

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Coral Group Trading Limited

For the year ended 31 December 2019

Coral Group Trading Limited

DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS

DIRECTORS

S Smith

C Sutters

Ladbrokes Coral Corporate Director Limited

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Ladbrokes Coral Corporate Secretaries Limited

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Coral Group Trading Limited

DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their strategic report on Coral Group Trading Limited for the year ended 31 December 2019.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The profit for the financial period, after taxation, amounted to £1,335,000 (2018: £8,041,000).

BUSINESS REVIEW AND KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The company provides management services facilities to other group companies. The company also owns intellectual property which is used by the Coral Group. Royalties are received for the use of intellectual property. The company received royalty income of £2,904,000 during the year ended 31 December 2019 compared to a £11,609,000 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

On 1 April 2019, the brand names held by the company were transferred to Ladbrokes Betting and Gaming Limited, a fellow group company, at book value. Additionally, the trade of the Company was transferred to Ladbrokes Coral Group Limited on 1 April 2019. The Directors therefore expect the Company not to trade in future periods.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES.

The principal risk the company faces is regarding interest rates applicable to its group payables and receivables.

The Company has no other significant risks or uncertainties other than those that arise from being a part of the GVC Holdings PLC. The significant risks or uncertainties, including the Company's exposure to financial risk management and those arising from Brexit are dealt with on pages 60 to 66 presented in the Annual Report 2019 of GVC Holdings PLC.

SECTION 172 STATEMENT

In performing their duties under the Companies Act 2006 the Board are required to describe how they have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1)(a) to (f).

When making decisions throughout the year the directors have taken into consideration, and had regard to, the Company's shareholders, stakeholders, business relationships, reputation for high standards, the community and environment and the impact of the Board's decision making on the long term success of the business.

The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of GVC Holdings PLC and therefore the directors have also considered the wider context in which the Company operates to adhere to the high standards of professionalism, culture, values, ethics, strategy and environmental and social responsibility set by the GVC group.

In discharging their duties under section 172 the directors have access to the full resource, assistance, support and guidance offered by the GVC group and are committed to driving further improvements in shareholder and stakeholder engagement.

The Company has no employees or direct customers.

The 2019 annual report and accounts for GVC Holdings PLC can be found here: <https://gvc-plc.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/GVC-2019-Annual-Report-and-Accounts.pdf>

On behalf of the board



S Smith
Director
30 October 2020

Coral Group Trading Limited

DIRECTORS' REPORT

for the year ended 31 December 2019

The directors present their annual report and audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2019. The prior period reported was for a year ended 31 December 2018.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The company is a holding company within the GVC Holdings Plc Group. The company also receives royalty income from another group company. The directors propose to continue the same activity next year.

GOING CONCERN

After making enquiries, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The Company therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing these financial statements.

The Group has assessed the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on the business and has revised its cash flow forecasts for 2020 and 2021 to take account of the consequent reduction in profits and net cash inflows. The revised forecasts indicate that the group will remain within its present bank facilities and will continue to be able to pay its liabilities as they fall due.

FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

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

DIRECTORS

The following served as directors during the year and up to the date of signing the financial statements:

S Smith

C Sutters

Ladbrokes Coral Corporate Director Limited

DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES AND INSURANCE

GVC Holdings 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 year 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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

MODERN SLAVERY

GVC Holdings 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://gvc-plc.com/corporate-responsibility/modern-slavery-statement/>.

By the order of the Board



S Smith

Director

30 October 2020

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STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' 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;
- 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.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITOR

In the case of each director in office at the date the Directors' Report is approved:

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

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CORAL GROUP TRADING LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Coral Group Trading Limited ("the company") for the year ended 31 December 2019 which comprise the Balance Sheet, the Income Statement, the Statement of Changes in Equity and related notes, including the accounting policies.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2019 and of its profit 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.

The impact of uncertainties due to the UK exiting the European Union on our audit

Uncertainties related to the effects of Brexit are relevant to understanding our audit of the financial statements. All audits assess and challenge the reasonableness of estimates made by the directors, such as the valuation of assets, and related disclosures, and the appropriateness of the going concern basis of preparation of the financial statements. All of these depend on assessments of the future economic environment and the company's future prospects and performance.

Brexit is one of the most significant economic events for the UK, and at the date of this report its effects are subject to unprecedented levels of uncertainty of outcomes, with the full range of possible effects unknown. We applied a standardised firm-wide approach in response to that uncertainty when assessing the company's future prospects and performance. However, no audit should be expected to predict the unknowable factors or all possible future implications for a company and this is particularly the case in relation to Brexit.

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 its 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 its 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").

