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# SOMERSET CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLP

#### REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

♦ Year ended 31 March 2015 ♦

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#### REPORT OF THE MEMBERS

The members present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2015.

#### **Principal Activity**

The principal activity of Somerset Capital Management LLP (the "LLP") is the provision of investment advisory and management services.

#### **Business Review and Future Developments**

The LLP currently provides investment management services to four Delaware limited liability companies incorporated in the United States of America, three authorised UK OEIC funds incorporated in England & Wales, and eighteen managed accounts.

The profit for the year is shown in the profit and loss account on page 7.

During the forthcoming year the members expect assets under management and profitability of the LLP to increase.

#### **Members and Drawings**

Designated members during the year and up to the date of this report were:

Dominic Johnson Jacob Rees-Mogg Edward Robertson

### Policies for Members Profits, Bonuses, Drawings, Subscriptions and Repayment of Members Capital

Policies for members' profits, drawings, bonuses, and transfers from equity to debt, subscriptions and repayment of members' capital are governed by the Limited Liability Partnership Agreement (the "Agreement") dated 2 August 2007. In summary, the Executive Committee determines the capital contribution to be made by each member which shall be repayable only on winding-up or except as specifically provided in the Agreement. The Executive Committee has discretion to determine the level of each member's drawings and each member is allowed to withdraw amounts standing to the credit of their Distribution Account. Where the cash requirements of the business conflict with the need for members' drawings, the cash requirements of the business take priority and members' drawings are deferred.

#### **Disclosure of Information to Auditors**

It is stated by the members who held office at the date of approval of this Members' Report that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the LLP's auditors are unaware, and all the members have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as members to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the LLP's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **REPORT OF THE MEMBERS - continued**

#### **Auditors**

SRG LLP have expressed their willingness to remain in office as auditors of the LLP.

This report was approved and signed on behalf of Somerset Capital Management LLP by:

Dominic Johnson Designated Member Jacob Rees-Mogg //
Designated Member

24 June 2015

### STATEMENT OF MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Company law as applied to limited liability partnerships by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 (the "Regulations") requires the members to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the members have prepared the partnership financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law as applied to limited liability partnerships the members 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 partnership and of the profit or loss of the partnership for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the partnership will continue in business.

The members are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the partnership's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the partnership and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships by the Regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the partnership and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOMERSET CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLP

We have audited the financial statements of Somerset Capital Management LLP for the year ended 31 March 2015 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Account, the Cash Flow Statement and related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the members of the LLP, as a body, in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 as modified by the Limited Liability Partnership Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the LLPs' 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 LLP and the LLPs' members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS AND AUDITOR

As explained more fully in the Members' Responsibilities Statement on page 4, the members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

#### SCOPE OF THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the limited liability partnership's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the designated members; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Report of the Members to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

#### **OPINION ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the limited liability partnership's affairs as at 31 March 2015 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships by the Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SOMERSET CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLP (Continued)

#### MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 as applied to limited liability partnerships requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

SRG LLR

David Skeet FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of SRG LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom

24 June 2015

#### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31 March 2015

		Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2014
	Note	£	£
Turnover	1	18,938,737	12,234,622
Administration expenses		(4,258,842)	(4,296,483)
Operating profit	2	14,679,895	7,938,139
Interest receivable and similar income		2,554	803
Dividends receivable		428	335
Gain/(loss) on investments		2,812	(3,905)
Profit for the year before members'			
remuneration and profit shares		14,685,689	7,935,372
Members' remuneration charged as an expense		(3,157,423)	(2,302,845)
Retained profit for the year available			
for discretionary division among members		11,528,266	5,632,527

There are no recognised gains and losses in the year other than disclosed in the profit and loss account above.

All activities related to continuing operations.

There is no difference between the retained profit for the year available for discretionary division among members and their historical cost equivalents.

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

as at 31 March 2015

	Note	31 March 2015 £	Restated 31 March 2014 £
Current assets			
Investments	5	31,473	28,662
Debtors	6	7,897,844	4,714,343
Cash at bank and in hand		4,736,115	1,881,979
Current liabilities		12,665,432	6,624,984
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	7	(398,264)	(346,867)
Net assets attributable to members		12,267,168	6,278,117
Represented by:			
Loans and other debts due to members within one year	8	51,903	8,591
Members' other interests classified as equity under FRS 25			
Members' capital	8	686,999	636,999
Other reserves	8	_11,528,266_	5,632,527
		12,215,265	6,269,526
		12,267,168	6,278,117
Total members' interests:			
Members' other interests	8	12,215,265	6,269,526
Loans and other debts due from members	8	(4,486,899)	(2,762,841)
Loans and other debts due to members	8	51,903	8,591
		7,780,269	3,515,276

