Marston Crewe Hall Limited
Directors' report and financial
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# Directors and advisors

#### **Executive directors**

Michael Purtill FCA Ian Goulding BSc ACA Managing Director Finance Director

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### Solicitors

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## Bankers

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# Directors' report

The directors present their directors' report and the financial statements for the 52 week year ended 30 December 2012

#### Principal activity and business review

The profit and loss account for the year is set out on page 7

The company's principal activity is that of a property investment company

The directors consider that the financial position at 30 December 2012 was satisfactory and they expect this to be maintained for the foreseeable future

#### Going concern

As disclosed in the Post Balance Sheets Event note 17, QHotels Group Limited the ultimate parent company was placed into administration on 16 January 2013, all other subsidiary companies were unaffected. It has been replaced by a new intermediate parent company, QHotels Holdings Limited, which acquired the entire issued share capital of each of the subsidiaries of QHotels Group Limited. QHotels Holdings Limited is party to the group's bank facility agreement with Irish Bank Resolution Corporation and will act as the parent to the remaining companies in the group. Future consolidated accounts of the group from 16 January 2013 will be prepared for QHotels Holdings Limited.

The company participates in the group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. The directors, having assessed the responses of the directors of the company's parent, QHotels Holdings Limited, to their enquiries have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the ability of QHotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary undertakings to continue as a going concern or its ability to continue with the current banking facilities which were agreed on 16 January 2013

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position and of the enquiries made of the directors of QHotels Holdings Limited, the company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

Financing and interest rates

The company finances its activities through loans provided by fellow group undertakings on commercial terms

Property insurance and consequential loss

The company's key asset is its interest in freehold property and as such mitigates the risk of damage or destruction of that asset by putting in place appropriate insurance cover. The cover is provided on a group-wide basis and provides for full reinstatement value of the property and loss of gross profits for a period of three years.

#### Dividends

The directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2011 nil)

# Directors' report (continued)

#### Directors and directors' interests

The directors of the company who served during the year were

Michael Purtill Ian Goulding

All directors benefited from qualifying third party indemnity provisions in place during the year and at the date of this report

# Charitable and political donations

No contributions were made by the company for either charitable or political purposes (2011 £nil)

## 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

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

I Goulding

Company Secretary

28 March 2013

# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and the financial statements

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 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 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, 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.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.



# KPMG LLP

1 The Embankment Neville Street Leeds LS1 4DW United Kingdom

# Independent auditor's report to the members of Marston Crewe Hall Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Marston Crewe Hall Limited for the year ended 30 December 2012 set out on pages 7 to 15 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 4, 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 <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate">www.frc.org.uk/auditscopeukprivate</a>

#### 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 30 December 2012 and profit 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 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 Marston Crewe Hall 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

Richard Evans (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants
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28 March 2013

# Profit and loss account

for the 52 week year ended 30 December 2012

for the 32 week year ended 30 December 2012	Note	Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Turnover	2	930	930
Cost of sales		-	-
Gross profit		930	930
Administrative expenses Impairment of freehold property	5	(21)	(187) (1,651)
Operating profit/(loss) Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	3 4	909 519 (96)	(908) 713 (137)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	5	1,332	(332)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	6	(221)	(413)
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	12	1,111	(745)

All of the company's operations during the year shown above represent continuing operations

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the profit/(loss) above and therefore no separate statement of total recognised gains and losses has been presented

There is no difference between the profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation and the retained profit/(loss) for the year stated above, and their historical equivalents

# **Balance sheet**

as at 30 December 2012

	Notes	As at 30 December 2012 £'000	As at 1 January 2012 £'000
Fixed assets Tangible assets	7	17,109	6,868
Current assets Debtors	8	5,044	11,063
Creditors amounts falling due within one year	9	(5,251)	(2,140)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(207)	8,923
Total assets less current (liabilities)/assets		16,902	15,791
Net assets		16,902	15,791
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Profit and loss account	11 12	18,000 (1,098)	18,000 (2,209)
Total equity shareholders' funds	13	16,902	15,791

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 28 March 2013 and were signed on its behalf by

