

Company Registration No. 537821 (England and Wales)

ASSOCIATED PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED
DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004



Saffery Champness
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ASSOCIATED PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

COMPANY INFORMATION

Directors	A J Errington Col Sir G F Errington Bart S G Errington CBE JP DL
Secretary	W Saville
Company number	537821
Registered office	32 Hamilton Square Birkenhead Merseyside CH41 6AZ
Auditors	Saffery Champness Beaufort House 2 Beaufort Road Clifton Bristol BS8 2AE
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Wavertree Boulevard Wavertree Tech Park Liverpool L7 9PQ
Solicitors	Davies Wallis Foyster 5 Castle Street Liverpool L2 4XE

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2004.

Principal activities

The principal activity of the company continued to be that of an investment company.

Purchase of own shares

During the year Associated Property Holdings Limited purchased for cancellation 3,540 of its ordinary shares of £0.10 each at a total cost of £3,540,000 as part of its programme of returning excess capital to its shareholders. These transactions represented some 17.7% of the issued ordinary share capital at 31 March 2004.

Directors

The following directors have held office since 1 April 2003:

A J Errington
Col Sir G F Errington Bart
S G Errington CBE JP DL

Directors' interests

The directors' interests in the shares of the company were as stated below:

	Ordinary shares of 10p each	
	31 March 2004	1 April 2003
A J Errington	4,887	6,667
Col Sir G F Errington Bart	2,921	3,801
S G Errington CBE JP DL	1,345	2,225

	2.5% Preference shares of £ 1 each	
	31 March 2004	1 April 2003
A J Errington	6,667	6,667
Col Sir G F Errington Bart	6,657	6,657
S G Errington CBE JP DL	6,658	6,658

The 2.5% Preference Shares are non-cumulative fixed dividend shares.

Auditors

In accordance with section 385 of the Companies Act 1985, a resolution proposing that Saffery Champness be reappointed as auditors of the company will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

Directors' responsibilities

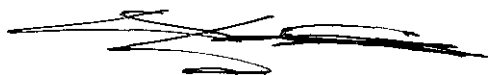
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- 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 proper 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.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By order of the board



W Saville
Secretary
21 July 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF ASSOCIATED PROPERTY HOLDINGS LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Associated Property Holdings Limited on pages 5 to 10 for the year ended 31 March 2004. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002), under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

Respective responsibilities of the directors and auditors

As described in the statement of directors' responsibilities on page 2 the company's directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and United Kingdom Auditing Standards.

This report is made solely to the company's members, 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 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 company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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 if, in our opinion, the directors' report is not consistent with the financial statements, if 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 directors' remuneration and transactions with the company is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the financial statements.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with United Kingdom 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.

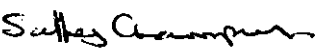
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Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2004 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.


Saffery Champness

Chartered Accountants
Registered Auditors

21 July 2004

Beaufort House
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Clifton
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**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004**

	Notes	2004 £	2003 £
Administrative expenses		(59,530)	-
Operating loss		(59,530)	-
Investment income	2	3,671,149	123,806
Amounts written off investments	3	990	(12,619)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		3,612,609	111,187
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4	-	-
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		3,612,609	111,187
Dividends		(129,500)	(124,500)
Retained profit/(loss) for the year	9	3,483,109	(13,313)

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

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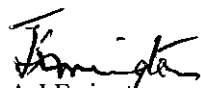
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2004

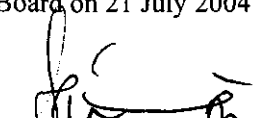
	Notes	2004		2003	
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	5		17,767		24,635
Current assets					
Debtors	6	1,908,465		1,735,137	
Cash at bank and in hand		4,496		2,847	
		<u>1,912,961</u>		<u>1,737,984</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(225,500)</u>		<u>(500)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>1,687,461</u>		<u>1,737,484</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u><u>1,705,228</u></u>		<u><u>1,762,119</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	8		21,646		22,000
Capital redemption reserve	9		354		-
Profit and loss account	9		<u>1,683,228</u>		<u>1,740,119</u>
Shareholders' funds			<u><u>1,705,228</u></u>		<u><u>1,762,119</u></u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies and with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 21 July 2004


A J Errington
Director


S G Errington CBE JP DL
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002).

1.2 Investments

Fixed asset investments are stated at cost less provision for diminution in value and credit is taken for investment income as it becomes payable.

1.3 Group accounts

The financial statements present information about the company as an individual undertaking and not about its group. The company and its subsidiary undertaking comprise a small-sized group. The company has therefore taken advantage of the exemptions provided by section 248 of the Companies Act 1985 not to prepare group accounts.

