# **REGISTERED NUMBER: 09657788 (England and Wales)**

Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and

**Audited Financial Statements** 

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

<u>for</u>

**CB-SDG Holdco Limited** 

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# **CB-SDG Holdco Limited**

# <u>Company Information</u> <u>for the Year Ended 31 March 2021</u>

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Strategic Report

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The Directors present their strategic report of CB-SDG Holdco Limited ("the Company") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

### **REVIEW OF BUSINESS**

CB-SDG Holdco Limited is an intermediate holding company within the CB-SDG Topco Limited group of companies ("the Group") that trades in the market under the brand Six Degrees. For further information on what Six Degrees does, please refer to the CB-SDG Topco Limited financial statements.

The Company's purpose is to carry long term liabilities such as redeemable preference shares and loan notes, therefore it has no need for short-term liquidity. On 28 March 2019 the Group listed Unsecured A Loan Notes with principal value £76.6m on the Bermuda Stock Exchange. As at the date of this report the listings remain active.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The directors use key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor and assess the company's performance.

The figures in the table below provide the performance of the company for the year-ended 31 March 2021 and for the restated comparative year-ended 31 March 2020.

The principal KPIs are as follows:

|                  | 2021     | 2020     |
|------------------|----------|----------|
|                  | £'000    | Restated |
|                  |          | £'000    |
| Interest payable | 13,737   | 13,417   |
| External debt    | 207,732  | 194,062  |
| Net liabilities  | (41,926) | (28,183) |

The net liabilities of the Company increased in the period under review as a result of the accrued interest on loan notes payable and the accrued dividend payable on the redeemable preference shares.

In the current financial year, management identified an error in the calculation of preference share dividend in the prior years, which has resulted in over recognition of dividend expense. Redeemable preference shares were issued by the Company to CB-SDG Topco Limited (the immediate parent undertaking). This has therefore resulted in a restatement of prior year balances; further details are provided in note 8.

# PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

#### **Economic downturn**

The Company relies on income from its trading subsidiaries. It is therefore exposed to the same risks as the CB-SDG Midco Limited (" Midco Group") of which it holds 100% of the share capital.

The success of the business may be affected by any downturn in the general economic environment. In particular, this could influence the availability of finance and the cost of that finance, clients' willingness and ability to take on services or invest in capital goods, client settlement patterns and the incidence of bad debts.

In response to this risk, senior management aim to keep abreast of economic conditions. Effective relationships are established with the group's bankers and other debt providers and there are regular reviews of clients' credit worthiness and debt levels.

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#### PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES - continued

#### **Economic downturn - continued**

In relation to the risk of economic downturn presented by Brexit, the United Kingdom formally left the European Union on 29 January 2020 and a new trade deal came into effect on 31 December 2020. Management have performed an updated risk assessment of the impact of the UK's exit and have concluded that there is limited direct risk due to trade being predominantly with United Kingdom based customers, costs are incurred mainly in the United Kingdom and with transactions denominated in sterling.

The potential impact on the Group of an economic downturn as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has been assessed elsewhere within the Strategic Report.

# **Liquidity risks**

The Company's purpose is to carry long term liabilities such as redeemable preference shares and loan notes, therefore it has no need for short-term liquidity. In managing its liquidity risk, the Company relies on income from its trading subsidiaries. It is therefore exposed to the same risks as the Midco Group of which it holds 100% of the share capital.

#### **Currency risk**

The Company has limited exposure to translation and transaction foreign exchange risk as all of its transactions are conducted in sterling.

#### Interest rate risk

The Company is not exposed to any interest rate risk on the redeemable preferences shares and loan notes since the relevant interest rates are fixed and apply for a fixed period of time.

#### **COVID-19 Pandemic**

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent virus control measures implemented by UK Government have had a significant adverse impact across the UK economy with a number of industry sectors, most notably leisure and retail, experiencing a significant reduction in economic activity.

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a very limited impact on the Company directly since it acts as an intermediate holding company. The Company relies on income from its trading subsidiaries within the Midco Group and thus is indirectly exposed to the threats related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Group has a number of clients that operate predominantly within those sectors most affected by the control measures and, in conjunction with the broader potential economic consequences of the pandemic, management has considered the knock-on impact on the Groups' future financial position and performance in the going concern assessment.

When considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the steps required to mitigate those risks, the Group has identified the following areas:

#### Financial performance

#### Risks

- Potential reduction in recurring/non-recurring revenue resulting from clients reviewing the services that they obtain from the Group to prepare for the "new normal".

Strategic Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES - continued COVID-19 PANDEMIC - continued

# Mitigations and actions

- Review of short-term profit and loss forecasts on a regular basis.
- Expansion into less-affected sectors to diversify existing customer base.
- Utilisation of Government Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ("CJRS" scheme) in the areas of operational businesses that serve clients that have been adversely impacted by the virus to reduce the adverse EBITDA impact.

