# SPECIAL PLACES LIMITED (formerly VILLA SELECT LIMITED) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

The directors have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of the company for the year ended 30 September 2009.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND BUSINESS REVIEW

Until 31 January 2009 the principal activity of the company was that of a provider of villa accommodation and other travel related services. On 31 January 2009, the company sold all its business and assets to Western & Oriental Travel Limited, a fellow group undertaking. Following this, the company ceased trading

The company made a profit for the year ended 30 September 2009 of £2,654,056 (2008 – profit of £77,351) The profit for the year includes a profit on disposal of trade and assets to Western & Oriental Travel Limited of £2,993,907 (2008 - £nil) The directors recommended the payment of a dividend of £2,760,926 (2008 - £nil)

The company has met the requirements in Companies Act 2006 to obtain the exemption provided from the presentation of an enhanced business.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors who served the company during the period were as follows

I A Neale K Golds

#### DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

The directors who held office at the date of approval of this directors' report confirm that, so far as they are each aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a director to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

#### AUDITOR

The Company is a dormant company and the Directors consider that an audit is unlikely to be required in relation to the financial year to 30 September 2010. Therefore no auditors will be appointed or reappointed by the company in accordance with Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Registered office. Welby House 96 Wilton Road London SWIV 1DW

Company Registration No 01737937

Signed by order of the directors

S Watkins

Company Secretary

Approved by the directors on 23 March 2010

# STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

The directors are responsible for preparing the 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 UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period.

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 their profit or loss for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and

prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that its financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, KPMG AUDIT PLC, TO THE MEMBERS OF SPECIAL PLACES LIMITED (formerly VILLA SELECT LIMITED)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

We have audited the financial statements of Special Places Limited (formerly Villa Select Limited) for the year ended 30 September 2009 set out on pages 5 to 12. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and UK Accounting Standards (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

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 auditors' 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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit 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 (APB's) Ethical Standards for Auditors

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

A description of the scope of an audit of financial statements is provided on the APB's web-site at <a href="https://www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP">www.frc.org.uk/apb/scope/UKNP</a>

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 30 September 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS, KPMG AUDIT PLC, TO THE MEMBERS OF SPECIAL PLACES LIMITED (formerly VILLA SELECT LIMITED)

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### 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 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

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- 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

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(Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of KPMG Audit Plc, Statutory Auditor

Chartered Accountants

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### PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

TURNOVER	Note	2009 £ 245,672	2008 £ 5,312,414
Cost of sales		(422,113)	(4,738,795)
GROSS (LOSS) / PROFIT		(176,441)	573,619
Administrative expenses		(163,410)	(537,165)
OPERATING (LOSS) / PROFIT	2	(339,851)	36,454
Profit on disposal of trade and assets	6	2,993,907	-
		2,654,056	36,454
Interest receivable and other similar income		-	10,592
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		2,654,056	47,046
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	30,305
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		2,654,056	77,351

All of the activities of the company are classed as discontinued

#### Statement of total recognised gains and losses

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit of £2,654,056 attributable to the shareholders for the year ended 30 September 2009 (2008 – profit of £77,351)

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

### **30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

FIXED ASSETS	Note	2009 £	2008 £
Tangible assets	7	-	26,129
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors Cash at bank	8	<b>50,000</b> -	199,636 422,403
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	50,000	622,039 (489,898)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		50,000	132,141
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		50,000	158,270
PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES Deferred taxation	10	50,000	(1,400) 156,870
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called-up equity share capital Profit and loss account	13 14	50,000	50,000
SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15	50,000	156,870

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the directors and authorised for issue on 23 March 2010, and are signed on their behalf by:

I A Neale

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with matters which are considered material in relation to the financial statements of the company

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with applicable UK accounting standards.

