

Cicero Acquisitions Limited

**Strategic Report, Directors' Report and
financial statements**

Registered number 5188770

31 December 2014



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Strategic Report

Business review and KPIs

Cicero Acquisitions Limited ("the Company") is an investment holding company with trading subsidiaries via intermediate holding companies. However, consolidated accounts are prepared for its ultimate parent, Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited, which contain a business review and description of KPIs relating to its group. Copies of the consolidated accounts can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

Financial results

The Company made a loss after taxation of £73,121,000 (2013: £62,872,000).

Principal risks and risk management

The main risk and uncertainty to the Company is the risk of not being able to repay the loan interest. However, the directors feel that the Group headed by Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited ("the Group") has good future prospects and the Company continues to receive support from its parent.

Going concern and liquidity management

Following a refinancing in May 2011 by the Group, senior secured notes totalling £300 million and €200 million are in issue. The term of the notes is seven years. Furthermore, agreements were entered during May 2011 that provide the Group with a £90m committed Revolving Credit Facility ("RCF") for working capital management and other purposes, which put the Group in a strong liquidity position. The term of the RCF is six years. Under these financing arrangements, there are no regular maintenance covenant ratio tests: ratios are tested only upon certain events which are within the control of the Group, such as raising additional external debt.

In addition, the Company has the continued financial support of Odeon and UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited to enable it to continue to trade for the foreseeable future, including the provision of additional funds as required and not seeking the repayment of balances already lent to the Company.

The directors therefore believe that the Company has adequate resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. With this in mind, the directors have formally considered and concluded that the preparation of financial statements on a going concern basis is appropriate. Further details are shown in the "Basis of preparation" section of note 1 to the financial statements.

By order of the board



AS Alker
Director

25/09/15

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Directors' Report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2014.

Principal activity

The principal activity of Cicero Acquisitions Limited ("the Company") is that of a holding company.

Directors

The following were directors of the Company during the year:

AS Alker	
PM Donovan	Appointed 14 February 2014
AR Gavin	Resigned 14 February 2014
RJ Harris	Resigned 31 May 2014
JP Mason	Resigned 31 March 2014
MJ Way	Appointed 22 September 2014

Post Balance Sheet events

At the 2014 Balance Sheet date, the loan note funding provided to the Company by its parent had maturity dates of August 2015. In the reported Balance Sheet, the creditors are therefore shown as short term in nature and are described in note 11 to the financial statements. However, subsequent to the year-end, as planned, the maturity dates were extended to 30 November 2019.

Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2013: £nil).

Political and charitable donations

In both the current and prior years, the Company made no political or charitable donations.

Disclosure of information to auditor

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this Directors' Report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware and each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, KPMG LLP, has indicated its willingness to continue in office. Elective resolutions are currently in force to dispense with holding annual general meetings, the laying of accounts before the Company in general meetings and the appointment of the auditor annually. Pursuant to section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

By order of the board



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Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the 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 they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.



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Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Cicero Acquisitions Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Cicero Acquisitions Limited for the year ended 31 December 2014 set out on pages 6 to 14. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an 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 Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3; 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

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate.

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 December 2014 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Strategic Report and the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Cicero Acquisitions 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.



Mick Davies (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
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29 September 2015

Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2014

	<i>Note</i>	2014 £000	2013 £000
Interest receivable and similar income	5	13,343	13,198
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(86,464)	(76,070)
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Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	3	(73,121)	(62,872)
Taxation	7	-	-
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Loss on ordinary activities after taxation and for the financial year		(73,121)	(62,872)
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All losses on ordinary activities related to continuing activities.

The Company has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above and therefore no Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses has been presented.

Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2014

	<i>Note</i>	2014 £000	2014 £000	2013 £000	2013 £000
Fixed assets					
Investments	8		4,564		4,564
Current assets					
Debtors: amounts due within one year	9	1,871		1,868	
Debtors: amounts due after one year	10	316,963		303,621	
Cash at bank and in hand		-		3	
		<u>318,834</u>		<u>305,492</u>	
Creditors: amounts due within one year	11	(517,516)		-	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
Net current (liabilities) / assets			(198,682)		305,492
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Total assets less current liabilities			(194,118)		310,056
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Creditors: amounts due after more than one year	12		(324,236)		(755,289)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Net liabilities			(518,354)		(445,233)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	13		34,278		34,278
Profit and loss account	14		(552,632)		(479,511)
			<u></u>		<u></u>
Shareholders' deficit	14		(518,354)		(445,233)
			<u></u>		<u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 25th September 2015 and were signed on its behalf by:



AS Alker
Director

25/09/15

Notes

(forming part of the financial statements)

1 Accounting policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material to the financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and under the historical cost accounting rules.

