

**FITNESS PREFERRED LIMITED**

**Report and Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 October 2010**

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**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 31 OCTOBER 2010**

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J D Williams

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors are pleased to present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2010

### **BUSINESS REVIEW AND PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the Company is as holder of external Preference shares

### **REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The Directors are satisfied with the results of the Company and anticipate similar results in the year ahead. During the year the Company sold its 100% investment in Fitness First Loan Stock Ltd ("FFLS") to Fitness First Securities Ltd ("FFS") on a share for share exchange basis, with the Company receiving one ordinary share in FFS for each share sold in FFLS. A total of 100 £1 ordinary shares and 3,853,961 £1 preference shares in FFLS were exchanged for 3,854,061 £0.01 ordinary shares in FFS.

Prior to the disposal of FFLS, intercompany loans totalling £261.4m owed by FFLS to the Company were waived. The right to receive payment of the remaining £213.0m intercompany loans owed by FFLS were then sold to FFS for £213.0m.

### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The results for the year are shown in the profit and loss account on page 6. A dividend of £63,751,000 (2009 £55,433,000) has been accrued in respect of the external 'A and B' preference shares, and £64,500 (2009 £56,500) has been accrued relating to inter-company 'C' dividends, consistent with the rights of those shares, as disclosed in note 8 to the accounts.

### **GOING CONCERN**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the Directors have satisfied themselves that the Company is a going concern, having adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, after considering the principal risks and uncertainties of the company including the current year loss and net asset position and despite the current uncertain economic conditions. As the Company was formed to hold external preference shares on behalf of the Group, its operations and financial resources are therefore linked directly to, and are dependent on, the performance and support of the Group. Financial support is evidenced by a letter of support from the parent company covering 12 months from the date of these financial statements.

The Directors have made enquiries as to the financial position of the Group, and its ability therefore to provide support to the entity should it be required. The Directors are satisfied that the support provided by the Group allows them to prepare the accounts of Fitness Preferred Limited as a going concern. The financial statements of Fitness First Group Limited, which are publicly available, include full disclosure of the Group's going concern position.

### **Key Performance Indicators**

As the Company's principal activity is that of a management company for the Group, the Directors do not consider KPIs appropriate to the management of the business. The consolidated financial statements of Fitness First Group Limited include full disclosure of KPIs used to monitor the Group's performance.

### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The management of the business is subject to a number of potential risks and uncertainties. These could have a material impact on the Company's long term performance and could cause actual results to differ materially from expected and historical results. The key areas of risk to the business are macro-economic factors. The management of these risks is coordinated at Group level, and full disclosure of this is provided in the Fitness First Group Limited financial statements.

### **DIRECTORS**

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1. During the year Z Byng-Maddick resigned on 13 November 2009 and D E Tatton-Brown was appointed as a Director on 22 February 2010.

### **AUDITORS**

Each of the persons who is a Director of the Company at the date when this report is approved confirms that

- so far as the Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware, and

**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**AUDITORS (CONTINUED)**

- the Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a Director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditors are 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 have indicated their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements are being made for them to be deemed reappointed as auditors in the absence of an Annual General Meeting

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board by



**J D Williams**

Director

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

## **STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

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). Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, 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.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF FITNESS PREFERRED LIMITED**

We have audited the financial statements of Fitness Preferred Limited for the year ended 31 October 2010 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet, the reconciliation of movements in shareholder's funds and the related notes 1 to 15. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

### **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 October 2010 and of its loss 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 matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

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

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns, or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made, or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Darren Longley (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor  
Southampton, United Kingdom

23 March 2011

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010 £000</b>	<b>2009 £000</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>		-	-
Interest payable	3	(63,816)	(55,490)
Interest receivable	3	58,467	55,490
Net interest payable	3	<u>(5,349)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Loss on ordinary activities before tax</b>		(5,349)	-
Tax on ordinary activities	4	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Loss for the financial year</b>	10	<u><u>(5,349)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

All results arise from continuing operations

There are no recognised gains and losses for the year ended 31 October 2010 or the preceding year other than as stated in the profit and loss account. Accordingly, a statement of total recognised gains and losses has not been presented.