#### Outcome

- Reported EBITDA for the period to the date of this report in line with post COVID-19 forecasts.
- The Group made use of the CJRS scheme predominantly in the first half of the year ended 31 March 2021. By the end of Q3, only three employees remained in the scheme and by the year-end the Group was no longer utilising the scheme.

For full consideration of the risk presented by COVID-19 to the group, please refer to the CB-SDG Topco Limited financial statements.

# ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S K Mitchell - Director

7 September 2021

### Report of the Directors

for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The directors present their report with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

# PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company was that of an intermediate holding Company.

#### **DIVIDENDS**

The loss for the year, before taxation, was £13,743k (2020 restated - £13,433k)

The net liabilities of the Company were £41,926k (2020 restated - £28,183k).

No dividends for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020 - £nil).

# MATTERS COVERED IN THE STRATEGIC REPORT

The strategic report can be found on pages 2 to 4. This contains the review of business and details of the Company's principal risks and uncertainties.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

The directors do not intend to make any changes to the operations of the Company; it will continue to act as an intermediary holding company within the Group.

#### **EVENTS SINCE THE END OF THE YEAR**

Information relating to events since the end of the year is given in the notes to the financial statements.

#### **DIRECTORS**

The directors shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 April 2020 to the date of this report.

S K Mitchell

P Vaz

Other changes in directors holding office are as follows:

S Crawley-Trice was appointed as a director on 12 May 2021.

D M Howson ceased to be a director on 12 May 2021.

#### **POLITICAL DONATIONS**

There were no political donations made during the year (2019 - £nil).

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### **GOING CONCERN**

The directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. As at the balance sheet date, the Company has net current liabilities of £0.2m (2020 - £0.2m), being amounts due to fellow group undertakings, and net liabilities of £41.9m (restated 2020 - £28.2m), primarily driven by future obligations due to the external investors for the redeemable preference shares and loan notes. It is anticipated that these will not become payable until the Company has received sufficient income from its investment in the Midco Group and therefore the net liability position is not considered to affect its ability to continue as a going concern. Furthermore, the going concern assessment is based on the 12-month period from the date of signing the financial statements; since these are considered to be long-term liabilities they are considered to be outside of the going concern assessment period.

When producing the financial budget and forecasts for the short and medium term that derive the Group's future cash and revenue projection and as a result the income stream that will allow the entity to remain a going concern, the directors have modelled a number of scenarios that incorporate past experience and an assessment of the ongoing financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated control measures that were in place as at the balance sheet date.

The scenarios reviewed include a number of downside scenarios where the revenue forecasts are adversely affected and in each case the directors have factored in a number of reasonable actions which could be taken in order to mitigate any deterioration in the financial performance of the Group. The severe but plausible downside scenario assumes an overall reduction in revenue across each business line but includes a number of assumptions in relation to the internal and external resources required to deliver those services in order to minimise the adverse impact on the financial performance of the Group.

The directors have considered the Group's result for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the current financial performance to date against budget in the year 31 March 2022, the revenue and cash flow projections for the remainder of the financial year alongside the potential impact of Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of these considerations, and the current forecasts management have compiled for the Group going forward, the directors are confident that the Group has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The Company has received a letter of support from its immediate parent undertaking confirming that financial support will be provided to meet Company's current and future liabilities for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. As such, the directors are confident that the Company has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements.

#### FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT

The Company's financial risk management policy is outlined in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 4.

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have prepared the Company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law). 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.

Report of the Directors for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102, have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements:
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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.

#### **DIRECTORS' CONFIRMATIONS**

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 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 group and company's auditors are aware of that information.

#### **AUDITORS**

The auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

#### ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

S K Mitchell - Director

7 September 2021

# Independent auditors' report to the members of CB-SDG Holdco Limited

# Report on the audit of the financial statements

# **Opinion**

In our opinion, CB-SDG Holdco Limited's financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its loss for the year then
  ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland", and applicable law); and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

We have audited the financial statements, included within the Strategic Report, Report of the Directors and Audited Financial Statements (the "Annual Report"), which comprise: the Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021; the Statement of Comprehensive Income and the Statement of Changes in Equity for the year then ended; and the notes to the financial statements, which include a description of the significant accounting policies.

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) ("ISAs (UK)") and applicable law. Our responsibilities under ISAs (UK) are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We remained independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, which includes the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

### Our audit approach

#### **Overview**

# Audit scope

Full scope statutory audit

#### Key audit matters

- · Impairment of investments in subsidiaries
- COVID-19

#### Materiality

- Overall materiality: £352,000 (2020: £323,000) based on total assets of £166,231,000; capped based on allocated group materiality of CB-SDG Topco Limited.
- Performance materiality: £264,000.

#### The scope of our audit

As part of designing our audit, we determined materiality and assessed the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements.

