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# Notice of administrator's progress report

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| Company name in full | Zinc Hotels Freeholds Limited | Please complete in typescript or in bold black capitals. |
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| 2                    | Administrator's name          |  |
| Full forename(s)     | Catherine Mary                |  |
| Surname              | Williamson                    |  |
| 3                    | Administrator's address       |  |
| Building name/number | The Zenith Building           |  |
| Street               | 26 Spring Gardens             |  |
|                      |                               |  |
| Post town            | Manchester                    |  |
| County/Region        |                               |  |
| Postcode             | M 2 1 A B                     |  |
| Country              |                               |  |
| 4                    | Administrator's name ●        |  |
| Full forename(s)     | Daniel                        | ① Other administrator                                    |
| Surname              | Imison                        | Use this section to tell us about another administrator. |
| 5                    | Administrator's address @     |  |
| Building name/number | 6                             | ② Other administrator                                    |
| Street               | New Street Square             | Use this section to tell us about another administrator. |
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| Post town            | London                        | -  |
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| Country              |                               |  |

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|   | Nominee                                     | AM10, AM12, AM13, AM14,                              |
|   | Supervisor                                  | AM19, AM20, AM21, AM22,<br>AM23, AM24, AM25          |
|   | Liquidator                                  | - REC1, REC2, REC3                                   |
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| Alastair                          |  |
| Beveridge                         |  |
| Insolvency practitioner's address |  |
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| New Street Square                 |  |
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Notice of administrator's progress report

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# **Alix**Partners

Administrators'
Progress Report for the period
9 January 2019 to
8 July 2019

Zinc Hotels (Holdings) Limited and its subsidiaries
In Administration

18 July 2019

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# 1. Why this report has been prepared

- 1.1 As you will be aware Ryan Grant, Alastair Beveridge and Catherine Williamson (the **Administrators**) were appointed Administrators of Zinc Hotels (Holdings) Limited (in Administration) (**ZHHL**) and a further 24 entities within the group on 9 January 2018 (together the **Companies**). A full list of entities and their abbreviations referred to in this report are provided in Appendices A and B, including a summary group structure.
- 1.2 Ryan Grant resigned as joint appointee on 22 March 2018 following his departure from AlixPartners UK LLP (**AlixPartners**) and Daniel Imison was appointed as joint appointee by block transfer on the same date. The change in appointees has not impacted the Administrations.
- In accordance with UK insolvency legislation, an administrator is required to provide a progress report covering the period of six months commencing on the date on which a company entered into administration and every subsequent period of six months. This progress report covers the period 9 January 2019 to 8 July 2019 (the **Period**), and should be read in conjunction with the Statement of Proposals dated 2 March 2018 (the **Proposals**) and the previous progress reports.
- 1.4 This report has been prepared in accordance with rule 18.2 of the Insolvency (England and Wales) Rules 2016.
- 1.5 The purpose of this report is to provide statutory and financial information about the Companies and to provide an update on the progress of the Administrations, including details of assets realised during the Period, details regarding the Administrators' fees and the expected outcome for each class of creditor.
- 1.6 As a reminder the administrator of a company must perform their functions with a view to achieving one of the following statutory objectives:
  - Objective 1: rescuing the company as a going concern;
  - Objective 2: achieving a better result for the company's creditors as a whole than would be likely if the company were wound up (without first being in administration); or
  - Objective 3: realising property in order to make a distribution to one or more secured or preferential creditors.
- 1.7 In these cases the Administrators are pursuing the second statutory objective. Further details on the actions taken to achieve that objective can be found in section 3 of this report.
- 1.8 Details of the Administrators' fees and disbursements incurred are provided at Appendices D to F.
- 1.9 More information relating to the Administration process, Administrators' fees and creditors' rights can be found on AlixPartners' creditor portal (<a href="https://www.alixpartnersinfoportal.com">https://www.alixpartnersinfoportal.com</a>). Log-in details to access this information can be found within the covering letter you have received.

1.10 If you require a hard copy of this report or have any queries in relation to the contents of this report or the Administrations generally, please contact Melissa Fielding on 0161 838 4529, by email at creditorreports@alixpartners.com, or write to AlixPartners' office at The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB.

# 2. Summary of information for creditors

#### Estimated dividend for creditors

Description Estimated debt E Likely level of return E or pence/E Secured creditors 524.5 million 98 pence/E Unsecured creditors 3.5 million Nil

#### Notes:

The Companies granted fixed and floating charges to Glas Trust Corporation Limited (**GLAS**) in its capacity as security agent for the payment and satisfaction of secured liabilities owed to the lenders under a senior facility agreement (**SFA**) dated 11 November 2014 (as amended from time to time). Hayfin Opal III LP, Hayfin Opal Luxco 2 S.a.r.l., Hayfin Special Ops Luxco 2 S.a.r.l., Hayfin Topaz Luxco 3 SCA (together **Hayfin**), Bayerische Landesbank (**BLB**) and Fortress Credit Advisors LLC (**Fortress**) (together the **Secured Lenders**) and the hedging counterparties under certain retail price index and interest rate swaps hedging arrangements relating thereto (the **Hedging Counterparties**) are collectively referred to as the **Secured Parties**.

