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Wittington Investments (Bestport) Limited

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022



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Company Information

Directors

Sir Guy Weston
Charles Mason

Company secretary

Jennifer Dooley

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Directors' Report for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022.

Directors' of the company

The directors, who held office during the period and up to the date of signing of the financial statements, were as follows:

- Sir Guy Weston
- Charles Mason

No director had at any time during the period any material interest in a contract with the company.

Company secretary

Jennifer Dooley

Principal activity

The principal activity of the company is that of an investment company.

Directors' liabilities

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased by the ultimate parent company, Wittington Investments Limited, and was in place throughout the period. The insurance does not provide cover in the event that the Director is proved to have acted fraudulently.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities 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. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. The presentation currency of these financial statements is sterling. In preparing these financial statements, the Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of International accounting standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. 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 apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether FRS 101 has 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.

**Directors' Report for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022
(continued)**

Going concern

The going concern basis has been applied in these financial statements. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Having reviewed the Board's best estimate of future cash flow requirements to February 2024 and letters of comfort provided by the ultimate parent company Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), the possibility that the financial headroom could be exhausted is considered to be extremely remote. The directors understand the risks, sensitivities and judgements included in the cash flow forecast and have a high degree of confidence in these forecast cash requirements. There is substantial financial headroom between this cash flow forecast and the forecast cash requirements and funding available to the Company over the period.

Audit

For the year ending 17th September 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Political and charitable contributions

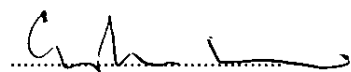
The Company made no political or charitable donations or incurred any political expenditure during the period.

Results and dividends

The statement of comprehensive income for the period is set out on page 4. The profit for the period is £8,317 (2021: £10,574). The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend (2021: nil).

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of section 381 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The directors have taken exemption under this regime not to disclose the strategic report.

Approved by the Board on 14 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Sir Guy Weston
Director

**Statement of Comprehensive Income
 for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Administrative expenses	4	-	-
Operating result		-	-
Income from investing activities		-	-
Profit before tax		-	-
Taxation	5	8,317	10,574
Profit for the period		8,317	10,574
Other comprehensive income		-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period		8,317	10,574

The above results for the period were derived from continuing operations.

Balance Sheet as at 17 September 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Trade and other receivables	6	514,955	550,260
Income tax	5	94	-
Total assets		515,049	550,260
Current liabilities			
Income tax	5	-	(43,528)
Net assets		515,049	506,732
Equity			
Called up share capital	7	2	2
Retained earnings		515,047	506,730
Total equity		515,049	506,732

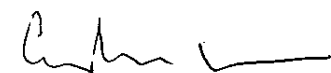
These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

For the year ending 17th September 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Board on 14 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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 Director

**Statement of Changes in Equity
 for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022**

	Share capital £	Retained earnings £	Total £
At 13 September 2020	2	496,156	496,158
Profit for the period	-	10,574	10,574
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	10,574	10,574
At 18 September 2021	2	506,730	506,732
At 19 September 2021	2	506,730	506,732
Profit for the period	-	8,317	8,317
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income	-	8,317	8,317
At 17 September 2022	2	515,047	515,049

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022

1 General information

The accounting reference date of the Company is the Saturday nearest to 15 September. Accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared to 17 September 2022.

The presentational and functional currency of these financial statements is sterling.

2 Basis of preparation

The Company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101: 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. The Company applies the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of applicable law and International Accounting Standards in conformity with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

The following accounting standards and amendments were adopted during the period and had no significant impact on the Company's Financial Statements:

- Amendments to IFRS 4 Insurance Contracts - Extension of the Temporary Exemption from Applying IFRS 9;
- Amendment to IFRS 16 Leases (COVID-19-Related Rent Concessions beyond 30 June 2021); and
- Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16 – Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2. Financial authorities have announced the timing of key interest rate benchmark replacements such as LIBOR in the UK, the US and the EU and other territories, with remaining USD tenors expected to cease in 2023.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to presentation of a cash flow statement and related notes, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, certain related party transactions, capital management, compensation of Key Management Personnel, financial instruments and effects of standards not yet effective. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited which is the Company's ultimate parent undertaking.

The consolidated financial statements of Wittington Investments Limited are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are available to the public and may be obtained from Companies House. The Company is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales.

Measurement convention

The financial statements are prepared on historical cost basis except for financial instruments required to be measured at fair value through profit or loss or other comprehensive income, and those financial assets so designated at initial recognition.

Going concern

The going concern basis has been applied in these financial statements. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Having reviewed the Board's best estimate of future cash flow requirements to February 2024 and letters of comfort provided by the ultimate parent company Wittington Investments Ltd (Wittington), the possibility that the financial headroom could be exhausted is considered to be extremely remote. The directors understand the risks, sensitivities and judgements included in the cash flow forecast and have a high degree of confidence in

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022 (continued)

2 Basis of preparation (continued)

these forecast cash requirements. There is substantial financial headroom between this cash flow forecast and the forecast cash requirements and funding available to the Company over the period.

