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# **EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Company Information**

### Directors

R C Felton J Hands

### Secretary

Jordans Company Secretaries Limited

### Auditors

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### Registered number

# EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the period ended 30 November 2006

### Principal activities

The company's principal activity continued to be that of the operation of the Mollington Banastre Hotel until 4th July 2006 when the company's assets were sold. The company changed its name from Wy (Mollington) Limited on 18th July 2006.

### Review of business and future developments

The results for the period and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements. The company has now ceased trading

#### Dividends

No dividends will be distributed for the period ended 30 November 2006

#### Directors

The directors who served during the period under review were

R C Felton

J Hands

The directors holding office at 30 November 2006 did not hold any beneficial interest in the issued share capital of the company or any other company within the group at 24 November 2005 or 30 November 2006, except J Hands, who holds two shares

### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the 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 the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally. Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required 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 these financial statements the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- · make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- 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 that 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.

# EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Directors' Report (continued)

### Provision of information to auditors

So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved

- there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies

This report was approved by the board on  $m{\mathcal{S}}$  May 2007

J Hands Director

### Independent auditors' report

### to the members of EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited)

We have audited the accounts of Earlyservices Limited for the period ended 30 November 2006 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes. The 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 annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom 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 have been 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 judgments 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 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 November 2006 and of its loss for the period 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

PKF (UK) LLP Registered auditors

PKF (UK) LLD

London, UK 17-May 2007

# EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Profit and Loss Account for the period from 25 November 2005 to 30 November 2006

|  | Notes | Period<br>ended<br>30 November<br>2006<br>£ | Period<br>ended<br>24 November<br>2005<br>£ |
|--|-------|---|---|
| Turnover   |       | 1,485,379                                   | 2,623,876                                   |
| Cost of sales  |       | (451,833)                                   | (760,032)                                   |
| Gross profit   |       | 1,033,546                                   | 1,863,844                                   |
| Administrative expenses  |       | (1,077,691)                                 | (1,733,887)                                 |
| Operating (loss)/profit  | 2     | (44,145)                                    | 129,957                                     |
| Exceptional items  Loss on the disposal of tangible fixed assets | 3     | (177,701)                                   | •   |
|  |       | (221,846)                                   | 129,957                                     |
| Interest receivable Provision against investments                | 7     | -   | 3,149<br>(91,786)                           |
| (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before taxation             |       | (221,846)                                   | 41,320                                      |
| Tax on (loss)/profit on ordinary activities                      | 5     | 43,500                                      | (5,000)                                     |
| (Loss)/profit for the period                                     | 12    | (178,346)                                   | 36,320                                      |

### **Discontinued operations**

The fixed assets have been sold during the period and the above activities have been discontinued

### Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the (loss)/profit for the above two periods

# EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2006

|  | Notes |           | 30 November<br>2006<br>£ |           | 24 November<br>2005<br>£ |
|--|-------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Fixed assets                           |       |           |                          |           | _                        |
| Tangible assets                        | 6     |           | -                        |           | 732,204                  |
| Investments                            | 7     |           | 4,885,455                | _         | 4,885,455                |
|  |       |           | 4,885,455                |           | 5,617,659                |
| Current assets                         |       |           |                          |           |                          |
| Stocks                                 | 8     | -         |                          | 20,656    |                          |
| Debtors                                | 9     | 1,388,817 |                          | 1,154,065 |                          |
| Cash at bank and in hand               |       | 1,933     |                          | 6,165     |                          |
|  |       | 1,390,750 |                          | 1,180,886 |                          |
| Creditors: amounts falling du          |       | (10.005)  |                          | (210.000) |                          |
| within one year                        | 10    | (19,335)  |                          | (319,829) |                          |
| Net current assets                     |       |           | 1,371,415                |           | 861,057                  |
| Total assets less current              |       | -         | <del></del>              | •         | <del></del>              |
| liabilities                            |       |           | 6,256,870                |           | 6,478,716                |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges |       |           |                          |           |                          |
| Deferred taxation                      | 5     |           | -                        |           | (43,500)                 |
|  |       | -<br>-    | 6,256,870                | -<br>-    | 6,435,216                |
| Capital and reserves                   |       |           |                          |           |                          |
| Called up share capital                | 11    |           | 6,830,711                |           | 6,830,711                |
| Profit and loss account                | 12    |           | (573,841)                |           | (395,495)                |
| Shareholders' funds                    | 13    | -<br>-    | 6,256,870                | -         | 6,435,216                |

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on  $\beta$  May 2007

J Hands Director

### Notes to the Accounts

for the period from 25 November 2005 to 30 November 2006

### 1 Accounting policies

### Accounting convention

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

#### Turnover

Turnover represents net invoiced sales of goods and services, excluding value added tax, all of which is generated through the operation of the hotel. It is recognised at the point at which goods and services are delivered to the customer.

