DIXONS CARPHONE HOLDINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY NEW CPW LIMITED)

**Annual Report and Financial Statements** 

For the year ended 28 April 2018



# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018

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## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018**

# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS

## **DIRECTORS**

Andrew Harrison (resigned 10 January 2018)
Paul James (resigned 12 January 2018)
Bruce Richardson (appointed 12 January 2018, resigned 4 January 2019)
Marcus Roy (resigned 17 November 2017)
Leon Smith (appointed 12 January 2018)
Alistair Gibson (appointed 4 January 2019)

# **SECRETARY**

Julia Foo (resigned 17 December 2018)
Catherine Springett (appointed 17 December 2018)

# REGISTERED OFFICE

1 Portal Way London W3 6RS United Kingdom

# **BANKERS**

HSBC Bank plc 8 Canada Square London E14 5HQ United Kingdom

# **A**UDITOR

Deloitte LLP Statutory Auditor 1 New Street Square London EC4A 3BZ United Kingdom

## STRATEGIC REPORT

This Strategic Report has been prepared for Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited ("the Company") and in preparing this Strategic Report the directors of the Company ("Directors") have complied with s.414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Principal activities**

The Company carries out the activities of a holding and central overhead cost company and is a direct subsidiary of Dixons Carphone plc ("Dixons Carphone"). Dixons Carphone and its subsidiaries ("Group") operate retail and online propositions across a range of European markets. The Company holds investments, both directly and indirectly, in all of these retail operations.

#### **Funding**

The Company is funded primarily through loans from its parent entity and overdraft facilities.

Principal income streams and costs

The principal income of the Company is dividend income. Its principal expense is the costs of servicing the intercompany loan provided by the Company's parent to fund its operations and central overheads for Group functions.

#### Review of the business

The loss after taxation for the financial year was £412,629,000 (2017: £28,082,000), arising from £16,714,000 of central overheads (2017: £17,987,000), impairment of investments of £385,823,000 (2017: £nil) and interest incurred during the period £10,092,000 (2017: £10,095,000).

The Key Performance Indicator for the business is result after tax.

#### Principal risks and uncertainties

The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Dixons Carphone plc. From the perspective of the Directors, the principal risks and uncertainties are integrated with the principal risks of the Group and are not managed separately. The review of the business of Dixons Carphone plc and its subsidiaries, which provides a comprehensive analysis of the main trends and factors likely to affect the development, performance and position of the business, can be found on pages 19 to 24 of the Dixons Carphone plc Annual Report and Accounts 2017/18.

The principal risks and uncertainties specific to the Company are set out below.

## Interest rate risk

Due to the nature of the Company's business and the assets and liabilities contained within the Company's balance sheet, the main financial risk is interest rate risk. Funding for all subsidiaries of Dixons Carphone, including the Company, is arranged centrally. The Group regularly monitors interest rate risk and the Company does not trade or speculate in any financial instruments.

### Impairment of investment

The main assets held by the Company are its investment in Carphone Warehouse Europe Limited and Dixons Retail Group Limited which hold investments in companies which carry out the operations of the Group. The Group has established processes and procedures to assess and direct the financial and operational performance, and strategic direction of these businesses. These investments are assessed for impairment by the Directors on a regular basis.

# STRATEGIC REPORT

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

L Smith Director

31 January 2019

Registered office: 1 Portal Way London W3 6RS

Company Registration No. 7866062

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The Directors present their annual report on the affairs of the Company with the audited financial statements and auditor's report. The financial statements reflect the Company's results for the year ended 28 April 2018 ("the year"). Comparative information is provided for the 12 month period ended 29 April 2017.

#### **Dividends**

The Directors do not recommend the payment of a dividend for the year (2017: nil).

## Financial risk management

Due to the nature of the Company's operations and the assets and liabilities contained within its balance sheet, the main financial risks the Directors consider relevant to the Company are impairment of investments and interest rate risk which have been detailed in the Strategic Report on page 2.

#### Going concern basis

As further described in note 1 to the financial statements, the Directors have formed a judgement that, at the time of approving the financial statements, there is reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future as a result of commitments received from its parent company that it will provide financial support if required to ensure that the Company can meet its liabilities as they fall due. For this reason the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

#### **Directors**

The Directors who served throughout the year and subsequently are shown on page 1. The Company had qualifying third party indemnity insurance for the benefit of its Directors throughout the period and at the date of the report.