2	Investment income	2004 £	2003 £
	Income from shares in group undertakings	3,671,149	123,806
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3	Amounts written off investments	2004 £	2003 £
	Amounts written off fixed asset investments:		
	- permanent movement in value	(990)	12,619
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Taxation

The company has no profits chargeable to corporation tax.

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5 Fixed asset investments

	Shares in subsidiaries £
Cost	
At 1 April 2003	24,635
Amounts written off on liquidation	(6,868)
	<u>17,767</u>
At 31 March 2004	<u>17,767</u>

Holdings of more than 20%

The company holds more than 20% of the share capital of the following companies:

Company	Country of registration or incorporation	Class	Shares held %
Subsidiary undertakings			
Associated Property Owners Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	99
British Standard Association Limited *	England and Wales	Ordinary	99
Palmeira Properties Limited *	England and Wales	Ordinary	99

The aggregate amount of capital and reserves and the results of these undertakings for the last relevant financial year were as follows:

	Capital and reserves	Profit for the year
Associated Property Owners Limited	£16,040,144	(£2,485,501)
British Standard Association Limited *	£1,000	-
Palmeira Properties Limited *	£100	-
	<u>£16,041,144</u>	<u>(£2,485,501)</u>

* These companies are owned by Associated Property Owners Limited. They are included in the above list according to the control exercised over them by Associated Property Holdings Limited. All were dormant with the exception of Associated Property Owners Limited.

During the year ended 31 March 2004 the following subsidiary and related undertakings were struck off: Birkton Estates Limited; Harley Houses Limited; Liverpool and Cheshire House Investment Limited; Estates Development Limited; JR Grant Properties Limited and Second Avenue Properties Limited.

6 Debtors

	2004 £	2003 £
Amounts owed by group undertakings and undertakings in which the company has a participating interest	<u>1,908,465</u>	<u>1,735,137</u>

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7	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2004	2003
		£	£
	Other creditors	225,500	500
		<u>225,500</u>	<u>500</u>
8	Share capital	2004	2003
		£	£
	Authorised		
	20,000 Ordinary shares of 10p each	2,000	2,000
	20,000 2.5% Preference shares of £ 1 each	20,000	20,000
		<u>22,000</u>	<u>22,000</u>
	Allotted, called up and fully paid		
	16,460 Ordinary shares of 10p each	1,646	2,000
	20,000 2.5% Preference shares of £ 1 each	20,000	20,000
		<u>21,646</u>	<u>22,000</u>

The share capital of the company at 1 April 2003 was £22,000 divided into 20,000 ordinary shares of £0.10p each and 20,000 2 1/2% non-cumulative preference shares of £1 each.

The holders of the preference shares are entitled to a non-cumulative fixed dividend thereon each year of 2 1/2% but shall not be entitled to any further share of the profits of the Company available for distribution as dividend. On a winding up the holders of the preference shares shall be entitled to be repaid £1 in respect of their preference shares but shall not be entitled to any further participation in the distribution of the surplus assets of the Company. The holders of the preference shares shall not be entitled to attend and vote either in person or by proxy at or receive notice of any general meetings of the Company. The preference shares rank equal to the ordinary shares in all other respects.

During the year ended 31 March 2004, the Company repurchased ordinary shares with a nominal value of £354 at a total cost of £3,540,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2004

9 Statement of movements on reserves

	Capital redemption reserve £	Profit and loss account £
Balance at 1 April 2003	-	1,740,119
Retained profit for the year	-	3,483,109
Purchase of own shares	-	(3,540,000)
Movement during the year	354	-
Balance at 31 March 2004	<u>354</u>	<u>1,683,228</u>

10 Contingent liabilities

The company has entered into an unlimited cross guarantee with Barclays Bank plc in favour of certain related undertakings. At 31 March 2004 the maximum potential liability was £Nil (2003 : £49,334).

11 Transactions with directors

The following directors had interest free loans during the year. The movement on these loans are as follows:

	Amount outstanding 2004 £	2003 £	Maximum in year £
Miss A J Errington	-	-	880,000
Col Sir G F Errington Bart	-	-	880,000
Mr S G Errington CBE JP DL	-	-	880,000

12 Control

The controlling parties are the directors and shareholders as disclosed in the directors' report by virtue of their majority ownership of the issued ordinary share capital.

13 Related party transactions

At 31 March 2004, the company was owed £1,908,465 (2003 : £1,735,137) by Associated Property Owners Limited, a subsidiary company.