Company No: 2904418

# Wood Hall Stud Limited

**Annual Report** 

Year ended 31 December 2008



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# **Company Information**

Director

Andrew L Cohen

Secretary

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Registered office

Wood Hall Lane Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9AA

Registered number

2904418

**Auditors** 

Grant Thornton UK LLP Enterprise House 115 Edmund Street Birmingham

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# Report of the Director

The director presents his report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2008.

#### **Principal activities**

The principal activity of the company during the year was bloodstock.

#### Results and dividend

The results for the period are set out in detail on page 4. The director does not recommend the payment of a dividend (2007: nil).

#### Director

The director during the period and at the date of this report is disclosed on page 1.

### Director's responsibilities for financial statements

The director is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the director to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the director has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). 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. In preparing these financial statements, the director is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The director is responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. He is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Disclosure of information to auditors

At the date of making this report the company's director, as set out on page 1, confirms the following:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself
  aware of any relevant information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their
  report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

### **Auditors**

A resolution to approve the re-election of Grant Thornton UK LLP as auditors will be proposed at the forthcording AGM. The report of the director was approved by the Board on 22 June 2009 and signed on its behalf the

lain Williamson Secretary

# Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Wood Hall Stud Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Wood Hall Stud Limited which comprise the profit and loss account, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's shareholders, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's shareholders 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 shareholders as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Director's Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the report of the director is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition, we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding director's remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the report of the director and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the director in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2008 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- · the information given in the report of the director is consistent with the financial statements.

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

Birmingham, England Date: 22 June 2009

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# **Profit and Loss Account**

for the year ended 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Turnover	1	335,080	607,916
Cost of sales		(567,765)	(1,620,066)
Gross loss		(232,685)	(1,012,150)
Administrative expenses		(471,478)	(540,873)
Operating loss	2	(704,163)	(1,553,023)
Interest receivable Interest payable	3 3	1 -	48 (44)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(704,162)	(1,553,019)
Taxation credit on loss on ordinary activities	6	186,474	269,536
Loss for the financial year	13	(517,688)	(1,283,483)

All activities relate to continuing operations.

All recognised gains or losses are included in the profit and loss account for the periods above.

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

# **Balance Sheet**

at 31 December 2008

	Note	2008 £	2007 £
Fixed assets Tangible fixed assets	7	247,008	268,180
Current assets Stock Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8 9	771,903 206,281 18,393	488,073 237,231 3,339
		996,577	728,643
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	10	(962,423)	(197,973)
Net current assets		34,154	530,670
Net assets		281,162	798,850
Capital and reserves Called up share capital Share premium account Capital contribution Profit and loss account	11 13 13 13	1,118,000 499,300 12,500,000 (13,836,138)	1,118,000 499,300 12,500,000 (13,318,450)
Equity shareholders' funds	12	281,162	798,850

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 22 June 2009 and signed on its behalf by:

Andrew L Cohen

Director

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of accounting

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

#### **Going Concern Policy**

The company has the continuing support of the ultimate holding company, which has confirmed that it will not withdraw current funding. On this basis, the directors have adopted a going concern policy.

#### **Turnover**

Turnover represents the sale of horses, income from training and racing horses, and income from land and property during the period, excluding value added tax.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of tangible fixed assets to their estimated residual value over their expected useful lives.

Motor vehicles	25% on net book value
Plant and machinery	25% on net book value
Fixtures and fittings	25% on net book value

#### Stock

Stock comprises horses, hay and haylage valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### **Deferred taxation**

The payment of taxation is deferred or accelerated because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Full provision for deferred taxation is made under the liability method, without discounting, on all timing differences that have arisen, but not reversed by the balance sheet date, unless such provision is not permitted by FRS 19. Deferred tax is provided in full, in accordance with FRS19, on those timing differences that have arisen but not reversed by the balance sheet date, where the timing differences result in an obligation to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, in the future. Timing differences arise because of differences between the treatment of certain items for accounting and taxation purposes. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered.

Deferred tax is measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods when the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and law enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted.

#### 2. OPERATING LOSS

	2008 £	2007
Operating loss is stated after charging / (crediting):	~	~
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	82,335	89,394
Profit on sale of fixed assets	(7,227)	(12,158)

Auditors' remuneration is borne by the parent company.