The estimated secured liabilities at the date of appointment were £519 million comprising £275 million term debt and £244 million hedging liabilities. The hedging liabilities were indicative only and subject to market movements. Since the date of the Administrators' appointment, the following movements have taken place to the Secured Parties' exposure:

- interest has continued to accrue on the term debt at a rate of approximately 6.5% (rates dependent on the London inter-bank offered rate);
- the hedging liabilities have been subject to market volatility. They were
  partially closed out at the point of sale of Kensington and fully closed out
  at the point of sale of the Regional Nine, both defined in paragraph 3.5;
- the Secured Parties have incurred legal costs in addressing various claims made against them. The costs incurred fall within their security; and
- interest has continued to be paid on the hedging liabilities on a quarterly basis as it has accrued.

The level of return to the Secured Parties has been dependent on rental income received during the Administrations and the value of realisations achieved from the sale of the Companies' ten hotels, further details of which can be found in section 3.

As stated in the previous report, repayments totalling £516.9 million have been made to date. There is currently an exposure of approximately £7.6 million to the Secured Parties in respect of the expired SFA. Interest continues to accrue on this balance. Further details of the current exposure under the security is provided in section 4.

Details regarding the security granted to the Secured Parties and the Administrators' strategy for the sale of the Companies' assets is provided throughout this, and in the previous reports.

The Administrators have received unsecured claims to date totalling £1.06 million which are all believed to be liabilities of ZHL. The Administrators have not been made aware of any unsecured creditor claims in respect of the remaining companies. The Administrators are expecting funds to be available to the unsecured creditors of ZHL by way of the Prescribed Part and further information can be found in section 4.

In respect of unsecured creditors, UK insolvency legislation stipulates that creditors of the same class should be treated equally. The funds available for distribution are split on a pro-rate basis amongst all creditors of each class, regardless of the size of their claims.

# 3. Progress of the Administrations

- 3.1 Attached at Appendix C is the Administrators' Receipts and Payments Account for the Period together with cumulative account for the period since appointment. In addition to their statutory objective, the Administrators have duties imposed by insolvency and other legislation and their regulating professional bodies. In this report, the Administrators have set out information in respect of the fulfilment of these duties in addition to those relating to the realisation of assets and distribution of available funds.
- 3.2 The detail provided is intended to provide users of this report with information to allow them to understand how the Administrators' fees and expenses as set out in Appendices D and E have been incurred, as well as the sensitivities that might be applicable to the Administrators' anticipated fees and expenses over the remainder of the Administrations.

#### Realisation of assets - fixed charge

Hotels

- 3.3 As previously reported, ZHFL owned the freehold title to each of the hotels listed below (the **Hotels**). The legal interest in the 999 year long leasehold title to each of the Hotels was held by a number of subsidiary entities (defined in Appendix A as the **Leasehold Companies**) acting as bare trustees for ZHL, which held the beneficial interest in those long leasehold interests.
- 3.4 The Leasehold Companies granted occupational leases to Adda Hotels Limited and Puckrup Hall Hotel Limited, both indirect subsidiaries of Hilton Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (together the **Tenants**), with both paying rent to the Companies on a quarterly basis.
- 3.5 The Hotels detailed below were fixed charge assets and therefore realisations from the sale of the Hotels were captured by the security granted in favour of the Secured Parties and are not available to the general body of creditors.

#### Address of the Hotels

Cobham Hilton, Seven Hills Road South, Cobham, KT11 1EW

Croydon Hilton, 101 Waddon Way, Purley Way, Croydon, CR9 4HH

East Midlands Hilton, Junction 24, M1, Derby Road, Derby, DE74 2YW

Leeds City Hilton, Neville Street, Leeds, LS1 4BX

Northampton Hilton, 100 Watering Lane, Collingtree, Northampton, NN4 0XW

Nottingham Hilton, Milton Street, Nottingham, NG1 3PZ

Tewkesbury Hilton, Puckrup Hall, Puckrup, Tewkesbury, GL20 6EL

Watford Hilton, Elton Way, Watford, WD25 8HA

York Hilton, 1 Tower Street, York, Y01 9WD

(together the Regional Nine)

Kensington Hilton, 179-199 Holland Park Avenue, London, W11 4UL (Kensington)

#### Kensington

3.6 A sale was completed on 25 September 2018 for £261.5 million to Kensington Cola Limited (the **Kensington Purchaser**).