#### Cash flow statement

Under Financial Reporting Standard ("FRS") 1 the company is exempt from the requirement to prepare a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Western & Oriental plc, which includes the company in its own published consolidated financial statements

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the invoiced value, net of Value Added Tax and other sales taxes, of goods sold and services provided to customers

Turnover is recognised as follows

Travel operator business

- on the date of departure

Travel agency business

- on the date of booking confirmation

#### **Fixed assets**

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows

Fixtures & Fittings

25% reducing balance

Motor Vehicles

15% reducing balance

#### Leases

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and the outstanding future lease obligations are shown in creditors. Operating lease rentals are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Deferred taxation

Deferred tax 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 a 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

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

#### Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

#### 2. PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAX

Profit on ordinary activities before tax is stated after charging

	2009	2008
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	-	5,040
Auditor's remuneration - audit of these financial statements	3,000	16,564
Operating lease costs: plant, equipment and other	5,000	15,000
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Amounts paid to the Company's auditor in respect of services to the Company, other than the audit of the Company's financial statements, have not been disclosed as the information is required instead to be disclosed on a consolidated basis in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's parent Western & Oriental plc

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

#### 3. PARTICULARS OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial period was

|                                               | 2009   | 2008        |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------|-------------|
|                                               | No     | No          |
| Reservations                                  | 2      | 5           |
| Administrative                                | 1      | 3           |
|                                               |        |             |
|                                               | 3      | 8           |
|                                               |        | <del></del> |
| The aggregate payroll costs of the above were |        |             |
|                                               | 2009   | 2008        |
|                                               | £      | £           |
| Wages and salaries                            | 65,442 | 175,905     |
| Social security costs                         | 7,923  | 15,895      |
|                                               | 73,365 | 191,800     |

#### 4. DIRECTORS' EMOLUMENTS

The directors did not receive any emoluments for their services to the company during this year or the previous year

#### 5. TAXATION ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

## (a) Analysis of charge / (credit) in the year

|                                                                   | 2009<br>£ | 2008<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Current tax                                                       |           |           |
| UK Corporation tax based on the results for the year at 28% (2008 |           |           |
| - 28%)                                                            |           | (30,305)  |

#### (b) Factors affecting current tax charge/ (credit)

The tax assessed on the profit on ordinary activities for the period is lower (2008 - lower) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008 - 28%)

|                                                                        | 2009<br>£ | 2008<br>£ |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Profit on ordinary activities before taxation                          | 2,654,056 | 47,046    |
| Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by rate of tax at 28% (2008 – |           |           |
| 28%)                                                                   | 743,136   | 13,173    |
| Unrecognised current year tax losses                                   | 97,552    | -         |
| Group relief surrendered/ (claimed)                                    | -         | (3,081)   |
| Non taxable income                                                     | (838,294) | •         |
| Transfer pricing adjustment                                            | (2,394)   | -         |
| Adjustment in respect of a prior period                                | -         | (40,397)  |
| Total current tax charge / (credit) (note 5(a))                        | -         | (30,305)  |

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

| 6. PROFIT ON DISPOSAL OF TRADE | AND | ASSETS |
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|
|--------------------------------|-----|--------|

|                                                          | 2009<br>£              | 2008<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Proceeds Less' net assets disposed of at 31 January 2009 | 3,346,926<br>(353,019) | -<br>•    |
| Profit on sale of operation                              | 2,993,907              |           |

On the 31 January 2009 the company sold all of its trade and assets to Western & Oriental Travel Limited, a fellow group undertaking

#### 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

|    |                                        | Fixtures &<br>Fittings<br>£ | Motor<br>Vehicles<br>£ | Total<br>£   |
|----|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
|    | COST                                   | •                           |                        | _            |
|    | At 1 October 2008                      | 131,534                     | 14,094                 | 145,628      |
|    | Disposals                              | (131,534)                   | (14,094)               | (145,628)    |
|    | At 30 September 2009                   | <del></del>                 |                        | -            |
|    | DEPRECIATION                           |                             |                        |              |
|    | At 1 October 2008                      | 105,405                     | 14,094                 | 119,499      |
|    | Disposals                              | (105,405)                   | (14,094)               | (119,499)    |
|    | At 30 September 2009                   |                             |                        | <del>-</del> |
|    | NET BOOK VALUE<br>At 30 September 2009 | -                           | -                      |              |
|    | At 30 September 2008                   | 26,129                      |                        | 26,129       |
| 8. | DEBTORS                                |                             |                        |              |
|    |                                        |                             | 2009                   | 2008         |
|    |                                        |                             | £                      | £            |
|    | Corporation tax                        |                             | <u>-</u>               | 29,436       |
|    | Group debtors                          |                             | 50,000                 | 170.000      |
|    | Other debtors                          |                             | -                      | 170,200      |
|    |                                        |                             | 50,000                 | 199,636      |
|    |                                        |                             | <del></del>            |              |

