

# **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

*Sportingbet Holdings Limited*

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

## **SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS**

#### **Directors**

R Hoskin

A Lewis

#### **Registered office**

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EC4M 9AF

#### **Company number**

07264739

#### **Independent Auditor**

KPMG LLP

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## **SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**

### **Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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The Directors present their Strategic Report for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **Principal activities and review of business**

The principal activity of the Company is that of a holding company within the Entain plc Group. The key performance indicators for the period ended 31 December 2021 are as follows:

	<b>2021</b>	2020
	<b>£'000</b>	£'000
Investments	<b>227,959</b>	87
Net assets/(liabilities)	<b>219,624</b>	(53,417)

#### **Results and dividends**

The financial statements for the year show a loss for the financial year of £87,000 (2020: loss of £59,000). The directors do not recommend payment of a dividend on ordinary shares (2020: £nil).

#### **Financial position**

As at 31 December 2021, the Company had net assets of £219,624,000 (2020: net liabilities of £53,417,000).

#### **Principal risks and uncertainties**

Entain plc reviews and evaluates key risks and uncertainties faced by the group as part of the reviews undertaken at its regular board meetings. The impact of risks and uncertainties of the company is considered as part of this review process.

The Company has no other significant risks or uncertainties other than those that arise from being a part of the Entain plc. The significant risks or uncertainties, including the Company's exposure to financial risk management are dealt with on pages 81 to 85 presented in the Annual Report 2021 of Entain plc.

#### **Section 172 statement**

This section of the strategic report describes how the directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1) (a) to (f), and forms the statement required under section 414 C of the Companies Act 2006 (the "Act"). The role of the board of directors of the company plays an integral part in demonstrating how the directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1). During the year the following primary tasks were undertaken by the board of directors of the company:

- Defining and establishing purpose and strategy including, where relevant, having regard to the purpose, strategy, culture and values defined by Entain plc.;
- Monitoring the potential significant operational challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic, having regard to the company's safe and reliable operations; and
- Assessing the principal and emerging risks relevant to the company.

In light of the role of the board, and their primary tasks and considerations throughout the year (as described above), the directors have discharged their duties under section 172(1) in a way that they considered, in good faith, is likely to promote the success of the company for the benefit of its members as a whole, having regard to the likely consequences of any decision in the long term and the broader interests of other stakeholders, as required by the Act. In doing so, the directors considered, amongst other matters:

- a. The likely long-term consequences of the decision.
- b. The need to foster the company's business relationships with others.
- c. The impact of the company's operations on the community and the environment.
- d. The desire to maintain the company's reputation for high standards of business conduct.
- e. The need to act fairly between members of the company.

The directors also considered the interests of a wider set of stakeholders. Further information on the process behind how the Entain plc board makes decisions that affect the stakeholders of its subsidiaries, including the company, can be found in Entain plc's Annual Report here: <https://entaingroup.com/investor-relations/financial-reports/>.

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**Strategic report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)**

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**Section 172 statement (continued)**

To support the directors in the discharge of their duties, and whilst making decisions on behalf of the company, the directors have access to Entain's central functions assurance support to identify matters which may have an impact on the proposed decision including, where relevant, the section 172 factors outlined above. To ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of engagement with key stakeholders identified by the company, certain stakeholder engagement is led by Entain group, particularly where the impact of a decision may impact the group's reputation.

**Modern Slavery**

Entain plc and its global subsidiaries ("The Group") recognise that companies have an obligation to ensure that their business and supporting supply chains are slavery free. The Group's full modern slavery statement can be found at <https://entaingroup.com/sustainability/modern-slavery-statement/>

**On behalf of the Board**



**R Hoskin**  
Director  
28 September 2022

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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The Directors present their report together with the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Directors**

The Directors of the Company during the year were:

R Hoskin  
A Lewis

**Future Developments**

The Company plans to continue its current activity as an investment holding company.

**Financial Risk Management**

The Company's exposure to financial risk management is outlined in the Strategic Report.

**Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance**

Entain plc maintains a qualifying (as defined by law) directors' and officers' liability insurance. The above named directors, (except for the corporate directors) have received an indemnity from the group to the extent permitted by law throughout the period and up to the date of signing this report. Neither the indemnity nor the insurance will provide cover in situations where a director has acted fraudulently or dishonestly.

**Political Donations**

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries made any disclosable political donations or incurred any disclosable political expenditure during the year (2020: £nil).

**Statement of Disclosure of information to auditor**

For all the directors at the time this report was approved, the following applies:

- a) so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's Auditor is unaware; and
- b) each director has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's Auditor is aware of that information

**Going concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the directors consider to be appropriate for the following reasons.

The company is a subsidiary of the Group headed by Entain plc (the Group) and responsible for management services within the Entain plc group and is therefore integral to the Group's business model. Consequently, the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern is based on the ability of the Group to continue as a going concern.

The Group has prepared financial forecasts comprising operating profit, balance sheet and cash flows covering the 36-month period to 2024. In preparing these forecasts, the directors have assessed the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on the business and have revised the cash flow forecasts for 2022 to take account of the consequent changes in profits and net cash inflows. These revised forecasts indicate that the Company will remain within its present facilities and that there is sufficient covenant headroom even under the sensitised downside scenarios.

Entain plc has indicated its intention not to seek repayment of the amounts currently due to the group, which at 31 December 2021 amounted to £21,944,000 and to continue to make available such funds as are needed by the company, until at least 31 December 2023 and for the foreseeable future. As with any company placing reliance on other group entities for financial support, the directors acknowledge that there can be no certainty that this support will continue although, at the date of approval of these financial statements, they have no reason to believe that it will not do so.

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**Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)**

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**Going concern (continued)**

Consequently, the directors are confident that the Company will have sufficient funds to continue to meet its liabilities as they fall due for at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements and therefore have prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

**Independent auditor**

Pursuant to Section 487 of the Companies Act 2006, KPMG LLP will be deemed to be reappointed and will therefore continue in office following a resolution put to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting.

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**Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2021 (continued)**

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**Statement of Directors' responsibilities**

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

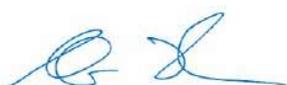
Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 *Reduced Disclosure Framework*.

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 estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- assess the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern; and
- use the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and 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 responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the Company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

**On behalf of the Board**



**R Hoskin**

Director

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28 September 2022

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Sportingbet Holdings Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and related notes, including the accounting policies in note 2.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its loss for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK accounting standards, including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework; 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 are described below. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities under, and are independent of the company in accordance with, UK ethical requirements including the FRC Ethical Standard. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is a sufficient and appropriate basis for our opinion.

### **Going concern**

The directors have prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis as they do not intend to liquidate the company or to cease their operations, and as they have concluded that the company's financial position means that this is realistic. They have also concluded that there are no material uncertainties that could have cast significant doubt over their ability to continue as a going concern for at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements ("the going concern period").

In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period.

Our conclusions based on this work:

- we consider that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate;
- we have not identified, and concur with the directors' assessment that there is not, a material uncertainty related to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for the going concern period.

However, as we cannot predict all future events or conditions and as subsequent events may result in outcomes that are inconsistent with judgements that were reasonable at the time they were made, the above conclusions are not a guarantee that the group or the company will continue in operation.

### **Fraud and breaches of laws and regulations – ability to detect**

#### *Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to fraud*

To identify risks of material misstatement due to fraud ("fraud risks") we assessed events or conditions that could indicate an incentive or pressure to commit fraud or provide an opportunity to commit fraud. Our risk assessment procedures included:

- Enquiring of directors as to the company's high-level policies and procedures to prevent and detect fraud, as well as whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.
- Reading Board minutes.
- Using analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships.

We communicated identified fraud risks throughout the audit team and remained alert to any indications of fraud throughout the audit.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

As required by auditing standards, we perform procedures to address the risk of management override of controls, in particular the risk that management may be in a position to make inappropriate accounting entries. On this audit we do not believe there is a fraud risk related to revenue recognition because there are no revenue transactions.

We did not identify any additional fraud risks.