#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in the auditors' professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and include the most significant assessed risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) identified by the auditors, including those which had the greatest effect on: the overall audit strategy; the allocation of resources in the audit; and directing the efforts of the engagement team. These matters, and any comments we make on the results of our procedures thereon, were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

This is not a complete list of all risks identified by our audit.

The key audit matters below are consistent with last year.

| Key audit matter   | How our audit addressed the key audit matter  |
|--|---|
| Impairment of investments in subsidiaries  |   |
| The Company has £166,032,000 of investments in subsidiaries as at 31 March 2021 (2020: £166,032,000).  | We have reviewed and tested the Directors' impairment assessment for investment in subsidiaries. This included comparing the investment carrying value against the net assets of the subsidiary and by reference to the discounted future projections the Directors expect trading entities of the Group to generate.   |
| Determining if an impairment charge is required involves an assessment of the net assets of the underlying investments and judgement about the future results and cash flows of the investments, including forecasted adjusted EBITDA.   | We have performed following procedures over the impairment assessment: - Tested the mathematical accuracy of the discounted cash flow model; - Validated the underlying assumptions used in the model and challenged management on the reasonableness of key assumption such as adjusted EBITDA growth rate, discount rate and long term growth rate; and - Performed a look back test to assess the accuracy of forecasting process. |
| The Directors' impairment assessment showed that no impairment is required for investments in subsidiaries as at 31 March 2021.  | Overall, we concluded that sufficient headroom is available at 31 March 2021 and therefore no impairment is required  |
| COVID-19   |   |
| The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 affected individuals and businesses across the world in unprecedented ways. The Company itself has not been directly impacted by the pandemic as a holding company with no direct trading or employees. However, to realise the value of its investment in subsidiaries and, in due course, settle its long-term liabilities the Company is reliant on the long term financial performance of the subsidiary trading entities. | We have inspected the letter of financial support provided to the Company by CB-SDG Topco Limited and confirmed that letter cover a period of at least twelve months from the date of the approval of these financial statements.   |

Given the unprecedented nature of the pandemic, the impact of COVID-19 remains an uncertainty in both the short and longer term. In response the directors have ensured that Company and its subsidiary entities have been able to continue to work as normal on a remote basis, with no significant disruption to the Company or to the subsidiaries operations.

In addition the directors have considered the overall Group financial performance. They have performed a detailed going concern assessment, covering a period to [date]; which goes beyond least twelve months from the date of approval of these financial statements and includes a severe but plausible downside scenario.

The directors concluded that based on these forecasts and sensitivities, there were no issues identified regarding the going concern of the overall Group and accordingly the letter of financial support provided to this Company from CB-SDG Topco Limited (the "Parent").

We have assessed the ability of CB-SDG Topco Limited to provide this financial support to the Company by examining the overall Group performance and the going concern assessment prepared by the directors - including considering the severe but plausible downside scenario presented which assumes an overall reduction in revenue across each business line and cost measures which could be taken to minimise such an adverse impact on the financial performance of the Group. We have considered the overall Group trading performance in FY22 to date.

No issues were identified regarding Parent's ability to provide support to the Company and sufficient headroom is available on the Group's liquidity and financial covenants under the external banking arrangements.

We have challenged management's disclosure in the directors' report and in the notes to the financial statements in relation to going concern and COVID-19. We have considered the impact of COVID-19 on the overall Group's trading performance and its impact on the carrying value of the Company's investments. Refer to key audit matter 'Impairment of investments in subsidiaries'.

#### How we tailored the audit scope

We tailored the scope of our audit to ensure that we performed enough work to be able to give an opinion on the financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the company, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which it operates.

CB-SDG Holdco Limited is an intermediate holding company and their main purpose is to carry long term liabilities such as the redeemable preference shares and loan notes.

Hence, our areas of focus are concentrated on material classes of transactions or balances such as investments and long term liabilities.

As above, we have also reviewed and tested the Company's going concern assumption.

#### **Materiality**

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. We set certain quantitative thresholds for materiality. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us to determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures on the individual financial statement line items and disclosures and in evaluating the effect of misstatements, both individually and in aggregate on the financial statements as a whole.

Based on our professional judgement, we determined materiality for the financial statements as a whole as follows:

| Overall company materiality           | £352,000 (2020: £323,000).   |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| How we determined it                  | total assets of £166,231,000; capped based on allocated group materiality of CB-SDG Topco Limited  |
| Rationale for<br>benchmark<br>applied | CB-SDG Holdco Limited is an intermediary holding company which holds investments in group companies and external debt and therefore total assets is the primary measure used by the shareholders in assessing the performance of the entity, and is a generally accepted auditing benchmark. |

We use performance materiality to reduce to an appropriately low level the probability that the aggregate of uncorrected and undetected misstatements exceeds overall materiality. Specifically, we use performance materiality in determining the scope of our audit and the nature and extent of our testing of account balances, classes of transactions and disclosures, for example in determining sample sizes. Our performance materiality was 75% of overall materiality, amounting to £264,000 for the company financial statements.

