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Bluston Securities Limited

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 March 1997



BDO Stoy Hayward
Chartered Accountants



BLUSTON SECURITIES LIMITED

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997

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Directors

Mrs L E Bluston
M D Paisner
E L Langton

Secretary and registered office

M D Paisner, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Company number

650310

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31 March 1997

The directors present their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997.

Principal activities, trading review and future developments

The company, which is situated in Great Britain, carries on the business of property investment and management.

The company has been profitable during the year and it is anticipated that the company will continue to be profitable.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 4 and shows the company's profit for the year together with the amount proposed to be retained.

An interim dividend of 20p (1996 - 20p) per share was paid during the year. The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (1996 - £Nil).

Interests in investment properties

The directors are of the opinion that the present value of the company's investment properties exceeds their book value but, in view of the uncertainty of realisable values under current market conditions, do not consider a professional valuation to be worthwhile. Any surplus, if realised, would be subject to taxation.

No provision has been made for depreciation on freehold land and buildings, since the directors consider this would be immaterial.

Directors

The directors of the company during the year and their interests in the ordinary share capital of the company were:

	25p ordinary shares	
	1997	1996
Mrs L E Bluston	802,400	802,400
Mrs L E Bluston - as joint trustee	505,000	505,000
M D Paisner	-	-
E L Langton	-	-

M D Paisner and E L Langton as joint trustees have a non-beneficial interest in 608,000 ordinary shares.

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31 March 1997 (*Continued*)

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

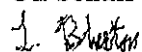
The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets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

Auditors

BDO Stoy Hayward have expressed their willingness to continue in office and a resolution to re-appoint them will be proposed at the annual general meeting.

In preparing this report we have taken advantage of the special exemptions applicable to small companies.

On behalf of the Board



Mrs L E Bluston

Director

Date

BLUSTON SECURITIES LIMITED

Report of the auditors

To the shareholders of Bluston Securities Limited

We have audited the financial statements on pages 4 to 11 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 2 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 statements and to 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.

Qualified opinion arising from disagreement about accounting treatment

The company has not included its investment properties in the balance sheet at open market value as required by Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No 19. We are unable to quantify the amount of the open market value.

Except for the above, in our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 1997 and of its profit for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 1985 applicable to small companies.

In our opinion the subject matter of the foregoing qualification is not material for determining whether the distributions of £321,480 by the company are permitted under section 263 of the Companies Act 1985.

BDO Stoy Hayward

BDO STOY HAYWARD
Chartered Accountants
and Registered Auditors
London

16 January 1998

BLUSTON SECURITIES LIMITED**Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 March 1997**

	Note	1997 £	1996 £
Turnover	2	851,508	885,154
Administrative expenses		237,286	309,488
Operating profit	3	614,222	575,666
Profit on sale of freehold property		47,318	407,292
Operating profit before interest receivable		661,540	982,958
Interest receivable and income from other investments	5	206,108	175,066
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		867,648	1,158,024
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	6	240,273	242,617
Profit on ordinary activities after taxation		627,375	915,407
Dividends	7	321,480	321,480
Retained profit for the year	14	305,895	593,927

All amounts relate to continuing activities.

All recognised gains and losses are included in the profit and loss account.

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

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Balance sheet at 31 March 1997

	Note	1997	1996
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets			
Investment properties	8	1,654,813	1,695,121
Other tangible assets	9	8,246	10,375
		<u>1,663,059</u>	<u>1,705,496</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	10	197,368	282,330
Investments	11	2,475,606	2,305,193
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>838,822</u>	<u>572,569</u>
		3,511,796	3,160,092
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<u>666,973</u>	<u>663,601</u>
Net current assets		2,844,823	2,496,491
		<u>4,507,882</u>	<u>4,201,987</u>
Capital			
Called up share capital	13	401,850	401,850
Reserves			
Non-distributable reserve	14	620,423	573,105
Revenue reserve	14	<u>3,485,609</u>	<u>3,227,032</u>
		4,106,032	3,800,137
Shareholders' funds		<u>4,507,882</u>	<u>4,201,987</u>

In preparing these financial statements advantage has been taken of the special exemptions applicable to small companies on the grounds that the directors believe the company is entitled to benefit from these exemptions.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on

L. Bluston

Mrs L E Bluston

Director

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

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997

1 Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards except as set out below. The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

Turnover

Turnover represents net rent receivable on investment property.