#### **Environment**

A full analysis of the key regulatory and social risks of the industry in which the Dixons Carphone Group operates is described in the Group's annual report, which does not form part of this report. As a subsidiary entity, the Company operates in accordance with group policies.

### **Donations**

The Company made no charitable or political donations in the year (2017: nil).

## **Future development**

The Company expects to continue as a holding company of the Group.

#### Statement regarding the disclosure of information to the auditor

Each of the persons who is a Director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- i. so far as each Director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- ii. each Director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006.

# **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **Auditor**

Deloitte LLP was the auditor of the Company during the year. Deloitte LLP has expressed their willingness to continue in office as auditor and a resolution to reappoint them will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

# Post balance sheet

There were no post balance sheet events.

Approved by the board of Directors and signed on its behalf by:

L Smith Director

31 January 2019

Registered office: 1 Portal Way London W3 6RS

Company Registration No. 7866062

#### **DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT**

The Directors are responsible for preparing the annual 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) including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. 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 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 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. 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.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

#### Independent auditor's report to the members of Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited

## Report on the audit of the financial statements

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion the financial statements of Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited (the 'company'):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 28 April 2018 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework", and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements which comprise:

- the profit and loss account;
- the balance sheet;
- the statement of changes in equity; and
- the related notes 1 to 13.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (the 'FRC's') Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Conclusions relating to going concern

We are required by ISAs (UK) to report in respect of the following matters where:

- the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in 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 these matters.

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT continued

#### Other information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion 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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in 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 in respect of these matters.

#### Responsibilities of directors

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, and for such internal control as the directors 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.

#### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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: <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities">www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

## Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

#### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT continued

#### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report in respect of the following matters 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.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

## Use of our report

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.

Andy Siddorns (Senior statutory auditor)

For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Statutory Auditor

Andy Siddoms

London, United Kingdom

31 January 2019

# **PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**

# For the year ended 28 April 2018

		Year ended 28 April 2018	Year ended 29 April 2017
	Note	Total £'000	Total £'000
Operating loss	2,6	(402,537)	(17,987)
Finance costs	3	(10,092)	(10,095)
Loss before tax		(412,629)	(28,082)
Income tax result	5		
Loss for the period		(412,629)	(28,082)

All losses relate to continuing operations in the UK.

There are no other items of comprehensive income or losses other than the loss for the current year and preceding period, and therefore, no statement of comprehensive income has been presented.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

# As at 28 April 2018

Non-current assets   Investments   6		Note	28 April 2018 £'000	29 April 2017 £'000
Current assets         7         932         1,165           Trade and other receivables         7         932         1,165           Total assets         2,149,749         2,535,805           Current liabilities         3         2,149,749         2,535,805           Current liabilities         10         (78,027)         (45,372)           Trade and other payables         8         (9,446)         (11,621)           Contingent consideration         9         -         (6,000)           Loans and other borrowings         10         (566,087)         (557,695)           Net current liabilities         (653,560)         (620,688)           Net current liabilities         1,496,189         1,915,117           Non-current liabilities         1,496,189         1,915,117           Non-current liabilities         (653,560)         (627,688)           Contingent consideration         9         -         (7,000)           Total liabilities         (653,560)         (627,688)           Net assets         1,496,189         1,998,117           Capital and reserves         1,496,189         1,998,117           Capital and reserves         2,005,022         2,005,022         2,005,022         2,005,022 </td <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td>				
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Total equity 1,496,189 1,908,117	Profit and loss account		(511,926)	(99,998)
	Total equity		1,496,189	1,908,117

These financial statements were approved by the Directors on 31 January 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

L Smith
1 Portal Way London

**W3 6RS** 

Registered number: 7866062

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

# For the year ended 28 April 2018

	Share capital (note 11) £'000	Share premium £'000	Profit and loss account £'000	Total equity £'000
At 30 April 2016	3,093	2,005,022	(72,347)	1,935,768
Loss for the period	-		(28,082)	(28,082)
Total comprehensive loss for the period Share-based payment	-	<u>-</u>	(28,082) 431	(28,082) 431
At 29 April 2017	3,093	2,005,022	(99,998)	1,908,117
Loss for the period	·		(412,629)	(412,629)
Total comprehensive loss for the period Share-based payments	-	-	(412,629) 701	(412,629) 701
At 28 April 2018	3,093	2,005,022	(511,926)	1,496,189

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# 1.1 Basis of preparation

Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited (the Company) is a private company limited by shares incorporated in the United Kingdom, which is registered in England and Wales under the Companies Act 2006. The address of the registered office is given on page 1. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2.