In determining the performance materiality, we considered a number of factors - the history of misstatements, risk assessment and aggregation risk and the effectiveness of controls - and concluded that an amount at the upper end of our normal range was appropriate.

We agreed with those charged with governance that we would report to them misstatements identified during our audit above £17,600 (2020: £16,000) as well as misstatements below that amount that, in our view, warranted reporting for qualitative reasons.

# Conclusions relating to going concern

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this conclusion is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

# Reporting on other information

The other information comprises all of the information in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify an apparent material inconsistency or material misstatement, we are required to perform procedures to conclude whether there is a material misstatement of the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report based on these responsibilities.

With respect to the Strategic report and Report of the Directors, we also considered whether the disclosures required by the UK Companies Act 2006 have been included.

Based on our work undertaken in the course of the audit, the Companies Act 2006 requires us also to report certain opinions and matters as described below.

#### Strategic report and Report of the Directors

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, the information given in the Strategic report and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31 March 2021 is consistent with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we did not identify any material misstatements in the Strategic report and Report of the Directors.

# Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

#### Responsibilities of the directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable framework and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The directors are also 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.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for 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 the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

Based on our understanding of the company and industry, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to but not limited to applicable tax legislation, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the financial statements such as the Companies Act 2006. We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to manipulation of financial statement line items through manual journal postings and the use of inappropriate assumptions or management bias in determining accounting estimates. Audit procedures performed by the engagement team included:

- Discussions with management and those responsible for governance including consideration of known or suspected instances of non-compliance with laws and regulation;
- Challenging assumptions and judgements made by management in their significant accounting estimates;
- Identifying and testing journal entries, in particular any journal entries posted with unusual account combinations including unusual or unexpected journal postings to the income statement; and
- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and agreeing to underlying supporting documentation.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Our audit testing might include testing complete populations of certain transactions and balances, possibly using data auditing techniques. However, it typically involves selecting a limited number of items for testing, rather than testing complete populations. We will often seek to target particular items for testing based on their size or risk characteristics. In other cases, we will use audit sampling to enable us to draw a conclusion about the population from which the sample is selected.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the FRC's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditors' report. In our engagement letter, we also agreed to describe our audit approach, including communicating key audit matters.

#### Use of this report

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the company's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

# Other required reporting

# Companies Act 2006 exception reporting

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- we have not obtained all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- adequate accounting records have not been kept by the company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- · certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Kevin Reynard (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

8 September 2021

# Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

|                                       | Notes | 2021<br>£'000    | 2020<br>as<br>restated<br>£'000 |
|---------------------------------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Administrative expenses               |       | (6)              | (16)                            |
| OPERATING LOSS                        | 5     | (6)              | (16)                            |
| Interest payable and similar expenses | 6     | <u>(13,737</u> ) | <u>(13,417</u> )                |
| LOSS BEFORE TAXATION                  |       | (13,743)         | (13,433)                        |
| Taxation                              | 7     | <del>-</del> _   |                                 |
| LOSS FOR THE FINANCIAL                | YEAR  | <u>(13,743</u> ) | <u>(13,433</u> )                |

The statement of comprehensive income has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

Please refer to note 8 for details of the prior year restatement.

# Balance Sheet As at 31 March 2021

|   |                | As at 31<br>March 2021         | As at 31<br>March 2020<br>as restated |
|---|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | Notes          | £'000<br>2021                  | £'000<br>2020                         |
| FIXED ASSETS<br>Investments                                 | 9              | 166,032                        | 166,032                               |
| CURRENT ASSETS Debtors: Amounts falling due within one year | n<br>10        | 199                            | 231                                   |
| CREDITORS Amounts falling due within one year               | ar 11          | (425)                          | (384)                                 |
| NET CURRENT LIABILITIES                                     |                | (226)                          | (153)                                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT<br>LIABILITIES                    | Г              | 165,806                        | 165,879                               |
| CREDITORS Amounts falling due after more that one year      | n<br>12        | <u>(</u> 207,732)              | <u>(</u> 194,062)                     |
| NET LIABILITIES   |                | <u>(41,926</u> )               | (28,183)                              |
| CAPITAL AND RESERVES  |                |                                |                                       |
| Called up share capital Other reserves Retained earnings    | 14<br>15<br>15 | 16,317<br>(29,943)<br>(28,300) | 16,317<br>(24,537)<br>(19,963)        |
| SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS   |                | <u>(41,926</u> )               | (28,183)                              |

Please refer to note 8 for details of the prior year restatement.

