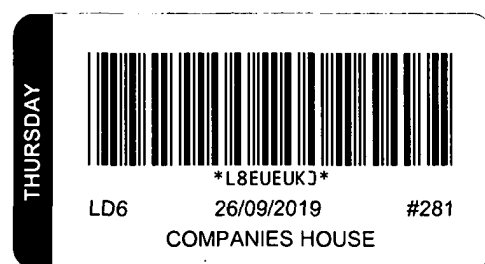


**Company Registration No. 03922046**

**Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

**Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2018**



# **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

## **Report and financial statements 2018**

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# **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

## **Report and financial statements 2018**

### **Officers and professional advisers**

#### **Directors:**

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Jean-Andre Rougeot  
Andrea Lansbury  
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# Benefit Cosmetics Limited

## Strategic report

The Directors, in preparing this Strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

### Financial results and future prospects

The Company's results for the financial year are set out in the profit and loss account on page 9. The profit before taxation for the financial year was £5,058,224 (2017: £8,769,408).

As shown in the Company's profit and loss account on page 9, the Company's revenue has decreased in the year by 4%, primarily due to decreased consumer demand. Profit after tax decreased by 38%.

The Company's balance sheet on page 10 of the financial statements shows the Company's net asset position at £6.7m at the end of the period.

Average staff numbers have increased from 523 in 2017 to 780 in 2018.

### Key performance indicators

	2018 £'000	2017 £'000	Variance %
Turnover	78,731	82,258	(4)
Operating profit	3,045	8,571	(64)
Profit before tax	5,058	8,769	(42)
Profit after tax	4,453	7,150	(38)
Equity shareholders' funds	6,681	50,224	(87)
Current assets as % of current liabilities	124%	307%	
Average number of employees	780	523	49%

### Principal risks and uncertainties

The key commercial risks relate to the strength of other brands in the marketplace and the condition of the retail market, with interest rates and fiscal drivers influencing consumer spending.

The Company's credit risk is primarily attributable to its trade receivables. The amounts presented in the balance sheet are net of allowances for doubtful receivables. An allowance for impairment is made where there is an identified loss event which, based on previous experience, is evidence of a reduction in the recoverability of the cash flows.

The Company has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a large number of customers.

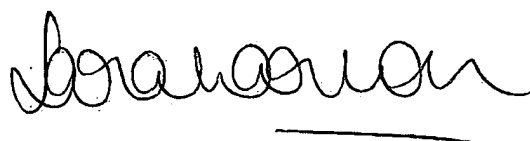
The Company and parent group continue to monitor the potential impact of Brexit on the operating model of the business. Once further clarity on the changes required are known the business will implement appropriate processes and procedures to mitigate any risks that may be identified.

### Future developments

The Company will increase the number of counters in large department stores by extending its offering of brow bar services. The Company will also reinvigorate and focus on marketing and digital media strategies to increase brand awareness and market share.

### Approval

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 24 September 2019 and signed on its behalf by:



Sarah Harbon  
Director

# **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

## **Directors' report**

The Directors present their report on the affairs of the Company together with financial statements and the auditor's report for the financial year ended 31 December 2018.

### **Going concern**

The Directors expect the Company to continue to generate positive cash flows on its own account. On the basis of assessment of the Company's forecasted financial position, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies note.

### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

Details of principal risks and uncertainties can be found in the Strategic report on page 2 and form part of this report by cross reference.

### **Results and dividends**

The profit for the financial year, after taxation, amounted to £4,453,929 (2017: £7,150,154). During 2018 an interim dividend of £48,000,000 (2017: Nil) was paid to the company's parent company in the USA.

### **Future developments**

Details of future developments can be found in the Strategic report on page 2 and form part of this report by cross reference.

### **Principal activities and review of the business**

The principal activity of the Company during the financial year was the wholesale and distribution of cosmetic, skincare and fragrance products primarily in the United Kingdom.

### **Directors of the Company**

The current Directors are:

Hugues Dusseaux  
Jean-Andre Rougeot  
Andrea Lansbury  
Sarah Harbon

### **Charitable donations**

During the financial year, the Company made charitable donations of £157,033 (2017: £204,143). This donation was split equally between the national charities Refuge and Look Good Feel Better as part of the Bold is Beautiful campaign in September 2018.

