Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the 52 Weeks Ended 30 June 2013

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# Gondola Holdings Limited **Company Information**

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Company secretary

N Carter

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# Gondola Holdings Limited Directors' Report for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements of the company for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

### Directors of the company

The directors who held office during the period were as follows

N Carter - Company secretary and director

H Smyth

## Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of a holding company

#### Results and dividends

The company's loss for the 52 week period, after taxation, amounted to £6,072,855 (53 week period ended 1 July 2012 loss £4,946,625)

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2012 £Nil)

#### **Business review**

Given the holding company nature of the business, the company's directors are of the opinion that analysis using KPIs is not necessary for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business. This is achieved instead through its operating subsidiaries, the performance of which is measured through the use of two key performance indicators being sales and profitability versus annual budget and the number of trading restaurants

## Going concern

The directors believe that preparing the financial statements on the going concern basis is appropriate due to the continued financial support of the ultimate parent company Gondola Group Limited. The directors have received confirmation that Gondola Group Limited intends to support the company for at least one year after these financial statements are signed.

#### Financial instruments

The directors consider that the company's key financial instruments are amounts due from and due to group companies. No financial exposure exists is relation to these balances as the interest on intercompany balances is fixed and thus the company does not employ the use of hedging instruments. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of the policy should the company's operations change in size or nature.

## Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing 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 period. Under that law the directors have prepared 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,

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- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## Disclosure of information to the auditors

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

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (2) each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself 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(2) of the Companies Act 2006

## Directors' indemnities

The company maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006

## Reappointment of independent auditors

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office and a resolution concerning their re-appointment will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting

Approved by the Board on 10 October 2013 and signed on its behalf by

N Carter

Company secretary and director

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Gondola Holdings Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Gondola Holdings Limited for the 52 week period ended 30 June 2013, which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. 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)

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' responsibilities set out on pages 2 and 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.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing

#### 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 Directors' Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

## Opinion on the financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 June 2013 and of its loss for the 52 week period then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice,
- 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 period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Gondola Holdings Limited

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## 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

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Rosemary Shapland (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors
Gatwick

10 October 2013

# Gondola Holdings Limited Profit and Loss Account for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

	Note	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Administrative expenses		(1,181)	(703)
Operating loss	2	(1,181)	(703)
Other exceptional items	3	(833)	-
Other interest receivable and similar income	6	3,631	3,890
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(9,575)	(9,838)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(7,958)	(6,651)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	1,885	1,704
Loss for the financial period	15	(6,073)	(4,947)

The results above derive wholly from continuing operations

There is no material difference between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the loss for the financial periods stated above and their historical costs equivalents

The company has no recognised gains or losses for the period other than the losses above, and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

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# Balance Sheet at 30 June 2013

	Note	30 June 2013 £ 000	1 July 2012 £ 000
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	9	1,758	2,013
Investments	10	412,762	412,762
		414,520	414,775
Current assets			
Stocks		18	-
Debtors	11	97,580	103,632
Cash at bank and in hand		1,786	1,087
		99,384	104,719
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year	12	(253,618)	(253,001)
Net current liabilities		(154,234)	(148,282)
Total assets less current liabilities		260,286	266,493
Provisions for liabilities	13	(46)	(180)
Net assets		260,240	266,313
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	33,691	33,691
Share premium account	15	147,296	147,296
Profit and loss account	15	79,253	85,326
Total Shareholders' funds	16	260,240	266,313

The financial statements on pages 6 to 18 were approved by the Board on 10 October 2013 and signed on its behalf by

N Carter

Company secretary and director

#### Notes to the Financial Statements for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

### 1 Accounting policies

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and with the Companies Act 2006. The principal accounting policies, which have been applied consistently throughout the period are set out below

The company is exempt under Companies Act 2006 section 400 from the obligation to prepare and deliver group financial statements as it is itself a wholly owned subsidiary of a larger group drawing up consolidated financial statements, as detailed in note 20 As a consequence, these financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group

#### Going concern

The directors have considered the financial position of the company and concluded that it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis. This is after taking account of the assurances provided by Gondola Group Limited that it will not seek any repayment of the amounts owed by the company so as to enable the company to meet its financial obligations as they fall due for the foreseeable future

#### Depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at original historical purchase cost less accumulated depreciation. Cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write down to estimated residual values the cost of each asset over its estimated useful economic life on a straight line basis

Asset classDepreciation rateEquipment20% per annumFixtures and fittings10% per annum

Short leasehold improvements are depreciated over the length of the lease except where the anticipated renewal or extension of the lease is sufficiently certain so that a longer estimated useful life is appropriate. Current legislation and the terms of the lease contracts are such that all of the leases are readily extendable by an additional 14 years. The maximum depreciation period for short term leasehold properties is 30 years.