The financial statements on pages 14 to 29 were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 7 September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

S K Mitchell - Director

# Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

|  | Called up<br>share<br>capital<br>£'000 | Retained<br>earnings<br>£'000 | Other reserves £'000 | Total<br>deficit<br>£'000 |
|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Balance at 1 April 2019 Prior year restatement (note 8)  | 16,317<br>                             | (11,936)<br><u>-</u>          | (21,774)<br>2,643    | (17,393)<br>2,643         |
| Balance at 1 April 2019, as restated                     | 16,317                                 | (11,936)                      | (19,131)             | (14,750)                  |
| Changes in equity Transfers Prior year restatement       | <u>-</u>                               | 6,913<br>(1,507)              | (6,913)<br>1,507     | -<br>-                    |
| Transfers (restated-note 8)                              | -                                      | 5,406                         | (5,406)              | -                         |
| Total comprehensive loss Prior year restatement (note 8) | <u>-</u> _                             | (14,940)<br>1,507             | <u>-</u>             | (14,940)<br>1,507         |
| Total comprehensive loss (restated-note 8)               | -                                      | (13,433)                      | -                    | (13,433)                  |
| Balance at 31 March 2020                                 | 16,317                                 | (19,963)                      | (24,537)             | (28,183)                  |
| Changes in equity Transfers Total comprehensive loss     | <u>.</u> .                             | 5,406<br>(13,743)             | (5,406)              | (13,743)                  |
| Balance at 31 March 2021                                 | 16,317                                 | (28,300)                      | (29,943)             | (41,926)                  |

Please refer to note 8 for details of the prior year restatement.

#### 1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

CB-SDG Holdco Limited is a private company, limited by shares, registered and incorporated in England and Wales. The Company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information page. The principal activity of the Company is that of an intermediate holding company within the CB-SDG Topco Limited group.

The functional and presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparation of the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102. "The Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below and have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

### Going concern

The directors have adopted the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. As at the balance sheet date, the Company has net current liabilities of £0.2m (2020 - £0.2m), being amounts due to fellow group undertakings, and net liabilities of £41.9m (restated 2020 - £28.2m), primarily driven by future obligations due to the external investors for the redeemable preference shares and loan notes. It is anticipated that these will not become payable until the Company has received sufficient income from its investment in the Midco Group and therefore the net liability position is not considered to affect its ability to continue as a going concern. Furthermore, the going concern assessment is based on the 12-month period from the date of signing the financial statements; since these are considered to be long-term liabilities they are considered to be outside of the going concern assessment period.

When producing the financial budget and forecasts for the short and medium term that derive the Group's future cash and revenue projection and as a result the income stream that will allow the entity to remain a going concern, the directors have modelled a number of scenarios that incorporate past experience and an assessment of the ongoing financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated control measures that were in place as at the balance sheet date.

The scenarios reviewed include a number of downside scenarios where the revenue forecasts are adversely affected and in each case the directors have factored in a number of reasonable actions which could be taken in order to mitigate any deterioration in the financial performance of the Group. The severe but plausible downside scenario assumes an overall reduction in revenue across each business line but includes a number of assumptions in relation to the internal and external resources required to deliver those services in order to minimise the adverse impact on the financial performance of the Group.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Going concern - continued

The directors have considered the Group's result for the year ended 31 March 2021 and the current financial performance to date against budget in the year 31 March 2022, the revenue and cash flow projections for the remainder of the financial year alongside the potential impact of Brexit and the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of these considerations, and the current forecasts management have compiled for the Group going forward, the directors are confident that the Group has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements. The Company has received a letter of support from its immediate parent undertaking confirming that financial support will be provided to meet Company's current and future liabilities for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of the financial statements. As such, the directors are confident that the Company has sufficient resources to continue as a going concern for a period of not less than 12 months from the date of signing these financial statements.

### Financial Reporting Standard 102 - reduced disclosure exemptions

The company has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemptions in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland":

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows;
- the requirements of paragraphs 11.42, 11.44, 11.45, 11.47, 11.48(a)(iii), 11.48(a)(iv), 11.48(b) and 11.48(c);
- the requirements of paragraphs 12.26, 12.27, 12.29(a), 12.29(b) and 12.29A;
- the requirement of paragraph 33.7.

#### Preparation of consolidated financial statements

The financial statements contain information about CB-SDG Holdco Limited as an individual company and do not contain consolidated financial information as the parent of a group. The company is exempt under Section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 from the requirements to prepare consolidated financial statements as it and its subsidiary undertaking are included by full consolidation in the consolidated financial statements of its parent, CB-SDG Topco Limited, Commodity Quay, St Katharine Docks, London, E1W 1AZ.

#### Related party exemption

The Company has taken advantage of exemption, under the terms of Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland', not to disclose related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries within the Group.

#### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiary undertakings are recognised at cost. Investments are assessed for impairments at each reporting date and any impairment losses, or reversals of impairments losses, are recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

#### **Financial instruments**

The Company has chosen to adopt Section 11 and 12 of FRS 102 in respect of financial instruments.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Financial instruments - continued

#### (i) Financial assets

Basic financial assets, including trade and other receivables, cash and bank balances 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 receipts discounted at a market rate of interest.