The financial statements were approved on 24 June 2015 and signed on behalf of the members by:

Dominic Johnson Designated Member

Jacob Rees-Mogg

Designated Member

Somerset Capital Management LLP

Company No: OC327862

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

#### CASH FLOW STATEMENT

for the year ended 31 March 2015	Note	Year ended 31 March 2015 £	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
Net cash inflow from operating activities	9	13,597,517	7,393,591
Returns on investment and servicing of finance Interest received Dividends received		2,554 428 2,982	803 335 1,138
Transactions with members Capital introduced by members Drawings paid to members Other amounts due to members Other amounts received from members		50,000 (10,731,478) (126,388)	(6,768,985) - 19,404
Increase in cash in the year	,	2,792,633	(6,749,581)
Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net funds:			
Increase in cash in the year	10	2,792,633	645,148
Foreign exchange differences		61,503	(133,357)
Movement in net funds in the year		2,854,136	511,791
Net funds at beginning of the year		1,881,979	1,370,188
Net funds at end of the year	10	4,736,115	1,881,979

The notes on pages 10 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting by Limited Liability Partnerships (2010 version).

#### b) Turnover

Turnover comprises investment management fees. Fees are accounted for in the profit and loss account on an accruals basis exclusive of value added tax.

#### c) Expenses

Expenses relate to costs incurred by the LLP in relation to the administration and business of the LLP and are recognised on an accruals basis.

#### d) Taxation

No provision for taxation is made in the LLP's financial statements as any liability arising is assessable directly on the individual members.

#### e) Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate ruling at the date of transaction. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences are taken into the profit and loss account.

#### f) Current asset investments

All investments are initially recorded at cost and revalued at the balance sheet date. Provision is made for any permanent diminution in value.

#### g) Cash flow statement

For the purposes of the cash flow statement only, cash comprises cash in hand and overnight deposits, net of the amount of any overdrafts.

#### h) Members' remuneration and interests

Members' rights to participate in the profits or losses, or assets of the LLP are analysed between those that give rise to, from the LLP's perspective, either a financial liability or equity, in accordance with FRS 25, 'Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation' ("FRS 25") and UITF Abstract 39, 'Members' Shares in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments'. Members' different participation rights are analysed separately into liability and equity elements.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – continued for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### h) Members' remuneration and interests - continued

#### Members' remuneration

Non-discretionary amounts becoming due to members in respect of participation rights in the profits of the LLP for an accounting period that give rise to liabilities are presented as an expense within the profit and loss account (within the heading Members' remuneration charged as an expense).

Amounts becoming due to members in respect of equity participation rights, following a discretionary division of profits, are debited directly to equity in the accounting period in which the division occurs.

Such amounts are not presented as an expense within the profit and loss account. A discretionary division of profits that takes place after the balance sheet date is a non-adjusting event under FRS 21, Events after the balance sheet date.

#### Members' interests

Members' capital is accounted for in accordance with FRS 25. Where the LLP has a contractual obligation to deliver cash or another financial asset to the member, the capital is treated as debt. Where the LLP has an unconditional right to avoid delivering cash or other financial assets to a member in respect of such amounts (i.e. repayment of the member's capital is discretionary) it is treated as equity.

#### 2. OPERATING PROFIT

	Year ended 31 March 2015	Year ended 31 March 2014
This is stated after charging:	£	£
Auditors' remuneration –		
Audit services	4,200	4,200
Taxation services	2,400	2,400
Foreign exchange (gain)/loss	(61,503)	133,357

A management charge of £4,098,797 (2014: £2,892,221) was paid to the corporate member, Somerset Capital Management Limited (see note 11 on Related Party Transactions). This includes the auditors' remuneration shown above.

#### 3. EMPLOYEES

The partnership has no direct employees.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### 4. MEMBERS' REMUNERATION

The profit for the year available for discretionary division among members was £11,528,266 (2014: £5,632,527).

The largest entitlement to profit of a member during the year was £558,056 (2014: £476,122).

