

BOOKER PRIZE TRADING LIMITED

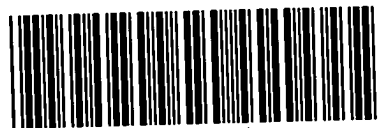
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REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Company Information
For the year ended 31st December 2023

Company Information

Directors	Gaby Wood Anthony Darner
Secretary	Anthony Darner ACA
Company Number	04394720
Registered Office	Somerset House Strand London WC2R 1LA
Auditors	Price Bailey LLP 24 Old Bond Street London W1S 4AP

Booker Prize Trading Ltd
Report of the Directors
For the year ended 31st December 2023

The Directors submit their Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Activities

The company carries out activities which support the main function of Booker Prize Foundation, the company's parent company, which is a registered charity. These activities include receiving charitable funding and carrying out support activities including promotion of the Booker Prizes and the running of the award ceremonies.

Donations

A deed of covenant signed in 2018 compels the company to donate its annual profits to its parent charity. The Gift Aid donation expense for the year ended 31 December 2023 totals £2,845,308 (2022: £1,559,887). Gift Aid payments distributed in 2023 reflect both the amount owing from profits generated during 2022 and £1,450,000 of payments relating to 2023. The remaining Gift Aid amount of £1,395,308 is shown in creditors at the year end.

Directors

The directors of the company throughout the year were as shown on page 1.

Auditors

Price Bailey LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office and are deemed to be reappointed in accordance with section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors' Responsibilities

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Report of the Directors and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they 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 directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting 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 adequate accounting records that 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 2006. 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.

Statement of disclosure to auditors

So far as the directors are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the directors have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of all relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the Board


Anthony Damer ACA
Director

13 June 2024

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**Booker Prize Trading Ltd
Independent Auditors' Report
For the year ended 31st December 2023**

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BOOKER PRIZE TRADING LTD

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Booker Prize Trading Ltd (the 'Company') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Income and Retained Earnings, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the Company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Directors' Report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Directors' Report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic Report.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 2, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

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For the year ended 31st December 2023**

We gained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the company and the industry in which it operates and considered the risk of the company not complying with the applicable laws and regulations including fraud in particular those that could have a material impact on the financial statements. This included those regulations directly related to the financial statements, including financial reporting and tax legislation. In relation to the operations of the Company this included compliance with the Companies Act 2006. The risks were discussed with the audit team and we remained alert to any indications of non-compliance. We carried out specific procedures to address the risks identified, as follows:

- Agreeing the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- Enquiring of management including those responsible for the key regulations;

To address the risk of management override of controls, we carried out testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness. We also assessed management bias in relation to the accounting policies adopted and in determining significant accounting estimates. Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. 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 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 members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Michael Cooper-Davis FCCA, ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of
Price Bailey LLP
Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditors
24 Old Bond Street
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W1S 4AP

18 June 2024

Booker Prize Trading Ltd
Statement of Income and Retained Earnings
For the year ending 31st December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Turnover	3	3,527,000	2,652,000
Cost of sales		(672,155)	(989,124)
Gross Profit		2,854,845	1,662,876
Administrative expenses		(55,801)	(120,199)
Operating profit	4	2,799,044	1,542,677
Interest receivable	8	46,264	17,210
Profit before taxation		2,845,308	1,559,887
Taxation		-	-
Profit for the financial year		2,845,308	1,559,887
Retained Earnings brought forward		5,001	5,001
Charitable distribution to parent undertaking		(2,845,308)	(1,559,887)
Retained Earnings carried forward		5,001	5,001

All gains and losses arising are included in the profit and loss account and arise from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

Booker Prize Trading Ltd
Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		1,556,802	2,044,559
		<u>1,556,802</u>	<u>2,044,559</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(1,551,801)	(2,039,558)
Net current assets		<u>5,001</u>	<u>5,001</u>
Net Assets		<u>5,001</u>	<u>5,001</u>
Capital and Reserves			
Called up share capital	7	1	1
Profit and loss reserves		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Equity		<u>5,001</u>	<u>5,001</u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the board and authorised for issue on 13.06.2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Anthony Damer ACA
Director



Company Number: 04394720

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and UK GAAP as applicable to smaller entities and in accordance with the provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis.

1.2 Going concern

The directors have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the company to continue as a going concern. The directors have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the directors have considered the company's forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on income and the current inflation and cost of living crisis. After making enquiries the directors have concluded that the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and have reasonable expectation that the company will continue operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Income and expenditure

Income and expenditure are generally accounted for on an accruals basis.

1.4 Turnover

Turnover, which excludes VAT, represents the value of grants and sponsorship and other services provided.

1.5 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.6 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS102 to all its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

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For the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

1 Accounting policies

1.6 Financial instruments (cont.)

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include trade and other receivables and accrued income totaling £Nil (2022: £Nil) and cash and bank balances of £1,556,802 (2022: £2,044,559), are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

Basic Financial Liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables and accruals totaling £13,142 (2022: £270,049), are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.7 Taxation

No taxation is payable on annual profit as the Directors have agreed to pay an amount equal to any taxable profit to the charitable parent undertaking under gift aid as per deed of covenant.

1.8 Cash flow statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Booker Prize Foundation, a registered charity and is included in the consolidated financial statements of The Booker Prize Foundation which are publicly available. Therefore the company is exempt by section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirement to prepare cash flow statement

2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

In the view of the directors in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31st December 2023 (Continued)

3 Turnover

An analysis of the company's turnover is as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Donation Income	3,527,000	2,652,000
	<u>3,527,000</u>	<u>2,652,000</u>

4 Operating profit

	2023 £	2022 £
Operating profit is stated after charging:		
Audit fees - Current year	9,900	10,823
- Non-audit services	2,820	1,350
- Prior year under accrual	2,101	1,341
	<u>2,101</u>	<u>1,341</u>

5 Charitable distribution

The company has agreed to make a payment post-year end equivalent to the excess of income over expenditure for the current year to the extent that distributable reserves are available.

6 Creditors: amount falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Amount owed to parent undertaking	1,538,659	1,766,968
Other creditors	-	141,785
Accruals and deferred Income	13,142	130,805
	<u>1,551,801</u>	<u>2,039,558</u>

7 Share capital

	2023	2022
Authorised: 100 ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>
Called up and fully paid: 1 ordinary share of £1 each	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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8 Interest receivable and similar income

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest on bank deposits	<u>46,264</u>	<u>17,210</u>

9 Parent and Ultimate Controlling party

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Booker Prize Foundation.

The ultimate controlling party is Booker Prize Foundation, a company limited by guarantee (Company No. 04213467) and registered charity (Charity No. 1090049) in England and Wales. Copies of the group accounts may be obtained from the registered office.

10 Related parties

Anthony Darner, a director of Booker Prize Trading Limited and since 8 July 2021 a trustee of the foundation, is also a principal of Ian Murray & Co, Chartered Accountants, who received a reimbursement of £176 during the year in respect of bookkeeping services (2022: £15,500).

Booker Prize Foundation transactions are not disclosed as Booker Prize Trading is a wholly owned subsidiary; the company has taken advantage of the exemption available to wholly owned group members under FRS102 from the requirement to make disclosures concerning related party transactions with group members.

11 Remuneration of key management personnel

The fees paid to key advisers who may be said to be the equivalent of key management personnel are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Aggregate compensation	5,395	37,614

No Directors were reimbursed for travel expenses during the year (2022: £Nil).