LIBERTY LIVING UK LIMITED Company Number 06064187

Report and Unaudited Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2021



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STRATEGIC REPORT For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors present their strategic report on the affairs of Liberty Living UK Limited ('the Company') for the period ended 31 December 2021. The Directors, in preparing this Strategic report, have complied with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the Company is to invest in student accommodation throughout the United Kingdom via its subsidiary undertakings. The Directors do not foresee a change of the Company's principal activity in the near future.

REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The Directors report a profit of £12,641,000 for the period (2020: £33,510,000). The profit in the period can be attributed to the revaluation on investment of £12,644,000. The company had net assets of £167,146,000 (2020: £154,605,000). The increase in the net assets of the company in the period is due to the revaluation gain of £12,644,000 in the period.

The prior year net assets were restated due to a voluntary change in policy. See the Directors' Report for more details.

Key performance indicators

The directors of The Unite Group Plc monitor the Group's business along two activity lines, Operations and property. For this reason, the company's directors believe that analysis using key performance indicators for the company is not necessary or appropriate for an understanding of the development, performance or position of the business of Liberty Living Investments II Holdco 2 Limited. The development, performance and position of the Group's results, which includes the company, are discussed on pages 1 to 86 of the Group's 2021 Annual Report which does not form part of this report.

APPROACH TO RISK

The Directors consider that the principal risks of the Company are the valuation of purpose built student accommodation and the level of demand for student accommodation. These risks are in part mitigated by an ongoing programme of maintenance and refurbishment which preserves the value of the Company's assets. The Company's investment properties are managed by the Unite Group plc and the results of the Company are proportionately consolidated into that Group. The Group's key risks and performance review are reported in the Strategic Report on pages 1 to 86 in the Group's annual report and financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 20th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

J Lister
Director

Company Number: 06064187 DIRECTORS' REPORT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors of Liberty Living UK Limited (the 'Company') present their Report and the Unaudited Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2021.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity and future developments of the Company are set out in the strategic report.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Company made a profit for the period of £12,641,000 (2020: £33,510). The company generated a profit in the period due to revaluation of subsidiaries totaling £12,644,000.

No dividend was paid during the period (2020: £47,072,000). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend.

DIRECTORS

The Directors set out below held office during the period and to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

J Lister

D Faulkner

(resigned 20th September 2022)

C Szpojnarowicz

N Hayes M Burt (appointed 20th September 2022)

(appointed 20th September 2022)

SECRETARY

The Secretary set out below held office during the period and to the date of this report unless otherwise stated:

C Szpojnarowicz

REPORTING PERIOD

The financial statements presented are for the year ended 31 December 2021. The prior period reported the 16-month period to the 31st December 2020 and therefore the prior period comparatives are not entirely comparable to the current period.

GOING CONCERN

The Company is part of The Unite Group plc ('Unite') from which it receives working capital funding. Unite has provided the Company with an undertaking 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, and in particular, will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available. In determining the Company's Going Concern assessment the Directors have, therefore, considered the wider Unite Group's future performance.

The Directors have considered a range of scenarios for future performance through the remainder of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 academic years, with a focus on forecast liquidity and ICR covenant performance. This included a base case assuming cash collection and performance for the 2021/22 academic year remains in line with current trends and a return to 97% occupancy for the 2022/23 academic year; and a reasonable worst case scenario where income for the 2022/23 academic year was impacted by reduced sales broadly equivalent to the 2020/21 academic year where occupancy was 88%. Under each of these scenarios, the Directors are satisfied that the Group has sufficient liquidity and will maintain covenant compliance over the next 12 months.

DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2021

GOING CONCERN (CONTINUED)

To further support the Directors going concern assessment, a 'Reverse Stress Test' was performed to determine the level of performance at which adopting the going concern basis of preparation may not be appropriate. This involved assessing the minimum amount of income required to ensure financial covenants would not be breached. Within the tightest covenant, occupancy could fall to approximately 60% before there would be a breach.

As at the date of this report, whilst the global outlook as a result of Covid-19 is improving, it continues to be uncertain and the range of potential outcomes is significant. In particular, should the impact on trading conditions be more prolonged or severe than currently forecast by the Directors, namely if there is a further sustained national lockdown that results in Universities not opening physically and students either not arriving at University or returning home, the Group's going concern status may be dependent on its ability to seek interest cover covenant waivers from its lenders. The Directors are satisfied that the possibility of such an outcome is sufficiently remote that adopting the going concern basis of preparation is appropriate.