### **Disabled employees**

The Company gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the candidate's particular aptitudes and abilities are consistent with adequately meeting the requirements of the job. Opportunities are available to disabled employees for training, career development and promotion.

Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Company's policy to provide continuing employment wherever practicable in the same or an alternative position and to provide appropriate training to achieve this aim.

### **Employee involvement**

Regular meetings are held between local management and employees to allow a free flow of information and ideas. These meetings also provide employees with an opportunity to give feedback or inquire about any topics of concern.

### **Important events since the financial year end**

During 2019 a few retailers announced a number of future store closures, some of which contain Benefit counters. Whilst this will affect future business, management plans to take advantage of other opportunities within remaining stores for counter reinvigoration and the installation of free standing display units in order to counteract this effect.

## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### **Auditor**

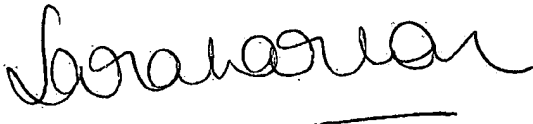
Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware; and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Deloitte LLP were replaced by Constantin for financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. They have expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 24 September 2019 and signed on behalf of the Board by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Harbon', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Sarah Harbon  
Director

## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

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) including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework". 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 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 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.

# **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

## **Independent auditor's report to the members of Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework"; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements of Benefit Cosmetics Limited (the 'company') which comprise:

- the profit and loss account;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 21 which include a statement of accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

#### **Other information**

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.



## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Benefit Cosmetics Limited (continued)**

#### **Responsibilities of Directors**

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

##### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the Directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

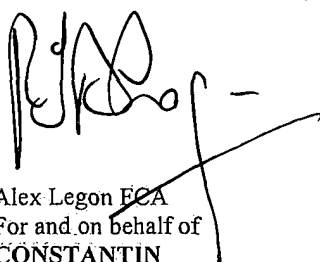
We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Independent auditor's report to the members of Benefit Cosmetics Limited (continued)**

#### **Use of our report**

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 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.



Alex Legon FCA  
For and on behalf of  
**CONSTANTIN**

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

25 Hosier Lane  
London  
EC1A 9LQ  
Date:

**24 SEP 2019**

## Benefit Cosmetics Limited

### Profit and loss account Year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
Revenue	4	78,731,174	82,257,653
Cost of sales		(38,660,002)	(35,930,595)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>40,071,172</b>	<b>46,327,058</b>
Distribution costs		(2,470,431)	(2,897,738)
Administrative expenses		(34,556,051)	(34,858,006)
<b>Operating profit</b>		<b>3,044,690</b>	<b>8,571,314</b>
Dividend received	5	1,765,381	-
Finance income	6	248,153	200,581
Finance costs	6	-	(2,487)
<b>Profit before taxation</b>	7	<b>5,058,224</b>	<b>8,769,408</b>
Taxation	1f	(604,295)	(1,619,254)
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>4,453,929</b>	<b>7,150,154</b>

The above profit is from continuing operations.

A reclassification of a credit of £2,281,659 has been made from Administrative expenses to Cost of sales in 2017.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than as shown above. Accordingly, no separate statement of other comprehensive income is presented.

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Benefit Cosmetics Limited

### Balance sheet


As at 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	13	1,770,351	2,093,203
Investment in subsidiary	14	1	1
		<u>1,770,352</u>	<u>2,093,204</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Inventories	15	1,174,780	789,444
Trade and other receivables	16	23,711,169	70,478,447
Cash and cash equivalents		398,774	58,263
		<u>25,284,723</u>	<u>71,326,154</u>
<b>Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year</b>	17	(20,374,334)	(23,192,546)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>4,910,389</u>	<u>48,133,608</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>6,680,741</u>	<u>50,226,812</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Share capital	18	2,000,100	2,000,100
Retained Earnings		4,680,641	48,226,712
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the company</b>		<u>6,680,741</u>	<u>50,226,812</u>

The financial statements of Benefit Cosmetics Limited, registered number 03922046 were approved by the Board of Directors on 24 September 2019

The notes on pages 12 to 26 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



Sarah Harbon  
Director

## Benefit Cosmetics Limited

### Statement of changes in equity For the year ended 31 December 2018

	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total £
Balance at 1 January 2017	2,000,100	41,076,558	43,076,658
Total comprehensive income	-	7,150,154	7,150,154
Balance at 31 December 2017	2,000,100	48,226,712	50,226,812
Dividend paid	-	(48,000,000)	(48,000,000)
Total comprehensive income	-	4,453,930	4,453,930
Balance at 31 December 2018	2,000,100	4,680,642	6,680,742

# **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

## **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

### **1. General information**

Benefit Cosmetics Limited (the company) is a company incorporated in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic and Directors' reports on pages 2 to 4. The company is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England and Wales.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling because that is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates.

