

Registered number: 06372755

## VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

### ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019



## **VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

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## **VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

|                             |                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Directors</b>            | L Mayer-Page (formerly Humphreys)<br>E C Rickus (formerly Pullham)                                                |
| <b>Company secretary</b>    | K A Kerr                                                                                                          |
| <b>Registered number</b>    | 06372755                                                                                                          |
| <b>Registered office</b>    | Unit 1b<br>Wharfedale Road<br>Cardiff<br>CF23 7HB                                                                 |
| <b>Independent Auditors</b> | PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP<br>Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors<br>One Kingsway<br>Cardiff<br>CF10 3PW |

## **VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements of Vista Support Services Group Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 August 2019.

#### **Principal activities**

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

#### **Results and dividends**

The result for the financial year amounted to £Nil (2018: £Nil).

No dividends were paid during the year (2018: £Nil).

#### **Directors**

The directors who served during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements were:

L Mayer-Page (formerly Humphreys)  
E C Rickus (formerly Pullham)

#### **Qualifying third party indemnity provisions**

As permitted by the Articles of Association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third party indemnity provision as defined by Section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. The Company also purchased and maintained throughout the financial year Directors' and Officers' liability insurance in respect of itself and its directors.

#### **Directors' responsibilities statement**

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulation.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", 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 the 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 United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The directors 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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**DIRECTORS' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

**Disclosure 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 the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the 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 auditors are aware of that information.

**Independent auditors**

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditors 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the financial statements with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

**Small companies exemption**

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

This report was approved by the board and signed on its behalf by:



**E C Rickus (formerly Pullham)**  
Director

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

## **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

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### **Opinion**

*In our opinion, Vista Support Services Group Limited's financial statements:*

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 August 2019 and of its result for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Annual Report and Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019; the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

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### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### *Independence*

We remained independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

ISAs (UK) require us to report to you when:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the directors have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

We have nothing to report in respect of the above matters.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. For example, the terms on which the United Kingdom may withdraw from the European Union are not clear, and it is difficult to evaluate all of the potential implications on the Company's trade, customers, suppliers and the wider economy.

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### **Reporting on other information**

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

## VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED (CONTINUED)

With respect to the Directors' Report, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on the responsibilities described above and our work undertaken in the course of the audit, ISAs (UK) require us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

#### *Directors' Report*

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Directors' Report for the year ended 31 August 2019 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Directors' Report.

#### **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

##### *Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements*

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

##### *Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditors' report.

##### *Use of this report*

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

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## **Other required reporting**

### **Companies Act 2006 exception reporting**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the Company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

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**Entitlement to exemptions**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, the directors were not entitled to: prepare financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime; take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Directors' Report; and take advantage of the small companies exemption from preparing a strategic report. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



Jonathan Bound (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors  
Cardiff

Date:

31 January 2020

**VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

The Company has not traded during the year. During this year, the Company received no income and incurred no expenditure and therefore made neither profit or loss.

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2019**

|                                                | Note | 2019<br>£               | 2018<br>£               |
|------------------------------------------------|------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Current assets</b>                          |      |                         |                         |
| Debtors                                        | 6    | 9,295,231               | 9,295,231               |
| Cash at bank and in hand                       | 7    | 17,471                  | 17,471                  |
|                                                |      | <u>9,312,702</u>        | <u>9,312,702</u>        |
| Creditors: amounts falling due within one year | 8    | (3,872,078)             | (3,872,078)             |
| <b>Net assets</b>                              |      | <u><u>5,440,624</u></u> | <u><u>5,440,624</u></u> |
| <b>Capital and reserves</b>                    |      |                         |                         |
| Called up share capital                        | 9    | 285,714                 | 285,714                 |
| Profit and loss account                        | 10   | 5,154,910               | 5,154,910               |
| <b>Total shareholders' funds</b>               |      | <u><u>5,440,624</u></u> | <u><u>5,440,624</u></u> |

The Company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements on pages 7 to 12 were approved and authorised for issue by the board and were signed on its behalf by:



**E C Rickus (formerly Pullham)**  
Director

Date: 31st January 2020

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

|                                        | <b>Called up<br/>share capital</b> | <b>Retained<br/>earnings</b> | <b>Total<br/>shareholders'<br/>funds</b> |
|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                        | <b>£</b>                           | <b>£</b>                     | <b>£</b>                                 |
| At 1 September 2017                    | 285,714                            | 5,154,910                    | 5,440,624                                |
| At 31 August 2018 and 1 September 2018 | 285,714                            | 5,154,910                    | 5,440,624                                |
| <b>At 31 August 2019</b>               | <b>285,714</b>                     | <b>5,154,910</b>             | <b>5,440,624</b>                         |

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

## VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

#### 1. General information

Vista Support Services Group Limited (the "Company") is a non-trading company. The principal activity of the Company is that of a dormant company.

