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# Report and accounts

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# **EARLYSERVICES LIMITED Company Information**

## Directors

K Arkley

J Hands

## Secretary

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## Auditors

PKF (UK) LLP Farringdon Place 20 Farringdon Road London, UK EC1M 3AP

## Registered office

The Old Library The Drive Sevenoaks Kent TN13 3AB

## Registered number

3819484

#### Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the period ended 25 November 2010

#### Principal activities

The company did not trade during the period

#### Review of business and future developments

The financial position of the company is as shown in the annexed financial statements

#### Dividends

No dividends will be distributed for the period ended 25 November 2010 (2009 £Nil)

#### Directors

The directors who served during the period under review were

K Arkley

J Hands

#### Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the directors' 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). Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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, 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and 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 2006. 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.

#### 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 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

This report was approved by the board on 22 March 2011

J Hands Director

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# Independent auditors' report to the members of EARLYSERVICES LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Earlyservices Limited for the period ended 25 November 2010 which comprise the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 explained more fully in the statement of directors' responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### Scope of the audit

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 25 November 2010,
- · have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of small companies exemptions in preparing the directors' report

PKF (UF) LLP

Stuart Collins (Senior statutory auditor) for and on behalf of PKF (UK) LLP, Statutory auditors

London, UK
24 March 2011

## EARLYSERVICES LIMITED Registered number 3819484 Balance Sheet as at 25 November 2010

Investments	Notes 2		25 November 2010 £ 4,885,455		26 November 2009 £ 4,885,455
Current assets Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	3	1,391,337 1 1,391,338		1,391,337 1 1,391,338	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(19,923)		(19,923)	
Net current assets	-		1,371,415		1,371,415
Total assets less current liabilities		•	6,256,870	-	6,256,870
			6,256,870		6,256,870
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	5		6,830,711		6,830,711
Profit and loss account	6		(573,841)		(573,841)
Shareholders' funds	7	- -	6,256,870	•	6,256,870

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf on  $\bf ZZ$  March 2011

J Hands Director

#### Notes to the Accounts

#### for the period from 27 November 2009 to 25 November 2010

#### 1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the period and preceding period

#### Basis of accounting

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

#### Cash flow statement

Under the provisions of FRS 1 (Revised) Cash Flow Statements, the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement because its parent company, Hand Picked Hotels Limited, prepares consolidated accounts. The cash flows of the Company are included in the consolidated cash flow statement

#### 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

#### Exemption from preparation of consolidated accounts

The Company has taken advantage of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 and elected not to prepare consolidated accounts as it is included in the consolidated accounts of a larger group. Accordingly these financial statements show company only results and not group

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Investments		subsidiary	Shares in undertakings £				
Cost At 27 November 2009 and 25 November 2019	0		6,756,997				
Provision At 27 November 2009 and 25 November 2019	0		1,871,542				
Net book value At 27 November 2009 and 25 November 2019	0		4,885,455				
The company has an investment in the following wholly owned subsidiary							
Company	Country of incorporation	Shares held Class	%				
Doubleitem Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100				
		2010 £	2009 £				
Aggregate capital and reserves		5,609,684	5,609,684				

Notes to the Accounts

for the period from 27 November 2009 to 25 November 2010

3	Debtors			2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts due from immediate parent undertakin	g		1,391,337	1,391,337
4	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	ar		2010 £	2009 £
	Amounts due to subsidiary undertaking Other creditors			7,470 12,453	7,470 12,453
				19,923	19,923
5	Share capital	2010 No	2009 No	2010 £	2009 £
	Allotted, issued and fully paid Ordinary shares of £1 each	6,830,711	6,830,711	6,830,711	6,830,711
6	Profit and loss account			2010 £	2009 £
	At 27 November 2009 and 25 November 2010			(573,841)	(573,841)
7	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders'	funds		2010 £	2009 £
	At 27 November 2009 and 25 November 2010			6,256,870	6,256,870

#### 8 Contingent liability

The company has granted fixed and floating charges over its assets in respect of group borrowing facilities. The amount owed by the Hand Picked Hotels Limited group as at 25 November 2010 was £98,654,000.

## 9 Ultimate parent company and controlling party

The company's ultimate parent company is Alscot Sarl, a company incorporated in Luxembourg. The company's immediate parent undertaking is Hand Picked Hotels Limited. 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