### Depreciation

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

Fixtures and fittings

4 to 25 years

### Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items

### Financial Reporting Standard Number 1

Exemption has been taken from preparing a cash flow statement on the grounds that the company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking

### Deferred taxation

As required by Financial Reporting Standard 19 "Deferred Tax", full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing difference between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation, exept for those timing differences in respect of which FRS19 specifies that deferred tax should not be recognised

Deferred assets and habilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax balances are not discounted

### Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemptions in FRS 8 in connection with the disclosure of transactions with other group undertakings

### Consolidated accounts

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare group accounts by virtue of section 248 of the Companies Act 1985. The accounts therefore present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

### Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme Contributions are charged to the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme

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| 2 | Operating (loss)/profit  | 2006                                  | 2005                                   |
|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|
|   | This is stated after charging  | £                                     | £                                      |
|   | Depreciation of owned fixed assets Auditors' remuneration - audit fees Tax advice fees   | 51,582                                | 67,094<br>2,340                        |
|   | The auditors' remuneration of £2,385 for the period ended 30 November 2006 (2) fees for the period have been borne by the parent company | 005 £2,340) and ar                    | ny tax advice                          |
| 3 | Exceptional items  | 2006<br>£                             | 2005<br>£                              |
|   | Loss on disposal of fixtures and fittings  | (177,701)                             |  |
|   | The company's assets were sold on 4th July 2006  |                                       |  |
| 4 | Staff costs  | 2006<br>£                             | 2005<br>£                              |
|   | Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs Sub total   | 552,748<br>41,232<br>9,555<br>603,535 | 902,480<br>64,973<br>12,977<br>980,430 |
|   | Agency staff   | 12,551                                | 13,536                                 |
|   | Total  | 616,086                               | 993,966                                |
|   | None of the directors received any remuneration for the period (2005 £nil)   |                                       |  |
|   | Average number of employees during the year  | Number                                | Number                                 |
|   | Hotel operations Administration  | 52<br>6<br>58                         | 52<br>6<br>58                          |
|   | There are two employees at the period end, being the directors of the company  |                                       |  |
| 5 | Taxation   | 2006                                  |  |
|   | Current year charge  | 2006<br>£                             | 2005<br>£                              |
|   | Corporation tax Total current tax  | <u> </u>                              | <u> </u>                               |
|   | Deferred taxation  | (43,500)                              | 5,000                                  |
|   | Total tax  | (43,500)                              | 5,000                                  |

# EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Notes to the Accounts

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| Taxation (continued)                                 |           |          |
|--|-----------|----------|
|  | 2006      | 2005     |
| Factors affecting tax charge for the period          | £         | £        |
| (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities before tax      | (221,846) | 133,106  |
| (Loss)/profit on ordinary activities multiplied by   |           |          |
| standard rate of corporation tax (30%)               | (66,554)  | 39,932   |
| Explained by   |           |          |
| Expenses not deductible for corporation tax purposes | 11,010    | 1,218    |
| Capital allowances in excess of depreciation         | 20,100    | (7,600)  |
| Group relief claimed                                 | 35,444    | (33,550) |
| Total current tax                                    | -         | -        |
| Deferred tax   | £         |          |

(43,500)

43,500

### 6 Tangible fixed assets

At 25 November 2005

At 30 November 2006

Credited to profit and loss in the period

|                       | Fixtures     |
|-----------------------|--------------|
|                       | and fittings |
| Cost                  | £            |
| At 25 November 2005   | 903,896      |
| Additions             | 198,617      |
| Disposals             | (1,102,513)  |
| At 30 November 2006   |              |
| Depreciation          |              |
| At 25 November 2005   | 171,692      |
| Charge for the period | 51,582       |
| On disposals          | (223,274)    |
| At 30 November 2006   |              |
| Net book value        |              |
| At 30 November 2006   |              |
| At 24 November 2005   | 732,204      |
|                       |              |

