

MERIT PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LIMITED

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Company registration number 11626421 (England and Wales)

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	5		730		913
Current assets					
Stocks		56,852		65,900	
Debtors	6	170,447		37,509	
Cash at bank and in hand		12,934		5,117	
		<u>240,233</u>		<u>108,526</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>(316,431)</u>		<u>(139,536)</u>	
Net current liabilities			<u>(76,198)</u>		<u>(31,010)</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>(75,468)</u>		<u>(30,097)</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	8		(28,000)		(44,000)
Provisions for liabilities			<u>(183)</u>		<u>(228)</u>
Net liabilities			<u><u>(103,651)</u></u>		<u><u>(74,325)</u></u>
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital			200		200
Profit and loss reserves			<u>(103,851)</u>		<u>(74,525)</u>
Total equity			<u><u>(103,651)</u></u>		<u><u>(74,325)</u></u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the profit and loss account within the financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29 August 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr R J Ashford
Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

	Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	£	£	£
Balance at 1 September 2021	200	(51,714)	(51,514)
Year ended 31 August 2022:			
Loss and total comprehensive income	-	(22,811)	(22,811)
Balance at 31 August 2022	200	(74,525)	(74,325)
Year ended 31 August 2023:			
Loss and total comprehensive income	-	(29,326)	(29,326)
Balance at 31 August 2023	200	(103,851)	(103,651)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Company information

Merit Professional Services Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Unit 1-4 Merit House, Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4WS.

1.1 Accounting convention

These 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 the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

As at 31 August 2023 the balance sheet shows net current liabilities. These accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis as the directors, through the support of group and connected companies, have agreed to continue supporting the company to ensure it is able to meet its debts as they fall due.

1.3 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes. The fair value of consideration takes into account trade discounts, settlement discounts and volume rebates.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the fair value of the consideration is the present value of the future receipts. The difference between the fair value of the consideration and the nominal amount received is recognised as interest income.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer (usually on dispatch of the goods), the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Revenue from contracts for the provision of professional services is recognised by reference to the stage of completion when the stage of completion, costs incurred and costs to complete can be estimated reliably. The stage of completion is calculated by comparing costs incurred, mainly in relation to contractual hourly staff rates and materials, as a proportion of total costs. Where the outcome cannot be estimated reliably, revenue is recognised only to the extent of the expenses recognised that it is probable will be recovered.

1.4 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

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Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

All borrowing costs are recognised in the profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred.

1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset (or cash-generating unit) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Stocks held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at the lower of cost and replacement cost, adjusted where applicable for any loss of service potential.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and 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.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.8 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, 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. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Classification of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, 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. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

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

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts 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 creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.9 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

1.10 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

Current tax

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

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Deferred tax

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

1.13 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

A grant that specifies performance conditions is recognised in income when the performance conditions are met. Where a grant does not specify performance conditions it is recognised in income when the proceeds are received or receivable. A grant received before the recognition criteria are satisfied is recognised as a liability.

1.14 Borrowing costs

All borrowing costs are recognised in the profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred.

1.15 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the company has a legal or constructive present obligation as a result of a past event, it is probable that the company will be required to settle that obligation and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognised as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the reporting end date, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation is recognised at present value. When a provision is measured at present value, the unwinding of the discount is recognised as a finance cost in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

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2 Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

In the course of preparing the financial statements, no material judgements have been made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies, other than involving estimations, that have had a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

3 Operating loss

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating loss for the year is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Government grants	-	(2,370)
Depreciation of owned tangible fixed assets	183	228
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

4 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
Total	3	3
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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5 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023	1,500
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 September 2022	587
Depreciation charged in the year	183
At 31 August 2023	770
Carrying amount	
At 31 August 2023	730
At 31 August 2022	913

6 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	154,935	28,756
Corporation tax recoverable	-	1,690
Amounts owed by group undertakings	1,204	-
Other debtors	951	-
Prepayments and accrued income	13,357	7,063
	170,447	37,509

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	16,000	16,000
Other borrowings	-	57
Trade creditors	108,639	48,437
Amounts owed to group undertakings	125,909	66,755
Taxation and social security	32,912	4,620
Other creditors	1,766	843
Accruals and deferred income	31,205	2,824
	316,431	139,536

The bank loan is secured via a fixed and floating charge held by the bank over the company's assets.

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8 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
Notes	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts	28,000	44,000

The bank loan is secured via a fixed and floating charge held by the bank over the company's assets.

This Coronavirus Business interruption loan' final repayment is due May 2026. Interest is payable at 3.25% p.a above base rate, commencing from June 2021. The first 12 months of this were interest free.

9 Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties

During the year the company entered into the following transactions with related parties:

	Balance owed/(owing) to	
	2023	2022
	£	£
Loans owed to group companies	(84,760)	(55,260)

The above loans are interest free, unsecured and have no fixed repayment schedules. There were no other transactions carried out outside of the normal course of business.

10 Parent company

During the year under review, the company was under the ultimate control of its parent company, Merit Group Holdings Limited. Their registered office is Merit House, Units 1-4 Whitewall Road, Medway City Estate, Rochester, Kent, ME2 4WS.

11 Audit report information

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements, the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.

Senior Statutory Auditor:
Statutory Auditor:
Date of audit report:

Mr Mark Attwood FCCA
Kreston Reeves LLP
29 August 2024

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