# Acheron Capital Limited

Registered number 5588630

Directors' report and financial statements

For the year ended 31 December 2009

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#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

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### DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### Principal activities

The principal activity of the company is the provision of investment management and advisory services

#### **Business review**

The company provides investment management services and fees charged are based on the size of the assets managed. The assets under management as at 31st December 2009 were £68m (2008 - £68m). This static level is a good indicator of the company's stability in a challenging market. The company continue to be subject to exchange rate risk and will continue to monitor. The majority of the increased costs are due to increased fees payable and increased staff costs. The company is controlling it's assets successfully and creditors days have been reduced. The directors expect continued growth in both assets under management and profitability.

#### Results

The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £31,667 (2008 - £3,058)

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year were

Jean-Michel Paul Peter Swete

#### 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 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, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping 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.

## DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### Provision of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this Directors' report is approved has confirmed that

- so far as that director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors
  are unaware, and
- that director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any information needed by the Company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the Company's auditors are aware of that information

#### **Auditors**

The auditors, Rees Pollock, have expressed their willingness to continue in office

This report was approved by the board on 26/4 /10 and signed on its behalf

Jean-Michel Paul



Chartered Accountants

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ACHERON CAPITAL LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Acheron Capital Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009, set out on pages 4 to 13 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 shareholders, 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 shareholders those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As 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 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 December 2009 and of its profit for the year
- · 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

#### Simon Rees (Senior statutory auditor)

for and on behalf of Rees Pollock Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors

26 April 2010

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Turnover	1	1,142,215	581,304
Administrative expenses		(1,099,348)	(577,656)
Operating profit	3	42,867	3,648
Interest receivable		159	2,083
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		43,026	5,731
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(11,359)	(2,673)
Profit for the financial year	13	31,667	3,058

All amounts relate to continuing operations

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2009 or 2008 other than those included in the Profit and loss account

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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#### **BALANCE SHEET** AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	£	2009 £	£	2008 £
Fixed assets		-	_	<del>-</del>	_
Tangible fixed assets	8		5,014		5,915
Current assets					
Debtors	9	292,427		127,876	
Cash at bank and in hand		179,715		194,620	
		472,142	•	322,496	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(319,856)		(202,720)	
Net current assets			152,286		119,776
Total assets less current liabilities		•	157,300	-	125,691
Provisions for liabilities					
Deferred tax	11		(526)		(584)
Net assets			156,774		125,107
Capital and reserves		•		•	
Called up share capital	12		100,000		100,000
Profit and loss account	13		56,774		25,107
Shareholders' funds	14		156,774	- -	125,107

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by

Jean-Michel Paul Director PAV

26/4/10 Date

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

## CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	(9,860)	139,384
Returns on investments and servicing of finance	16	159	2,083
Taxation		(2,408)	(6,426)
Capital expenditure and financial investment	16	(2,796)	(4,125)
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year		(14,905)	130,916

## RECONCILIATION OF NET CASH FLOW TO MOVEMENT IN NET FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

	2009 £	2008 £
(Decrease)/Increase in cash in the year	(14,905)	130,916
Movement in net funds in the year	(14,905)	130,916
Net funds at 1 January 2009	194,620	63,704
Net funds at 31 December 2009	179,715	194,620

The notes on pages 7 to 13 form part of these financial statements

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 1. Accounting policies

#### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

#### 12 Turnover

Turnover comprises revenue recognised by the Company in respect of goods and services supplied, exclusive of Value Added Tax and trade discounts

#### 1 3 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases.

Furniture & Fixtures
Office equipment
Computer equipment

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#### 1.4 Deferred taxation

Full provision is made for deferred tax assets and liabilities arising from all timing differences between the recognition of gains and losses in the financial statements and recognition in the tax computation

A net deferred tax asset is recognised only if it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are calculated at the tax rates expected to be effective at the time the timing differences are expected to reverse