3 Accounting policies

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In application of the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience or other factors that are relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised prospectively.

The carrying value of investments is a critical accounting judgement. The Company undertakes an annual review of its investments for indicators of impairment and tests for impairment where such an indicator arises.

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The accounting policies set out below have, unless otherwise stated, been applied consistently to all periods presented in these Company Financial Statements.

Tax

Tax is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, except to the extent that it relates to items recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity. In this case, the tax is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity, respectively.

Current tax is the tax expected to be payable on taxable income for the period, using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted during the period, together with any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all temporary differences identified at the balance sheet date. Temporary differences are differences between the carrying amount of the Company's assets and liabilities and their tax base. Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the Company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority. Deferred tax assets that are not eligible for offset against deferred tax liabilities are recognised only when, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as probable that there will be suitable taxable profits in the foreseeable future, against which the deductible temporary difference can be utilised.

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company Balance Sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Financial assets are derecognised when the Company no longer has the rights to cash flows, the risks and rewards of ownership or control of the asset. Financial liabilities are derecognised when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to 17 September 2022 (continued)

3 Accounting policies (continued)

(a) Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognised at fair value, which is usually the original invoice amount, and are subsequently held at amortised cost using the effective interest method (taking into account the Company's business model, which is to collect the contractual cash flows owing) less an allowance for impairment losses. Balances are written off when recoverability is assessed as being remote. If collection is due in one year or less, receivables are classified as current assets. If not, they are presented as non-current assets.

(b) Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are initially recognised at fair value, which is usually the original invoice amount and are subsequently held at amortised cost using the effective interest method. If payment is due within one year or less, payables are classified as current liabilities. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

(c) Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares are shown in equity as a deduction from the proceeds received. Own equity instruments that are reacquired (treasury or own shares) are deducted from equity. No gain or loss is recognised in the Company Statement of Comprehensive Income on the purchase, sale, issue or cancellation of the Company's own equity instruments.

4 Administrative expenses

The Company did not employ staff at any time during the period nor make any payments in respect of wages and salaries.

The directors of the Company were remunerated as employees of Wittington Investments Limited and did not receive any remuneration, from any source, specifically for their services as Directors of the Company during the current or preceding financial period.

	2022 £	2021 £
Auditor's remuneration		
Audit fees payable to the Company's auditor (borne by the parent company)	-	1,977

For the year ending 17th September 2022, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies. The Company has taken advantage of the exemption not to disclose amounts paid for non-audit services as these are disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent, Wittington Investments Limited.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to
 17 September 2022 (continued)**

5 Income tax

Tax (charged)/credited in the statement of comprehensive income:

	2022 £	2021 £
Current taxation		
UK corporation tax at 19% (2021: 19%)	94	(43,528)
Adjustment for prior years	8,223	54,102
	8,317	10,574
Deferred taxation		
Deferred tax (charge)/credit	-	-
Total income tax credit in Statement of Comprehensive Income	8,317	10,574

	2022 £	2021 £
Reconciliation of effective tax rate		
Profit before tax	-	-
Multiplied at the standard rate of corporation tax 19% (2021: 19%)	-	-
Adjustment to tax charge in respect of previous periods	8,223	54,102
Share of tax from partnership	94	(43,528)
Total income tax credit in Statement of Comprehensive Income	8,317	10,574

Finance Bill 2021 which was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021 increased the main rate of corporation tax in the UK to 25% with effect from 1 April 2023.

**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Period from 18 September 2021 to
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6 Trade and other receivables

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts owed by related parties	514,955	550,260

The directors consider that the carrying amount of receivables approximates their fair value due to the short maturities or otherwise immediate or short-term access and realisability.

7 Share capital

Issued, allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2022		2021	
	No.	£	No.	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	2	2	2	2

8 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

The company's immediate and ultimate parent is Wittington Investments Limited.

The ultimate controlling party is Wittington Investments Limited and, through their control of Wittington Investments Limited, the trustees of the Garfield Weston Foundation ("the Foundation"), the Foundation, a grant making trust and registered charity, is the majority shareholder of Wittington Investments Limited. The Trustees of the Foundation are Persons with Significant Control in relation to Wittington, the immediate parent.

Relationship between entity and parents

The parent of the largest group in which these financial statements are consolidated is Wittington Investments Limited, incorporated in England.

The address of Wittington Investments Limited is:

Weston Centre
 10 Grosvenor Street
 London
 W1K 4QY
 England

Wittington Investments Limited is also the smallest group in which these financial statements are consolidated.