#### Regional Nine

3.7 As previously reported, a sale of the Regional Nine was completed on 20 December 2018. Details of the respective purchasers for each of the Regional Nine hotels is set out below:

| Hotel location | Purchaser name                    | Sales price £m |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Cobham         | Zinc Cobham Hotels Limited        | 30.3           |
| Croydon        | Zinc Croydon Hotels Limited       | 22.3           |
| Derby          | Zinc East Midlands Hotels Limited | 23.5           |
| Leeds          | Zinc Leeds Hotels Limited         | 38.5           |
| Northampton    | Zinc Northampton Hotels Limited   | 23.6           |
| Nottingham     | Zinc Nottingham Hotels Limited    | 20.0           |
| Tewkesbury     | Zinc Puckrup Hall Hotels Limited  | 17.7           |
| Watford        | Zinc Watford Hotels Limited       | 31.9           |
| York           | Zinc York Hotels Limited          | 38.2           |

#### Rental income

3.8 As all the properties have been sold, no further rent has been received during the Period.

Litigation and other potential claims

- A. Claim against the Tenants for breach of lease ("Capex Claim")
- 3.9 An order was received from the Court discontinuing this claim on 30 January 2019 and both sides covered their own costs. The Court has returned the surplus funds that the Administrators had paid over as security for costs.
  - B. Claim against the Administrators by the ultimate shareholder ("Unfair Harm Application")
- 3.10 As previously reported, the Administrators were advised on 14 August 2018 that the Applicants had discontinued the Unfair Harm Application. Discussions remain open in respect of cost liabilities associated with this action.

#### Realisation of assets - floating charge

Bank interest

3.11 In the Period, bank interest totalling £2,399 and £1,330 has been received in the fixed and floating accounts, respectively.

## Administration (including statutory reporting)

- 3.12 In addition to their duties relating to realising and distributing the assets of the Companies, the Administrators must comply with certain statutory compliance matters in accordance with the Insolvency Act 1986. This includes preparing bi-annual reports to creditors advising on the progress of the Administrations. The Administrators are responsible for liaising with HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) to determine the final position in respect of corporation tax, VAT and other taxes that may be owed by or to any of the Companies, and for filing tax returns for the duration of the Administrations.
- 3.13 In order to ensure the matters of the Administrations have been progressed sufficiently, the Administrators have a duty to conduct periodic case reviews and complete case checklists. In addition, the Administrators' treasury function will also comply with cash accounting requirements including raising payments, processing journal vouchers and posting receipts, preparing bank reconciliations and statutory returns.
- 3.14 The time taken for statutory tasks is largely fixed, insofar as the cost of preparing a report to creditors or filing an annual return is similar for most cases, except where cases are very large or complex. Where the costs of statutory compliance and reporting to creditors exceeds the initial estimate, it will generally be because the duration of the case has been longer than expected, due to, for example, protracted realisation of assets, and therefore additional periodic reports have had to be prepared and distributed to stakeholders.

#### Creditors (claims and distribution)

3.15 Details of the estimated outcome for creditors can be found in section 4.

#### 4. Estimated outcome for creditors

# Secured creditor – GLAS Trust Corporation Limited (as security agent under the SFA)

- 4.1 Each of the Companies granted a debenture over its assets to GLAS, acting as security agent on behalf of the Secured Parties, on 11 November 2014 in respect of the secured liabilities under the SFA and the hedging arrangements.
- 4.2 At the date of the appointments the Secured Parties were owed £519 million. This comprised approximately £275 million of term debt and £244 million of hedging liabilities and was detailed in the Proposals.
- 4.3 The estimated secured liabilities stood at approximately £7.6 million as at 8 July 2019, based on information provided by GLAS and the Secured Parties, following distributions from the Administrations.
- 4.4 The Secured Parties have received distributions totalling £516.9 million. These distributions were made following receipt of rental income and completion of the property sales. This includes payments under certain facility agreements, supplemental facility agreements and the discharge of a number of associated costs (including legal and exit fees), as permitted under the terms of the security.

#### Preferential creditors

4.5 There are no known employees of the Companies therefore no preferential claims are expected. No preferential claims have been submitted to the Administrators to date.

#### **Unsecured Creditors' Fund**

- 4.6 Where there is a floating charge which was created on or after
  15 September 2003, the Administrators are required to create a fund from the
  Companies' net property available for the benefit of unsecured creditors
  (Unsecured Creditors' Fund), commonly known as the 'Prescribed Part'.
- 4.7 Only ZHL is anticipated to have floating charge realisations by virtue of the cash at bank held at appointment. In respect of the other 24 companies in Administration, the estimated value of each of these Companies' net property and Prescribed Part will be nil.
- 4.8 The Proposals indicated that the maximum value of the Prescribed Part for ZHL was expected to be £200,000 based on cash at bank available on appointment. As additional floating charge costs have been incurred, the level of the expected Prescribed Part has reduced to £99,000 (with a net property of approximately £480,000).

# 5. Outstanding matters

#### Final property matters

5.1 Due to the terms of the property sales, the Administrators are required to remain in office until certain provisions in the contracts have elapsed.

#### Litigation

5.2 The Administrators need to communicate with key stakeholders to ensure that all litigation matters have been concluded prior to closing the Administrations.

# Claims agreement and distribution to unsecured creditors – ZHL

5.3 Steps will need to be taken to review and agree the claims of the unsecured creditors and complete a distribution of the Prescribed Part.

#### Finalisation of tax position

5.4 The Administrators will be required to submit final corporation tax returns prior closure of the Administrations. On submission, the Administrators will request for clearance from HMRC to proceed to closure.

#### Discharge from liability

5.5 Steps will need to be taken to secure discharge from liability from the Companies' Secured Parties prior to closing the Administrations.