The Company is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The address of its registered office is: Unit 1b Wharfedale Road, Cardiff, CF23 7HB.

#### 2. Accounting policies

##### 2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise judgement in applying the Company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The following principal accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year:

##### 2.2 Financial reporting standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by the FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 4 Statement of Financial Position paragraph 4.12(a)(iv);
- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of Section 3 Financial Statement Presentation paragraph 3.17(d);
- the requirements of Section 11 Financial Instruments paragraphs 11.41(b), 11.41(c), 11.41(e), 11.41(f), 11.42, 11.44 to 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of Section 12 Other Financial Instruments paragraphs 12.26 to 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirements of Section 33 Related Party Disclosures paragraph 33.7.

This information is included in the consolidated financial statements of Scenic Topco Limited as at 31 August 2019 and these financial statements may be obtained from Unit 1b Pentwyn Business Centre, Wharfedale Road, Cardiff, Wales, CF23 7HB.

##### 2.3 Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment.

##### 2.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

## **VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

#### **2. Accounting policies (continued)**

##### **2.5 Financial instruments**

The Company only enters into basic financial instrument transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like amounts owed by/(to) group undertakings.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amount reported in the Balance Sheet when there is an enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **2.6 Creditors**

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price. Other financial liabilities, including amounts owed to group undertakings, are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs, and are measured subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are addressed below.

There are not considered to be any judgement or estimates that have a material effect on the financial statements.

#### **4. Auditors' remuneration**

The audit fee for the Company of £1,674 (2018: £1,595) is borne by Vista Retail Support Limited and no recharge is made.

#### **5. Directors' remuneration**

Directors' remuneration for the Company are borne by Vista Retail Support Limited with no recharge to the Company.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019

### 6. Debtors

|                                    | 2019<br>£        | 2018<br>£        |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amounts owed by group undertakings | <u>9,295,231</u> | <u>9,295,231</u> |

Amounts owed by group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

### 7. Cash at bank and in hand

|                          | 2019<br>£     | 2018<br>£     |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Cash at bank and in hand | <u>17,471</u> | <u>17,471</u> |

### 8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

|                                    | 2019<br>£        | 2018<br>£        |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Amounts owed to group undertakings | <u>3,872,078</u> | <u>3,872,078</u> |

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

### 9. Called up share capital

|                                                                               | 2019<br>£      | 2018<br>£      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Shares classified as equity</b>                                            |                |                |
| <b>Allotted, called up and fully paid</b>                                     |                |                |
| 399,999 (2018: 399,999) Ordinary shares of £0.50 (2018: £0.50 each)           | 200,000        | 200,000        |
| 171,428 (2018: 171,428) Ordinary preferred shares of £0.50 (2018: £0.50) each | 85,714         | 85,714         |
|                                                                               | <u>285,714</u> | <u>285,714</u> |

### 10. Retained earnings

#### Profit and loss account

The profit and loss account represents the accumulated profits, losses and distributions of the Company.

## **VISTA SUPPORT SERVICES GROUP LIMITED**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

#### **11. Contingent liabilities**

The Company entered into joint and several guarantees on 25th October 2017 with certain fellow group companies in relation to amounts owed to HSBC. At 31 August 2019, the liabilities covered by these guarantees totalled £12,487,500 (2018: £13,162,000).

#### **12. Ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party**

The immediate parent company is Vista Retail Support Holdings Limited.

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Scenic Topco Limited, which is the parent undertaking of the smallest and largest group to consolidate these financial statements. Copies of Scenic Topco Limited consolidated financial statements can be obtained from the Company Secretary at Unit 1b, Pentwyn Business Park, Wharfedale Road, Pentwyn, Cardiff, CF23 7HB.

Due to the shareholding in place at Scenic Topco Limited, the directors consider there to be no ultimate controlling party.