We are required to report to you if we have concluded that the use of the going concern basis of accounting is inappropriate or there is an undisclosed material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt over the use of that basis for a period of at least a year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In our evaluation of the directors' conclusions, we considered the inherent risks to the company's business model, including the impact of Brexit, and analysed how those risks might affect the company's financial resources or ability to continue operations over the going concern period. We have nothing to report in these respects.

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 absence of reference to a material uncertainty in this auditor's report is not a guarantee that the company will continue in operation.

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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CORAL GROUP TRADING LIMITED

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.

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 4, 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.

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.



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for and on behalf of KPMG LLP, Statutory Auditor
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Notes	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £000
TURNOVER	4	2,904	11,609
GROSS PROFIT		2,904	11,609
Administrative expenses	6	(68)	(2,306)
OPERATING PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE INTEREST AND TAXATION		2,836	9,303
Interest receivable and similar income	7	209	-
Interest payable and similar charges	7	(1,730)	(1,239)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		1,315	8,064
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	9	20	(23)
PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		1,335	8,041

All operations of the company are continuing.

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

The notes on pages 10 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2019

	Called up Share Capital £000	Retained Earnings £000	Total Shareholders' funds £000
At 1 January 2018	90	654,903	654,933
Profit for the financial year	-	8,041	8,041
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At 31 December 2018	90	662,944	663,034
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At 1 January 2019	90	662,944	663,034
Profit for the financial year	-	1,335	1,335
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At 31 December 2019	90	664,279	664,369
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The notes on pages 10 to 21 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2019

	Notes	31 December 2019 £000	31 December 2018 £000
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	10	281	349
Fixed asset investments	11	750,788	749,919
		<u>751,069</u>	<u>750,268</u>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	12	5,770	9,338
Cash and cash equivalents		250	250
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	13	<u>(92,720)</u>	<u>(96,822)</u>
NET CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>(86,700)</u>	<u>(87,234)</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>664,369</u>	<u>663,034</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	14	90	90
Profit and loss account		664,279	662,944
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS		<u>664,369</u>	<u>663,034</u>

The financial statements on pages 7 to 21 were approved by the Board of Directors on 30 October 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:



S Smith
Director

Coral Group Trading Limited

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended 31 December 2019

1. CORPORATE INFORMATION

Coral Group Trading Limited (the 'Company') is a private company limited by share capital, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom. The principal activities of the company are that of a holding company within the GVC Holdings Plc group. The company also receives royalty income from another group company.

The address of its registered office and principal place of business is disclosed within directors and advisors on page 1.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The financial statements of Coral Group Trading Limited have been prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Accounting Standards which comply with Financial Reporting Standard 102 and the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements cover the period for the year ended 31 December 2019. The comparative period covers the year ended 31 December 2018.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated. Details of the transition to FRS 102 are disclosed in note 18.

Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, under the historical cost convention as modified by the recognition of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value, and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires management to exercise its judgement in the process of applying accounting policies. The areas involving a higher degree of judgement or complexity, or areas where assumptions and estimates are significant to the financial statements are disclosed below.

Critical accounting judgements and estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Key accounting estimates and assumptions

The Company makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities are addressed below.

(i) Asset value and impairment (notes 11, 12 and 13)

If there is an indication that an asset is included in the balance sheet at more than its recoverable amount, an impairment review is undertaken. A value in use calculation is performed using discounted forecast future cash flows and is compared to the fair value of the asset less costs to sell. The higher of these two values is compared to the carrying value and if the recoverable amount is less than the carrying value, the impairment is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Exemptions for qualifying entities under FRS 102

FRS 102 allows a qualifying entity certain disclosure exemptions, subject to certain conditions, which have been complied with.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemptions set out below on the basis that it is a qualifying entity since its results are included in the consolidated financial statements of Ladbrokes Coral Group Limited which are available from 3rd Floor, One New Change, London, United Kingdom, EC4M 9AF.

- Preparation of a cash flow statement
- Disclosure of related party transactions with and between wholly owned subsidiaries of Ladbrokes Coral Group Limited and remuneration of key management
- Disclosures relating to financial instruments.

Foreign currency

The Company's functional and presentation currency is pound sterling.

Finance income

Interest receivable is recognised on an accruals basis for interest bearing loans with group companies and is recognised in the profit and loss account.

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3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation

Taxation expense for the period comprises of current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the profit and loss account. Current or deferred taxation assets and liabilities are not discounted.

(i) Current tax

Current tax is the amount of income tax payable in respect of the taxable profit for the period or prior period. Tax is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the period end.

Current tax assets and liabilities are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the taxation authorities, based on tax rates and laws that are enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

(ii) Deferred income tax

Deferred income tax is recognised on all temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the financial statements, with the following exceptions:

- When the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or an asset or liability in a transaction that is not a business combination and, at the time of the transaction, affects neither the accounting profit nor taxable profit or loss
- Deferred income tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carried forward tax credits or tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are measured on an undiscounted basis at the tax rates that are expected to apply when the related asset is realised or liability is settled, based on tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

The carrying amount of deferred income tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are offset, only if a legally enforceable right exists to set off current tax assets against current tax liabilities, the deferred income taxes relate to the same taxation authority and that authority permits the Company to make a single net payment.