We also performed procedures including:

- Identifying journal entries to test based on risk criteria and comparing the identified entries to supporting documentation. These included unusual journal entries with a credit or debit entry to cash and unexpected credit entries to the profit and loss.

### *Identifying and responding to risks of material misstatement due to non-compliance with laws and regulations*

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience and through discussion with the directors and other management (as required by auditing standards), and discussed with the directors and other management the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations.

We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit.

The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation (including related companies legislation), distributable profits legislation and taxation legislation and we assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: health and safety, anti-bribery and employment law, recognising the nature of the company's activities. Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Therefore, if a breach of operational regulations is not disclosed to us or evident from relevant correspondence, an audit will not detect that breach.

### *Context of the ability of the audit to detect fraud or breaches of law or regulation*

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it.

In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of fraud, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. Our audit procedures are designed to detect material misstatement. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance or fraud and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

### **Strategic report and directors' report**

The directors are responsible for the strategic report and the directors' report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover those reports and we do not express an audit opinion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the strategic report and the directors' report and, in doing so, consider whether, based on our financial statements audit work, the information therein is materially misstated or inconsistent with the financial statements or our audit knowledge. Based solely on that work:

- we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report and the directors' report;
- in our opinion the information given in those reports for the financial year is consistent with the financial statements; and
- in our opinion those reports have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED (CONTINUED)**

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required 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.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

### **Directors' responsibilities**

As explained more fully in their statement set out on page 6, the directors are responsible for: the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view; such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; 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 they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

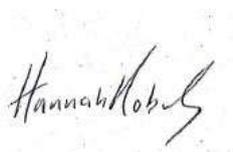
### **Auditor's responsibilities**

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 our opinion in an auditor's report. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but does not 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 aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

A fuller description of our responsibilities is provided on the FRC's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities).

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

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 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.



**Hannah Roberts** (*Senior Statutory Auditor*)  
*for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor*  
*Chartered Accountants*  
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30 September 2022

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED****Statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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	<b>Note</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2021 £000s</b>	<b>Year ended 31 December 2020 £000s</b>
Administrative expense		<b>(87)</b>	(59)
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<b>Loss on ordinary activities before taxation</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>(87)</b>	(59)
Income tax expense	4	-	-
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<b>Loss for the financial year and total comprehensive expense for the year</b>		<b>(87)</b>	(59)
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All amounts relate to continuing activities.

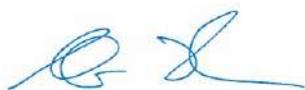
There are no items of other comprehensive income in the year presented. Therefore, no separate statement of comprehensive income has been prepared.

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**  
**Company number: 07264739**  
**Balance sheet at 31 December 2021**

		<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
		<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	5	227,959	87
<b>Current assets</b>			
Trade and Other receivables (including £13,609,000 (2020: £19,053,000) due after more than one year)	6	13,609	73,186
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Trade and other payables	7	(21,944)	(126,690)
<b>Net current liabilities</b>		<u>(8,335)</u>	<u>(53,504)</u>
<b>Net assets / (liabilities)</b>		<b><u>219,624</u></b>	<b><u>(53,417)</u></b>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
Called up share capital	8	-	2,469
Share premium		-	13,727
Retained earnings		219,624	(69,613)
<b>Total shareholders' funds / (deficit)</b>		<b><u>219,624</u></b>	<b><u>(53,417)</u></b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board and authorised for issue and signed on their behalf by



**R Hoskin**  
 Director

28 September 2022

The notes on pages 13 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**

Company number: 07264739

**Statement of changes in equity for the year ended 31 December 2021**

	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Share premium</b>	<b>Retained earnings</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>	<b>£000s</b>
Balance at 1 January 2020	<b>2,469</b>	<b>13,727</b>	<b>(69,554)</b>	<b>(53,358)</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(59)	(59)
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>13,727</b>	<b>(69,613)</b>	<b>(53,417)</b>
Loss for the year	-	-	(87)	(87)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	(87)	(87)
<i>Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity:</i>				
Share Issue	273,128	-	-	273,128
Capital Reduction	(275,597)	(13,727)	289,324	-
Total contributions by and distributions to owners	(2,469)	(13,727)	289,324	273,128
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219,624</b>	<b>219,624</b>

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## **SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**

### **Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

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#### **1 Basis of preparation**

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

As permitted under FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to the listing of new and revised standards that have not been adopted, financial instruments, fair values, presentation of a cash flow statement and related party transactions.

