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Blackburn Specsavers Limited
Report and Financial Statements (Filleled Accounts)
for the Year Ended 31 August 2017

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Company Information

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Blackburn Specsavers Limited

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2017

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	112,376	111,822
Investments	7	200	200
		<u>112,576</u>	<u>112,022</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		54,307	52,207
Debtors	8	32,754	36,332
Cash and cash equivalents	9	48,468	34,711
		<u>135,529</u>	<u>123,250</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(1,289,068)</u>	<u>(828,695)</u>
Net current liabilities		<u>(1,153,539)</u>	<u>(705,445)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>(1,040,963)</u>	<u>(593,423)</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	<u>(12,619)</u>	<u>(29,392)</u>
Net liabilities		<u>(1,053,582)</u>	<u>(622,815)</u>
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	13	100	100
Profit and loss account		<u>(1,053,682)</u>	<u>(622,915)</u>
Total equity		<u>(1,053,582)</u>	<u>(622,815)</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with the provisions of FRS 102 Section 1A - small entities. The Company has elected not to file a Profit and Loss Account.

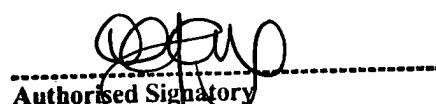
Approved and authorised by the Board on **26 JUL 2018** and signed on its behalf by:



Director

AHMED DESHMUKH

For Specsavers Optical Group Limited



Authorised Signatory

NICOLA JOHNS

Blackburn Specsavers Limited

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2017

1 General information

The company is a private company limited by share capital incorporated in the United Kingdom.

The address of its registered office is:

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Parkway
Solent Business Park
Whiteley, Fareham
United Kingdom
PO15 7PA

2 Dividends

During the current financial year the company distributed dividends of £215,873 when there were insufficient distributable reserves. The company has two wholly owned subsidiaries and when the distributable reserves of the company are considered with those of the two subsidiaries, there were sufficient distributable reserves for these dividends. This combined position of positive distributable reserves existed both at Augusts 2016 and throughout the current financial year up to the current date. The directors also note that none of the company's creditors have been adversely impacted as a result of these distributions, and controls have been enacted going forward to prevent the issue recurring in the future.

3 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 102 Section 1A – small entities.

The company transitioned from previously extant UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 September 2015. An explanation of how the transition has affected the reported financial position and financial performance is given in note 17.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the company and are rounded to the nearest £.

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3 Accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised to the extent that the Company obtains the right to consideration in exchange for its performance. Revenue represents the amount charged, net of value added tax, by the company as a wholesaler for goods provided to the company's retail subsidiary during the period. The following criteria must also be met before revenue is recognised:

Revenue from the sale of goods and services is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, usually on dispatch of the goods, or when services are provided and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Deferred revenue arises when cash is received in advance of revenue being earned, either in the form of deposits received for spectacles which have not been collected or direct debit payments received for contact lenses in advance of delivery of the lenses to the customer. Deferred revenue is a liability on the Balance Sheet until it is earned.

Tax

Current tax is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using tax rates and laws which have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences which are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements, except that unrelieved tax losses and other deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the directors consider that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

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

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3 Accounting policies (continued)

Key areas of estimation uncertainty and judgments

Impairment of non-financial assets

Where there are indicators of impairment of individual assets, the company performs impairment tests based on fair value less costs to sell or a value in use calculation. The fair value less costs to sell calculation is based on available data from binding sales transactions in an arm's length transaction on similar assets or observable market prices less incremental costs for disposing of the asset. The value in use calculation is based on a discounted cash flow model. The cash flows are derived from the budget for the next five years and do not include restructuring activities that the company is not yet committed to or significant future investments that will enhance the performance of the cash generating unit being tested. The recoverable amount is most sensitive to the discount rate used for the discounted cash flow model as well as the expected future cash flows and the growth rate used for extrapolation purposes.

Taxation

Management estimation is required to determine the amount of deferred tax assets that can be recognised, based upon likely timing and level of future taxable profits together with an assessment of the effect of future tax planning strategies.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated in the Balance Sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. The cost of tangible assets includes directly attributable incremental costs incurred in their acquisition and installation.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis at the following rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its' estimated useful life (or if held under a finance lease, over the lease term, whichever is the shorter):

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture, fittings and equipment	14-25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost
Other property, plant and equipment	14-33% on cost

Impairment of non-financial assets

The company assesses at each reporting date whether an asset may be impaired. If any such indication exists the company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset. If it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of the individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs. The recoverable amount of an asset or cash-generating unit is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. If the recoverable amount is less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is impaired and it is reduced to its recoverable amount through an impairment in profit and loss unless the asset is carried at a revalued amount where the impairment loss of a revalued asset is a revaluation decrease. An impairment loss recognised for all assets is reversed in a subsequent period if and only if the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand, call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value. The directors have included the balances owed to and from Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited, the Group Treasury Company within cash equivalents. If the overall cash balance with the Group Treasury Company is overdrawn, this is classified as a current liability alongside any other overdrawn external cash balances.