# 6. What happens next

#### Creditors' rights

- 6.1 Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the agreement of at least 5% of the value of the unsecured creditors) may request in writing that the Administrators provide further information about their fees or expenses (other than pre-administration costs) which have been itemised in this progress report.
- 6.2 Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the agreement of at least 10% of the value of unsecured creditors) may, within eight weeks of receipt of this report, make an application to court on the grounds that the basis fixed for the Administrators' fees is inappropriate, or that the fees charged or the expenses incurred by the Administrators during the period of this report are excessive.

#### **Next report**

6.3 The Administrators are required to provide a progress report within one month of the end of the next six months of the Administrations, or earlier if the Administrations have been finalised. For details of the proposed exit routes please see Appendix G.

For and on behalf of The Companies

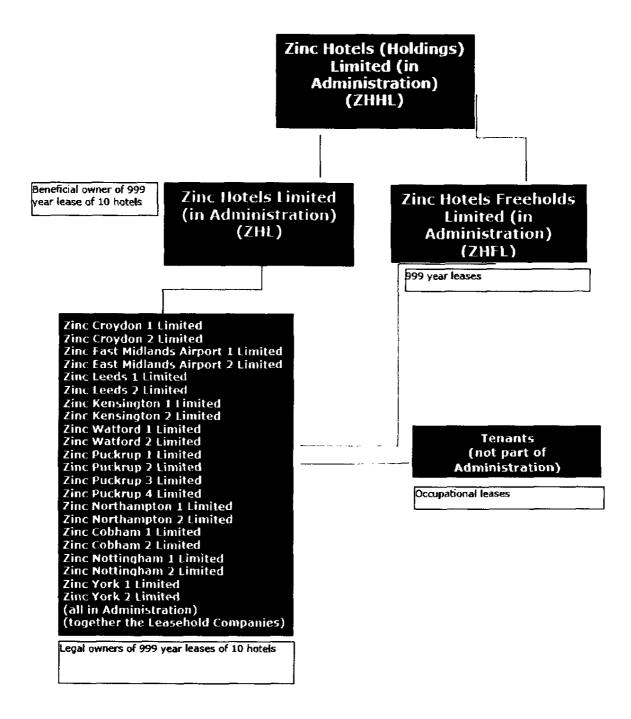
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# Appendix A. Summary group structure



# Appendix B. Statutory information

# Companies' information

| Company name and trading names       | Company<br>number | Court<br>reference | Former address   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Zinc Hotels Limited                  | 09115606          | 212 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Hotels (Holdings) Limited       | 09115573          | 196 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Hotels Freeholds Limited        | 09229416          | 183 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Croydon 1 Limited               | 09115664          | 206 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Croydon 2 Limited               | 09115669          | 210 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc East Midlands Airport 1 Limited | 09115655          | 198 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc East Midlands Airport 2 Limited | 09115660          | 193 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Leeds City 1 Limited            | 09115735          | 191 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Leeds City 2 Limited            | 09115725          | 217 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc London Kensington 1 Limited     | 09115683          | 214 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc London Kensington 2 Limited     | 09115728          | 184 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Watford 1 Limited               | 09115731          | 201 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Watford 2 Limited               | 09115719          | 211 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Puckrup Hall 1 Limited          | 09115682          | 220 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |

| Company name and trading names | Company<br>number | Court<br>reference | Former address   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|
| Zinc Puckrup Hall 2 Limited    | 09115670          | 221 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Puckrup Hall 3 Limited    | 09115736          | 189 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Puckrup Hall 4 Limited    | 09115704          | 192 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Northampton 1 Limited     | 09115701          | 216 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Northampton 2 Limited     | 09115703          | 187 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Cobham 1 Limited          | 09115698          | 179 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Cobham 2 Limited          | 09115729          | 194 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Nottingham 1 Limited      | 09115737          | 209 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc Nottingham 2 Limited      | 09115734          | 190 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc York 1 Limited            | 09115939          | 182 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |
| Zinc York 2 Limited            | 09115916          | 208 of 2018        | C/O Rees Pollock,<br>35 New Bridge Street, London,<br>EC4V 6BW |

# The below information applies to all the Companies:

| Item              | Details   |
|-------------------|---|
| Registered office | c/o AlixPartners, The Zenith Building, 26 Spring Gardens, Manchester, M2 1AB                            |
| Court details     | High Court of Justice, Business and Property Courts of England and Wales, Insolvency and Companies List |

## Appointor's information

Name Address Position

GLAS Trust Corporation Limited 45 Ludgate Hill, London, EC4M 7JU Floating charge holder

#### Administrators' information

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Name Address IP number Name of authorising body

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Ryan Grant resigned as joint appointee on 22 March 2018 following his departure from AlixPartners and Daniel Imison was appointed as joint appointee by block transfer on the same date. The change in appointees has not impacted the Administrations.

In accordance with paragraph 100(2) of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, all functions of the Administrators are to be exercised by any or all of the Administrators. All references to the Administrators should be read as the Joint Administrators.

#### **Extension of Administrations**

As previously reported, the Administrations were extended for a period of 12 months with the consent of the Court. The Administrations are due to expire on 9 January 2020.