### **Adoption of new and revised Standards**

The adoption of new accounting standards during the year has not had a significant impact on the financial statements.

### **2. Significant accounting policies**

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

#### **Basis of accounting**

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### **Fair value**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date, regardless of whether that price is directly observable or estimated using another valuation technique. In estimating the fair value of an asset or a liability, the company takes into account the characteristics of the asset or liability if market participants would take those characteristics into account when pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. Fair value for measurement purposes in these financial statements is determined on such a basis, except for share-based payment transactions that are within the scope of IFRS 2, leasing transactions that are within the scope of IAS 17, and measurements that have some similarities to fair value but are not fair value, such as net realisable value in IAS 2 or value in use in IAS 36.

In addition, for financial reporting purposes, fair value measurements are categorised into Level 1, 2 or 3 based on the degree to which the inputs to the fair value measurements are observable and the significance of the inputs to the fair value measurement in its entirety, which are described as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date;
- Level 2 inputs are inputs, other than quoted prices included within Level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and
- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability.

These financial statements are separate financial statements. The company is exempt from the preparation of consolidated financial statements, because it is included in the group accounts of Benefit Cosmetics LLC. Details of the parent in whose consolidated financial statements the company is included are shown in note 19 to the financial statements.

## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

#### **2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Basis of accounting (continued)**

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to business combinations, share-based payment, non-current assets held for sale, financial instruments, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets and related party transactions. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the group accounts of LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SE. The group accounts of LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SE are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 21. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

In accordance with the provisions of FRS101 and Section 401 of the Companies Act 2006, the company has taken advantage of the exemption available to it from the requirement to prepare consolidated financial statements on the grounds that it is included in the consolidated financial statements of the ultimate parent company.

##### **Going concern**

The company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position are set out in the directors' report. The directors' report also describes the financial position of the company and the principal risks and uncertainties the company is exposed to.

The company is part of the LVMH Group which operates under an "Automatic Short-term Cash-pool system". The various companies of the LVMH Group pool their cash operations in order to rationalise the management of available funds and financial requirements existing within the Group. The effect of the Cash-pool system within the LVMH Group is that Benefit Cosmetics Ltd does not have an external third party cash balance.

The company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show that the company should be able to operate within the level of its current facility for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence and generate positive cash flows indefinitely. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

##### **Fixed Assets**

Fixtures and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recognised impairment loss.

Depreciation is recognised to write off the cost or valuation of assets (other than freehold land and properties under construction) less their residual values over their useful lives, using the straight-line method, on the following bases:

Leasehold improvements – 5 years

Store fittings – 3 years

Office furniture and equipment – 3 years

Motor vehicles – 3 years

At each balance sheet date, the Company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

An item of property, plant and equipment is derecognised upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to arise from the continued use of the asset. The gain or loss arising on the disposal of scrappage of an asset is determined as the difference between the sales proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in income.

## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

#### **2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments, including investments in subsidiaries and associates, are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

##### **Inventories**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the inventories to their present location and condition. Cost is calculated using the weighted average method. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

Provisions are made for obsolete and discontinued items.

##### **Taxation**

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

##### *Current Tax*

Current tax, including UK corporation tax, is provided at the amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other financial years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible.

The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.'

##### *Deferred Tax*

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised based on tax laws and rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited in other comprehensive income, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in other comprehensive income.

The measurement of deferred tax liabilities and assets reflects the tax consequences that would follow from the manner in which the company expects, at the end of the reporting period, to recover or settle the carrying amount of its assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities and when they relate to income taxes levied by the same taxation authority and the company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis.



## **Benefit Cosmetics Limited**

### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

#### **2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Taxation (continued)**

###### *Current tax and deferred tax for the year*

Current and deferred tax are recognised in profit or loss, except when they relate to items that are recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, in which case, the current and deferred tax are also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

##### **Turnover**

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales-related taxes. Revenue is reduced for estimated customer returns, rebates and other similar allowances.