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 profit or loss.

Financial assets are derecognised when (a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or (b) substantially all the risks and rewards of the ownership of the assets are transferred to another party or (c) despite having retained some significant risks and rewards of ownership, 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.

#### (ii) Financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including trade and other payables, bank loans, loans from fellow Group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, are initially recognised at transaction price, unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future 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 transactions costs of the loan to the extent that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down. In this case the fee is deferred until the draw down occurs. The fee is amortised over the life of the loan. To the extent there is no evidence that it is probable that some or all of the facility will be drawn down, the fee is capitalised as a payment for liquidity services and amortised over the period of the facility to which it relates.

Trade payables are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derivatives, including interest rate caps are not basic financial instruments. Derivatives are initially recognised at fair value on the date a derivative contract is entered into and are subsequently re-measured at their fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognised in profit or loss in finance costs or finance income as appropriate, unless they are included in a hedging arrangement. The Company does not apply hedge accounting.

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

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### Financial instruments - continued

### (iii) Offsetting

Financial assets and liabilities are offset and the net amounts presented in the financial statements when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

### (iv) Redeemable preference share capital

Within these financial statements, the redeemable preference share capital is accounted for as debt and dividends are treated as interest payable on the basis that payment is not within control of the Company. During the period, a 10% coupon rate dividend was accrued in respect of the Company's redeemable preference share capital.

### Interest receivable and interest payable

Interest payable and similar charges include interest payable and net foreign exchange losses that are recognised in the profit and loss.

Other interest receivable and similar income includes interest receivable on funds invested and net foreign exchange gains.

Interest income and interest payable are recognised in profit and loss as they accrue, using the effective interest method. Dividend income is recognised in the profit and loss account on the date the company's right to receive payment is established. Foreign currency gains and losses are reported on a net basis.

# 3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY

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

#### Preference shares

Management has exercised its judgement with respect to the classification of its preference shares, which are disclosed as debt held as non-current liabilities as a result of certain rights attributable to the holders as they are not within control of the company.

# Impairment of investments

The carrying value of investments is subject to an annual review for indicators of impairment based on whether the current or future events and circumstances suggest that their recoverable value may be less than their carrying value. The recoverable amount is based on value-in-use calculations, which requires extensions of future cash flows and the discount rate to apply in order to calculate the present values of these cash flows. In assessing the value in use, the FY22 results to date and three-year forecast, used for the purposes of the going concern assessment, were used to provide revenue, profit and cash flow projections for the next three years. Beyond this, an annual growth rate of 1.00% (2020: 1.00%) was used to determine the projected cash flows to obtain a terminal value. The discount rate used is based on the weighted average cost of capital of 12.5% (2020: 12.5%).

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

#### 4. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

There were no staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

|                         | 2021     | 2020 |
|-------------------------|----------|------|
|                         | £        | £    |
| Directors' remuneration | <u> </u> |      |

In 2021 and 2020, the costs relating to all staff, including directors, who are employed by subsidiary undertakings within the Group, Six Degrees Holdings Limited or CB-SDG Limited, are recharged via a management fee. It is not practicable to allocate the costs relating to specific employees to individual entities within the Group.

The costs relating to directors of the Company who are not employees of subsidiary undertakings are borne by the ultimate controlling entity. It is not practicable to allocate the costs relating to those directors to the Group.

#### 5. **OPERATING LOSS**

The audit fee for the year was borne by Six Degrees Holdings Limited, a fellow group undertaking and is disclosed in the consolidated financial statements of the Company's ultimate parent undertaking, CB-SDG Topco Limited. No recharges were made to this company.

#### 6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR EXPENSES

|                                   | 2021   | 2020     |
|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|
|                                   |        | as       |
|                                   |        | restated |
|                                   | £'000  | £'000    |
| Preference share dividend         | 5,406  | 5,406    |
| Interest on loan notes payable to |        |          |
| group undertakings                | 983    | 1,075    |
| Interest on loan notes payable to |        |          |
| ultimate parent undertaking       | 6,762  | 6,272    |
| Interest on loan notes payable to |        |          |
| related parties                   | 586    | 664      |
|                                   |        |          |
|                                   | 13,737 | 13,417   |
|                                   |        |          |

# 7. TAXATION

# Analysis of the tax charge

No liability to UK corporation tax arose for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# 7. TAXATION - continued

# Reconciliation of total tax charge included in profit and loss

The tax assessed for the year is higher than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK. The difference is explained below:

|   | 2021              | 2020<br>as<br>restated |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| Loss before tax   | £'000<br>(13,743) | £'000<br>(13,433)      |
| Loss multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% (2020 - 19%) | (2,611)           | (2,552)                |
| Effects of: Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Losses group relieved            | 2,423<br>188      | 2,345<br>207           |
| Total tax charge  | <u> </u>          |                        |

# Factors that may affect future tax charges

In the Budget held on 3 March 2021, the Government announced that the corporation tax charge will increase to 25% from 1 April 2023; however, this change has not yet been substantively enacted.

