**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS** 

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2007

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

## Year ended 31 August 2007

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### REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

#### Year ended 31 August 2007

The directors submit their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2007

The profit and loss account and balance sheets are set out on pages 6, 7 and 8. These should be read in conjunction with their related notes

### Principal activities, review of the business and future prospects

The company's principal activities are the provision of strategic wealth consultancy, pensions advice and portfolio management services. The company is regulated by the Financial Services Authority

The company has continued to perform well and is generating healthy profits. During the year under review, funds under management grew by I4% from £121m to £138m. The company has continued to attract new money during its new financial year, and potential new clients have agreed to entrust an encouraging amount of funds to our Discretionary Portfolio Management service. The directors propose that the company makes a distribution to shareholders again this year.

In January, the company launched its own SSAS pension administration facility based in Tring, Hertfordshire and has plans to add SIPPs administration during the coming year. These facilities will make the company less reliant on outside administrators and, in offering a "one stop shop", will enhance the attractiveness of its main discretionary portfolio management service for personal pension plans.

During the year, the company completed the purchase of GHM (Trustees) Limited, a firm that provides pension trustee and administration services. This will enhance and supplement the Company's own SSAS facilities. The company has also agreed to purchase after the year end a 50% stake in GH Macdonald Pensions and Financial Services Limited, a company providing pension advice and administration.

#### Results and dividends

The profit after tax for the financial year was £412,997 (2006 - £297,808)

The directors paid a dividend of £134,978 in the year (2006 - £nil)

The directors propose a dividend of £251,177

#### Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 year. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They 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.

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

### Year ended 31 August 2007

#### Financial instruments

All of the group's cash is held in instant access accounts maintained at the banks defined in General Information on page 2 of these accounts. The group manages its cash to maximise interest income, whilst ensuring that it has enough to meet the operating needs of the business.

#### **Donations**

During the year the company made charitable donations of £1,676 (2006 - £160)

### Disclosure of information to auditors

In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when the report is approved, the following applies

- (a) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware and
- (b) he has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

For and on behalf of the board

R V WHITEFOORD

Director

#### AUDITORS' REPORT

Year ended 31 August 2007

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF WHITEFOORD LIMITED

We have audited the group and parent company financial statements of Whitefoord Limited for the year ended 31 August 2007 which comprise the Group Profit and Loss Account, the Group and Company Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement, the Accounting Policies and the related notes These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, 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 shareholders 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities 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 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.

We report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

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 group's and parent company's affairs as at 31 August 2007 and of the group's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

DIXON WILSON

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## CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

## Year ended 31 August 2007

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	Notes	2007 £	2006 £
Turnover	ı	2,818,186	2,458,406
Staff costs Other operating charges	3	(1,317,649) (976,518)	(1,169,047) (913,753)
Operating profit	2	524,019	375,606
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable Loss on disposal of fixed assets		90,955 (8,674) (896)	49,040 (7,500) -
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		605,404	417,146
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	(192,407)	(119,338)
Profit for the financial year	13 & 14	412,997	297,808

The group has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year and the profit for the previous year All amounts relate to continuing operations

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

## At 31 August 2007

	Note	2007 £	2006 £
Fixed assets		<b>.</b>	L
Intangible assets	5	206,911	-
Tangible assets	6	222,303	240,489
		429,214	240,489
Current assets			<del></del>
Debtors	8	492,997	422,111
Cash at bank and in hand		1, <del>44</del> 9,792	1,182,713
		1,942,789	1,604,824
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(837,534)	(588,863)
Net current assets		1,105,255	1,015,961
Total assets less current liabilities		1,534,469	1,256,450
Creditors: amounts falling due after more then one year	10	(125,000)	(125,000)
Provision for liabilities and charges	Н	(26,742)	(26,742)
Net assets		1,382,727	1,104,708
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	134,978	134,978
Profit and loss account	13	1,247,749	969,730
Equity shareholders' funds	14	1,382,727	1,104,708