###### *Sale of goods*

Turnover from the sale of goods is recognised when all the following conditions are satisfied:

- the company has transferred to the buyer the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods;
- the company retains neither continuing managerial involvement to the degree usually associated with ownership nor effective control over the goods sold;
- the amount of turnover can be measured reliably;
- it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity; and
- the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

The company may accept the return of unsold or outdated products from their customers. Where this practice is applied, revenue and the corresponding trade receivables are reduced by the amount of such returns. The estimated rate of returns is based on statistics of historical returns.

###### *Dividend and interest income*

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established (provided that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably).

Interest income is recognised when it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the company and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably. Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the effective interest rate applicable, which is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial asset to that asset's net carrying amount on initial recognition.

##### **Pension costs**

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to the profit and loss account in respect of pension costs and other post-retirement benefits is the contributions payable in the financial year. Differences between contributions payable in the financial year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

##### **Foreign currencies**

The financial statements are presented in pounds sterling, which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the company operates (its functional currency).

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### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

#### **2. Significant accounting policies (continued)**

##### **Foreign currencies (continued)**

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date. Non-monetary items that are measured in terms of historical cost in a foreign currency are not retranslated.

Exchange differences are recognised in profit or loss in the period in which they arise.

##### **Operating lease agreements**

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the lease term, even if the payments are not made on such a basis. Benefits received and receivable as an incentive to sign an operating lease are spread on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

##### **Loans and receivables**

Trade receivables, loans, and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'loans and receivables'. Loans and receivables are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment. Interest income is recognised by applying the effective interest rate, except for short-term receivables when the recognition of interest would be immaterial.

##### **Impairment of financial assets**

Financial assets, other than those at FVTPL, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows of the investment have been affected.

Objective evidence of impairment could include:

- significant financial difficulty of the issuer or counterparty; or
- default or delinquency in interest or principal payments; or
- it becoming probable that the borrower will enter bankruptcy or financial re-organisation.

For certain categories of financial asset, such as trade receivables, assets that are assessed not to be impaired individually are, in addition, assessed for impairment on a collective basis. Objective evidence of impairment for a portfolio of receivables could include the company's past experience of collecting payments, an increase in the number of delayed payments in the portfolio past the average credit period of 60 days, as well as observable changes in national or local economic conditions that correlate with default on receivables.

For financial assets carried at amortised cost, the amount of the impairment is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the financial asset's original effective interest rate.

The carrying amount of the financial asset is reduced by the impairment loss directly for all financial assets with the exception of trade receivables, where the carrying amount is reduced through the use of an allowance account. When a trade receivable is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance account. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against the allowance account. Changes in the carrying amount of the allowance account are recognised in profit or loss.

##### **Provisions**

Provisions are recognised when the company has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation.

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### Notes to the financial statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2018

#### 3. Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the company's accounting policies, which are described in note 2 above, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### Critical accounting judgements

##### *Revenue recognition*

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, usually on delivery of the goods.

##### *Returns policy*

The company may accept the return of unsold or outdated products from its customers. Where this practice is applied, revenue and the corresponding trade receivables are reduced by the estimated amount of such returns. The estimated rate of returns is based on statistics of historical returns.

#### Key sources of estimation uncertainty

##### *Product Recall Policy*

In the event of a product recall, the expected returns are included as a reduction to revenue. Estimated returns are based on stock level information provided by retailers. Recalled goods are included within inventory at their net realisable value.

#### 4. Revenue

An analysis of the company's revenue is as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Continuing operations		
Sales of goods	78,731,174	82,257,653

Revenue is the amount derived from ordinary activities, and stated after trade discounts, other sales taxes and net of VAT

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### Notes to the financial statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2018

#### 4. Revenue (continued)

An analysis of the Company's revenue by class of business and geographical market is set out below.

	2018 £	2017 £
United Kingdom	78,729,110	81,576,450
Rest of Europe	2,064	681,203
	<u>78,731,174</u>	<u>82,257,653</u>

Sales in the rest of Europe declined due to changes in the supply chain of a customer.