**BALANCE SHEET**  
**As at 31 October 2010**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2010 £000</b>	<b>2009 £000</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	5	271,235	9,788
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Other debtors	6	265	265
<b>Net current assets</b>		265	265
Intercompany debtors due after more than one year	7	218,339	421,319
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		489,839	431,372
Creditors amounts falling due after more than one year	8	(489,254)	(425,438)
<b>Net assets</b>		585	5,934
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	9	-	-
Share premium account	10	5,934	5,934
Profit and loss account	10	(5,349)	-
<b>Total shareholder's funds</b>		585	5,934

These financial statements of Fitness Preferred Limited, registration number 05509273, were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



**J D Williams**  
Director

**RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

	<b>2010</b> <b>£000</b>	<b>2009</b> <b>£000</b>
Loss for the financial year	(5,349)	-
<b>Net decrease in shareholder's funds</b>	<b>(5,349)</b>	<b>-</b>
Opening shareholder's funds	5,934	5,934
<b>Closing shareholder's funds</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>5,934</b>

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The principal accounting policies adopted are described below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the current and prior year.

#### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable United Kingdom accounting standards.

The financial statements are prepared on the basis that the Company is a going concern. This is discussed in the Directors' Report on page 2.

#### **Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and the Directors have satisfied themselves that the Company is a going concern, having adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, after considering the principal risks and uncertainties of the company including the current year loss and net asset position and despite the current uncertain economic conditions. As the Company was formed to hold external preference shares on behalf of the Group, its operations and financial resources are therefore linked directly to, and are dependent on, the performance and support of the Group. Financial support is evidenced by a letter of support from the parent company covering 12 months from the date of these financial statements.

The Directors have made enquiries as to the financial position of the Group, and its ability therefore to provide support to the entity should it be required. The Directors are satisfied that the support provided by the Group allows them to prepare the accounts of Fitness Preferred Limited as a going concern. The financial statements of Fitness First Group Limited, which are publicly available, include full disclosure of the Group's going concern position.

#### **Consolidated financial statements**

In accordance with s400 of the Companies Act 2006 the Company is exempt from producing group financial statements since it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fitness First Group Limited which provides consolidated financial statements that are publicly available.

#### **Investments**

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

#### **Taxation**

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) based on the tax rates and laws applicable at the balance sheet date.

Deferred taxation is provided in full on timing differences that result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date. Timing differences arise from the inclusion of items of income and expenditure in taxation computations in periods different from those in which they are included in financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### **Finance costs and debt**

Finance costs of debt and non-equity shares are recognised in the profit and loss account over the term of such investments at a constant rate on the carrying amount. Debt is initially stated at the amount of the net proceeds after the deduction of issue costs. The carrying amount is increased by the finance cost in respect of the accounting period and reduced by repayments made in the period.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Financial liabilities and equity**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the group after deducting all of its liabilities.

Cumulative redeemable preference shares are included in the balance sheet as liabilities in accordance with FRS 25.

**Equity instruments**

Equity instruments issued by the Company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of direct issue costs.

**3. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS, EMPLOYEES AND AUDITORS' REMUNERATION**

The Directors are remunerated by a subsidiary undertaking, Fitness First Limited, in respect of their services to various companies. The total remuneration borne by Fitness First Limited for the Directors of the Company was £812,000 (2009: £881,000). The amount of remuneration allocated for their services as Directors of the Company is £nil (2009: £nil). With the exception of the Directors and the Company Secretary, there were no other persons employed by the Company during the period (2009: nil). An audit fee of £122,000 (2009: £96,000) has been borne by another Group company in respect of the Group audit.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

**3 NET INTEREST PAYABLE**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Interest payable and similar charges</b>		
Cumulative preference share dividend	63,816	55,490
<b>Interest receivable and similar income</b>		
Due from subsidiary on loans	(5,339)	-
Due from fellow subsidiary undertakings on loans	(49,981)	(52,203)
Due from fellow subsidiary undertakings on 15% preference shares	(3,147)	(3,287)
	<u>(58,467)</u>	<u>(55,490)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>5,349</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

**4. TAX ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
<b>Current tax</b>		
UK tax charge	-	-

The tax charge for the year is as expected (2009 as expected) from applying the UK corporation tax rate of 28 0% (2009 28 0%) for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>£000</b>	<b>£000</b>
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	<u>(5,349)</u>	<u>-</u>
Tax credit at 28 0% (2009 28 0%) thereon	1,497	-
Effects of		
Losses (received from)/given away to other group companies for nil consideration	(996)	1,807
Non allowable dividends	(17,850)	(15,521)
Group income	863	230
Difference between accrued and paid interest	<u>16,486</u>	<u>13,484</u>
Current tax charge	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

There are no amounts of provided or unprovided deferred tax at the balance sheet date (2009 none)

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

**5. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Investment in subsidiary undertakings £
At 1 November	9,788
Additions	271,235
Disposals	(9,788)
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At 31 October 2010	271,235
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Name of Company	Country of incorporation or registration	Proportion of ordinary shares held
<b>Principal subsidiaries:</b>		
Fitness First Securities Limited	UK	100% directly

During the year the Company sold its 100% investment in Fitness First Loan Stock Ltd ("FFLS") to Fitness First Securities Ltd ("FFS") on a share for share exchange basis, with the Company receiving one ordinary share in FFS for each share sold in FFLS. A total of 100 £1 ordinary shares and 3,853,961 £1 preference shares in FFLS were exchanged for 3,854,061 £0.01 ordinary shares in FFS.