The financial statements on pages 6 to 17 were approved by the board of directors on 21 December 2007 and signed on its behalf by -

R V WHITEFOORD

Director

## COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

## At 31 August 2007

	Note	2007	2006
Fixed assets		£	£
Intangible assets	5	20,000	
Tangible assets	6	208,846	240,489
Investment in subsidiary	7	227,819	-
		456,665	240,489
Current assets			
Debtors	8	428,550	422,111
Cash at bank and in hand		1,424,537	1,182,713
		1,853,087	1,604,824
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(800,759)	(588,863)
Net current assets		1,052,328	1,015,961
Total assets less current liabilities		1,508,993	1,256,450
Creditors: amounts falling due			
after more then one year	10	(125,000)	(125,000)
Provision for liabilities and charges	П	(26,742)	(26,742)
Net assets		1,357,251	1,104,708
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	12	134,978	134,978
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## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

	Note	2007		2006
		££	£	£
Net cash inflow from operating activities	15	553,747		349,214
Returns on investments and servicing of finance				
Interest received		90,955	49,040	
Interest paid		(8,674)	(35,594)	
		82,281		13,446
Taxation paid		(113,768)	)	(46,389)
Capital expenditure and financial investment				
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(15,192)	(15,473)	
Purchase of intangible fixed assets		(20,000)	•	
		(35,192)		(15,473)
Acquisitions and disposals				
Purchase of subsidiary undertaking		(101,310)	•	-
Equity dividends paid		(134,978)	)	-
Increase in cash	16	250,780		300,798

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Year ended 31 August 2007

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below

#### **Basis of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention

#### **Basis of consolidation**

The consolidated financial statements include the results of the subsidiary undertaking. A separate profit and loss account dealing with the results of the company only has not been presented as permitted by section 230 Companies Act 1985

#### Turnover

Turnover is stated exclusive of value added tax and represents the invoiced amount of services provided

#### Income recognition

Consultancy income is recognised as the work is performed. Management fee income is recognised on a monthly basis and is based on the funds under management. Dealing commission income is recognised when the deal has been completed

#### **Pension costs**

Cost of contributions in respect of employee personal pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account in the year to which they relate

#### Depreciation

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

Short leasehold property improvements - over the lease term

Office equipment

- 331/3% straight line

Office furniture and fittings

- 10% straight line

Computer software

- 25% straight line

#### Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of cost of acquisition over the fair value of the separable net assets of businesses acquired Goodwill is amortised through the profit and loss account in equal instalment over its estimated useful life of five years

### **Investments**

Investments are stated at cost.

#### **Deferred taxation**

Provision is made for deferred tax liabilities in respect of all timing differences arising from the different treatment of items for accounting and taxation purposes Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets in respect of such timing differences are recognised to the extent they are regarded as being, more likely than not, recoverable in the short to medium term, and are not discounted

#### Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### **Operating leases**

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Year ended 31 August 2007

### I. Segmental information

The turnover and net assets are attributable to the principal activities of the provision of strategic wealth consultancy, pensions advice and portfolio management services. The group operates in the UK and the whole of its turnover is to the UK market.

2. Operating profit	2007	2006
This is stated after charging	£	£
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	13,000	12,000
Fess payable to the company's auditor for taxation services	2,000	-
Depreciation	46,786	43,618
Amortisation of goodwill	17,000	-
Operating lease rentals - plant and equipment - land and buildings	9,097 77,801	8,234 77,801
3. Staff costs		
Employee costs during the year (including directors) were		
Wages and salaries Social security costs Pension costs	1,161,993 110,467 45,189	1,006,407 124,881 37,759
	1,317,649	1,169,047

The group makes contributions to the employees' own pension funds. As at 31 August 2007 contributions of £25,359 (2006 - £34,958) were outstanding in respect of employer and employee contributions