The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Accordingly, the financial statements have therefore been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council, incorporating the Amendments to FRS 101 issued by the Financial Reporting Council in July 2015.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to share-based payments, financial instruments, fair value measurements, capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash-flow statement, standards not yet effective, impairment of assets, business combinations and related party transactions.

Where relevant, equivalent disclosures have been given in the group accounts of Dixons Carphone plc.

The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling, the functional currency of the Company, and on the historical cost basis except for contingent consideration which is held at fair value.

These financial statements are separate financial statements. The Company is exempt from the preparation of consolidated financial statements, because it is included in the group accounts of Dixons Carphone plc. The group accounts of Dixons Carphone plc are available to the public and can be obtained as set out in note 12. There are no new accounting standards, amendments to standards or IFRIC interpretations which are effective for the Company for the first time during the current financial period which have had an impact on the Company's results or net assets.

The principal accounting policies are set out below:

## 1.2 Going Concern

The Company's activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development, performance and position and principal risks and uncertainties are set out in the Strategic Report on page 2.

The Company's forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance, show the Company should be able to operate within the level of its current working capital for the foreseeable future as a result of commitments received from its parent company that it will provide financial support if required to ensure that the Company can meet its liabilities as they fall due.

After making enquiries, the Directors have formed a judgement that, at the time of approving the financial statements, and having considered the Company's forecasts and projections, there is reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for the foreseeable future. For this reason the Directors continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

## 1.3 Taxation

#### **Current taxation**

Current tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid or recovered using the prevailing tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date and adjusted for any tax payable in respect of previous years.

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for all temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability in the balance sheet and the tax base value and represent tax payable in future periods. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised.

A deferred tax asset is recognised only to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which the asset can be utilised. Current and deferred tax is recognised in the profit and loss account except where it relates to an item recognised directly in reserves, in which case it is recognised directly in reserves.

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the years in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted, or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset against each other when they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax jurisdiction and when the Company intends to settle its current tax assets and liabilities on a net basis. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

#### 1.4 Investments and other financial assets

The Company's financial assets comprise cash and cash equivalents and fixed asset investments. Under the classifications stipulated by IAS 39, cash and cash equivalents are classified as 'loans and receivables' and 'held for trading unless designated in a hedge relationship', respectively.

#### Fixed asset investments

Investments in subsidiaries are stated at cost less any provision for impairment in value.

Investments are assessed for indicators of impairment at each balance sheet date. If there is objective evidence that the recoverable value of the investment has been reduced, an impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss. The recoverable amount of an investment is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES continued

# 1.5 Borrowings and other financial liabilities

The Company's financial liabilities are those which involve a contractual obligation to deliver cash to external parties at a future date. Financial liabilities comprise all items shown in notes 8, 9 and 10 with the exception of deferred income and other non-financial creditors.

Under the classifications stipulated by IAS 39, borrowings and trade and other payables are classified as 'financial liabilities measured at amortised cost'.

# 1.6 Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are recorded at amortised cost.

## 1.7 Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the application of the Company's accounting policies, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be 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 in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The Directors consider that there are no critical accounting judgements or key sources of estimation uncertainty which affect these financial statements.

## 2. TURNOVER AND OPERATING LOSS

The audit fee for the current year was £3,000 borne by the Company. In the prior year the audit fee of £3,000 was borne by another company within the Group.

In addition the Company pays the audit fees (£1,016,000) and non-audit fees (relating to interim review of £200,000) on behalf of other UK Group companies of which £700,000 is recharged to subsidiary undertakings (2017: £nil).

#### 3. FINANCE COSTS

•	Year ended	Year ended
	28 April 2018	29 April 2017
	£'000	£'000
Interest on bank loans and overdrafts	1,673	456
Interest payable to group undertakings	8,419	9,639
Total finance costs	10,092	10,095

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

Staff costs for the year were:	Year ended 28 April 2018 £'000	Year ended 29 April 2017 £'000
Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs	12,220 1,733 613	4,755 573 151
	14,566	5,479
The average number of employees, including part-time employees was:	Number	Number
Administration	108	24
	108	24
Remuneration of the Directors:	2018 £'000	2017 £'000
- Emoluments	671	1,106
- Money purchase pension contributions	33	24
	704	1,130

Emoluments include cash bonuses payable in respect of the relevant financial year. Four directors (2017 two) received money purchase pension contributions. No Directors received compensation for loss of office in the year in relation to services provided to the Company (2017: nil).

	Year ended 28 April 2018	Year ended 29 April 2017
The remuneration of the highest paid director was: - Emoluments	£'000 387	£'000 680
- Money purchase pension contributions	16	12
	403	692

No Directors exercised share options during the year (2017: nil) and three Directors (2017: three) participated in the Share Plan offered by Dixons Carphone. Directors' remuneration includes only the remuneration of Directors who are paid by the Company. Those Directors whose remuneration is borne by any other Group companies have not been included, as the amount receivable by the director in respect of qualifying services to this Company is nil.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 5. TAX

A reconciliation of notional to actual income tax expense is set out below:

	Year ended	Year ended
	28 April 2018 £'000	29 April 2017 £'000
Loss before tax	(412,629)	(28,082)
Tax on loss at UK statutory rate of 19% (2016/17: 19.92%)	(78,400)	(5,594)
Items attracting no tax relief	71,902	100
Tax losses utilised within the Group	6,498	5,494
Income tax expense	<u> </u>	· -

Finance (No.2) Act 2015, which was substantively enacted on 26 October 2015, has set the corporation tax rate at 19% from 1 April 2017. Finance Bill 2016 has reduced the rate further from 1 April 2020 to 17%.

#### 6. INVESTMENTS

•	28 April
	2018
Investments in subsidians undertakings	£'000
Investments in subsidiary undertakings Cost	
At the beginning of the period	2,534,640
Additions	2,001,010
At the end of the period	2,534,640
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Impairment At hoginning of the period	
At beginning of the period Charge for the period	- (205 922)
Charge for the period	(385,823)
At the end of the period	(385,823)
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Not book value at and of the newled	2 4 4 9 9 4 7
Net book value at end of the period	2,148,817 ————
Net book value at beginning of the period	2,534,640
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Refer to note 13 of a list of investments held by the Company. During the period the carrying value of the investments in Carphone Warehouse Europe Limited and Simplify Digital Limited have been impaired to reflect the underlying net asset value of the investments. The net asset values used to determine the fair value of the investment for impairment are classified as level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 7. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	28 April 2018	29 April 2017
	Current	Current
	£'000	£,000
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	74	. 778
Amounts due from parent company	· -	316
Other receivables	<u>858</u>	<del></del>
	932	1,165

Amounts due from group undertakings are receivable within 12 months and bear no interest.

#### 8. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

•	28 April	29 April
•	2018	2017
	Current	Current
	£'000	£'000
Amounts due to subsidiary undertakings	4,775	2,982
Amounts due to parent company	338	-
Accruals	2,513	7,169
Trade creditors	1,820	1,470
	9,446	11,621
Amounts due to parent company Accruals	4,775 338 2,513 1,820	2,98 7,16 1,47

Amounts due to group undertakings are payable within 12 months and bear no interest.

## 9. CONTINGENT CONSIDERATION

·	28 April	29 April
	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Current	-	6,000
Non-current	-	7,000
	-	13,000

At total earn-out consideration of up to £23.7 million for the acquisition of Simplify Digital Limited was payable in cash and was contingent on the performance of Simplifydigital against earnings growth targets over a period of up to five years. The fair value of contingent consideration arrangements has been estimated by applying the income approach. A reduction in the growth assumptions used in the fair value methodology would result in a reduction in the amount of contingent consideration payable. The remaining contingent consideration is payable on performance targets which will be measured in 2020.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 10. BORROWINGS

	28 April	29 April
	2018	2017
	£,000	£,000
Bank overdraft	78,027	45,372
Amounts due to parent company	566,087	557,695
	644,114	603,067

Certain bank accounts are part of a notional pooling mechanism whereby each bank only monitors net aggregate borrowings against group overdraft limits thus allowing subsidiary companies to borrow on overdraft or to deposit surplus cash via their own bank accounts. Interest is charged on overdrawn balances and paid on surplus cash at intercompany rates of LIBOR plus 2.25% for overdrafts and base rate with no margin for surplus cash balances.

#### 11. SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES

#### (a) Called up share capital

	28 April	29 April
	2018	2017
	£'000	£'000
Authorised, allotted, called-up and fully paid		
309,326,006 ordinary shares of £0.01 each	3,093	3,093
9,250 A Ordinary shares of £0.001 each	-	-
8,550 B Ordinary shares of £0.001 each	-	-
	3,093	3,093

The A and B ordinary shares have no voting rights attached to them, no rights to dividends or other income and no redemption rights. The rights to a return of capital is deferred behind the ordinary shares.

#### 12. PARENT COMPANY

The Company's immediate and ultimate parent and controlling entity is Dixons Carphone plc, a company incorporated in Great Britain and which is registered in England and Wales. Dixons Carphone plc is the parent of the largest and smallest group which includes the Company and for which consolidated financial statements are prepared. Copies of its financial statements may be obtained from its registered office at 1 Portal Way, London W3 6RS.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 13. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS

# a) Principal subsidiary undertakings

The Company has investments in the following principal subsidiary undertakings.

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Share Class(es) Held	% Held	Business Activity	Registered Office
Carphone Warehouse Europe Limited	England & Wales	A & B Ordinary	100¹	Holding Company	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Dixons Retail Group Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary and Deferred	100¹	Holding Company	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Dixons South East Europe A.E.V.E.	Greece	Ordinary	100	Retail	14th klm Athens – Lamia, National Road & 2 Spilias str, 14452 Metamorfosi Attikis, Athens
DSG International Holdings Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	Holding Company	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Retail Ireland Limite	direland	Ordinary	100	Retail	40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 2
DSG Retail Limited	England & Wales	Irredeemable Cumulative Preference Shares and Ordinary Shares	100	Retail	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Elgiganten Aktiebolag	Sweden	Ordinary	100	Retail	Box 1264, 164, 29 KISTA, Stockholm
ElGiganten A/S	Denmark	Ordinary	100	Retail	Arne Jacobsens Alle 16, 2., 2300 Kobenhavn S
Elkjøp Nordic AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Retail	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Gigantti Oy	Finland	Ordinary	100	Retail	Sahkotie 3, 01510, Vantaa
CPW Technology Service Limited <sup>2</sup>	SEngland & Wales	Ordinary	100	IT	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
New Technology Insurance	Ireland	Ordinary	100	Insurance	3rd Floor, Fleming Court, Fleming Place, Dublin, 4
The Carphone Warehouse Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	Distribution	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
The Carphone Warehouse Limited	reland	Ordinary	100	Distribution	39/40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 2

<sup>1.</sup> Interest held directly by Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited.

<sup>2.</sup> CPW Technology Services Limited was called Honeybee Digital Solutions Limited until 30 May 2018.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 13. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

# b) Other subsidiary undertakings

The following are the other subsidiary undertakings of the Company. All these companies are either holding companies or provide general support to the principal subsidiaries listed above.