The Company is exempt by virtue of s400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group accounts. These financial statements present information about the Company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

Under FRS 1 *Cash Flow Statements*, the Company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that a parent undertaking includes the Company in its own published consolidated financial statements.

As the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Cicero Investments Limited and 100% of the Company's voting rights are controlled within the group headed by Odeon and UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited ("the Group"), the Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 *Related Party Disclosures* and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the Group. The consolidated financial statements of Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited, within which this Company is included, can be obtained from the address given in note 17.

Going concern and liquidity management

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis. The directors have formally considered and concluded that this remains appropriate. The facts set out below were relevant in arriving at this conclusion.

The business activities of the Group and its future prospects are described within the Directors' Report.

Following a refinancing in May 2011 by the Group, senior secured notes totalling £300 million and €200 million are in issue. The term of the notes is seven years. Furthermore, agreements were entered during May 2011 that provide the Group with a £90 million committed Revolving Credit Facility ("RCF") for working capital management and other purposes, which put the Group in a strong liquidity position. The term of the RCF is six years. Under these new financing arrangements, there are no regular maintenance covenant ratio tests: ratios are tested only upon certain events which are within the control of the Group, such as raising additional external debt.

The Directors have reviewed forecast monthly cash requirements, including reasonable sensitivities, and are satisfied that there is sufficient headroom under the Group's facilities.

The Group also has shareholder funding in place. Following the May 2011 refinancing, the capital structure of the sub-group relevant to the financing, which contains all the operating group trading entities, is such that the shareholder funding takes the form of share capital only. The parent of the relevant sub-group is Odeon & UCI Bond Midco Limited.

Due to the nature of operational intra-group funding arrangements, the Company has a net liability position at the Balance Sheet date. The Company has received assurance from a parent undertaking, Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited, that it will continue to support the Company for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements.

At the 2014 Balance Sheet date, the loan note funding provided to the Company by its parent had maturity dates of August 2015. In the reported Balance Sheet, the creditors are therefore shown as short term in nature and are described in note 11 to the financial statements. However, subsequent to the year-end, as planned, the maturity dates were extended to 30 November 2019.

Taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit or loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes.

Deferred tax is recognised, without discounting, in respect of all timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes which have arisen but not reversed by the Balance Sheet date, except as otherwise required by FRS 19 *Deferred Tax*.

Notes (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

A deferred tax asset is only recognised when it is more likely than not that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future out of suitable taxable profits from which the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provisions for any impairment.

Loan notes

Loan notes are held on the Balance Sheet at their issued amount less directly attributable issue costs plus the accrued finance charge which has arisen on them. The finance charge accrues at a constant rate over the term of the notes.

Classification of financial instruments issued by the Company

Preference shares issued by the Company are treated as equity (i.e. forming part of shareholders' funds) only to the extent that they meet the following two conditions:

- a) they include no contractual obligations upon the Company to deliver cash or other financial assets or to exchange financial assets or financial liabilities with another party under conditions that are potentially unfavourable to the Company; and
- b) where the instrument will or may be settled in the Company's own equity instruments, it is either a non-derivative that includes no obligation to deliver a variable number of the Company's own equity instruments or is a derivative that will be settled by the Company's exchanging a fixed amount of cash or other financial assets for a fixed number of its own equity instruments.

To the extent that this definition is not met, the proceeds of issue are classified as a financial liability.

2 Remuneration of directors

In both the current and the prior period the directors' emoluments were borne by Odeon Cinemas Limited.

3 Loss on ordinary activities before taxation

Auditor's remuneration:

The audit costs for 2014 and 2013 were borne by a fellow subsidiary.

Amounts paid to the Company's auditor and their associates in respect of services to the Company, other than the audit of the Company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required instead to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent, Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited.