Income tax is charged or credited to other comprehensive income if it relates to items that are charged or credited to other comprehensive income. Similarly, income tax is charged or credited directly to equity if it relates to items that are credited or charged directly to equity. Otherwise income tax is recognised in the income statement.

Financial instruments

The Company has chosen to adopt Sections 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments. Borrowings are carried at their issue proceeds net of finance costs less amounts repaid. Finance costs are amortised over the life of the related borrowing.

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3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Financial assets

Basic financial assets including loans to fellow group companies and investments are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest.

Such assets are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

At the end of each reporting period financial assets measured at amortised cost are assessed for objective evidence of impairment. If an asset is impaired the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in the profit and loss account.

Financial assets are derecognised when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the asset are transferred to another party or control of the asset has been transferred to another party who has the practical ability to unilaterally sell the asset to an unrelated third party without imposing additional restrictions.

Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including loans from fellow group companies 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

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

Fees paid on the establishment of loan facilities are recognised as transaction costs of the loan.

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the liability is extinguished, that is when the contractual obligation is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Share capital

Ordinary shares are classified as equity.

Distributions to equity holders

Dividends and other distributions to shareholders are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends and other distributions are approved. These amounts are recognised in the Statement of changes in equity.

Related party transactions

The Company discloses transactions with related parties which are not wholly owned within the same Group. Where appropriate, transactions of a similar nature are aggregated unless, in the opinion of the directors, separate disclosure is necessary to understand the effect of the transactions on the Company's financial statements.

4. TURNOVER

Relates primarily to charges made to other group companies arising from a grant of licences to use intellectual property owned by Coral Group Trading Limited.

5. DIRECTORS' AND AUDITOR REMUNERATION

The directors who have served during the period are also directors of other undertakings within the group and spend an immaterial amount of their time on activities relating to the company. As such, none of their remuneration is considered to be for qualifying services to the company (2018: £nil).

Total auditors' remuneration for the audit of the subsidiary companies within the Coral Group has been paid by the Company. The charge in respect of the company is £2,500 (2018: £2,500)

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6. OPERATING PROFIT

Operating profit is stated after charging:

	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £000
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	68	28
One –off deal costs	-	2,277
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Deal costs relate to costs incurred on the acquisition of the Ladbrokes Coral Group by GVC Holdings Plc in 2019.

7. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE

	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £000
Interest receivable and similar income:		
Interest receivable from group companies	209	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Interest payable and similar charges:		
Interest payable to group companies	1,730	1,239
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8. DIVIDENDS PAID

There were no dividends paid during the year (2018: £nil).

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9. TAX on PROFIT on ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

a) Current tax:

The company makes and receives no payment for group relief for the year (2018: nil)

The taxation (credit)/charge is made up as follows:

	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £000
Current tax:		
UK corporation tax	-	-
Total current tax	-	-
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences – current year	1	25
Adjustment in respect of prior years'	(21)	(2)
Total deferred tax (note 9c)	(20)	23
Tax (credit)/charge on profit on ordinary activities	(20)	23

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9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

b) Factors affecting the current tax (credit)/charge:

The tax on the profit on ordinary activities for the year differs from (2018: differs from) the average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The differences are reconciled below:

	Year ended 31 December 2019 £000	Year ended 31 December 2018 £000
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	1,315	8,064
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by average standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for the year of 19% (2018: 19.00%)	250	1,532
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	-	387
Non taxable income	(28)	387
Group relief received for nil payment	(221)	(1,891)
Impact of rate change	-	(3)
Adjustment in respect of prior year	(21)	(2)
Tax (credit)/charge for the period	(20)	23

c) Deferred taxation:

Movements in the deferred tax asset during the period were as follows:

	£000
Deferred tax at 31 December 2018	(29)
Movement through the profit and loss account – current period	(1)
Movement through the profit and loss account – prior year	21
At 31 December 2019 (note 14)	(9)

Deferred taxation asset in the accounts consists of:

	31 December 2019 £000	31 December 2018 £000
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	(9)	(29)
Net deferred tax liability (note 14)	(9)	(29)

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9. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES (continued)

In the Budget on 16 March 2016, the Chancellor announced that the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax will be reduced from 1 April 2020 to 17%. In addition, he announced that the planned reductions in rates would be delayed and amended so that the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax will be reduced from 20% to 19% from 1 April 2018, with a further reduction to 17% from 1 April 2020.

The deferred tax assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date are calculated at the substantively enacted rate of 17%. Although the reduction to 17% is effective from 1 April 2020, this was substantively enacted on 6 September 2016.

