Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the year ended 31 January 2017

Registered number: 4210919



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Sheldon Holdings Limited

Company directory

Registered Office

3 Sheldon Square Paddington London W2 6PX United Kingdom

Directors

P. Moore J-N. Groleau

Company Secretary

P. Moore

Auditor

Deloitte LLP London United Kingdom

Strategic report

The directors, in preparing this strategic report, have complied with section 414C of the Companies Act 2006.

Principal activities

Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited (the "Company") operates as a finance company within the Kingfisher plc group (the "Group").

Business review

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £27,200,000 (2015/16: £36,975,000). The profit primarily derived from interest receivable on loans to Group undertakings.

Net assets at year end were £1,310,499,000 (2015/16: £1,283,299,000). This is predominately composed of amounts owed by Group undertakings.

Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kingfisher plc. From the perspective of the directors, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Group and are not managed separately. The review of the business of Kingfisher plc and its subsidiaries provides a comprehensive analysis of the main trends and factors likely to affect the development, performance and position of the business. A description of the principal risks and uncertainties facing the business can be found on pages 38 to 46 of the Kingfisher plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17.

Financial risk management

The Company operates as an investment company within the Group, and as such is exposed to a variety of financial risks, which include interest and foreign exchange risk, liquidity and credit risk.

As part of the Group these risks are managed centrally by Group Treasury, which has in place a board approved treasury policy and a risk management programme that ensures that the impact of such risks is minimised. Further information on the Group's financial risk management policies can be found in note 24 of the Kingfisher plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17.

Key performance indicators

The directors manage the Company's operations on a group basis and so the directors of the Company believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the Company is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of the Company. The Group's development, performance and position is discussed in the Kingfisher plc Annual Report and Accounts 2016/17, which does not form part of this report.

Future developments

The directors expect the general level of activity to remain consistent with 2016/17 in the forthcoming year.

By order of the board:

J-N. Groleau Director 3 July 2017

Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements of the Company for the financial year ended 31 January 2017.

Principal activities and review of the business

The Company operates as a finance company within the Group. The directors currently envisage that the Company will continue these operations for a minimum of 12 months after the signing date.

Results and dividends

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £27,200,000 (2015/16: £36,975,000). The profit is primarily derived from interest receivable on loans to Group undertakings.

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2015/16: £nil). The directors did not pay an interim dividend during the year (2015/16: £nil).

Directors

The directors, who served throughout the year except as noted, were as follows:

R.C.F. Wardle

(resigned 4 July 2016)

J-N. Groleau

P. Moore

(appointed 4 July 2016)

Company Secretary

The company secretaries, who served throughout the year except as noted, were as follows:

R. Cordeschi

(resigned 15 September 2016)

P. Moore

(appointed 15 September 2016)

Going concern

The directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have adequate resources to continue in operational existence. Thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual financial statements (refer to note 1 for further information).

Auditor

Deloitte LLP will continue to hold office in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' report (continued)

Statement of disclosure of information to 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 section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The following statement, which should be read in conjunction with the independent auditor's report, is made with a view to distinguishing for shareholders the responsibilities of the directors and the auditor in relation to these financial statements.

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework ("FRS 101"). 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 income of the Company for that year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has 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.

By order of the board:

J-N. Groleau Director 3 July 2017

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited for the financial year ended 31 January 2017 which comprise the Income Statement, the Statement of Changes in Equity, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 9. 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), including FRS 101.

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.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

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 and express an opinion on 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 of the financial statements

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. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

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 31 January 2017 and of its profit for the year then
 ended;
- 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 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 has 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 and the directors' report.

Independent auditor's report to the members of Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited (continued)

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.

M.M.

Richard Muschamp Senior statutory auditor for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor London, United Kingdom 3 July 2017

Income Statement

Year ended 31 January 2017

€'000	Notes	2016/17	2015/16
Finance income	3	34,000	46,317
Profit before taxation		34,000	46,317
Income tax expense	6	(6,800)	(9,342)
Profit for the year		27,200	36,975
Total comprehensive income for the year		27,200	36,975

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of the financial statements.

All of the above transactions relate to continuing operations. There was no other comprehensive income during the current and preceding year and accordingly a separate statement of comprehensive income has not been prepared.

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Statement of changes in equity

Year ended 31 January 2017

€'000	Share premium	Retained earnings	Total
At 1 February 2016	1,134,131	149,168	1,283,299
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	27,200	27,200
At 31 January 2017	1,134,131	176,368	1,310,499
At 1 February 2015	1,134,131	112,193	1,246,324
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	36,975	36,975
As at 31 January 2016	1,134,131	149,168	1,283,299

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of the financial statements.