# Appendix C. Receipts and Payments Account for the period 9 January 2019 to 8 July 2019 and a Cumulative Account for the period since appointment

#### ZHL

| Balance of fixed charge assets   | (1,743,382) |                        |
|--|-------------|------------------------|
| actured rathes   |             | (516,919,069           |
| Secured Parties  |             | 516,919,069            |
| Distributions  | (1,745,781) | (10,169,228            |
| Insurance of assets  | 2,766       | 2,766                  |
| SWAP costs   | •           | 22,000                 |
| Legal retainer   | (165,067)   | 8,983                  |
| Legal fees and disbursements   | 377,449     | 3,730,899              |
| Legal costs - adverse costs award  | •           | - 98,006               |
| IT costs   | •           | 7,35                   |
| GLAS agency fee  | •           | 22,62                  |
| Counsel fees   | 45,010      | 465,56                 |
| ** Nottingham car park rent  | •           | 15, 10                 |
| Bank charges   | 139         | 1,27                   |
| Agent's/valuer's fees and disbursements  | 1,061,000   | 3,208,84               |
| Administrators' fees and disbursements   | 424,484     | 2,585,79               |
| Mayble 15  | _,•         |                        |
| ·  | 2,399       | 528,147,87             |
| Security for costs   |             | 121,09                 |
| Rental income  | ₹           | 17,747,77              |
| Legal fees - adverse costs award   |             | 638,62                 |
| York   |             | 38, 203, 94            |
| Watford  |             | 31,901,65              |
| Puckrup Hall   |             | 17,696,50              |
| Nottingham   | _           | 19,997,34              |
| Northampton  |             | 23,598,64              |
| Leeds  | _           | 38,504,04              |
| Derby  | _           | 23,498,61              |
| Croydon  | •           | 30,301,07<br>22,298,17 |
| <ul> <li>* Freehold land and property - Regional 9:</li> <li>Cobham</li> </ul> |             | 70 201 07              |
| * Freehold land and property - Kensington                                      | •           | 261,500,00             |
| Contribution to coses  | •           | 2,090,27               |
| Bank Interest  | 2,399       | 50,10                  |
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| Fixed charge assets  |             |                        |
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#### Notes:

<sup>\*\*</sup> The car park rent has been paid to the landlord by the Administrators, however, has been recharged to the tenant through the rental income.

|              |                                   |             | 1,593,795    |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
|              | VAT receivable                    |             | 44,204       |
|              | Interest bearing accounts         |             | 1,549,590    |
|              | Represented by                    |             |              |
|              | Total balance                     | (1,742,461) | 1,593,795    |
|              | Balance of floating charge assets | 922         | 534,217      |
|              |                                   | (408)       | (452,359)    |
|              | SWAP valuation                    | -           | 24,000       |
|              | Legal fees                        | 405         | 320,552      |
|              | Counsel fees                      |             | 107,095      |
|              | Statutory advertising             |             | 677          |
|              | Category 1 dispursements:         |             |              |
|              | Bank charges                      | 3           | 35           |
|              | Payments                          |             |              |
|              |                                   | 1,330       | 986,576      |
| 9,582,993    | Cash at bank                      |             | 984,289      |
|              | Bank interest                     | 1,330       | 2,287        |
|              | Receipts                          |             |              |
|              | Floating charge assets            |             |              |
| of Albaids a |                                   | ⊬e iod £    | Cumulative + |
| Starement    |                                   |             |              |

Note: The above is subject to small rounding differences.

<sup>\*</sup> The directors' Statement of Affairs indicated an estimated to realise value of £600m - £1,000m for all properties.

# ZHHL, ZHFL and Leasehold Companies

The above account is for ZHL only, as it is the only entity with activity. Therefore, the receipts and payments accounts for ZHHL, ZHFL and the Leasehold Companies are all nil.

# Appendix D. Administrators' fees and pre-administration costs

#### Fees

A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Administrations' can be downloaded from AlixPartners' creditor portal (<a href="https://www.alixpartnersinfoportal.com">https://www.alixpartnersinfoportal.com</a>). If you would prefer this to be sent to you in hard copy please contact the Administrators and they will forward a copy to you.

Approval of the Administrators' fees has been sought in accordance with insolvency legislation. On 25 May 2018 the Secured Parties approved that the basis of the Administrators' fees be fixed in accordance with the terms set out in the Proposal as follows:

- ZHHL, ZHL & ZHFL as a combination of the following bases:
  - by reference to the time properly spent by the Administrators and their staff on matters arising in the Administrations in respect of all matters, save for time spent in relation to the realisations associated with the sale of the Hotels; and
  - as a percentage of the gross value realised from the sales of the Hotels, being 0.25%.
- The Leasehold Companies: set amount (fixed fee) of £10,000 plus VAT for each of the 22 entities for the first year of the Administrations.

In the first year (to period ending 8 January 2019), fees totalling £2.6 million plus disbursements have been drawn. A breakdown of these billings per entity alongside the year 1 fee estimates is below:

| Company/workstream            | Fee estimate (year 1) | Billed £  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| ZHL - statutory               | 50,000                | 50,000    |
| ZHL - litigation              | 130,000               | 130,000   |
| Other litigation              | -                     | 782,945   |
| ZHHL                          | 50,000                | 50,000    |
| ZHFL                          | 50,000                | 50,000    |
| Leasehold companies           | 220,000               | 220,000   |
| Sale of business              | 1,268,750             | 1,165,000 |
| Administrators' disbursements | -                     | 11,681    |
| Total:                        | 1,768,750             | 2,459,626 |

The Administrators can confirm that the fixed fees for year 1 have been utilised and billed in full for the Leasehold Companies (agreed at £10,000 per entity).