4 Staff numbers and costs

Other than the directors the Company has no employees (2013: none).

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Interest receivable from Group undertaking	13,343	13,198

Notes (continued)

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Interest payable to Group undertaking	13,645	13,497
Loan notes	72,819	62,573
	<u>86,464</u>	<u>76,070</u>

7 Taxation

Analysis of charge in the year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
UK corporation tax		
Current tax on income for the year	-	-
Total current tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax charge for the year	-	-
Total deferred tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Factors affecting the tax charge for the current year

The current tax charge for the year is higher (2013: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.5% (2013: 23.25%). The differences are explained below.

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Current tax reconciliation		
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(73,121)	(62,872)
Current tax at 21.5% (2013: 23.25%)	(15,721)	(14,618)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	15,721	-
Group relief surrendered for nil payment	-	14,618
Total current tax	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

A reduction in the UK corporation tax rate from 24% to 23% (effective 1 April 2013) was substantively enacted on 3 July 2012. Further reductions to 21% (effective from 1 April 2014) and 20% (effective from 1 April 2015) were substantively enacted on 2 July 2013. In the Budget on 8 July 2015, the Chancellor announced additional planned reductions to 18% by 2020. This will reduce the Company's future current tax charge accordingly.

Notes (continued)

8 Investments

	Investments in Group undertakings £000
<i>Cost and net book value</i>	
At beginning and end of year	4,564

The principal undertakings in which the Company had a direct* or indirect interest at the year end are shown below. The investments include both ordinary and preference shares.

Name	Country of incorporation	% interest	Nature of business
Odeon Equity Co Limited*	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon DDB Co Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon Bridge Co Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon Property Acquisition Co (Cayman) Limited	Cayman Islands	100% owned	Holding company
Odeon Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon Cinemas Group Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon Cinemas Holdings Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Holding company
Associated British Cinemas Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Holding company
Odeon Cinemas Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Operation of cinemas
United Cinemas International (UK) Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Operation of cinemas
ABC Cinemas Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Operation of cinemas
Odeon Cinemas (RL) Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Operation of cinemas
Bookit Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Credit & debit card transaction processing
Movitex Signs Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon Finance Limited	Cayman Islands	100% owned	Non trading company
Hopeart Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Odeon and UCI Digital Operations Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Administration & technical support services
UCI Exhibition (UK) Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
UCI Developments Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
United Cinemas International (China) Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Hollywood Express Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company
Digital Cinema Media Limited	Great Britain	50% owned	Screen advertising
Odeon and Sky Filmworks Limited	Great Britain	50% owned	Film distribution
Curzon Cinema (Loughborough) Limited	Great Britain	100% owned	Non trading company

9 Debtors: amounts due within one year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	1,871	1,868

The intra-group loan is non interest bearing and receivable on demand.

Notes (continued)

10 Debtors: amounts due after one year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	316,963	303,621

All debts are due after more than five years. Interest receivable on intra-group loans varies between LIBOR plus 2.942% to LIBOR plus 11.25%.

11 Creditors: amounts due within one year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Loan notes	517,516	-

The loan notes are the aggregate issued amounts of £107,704,000 plus discount accrued of £409,812,000 (2013: £336,993,000). These are due to be redeemed in August 2015.

The following unsecured discounted 11 year loan notes were outstanding during the period to a related party.

27 August 2004

Par value	£571.3 million
Issued for	£107.7 million
Interest rate	16.375% pa
Due to be redeemed	26 August 2015

Subsequent to the year-end, as planned, the maturity dates were extended to 30 November 2019 (see note 19).

12 Creditors: amounts due after more than one year

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Amounts owed to Group undertakings	324,236	310,592
Loan notes	-	444,697
	324,236	755,289

Intra group loans are due after more than five years. Interest payable on intra-group loans varies between LIBOR plus 2.817% and LIBOR plus 11.25%.