In the Budget on 11 March 2020 the Chancellor announced that the standard rate of UK Corporation Tax would increase from the planned 17% rate to 19% on 1 April 2020. This change was enacted on 17 March 2020 and therefore does not impact the rate of 17% used for the year ended 31 December 2019.

10. TANGIBLE ASSETS

	Office equipment £000
Cost:	
At 31 December 2018	522
Additions	-
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At 31 December 2019	522
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Depreciation:	
At 31 December 2018	173
Provided during the year	68
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At 31 December 2019	241
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Net book value:	
At 31 December 2019	281
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At 31 December 2018	349
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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Valuation and net book value:

	Shares in group companies £000	Other investments £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2019	745,654	4,265	749,919
Additions	-	869	869
At 31 December 2019	745,654	5,134	750,788

Historical cost:

	Shares in group companies £000	Other investments £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2019	745,654	4,265	749,919
Additions	-	869	869
At 31 December 2019	745,654	5,134	750,788

Other investments relate to a 15% in Hui 10, a company registered in China, for consideration of £5,134,000.

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

Name of company	Nature of business	Place of incorporation
Coral Racing Limited	Provision of leisure activities	Great Britain
Coral Stadia Limited	Provision of leisure activities	Great Britain
Romford Stadium Limited	Provision of leisure activities	Great Britain
Eurobet Holding SRL	Holding company	Italy
Eurobet Italia SRL	Provision of leisure activities	Italy
Coral Estates Limited	Asset management company	Great Britain
Brickagent Limited	Provision of administration	Great Britain
Coral (Holdings) Limited	Holding company	Great Britain
Reuben Page Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Gala Coral Pension Trustee Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Gala Coral Secretaries Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Gala Coral Nominees Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Gala Coral Properties Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Coral (Stoke) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
C L Jennings (1995) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Joe Jenings Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Joe Jennings (1995) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Lightworld Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Vegas Betting Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Chas Kendall (Turf Accountants) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Bloxhams Bookmakers Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
J G Leisure Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Choicebet Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Forster's (Bookmakers) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Sports (Bookmakers) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Arthur Prince (Turf Accountants) Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
Reg. Boyle Limited	Dormant company	Great Britain
49s Limited*	Provision of leisure activities	Great Britain
Lucky Choice Limited*	Dormant company	Great Britain
Hui 10**	Provision of leisure activities	China

* Owned 33.3%.

** Owned 15%

Coral (Holdings) Limited, Gala Coral Nominees Limited, Gala Coral Secretaries Limited, Gala Coral Properties Limited and Gala Coral Pension Trustee Limited are directly owned by the company, all other subsidiaries are indirectly owned.

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11. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS (continued)

All the UK subsidiaries have their registered office at 3rd Floor, One New Change, London, United Kingdom, EC4M 9AF, with all the Italian subsidiaries registered at Via Alessandro Marchetti No. 105, Rome 00148, Italy.

12. DEBTORS

	31 December 2019 £000	31 December 2018 £000
Other debtors	-	346
Amounts owed by group companies	5,770	8,992
	<u>5,770</u>	<u>9,338</u>

13. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	31 December 2019 £000	31 December 2018 £000
Trade creditors	-	100
Accruals	-	8
Amounts owed to group companies	92,711	96,685
Deferred taxation	9	29
	<u>92,720</u>	<u>96,822</u>

Amounts owed to other group companies are unsecured and have no fixed date of repayment. Amounts owed to group companies bear interest at a rate linked to the group's borrowing costs.

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14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

<i>Allotted and fully paid:</i>	Ordinary Shares of £0.0001 each	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>£000</i>
At 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018	895,702,001	89,570
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

15. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company is a subsidiary of Coral Limited, a company incorporated in England and Wales.

The only group in which the results of Coral Group Trading Limited are consolidated is that headed by GVC Holdings Plc, a company incorporated in the Isle of Man. Consolidated financial statements are available to the public and may be obtained from GVC Holdings Plc, 3rd Floor, One New Change, London, United Kingdom, EC4M 9AF.

As at 31 December 2019 the ultimate parent company and controlling party of the group was GVC Holdings Plc.

16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Since the year end the World Health Organisation declared a global pandemic following the Covid-19 outbreak leading to a number of countries around the world moving into a status of lockdown and preventing in certain cases any continuation of trade. This has had an impact on the GVC Holdings PLC group as it means a number of sporting events around the world have been halted. The Company's risks in this respect are aligned to that of the group.

Given the Company does not trade there has been no noticeable impact to the Company during the pandemic.

The Group has assessed the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak on the business and has revised its cash flow forecasts for 2020 and 2021 to take account of the consequent reduction in profits and net cash inflows. The revised forecasts indicate that the group will remain within its present bank facilities and will continue to be able to pay its liabilities as they fall due.