The fees in respect of other litigation, for which no provision was made in the original fee estimate, relate to litigation in regard to legal action threatened and subsequently conducted against the Administrators. As the class of creditors approving the Administrators' fees is the Secured Parties, the Administrators requested and received approval for the increases in fees estimated from them directly.

## Administrators' fee estimates (year 1)

ZHHL, ZHL and ZHFL

Details of the work that the Administrators envisage being required to undertake to achieve their objectives, and to comply with the statutory and regulatory duties that are imposed upon them as a consequence of their appointment are set out in section 3.

The anticipated amount of work and the costs associated with the Administration matters for the first year post appointment, except for time spent in relation to the realisations associated with the sale of the Hotels, were set out in the Proposals as follows:

| ZHL  | Hours       | Blended rate    | Anticipated |
|--|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Activity category                              | anticipated | per hour £      | cost £      |
| Trading  | 60.7        | 50 <del>9</del> | 30,904      |
| Realisation of assets (excluding Hotels)       | 74.4        | 403             | 29,963      |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 152.8       | 542             | 82,776      |
| Investigations                                 | 25          | 372             | 9,310       |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | 59          | 372             | 21,970      |
| Other matters                                  | 14          | 372             | 5,077       |
| Total  | 386         | 467             | 180,000     |

Note: this ZHL estimate included a £50,000 statutory element and £130,000 for litigation work.

| ZHHL Activity category                         | Hours<br>anticipated | Blended rate<br>per hour £ | Anticipated cost £ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Trading  | 5.3                  | 520                        | 2,756              |
| Realisation of assets (excluding Hotels)       | 11.1                 | 479                        | 5,321              |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 57.5                 | 479                        | 27,565             |
| Investigations                                 | 15                   | 372                        | 5,586              |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | 22.1                 | 372                        | 8,230              |
| Other matters                                  | 1.5                  | 372                        | 542                |
| Total  | 112.5                | 445                        | 50,000             |

| ZHFL Activity category                         | Hours<br>anticipated | Blended rate<br>per hour £ | Anticipated cost £ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Trading  | 5.8                  | 520                        | 3,016              |
| Realisation of assets (excluding Hotels)       | 11.3                 | 481                        | 5,431              |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 58.1                 | 481                        | 27,926             |
| Investigations                                 | 15                   | 372                        | 5,586              |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | 17.4                 | 372                        | 6,480              |
| Other matters                                  | 4.2                  | 372                        | 1,561              |
| Total  | 111.8                | 447                        | 50,000             |

These fee estimates applied to year 1 only for the Administrations. Further information in respect of fee estimates and billings for year 2 is provided below.

#### Year 2 fee estimate

As the year 1 fee estimates have been utilised in full, the Administrators consider that a revised fee estimate for year 2 is required in order to complete their duties. This is due to the following reasons and was reported in our previous report:

- Capex Claim whilst the Administrators were aware of the claim when the Proposals were issued, the strategy was dependant on the outcome of the sales of the Hotels. As sales of the Hotels progressed, the decision was taken to continue to pursue the appeal to have specific performance reinstated as a remedy. The matter was progressed through the Court and a settlement position reached with the counterparty. This resulted in the release of £120,000 into the estate.
- Unfair Harm Application and other litigation claims action against the
  Administrators was not budgeted for when the Proposals were prepared. In addition,
  action against other stakeholders, including the Tenants, was still being discussed at
  the issuance of the Proposals. Since then action has been commenced by parties
  connected to the Companies, albeit not by the Companies themselves.
- Statutory matters the Administrators will need to remain in office and tend to a
  number of statutory matters which includes reporting to all creditors, maintaining
  communications with the Secured Parties and continuing to ensure that all statutory
  duties are complied with.

The Administrators consider that further costs in relation to the Capex Claim and Unfair Harm Application may continue to be incurred in line with the strategies outlined in section 3. These costs will be approved and paid by the Secured Parties and will not require approval from unsecured creditors.

In the second year post appointment, statutory costs are expected to be £74,000. The Administrators' costs in respect of ongoing litigation is uncertain, and (depending on the level of work required) may exceed £100,000.

As previously stated, the creditors responsible for approving the Administrators' remuneration, and any increase in fee estimates, are the Secured Parties. The Administrators will therefore seek approval of any required increase from them directly. A summary of the remuneration drawn for year 2 to date is provided below:

| Activity category                | Total billed and paid $\pounds$ |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Administration work and strategy | 41,227                          |
| Capex claim                      | 51,282                          |
| Unfair Harm Application          | 33,646                          |
| Total                            | 126,155                         |

# Administrators' details of time spent to date

The Administrators' time costs for the Period are detailed below, per company and work stream.