Assets under construction include tangible fixed assets under construction including costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into use. Assets are transferred to short leasehold, equipment or fixtures and fittings when the asset is completed. No depreciation is provided on assets under construction as these assets have not been brought into working condition for intended use by the company

### Fixed asset investments

Investments are held at cost less provision for any impairment in value

#### Stocks

Stock is IT equipment held centrally Stock is valued at the lower of cost, after due regard for obsolete and slow moving stocks

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#### Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension costs charged to the profit and loss account are the amounts paid by the company to the scheme during the period

## 2 Operating loss

	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Depreciation of tangible assets	925	402

During the period, operating costs of £11 0million (53 week period ended 1 July 2012 £10 4million) were recharged to subsidiary undertakings. These costs were incurred in the provision of services to those subsidiary undertakings

During the period statutory audit fees of £61,000 were paid to the Company's auditors (53 week period ended 1 July 2012 £64,000) The audit fees included amounts chargeable to other Group companies, including Gondola Group Limited, the Company's ultimate parent undertaking but were not recharged to those Companies In addition, tax compliance and advisory fees of £60,000 were paid (53 week period ended 1 July 2012 £15,000)

## 3 Exceptional items

	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Exceptional costs	833	

During the 52 week period ended 30 June 2013 the company invited tenders on the open market for a subsidiary company Byron Hamburgers Limited The exceptional items relate to the cost of professional services in relation to this proposed sale

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# 4 Particulars of employees

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the period, analysed by category was as follows

	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 No.	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 No.
Administration and support	126	132
The aggregate payroll costs were as follows		
	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Wages and salaries	6,642	5,994
Social security costs	582	615
Staff pensions	<u>186</u>	225
	7,410	6,834

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

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5	Directors' remuneration		
		52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
	Remuneration (including benefits in kind)	779	633
	The group does not operate a defined benefit pension scheme Pension contr were paid into individual personal pension plans in relation to two directors		) (2012 £75,000)
	In respect of the highest paid director		
		52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
	Remuneration	437	312
	Company contributions to personal pension schemes	45	41
		482	353
6	Interest receivable and similar income		
		52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
	Group interest receivable	3,631	3,890
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
	Group interest payable	9,575	9,838

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# 8 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Current tax		
Corporation tax credit	(1,751)	(1,682)
Deferred tax		
Origination and reversal of timing differences	(129)	(7)
Deferred tax adjustment relating to previous years	(1)	-
Effect of changes in tax rates	(4)	(15)
Total deferred tax	(134)	(22)
Total tax on loss on ordinary activities	(1,885)	(1,704)

# Factors affecting current tax credit for the period

Tax credit on loss on ordinary activities for the year is lower than (2012 - lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 23.75% (2012 - 25.5%)

The differences are reconciled below

	52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(7,958)	(6,651)
Corporation tax at standard rate	(1,890)	(1,696)
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	129 9	7 7
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes - depn	1	
Total current tax	(1,751)	(1,682)

# Factors that may affect future tax charges

The standard rate of corporation tax in the UK changed from 24% to 23% with effect from 1 April 2013 Accordingly, the company's profits for this accounting period are taxed at an effective rate of 23 75%

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# 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Short leasehold land and buildings improvements £ 000	Assets under construction £ 000	Fixtures and fittings £ 000	Equipment £ 000	Total £ 000
Cost or valuation					
At 2 July 2012	445	52	60	2,463	3,020
Additions	-	543	-	127	670
Transfers		(220)	(1)	221	<u> </u>
At 30 June 2013	445	375	59	2,811	3,690
Accumulated Depreciation					
At 2 July 2012 Charge for the	47	-	43	917	1,007
period	16		2	907	925
At 30 June 2013	63		45	1,824	1,932
Net book value					
At 30 June 2013	382	375	14	987	1,758
At 1 July 2012	398	52	17	1,546	2,013
) Investments					

## 10 Investments

30 June 2013	1 July 2012
£ 000	£ 000

# Shares in group undertakings

Subsidiary undertakings £ 000		
412,762		

## Cost

At 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013 4

# Details of undertakings

Details of the investments in which the company holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows

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Undertakıng	Holding	Proportion of voting rights and shares held	Principal activity
Subsidiary undertakings		1000/	
ASK Central Limited*	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
Byron Hamburgers Limited*	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
PizzaExpress Holdings Limited*	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
PizzaExpress (Franchises) Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Management of international franchise operations
Gondola Investments Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
ASK Restaurants Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
Gondola Finance Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
Riposte Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
PandoraExpress 2 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
PandoraExpress 3 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
PandoraExpress 4 Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
GondolaExpress Limited (formerly GondolaExpress PLC)	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding Company
PizzaExpress (Restaurants) Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
Bookcash Trading Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
PizzaExpress (Wholesale) Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Manufacture and supply of dough
PizzaExpress Merchandising Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Sale of PizzaExpress branded merchandise
Al Rollo Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
Agenbite Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
PizzaExpress (Jersey) Limited	Ordinary shares	100%	Operation of restaurants
PızzaExpress Asıa Holdıngs Prıvate Lımıted	Ordinary shares	100%	Holding company