The Company has a tax charge of £nil in the period (2020 - £nil).

#### 8. PRIOR YEAR RESTATEMENT

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In the current financial year, management identified a computational error in the preference share dividend. This error resulted in a material overstatement of the dividend expense in 2020 and the prior financial years. Redeemable preference shares were issued by the Company to CB-SDG Topco Limited.

The error has been corrected by restating each of the affected financial statement line items for the prior periods as follows:

|   | 31 March<br>2020<br>Original<br>£'000 | 31 March<br>2020<br>Restated<br>£'000    |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|
| Preference share dividend expense (interest payable and similar expenses)  Amount transferred from retained earnings to the other | 6,913                                 | 5,406                                    |
| reserve through the SOCIE Total Comprehensive Loss Redeemable preference share non-current liability                              | 6,913<br>14,940                       | 5,406<br>13,433                          |
| (non-current liabilities)   | 82,745                                | 78,596                                   |
| Reduction in the preference share liability (non-current liabilities) Reduction in accumulated losses (accumulated losses)        |                                       | 1 April 2019<br>£000<br>£2,643<br>£2,643 |
| INVESTMENTS   |                                       | Shares in group undertakings £'000       |
| COST At 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021  |                                       | 166,032                                  |
| NET BOOK VALUE<br>At 31 March 2021  |                                       | 166,032                                  |
| At 31 March 2020  |                                       | 166,032                                  |

# 9. INVESTMENTS - continued

Details of the investments in which the Company (unless indicated) holds 20% or more of the nominal value of any class of share capital are as follows:

| Name                              | Nature of Business  | Interest                    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| CB-SDG Midco Limited              | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| CB-SDG Limited                    | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Six Degrees Holdings Limited      | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Six Degrees Technology Limited    | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Six Degrees Investments Limited   | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Convergent Holdings (London)      | 3 . ,               | , ,                         |
| Limited                           | Holding company     | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Six Degrees Property Limited      | Property investment | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Six Degrees Technology Group      |                     |                             |
| Limited                           | Trading             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| BIS Limited                       | Trading             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Capital Support US Inc            | Trading             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Carrenza B.V.                     | Trading             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Convergent Network Solutions      |                     |                             |
| Limited                           | Trading             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| BIS Datacentres Ltd               | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| C24 Ltd                           | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Capital Support Group Limited     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Capital Support Limited           | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Carrenza Limited                  | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| CNS HUT3 Limited                  | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Convergent Employee Benefit       |                     |                             |
| Trust Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Convergent Managed Services       |                     |                             |
| Limited                           | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Insite Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Sunrise Associates Limited        | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Sunrise Group Holdings Limited    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| Sunrise Unified Solutions Limited | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 1 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 2 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 3 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 4 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 5 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 6 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 8 Limited                     | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 15 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 17 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 18 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 19 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 20 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |
| SKD 21 Limited                    | Dormant             | 100% ordinary share capital |

The Company's investment in CB-SDG Midco Limited is direct ownership, all other investments are indirect ownership. All subsidiaries are incorporated in the United Kingdom except Carrenza B.V. which is incorporated in the Netherlands and Capital Support US Inc which is incorporated in the US.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Amounts owed to group undertakings

#### 9. **INVESTMENTS - continued**

The registered office of the above companies is Commodity Quay, St Katharine Docks, London E1W 1AZ with the exception of Carrenza B.V. is registered at Barbara Stozzilaan 101, 1083H and Capital Support Inc at Suite B 1675 S. State St., Dover, Kent 19901 DE.

£'000

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425

#### DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR 10.

|     |  | 2021       | 2020  |
|-----|--|------------|-------|
|     |  | £'000      | £'000 |
|     | Prepayments                                    | <u>199</u> | 231   |
|     |  |            |       |
|     |  |            |       |
| 11. | CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR |            |       |
|     |  | 2021       | 2020  |

Amounts owed to group undertakings are unsecured, repayable on demand and interest is applied at 9%.

#### 12. **CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN** ONE YEAR

|   | 2021    | 2020<br>as<br>restated |
|---|---------|------------------------|
| Loan notes payable to related   | £'000   | £'000                  |
| Loan notes payable to related parties and group undertakings (see note 13)  Loan notes payable to ultimate parent undertaking | 32,892  | 31,390                 |
| (see note 13)   | 174,840 | 162,672                |
|   | 207,732 | 194,062                |

#### 13. **LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

|   | 2021    | 2020<br>as<br>restated |
|---|---------|------------------------|
| Amounts falling due in more than five years:<br>Repayable otherwise than by instalments | £'000   | £'000                  |
| Loan notes payable to related parties  Loan notes payable to group                      | 5,508   | 4,954                  |
| undertakings Loan notes payable to ultimate   | 27,384  | 26,436                 |
| parent undertaking  | 90,838  | 84,076                 |
| Preference shares   | 84,002  | 78,596                 |
|   | 207,732 | 194,062                |

Loan Notes payable to the ultimate parent undertaking and related parties encompasses unsecured 8% loan notes issued by the Company. Loan notes payable to related parties are held by private investors. Interest payable is charged at 8% and is rolled up on an annual basis; it is only payable when the loan notes are redeemed. The loan notes are due for settlement in 2028.