#### 5. Dividend received

##### Income from fixed asset investments

	2018 £	2017 £
Income from shares in group undertakings	<u>1,765,381</u>	<u>-</u>

#### 6. Finance income and charges

##### Interest receivable and similar income

	2018 £	2017 £
Interest receivable:		
from group undertakings	<u>248,153</u>	<u>200,581</u>
Interest payable and similar charges	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,487)</u>

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### 7. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after charging/ (crediting):

	2018 £	2017 £
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	1,346,595	1,304,181
Foreign exchange gain	9,728	(13,537)
Operating lease rentals	1,073,466	1,043,885
— land and buildings		
— plant and machinery	504,235	461,311
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	64,624	-
	<u>1,934,320</u>	<u>1,780,859</u>

### 8. Auditor's remuneration

	2018 £	2017 £
Fees payable to the company's auditors for the audit of the Company's financial statements	23,610	23,610
	<u>23,610</u>	<u>23,610</u>

No other fees were payable to Constantin and their associates for non-audit services to the company (2017: £nil).

### 9. Staff costs

The monthly average number of employees (including executive directors) during the financial year was:

	2018	2017
Administrative staff	123	89
Sales staff	657	434
	<u>780</u>	<u>523</u>

Their aggregate remuneration comprised:

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	15,274,280	12,621,510
Social security costs	1,193,560	958,403
Staff pension contributions (note 20)	203,770	282,328
	<u>16,671,610</u>	<u>13,862,241</u>

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### Notes to the financial statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2018

#### 10. Directors' remuneration and transactions

	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Directors' remuneration</b>		
Emoluments	401,325	339,018
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	48,037	34,466
	<u>449,362</u>	<u>373,484</u>

	2018 Number	2017 Number
<b>The number of directors who:</b>		
Are members of a money purchase pension scheme	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

	2018 £	2017 £
<b>Remuneration of the highest paid director:</b>		
Emoluments	265,748	207,680
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	20,603	18,663
	<u>286,351</u>	<u>226,343</u>

The highest paid director is a member of the Company's defined contribution retirement benefit scheme. As at 31 December 2018 employer contributions of £1,827 (2017: £1,707) due in respect of the individual in the current reporting period had not been paid over to the scheme and are included in 'Other creditors' (note 17).

There were no transactions with directors other than the receipt of emoluments which would need to be disclosed in these financial statements.

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#### 11. Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities

##### (a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities

The tax charge comprises:

	2018 £	2017 £
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	692,951	1,695,968
Adjustments in respect of previous periods	(47,697)	(93,078)
Total current tax	645,254	1,602,890
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences (note 11 (c))	(40,959)	9,687
Adjustment in respect of previous periods (note 11 (c))	-	6,677
Total deferred tax (note 11 (c))	(40,959)	16,364
Tax on profit on ordinary activities (note 11 (b))	604,295	1,619,254

##### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The differences are reconciled below:

	2018 £	2017 £
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	5,058,225	8,769,408
Profit on ordinary activities for the financial year multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.25%)	961,062	1,687,811
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	21,533	19,124
Non taxable income	(335,422)	-
Rate differences on deferred tax	4,819	(1,280)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous periods	(47,697)	(86,401)
Total tax (note 11 (a))	604,295	1,619,254

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### Notes to the financial statements (continued) Year ended 31 December 2018

#### 11. Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities (continued)-

##### (c) Deferred tax

	2018 £	2017 £
Capital allowances in arrears of depreciation	685,313	672,048
Other timing differences	11,330	(16,364)
Deferred tax asset	<u>696,643</u>	<u>655,684</u>
		£
At 31 December 2017		655,684
Profit and loss account (note 11 (a))		<u>40,959</u>
At 31 December 2018		<u>696,643</u>

A deferred tax asset has been recognised as it is considered probable that there will be future taxable profits available.

#### Budget announcements

The Finance Act 2016, which provides for reductions in the main rate of corporation tax from 19% to 17% effective from 1 April 2020, was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016.

These rate reductions have been reflected in the calculation of deferred tax at the balance sheet date.

Therefore, the deferred tax asset reported at 31 December 2018 has been calculated based on the 17% tax rate, as this was the rate that was substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.



