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# **CEB Holdings UK 2 Limited**

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

31 December 2018



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# **Directors**

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# Strategic report

The directors present their strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2018.

# Principal activity and review of the business

The company's principal activity during the year was that of an investment vehicle. The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Gartner, Inc. and has been incorporated into those accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The shares of the company are held by CEB Global Holdings Limited, the immediate parent company.

The profit for the year after taxation amounted to \$1,012,000 (2017: \$394,088,000). The company made dividend distributions of \$334,422,000 during the year (2017: \$60,600,000).

The decrease of the profit for the year was driven by the decreased dividend income received from the company's investment in subsidiaries.

The key financial and other performance indicators during the year were as follows:

	2018 \$000	2017 · \$000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Shareholders' funds	1,012 139,277	394,088 472.687

The directors consider the position and results for the year ended 31 December 2018 to be satisfactory.

# Principal risks and uncertainties

The directors do not consider any other principal risks and uncertainties facing the company other than those that occur in the normal course of business.

On behalf of the board

Director

30 September 2019

# **Directors' report**

CEB Holdings UK 2 Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated, domiciled and registered in England and Wales. The registered number is 08160160 and the registered address is Tamesis, The Glanty, Egham, Surrey TW20 9AH.

The directors present their report for the company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

# Directors of the company

The directors who served the company during the year, and up to the date of this report, unless otherwise noted were as follows:

C W Safian W J Dorgan

# Going concern

The directors anticipate that the company's activities as a holding company will continue for the foreseeable future. After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

# **Future developments**

The directors aim to maintain the level of investment in its subsidiary undertaking for the foreseeable future.

## 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 the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditor is unaware, and
- the directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as directors in order to be 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 provision of Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

# Reappointment of Auditor

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, the auditor will be deemed to be reappointed and KPMG LLP will therefore continue in office.

On behalf of the board

Director

30 September 2019

# Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the strategic report, the directors' report and the financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the strategic report, 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 accounting standards and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), 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 year. In preparing those 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;
- assess the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper 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. They are 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, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

# Independent auditor's report

to the members of CEB Holdings UK 2 Limited

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of CEB Holdings UK2 Limited (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2018 which comprise the Profit and Loss Account, Statement of Other Comprehensive Income, Statement of Changes in Equity, and Balance Sheet and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 1.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the Company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

### Brexit other matter paragraph

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as recoverability of certain assets and related disclosures and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the Company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the Company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

# Going concern

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the Company or to cease its operations, and as they have concluded that the Company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over its ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the Company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the Company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the Company will continue in operation.

# Independent auditor's report (continued)

to the members of CEB Holdings UK 2 Limited

## Strategic report and directors' report

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- · we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

# Directors' responsibilities

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 3, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, 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; 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 they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so

# Auditor's responsibilities

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities.

# Independent auditor's report (continued)

to the members of CEB Holdings UK 2 Limited

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

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.

Gemma Hanwel

Gemma Hancock (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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30 September 2019

# **Profit and Loss Account**

for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Notes	2018 \$000	2017 \$000
Administrative expenses	3	(21)	(5)
Operating loss Interest receivable and similar income Dividend income	4 5	(21) 1,033	(5) 685 393,408
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	1,012	394,088
Profit for the financial year		1,012	394,088
Statement of Comprehensive II for the year ended 31 December 2018	ncome		
Profit for the financial year		1,012	394,088
Foreign exchange translation differences	2	÷	9,599
Other Comprehensive income for the year		1,012	9,599
Total comprehensive income for the year		1,012	403,687

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of the Financial Statements.

# Statement of Changes in Equity

for the year ended 31 December 2018

	Share capital	Foreign currency translation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total share- holders' funds
	\$000	\$000	\$000	\$000
At 1 January 2017 Decapitalisation Comprehensive profit for the year Foreign exchange translation differences Dividend	468,482 (468,481)	(68,519) - - 9,599	(270,363) 468,481 394,088 (60,600)	129,600 394,088 9,599 (60,600)
At 1 January 2018	1*	(58,920)	531,606	472,687
Comprehensive profit for the year Dividend	. <del></del>	÷ ÷	1,012 (334,422)	1,012 (334,422)
At 31 December 2018	1*	(58,920)	198,196	139,277

<sup>\*</sup>The total allotted share capital is \$1 representing 1 ordinary share at \$1 par value each.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of the Financial Statements.

# **Balance Sheet**

at 31 December 2018

		2018	2017
	Notes	\$000	\$000
Non-current assets			
Investments	7	139,233	153,639
		139,233	153,639
Current assets		i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	
Cash at bank and in hand		÷	255,556
Debtors	8	104	63,532
		104	319,088
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(60)	(40)
Net current assets		44	319,048
Total assets less current liabilities		139,277	472,687
Conital and recommen		-	
Capital and reserves	10	1*	1*
Called up share capital	10	•	-
Foreign currency translation reserve		(58,920)	(58,920)
Profit and loss account	•	198,196	531,606
Shareholders' funds		139,277	472,687

<sup>\*</sup>The total allotted share capital is \$1 representing 1 ordinary share at \$1 par value each.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of the Financial Statements.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors on 30 September 2019 and signed on behalf of the board by:

C W Safile Director

# Notes to the financial statements

at 31 December 2018

# 1. Accounting policies

The company is a private company limited by shares and incorporated, domiciled and registered in England and Wales. The registered number is 08160160 and the registered address is Tamesis, The Glanty, Egham, Surrey TW20 9AH.

#### Accounting convention

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* as it applies to the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable UK accounting standards. The principal accounting policies are set out below and have been applied consistently throughout the year.

## Functional currency

The financial statements are prepared in US Dollars which is the functional and presentation currency of the company and rounded to the nearest \$'000 (see note 2).

#### Going concern

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and financial statements.

#### Statement of cash flows

The company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a statement of cash flows as it is included in the group financial statements of its ultimate parent undertaking which are available to the public.

### Consolidated financial statements

The company is exempt from the requirement to produce consolidated financial statements on the grounds that the company and its subsidiaries are part of a larger group which produces consolidated financial statements. As a result the financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking only. See note 12 for details of the parental undertaking.

# Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less provision for impairment. The carrying values of fixed asset investments are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

### Interest

Interest income and expenses are recognised on an accrual basis.

### Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events have occurred at that date that will result in an obligation to pay more, or right to pay less or to receive more; tax, with the following exceptions:

- Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is more likely
  than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying
  timing differences can be deducted; and
- Provision is made for deferred tax that would arise on remittance of the retained earnings of overseas subsidiaries only to the extent that, at the balance sheet date, dividends have been accrued as receivable.

Deferred tax is measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which timing differences reverse, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

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# 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

All exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

# Non-derivative financial instruments

Non-derivative financial instruments comprise investments in equity securities, trade and other debtors, cash and cash equivalents, and trade and other creditors.

#### Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

# Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

## Change in functional currency and presentation currency

In November 2017, management resolved to change the denomination of the company's functional currency from the British Pound to the U.S. Dollar effective November 23, 2017. The change was made to reflect that the U.S. Dollar has become the predominant currency in the company, counting for a significant part of the company's cash flow and cash flow management. The change was implemented with prospective effect. The change of presentation currency was applied retrospectively for the comparative financials in 2017. The currency translation adjustments for the presentation of the comparative financials were booked as translation differences within equity. The amount of the exchange differences arising during the period and classified in equity was \$0 (2017: \$9,599,000).

# 3. Operating loss

This is stated after charging:

		2018 \$000	2017 \$000
Auditor's remuneration – audit of the financial statements Tax compliance fees	į	25 6	5 2

No emoluments were paid to the directors for their qualifying services during the year. The company's directors believe that it is not practicable to apportion their remuneration between qualifying services for this company and the other group companies in which they hold office.

The company had no employees during the year.

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Interest rec	receivable and similar income	2018 \$000	2017
Interest rec		<b></b>	
Interest rec		. 3000	\$000
	ceivable	104	141
Exchange	rate gain	929	544
		1,033	685
•			
E Dividen	d Income		
5. Dividend	1 income	2018	2017
		\$000	\$000
		<b>\$</b> 000	
Income fro	om investment in subsidiaries	· **	393,408
		*-	393,408
6. Tax			
	profit on ordinary activities		
	arge is made up as follows:		
The tax on	ango is mado ap as tonows.	2018	2017
	•	\$000	\$000
Current tax	x:	\$000	2000
UK corpor	ation tax on the profit for the year	41	
Total curre	ent tax (note 6(b))	-	
			<del>-,,</del>
(b) Factors	affecting current tax charge for the year:		
	sessed for the year is based on the standard rate of corpora the differences are explained below:	ation tax in the UK of	19% (2017:
/		2018	2017
	•	\$000	\$000
Profit on o	rdinary activities before tax	1,012	394,088
D Ét	adimon, and dains and lainting the second and and	-	
	rdinary activities multiplied by standard rate tion tax in the UK of 19% (2017: 19.25%)	192	75,849
Effects of:			
Dividend in		(100)	(75,718)
Group relie	ef surrendered	(192)	(131)
Current tax	for the year (note 6(a))	••	•
	in the UK corporation tax rate from 20% to 19% (effective		<del></del> ;