<sup>\*</sup> Shares directly held

All subsidiaries other than Agenbite Limited, PizzaExpress (Jersey) Limited and PizzaExpress Asia Holdings Private Limited PizzaExpress (Jersey) Limited are unlisted and are registered and operate in England and Wales PizzaExpress Asia Holdings Private Limited is incorporated and operates in Singapore, Asia PizzaExpress (Jersey) Limited is incorporated and operates in Jersey, Channel Islands and Agenbite Limited is incorporated and operates in Ireland

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

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## 11 Debtors

	30 June 2013 £ 000	1 July 2012 £ 000
Amounts owed by group undertakings	97,016	103,189
Prepayments and accrued income	419	443
Other debtors	145	
	97,580	103,632

Amounts due from group undertakings accrue interest at 4 per cent per annum and are repayable on demand

# 12 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	30 June 2013 £ 000	1 July 2012 £ 000
Amounts owed to group undertakings Other creditors Accruals and deferred income	249,674 - 3,944	251,800 13 1,188
1100 talls and deferred moonly	253,618	253,001

Amounts owing to group undertakings accrue interest at 4 per cent per annum and are repayable on demand

# 13 Provisions for habilities

	£ 000
At 2 July 2012	180
Credited to the profit and loss account	(134)
At 30 June 2013	46

# Notes to the Financial Statements for the 52 weeks ended 30 June 2013

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# 14 Called up share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid sha	ares			
	30 June 2013		1 July 2012	
	Number 000	£ 000	Number 000	£ 000
Ordinary shares of £0 25 each	134,764	33,691	134,764	33,691
15 Reserves				
		Share premium account £ 000	Profit and loss account £ 000	Total £ 000
At 1 July 2012		147,296	85,326	232,622
Loss for the period			(6,073)	(6,073)
At 30 June 2013		147,296	79,253	226,549
16 Reconciliation of movements in share	reholders' funds			
			52 weeks ended 30 June 2013 £ 000	53 weeks ended 1 July 2012 £ 000
Loss attributable to the members of th	e company		(6,073)	(4,947)
Net reduction to shareholders' funds			(6,073)	(4,947)
Shareholders' funds at start of period			266,313	271,260
Shareholders' funds at end of period			260,240	266,313

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## 17 Contingent liabilities

The company, its fellow subsidiaries and parent undertakings (together the "Senior and Mezzanine Guarantors") are guarantors to a Senior Credit Facilities Agreement and a Mezzanine Facility Agreement (together the "Agreements") between Gondola Acquisitions Limited, Gondola Finance 2 Limited (parent undertakings of the company) and The Bank of Scotland plc

The amounts outstanding at the balance sheet dates for these loans were £465.3 million (2012 £487.5 million) under the Senior Facilities and £80.2 million (2012 £75.4 million) under the Mezzanine facility, including accrued interest

Each Senior and Mezzanine Guarantor irrevocably and unconditionally jointly and severally

- Guarantees to each finance party the punctual performance of each borrower, guarantor and charger (each an obligor) of all such obligor's obligations under the Agreements,
- Undertakes with each finance party that whenever an obligor does not pay any amount when due under or in connection with any Senior Finance Document, that the guarantor shall immediately on demand pay that amount as if it was the principal obligor, and
- Indemnifies each finance party immediately on demand against any cost, loss or liability suffered by that finance party as a result of the guarantee being unenforceable, invalid or illegal

The same companies have also provided security for all indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of any member of the group under the Agreements The security comprises floating charges over all assets and undertakings of the Senior and Mezzanine Guarantors

### 18 Cash flow statement

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by Financial Reporting Standard 1 not to produce a cash flow statement on the grounds that a consolidated cash flow is produced by its ultimate parent company

## 19 Related party transactions

The Company is exempt under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Gondola Group Limited group

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## 20 Ultimate parent undertakings

The immediate parent company of Gondola Holdings Limited is Gondola Acquisitions Limited, an indirect subsidiary of Gondola Group Limited, a limited company under the laws of England and Wales and the largest and smallest group for which consolidated financial statements are prepared. The financial statements of Gondola Group Limited are available from the Company Secretary, 5th Floor, 2 Balcombe Street, London, NW1 6NW

Gondola Group Limited's ultimate parent undertakings are Fourth Cinven Fund (No 1) LP, Fourth Cinven Fund (No 2) LP, Fourth Cinven Fund (No 3 - VCOC) LP, Fourth Cinven Fund (No 4) LP, Fourth Cinven Fund (UBTI) LP, Fourth Cinven Fund Co-Investment Partnership, Fourth Cinven (MACIF) Partnership and Fourth Cinven Fund FCPR (together the "Cinven Funds"), being funds managed and advised by Cinven Limited, a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales

Accordingly, the directors consider the company's ultimate controlling party to be Cinven Limited, the manager and advisor to the Cinven Funds