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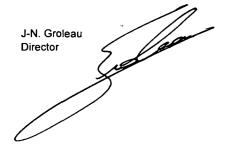
Balance sheet

At 31 January 2017

£'000	Notes	2016/17	2015/16
Current assets			
Other receivables	7	1,312,563	1,289,637
Total assets		1,312,563	1,289,637
Current liabilities			
Current tax liabilities		(2,064)	(6,338)
Total liabilities		(2,064)	(6,338)
Net assets		1,310,499	1,283,299
Equity		•	
Share capital	8	-	-
Share premium		1,134,131	1,134,131
Retained earnings		176,368	149,168
Total equity		1,310,499	1,283,299

The notes on pages 11 to 13 form part of the financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 3 July 2017 and were signed on its behalf by:



Notes to the financial statements

Year ended 31 January 2017

1 Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Basis of preparation

Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited is a private company incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on page 2. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors Report on pages 4 to 5.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 as issued by the Financial Reporting Council as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards in the United Kingdom and the Companies Act 2006.

As permitted by FRS 101, the company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of a cash-flow statement, related party transactions, financial instruments, standards not yet effective and capital management. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the consolidated accounts of Kingfisher plc, which are publicly available.

b. Going concern

The directors of Sheldon Sterling Investments Limited, having made appropriate enquiries, consider that adequate resources exist for the company to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and that, therefore, it is appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing these financial statements.

c. Interest receivable

Interest receivable is accrued on a daily basis.

d. Taxation

The income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax. The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year.

Taxable profit differs from profit before taxation, as reported in the income statement, because it excludes items of income or expense which are taxable or deductible in other years or which are never taxable or deductible.

e. Financial assets and liabilities

Classification

Financial assets are classified into the following specific category: 'other receivables'. The classification depends on the nature and purpose of the financial assets and is determined at the time of initial recognition. Financial liabilities are classified as 'other payables'.

Recognition and measurement

Other receivables

Trade receivables, loans, and other receivables that have fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market are classified as 'other receivables'. Other 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.

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Other payables

Other payables, including borrowings, are initially measured at fair value, net of transaction costs. Other payables are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, with interest expense recognised on an effective yield basis.

The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial liability and of allocating interest expense over the relevant period. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments through the expected life of the financial liability, or, where approximate, a shorter period to the net carrying amount on initial recognition.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of the financial statements under FRS 101 requires the Company to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

There have been no significant estimates, judgements or assumptions which are likely to cause a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

3 Finance income

£'000	2016/17	2015/16
Interest receivable from Group undertakings	34,000	46,317
Net finance income	34,000	46,317

4 Employees' and Directors' Remuneration

There were no employees or staff costs for the financial year ended 31 January 2017 (2015/16: £nil).

None of the directors received any emoluments from the Company in respect of the financial year ended 31 January 2017 (2015/16: £nil).

5 Auditor's Remuneration

The auditor's remuneration for the auditing of the financial statements of £1,000 (2015/16: £1,000) is borne by Kingfisher plc. No recharge will be made to the Company for these costs.

6 Income tax expense

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£'000	2016/17	2015/16
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on profits for the year	6,800	9,342
Income tax expense	6,800	9,342

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Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The UK corporation tax rate reduced in the prior year from 21% to 20% with effect from 1 April 2015, and accordingly, the Company's profits for this accounting period are taxed at a rate of 20% (2015/16: 20.17%).

From 1 April 2017, the rate of Corporation Tax will fall from 20% to 19%, and from 1 April 2020 will fall again to 17%.

7 Other receivables

£'000	2016/17	2015/16
Current		
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	1,312,563	1,289,637
Other receivables	1,312,563	1,289,637

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are comprised of a loan of £1,057,500,000 (2015/16: £1,023,500,000) unsecured, repayable on demand and attracts a fixed interest of 1.92% per annum, and a loan of £255,063,000 (2015/16: £266,137,000) which is non-interest bearing, has no fixed date of repayment and is repayable on demand.

8 Share capital

		 Number of	Ordinary share
		ordinary	capital
		 shares	£
At 1 February 2016	•	 100	100
At 31 January 2017		100	100

9 Ultimate holding company

The Company's immediate parent undertaking is Martin Pecheur Investments Limited⁽¹⁾, which is registered in Jersey.

The Company's ultimate parent company is Kingfisher plc⁽²⁾, which is incorporated in the United Kingdom and registered in England and Wales. The largest and smallest group into which the Company's financial statements are consolidated is that headed by Kingfisher plc. A copy of the Annual Report and Accounts for Kingfisher plc can be obtained from www.kingfisher.com.

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