I Goulding
Finance Director

#### 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 in relation 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 as modified to include the revaluation of certain tangible fixed assets

The financial statements have been prepared for the 52 weeks ended 30 December 2012 (2011 52 weeks ended 1 January 2012) The group adopts a variable reference date and the financial statements are prepared for a fiscal year to the Sunday closest to 31 December each year. The term "year" within the financial statements refers to the fiscal year as noted herein

#### Going concern

As disclosed in the Post Balance Sheets Event note 17, QHotels Group Limited the ultimate parent company was placed into administration on 16 January 2013, all other subsidiary companies were unaffected. It has been replaced by a new intermediate parent company, QHotels Holdings Limited, which acquired the entire issued share capital of each of the direct subsidiaries of QHotels Group Limited. QHotels Holdings Limited is party to the group's bank facility agreement with Irish Bank Resolution Corporation and will act as the parent to the remaining companies in the group. Future consolidated accounts of the group from 16 January 2013 will be prepared for QHotels Holdings Limited.

QHotels Holdings Limited, acting as parent to all group companies other than QHotels Group Limited, has indicated that for at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements it will continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company. In particular it will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available by it or any other fellow subsidiary undertaking.

The company participates in the group's centralised treasury arrangements and so shares banking arrangements with its parent and fellow subsidiary undertakings. The directors, having assessed the responses of the directors of the company's parent, QHotels Holdings Limited, to their enquiries have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the ability of QHotels Holdings Limited and its subsidiary undertakings to continue as a going concern or its ability to continue with the current banking facilities which were signed on 16 January 2013

On the basis of their assessment of the company's financial position and of the enquiries made of the directors of QHotels Group Limited and QHotels Holdings Limited, the company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

## Basis of accounting

As a wholly owned subsidiary, the company has availed itself of the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard Number 8, not to disclose intra-group transactions

Under Financial Reporting Standard Number 1, the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds of it being a wholly owned subsidiary of QHotels Group Limited

#### Tangible assets

No depreciation is provided on freehold land Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, on a straight line basis, over their estimated useful economic lives as follows

Freehold property

up to 50 years

Plant and equipment

between 10 and 20 years

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises rental income from group undertakings, which exclude value added tax

#### 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

### 2 Segmental reporting

The company's turnover, loss before taxation and net assets are derived from its principal activity within the UK and as such no segmental information has been disclosed

3 Interest receivable and similar income	Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Interest receivable from group undertakings	519	713
4 Interest payable and similar charges	Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Interest payable to group undertakings	96	137
5 Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation	on Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation is stated		
after charging.  Depreciation charge for the year  Property rent receivable  Impairment of freehold property	21 (930)	187 (930) (1,651)
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The audit fee for the company for the current and prior year was borne by QHotels Services Limited, a fellow subsidiary The company paid no other fees to the auditors for other services (2011 £nil)

The directors received no remuneration in respect of the year ended 30 December 2012 (2011 £nil)

# 6 Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities

	Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Current year Group relief Prior year	221	396
Group relief	-	17
Tax charge for the year	221	413

The current tax charge for the year is lower (2011 lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 24 5% (2011 26 5%) The differences are explained below

	Year ended 30 December 2012 £'000	Year ended 1 January 2012 £'000
Current tax reconciliation		
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	1,332	(332)
Current tax charge at 24 5% (2011 26 5%)	326	(88)
Effects of		
Difference between capital allowances and depreciation in the period	(110)	40
HBA allowances claimed	-	(2)
Non-qualifying depreciation	5	10
Impairment of freehold property	-	436
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Total current tax charge (see above)	221	396

## 7 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £'000	Plant and equipment £'000	Total £'000
Cost or valuation			6.060
At beginning of year	6,868	2.412	6,868
Transfer from group undertaking	7,906	3,413	11,319
At end of year	14,774	3,413	18,187
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Depreciation			
At beginning of year	-	-	-
Charge for year	(21)	-	(21)
Transfer from group undertaking	(637)	(420)	(1,057)
At end of year	(658)	(420)	(1,078)
Net book value			
At 30 December 2012	14,116	2,993	17,109
At 1January 2012	6,868	<del></del>	6,868
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The company's freehold properties were independently valued by R Chess, FRICS of Christie + Co in July 2012. The valuation was prepared on the basis of market value in accordance with the Valuation Standards (8th Edition) published by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The effect of this valuation was accounted for in the period ended 1 January 2012. The directors consider that the carrying value materially represents the market value at 30 December 2012.