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3 Accounting policies (continued)

Short term debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other operating expenses.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the weighted average method. At each reporting date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stocks are impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell; the impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee.

Assets held under finance leases and hire purchase contracts are capitalised in the balance sheet and are depreciated over the useful life of the asset in the same manner as other property, plant and equipment. A corresponding liability is recognised for the lower of the fair value of the leased asset and the present value of the minimum lease payments in the balance sheet. Lease payments are apportioned between the reduction of the lease liability and finance charges in the profit and loss account, so as to achieve a constant rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Leases in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership are retained by the lessor are classified as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are charged to the profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. Lease incentives are recognised over the lease term on a straight line basis.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity. Equity instruments are measured at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of the direct costs of issuing the equity instruments. If payment is deferred and the time value of money is material, the initial measurement is on a present value basis.

Dividends

Dividend distribution to the company's shareholders is recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the reporting period in which the dividends are declared.

Dividend Income

Dividend income from investments is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established (provided that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the Company and the amount of revenue can be measured reliably).

Investments

Investments held as fixed assets are stated at cost less provision for any permanent diminution in value.

Group Accounts

The Group is small sized and as a result the parent company has taken advantage of the exemption available not to prepare statutory consolidated financial statements granted under Section 398 of the Companies Act 2006. Accordingly these financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group.

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4 Audit Report

A qualified audit opinion was issued on the Report and Financial Statements by Julie Carlyle, for and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor in respect of disclosure in note 2 that the company paid interim dividends which exceeded distributable reserves based on the latest available interim accounts at that point of time in the amount of £215,873. The company's distributable reserves reported at the year-end was not sufficient to cover the deficit. The auditor believes the dividend distribution was not in accordance with Companies Act 2006 requirements and the issue has not been rectified in the financial statements.

5 Staff numbers

The average number of persons employed by the company (including directors) during the year, was 0 (2016 : 0).

6 Tangible assets

	Furniture, fittings and equipment £	Other property, plant and equipment £	Total £
Cost or valuation			
At 1 September 2016	331,146	346,827	677,973
Additions	11,506	28,960	40,466
Disposals	(2,250)	(9,049)	(11,299)
At 31 August 2017	340,402	366,738	707,140
Depreciation			
At 1 September 2016	310,494	255,657	566,151
Charge for the year	12,300	27,612	39,912
Eliminated on disposal	(2,250)	(9,049)	(11,299)
At 31 August 2017	320,544	274,220	594,764
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2017	19,858	92,518	112,376
At 31 August 2016	20,652	91,170	111,822

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7 Investments

	2017 £	2016 £
Investments in subsidiaries	200	200
Subsidiaries		£
Cost or valuation		
At 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2017		200
Carrying amount		
At 31 August 2017		200
At 31 August 2016		200

8 Debtors

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Other debtors		14	-
Amounts owed by related parties	14	673	300
Prepayments		12,237	12,174
Taxation and social security		2,751	5,420
Deferred tax assets		17,079	18,438
Total trade and other debtors		32,754	36,332

Total trade and other debtors

Deferred tax assets of £17,079 (2016: £18,438) are classified as non current.

9 Cash and cash equivalents

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Group Treasury Company	14	48,468	34,711
		48,468	34,711

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10 Creditors

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Due within one year			
Loans and borrowings	11	56,722	45,027
Trade creditors		24,079	24,404
Amounts owed to related parties	14	1,205,911	759,264
Accrued expenses		2,356	-
		1,289,068	828,695
Due after one year			
Loans and borrowings	11	12,619	29,392

11 Loans and borrowings

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
Current loans and borrowings			
Group Treasury Company loan	14	12,119	-
Finance lease liabilities		22,097	22,521
Directors' loans	14	22,506	22,506
		56,722	45,027

	2017 £	2016 £
Non-current loans and borrowings		
Finance lease liabilities	12,619	29,392

The finance lease liabilities shown within the loans and borrowings notes are secured against the underlying assets.