	Average monthly number of members	Year ended 31 March 2015 No.	Year ended 31 March 2014 No.
	Office and management	10	11
	Corporate members	8	8_
	-	18	19
5.	CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS		
		31 March 2015 £	31 March 2014 £
	Other investments:	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>~</b>
	PFS Somerset Global Emerging Markets Fund	31,473	28,662
6.	DEBTORS		
		31 March 2015 • £	31 March 2014 £
	Amounts due from members	4,486,899	2,762,841
	Trade debtors	2,843,473	1,755,397
	Amounts due from Somerset Capital Management		
	Singapore Pte Limited (note 11) Amounts due from Somerset Capital Management	153,472	-
	(Cayman) Limited (note 11)	33,670	29,987
	Prepayments and accrued income	360,139	166,118
	Other debtors	7,460	-
	VAT receivable	12,731	
		7,897,844	4,714,343

The 2014 comparative of amounts due from members has been restated to include £345,310 owed by the corporate member, Somerset Capital Management Limited.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2015

#### 7. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

· ·	31 March 2015 £	31 March 2014 £
Trade creditors Amounts due to Somerset Capital Management	11,237	3,010
Singapore Pte Limited (note 11)	_	200,854
Other creditors	385,487	143,003
Accruals	1,540	
_	398,264	346,867

### 8. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN MEMBERS OTHER AND TOTAL INTERESTS

	Members' capital	Other reserves classified as equity	2015 Total £	Loans and other debts due to/from members	2015 Total	2014 Total £
Amounts due to members	-	-	-	8,591	-	-
Amounts due from members				(2,762,841)		
Opening Members' interests	636,999	5,632,527	6,269,526	(2,754,250)	3,515,276	2,674,794
Profit for the financial year available for division among members		14,685,689	14,685,689	<u>.</u>	14,685,689	7,935,372
Members' interests after profit for the year	636,999	20,318,216	20,955,215	(2,754,250)	18,200,965	10,610,166
Division of profit	-	(8,789,950)	(8,789,950)	8,789,950	•	-
Introduced by Members	50,000	-	50,000	-	50,000	•
Drawings	-	-	-	(10,731,478)	(10,731,478)	(6,768,985)
Other movements	686,999	11,528,266	12,215,265	<u>260,782</u> (4,434,996)	<u>260,782</u> 7,780,269	<u>(325,905)</u> 3,515,276
Amounts due to members	-	-	-	51,903	-	-
Amounts due from members				(4,486,899)	<u>.</u>	·
Members' interests at 31 March 2015	686,999	11,528,266	12,215,265	(4,434,996)	7,780,269	3,515,276

Amounts due to members have been subordinated to the claims of other creditors in a winding up of the LLP.

The 2014 comparative amounts due from members has been restated to include £345,310 owed by the corporate member, Somerset Capital Management Limited.

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued for the year ended 31 March 2015

### 9. RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING PROFIT TO NET CASH INFLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	Year ended 31 March 2015 £	Year ended 31 March 2014 £
Operating profit	14,679,895	7,938,139
Increase in debtors	(1,114,132)	(598,293)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	93,257	(79,612)
Foreign exchange differences	(61,503)	133,357_
Net cash inflow from operating activities	13,597,517	7,393,591

#### 10. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1 April 2014 £	Cash inflow £	Non-cash movement £	At 31 March 2015 £
Net cash Cash at bank and in hand	1,881,979	2,792,633	61,503	4,736,115
Net cash	1,881,979	2,792,633	61,503	4,736,115

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Somerset Capital Management LLP (the "LLP") is under the control of the designated members.

During the year the LLP to its corporate member, Somerset Capital Management Limited ("SCM Limited"), paid management charges of £4,098,797 (2014: £2,892,221) in respect of expenses incurred on behalf of the LLP and allocated no profits (2014: £79,312). SCM Limited is controlled by Dominic Johnson, Jacob Rees-Mogg and Edward Robertson, members of the LLP.

At 31 March 2015 the LLP owed SCM Limited £41,862 (2014: SCM Limited owed the LLP £345,310).

During the year the LLP paid no management charges to Somerset Capital Management Singapore Pte Limited ("SCMS Limited") (2014: £1,069,156) in respect of expenses incurred on behalf of the LLP. The LLP received management fees of £1,046,076 (2014: £287,700) from SCMS Limited in respect of research advisory, operational and administrative services. At 31 March 2015, SCMS Limited owed the LLP £153,472 (2014: the LLP owed SCMS Limited £200,854). SCMS Limited is ultimately controlled by Dominic Johnson, Jacob Rees-Mogg and Edward Robertson, members of the LLP.

At 31 March 2015, Somerset Capital Management (Cayman) Limited ("SCMC Limited") owed the LLP £33,670 (2014: £29,987). SCM Limited, the corporate member, is the parent undertaking of SCMC Limited.

#### 12. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

During June 2015 the LLP allocated profits of £11,528,266 to members (June 2014: £5,632,527).