Accordingly, after making enquiries and having considered forecasts and appropriate sensitivities, the Directors have formed a judgement, at the time of approving the financial statements, that there is a reasonable expectation that the Group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future, being at least 12 months from the date of authorisation of these financial statements.

PRIOR PERIOD CORRECTIONS

The prior period balance sheet has been restated due to an error in the classification of the intercompany loan balances for 2020.

The prior period profit and loss account and balance sheet have been restated due to a change in accounting policy for the valuation of subsidiaries.

See Note 1 and Note 3 to these financial statements for more details on these corrections.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 20th October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

J Lister

Director

Company Number: 06064187

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Directors are responsible for preparing the 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 elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". 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 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.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Year ended 31 December 2021	16-month period ended 31 December 2020 as restated
		£000	£000
Administrative expenses		(3)	(171)
Revaluation gain/(loss) on investments (as restated)	9	12,644	(13,391)
Operating profit/(loss) (as restated	5	12,641	(13,562)
Other income	6	-	47,072
Profit before tax		12,641	33,510
Tax on profit	7	-	-
Profit for the financial period		12,641	33,510

All items in the above statement derive from continuing operations.

There are no items of other comprehensive income for either period and accordingly no statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

BALANCE SHEET As at 31 December 2021 Company Number 06064187

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	Note	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
		2021	
		0000	as restated
Pho d		£000	£000
Fixed assets			404704
Investments (as restated)	9	177,428	164,784
Amounts due from group undertakings (as restated)	10	99,736	88,238
		277,164	253,022
Current assets			
Debtors due within one year (as restated)	11	532	532
Cash at bank and in hand		-	6,813
	•	532	7,345
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	(110,450)	(105,762)
Net current liabilities	-	(109,918)	(98,417)
Total assets less current liabilities	-	167,246	154,605
Total assets less current habilities	-	107,240	104,003
Net assets		167,246	154,605
Capital and reserves			
•	13	100	100
Called up share capital	13		
Profit and loss account	-	167,146	154,505
Equity Shareholder's funds		167,246	154,605

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these Financial Statements.

For the period ended 31 December 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479a of the Companies Act 2006.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue om 20th October 2022. They were signed on its behalf by:

J Lister Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Share capital	Profit and loss account as restated	Total
	£000	£000	£000
At 31 August 2019 (as restated) (Audited)	100	168,067	168,167
Profit for the period (as restated)	-	33,510	33,510
Total comprehensive income (as restated)	-	33,510	33,510
Dividends paid (Note 8)	-	(47,072)	(47,072)
At 31 December 2020 (Unaudited)	100	154,505	154,605
Profit for the year	-	12,641	12,641
Total comprehensive income		12,641	12,641
At 31 December 2021 (Unaudited)	100	167,146	167,246

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with accounting standards applicable in the United Kingdom and the functional and presentational currency of the Company is pounds sterling (£). They have all been applied consistently throughout the period and to the preceding period. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below.

General information and basis of accounting

Liberty Living UK Limited is a private company limited by shares under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is South Quay, Temple Back, Bristol, United Kingdom, BS1 6FL. The nature of the Company's operation and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' report.

The financial statements have been prepared under the going concern, historical cost convention, and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 (FRS 102) issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of The Unite Group Plc which may be obtained at South Quay, Temple Back, Bristol, United Kingdom, BS1 6FL. The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 102 and therefore has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions in relation to financial instruments, the presentation of a cash flow statement, intra-group transactions and remuneration of key management personnel.

These financial statements present information for the 12 month period to 31 December 2021. The prior period was for the 16 month period to the 31st December 2020 and therefore the prior period comparatives are not entirely comparable to the current period.

The company is exempt by virtue of s401 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare group financial statements. These financial statements therefore present information about the undertaking as an individual undertaking and not about the Group.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses are recognised on an accruals basis.

Interest receivable and similar income and interest payable and similar expenses

Interest receivable is charged on an accruals basis. Interest payable is charged on an accruals basis using the effective interest rate method.

Taxation

As a REIT, the Group's UK property rental profits and gains on disposal of UK investment properties are exempt from UK tax with the exception of certain non-core income streams. The Company pays UK corporation tax on any profits arising from its non-core income streams.