	Number	Number
The average number of employees, including directors, during the year was		
Directors	3	3
Investment management	5	4
Consultancy	2	2
Administration	6	5
Pension administration	2	•
	18	14
	£	£
Directors' remuneration		
Emoluments	230,481	297,081
Contributions to money purchase pension schemes	8,269	7,875
Total emoluments	238,750	304,956
Remuneration of the highest paid director	223,750	287,748

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. Taxation	2007 £	2006 £
Analysis of charge for the year:		
Current tax.		
UK corporation tax on profits of the year Adjustments in respect of previous periods	180,958 11,449	102,319 (9,723)
Deferred tax	192,407	92,596
Origination and reversal of timing differences	-	26,742
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	192,407	119,338
Factors affecting tax charge for the year:		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	605,404	417,146
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 30% (2006 - 30%)	181,621	125,144
Effects of		
Depreciation for the year in excess of capital allowances Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Marginal relief Adjustments in respect of previous periods	5,506 (1,739) (4,430) 11,447	3,819 2,551 (29,195) (9,723)
Current tax charge	192,407	92,596
5. Intangible fixed asset		Goodwill
-	Group £	Company £
Cost Additions	223,911	20,000
At 31 August 2007	223,911	20,000
Amortisation		
Charge for the year	17,000	-
At 31 August 2007	17,000	
Net book value		
At 31 August 2007	206,911	20,000
Goodwill of £203,911 arises on the acquisition of GHM (Trustees) Limite	ed in April 2007	
Goodwill of £20,000 arises on the acquisition of a block of fees from $\boldsymbol{G}$ Limited	H Macdonald Pensions and Fi	nancial Services

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. Tangible fixed assets - group	Short leasehold property improvements £	Furniture, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost	~	_	_
At I September 2006 Acquired with subsidiary Additions Disposals	208,178 - - -	122,218 27,996 15,192 (12,21 <del>4</del> )	330,396 27,996 15,192 (12,214)
At 31 August 2007	208,178	153,192	361,370
Depreciation			
At I September 2006 Acquired with subsidiary Charge for year Disposals At 31 August 2007	41,049 21,405 - 62,454	48,858 13,691 25,381 (11,317) 76,613	89,907 13,691 46,786 (11,317) 139,067
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Net book value	145.704	74 570	222 202
At 31 August 2007	145,724	76,579	222,303
At 31 August 2006	167,129	73,360	240,489
Tangible fixed assets - company			
Cost			
At I September 2006 Additions Disposals	208,178 - -	122,218 14,608 (12,214)	330,396 14,608 (12,214)
At 31 August 2007	208,178	124,612	332,790
Depreciation			
At I September 2006 Charge for year Disposals	41,049 21,405 -	48,858 23,949 (11,317)	89,907 45,354 (11,317)
At 31 August 2007	62,454	61,490	123,944
Net book value			
At 31 August 2007	145,724	63,122	208,846
At 31 August 2006	167,129	73,360	240,489

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7.	Investment in subsidia	ry	Shares in gro	oup undertaking
Cor	npany			£
Add	itions			227,819
At 3	I August 2007			227,819
Add	itional information on subsid	ary undertakıng		<del></del>
Nar	me	Country of incorporation	Principal activity	Interest held
GHI	M (Trustees) Limited	England and Wales	Provision of pension Trustee services	100%
		issued share capital of GHM (Truste 10 This acquisition has been account		
The	book value and also fair valu	e of assets and liabilities acquired in th	ne acquisition were as follows	
Fixe	ed assets			£
	gble assets			14,305
	rent assets			
	tors n at bank			43,341 16,299
Tot	al assets			73,945
Lial	oilities			
Cre	ditors amounts due in less th	nan one year		(50,037)
Net	assets			23,908
Goo	dwill			202,601
				226,509
Cor	nsideration satisfied by:			
Casl	•			100,000
	ı ount unpaid			100,000 126,509
	The unpaid consideration is due to be paid shortly in the form of a further £13,254 in cash and the remainder by way of the issue of 2,634 new shares in Whitefoord Limited			

