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CHESSINGTON HALL ESTATE LIMITED COMPANY NUMBER 277594

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31ST JULY 1998



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OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

Directors

J.H. Oakley (Chairman)

P.H.A. Pearson J.K. Babbs P.J. Grant

Secretary P.J. Grant

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors present their annual report and the audited accounts for the year ended 31st July 1998.

ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activity is property dealing and management.

REVIEW OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

The profit for the year, after taxation was £119,445 (1997 £113,186). Based on these figures, the directors recommend a final dividend of 21p per ordinary share, which together with the interim dividends paid of 20p per ordinary share, gives a total dividend for the year of 41p (1997 - 39p) per ordinary share, and that the balance of £66,145 (1997 £62486) be added to reserves.

DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The present membership of the Board is set out on page 1.

The Directors' interests in the share capital of the company were as follows:

	1998	1997
	Ord.	Ord.
J.H.Oakley (Chairman)	8,100	8,100
J.H.Oakley (as Trustee)	20,000	20,000
P.H.A.Pearson	4,550	4,550
J.K.Babbs	24,380	24,380
P.J.Grant	4,700	4,700

P.H.A.Pearson and P.J.Grant retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election. A resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

YEAR 2000

The directors have considered the problem generally referred to as the 'Year 2000 problem' or the 'Millennium Bug' and are satisfied that the company's systems are Year 2000 compliant. The potential effect of the problem with regard to tenants, suppliers and other relevant parties is not expected to be material and the directors are in the process of addressing these issues to minimise the risk of any adverse effect on the operation of the business. Future costs of minimising the risk of any adverse effect have not been quantified but these are not expected to be material.

AUDITORS

A resolution to re-appoint Messrs. Moores Rowland as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

P.J.Graht | Secretary

Dated: 1st October 1998

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which 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 those 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare 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 appropriate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are 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.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

To the members of Chessington Hall Estate Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 9 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on this page the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those financial statements and report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards 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 directors 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 of the state of affairs of the Company as at 31st July 1998 and of the Company's profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Kingston upon Thames Date: 1st October 1998 MOORES ROWLAND Chartered Accountants Registered Auditor

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1998

	Note	1998 £	1997 £
TURNOVER Cost of sales	2	253,823 63,978	251,492 64,642
GROSS PROFIT		189,845	186,850
Administrative expenses		45,540	43,054
OPERATING PROFIT	3	144,305	143,796
Other interest receivable and similar income	5	6,902	3,193
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATIO	N	151,207	146,989
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	6	31,762	33,803
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION	l	119,445	113,186
Dividends	7	53,300	50,700
Retained profit for the year - Transferred to Reserves	12	66,145	62,486
			

All disclosures relate only to continuing operations. There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the year.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST JULY 1998

		1998		1997	
	Note	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS Stocks Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8 9	395,625 52,351 152,119 600,095		393,980 22,561 111,044 527,585	
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	10	81,102		74,737	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		-	518,993		452,848_
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		£	518,993	£	452,848
CAPITAL AND RESERVES Called up Share Capital	11		130,000		130,000
Reserves	12		388,993		322,848
		£	518,993	£	452,848
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These accounts were approved by the board of directors on 1st October 1998

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

J.H.Oakley (Chairman)

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1998

1 Accounting policies

(a) Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable UK Accounting Standards.

(b) Freehold properties

Freehold properties are regarded as sold on the date of completion of the contract of sale. Freehold properties are shown in the balance sheet as current assets at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

(c) Government Grants

Government grants of a revenue nature are recognised in the profit & loss account in the period in which the expenditure was incurred.

2 Turnover

Turnover comprises rental income, and property sales when applicable.

	1998 £	1997 £
m 1 Onlan	66,995	65,000
Property Sales	186,828	186,492
Rental income		
	253,823	251,492
3 Operating profit		
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation is arrive	ed at after charging:	
	1998	1997
	£	£
	21,277	20,268
Directors' remuneration (note 4)	3,272	3,114
Auditors' remuneration	24,664	16,939
Repairs and renewals	24,004	10,000

4 Directors and employees

The only employees of the company during the year were the four directors who received fees as set out in note 3. In addition, Mr. P.H.A. Pearson and Mr P.J. Grant are partners in a professional firm which receives fees in respect of management services rendered of £18,712 (1997: £17,778).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1998

5 Interest receivable and similar income

	1998 £	1997 £
Bank interest receivable Lending fees receivable	6,596 306	3,193 0
	6,902	3,193
6 Tax on profit on ordinary activities		
	1998 £	1997 £
United Kingdom corporation tax at 21% (1997: 23%)		
on the profits for the year	31,661	33,803
Under/(Over) provision in previous year	101	0
	31,762	33,803
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7 Dividends

Ordinany	1998 Pence Per share	1997 · Pence Per share £		
Ordinary: Interim paid Second interim Proposed final	9 11 21	11,700 14,300 27,300	8 11 20	10,400 14,300 26,000
	41	53,300	39	50,700

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1998

8 Stocks

	1998 £	1997 £
Properties for resale at lower of cost and net realisable value	395,625	393,980
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9 Debtors		
	1998	1997
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments	45,526	16,061
Advance corporation tax - recoverable beyond one year	6,825	6,500
	52,351	22,561
10 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		
	1998	1997
	£	£
Rents in advance	8,949	7,855
Taxation	29,061	31,853
Dividend payable	27,300	26,000
Accruals	15,792	9,029
	81,102	74,737

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31ST JULY 1998

11 Called up share capital

	1998 £	1997 £
Authorised Ordinary shares of £1 each	500,000	500,000
Issued Ordinary shares of £1 each	130,000	130,000
12 Reserves	Profit/Loss Account	
Balance at 1/8/97 Profit for the year	322,848 66,145	
Balance at 31/7/98	388,993	
13 Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds	1998	1997
Profit for the Financial Year Dividends	119,445 53,300	113,186 50,700
Net Addition to Shareholders' Funds	66,145	62,486
Opening Equity Shareholders' Funds	452,848	390,362
Closing Equity Shareholders' Funds	518,993	452,848