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Share Class(es) Held	% Held	Registered office
Alfa s.r.l.	Italy	Ordinary	100	Via monte Napoleone n. 29, 20121 Milano
Carphone Warehouse Ireland Mobile Limited (in liquidation)	Ireland	Ordinary	100	40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2
Codic GmbH (in liquidation)	Germany	Ordinary	100	Eschenheimer Anlage 1, 60316, Frankfurt
Connected World Services Distributions Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Connected World Services LLC	USA	Ordinary	100	Corporation Service Company, 2711 Centerville Road, Suite 400, Wilmington DE 19808
Connected World Services Netherlands BV	Netherlands	Ordinary	100	Euroweg 20, 3825HD, Amersfoort
Connected World Services SAS	France	Ordinary	100	5-7, Rue Salomon de Rothschild, 92150 Suresnes
CPW Acton Five Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100¹	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
CPW CP Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DISL 2 Limited	Isle of Man	Ordinary	100	6th Floor, Victory House, Prospect Hill, Douglas, IM1 1EQ
DISL Limited .	Isle of Man	A, B, C & D Preference and Ordinary B	100	Tower House, Loch Promenade, Douglas, IM1 2LZ
Dixons Carphone CoE s.r.o.	Czech Republic	Business Shares	100	Trinta, 491/5, 602 00 Brno
Dixons Sourcing Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	100	31/F, Axa Tower Landmark East, 100 How Ming St, Kwun Tong KLN
Dixons Stores Group Retail Norway AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Dixons Travel srl (in liquidation)	Italy	Ordinary	100	Foro Buonaparte 70, 20121, Milano
DSG Boxmoor Limited <sup>2</sup>	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Card Handling Services Limited	England & Wales	Cumulative C & D Preference and Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Corporate Services Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG European Investments Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Hong Kong Sourcing Limited	Hong Kong	Ordinary	100	31/F, Axa Tower Landmark East, 100 How Ming St, Kwun Tong KLN
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 13. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Share Class(es) Held	% Held	Registered office
DSG International Belgium BVBA	Belgium	Ordinary	100	Havenlaan 86C, Bus 204, B-1000 Brussels
DSG International Retail Properties Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG International Treasury Management Limited <sup>2</sup>	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Ireland Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG KHI Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Overseas Investments Limited	England & Wales	Preference, B Preference and Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
DSG Retail Ireland Pension Trust Limited	Ireland	Ordinary	100	40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2
El-Giganten Logistik AB	Sweden	Ordinary	100	Mobelvagen 51, 556 52 JONKOPING
Elkjøp Kleiverenga AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Elkjøp Norge AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Epoq Holding AB	Sweden	Ordinary	100	Esbogatan 12, 164 74 KISTA
Epoq Logistic DC k.s.	Czech Republic	Ordinary	100	Evropská 868, 664 42 Modřice
ID Mobile Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
InfoCare CS AB	Sweden	Ordinary	100	Arabygatan 9, Vaxjo, 352 46
InfoCare Workshop AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Industrivegen 65, 2212 KONGSVINGER
InfoCare Workshop Holding AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Industrivegen 65, 2212 KONGSVINGER
InfoCare Workshop Oy	Finland	Ordinary	100	PL 16 01511 Vantaa
Kereru Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Lefdal Elektromarked AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Mastercare Service and Distribution Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Mohua Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
MTIS Limited	freland	Ordinary	100	3rd Floor, Fleming Court, Fleming Place, Dublin, 4
NSS Financial A/S	Denmark	Ordinary	100	Horkaer 12 A, 2730 Herlev
OSAA – Sociedade Gestora De Participações Sociais, Lda (in dissolution)	Portugal	Ordinary	100	R. Latino Coelho nº13, 1050-132 Lisboa
Osfone Comercio de Aparelhos de Telecomunicações, Lda	Portugal	Ordinary	100	R. Latino Coelho nº13, 1050-132 Lisboa
Osfone Negócios – Comercio de Aparelhos de Telecomunicações, Lda	Portugal	Ordinary	100	R. Latino Coelho nº13, 1050-132 Lisboa
PC City (France) SNC	France	Partnership	100	52 , Rue de la Victorie, 75009 Paris

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# 13. SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS (continued)

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	Share Class(es) Held	% Held	Registered office
PC City Norge AS	Norway	Ordinary	100	Nydalsveien 18A, No-0484 Oslo
Petrus Insurance Company Limited	Gibraltar	Ordinary	100	28, Irish Town
Simplify Digital Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100¹	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
Team Knowhow Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100¹	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
TalkM Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
The Carphone Warehouse UK Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS
The Phone House Holdings (UK) Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100	1 Portal Way, London, W3 6RS

Interest held directly by Dixons Carphone Holdings Limited.

## c) Other significant shareholdings

The following are the other significant shareholdings of the Company, which are all held indirectly.

Name	Country of incorporation or registration	% Interest Held	Business Activity	Registered Office
Elkjøp Fjordane AS	Norway	30	Retail	Fugleskjaergata 10, 6900 Floro, 1401 FLORA
F Group A/S	Denmark	40	Retail	Lyskaer 1, 2730 Herlev

Consolidated financial statements have not been prepared as the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of a company registered in England and Wales. The Company's financial statements present information about it as an individual undertaking and not as a group.

In the opinion of the Directors the aggregate value of the shares in and amounts due from the Company's subsidiary undertakings are not less than the aggregate of the amounts at which these assets are included in the Company's balance sheet.

<sup>2</sup> DSG Boxmoor Limited and DSG International Treasury Management Limited were dissolved after year end.