Additions to fixed asset investments in the year relate to the acquisition of shares in FFS, as detailed above, and the loan waiver explained in note 7.

**6. DEBTORS**

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Other debtors	265	265
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**7. DEBTORS – DUE AFTER ONE YEAR**

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	218,339	421,319
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The loans owed by the subsidiary bear interest at 15% per annum and the Company has confirmed that they will not seek repayment within 12 months from the date of signing the accounts.

Prior to the disposal of FFLS, intercompany loans totalling £261.4m owed by FFLS to the Company were waived. The right to receive payment of the remaining £213.0m intercompany loans owed by FFLS were then sold to FFS for £213.0m. The loan waiver has been treated as a capital contribution.

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

**8 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2010 £000	2009 £000
Cumulative redeemable preference dividends accrued	242,758	179,007
Cumulative redeemable preference shares	246,246	246,246
Amounts owed to ultimate parent company *	250	185
	<u>489,254</u>	<u>425,438</u>

\* The amounts owed to the ultimate parent company relate to accrued dividends in respect of the 'C' preference shares

Cumulative 'A', 'B' and 'C' redeemable preference shares carry an entitlement to dividend at the rate of 15p per share per annum, payable on redemption. They may be redeemed at £1.00 per share at any time after 8 May 2006 at the option of the Company and, in any event, will be redeemed at £1.00 per share on 6 November 2015, together with the accrued dividend. Holders of the redeemable preference shares have the right on a winding-up to receive, in priority to any other classes of shares, the sum of £1.00 per share together with any arrears of dividend. As at 31 October 2010 accrued dividends in respect of 'A' and 'B' preference shares amounts to £242,758,000 (2009 £179,007,000) and accrued dividends in respect of 'C' preference shares amounts to £250,000 (2009 £185,500). The 'A' and 'B' dividend accrued during the year amounted to £63,751,000 (2009 £55,433,000), the 'C' dividend accrued during the year amounted to £64,500 (2009 £56,500).

**9. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL**

	Number of shares 2010 No.	Nominal value 2010 £000	Number of shares 2009 No.	Nominal value 2009 £000
<b>Authorised, Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>				
Ordinary shares of £1 each	100	-	100	-
	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>-</u>
 'A' preference shares of £1 each	 231,568,666	 231,569	 231,568,666	 231,569
'B' preference shares of £1 each	14,428,956	14,429	14,428,956	14,429
'C' preference shares of £1 each	248,206	248	248,206	248
	<u>246,245,828</u>	<u>246,246</u>	<u>246,245,828</u>	<u>246,246</u>

The preference shares are presented as a liability (see note 8) and accordingly are excluded from called-up share capital in the balance sheet

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ended 31 October 2010**

**10. RESERVES**

	<b>Share premium account £000</b>	<b>Profit and loss account £000</b>
At 1 November 2009 and 31 October 2010	5,934	-
Loss for the year	-	(5,349)
At 31 October 2010	<u>5,934</u>	<u>(5,349)</u>

**11. DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN TRANSACTIONS**

There were no contracts of significance with any Director during the current or previous year

**12. CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 1 not to prepare a cash flow statement, since it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Fitness First Group Limited, which provides consolidated financial statements which are publicly available

**13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Company is taking advantage of an exemption conferred by FRS 8 which provides exemption for disclosure of transactions between two or more members of a group, provided that all subsidiaries which are party to the transaction are wholly owned by the same group

**14. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY**

The ultimate parent company and controlling party, which heads the largest and smallest group for which consolidated accounts are produced and of which the Company is a member, is Fitness First Group Limited (which is ultimately owned and controlled by funds advised by BC Partners which own shares representing 80% of the issued share capital of that company), a company incorporated in England. Copies of the accounts of Fitness First Group Limited can be obtained from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ

**15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

The Directors believe that there are no significant post balance sheet events which require disclosure