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# 7. Investments

·	Subsidiary undertakings \$000
Cost: At 1 January 2018 Additions Disposals	. 153,639 139,233 (153,639)
Net book value at 31 December 2018	139,233

On 31 January 2018, the company contributed 100% of its shares in CEB Global Limited to Gartner Research Holdings Ltd. for consideration of \$980M and settled with 97,363 class B par value \$.01 shares of Gartner Research Holdings Ltd. As all entities are under common control, the transaction has been recorded at book value. The book value of the company's investment in CEB Global Limited was carried over as the basis of the company's investment in Gartner Research Holdings Ltd.

On 17 September 2018, the company distributed 100% of its shares in CEB Canada, Inc. to CEB Global Holdings as a dividend in specie valued at \$14.4M.

The company holds interest in the following company subsidiaries:

		Effective	Effective	
		Ownership	Ownership	
Name of company	Country of	Interest	Interest	Nature of
& registered address:	incorporation	(2018)	(2017)	Business
Gartner Research Holdings Ltd.				
Washington House, 16 Church St.				IT Research
Hamilton HM11, Bermuda	Bermuda	19%	0%	& Consulting
CEB Global Limited				
Tamesis, The Glanty, Egham				
England, TW20 9AH	England & Wales	19%	100%	Consultancy
CEB Canada Inc.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
100 King St West, Ste 6000	*3			
1 First Canadian Place				
Toronto, Canada M5X 1E2	Canada	0%	100%	Consultancy

The company held 20% or more indirect interest in the following companies:

Melcrum Limited	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
Victoria House (4th Floor), 37 - 63				
Southampton Row				
Bloomsbury Square, London WC1B	•			
4DR	England & Wales	0%	100%	Consultancy
Corporate Executive Board Spain, SL			_	
Calle Ribera Del Loira (Pta. De las				•
Naciones) 46, Madrid 28042, Spain	Spain	0%	100%	Consultancy
The Corporate Executive Board		<del></del>		-
GmbH				
Georgsplatz 1				
20099 Hamburg, Germany	Germany	0%	100%	Consultancy

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8.	Debtors: amounts falling due within	one vear			
		<b>,</b>		2018	2017
				\$000	\$000
	Loan notes			<b>-</b> .	63,532
	Amounts owed by group undertakings			104	₹ <del>.</del>
				104	63,532
				4, 944, 344,	DOT NOR HOUSE BY
9.	Creditors: amounts falling due within	n one vear			
•.	ordered and an extension of the contract of th	. one your		2018	2017
				\$000	\$000
	•			,	ΨΟΟΟ
	Accrued expenses			25	5
	Amounts owed to group undertakings			35	35
				60	40
				-	
10.	Issued share capital				′
	•		2018		2017
	Allotted, called up and fully paid	No.	\$	No.	\$
	Ordinary shares of \$1 each	1	1	1	j

# 11. Related parties

In accordance with FRS 102 paragraph 1A, the company has taken advantage of the exemption from reporting related party transactions entered into with other wholly owned group companies. The financial statements of Gartner Inc. are publicly available.

# 12. Parent undertaking and controlling party

The company's immediate parent undertaking at 31 December 2018 is CEB Global Holdings Limited.

The company's ultimate parent undertaking and controlling party is Gartner Inc., a company incorporated in the United States of America, which is the parent undertaking of the largest and smallest group of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are prepared. The consolidated financial statements of Gartner, Inc. are available to the public on <a href="www.investor.gartner.com">www.investor.gartner.com</a> and may be obtained by making written request to Investor Relations Department, Gartner, Inc., 56 Top Gallant Road, Stamford, CT 06904, U.S.A.