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. They have all been applied consistently throughout the year.

Under the provision of section 400 of the Companies Act 2006, the Company is exempt from preparing consolidated financial statements and has not done so; therefore, the financial statements show information about the Company as an individual entity.

These financial statements were prepared in accordance with The Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies using Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) and in accordance with applicable accounting standards. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under s400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group financial statements as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Entain plc.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling, which is also the Company's functional currency, and all values are rounded to the nearest thousand pounds (£'000) except when otherwise indicated. The Company's financial statements are individual entity financial statements.

The accounting policies which follow in note 2 set out those policies which apply in preparing the financial statements for the period ended 31 December 2021. These policies have been applied consistently other than those newly adopted in the year.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101:

- IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements
- the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of IAS16.73 (e) comparative information
- IAS 8.30-31 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors;
- IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures
- the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24;
- Paragraphs 113 (a), 114, 115, 118, 119a) to (c), 120 to 127 and 129 of IFRS 15 revenue from Contacts with Customers.
- Disclosures in respect of the compensation of Key Management Personnel; and
- Disclosures of transactions with a management entity that provides key management personnel services to the Company.

As the consolidated financial statements of Entain plc include the equivalent disclosures, the Company has also taken the exemptions under FRS 101 available in respect of the following disclosures:

- IFRS 2 Share-Based Payments in respect of group settled share-based payments
- Certain disclosures required by IAS 36 Impairment of assets in respect of the impairment of goodwill and indefinite life intangible assets;
- Certain disclosures required by IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement and the disclosures required by IFRS 7 Financial Instrument Disclosures.

#### **New standards and IFRIC interpretations**

From 1 January 2021 the Company has not been required to adopt, for the first time, any new standards, interpretations, or amendments as there have been no new issues effective in the reporting year.

## **2 Summary of significant accounting policies**

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

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### ***Cash flow statement***

The Company is exempt from the requirement under IAS 7 "Statement of Cash Flows" to prepare a cash flow statement as its cash flows are consolidated in the financial statements of Entain plc which are publicly available.

### ***Fixed asset investments***

Fixed asset investments are shown at cost less any amounts written off. Provisions are made for impairment. Only dividends received and receivable are credited to the Company's Profit and loss account.

### ***Foreign currencies***

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the operating profit.

### ***Deferred taxation***

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all material timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except for deferred tax assets which are only recognised to the extent that they have either been agreed with the relevant tax authority and/or the Company anticipates making sufficient suitable taxable profits in the near future. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

### ***Financial instruments***

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 entity after deducting all of its financial liabilities.

**2 Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)*****Financial instruments (continued)***

Where the contractual obligations of financial instruments (including share capital) are equivalent to a similar debt instrument, those financial instruments are classed as financial liabilities. Financial liabilities are presented as such in the balance sheet. Finance costs and gains or losses relating to financial liabilities are included in the profit and loss account. Finance costs are calculated so as to produce a constant rate of return on the outstanding liability.

Where the contractual terms of share capital do not have any terms meeting the definition of a financial liability then this is classed as an equity instrument. Dividends and distributions relating to equity instruments are debited direct to equity.

Financial assets are initially measured at fair value adjusted by transaction costs and classified as loans and receivables. Financial assets are subject to annual impairment review at least at each reporting date.

***Significant judgements***

In the application of the accounting policies, which are detailed in this note, the Directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods. The estimates and assumptions, which have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year, are discussed below.

**Carrying value of investments**

Determining whether investments in subsidiaries are impaired requires an assessment of impairment indicators and, if indicators exist, and estimation of their recoverable amounts. The calculation of recoverable amount requires the entity to estimate the future cash flows expected to arise from the investments and select a suitable discount rate in order to calculate present value.

**3 Operating loss**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
This has been arrived at after (debiting)/crediting:		
Foreign exchange (loss)/gain	(92)	52
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The audit fee in the year was borne by the another group company.