#### ZHL

| Activity category                              | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period £ | Cumulative time costs £ |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Trading  | -                 | •                          | -                                | 12,467                  |
| Realisation of assets                          | 11.3              | 398                        | 3,25 <b>7</b>                    | 14,527                  |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 39.4              | 516                        | 18,411                           | 51,203                  |
| Investigations                                 | -                 | -                          | -                                | 381                     |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | 0.4               | 640                        | 256                              | 926                     |
| Total  | 51.1              | 429                        | 21,924                           | 79,503                  |

#### ZHHL

| Activity category                              | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period £ | Cumulative<br>time costs<br>£ |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Trading  | _                 | -                          | _                                | 617                           |
| Realisation of assets                          | 0.2               | 175                        | 35                               | 3,914                         |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 5.2               | 443                        | 2,393                            | 40,560                        |
| Investigations                                 | -                 | -                          | -                                | 5,487                         |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | -                 | -                          | •                                | 2,932                         |
| Total  | 5.4               | 450                        | 2,428                            | 53,510                        |

## **ZHFL**

| Activity category                              | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period £ | Cumulative<br>time costs<br>£ |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Trading  | -                 | -                          | -                                | 877                           |
| Realisation of assets                          | 0.2               | 358                        | 72                               | 4,046                         |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 4.2               | 469                        | 1,791                            | 41,732                        |
| Investigations                                 | -                 | -                          | ÷                                | 4,032                         |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | -                 | -                          | -                                | 2,088                         |
| Total  | 4.4               | 423                        | 1,843                            | 52,775                        |

#### Leasehold

| Activity category                              | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period £ | Cumulative<br>time costs<br>£ |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Trading  | 1.4               | 330                        | 462                              | 15,482                        |
| Realisation of assets                          | 5.0               | 464                        | 2,720                            | 24,208                        |
| Administration (including statutory reporting) | 62.8              | 389                        | 24,868                           | 197,610                       |
| Investigations                                 | -                 | -                          | -                                | 8,063                         |
| Creditors (claims and distribution)            | 4.5               | 330                        | 1,485                            | 7,387                         |
| Total  | 73.7              | 401                        | 29,534                           | 252,749                       |

#### Sale of business

| Activity category | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period E | Cumulative time costs £ |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Total             | 1.3               | 521                        | 677                              | 1,112,087               |

## **Capex Claim**

| Total             | 55.1              | 639                        | 35,207                           | 336,867                       |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Activity category | Hours<br>incurred | Average rate<br>per hour £ | Time cost<br>for the<br>Period £ | Cumulative<br>time costs<br>£ |

# Unfair Harm Application and other litigation claims

| Total             | 81.6     | 626          | 51,085.50           | 697,281          |
|-------------------|----------|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                   | incurred | per hour £   | for the<br>Period £ | time costs<br>£_ |
| Activity category | Hours    | Average rate | Time cost           | Cumulative       |

Note: in the Period the Administrators have completed a reconciliation of time incurred across all work streams which has resulted in a number of time re-allocations. Total time per work stream (and entity) may have changed from the last report due to this re-allocation exercise.

# Appendix E. Administrators' expenses and disbursements

## **Expenses of the Administrations**

The table below details the anticipated expenses which will be incurred by third parties whilst dealing with the Administrations, as set out in the Proposals.

| Total (hafaya agaut-) | 2 million 2 E million      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Data room             | £5,000 - £15,000           |
| Insurance             | £3,000-£5,000              |
| Tax advice            | £20,000 - £40,000          |
| Agents' fees          | 0.65-0.75% of realisations |
| Legal costs           | £2 million - £2.4 million  |
|                       | Anticipated cost £         |

# Total (before agents)

2 million - 2.5 million

#### **Current position of Administrators' expenses**

An analysis of the costs paid to date, together with those incurred but not paid as at the end of the Period is provided below.

|  | Paid in the Period $\it E$ | Incurred but<br>not paid £ | Total<br>anticipated cost<br>£ |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Legal costs:                                       |                            |                            |                                |
| Ashurst  | 450                        | n/a                        | £1.3 million                   |
| Burges Salmon                                      | n/a                        | n/a                        | £295,516                       |
| Freshfields (inc counsel)                          | 422,010                    | 5,807                      | Uncertain*                     |
| US counsel   | n/a                        | n/a                        | n/a                            |
| Agent's fees:                                      |                            |                            |                                |
| Property disposal and marketing                    | 861,000                    | n/a                        | 2,730,183                      |
| Michels & Taylor                                   | n/a                        | n/a                        | 70,000                         |
| Other  | n/a                        | n/a                        | 80,000                         |
| Cost cover of unsuccessful Regional Nine bidders** | 200,000                    | n/a                        | 200,000                        |
| Data room  | n/a                        | n/a                        | 7,500                          |
| Total  | 1,483,865                  | n/a                        | Uncertain*                     |

<sup>\*</sup>Note: the final level of legal fees cannot be confirmed at this point and will be subject to work required on the litigation areas outlined in the report.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: following the completion of the Regional 9 sales process, the Administrators were committed to paying the costs of the unsuccessful bidders.

The costs of property agents are linked to the sale of the Hotels and are detailed in the property disposal line. The basis of their fees is set out in Appendix F.