13 Called up share capital

	2014 £000	2013 £000
<i>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</i>		
10,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	10	10
34,267,727 Preference shares (non-redeemable) of £1 each	34,268	34,268
	34,278	34,278

Notes (continued)

13 Called up share capital (continued)

The principal rights attached to the share capital are set out below:

Income

Any profits which the Company may determine to distribute in respect of any financial year shall belong to and be distributed amongst the holders of the preference shares and the holders of the ordinary shares as follows:

(a) firstly, to the extent that the holders of preference shares have not then received the preferred participation of such shares, in paying to the holders of the preference shares the amount by which the aggregate amount previously paid by the Company to the holders of the preference shares (in that capacity) is less than the preferred participation of such shares. To the extent that the profits that the Company determines to distribute are less than the aggregate preferred participation of all of the preference shares, such profits shall be applied among the holders of the preference shares pro rata to the respective preferred participation of the preference shares held by them; and

(b) after payment of the preferred participation to the holders of the preference shares, the aggregate amount of profits resolved to be distributed (or balance of them) shall be paid to the holders of ordinary shares as nearly as is practicable pro rata to the amounts paid up on their ordinary shares.

No dividend or other distribution shall be declared or paid on the ordinary shares unless or until the Company shall have paid to the holders of the preference shares the aggregate preferred participation of all of the preference shares. No dividend or distribution shall be declared or paid on any preference shares in excess of the preferred participation of that share.

Voting rights

The ordinary shares confer on each holder thereof the right to receive notice of and to attend, speak and vote at all general meetings of the Company.

The preference shares confer on each holder thereof the right to receive notice of, attend and speak at all general meetings, but not any right to vote.

Capital

On a return of capital on liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company either voluntary or involuntary or other return of capital, the surplus assets of the Company remaining after the payment of its liabilities ("the Surplus") shall be applied as follows:

- (a) first, to the extent that the holders of the preference shares have not received the preferred participation of each preference share held by them in paying to the holders of the preference shares the amount by which the aggregate amount previously paid by the Company to the holders of the preference shares (in that capacity) is less than the preferred participation of each preference share held by them and if the Surplus is less than the aggregate preferred participation of all of the preference shares, the Surplus shall be applied among the holders of the Preference Shares pro rata to the respective preferred participations of the preference shares held by them; and
- (b) the balance (if any) of the Surplus remaining after the payments above shall belong to the holders of the ordinary shares according to the amounts paid on the nominal amount thereof.

Notes (continued)

14 Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' deficit

	Ordinary share capital £000	Preference share capital £000	Profit and loss account £000	Total £000
Loss for the year	-	-	(73,121)	(73,121)
Net increase in shareholders' deficit	-	-	(73,121)	(73,121)
Shareholders' deficit at beginning of year	10	34,268	(479,511)	(445,233)
Shareholders' deficit at end of year	10	34,268	(552,632)	(518,354)

15 Deferred tax asset

	2014 £000	2013 £000
Unrecognised Unutilised trading losses	-	10,901

No deferred tax asset has been recognised on the grounds that the Company is not expected to generate sufficient taxable profits in future years that will not be covered by group relief with which to offset the losses.

16 Contingent liabilities

At 31 December 2014 certain group companies acted as guarantors under the terms of the £300m and €200m senior secured notes and the £90m revolving credit facility. Certain group companies also acted as guarantors of rent and other payments for other group companies.

17 Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party

The directors regard Terra Firma Holdings Limited, a company registered in Guernsey, as the ultimate parent entity. The ultimate controlling party is Guy Hands.

The largest group to consolidate these financial statements is Odeon & UCI Cinemas Holdings Limited and the smallest group is Odeon & UCI Bond Midco Limited.

Copies of these consolidated financial statements can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ.

18 Related parties

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption granted by FRS 8 *Related Party Disclosures* not to disclose transactions with group entities where 100% of the voting rights are controlled within the group.

Terra Firma Investments (GP) 2 Limited, acting as general partner of the six limited partnerships which constitute the Terra Firma Capital Partners II Fund, Terra Firma Capital Partners II LP-H, TFCP II Co-Investment 2 LP and TFCP II Co-Investment 2A LP ("Terra Firma"), has the ability to exercise a controlling influence over the Company through the holding of shares in a parent of the Company. The directors therefore consider it to be a related party.

19 Post Balance Sheet events

At the 2014 Balance Sheet date, the loan note funding provided to the Company by its parent had maturity dates of August 2015. In the reported Balance Sheet, the creditors are therefore shown as short term in nature and are described in note 11 to the financial statements. However, subsequent to the year-end, as planned, the maturity dates were extended to 30 November 2019.