STRATEGIC REPORT, DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023





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# Worldwing Investments Limited strategic report, directors' report and financial statements

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# Worldwing Investments Limited OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS

## DIRECTORS

A Mayhew

A Kee

S Henderson

## SECRETARY

R Cahill

## REGISTERED OFFICE

Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London United Kingdom W1K 4QY

## Worldwing Investments Limited STRATEGIC REPORT

The directors present their Strategic report for the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023. Comparative information is presented for the period of 55 weeks ended 17 September 2022.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The principal activity of the Company is the holding of investments in a group of companies in the UK. There are no plans to change the Company's activity in the foreseeable future. The external commercial environment is expected to remain competitive. However, this will have minimal impact on the Company's principal activity as a holding company.

## REVIEW OF THE BUSINESS

The results and financial position of the Company are set out on pages 7 to 9.

The profit on ordinary activities after tax for the period amounted to £17,383 (2022: £3,078). No dividend was paid by the Company in the current or prior period. The carrying value of investments was £3,331,152 (2022: £3,331,152) and net assets were £3,898,321 (2022: £3,880,938).

## PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Company's principal risks and uncertainties relate to the value of its investments and its ability to finance those investments, if necessary, through the recovery of outstanding balances with other group companies.

A full description of the principal risks and uncertainties applicable to the Associated British Foods plc (ABF) group, of which this company is a subsidiary, are disclosed on pages 68 to 75 of the 2023 ABF Annual Report, which is available at www.abf.co.uk. The principal risks and uncertainties of this group arise in its trading subsidiaries and are assessed within the operating companies where they are identified, evaluated and managed by the directors.

## Engaging with our stakeholders - Section 172 Statement

The directors are required to act in a way which they consider, in good faith, is most likely to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of its members as a whole and, in doing so, have regard (amongst other matters) to the matters set out in section 172(1)(a) to (f) of the Companies Act 2006.

The company is a subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc and, as such, the company has adopted and directors have due regard to applicable group policies and procedures which impact on the company's stakeholders, including those referred to on pages 40 to 43 of the Associated British Foods plc Annual Report and Accounts 2023.

The following section serves as AB World Food's section 172 statement and describes how the directors take into account such stakeholder and other matters in carrying out their duties and the impact on decision-making. Regardless of the legal duties, the directors consider regular engagement with stakeholders to be part and parcel of our value of progressing through collaboration and to be fundamental to the success of the Company.

## Board structure and engagement with stakeholders

The statutory board comprises the Managing Director, the Finance Director, and the UK Grocery Finance Director. The board regularly reviews the business' principal stakeholders and how we engage with them.

The Directors aim to take the needs and priorities of each stakeholder group into account as part of their decision-making processes, recognising that the appropriateness of a stakeholder group may vary depending upon the matter under discussion.

## Key Stakeholders

The Board has identified the following stakeholder groups with whom engagement is fundamental to the group's ongoing success:

- Subsidiaries of the company
- its shareholder

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## Subsidiaries of the company

The company forms part of the group of companies headed by Associated British Foods plc and the company's accounts are consolidated into the Associated British Foods plc accounts. Group companies can provide financial and other support to the Company and the sharing of best practice and know-how between the businesses within the broader group is actively encouraged. The Company is kept up to date on key businesses activities and decisions of its subsidiaries and provides all necessary support.

## Shareholder

The company takes appropriate steps to ensure that its shareholder is kept up to date on key business activities and decisions

## **Energy Usage**

The directors consider the company to be a low energy user. For further information please refer to full disclosures made in the Associated British Foods plc 2023 annual report.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf

A Kee Director

Date: 9 - Jan - 2024

Registered address Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London United Kingdom W1K 4QY

## DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and financial statements of Worldwing Investments Limited for period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023. Comparative information is provided for 55 weeks ended 17 September 2022.

## RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

No dividends were paid during the current or prior period.