12 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingencies

Operating lease commitments

At 31 August 2017, the company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases over the remaining life of those leases of £520,391 (2016: £637,603).

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13 Share capital

Allotted, called up and fully paid shares

	2017		2016	
	No.	£	No.	£
"A" Ordinary of £0.50 each	100	50	100	50
"B" Ordinary of £0.50 each	100	50	100	50
	200	100	200	100

Rights, preferences and restrictions

In accordance with the Articles of Association the following rights attach to shares: a) to "A" shares, the right to receive that part (including the whole) of the profits of the company which the directors shall, from time to time, determine to distribute as dividends. b) to "B" shares, the right to appoint the chairman of the board of directors and of the general meeting of the company. The "B" shares are held by Specsavers Optical Group Limited. In all other respects both classes of share carry equal rights over the assets of the company, subject to those provisions as laid out in the shareholders' agreement.

14 Related party transactions

During the year the company entered into transactions, in the ordinary course of business, with other related parties. Trading balances outstanding at 31 August 2017, are as follows:

	Parent £	Subsidiary £	Other group undertakings £
2017			
Assets	-	-	49,141
	Parent £	Subsidiary £	Other group undertakings £
2016			
Assets	-	-	35,011
	Parent £	Subsidiary £	Other group undertakings £
2017			
Liabilities	44,314	1,044,824	128,892
	Parent £	Subsidiary £	Other group undertakings £
2016			
Liabilities	44,902	589,905	124,457

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14 Related party transactions (continued)

Directors' loans

	At 1 September 2016 £	Advances/ credits £	Repayment s £	Other £	Written off £	Waived £	At 31 August 2017 £
2017							
Stuart Ingleby	22,275	-	-	-	-	-	22,275
Sigalit Ingleby	231	-	-	-	-	-	231
	22,506	-	-	-	-	-	22,506
	At 1 September 2015 £	Advances/ credits £	Repayment s £	Other £	Written off £	Waived £	At 31 August 2016 £
2016							
Stuart Ingleby	335	21,940	-	-	-	-	22,275
Sigalit Ingleby	231	-	-	-	-	-	231
	566	21,940	-	-	-	-	22,506

The directors' loans shall not bear interest until after the company has traded continuously for one year but thereafter shall bear interest on the outstanding balance of the loans at the rate of 2.5% over Base Rate of any of the London Clearing Banks nominated by Specsavers. The loans are to be repaid to each shareholder pro rata over the next following two years by equal quarterly payments.

The loans are unsecured and repayable on demand.

15 Parent and ultimate parent undertaking

As at the year end Specsavers International Healthcare Limited was the ultimate parent company of Blackburn Specsavers Limited. Mr and Mrs Perkins have the controlling interest in the ordinary share capital of Specsavers International Healthcare Limited, the ultimate parent company. Specsavers International Healthcare Limited is a Guernsey registered company and its accounts are not available to the public.

Specsavers International Healthcare Limited is also the smallest and largest group of undertakings of which the company is a member and for which group financial statements are drawn up.

16 Events after the reporting period

The financial statements do not reflect dividends paid after the year ended 31 August 2017, which will be accounted for in the shareholders' equity as an appropriation of retained earnings in the year ended 31 August 2018. The company has controls in place to ensure that there are sufficient retained earnings to cover dividend payments based on the latest available management information at the dividend declaration date, so that the company remains in a net asset position.

The cost of disclosing and repeatedly updating the quantum of these dividends, right up to the date of signing the financial statements is therefore considered to exceed any benefit to the users thereof.

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17 Transition to FRS 102

The company transitioned to FRS 102 from previously extant UK GAAP as at 1 September 2015. The impact of the transition is detailed below.

Transitional relief

Lease incentives

The company has not applied paragraphs 20.15A or 20.25A to lease incentives where the lease commenced before the date of transition to FRS 102. It has continued to recognise any residual benefit or cost associated with these lease incentives on the same basis that applied prior to transition to FRS 102.

Changes in accounting policy

The following were changes in accounting policies arising from the transition to FRS 102:

Reclassification of cash and cash equivalents

Balances due from Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited, the Group Treasury Company were reclassified from debtors to cash and cash equivalent under the new FRS 102, 'the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Balances due to Specsavers Finance (Guernsey) Limited remain within creditors but are still deemed to be cash and cash equivalent.

Holiday pay accrual

The company has assessed the requirements of paragraph 28.6 (Recognition and measurement: Short-term compensated absences) which relates to holiday that was earned but not taken at the date of the balance sheet. It has been concluded that adjustments needed in relation to this requirement are immaterial and so have not been made.