#### Administrators' disbursements

A copy of the analysis of anticipated disbursements previously provided is set out below. The actual expenses may be found in the Receipts and Payments Account at Appendix C.

| Total                     | 7,635                                     |
|---------------------------|---|
| Stationery and postage    | 100                                       |
| Storage                   | 500                                       |
| Travel and subsistence    | 5,000                                     |
| Statutory advertising     | 700                                       |
| Specific penalty bond     | 1,335                                     |
| Category 1 disbursements: |   |
|                           | Anticipated cost $oldsymbol{\mathcal{E}}$ |

# Appendix F. Additional information in relation to the Administrators' fees

## **Policy**

Detailed below is AlixPartners' policy in relation to:

- staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors:
- professional advisors; and
- disbursements.

Staff allocation and the use of sub-contractors

The Administrators' general approach to resourcing their assignments is to allocate staff with the skills and experience to meet the specific requirements of the case. The case team will usually consist of a managing director, a director or senior vice president, a vice president and a consultant. The exact case team will depend on the anticipated size and complexity of the assignment and the experience requirements of the assignment. On larger, more complex cases, several staff at all grades may be allocated to meet the demands of the case. The Administrators' charge-out rate schedule overleaf provides details of all grades of staff.

With regard to support staff, time spent by treasury staff in relation to tasks such as recording transactions and dealing with bank accounts is charged but secretarial time is only recovered if a large block of time is incurred, e.g. report compilation and distribution.

The Administrators have not utilised the services of any sub-contractors in these cases.

#### Professional advisors

On these assignments the Administrators have used the professional advisors listed below. The Administrators have also indicated the basis of their fee arrangement with them, which is subject to review on a regular basis.

Name of professional advisor Basis of fee arrangement

Ashurst LLP (legal advice) Hourly rate and disbursements

Burges Salmon LLP (legal advice) Hourly rate and disbursements Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer LLP (legal advice) Hourly rate and disbursements

Willis Tower Watson Limited (insurance) Risk based premium

Imprima iRooms Limited (IT data room) Fee based on data usage and

disbursements PMC Treasury Limited (SWAP advice) Fixed fee

Pegasus Capital Advisors (SWAP advice) Arcadis (UK) Limited (building design and consultancy) Hourly rate and disbursements

Michels & Taylor (property management) Hourly rate and disbursements

Fixed fee

Jones Lang LaSalle (property) Percentage of realisations Christie & Co (property)

Fixed fee

Savills UK (property)

Percentage of realisations

The Administrators' choice was based on their perception of the professional advisors' experience and ability to perform this type of work, the complexity and nature of the assignment and the basis of their fee arrangement with them.

#### Disbursements

Category 1 disbursements do not require approval by creditors. Category 1 disbursements may include external supplies of incidental services specifically identifiable to the case e.g. postage, case advertising, invoiced travel and external printing, room hire and document storage. Any properly reimbursed expenses incurred by the Administrators and their staff will also be chargeable.

Category 2 disbursements do require approval prior to being paid and will be drawn in accordance with the approval given, they may include business mileage for staff travel - charged at the rate of 45 pence per mile.

#### Charge-out rates

A schedule of AlixPartners' charge-out rates for this assignment effective from 1 January 2019, together with the applicable rates prior to, is detailed below. Time is charged by managing directors and case staff in units of six minutes.

| Description           | Rates prior to<br>1 January 2019<br>£ | Rates from<br>1 January 2019<br>£ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Managing director     | 645-705                               | 735                               |
| Director              | 615                                   | 640                               |
| Senior vice president | 520                                   | 540                               |
| Vice president        | 380-465                               | 395-485                           |
| Consultant            | 210-315                               | 220-330                           |
| Treasury and support  | 105-250                               | 115-260                           |

# Appendix G. Exit routes and discharge from liability

#### Extension

The Administrations were due to end automatically on 9 January 2019, however it was not possible to conclude all outstanding matters prior to this date. The Administrators sought the approval of the Court, with the agreement of the Secured Parties, for an extension to the Administrations for a period of 12 months in accordance with paragraph 76 of schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986. A court application was filed and on 12 December 2018 the Court granted the requested extensions. The Administrations will now expire on 9 January 2020.

#### Dissolution

The Administrators are currently of the opinion that other than the funds available to unsecured creditors of ZHL by way of the Prescribed Part, the other companies will not have property which might permit a distribution to their unsecured creditors.

Following any distribution to unsecured creditors of ZHL, the Administrators will file notices together with their final progress report at court and with the Registrar of Companies for the dissolution of the Companies. The Administrators will send copies of these documents to the Companies and their creditors. The Administrations will end following the registration of the notices by the Registrar of Companies.

## Compulsory liquidation

A liquidator of a company has certain powers such as the ability to disclaim onerous contracts or assets that are not available to an Administrator. If such powers become necessary, the Administrators may make an application to court to end the Administrations and request that the court places the Companies into compulsory liquidation. The Administrators will send notice of any such application to the Companies and their creditors.

#### Discharge from liability

The Administrators will seek approval for their discharge from liability from the Secured Parties. It is proposed that the Administrators will be discharged from liability under paragraph 98 of schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 directly after their appointments as Administrators cease to have effect.

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