
COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 FEBRUARY 2015



COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

DIRECTORS	SC Barratt (appointed 1 March 2014) SL Highfield (appointed 16 April 2015) CCB Rogers
COMPANY SECRETARY	R W Fairhurst D C Lowry (appointed 16 April 2015)
REGISTERED NUMBER	6190419
REGISTERED OFFICE	Whitbread Court Houghton Hall Business Park Porz Avenue Dunstable Bedfordshire LU5 5XE
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR	Ernst & Young LLP 400 Capability Green Luton Bedfordshire LU1 3LU

COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

**DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 26 February 2015.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

DIRECTORS

The directors who served during the year were:

SC Barratt (appointed 1 March 2014)
AJ Marshall (resigned 15 June 2015)
CCB Rogers
MJ Price (resigned 1 March 2014)

All fees paid to the directors as remuneration are borne by Whitbread Group PLC and it is not practical to allocate the amount for services in respect of this Company.

QUALIFYING THIRD PARTY INDEMNITY PROVISIONS

A qualifying indemnity provision (as defined in Section 236 (1) of the Companies Act 2006) is in force for the benefit of the directors.

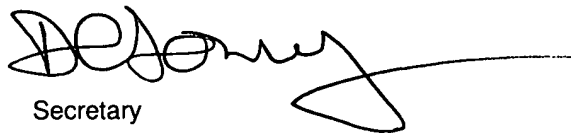
DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

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 auditor is 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 relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

In preparing this report, the directors have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by section 414B and 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the board on 21/9/2015 and signed on its behalf.


Secretary
D. Loney

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**DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

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 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 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;
- 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Costa Beijing Limited for the year ended 26 February 2015, 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).

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, 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

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 and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

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 26 February 2015 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

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; or
- the directors were not entitled to take advantage of the small companies' exemption from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report or in preparing the Directors' Report.

Ernst & Young LLP

Chris Nobbs (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of

Ernst & Young LLP

Statutory Auditor

Luton

Date: *25 SEPTEMBER 2015*

COSTA BEIJING LIMITED

**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

	Note	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
Administrative expenses		(10,767)	(6,649)
Other operating income/(costs)	2	163,601	(214,999)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		152,834	(221,648)
Interest receivable and similar income	5	137,206	142,942
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(279,747)	(216,792)
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		10,293	(295,498)
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	7	(18,698)	56,495
LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL PERIOD	12	(8,405)	(239,003)

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

There were no recognised gains and losses for 2015 or 2014 other than those included in the Profit and Loss Account.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

COSTA BEIJING LIMITED
REGISTERED NUMBER: 6190419

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 26 FEBRUARY 2015

		26 February 2015	27 February 2014
	Note	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Investments	8	5,347,927	5,245,024
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	9	508	71,361
Cash at bank		53,766	20,043
		<u>54,274</u>	<u>91,404</u>
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(5,983,896)</u>	<u>(5,909,718)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(5,929,622)</u>	<u>(5,818,314)</u>
NET LIABILITIES		<u>(581,695)</u>	<u>(573,290)</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	11	2	2
Profit and loss account	12	<u>(581,697)</u>	<u>(573,292)</u>
SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT	13	<u>(581,695)</u>	<u>(573,290)</u>

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

21/9/2015



Director

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The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 26 FEBRUARY 2015**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Authorisation

The financial statements of Costa Beijing Limited for the year ended 26 February 2015 were authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 21/9/2015.

1.2 Basis of preparation of financial statements

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

1.3 Cash flow

The Company, being a subsidiary undertaking where 90% or more of the voting rights are controlled within the group whose consolidated financial statements are publicly available, is exempt from the requirement to draw up a cash flow statement in accordance with FRS 1.

1.4 Going concern

The financial position of the Company is set out in these financial statements. As at 26 February 2015, the Company's liabilities exceeded its assets by £581,695.

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the parent company has confirmed its current intention to provide support so the company may continue operations for the next twelve months from the date of the approval of these accounts.

1.5 Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are shown at cost less provision for impairment.

1.6 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.

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2. OTHER OPERATING INCOME/(COSTS)

	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
Difference on foreign exchange	163,601	(214,999)

3. AUDITORS' REMUNERATION

Audit fees for the year were paid by a parent company, Whitbread Group PLC. Information about the total audit fees paid by the Group can be found in the Whitbread PLC Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 26 February 2015.