Deferred tax assets and trabilities are not discounted

#### 15 Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction

Exchange gains and losses are recognised in the Profit and loss account

2.	Turnover		
	The whole of the turnover is attributable to the company's principal services	activity of providing	g management
	A geographical analysis of turnover is as follows		
		2009 £	2008 £
	United Kingdom Rest of world	86,487 1,055,728	5,288 576,016
		1,142,215	581,304
3.	Operating profit		
	The operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting)		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Depreciation of tangible fixed assets - owned by the company	3,697	3,267
	Difference on foreign exchange	34,673	(32,773)
4	Auditors' remuneration		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual accounts	6,650	6,650

5.	Staff costs		
	Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Wages and salaries Social security costs	383,969 39,078	173,308 15,342
		423,047	188,650
	The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, di	uring the year was as	follows
		2009 No.	2008 No.
	Directors Others	1 7	2 5
		8	7
6	Directors' remuneration		
•		2009	2008
		£	£
	Emoluments	48,000	8,000
7	Taxation		
•	- Oxulton	2009 £	2008 £
	Analysis of tax charge in the year		
	Current tax (see note below)		
	UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	11,417	2,408
	Deferred tax (see note 11)		
	Released during period	(58)	265
	Tax on profit on ordinary activities	11,359	2,673

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 7. Taxation (continued)

#### Factors affecting tax charge for the year

The tax assessed for the year differs from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK (21%) The differences are explained below

	2009 £	2008 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	43,026	5,731
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21% (2008 - 21%)	9,035	1,203
Effects of.		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Timing differences on fixed assets Over provision of current tax	2,324 58 -	1,483 (29) (249)
Current tax charge for the year (see note above)	11,417	2,408

#### 8. Tangible fixed assets

	Office Equipment £	Furniture & Fixtures £	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost				
At 1 January 2009	375	415	10,751	11,541
Additions	-	1,231	1,565	2,796
At 31 December 2009	375	1,646	12,316	14,337
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2009	295	219	5,112	5,626
Charge for the year	80	343	3,274	3,697
At 31 December 2009	375	562	8,386	9,323
Net book value				
At 31 December 2009	-	1,084	3,930	5,014
At 31 December 2008	80	196	5,639	5,915

9.	Debtors		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Trade debtors	244,245	94,308
	VAT recoverable	4,899	4,462
	Other debtors	11,733	12,785
	Prepayments and accrued income	31,550	16,321
		292,427	127,876
10.	Creditors:		
	Amounts falling due within one year		
		2009	2008
		£	£
	Trade creditors	49,394	17,637
	Corporation tax	11,417	2,408
	Social security and other taxes	11,838	8,722
	Accruals	247,207	173,953
		319,856	202,720
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11.	Deferred taxation		
		2009	2008
		£	£
	At beginning of year	584	319
	(Released during)/charge for year	(58)	265
	At and of year	<del></del>	584
	At end of year		
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12.	Share capital		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	~	~
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	100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each	100,000	100,000
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13	Reserves		
			Profit and loss account £
	At 1 January 2009 Profit for the year		25,107 31,667
	At 31 December 2009		56,774
14.	Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Opening shareholders' funds Profit for the year	125,107 31,667	122,049 3,058
	Closing shareholders' funds	156,774	125,107
15.	Net cash flow from operations		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Operating profit Depreciation of tangible fixed assets (Increase)/decrease in debtors Increase in creditors	42,867 3,697 (164,550) 108,126	3,648 3,268 16,976 115,492
	Net cash (outflow)/inflow from operations	(9,860)	139,384
16	Analysis of cash flows for headings netted in cash flow statement		
		2009 £	2008 £
	Returns on investments and servicing of finance Interest received	159	2,083
	•	2009 £	2008 £
	Capital expenditure and financial investment	·-	_
	Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,796)	(4,125)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2009

#### 17. Analysis of changes in net debt

	1 January 2009 £	Cash flow	Other non-cash changes £	31 December 2009 £
Cash at bank and in hand	194,620	(14,905)	-	179,715
Net funds	194,620	(14,905)	-	179,715

#### 18. Controlling party

Mr Jean-Michel Paul is the controlling party of the company