Depreciation

No provision is made for depreciation on freehold land and buildings. The directors consider that this accounting policy, which represents a departure from the Companies Act 1985, is appropriate since depreciation of these investment properties would be immaterial.

Leasehold properties are amortised over the period of the leases and other fixed assets are depreciated at the following annual rates:

Motor vehicles	-	25% on written down value
Fixtures, fittings and office equipment	-	10% on written down value

Valuation of investments

Investments held as current assets are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

Valuation of investment properties

Freehold and long leasehold investment properties are stated in the financial statements at cost and are not revalued as required by Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 19. The directors are of the opinion that the present value of the company's properties exceeds their book value, but do not feel justified in incurring the cost of a professional valuation.

2 Turnover

All turnover arises from rental income in the United Kingdom as set out below.

	1997 £	1996 £
Gross rental income	1,081,423	1,083,227
Net property outgoings	(229,915)	(198,073)
	<u>851,508</u>	<u>885,154</u>

BLUSTON SECURITIES LIMITEDNotes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 (*Continued*)**3 Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):**

	1997 £	1996 £
Depreciation	4,721	5,361
Auditors' remuneration	10,000	10,000
Profit on sale of current asset investment	(45,243)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Directors' emoluments

Directors' remuneration	210,508	215,946
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5 Interest receivable and income from other investments

Income from current asset investments	177,015	140,982
Other interest receivable	29,093	34,084
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	206,108	175,066
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

6 Taxation

Based on profit for the year:

UK corporation tax	240,312	242,617
Over provision in prior years	(39)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	240,273	242,617
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

7 Dividends

Interim dividend paid of 20p per share (1996 - 20p)	321,480	321,480
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 (*Continued*)

8 Investment properties

	Freehold £	Long leasehold £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>			
At beginning of year	1,392,093	323,980	1,716,073
Disposals	(37,716)	-	(37,716)
At end of year	1,354,377	323,980	1,678,357
<i>Depreciation</i>			
At beginning of year	-	20,952	20,952
Provision for the year	-	2,592	2,592
At end of year	-	23,544	23,544
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 31 March 1997	1,354,377	300,436	1,654,813
At 31 March 1996	1,392,093	303,028	1,695,121

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 (*Continued*)

9 Other tangible assets

	Motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £	Total £
<i>Cost</i>			
At beginning and end of year	74,746	17,656	92,402
<i>Depreciation</i>			
At beginning of year	67,471	14,556	82,027
Charge for the year	1,819	310	2,129
At end of year	69,290	14,866	84,156
<i>Net book value</i>			
At 31 March 1997	5,456	2,790	8,246
At 31 March 1996	7,275	3,100	10,375

10 Debtors

	1997 £	1996 £
Trade debtors	187,228	272,045
Prepayments and accrued income	10,140	10,285
	197,368	282,330

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

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 (*Continued*)

11 Investments

	1997 £	1996 £
Investments quoted on the UK stock exchange	2,475,606	2,305,193
Market value of listed investments	2,529,170	2,399,472

12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

ACT payable	80,370	80,370
Other creditors	463,413	456,190
Corporation tax	123,190	127,041
	666,973	663,601

13 Share capital

	Authorised 1997 and 1996		Allotted, called up and fully paid 1997 and 1996	
	Number	£	Number	£
Ordinary shares of 25p each	1,800,000	450,000	1,607,400	401,850

14 Reserves

	Non-distributable reserves £	Revenue £
At beginning of the year	573,105	3,227,032
Retained profit for the year	-	305,895
Transfer from revenue reserve - profit on sale of freehold property	47,318	(47,318)
At end of the year	620,423	3,485,609

Under the company's Memorandum of Association, any surpluses arising from the disposal of its investment properties are not available for distribution, and are therefore credited to a separate non-distributable reserve.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 1997 *(Continued)*

15 Cash flow statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption offered under Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 not to produce a cash flow statement as the directors believe the company is a "small entity" under sections 246-249 of the Companies Act 1985.

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