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 9. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

|                                    | 2009        | 2008    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|---------|
|                                    | £           | £       |
| Trade creditors                    | -           | 134,480 |
| Other taxation and social security | -           | 7,998   |
| Other creditors                    | -           | 347,420 |
|                                    | <del></del> | 400.000 |
|                                    | -           | 489,898 |

#### 10. DEFERRED TAXATION

The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the period was

|                                          | 2009        | 2008  |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|-------|
|                                          | £           | £     |
| Provision brought forward                | 1,400       | 1,400 |
| Transfer on disposal of trade and assets | (1,400)     | -     |
|                                          | <del></del> |       |
| Provision carried forward                | -           | 1,400 |
|                                          |             |       |

The provision for deferred taxation consists of the tax effect of timing differences in respect of

|                                                                 | 2009 | 2008  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------|-------|
|                                                                 | £    | £     |
| Excess of taxation allowances over depreciation on fixed assets | -    | 1,400 |
|                                                                 |      |       |

#### 11. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 30 September 2009 the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

|                                | 2009      |       | 2008        |       |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------|-------|
|                                | Land &    | Other | Land &      | Other |
|                                | Buildings | Items | Buildings   | Items |
|                                | £         | £     | £           | £     |
| Operating leases which expire. |           |       |             |       |
| Within 2 to 5 years            | -         | _     | 30,000      | _     |
| •                              |           |       | <del></del> |       |

#### 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has a 100% interest in Villa Select (Flights) Limited, which is dormant and has not traded in the year

As the company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Western & Oriental plc, the company has taken advantage of the exemption contained in FRS 8 and has therefore not disclosed transactions or balances with entities which form part of the group

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

| 13. | SHARE CAPITAL                                      |        |        | <del> </del> |               |  |  |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|---------------|--|--|
| 10. |                                                    |        |        |              |               |  |  |
|     | Authorised share capital:                          |        |        |              |               |  |  |
|     |                                                    |        |        | 2009         | 2008          |  |  |
|     | 100,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each                 |        |        | £<br>100,000 | 100,000       |  |  |
|     | Allotted, called up and fully paid:                |        |        |              |               |  |  |
|     |                                                    | 2009   |        |              | 2008          |  |  |
|     |                                                    | No     | £      | No           | £             |  |  |
|     | Ordinary shares of £1 each                         | 50,000 | 50,000 | 50,000       | 50,000        |  |  |
| 14. | RESERVES                                           |        |        |              |               |  |  |
|     |                                                    | Pro    |        |              | ofit and loss |  |  |
|     |                                                    |        |        |              | account       |  |  |
|     | Balance brought forward                            |        |        |              | £<br>106,870  |  |  |
|     | Profit for the year                                |        |        |              | 2,654,056     |  |  |
|     | Dividend                                           |        |        |              | (2,760,926)   |  |  |
|     | Balance carried forward                            |        |        |              |               |  |  |
| 15. | RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS |        |        |              |               |  |  |
|     |                                                    |        |        | 2009         | 2008          |  |  |
|     |                                                    |        |        | £            | £             |  |  |
|     | Opening shareholders' funds                        |        |        | 156,870      | 79,519        |  |  |
|     | Profit for the financial year                      |        |        | 2,654,056    | 77,351        |  |  |
|     | Dividend                                           |        |        | (2,760,926)  |               |  |  |

### 16. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

Closing shareholders' funds

The immediate and ultimate parent company is Western & Oriental plc, a company registered in England and Wales Copies of the Western & Oriental plc consolidated Group financial statements may be obtained from Western & Oriental plc, Welby House, 96 Wilton Road, London, SWIV IDW

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