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	,	2008 £	2007 £
	Interest receivable on bank balances Interest payable on bank overdraft	1 -	48 (44)
4.	DIRECTOR		
	The remuneration of the director is borne by the parent company.		
5.	EMPLOYEES		
	Average monthly number of employees, excluding	2008 No.	2007 No.
	directors: Stud farm workers	14	15 
	CASE	2008 £	2007 £
	Staff costs: Wages and salaries Social security costs Redundancy	225,465 19,540 2,800	239,634 20,688 -
		247,805	260,322
6.	TAXATION CREDIT ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES		
		2008	2007
	Current Tax Adjustment in respect of prior years Group relief receivable	11,400 175,074	269,536
	Total current tax	186,474	269,536
	Deferred Tax Movement in year	-	-
	Taxation credit on ordinary activities	186,474	269,536

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# 6. TAXATION CREDIT ON LOSS ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (CONT'D)

The tax credit assessed for the year is lower than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	2008 £	2007 £
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	704,162	1,553,019
Loss on ordinary activities at the standard rate of Corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2007 – 30%) Effects of:	197,165	465,906
Depreciation for year in excess of capital allowances Disallowable expenditure Losses carried forward	(18,748) (3,343)	(3,256) (6,052) (187,062)
Adjustment in respect of prior years	11,400	(107,002)
Current tax credit for year	186,474	269,536

## 7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Plant and machinery £	Total £
Cost At 1 January 2008 Additions Disposals	109,198 10,322	143,037 22,850 (19,562)	670,453 28,114 -	922,688 61,286 (19,562)
At 31 December 2008	119,520	146,325	698,567	964,412
Depreciation At 1 January 2008 Charge for the year On disposals	27,300 23,055	102,898 15,716 (19,439)	524,310 43,564 -	654,508 82,335 (19,439)
At 31 December 2008	50,355	99,175	567,874	717,404
Net book value At 31 December 2008	69,165	47,150	130,693	247,008
At 31 December 2007	81,898	40,139	146,143	268,180

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## 8. STOCK

	2008 £	2007 £
Horses Hay and Haylage	751,077 20,826	470,434 17,639
	771,903	488,073

The replacement cost of stock does not differ materially from the above amounts.

# 9. DEBTORS

	2008 £	2007 £
Trade debtors	11,900	99,254
Corporation tax	11,400	-
Other debtors	182,981	137,977
	206,281	237,231

All amounts shown under debtors fall due for repayment within one year.

## 10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2008	2007
	£	£
Bank overdraft	12,319	20,793
Trade creditors	264,056	60,254
Amounts owed to parent undertaking	680,048	105,734
Other taxes and social security	-	6,073
Other creditors	-	868
Accruals	6,000	4,251
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	962,423	197,973
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The bank overdraft is secured by a fixed charge over certain properties of the group.

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### 11. SHARE CAPITAL

Authorised	2008 £	2007 £
10,000 Ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each 2,000,000 Ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	10,000 2,000,000	10,000 2,000,000
	2,010,000	2,010,000
Allotted and fully paid 10,000 Ordinary 'A' shares of £1 each 1,108,000 Ordinary 'B' shares of £1 each	10,000 1,108,000	10,000
	1,118,000	1,118,000

All the shares have the same rights attached and rank pari passu.

## 12. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS / (DEFICIT)

	2008 £	2007 £
Opening equity shareholders' funds / (deficit) Loss for financial year Conversion of loan (see note 13)	798,850 (517,688) -	(10,417,667) (1,283,483) 12,500,000
Closing equity shareholders' funds	281,162	798,850

### 13. RESERVES

	Capital contribution £	Share premium account £	Profit and loss account £
At 1 January 2008 Loss for the financial year	12,500,000	499,300	(13,318,450) (517,688)
At 31 December 2008	12,500,000	499,300	(13,836,138)

### 14. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed by Financial Reporting Standard 8, "Related Party Transactions", not to disclose any transactions with 100%-owned subsidiaries of Wood Hall Securities Limited that are included in its consolidated financial statements.

# **Notes to the Financial Statements**

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# 15. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The company has used the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1, "Cash Flow Statements", not to prepare a cash flow statement as it is consolidated in the financial statements of its ultimate parent company

### 16. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The company's ultimate parent company is Wood Hall Securities Limited, whose consolidated financial statements are available from Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ.