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**Duncan Taylor & Company
Limited**

Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended

31 December 2001



Duncan Taylor & Company Limited

Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001

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Directors

Alan Gordon
Euan C Shand

Secretary and registered office

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Company number

36622

Accountants

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Bankers

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Report of the directors for the year ended 31 December 2001

The directors present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001.

Results and dividends

The profit and loss account is set out on page 3 and shows the profit for the year.

The directors recommend the payment of a dividend of £45,000 on ordinary shares.

Principal activities, trading review and future developments

The company's principal activity is that of whisky merchants, blenders and exporters.

Whilst the level of sales has remained relatively modest, these have been at satisfactory prices with the company achieving an improvement in profitability. The directors are optimistic about the outlook for the company in the year ahead.

Directors

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

	£1 Ordinary shares	
	2001	2000
Matthew H Gross	30	30
Steven Gelles	-	-
Stuart D Goldstein	-	-
Eric Thomson (appointed 1 June 2001)	10	-

All of the above named directors resigned on 31 January 2002 on which date Alan Gordon and Euan C Shand were appointed as directors.

Events since the end of the year

The entire share capital of the company was acquired by Mountwest 394 Limited on 31 January 2002.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 December 2002.



Alan Gordon
Director

Duncan Taylor & Company Limited**Accountants' report**

Accountants' report on the unaudited accounts to the directors of Duncan Taylor & Company Limited

As described on the balance sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2001, set out on pages 3 to 11, and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit. In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited accounts in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.


Chartered Accountants

24 December 2002

Duncan Taylor & Company Limited

Profit and loss account for the year ended 31 December 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Turnover	2	212,759	110,690
Cost of sales		38,772	13,189
Gross profit		173,987	97,501
Administrative expenses		26,682	38,311
Operating profit		147,305	59,190
Interest receivable	5	2,973	1,254
Interest payable and similar charges	6	-	(2,931)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		150,278	57,513
Taxation on profit on ordinary activities	7	30,115	11,426
Profit for the year		120,163	46,087
Dividends	8	45,000	-
Transfer for the year		<u>75,163</u>	<u>46,087</u>

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 December 2001

	Note	2001 £	2000 £
Current assets			
Stocks	11	621,281	599,549
Debtors	12	16,458	16,154
Cash at bank and in hand		138,274	33,500
		776,013	649,203
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	142,465	90,818
Net assets		633,548	558,385
Capital and reserves			
Called up share capital	14	10,000	10,000
Profit and loss account	15	623,548	548,385
Equity shareholders' funds	16	633,548	558,385

The directors have taken advantage of the exemption conferred by section 249A(1) not to have these financial statements audited and confirm that no notice has been deposited under section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221 of the Companies Act 1985; and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at 31 December 2001 and of its profit for the year then ended in accordance with the requirement of section 226 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 1985 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

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

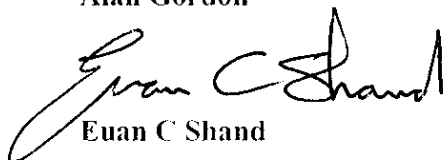
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Balance sheet at 31 December 2001 (*Continued*)

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 20 December 2002.



Alan Gordon



Euan C Shand

Directors

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

1 Accounting policies

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

Turnover

Turnover represents the value of goods and services sold during the year, excluding value added tax.

Stocks

Stocks, including associated carriage and storage charges, have been valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost, in the case of whisky, is filling price.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate ruling on the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

Deferred taxation

Provision is made for timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes, to the extent that it is probable that a liability or asset will crystallise.

2 Turnover

Turnover is wholly attributable to the principal activity of the company and arises solely within the United Kingdom.

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 (Continued)

3 Employees

Staff costs (including directors) consist of:

	2001 £	2000 £
Wages and salaries	3,190	3,000
Ex gratia severance award	-	10,000
	<u>3,190</u>	<u>13,000</u>

The average monthly number of employees (including directors) during the year was as follows:

	2001 Number	2000 Number
Management and administration	4	4
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

4 Directors

No director received any emoluments during this or the prior year.

5 Interest receivable

	2001 £	2000 £
Bank accounts	2,973	683
Repayment supplement	-	571
	<u>2,973</u>	<u>1,254</u>

6 Interest payable and similar charges

	2001 £	2000 £
On loans and overdrafts	-	2,966
Refund of interest on late payment of tax	-	(35)
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,931</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 (*Continued*)

7 Taxation

	2001 £	2000 £
<i>Current Year</i>		
UK corporation tax	30,115	11,426
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

8 Dividends

	2001 £	2000 £
<i>Equity shares</i>		
Ordinary shares		
Final proposed of £4.50 (2000 - Nil) per share	45,000	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

9 Intangible assets

	Patents and trade marks £
<i>Cost</i>	
At 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2001	1,836
	<u> </u>
<i>Amortisation</i>	
At 1 January 2001 and 31 December 2001	1,836
	<u> </u>
<i>Net Book Value</i>	
At 31 December 2001	-
	<u> </u>
At 31 December 2000	-
	<u> </u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 (*Continued*)

10 Tangible assets

	Office furniture and equipment £
<i>Cost</i>	
At 1 January 2001	514
Disposals	(514)
	—
At 31 December 2001	-
	—
<i>Depreciation</i>	
At 1 January 2001	514
Disposals	(514)
	—
At 31 December 2001	-
	—
<i>Net Book Value</i>	
At 31 December 2001	-
	—
At 31 December 2000	-
	—

11 Stocks

	2001 £	2000 £
Whisky	179,614	185,053
Wood	10,523	10,843
Storage	431,144	403,653
	—	—
	621,281	599,549
	—	—

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 (Continued)

12 Debtors

	2001	2000
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	11,001
Other debtors	16,458	2,903
Prepayments and accrued income	-	2,250
	<u>16,458</u>	<u>16,154</u>

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

13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2001	2000
	£	£
Trade creditors	619	-
Taxation and social security	53	357
Proposed dividend	45,000	-
Corporation tax	30,115	11,426
Accrued storage charges	50,828	60,650
Accruals and deferred income	15,850	18,385
	<u>142,465</u>	<u>90,818</u>

14 Called up share capital

	Authorised		Allotted, called up and fully paid	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	£	£	£	£
Ordinary shares of £1 each	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>

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Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2001 (Continued)

15 Reserves

	£
<i>Profit and loss account</i>	
At 1 January 2001	548,385
Transfer for the year	75,163
At 31 December 2001	623,548

16 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

	2001 £	2000 £
Profit for the year	120,163	46,087
Dividends	(45,000)	-
	75,163	46,087
Opening shareholders' funds	558,385	512,298
Closing shareholders' funds	633,548	558,385

17 Contingent liabilities

The company has provided H M Customs and Excise with a guarantee dated 21 May 1990, underwritten by National Westminster Bank Plc, for £55,000 in respect of the removal of goods chargeable with duty.

18 Cash flow statement

The company has used the exemption under Financial Reporting Standard 1, "Cash Flow Statements", not to prepare a cash flow statement as the directors believe the company is a 'small entity' as defined under Section 247 of the Companies Act 1985.

19 Ultimate controlling party

In the opinion of the directors, Stuart D Goldstein was the ultimate controlling party throughout the year.