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| 7 | Investments  |                                   |                  |                  |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
|   |  |                                   |                  | Other            |
|   |  |                                   |                  | investments<br>£ |
|   | Cost   |                                   |                  | _                |
|   | At 25 November 2005 and 30 November 2006                             |                                   |                  | 6,756,997        |
|   | Provision  |                                   |                  |                  |
|   | At 25 November 2005  |                                   |                  | 1,871,542        |
|   | At 30 November 2006  |                                   |                  | 1,871,542        |
|   | Net book value   |                                   |                  |                  |
|   | At 30 November 2006  |                                   |                  | 4,885,455        |
|   | At 25 November 2005  |                                   |                  | 4,885,455        |
|   | The company's investments at the balance sheet include the following | t date in the share capital of un | listed companies |                  |
|   | include the following  |                                   |                  |                  |
|   | Company  | Country of registration           | Shares held      |                  |
|   |  | or incorporation                  | Class            | %                |
|   | Doubleitem Limited (formerly The Mollington Banastre Hotel Limited)  | England and Wales                 | Ordinary         | 100              |
|   |  |                                   | 2006             | 2005             |
|   |  |                                   | £                | £                |
|   | Aggregate capital and reserves                                       |                                   | 5,609,684        | 4,885,455        |
|   | Loss for the period  |                                   | 724,229          | (91,786)         |
|   |  |                                   |                  |                  |
| 8 | Stocks   |                                   | 2006             | 2005             |
|   |  |                                   | £                | £                |
|   | Goods for resale   |                                   | -                | 20,656           |
|   |  |                                   |                  |                  |
| 9 | Debtors  |                                   | 2006             | 2005             |
|   |  |                                   | £                | £                |
|   | Trade debtors  |                                   | _                | 129,779          |
|   | Amounts due from immediate parent undertakii                         | ng                                | 1,388,817        | 994,297          |
|   | Other debtors  | -                                 | -                | 10,863           |
|   | Prepayments and accrued income                                       |                                   | <u> </u>         | 19,126           |
|   |  |                                   | 1,388,817        | 1,154,065        |
|   |  |                                   |                  |                  |

### EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited) Notes to the Accounts for the period from 25 November 2005 to 30 November 2006

| 10 | Creditors: amounts falling due within one ye  | ar         |            | 2006        | 2005           |
|----|---|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
|    | -   |            |            | £           | £              |
|    | Payments in advance                           |            |            | -           | 100,428        |
|    | Trade creditors                               |            |            | (525)       | 66,524         |
|    | Amounts due to fellow subsidiary undertakings |            |            | 7,470       | 126            |
|    | Amounts due to group undertaking              |            |            | -           | 7,470          |
|    | Other taxes and social security costs         |            |            | (571)       | 87,466         |
|    | Other creditors                               |            |            | 12,961      | 6,801          |
|    | Accruals and deferred income                  |            |            |             | 51,014         |
|    |   |            |            | 19,335      | <u>319,829</u> |
|    |   |            |            |             | –              |
| 11 | Share capital                                 | 2006       | 2005       | 2006        | 2005           |
|    |   | No         | No         | £           | £              |
|    | Authorised                                    | 20 000 000 | 20,000,000 | 20.000.000  | 20 000 000     |
|    | Ordinary shares of £1 each                    | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000 | 20,000,000  | 20,000,000     |
|    | Allotted, issued and fully paid               |            |            |             |                |
|    | Ordinary shares of £1 each                    | 6,830,711  | 6,830,711  | 6,830,711   | 6,830,711      |
|    | ordinary shares of 21 each                    | 0,030,711  | 0,030,711  | 0,030,711   | 0,050,711      |
| 12 | Profit and loss account                       |            |            | 2006        | 2005           |
|    |   |            |            | £           | £              |
|    | At 25 November 2005                           |            |            | (395,495)   | (431,815)      |
|    | (Loss)/profit for the period                  |            |            | (178,346)   | 36,320         |
|    |   |            |            | ` ' '       | •              |
|    | At 30 November 2006                           |            |            | (573,841)   | (395,495)      |
|    |   |            |            |             |                |
| 13 | Reconciliation of movement in shareholders'   | funds      |            | 2006        | 2005           |
|    |   |            |            | £           | £              |
|    | At 25 November 2005                           |            |            | 6,435,216   | 6,398,896      |
|    | (Loss)/profit for the period                  |            |            | (178,346)   | 36,320         |
|    | At 30 November 2006                           |            |            | 6,256,870   | 6,435,216      |
|    |   |            |            | <del></del> |                |

## **EARLYSERVICES LIMITED (formerly Wy (Mollington) Limited)** Notes to the Accounts

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### 14 Contingent liability

On 1 December 2005 the group paid off its bank loans and entered into a new facility. As part of this arrangement, the company has granted a new fixed and floating charge over the company and certain property and current assets The amount owed by the Hand Picked Hotels group as at 30 November 2006 was £75,350,000 (2005 £50,541,367)

### 15 Ultimate Parent Company

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is Benfica Limited, which is registered in the Isle of Man. The company's immediate parent is Hand Picked Hotels Limited a company registered in England and Wales The largest and smallest group, in whose financial statements the results of the company will be consolidated is Hand Picked Hotels Limited The consolidated accounts of Hand Picked Hotels Limited will be available to the public and will be obtainable in due course from the Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff

The controlling party is Mr G Hands