## DIRECTORS

The directors who scryed the Company during the period and up to the date of signing this report were as follows:

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A Kee

S Henderson

At 16 September 2023 the directors had no beneficial interests in the share capital of the Company (2022: £nil).

#### GOING CONCERN

The Company's business activities together with its financial performance and position are set out in the Strategic report. The Strategic report also describes the Company's financial risk management.

The Company has received a letter of support from its intermediate parent company, ABF Investments plc, indicating that it will receive the financial and other support necessary for the Company to trade and meet its liabilities as and when they become due for a period of twelve months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

After making enquiries and considering the support available from the intermediate parent company described above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. These considerations included the ABF group's directors' assessment of going concern (set out in the Annual Report and Accounts dated 7 November 2023 and available at www.abf.co.uk), which included the significant levels of cash and undrawn committed long-term facilities available to the group and the ABF group's directors' stress testing of cash flow forecasts through to 1 March 2025, and an assessment of any developments since that date that would adversely affect that conclusion. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis."

## **DIRECTORS' INDEMNITIES**

The directors have benefited from the ABF Group's Directors and Officers Insurance policy.

## ANTI-BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION

The Company is committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all its business dealings. As part of its commitment to ethical business practices, the Company will not tolerate any form of bribery or corruption. The Company maintains a comprehensive Anti-Bribery and Corruption policy which outlines the behaviour and principles required to support this commitment.

## **AUDITOR**

The company is exempt from the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 (the 'Act') relating to the audit of individual accounts pursuant to section 479A of the Act.

## HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING

The Company keeps its safety, health and environmental performance and levels of legal compliance under regular review and ensures that its risk management controls are appropriate and effective. The Company's board of directors reviews these at least annually.

The Company operates a comprehensive environmental policy, complying with legislation, standards and best practice.

# Worldwing Investments Limited DIRECTORS' REPORT

## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

The Company made no charitable donations during the current or previous period.

## ENGAGEMENT WITH EMPLOYEES

Although the company does not have any employees, its subsidiary AB World Foods Limited, employed on average 470 persons within the period. As noted in the AB World Foods Limited accounts, during the reporting period there were regular Leadership catch-ups, monthly company briefings and workshops.

## ENGAGEMENT WITH SUPPLIERS, CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS

See pages 2 to 3 for information on how the directors have had regard to the need to foster the Company's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others, and the effect of that regard, including on the principal decisions taken by the Company during the year.

Approved by the board of directors and signed on its behalf

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A Kee Director

Date: 9 JANUARY 2024

Registered address Weston Centre 10 Grosvenor Street London United Kingdom W1K 4QY

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PREPARATION OF THE STRATEGIC REPORT, THE DIRECTORS' REPORT AND THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic report, Directors' report and the financial statements in accordance with the applicable UK 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 United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law), 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 judgments 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue its business.

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 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.

**INCOME STATEMENT** 

For the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023

	5	2 weeks ended 16 September 2023	55 weeks ended 17 September 2022
	Notes	£	£
Interest receivable and similar income	4	21,461	3,800
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		21,461	3,800
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	5	(4,670)	(722)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		16,791	3,078

There were no items of comprehensive income or expense other than those recognised in the income statement for either period.

The profit on ordinary activities before taxation relates entirely to the continuing activities in the period.

The notes on pages 10 to 13 are part of these financial statements.

# Worldwing Investments Limited STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 16 September 2023

		As at 16 September 2023	As at 17 September 2022
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS Investments	6	3,331,152	3,331,152
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors	7	572,151	550,690
CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,574)	(904)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		566,577	546,786
NET ASSETS		3,897,729	3,880,938
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Share capital	9	2,022,785	2,022,785
Share premium	9	41,984	41,984
Profit and loss account	9	1,832,960	1,816,169
SHAREHOLDER'S FUNDS		3,897,729	3,880,938

For the 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023 the Company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 479A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to subsidiary companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 4 3AN 2024 and are signed on its behalf by:

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Adrian ku 1A2DB4BCF8AD4E7...