4. STAFF COSTS

The Company has no employees other than the directors, who did not receive any remuneration (2014 - £NIL). All fees paid to directors as remuneration are borne by a parent company Whitbread Group PLC and it is not practical to allocate the amount for services in respect of this Company.

5. INTEREST RECEIVABLE

	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
Other interest receivable	137,206	142,942

6. INTEREST PAYABLE

	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
On loans from group undertakings	279,747	216,792

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7. TAXATION

	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
Analysis of tax charge/(credit) in the year		
UK corporation tax credit on profit/loss for the year	(726)	(71,733)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	218	-
	<u>(508)</u>	<u>(71,733)</u>
Foreign tax on income for the year	19,206	15,238
	<u>18,698</u>	<u>(56,495)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss) on ordinary activities	<u>18,698</u>	<u>(56,495)</u>

Factors affecting tax charge/(credit) for the year

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2014 - higher than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.17% (2014 - 23.08%). The differences are explained below:

	Year ended 26 February 2015 £	Year ended 27 February 2014 £
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	10,293	(295,498)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 21.17% (2014 - 23.08%)	2,179	(68,216)
Effects of:		
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	218	-
Expense relief for foreign tax	(2,905)	(3,517)
Foreign tax on income for the year	19,206	15,238
	<u>18,698</u>	<u>(56,495)</u>
Current tax charge/(credit) for the year (see note above)	<u>18,698</u>	<u>(56,495)</u>

Factors that may affect future tax charges

The Finance Act 2013 reduced the main rate of UK corporation tax to 21% from 1 April 2014 and to 20% from 1 April 2015.

Furthermore, it was announced in the Summer Budget 2015, that the government will reduce the corporation tax rate from 20%, to 19% in 2017 and to 18% in 2020. These Budget changes have not been substantively enacted at the balance sheet date and consequently, in accordance with UK accounting standards, are not reflected in these financial statements.

The rate changes will impact the amount of the future cash tax payment to be made by the Company.

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8. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Loans to joint ventures £	Investment in joint ventures £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 28 February 2014	2,544,939	2,700,085	5,245,024
Repayments	(197,904)	-	(197,904)
Interest on loan	137,206	-	137,206
Foreign exchange movement	163,601	-	163,601
At 26 February 2015	<u>2,647,842</u>	<u>2,700,085</u>	<u>5,347,927</u>
Net book value			
At 26 February 2015	<u>2,647,842</u>	<u>2,700,085</u>	<u>5,347,927</u>
At 27 February 2014	<u>2,544,939</u>	<u>2,700,085</u>	<u>5,245,024</u>

Joint ventures

Name	Country of incorporation	Holding	Principal activity
Hualian Costa (Beijing) Food & Beverage Management Company Limited	China	50%	Coffee Retailer

9. DEBTORS

	26 February 2015 £	27 February 2014 £
Tax recoverable	<u>508</u>	<u>71,361</u>

**10. CREDITORS:
Amounts falling due within one year**

	26 February 2015 £	27 February 2014 £
Amounts owed to group undertakings	<u>5,983,896</u>	<u>5,909,718</u>

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11. SHARE CAPITAL

	26 February 2015 £	27 February 2014 £
Allotted, called up and fully paid		
2 Ordinary shares shares of £1 each	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

12. RESERVES

	Profit and loss account £
At 28 February 2014	(573,292)
Loss for the year	(8,405)
At 26 February 2015	<u>(581,697)</u>

13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' DEFICIT

	26 February 2015 £	27 February 2014 £
Opening shareholders' deficit	(573,290)	(334,287)
Loss for the financial year	(8,405)	(239,003)
Closing shareholders' deficit	<u>(581,695)</u>	<u>(573,290)</u>

14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Whitbread PLC, the ultimate controlling entity of the Group, and has taken advantage of the exemption given in Financial Reporting Standard No. 8 not to disclose transactions with other group companies.

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15. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING AND CONTROLLING PARTY

The immediate parent undertaking is Costa International Limited. The ultimate parent undertaking is Whitbread PLC.

The parent undertaking of the smallest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is Whitbread Group PLC, registered in England and Wales. Copies of their accounts can be obtained from Whitbread Court, Houghton Hall Business Park, Porz Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 5XE.

The parent undertaking of the largest group of undertakings for which group accounts are drawn up and of which the Company is a member is Whitbread PLC, registered in England and Wales. Copies of their accounts can be obtained from Whitbread Court, Houghton Hall Business Park, Porz Avenue, Dunstable, Bedfordshire LU5 5XE.