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (*continued*)**4 Taxation**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
<i>Current tax</i>		
UK corporation tax on profit for the year	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The tax assessed for the year is higher than (2020: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are explained below:

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
Loss on ordinary activities before tax	(87)	(59)
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Loss on ordinary activities at the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 – 19.00%)	(17)	(10)
Effects of:		
Losses surrendered for nil consideration	17	10
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total tax expense as reported in the income statement	-	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**Change in corporation tax rate**

In the Budget on 3 March 2021 the Chancellor announced that the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax would increase from the planned 19% rate to 25% on 1 April 2023. This change was substantively enacted on 24 May 2021. Both the 19% and 25% rate have therefore been used in measuring deferred tax items, depending on the expected rate of reversal of any timing differences.

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (*continued*)**5 Investments****Shares in  
subsidiary  
undertakings  
£000s**

At 1 January 2021	87
Additions	<u>227,872</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>227,959</u>

On 28 July 2021, the Company subscribed to a further 227,872,297 shares of £1 each in the capital of its investment in Sporting Odds Limited.

The Company held 100% of the issued ordinary share capital of the following subsidiary undertakings at 31 December 2021.

<b>Subsidiary</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Country of incorporation or registration</b>
<i>Direct subsidiaries:</i>		
Interactive Sports (C.I.) Limited	Online betting	Alderney
Interactive Sports Limited	Online betting	England and Wales
Sporting Odds Limited	Online betting	England and Wales
Sportingbet (IT Services) Limited	Software development and IT related services	England and Wales
Sportingbet (Management Services) Limited	Administrative services	England and Wales
Sportingbet (Product Services) Limited	Market research, project management and web design services	England and Wales
Green Sand Limited	Online betting	Antigua and Barbuda
MLB Limited	Contract call centre	Ireland
Sportingbet Spain S.A.	Online betting	Spain
Javari Consultancy Services SL	Marketing services	Spain
Main Street 1013 Pty Limited	Administrative services	South Africa
<i>Indirect subsidiaries:</i>		
6996825 Canada Limited	Dormant	Canada
Interactive Sports Denmark ApS	Administrative services	Denmark
Longfrie Limited	Administrative services	Guernsey
Interactive Sports Asia Limited Inc	Administrative services	Philippines
Scandic Bookmakers Limited	Administrative services	Malta

For all undertakings listed above, the country of incorporation is the same as the country of operation.

**SPORTINGBET HOLDINGS LIMITED**Notes forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (*continued*)**6 Trade and other receivables**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
Amounts owed by group undertakings	13,609	73,186

Amounts owed by group undertakings are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

Included within amounts owed by group undertakings is £13,609,000 which is expected to be recovered after more than one year (2020: £19,053,000).

**7 Trade and other payables**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
Amounts owed to group undertakings	21,944	126,685
Accruals	-	5
	<u>21,944</u>	<u>126,690</u>

Amounts owed to group undertakings are repayable on demand and are non-interest bearing.

**8 Share capital**

	<b>2021</b> <b>£000s</b>	<b>2020</b> <b>£000s</b>
Allotted, issued and fully paid		
246,926,301 ordinary 1p shares	-	2,469

On 28 July 2021 the Company issued an additional 27,312,849,800 shares to its parent company, Sportingbet Limited, for a value of £273,128,498. Subsequently the Company cancelled and extinguished all but one hundred of its issued ordinary shares resulting in a transfer to retained earnings of £275,597,760. Additionally, the Company cancelled its share premium accounts resulting in a further transfer to retained earnings of £13,727,101.

**9 Related party transactions**

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" from the requirement to disclose transactions with Group companies on the grounds that the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary and publicly available consolidated financial statements are prepared by the ultimate parent company.

**10 Parent company and ultimate parent company**

The Company's immediate parent company is Sportingbet Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The ultimate parent company is Entain plc, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man. Copies of the Group accounts prepared by the ultimate parent company are available from 32 Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 1JB or from the Investor Relations section of the Company's website at <https://entaingroup.com/investor-relations/financial-reports/>