A Kee Director

Company Registration No. 02778854

The notes on pages 10 to 13 are part of these financial statements.

# Worldwing Investments Limited STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023

	Share	Share	Retained	
	Capital £	Premium £	Earnings £	Total Equity £
At 28 August 2022	2,022,785	41,984	1,813,091	3,877,860
Profit for the financial period	-	-	3,078	3,078
At 17 September 2022	2,022,785	41,984	1,816,169	3,880,938
Profit for the financial period	-	-	16,791	16,791
At 16 September 2023	2,022,785	41,984	1,832,960	3,897,729

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023

## 1. AUTHORISATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FRS

Worldwing Investments Limited is a private company limited by shares and is incorporated and domiciled in England and Wales. The registered office is Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1K 4QY.

The Company's financial statements are presented in Sterling. These financial statements were prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework (FRS 101) and the Companies Act 2006.

The results of the Company are included in the consolidated financial statements of Associated British Foods plc, which are available from Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1K 4QY, United Kingdom. The principal accounting policies adopted by the Company are set in Note 2.

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared under FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. FRS 101 sets out a reduced disclosure framework which addresses the financial reporting requirements and disclosure exemptions for the individual financial statements of subsidiaries and ultimate parents that otherwise apply the recognition, measurement and disclosure requirements of Adopted IFRS. The Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions allowed under this standard. The Company's parent undertaking has been notified of and did not object to the use of the Adopted IFRS disclosure exemptions.

The Company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions under FRS 101 as the equivalent disclosures are included in the consolidated financial statements of Associated British Foods plc:

- (a) the requirements of IFRS 7 Financial Instruments;
- (b) the requirement in paragraph 38 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements to present comparative information in respect of paragraph 79(a)(iv) of IAS 1;
- (c) The requirements of paragraphs 10(d), 10(f), 39(c) and 134-136 of IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements;
- (d) the requirements of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- (e) the requirements of paragraphs 30 and 31 of IAS 8 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors:
- (f) the requirements of paragraph 17 of IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures;
- (g) the requirements in IAS 24 Related Party Disclosures to disclose related party transactions entered into between two or more members of a group, provided that any subsidiary which is a party to the transaction is wholly owned by such a member; and
- (h) the requirements of paragraphs 130(f)(ii), 130(f)(iii), 134(d)-134(f) and 135(c)-135(e) of IAS 36 Impairment of Assets.

## GOING CONCERN

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

As set out in note 10, the smallest group in which the results of the company are consolidated is that headed by Associated British Foods plc, which confirmed in the Annual Report and Accounts dated 7 November 2023 that its directors have a reasonable expectation that the Associated British Foods plc group has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The Company has received a letter of support from its intermediate parent company, ABF Investments plc, indicating that it will receive the financial and other support necessary for the Company to trade and meet its liabilities as and when they become due for a period of 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023

## 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## **GOING CONCERN**

After making enquiries and considering the support available from the intermediate parent company described above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company has adequate resources to continue in operation for 12 months from the date of signing of these financial statements. These considerations included the ABF group's directors' assessment of going concern (set out in the Annual Report and Accounts dated 7 November 2023 and available at www.abf.co.uk), which included the significant levels of cash and undrawn committed long-term facilities available to the group and the ABF group's directors' stress testing of cash flow forecasts through to 1 March 2025, and an assessment of any developments since that date that would adversely affect that conclusion. Accordingly, the financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis.

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption under s400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare group accounts as it is a wholly owned subsidiary of Associated British Foods plc and its results are included in the parent company's consolidated financial statements. These consolidated financial statements are available to the public and may be obtained from Associated British Foods plc, Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. They are also available for download on the group's website at <a href="https://www.abf.co.uk">www.abf.co.uk</a>.

## **INVESTMENTS**

Long term investments representing interests in subsidiary undertakings are stated at cost less any provision for impairment.