The tax charge for the year is recognised in the profit and loss account and the statement of comprehensive income, according to the accounting treatment of the related transaction. The tax charge comprises both current and deferred tax. Current tax, being UK corporation tax on any non-core income streams, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Taxation (continued)

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the Company's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, 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 liabilities are recognised for timing differences arising from investments in subsidiaries, except where the group is able to control the reversal of the timing difference and it is probable that it will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax is measured using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date that are expected to apply to the reversal of the timing difference.

Current tax assets and liabilities are offset only when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the Group intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial instruments

The Company's financial instruments comprise cash at bank and in hand and bank overdrafts, other debtors and creditors and intercompany balances. Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. 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 Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Financial assets and liabilities

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost. Financial assets are generally derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled. Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Investment in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs and are subsequently measured at fair value, with reference to the net asset value which is considered to approximate fair value, at each reporting date.

See Note 3 to these financial statements for further details.

Share premium account

The premium receivable on the issue of shares is credited to the share premium account.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2021

ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, notwithstanding net current liabilities of £109,918,000, which the directors believe to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The Company is dependent for its working capital on funds provided to it by The Unite Group plc ('Unite'). Unite has provided the Company with an undertaking 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, and in particular, will not seek repayment of the amounts currently made available. As with any entity placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the Company acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue, although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

Based on this understanding the directors therefore have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence; thus they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Further details can be found in the Directors' Report on page 2.

Prior period corrections

The prior period balance sheet has been restated due to an error in the classification of intercompany loan balances between fixed and current assets.

In the previous period intercompany amounts totalling £88,238,000 were classified as current assets when they are fixed assets, since they are intended for use on a continuing basis.

The resulting impact of the restatement has been to increase loans to group undertakings in fixed assets by £88,238,000 and to decrease debtors in current assets by £88,238,000.

There has been no change in the 2020 profit or net asset in respect of this correction.

The impact of the change in accounting policy has been to increase prior year gain in investment in subsidiaries by £153,787,000 and to increase prior year investment in subsidiaries by £153,787,000. There has been no impact on tax as investment gains and losses are not subject to tax.

The profit and loss account and the net assets have increased by £153,787,000 in 2020 as a result of this correction.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31 December 2021

2. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

In the application of the accounting policies in note 1, the carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities are arrived at using judgements, estimates and assumptions that are not readily apparent from other sources. These are summarised below:

Estimate

There are no key estimates within these financial statements.

Judgement

Valuation of subsidiaries

The valuation of subsidiary undertakings involves significant judgement as the valuation requires an assessment of the fair value of all the underlying assets and liabilities of the subsidiary. An changes to the assumptions made could have a significant impact on the carrying value of these assets.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICY

The valuation of investments in subsidiaries was changed during the year to align with The Unite Group plc accounting policies.

In prior periods investments in subsidiaries were valued at cost less provisions for impairments. The investment was assessed each year for impairments. The change in policy results in subsidiaries being valued at fair value, with changes in fair value being processed through the profit and loss account.

The accounting policy change is voluntary, and has been applied retrospectively across these accounts.

4. STAFF COSTS

Directors' remuneration was borne by another group company in both periods. Directors have not performed any qualifying services for this entity during the period.

The Company has no employees in the current or prior period.

5. OPERATING RESULT

	Year ended 31 December 2021	16-month period ended 31 December 2020
		as restated
	£000	£000
Revaluation gain/(loss) on investment in subsidiaries (as restated)	12,644	(13,391)
Administrative fees	(3)	<u>-</u>

The company's financial statements were exempt from audit in both the current or prior period, thus no fees were payable.

As at 31 December

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2021

6.	OTHER INCOME		
		Year ended 31 December 2021	16-month period ended 31 December 2020
		£000	£000
	Dividends received		47,072
7.	TAX ON PROFIT		
	The tax charge in the current and prior period was £nil.		
	The taxation charge that would arise at the standard rethe actual tax charge below. The reconciliation below corporation tax of 19% (2020: 19%).		
		Year ended 31 December 2021	16-month period ended 31 December 2020 as restated
		£000	£000
	Profit before tax	12,641	33,510
	Profit multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19.00% (2020:19.00%) Effects of:	2,402	6,367
	Income not taxable	-	(8,911)
	Investment gains/(losses) not subject to tax	(2,402)	2,544
	Total tax charge		
8.	DIVIDENDS PAID		
Ų.	SIVIDENDO I AID	Year ended 31 December 2021	16-month period ended 31
		£000	December 2020 £000
		2000	2000
	Dividends paid	<u> </u>	47,072
		•	47,072
9.	INVESTMENTS (as restated)		
	Investment in subsidiary		
		31 December 2021	31 December 2020
			as restated
	Investment in subsidiary as at 1 Innuary (as restated)	£000	£000
	Investment in subsidiary as at 1 January (as restated) Revaluation (as restated)	164,784 12,644	178,175 (13,391)
	novalidation (as restated)	12,044	(10,001)

