232
	Charge	230,770	149,022	1,932	381,724
	At 30 June 2008	2,005,364	1,635,034	96,558	3,736,956
	Net book value At 30 June 2008	8,787,939	667,530	953	9,456,422
	At 30 June 2007	9,013,889	768,282	1,932	9,784,103
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#### 10. TANGIBLE ASSETS (contd).

The cost attributed to land included in freehold property which is not depreciated is £1,500,000.

The net book value of fixtures, fittings, plant and equipment includes  $\pm \text{NIL}$  (2007  $\pm \text{NIL}$ ) in respect of assets held under finance leases.

#### 11. INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

The investment of £50,000 relates to 35,094 shares (79.55% of share capital) in Arden Restaurant & Hotel Limited and the whole of the share capital of Kelube Limited which owns the remaining 20.45% of the share capital of Arden Restaurant & Hotel Limited. Neither company has traded during the years to 30 June 2007 and 30 June 2008.

The net assets of these companies at 30 June 2008 were £50,000

12.	DEBTORS	2008	2007
		£	£
	Trade debtors	217,828	211,650
	Prepayments and accrued income	11,740	13,170
		229,568	224,820
13.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN		
	ONE YEAR	2008	2007
	•··	£	£
	Bank loans (note 15)	433,333	443,069
	Trade creditors	169,371	173,767
	Amount due to subsidiary undertaking	50,000	50,000
	Corporation tax	132,588	189,882
	Other taxes and social security costs	142,083	184,364
	Accruals and deferred income	111,789	122,118
	Obligations under finance leases	-	2,811
	Dividend declared	250,000	500,000
		1,289,164	1,666,011

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14.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER		
	MORE THAN ONE YEAR	2008	2007
	Bank loans (note 15)	£ 2,566,667	£
	Unsecured loan notes 2014 (note 15)		2,962,271
	binsecured roan notes 2014 (note 15)	1,899,680	1,899,680
		4,466,347	4,861,951
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15.	BORROWINGS	2008	2007
		£	£
	Bank loans	3,000,000	3,405,340
	Unsecured loan notes	1,899,680	1,899,680
	Obligations under finance leases	-	2,811
		4,899,680	5,307,831
	Analysis of repayments		
	Within one year or on demand	433,333	445,880
	Between one and two years	433,333	443,069
	Between two and five years	1,299,999	1,329,207
	After five years	2,733,015	3,089,675
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		4,899,680	5,307,831

Bank loans are comprised of a treasury loan which is repayable by quarterly instalments. Interest is charged at 1.15% over Barclays base rate.

The bank's security for the borrowings is a first legal charge over the company's land and buildings and a debenture on the bank's standard charge form.

The loan notes are unsecured and repayable by 2014. Interest is charged at Libor rate.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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16.	PROVISION FOR DEFERRED TAX		2008 £	2007 £
	Accelerated capital allowand	ces	231,000	0 245,000
	Provision at 1 July 2007 Deferred tax credit in prof:	it and loss	245,000	0 261,000
	account for the year (note	(14,000	0) (16,000)	
	Provision at 30 June 2008		231,00	0 245,000
17.	SHAREHOLDERS FUNDS			
		Share Capital		Total
	Balance at 1 July 2007 Profit for the financial	£ 29,900	£ 3,675,348	£ 3,705,248
	year Dividends	- -	326,439 (250,000)	326,439 (250,000)
	Balance at 30 June 2008	29,900	3,751,787	3,781,687
	The authorised share capita	l comprises:		
			2008	2007
	Authorised		£	£

29,900 ordinary shares of £1 each

Called up, allotted and fully paid 29,900 ordinary shares of £1 each

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The unsecured loan notes (note 15) are for J.E. Gardner and Mrs. R.M. Gardner £899,840 and P.L. Bretherton £999,840. During the year to 30 June 2008 the company paid interest on these loan notes amounting to £55,990 (2007 £43,618) to J.E. and Mrs. R.M. Gardner and £62,212 to P.L. Bretherton (2007 £48,465).

The company was charged rent of £10,000 for the use of certain land owned by J.E. Gardner and P.L. Bretherton

19.	COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES	2008	2007
	Operating leases expiring within 2 to 5 years	£	£
	Land	10,000	10,000
	Contingent Liabilities	None	None