#### **TAXATION**

Corporation tax payable is provided on taxable profits at the current rate. 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 statement of financial position date.

## INTEREST INCOME

Revenue is recognised as interest accrues using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash receipts through the expected life of the financial instrument to its net carrying amount.

## DIVIDENDS

Revenue is recognised when the company's right to receive payment is established.

## 3. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

None of the directors in the current or prior period received any remuneration in respect of the directorship of the Company as they are inconsequential to their services provided to other companies in the group.

The Company did not employ anyone other than the directors (2022: £nil).

## 4. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME

	52 weeks ended 16 September	55 weeks ended 17 September
	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable from group undertakings	21,461	3,780

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## 5. TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES

## (a) Analysis of tax charge on income statement

	52 weeks ended 16 September 2023	55 weeks ended 17 September 2022
	£	£
Current tax - current period charge	4,670	722
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4,670	722

## (b) Factors affecting the tax charge for the period

The differences between the total current tax shown above and the amount calculated by applying the standard rate of UK Corporation tax to the profit before tax are as follows:

	52 weeks ended 16 September 2023 £	55 weeks ended 17 September 2022 £
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	21,461	3,800
Tax at 21.76% thereon (2022:19.00%)	4,670	722
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	4,670	722

## 6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

## Cost and net book value

As at 17 September 2022 and 16 September 2023

£3,331,152

Name	Country of registration or incorporation	Class of shares	Shares held %
AB World Foods Limited	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Patak's Breads Limited*1	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Patak's Frozen Foods Limited*2	Scotland	Ordinary	100
Patak (Spices) Limited <sup>1</sup>	England and Wales	Ordinary	100
Korway Holdings Limited*2	Scotland	Ordinary	100
Patak's Chilled Foods Limited*2	Scotland	Ordinary	100
Korway Foods Limited*2	Scotland	Ordinary	100

The interests held in the companies with an asterisk (\*) are held through subsidiary undertakings.

Group financial statements have not been prepared as the Company is a wholly owned subsidiary undertaking of Associated British Foods plc which prepares group financial statements that include the Company. In the opinion of the directors, the investments in, and amounts due from the Company's subsidiary undertakings are worth at least the amounts at which they are stated in the statement of financial position.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Registered office address is Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London, W1K 4QY

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Registered office address is Miller Samuel LLP, RWF House, 5 Renfield Street, Glasgow, G2 5EZ

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For the period of 52 weeks ended 16 September 2023

7.	DEBTORS		
		As at	As at
		16 September	17 September
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Amounts due from intermediate parent undertaking	572,151	550,690
8.	CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year		
		As at	As at
		16 September	17 September
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Corporation tax - Group relief payable	5,574	905
9.	SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
		As at	As at
		16 September	17 September
		2023	2022
		£	£
	Allotted, called up and fully paid:	*	
	60,255 "A" Ordinary shares of £1 each	60,255	60,255
	6,688,305 "B" Ordinary shares of US\$0.50 each	1,962,530	1,962,530
		2,022,785	2,022,785

The "A" and "B" shares rank pari passu and have attached to them full dividend and capital distribution (including on wind up) rights; they do not confer any rights of redemption.

The share premium reserve comprises all amounts shareholders paid for their issued shares in excess of the par value of those shares.

## 10. HOLDING COMPANY

The immediate holding company is G. Costa (Holdings) Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The ultimate holding company is Wittington Investments Limited, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales.

The largest group in which the results of the Company are consolidated is that headed by Wittington Investments Limited. The smallest group in which they are consolidated is that headed by Associated British Foods plc, which is incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales. The consolidated accounts of these groups are available to the public and may be obtained from Weston Centre, 10 Grosvenor Street, London W1K 4QY, which is the registered office of each of these companies. The consolidated accounts of Associated British Foods plc are also available for download on the group's website <a href="https://www.abf.co.uk">www.abf.co.uk</a>.