#### 8 Debtors

8 1	ectors	30 December 2012 £'000	1 January 2012 £'000
Amounts	due from group undertakings	5,044	11,063

9 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	30 December 2012 £'000	1 January 2012 £'000
Amounts due to group undertakings	5,251	2,140

# 10 Deferred tax asset

The amounts provided for deferred taxation and	the amounts not p	rovided are set out b	elow	
•	30 December 2012		1 January	2012
	Provided	Unprovided	Provided	Unprovided
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Difference between accumulated		100		225
depreciation and capital allowances	•	108	-	223
Deferred tax asset	-	108	-	225

Deferred tax timing differences have not been provided because of the uncertainty of their reversal

11 Called up share capital		
	30 December 2012	1 January 2012
	000£	£000
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
18,000,001 (2011 18,000,001) ordinary shares of	£1 each 18,000	18,000

During the prior year the company issued of 3,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each to strengthen the balance sheet

# 12 Deficit on reserves

The reserves of the company are as follows	Profit & loss account £'000
At beginning of year Profit for the year	(2,209) 1,111
At end of year	(1,098)

13 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds		
100000000000000000000000000000000000000	Year ended	Year ended
	30 December 2012	1 January 2012
	£'000	£'000
Opening shareholders' funds	15,791	13,536
Profit/(loss) for the year	1,111	(745)
Issue of ordinary share capital	-	3,000
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Closing shareholders' funds	16,902	15,791
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14 Capital commitments		
	Year ended	Year ended
	30 December 2012 £'000	1 January 2012 £'000
Capital expenditure that has been contracted for but has		
not been provided for in the accounts	70	-

# 15 Ultimate controlling party

The entire issued capital of the company is owned by Marston Hotels Holdings Limited. The ultimate parent company is QHotels Group Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The Group accounts of QHotels Group Limited can be obtained from Registrar of Companies, Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ. Until 24 December 2012, the ultimate controlling party of QHotels Group Limited was Alchemy Partners Nominees Limited on behalf of investors in the Alchemy Investment Plan. The Alchemy Investment Plan is managed by Alchemy Partners (Guernsey) Limited. On 24th December 2012 Michael Purtill and Ian Goulding each acquired, for £1 each, 50% of the entire shareholdings of 4,031,772 shares Alchemy Partners Nominees Limited had in QHotels Group Limited. From that date the ultimate controlling parties of QHotels Group Limited are Michael Purtill and Ian Goulding in conjunction with David Chubb and Michael Jervis of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the joint administrators.

#### 16 Contingent liabilities

The company is a participant in QHotels Limited's term loan borrowings whereby these borrowings are secured by fixed and floating charges over the company's assets

#### 17 Post balance sheet events

On 16 January 2013 the group concluded renegotiating certain terms and conditions of its facility agreement with Irish Bank Resolution Corporation (IBRC), the amended agreement was signed on that date. The key changes in the facility agreement are that the loan term was extended until 30 November 2015 and new loan repayments were set with reference to the group's anticipated cash flows

Conditional on the signing of the amended facility agreement was IBRC's requirement to appoint an administrator to QHotels Group Limited, the ultimate parent company, all other subsidiary companies were unaffected. David Chubb and Michael Jervis, of PWC, were appointed administrators of QHotels Group Limited on the same date as the amended facility agreement was signed.

Immediately prior to the appointment of David Chubb and Michael Jervis, QHotels Holdings Limited, incorporated on 11 January 2013 and a wholly owned subsidiary of QHotels Group Limited, acquired the entire issued share capital of each of the direct subsidiaries of QHotels Group Limited, namely, QHotels Limited, QHotels Services Limited, QHotels Investments Limited and QHotels Packages Limited for £1 each