164,784

177,428

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2021

INVESTMENTS (AS RESTATED)

The Companies direct and indirect* subsidiaries, all incorporated in the United Kingdom, are as follows:

	Percentage of ordinary shares	
Company Name	owned	Principal activity
Liberty Living (Liberty AP) Limited	98.56%	Invest in student accommodation
Liberty Living (Liberty PP) Limited*	100%	Invest in student accommodation
Liberty Prospect Point (Liverpool) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Atlantic Point (Liverpool) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Cambrian Point (Cardiff) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Living (LP Coventry) Limited*	100%	Invest in student accommodation
Liberty Point (Manchester) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Living (LP Manchester) Limited*	100%	Invest in student accommodation
Liberty Point (Coventry) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Living (Liberty SP) Limited*	100%	Invest in student accommodation
Liberty Severn Point (Cardiff) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Quay (Newcastle) Limited*	100%	Operate student accommodation
Liberty Living SpareCo Limited*	100%	Holding company
Liberty Living (LQ Newcastle) Limited*	100%	Invest in student accommodation

The registered office of the Company's subsidiaries is South Quay, Temple Back, Bristol, BS1 6FL.

10. AMOUNTS DUE FROM GROUP UNDERTAKINGS (as restated)

·	31 December	31 December
	2021	2020
		as restated
	£000	£000
Amounts due from group undertakings (as restated)	99,736	88,238
	99,736	88,238

Amounts due from group undertakings are repayable on demand but are intended for use on a continuing basis.

11. DEBTORS (as restated)

	31 December	31 December
	2021	2020
		as restated
	£000	£000
Other debtors	532	532
Debtors: due within one year	532	532

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2021

12.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
		31 December	31 December
		2021	2020
		£000	£000
	Amounts owed to Group related undertakings	110,449	105,762
	Other creditors	1	-
	Creditors: due within one year	110,450	105,762

The amounts owed to group related undertakings are repayable on demand, interest free and unsecured.

13. SHARE CAPITAL

Allotted, called up and fully paid

31 December	31 December
2021	2020
£	£
100,001	100,001

Ordinary £1 share

The Company has one class of ordinary share which carry no right to fixed income.

14. RESERVES

Called up share capital

Called up share capital reserves contains the nominal value of the shares issued.

Share premium

The share premium account includes the premium on issue of equity shares, net of any issue costs.

Profit and loss reserves

Profit and loss reserves represents cumulative profits and losses, net of distributions and other adjustments.

15. CONTROLLING PARTIES

The Company's immediate parent company is Liberty Living Investments Limited, a company incorporated and registered in England and Wales.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking is The Unite Group plc. The largest and smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by The Unite Group plc. The consolidated accounts of the this company are available to the public and can be obtained from the registered office, South Quay, Temple Back, Bristol, BS1 6FL.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) For the year ended 31 December 2021

16. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

On 28 November 2017, Liberty Living Finance plc had issued two £300m bond tranches with maturities of seven and twelve years respectively. The Company, along with other Group related undertakings, has irrevocably and unconditionally, jointly and severally, guaranteed to meet the obligations of Liberty Living Finance plc with respect to the amounts borrowed in the event Liberty Living Finance plc fails to meet its obligations when they fall due.

The Company became guarantor of the £450m Unite Group plc Facilities Agreement in September 2021 and remains a guarantor of the Unite Bonds, and certain Unite subsidiaries remain as guarantors of the Liberty Living (HE) Holdings Group bonds. On 27 May 2021 the Company became a guarantor of a note purchase agreement issued by The Unite Group plc for £150m, maturing on 27 May 2031. This new borrowing helped refinance the repayment of bank facilities that Unite Group plc repaid in September 2021, facilities that had also been guaranteed by the Company.