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Year ended 31 August 2007

8. Debtors		Group		Company
	2007	2006	2007	2006
	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	101,777	68,704	80,753	68,704
Amounts due under contracts not yet invoiced	45,751	51,511	22,871	51,511
Other debtors	93,321	99,954	91,207	99,954
Prepayments	68,148	53,942	49,719	53,942
Accrued income	184,000	148,000	184,000	148,000
	492,997	422,111	428,550	422,111
9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one				
Trade creditors	18,493	12,568	14,349	12,568
Corporation tax	186,142	102,319	170,334	102,319
Other taxes and social security	119,318	99,969	114,307	99,969
Other creditors, accruals and deferred income	513,581	374,007	501,769	374,007
	837,534	588,863	800,759	588,863

Included in other creditors, accruals and deferred income at 31 August 2007 is £126,509 due in respect of the acquisition of GHM (Trustees) Limited (see note 7)

10.	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	Group and	Group and company	
		2007 £	2006 £	
Subo	rdinated loans	125,000	125,000	

During the year ended 31 August 2002 the company entered into two loan agreements with R V Whitefoord and Ruffer Investment Management Limited for £62,500. The loans are unsecured and bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum.

11. Provision for liabilities and charges	Deferred taxation £
At 1 September 2006 Charge for the year	26,742
At 31 August 2007	26,742
Deferred tax relates to accelerated capital allowances	

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Year ended 31 August 2007

Closing shareholders' funds at 31 August 2007

12. Share capital	Authorised		Allotted and fully paid	
	2007 €	2006 €	2007 £	2006 £
Ordinary shares of £1 each	260,000	260,000	134,978	134,978
13. Reserves	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	•	Profit and lo	ss account £
Group				-
At I September 2006 Profit for the financial year Dividends paid				969,730 412,997 (134,978)
At 31 August 2007				1,247,749
Company				
At I September 2006 Profit for the financial year Dividends paid				969,730 387,521 (134,978
At 31 August 2007				1,222,273
The company's profit for the financial year was £387,521 (20)  14. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders'		Group		Company
14. Reconcination of movements in snarenomers		<b>F</b>		
14. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders	2007	2006	2007	2006
14. Reconciliation of movements in shareholders	2007 £	2006 £	2007 £	2006 £
Profit for the financial year				
Profit for the financial year Dividends paid Net addition to shareholders' funds	<b>£</b> 412,997	£	£ 387,521	£

1,382,727

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Year ended 31 August 2007

15.	Reconciliation of	f operating profi	t to net cash infl	low from operating	activities
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	2007	2006
	•	_
Operating profit	524,019	375,606
Depreciation	46,786	43,618
Amortisation	17,000	-
Increase in debtors	(27,544)	(147,513)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(6,514)	77,503
Net cash inflow from operating activities	553,747	349,214

16. Analysis of changes in net funds	At I September 2006 £	Acquisition £	Cash flow £	At 31 August 2007 £
Cash at bank and in hand Subordinated loans	1,182,713 (125,000)	16,299 -	250,780 -	1,449,792 (125,000)
	1,057,713	16,299	250,780	1,324,792

### 17. Related party transactions

Interest totalling £7,500 was paid to R V Whitefoord and Ruffer Investment Management Limited during the year in respect of their subordinated loans to the company (see note 9) Interest of £1,653 was outstanding at the year end

#### 18. Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2007 the company was committed to making the following payments under non-cancellable operating leases in the next year

·	Land and buildings £	Plant and equipment £
Operating leases which expire		
Within one year	-	800,1
Within two to five years	95,000	2,096
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### 19. Controlling parties

The company is controlled by R V Whitefoord, a director

#### 20 Post balance sheet events

Since the year end the purchase of a 50% stake in GH Macdonald Pensions and Financial Services Limited has been agreed for consideration of £83,027.