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#### 12. Dividend Paid

	2018		2017	
	£ per share	£	£ per share	£
Amounts recognised as distribution to equity holders:				
<b>Ordinary shares</b>				
Final dividend paid in 2018 in respect of 2017 and prior year results	2.40	48,000,000	-	-

#### 13. Property, plant and equipment

	Leasehold improvements £	Store fittings £	Office furniture and equipment £	Motor Vehicles £	Assets under construction £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>						
At 1 January 2018	1,438,934	8,993,693	379,175	8,400	71,706	10,891,908
Additions	10,194	848,614	20,161	-	265,009	1,143,978
Disposals	(138,138)	(679,866)	(4,263)	-	-	(822,267)
Transfer	-	331,675	5,040	-	(336,715)	-
At 31 December 2018	1,310,990	9,494,116	400,113	8,400	-	11,213,619
<b>Depreciation</b>						
At 1 January 2018	915,326	7,559,146	316,777	7,456	-	8,798,705
Charge for the year	227,216	1,066,924	51,511	944	-	1,346,595
Disposals	(74,507)	(623,415)	(4,110)	-	-	(702,032)
At 31 December 2018	1,068,035	8,002,655	364,178	8,400	-	9,443,268
<b>Net book value</b>						
At 31 December 2018	242,955	1,491,461	35,935	-	-	1,770,351
At 31 December 2017	523,608	1,434,547	62,398	944	71,706	2,093,203

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#### 14. Investment in subsidiary

	£
At 31 December 2018 and 31 December 2017	1

The above investment represents 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of Benefit Cosmetics Ireland Limited, a private company limited by shares and registered in Ireland. The Registered office for Benefit Cosmetics Ireland is 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Beaux Lane House, Mercer Street Lower, Dublin 2, D02 DH60. Benefit Cosmetics Ireland's principal activity is the wholesale of cosmetics and skincare products within Ireland. Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as per note 2.

#### 15. Inventories

	2018 £	2017 £
Finished goods	1,174,780	789,444

The difference between purchase price of inventories and their replacement cost is not material.

#### 16. Trade and other receivables: Amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade debtors	20,697,623	30,316,348
Amounts owed by group undertakings	208,781	36,437,901
Other receivables	2,108,122	3,068,514
Deferred tax asset (note 11 (c))	696,643	655,684
	<u>23,711,169</u>	<u>70,478,447</u>

Amounts receivable by parent undertakings carry interest at nil per cent, are unsecured and are payable on demand.

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#### 17. Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year

	2018 £	2017 £
Trade creditors	336,992	152,603
Amounts owed to group undertakings	10,978,999	9,204,049
Corporation tax	318,588	604,466
Other taxation and social security	2,460,746	3,747,222
Other creditors	3,524,088	6,693,731
Accruals and deferred income	2,754,921	2,790,475
	<u>20,374,334</u>	<u>23,192,546</u>

Amounts repayable to parent undertakings carry interest at nil per cent, are unsecured and are repayable on demand.

#### 18. Share capital

	2018 £	2017 £
Authorised, allotted, called up and fully paid 2,000,100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>2,000,100</u>	<u>2,000,100</u>

#### 19. Commitments under operating leases

At the balance sheet date, the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, which fall due as follows:

	2018 Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery (other) £	2017 Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery (other) £
Within one year	737,101	284,623	1,094,505	315,095
In two to five years	2,132,123	250,246	2,879,623	129,312
In over five years	1,522,864	-	1,919,471	-
	<u>4,392,088</u>	<u>534,869</u>	<u>5,893,599</u>	<u>444,407</u>

#### 20. Retirement benefit schemes

The company operates a defined contribution retirement benefit scheme for its directors and employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund.

The total cost charged to administrative expenses of £203,770 (2017: £282,328) represents contributions payable to those schemes by the company. As at 31 December 2018 contributions of £66,648 (2017: £46,645) due in respect of the current reporting period had not been paid over to the schemes and are included in 'Other creditors' (note 17).

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### **Notes to the financial statements (continued)** **Year ended 31 December 2018**

#### **21. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party**

The directors regard LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SE, a company incorporated in France, as the ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party.

Benefit Cosmetics LLC, a company incorporated in the USA is the parent of the smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared. Copies of these financial statements can be obtained from their registered address 225 Bush Street, 20th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94104.

LVMH Moët Hennessy-Louis Vuitton SE is the parent undertaking of the largest group of which Benefit Cosmetics Limited is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up. Copies of these group financial statements are available from their registered address 22 Avenue Montaigne, 75008 Paris, France.