Loan notes payable to group undertakings encompasses £5,812k (2020: £5,306k) of 8% loan notes issued by the Company and held by the immediate parent undertaking and £21,572k (2020: £21,130k) of 2.39% loan notes issued by the Company and held by CB-SDG Limited, a subsidiary undertaking. Interest payable is charged at 8% and 2.39% respectively and is rolled up on an annual and quarterly basis respectively; it is only payable when the loan notes are redeemed. The loan notes are due for settlement in 2028.

Preference shares carry an entitlement to a dividend of 10% per share per annum on the Subscription Price and may be redeemed at any time at the option of the Company, subject to the Investor's consent and are redeemable on sale of the business. Holders of the share have the right on a winding up to receive, in priority to any other classes of shares, the full amount paid for each share and any unpaid coupon rate dividends. As detailed in note 8, the prior year balances for preference shares have been restated.

# Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# 13. **LOANS - continued**

As part of the refinancing, the following Unsecured A Loan Notes were listed on the Bermuda Stock Exchange on 28 March 2019:

|   | Date listed   | Principal<br>Value<br>£'000 | Carrying<br>Value<br>£'000 |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Loan notes payable to ultimate parent undertaking | 28 March 2019 | 72,186                      | 90,838                     |
| Loan notes payable to related parties             | 28 March 2019 | 4,367                       | 5,508                      |

As at the date of this report the listings remain active. The Company's sponsor was Cohort Limited.

Details of shares shown as liabilities are as follows:

| Allotted, issued and fully paid: |            |                   |        |        |  |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--|
| Number:                          | Class:     | Nominal<br>value: | 2021   | 2020   |  |
|                                  |            |                   | £'000  | £'000  |  |
| 54,058,855                       | Preference | £1.00             | 84,002 | 78,596 |  |

# 14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL

| Allotted, issu | ed and fully paid: |         |        |        |
|----------------|--------------------|---------|--------|--------|
| Number:        | Class:             | Nominal | 2021   | 2020   |
|                |                    | value:  |        |        |
|                |                    |         | £'000  | £'000  |
| 16,317,000     | Ordinary           | £1.00   | 16,317 | 16,317 |

#### 14. CALLED UP SHARE CAPITAL - continued

# Ordinary shares

All dividends must be paid according to the amounts paid up on the shares on which the dividend is paid, and apportioned and paid proportionately to the amounts paid up on the shares during any portion or portions of the period in respect of which the dividend is paid. Each member who, being and individual or corporate, has one vote.

#### Preference shares

Every holder of preference shares will be entitled to:

- (a) receive a copy of any written resolution that is circulated to eligible members of the company, as defined under the act, at the same time as the resolution is circulated to such eligible members, but shall not constitute an eligible member in respect of any such proposed written resolution, in their capacity as holder of such preference shares; and
- (b) receive notice of all general meetings and attend and speak at any general meeting, but will not be entitled to vote at any general meeting in their capacity as holder of such shares.

On a return of capital or on a winding up, the holders of the preference shares will be paid in priority to the other shareholders a sum equal to the subscription price on each preference share held by them, together with a sum equal to any accrued and/or unpaid preference return calculated down to and including the date of return of capital, and payable irrespective of whether or not the company has enough available profits to pay the accrued and/or unpaid preference return, as at the relevant date (and any interest due on the unpaid dividend), provided that if there are sufficient assets for such payment in full, any amount available for distribution shall be paid to the preference shareholders pro rata to the number of preference shares held by them.

The preference shares are redeemable and the company shall (unless directed to the contrary by an investor director) redeem all of the preference shares that are then in issue, immediately before an exit. The Company recognises its preference shares within non-current liabilities rather than equity.

#### 15. RESERVES

#### Other reserves

This reserve enables the maintenance of capital in respect of holders of the redeemable preference shares which are classified as liabilities within "Creditors: amounts falling due within one year", by transferring the preference share coupon dividend due from retained earnings to this separate reserve.

#### 16. EVENTS AFTER THE REPORTING PERIOD

There are no events after the reporting period to disclose.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

# 17. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The Company's immediate parent and ultimate parent undertaking is CB-SDG Topco Limited.

The smallest and largest group within which the results of the Company are consolidated is CB-SDG Topco Limited. Financial statements for the group are available from www.companieshouse.gov.uk.

The ultimate controlling party is Charlesbank Capital Partners LLC, on behalf of funds under its management, which is incorporated in the United States of America.