Mabel Mezzco Limited Annual report and financial statements for the period ended 26 April 2015

Registered number: 07556501

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Strategic report for the period ended 26 April 2015

Introduction

The directors present their Strategic report for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (2014 - 52 weeks ended 27 April 2014).

The company acts as an intermediate holding company for the Mabel Topco Group ("the Group"), which operates a chain of Japanese style noodle bars, trading in the UK through Wagamama Limited, and in the USA through Wagamama, Inc. The UK business also operates as a franchisor of the brand in all territories in which Wagamama trades outside of the UK and USA.

The principal strategic objective is to maximise the value of the Wagamama brand, the main drivers of which are expansion of the owned estate in the UK and internationally, whilst continuing to focus on maintaining Wagamama's highly differentiated offering and its profitability.

Business review

The trading results for the period and the Group's financial position at the end of the period are shown in the attached financial statements on pages 8 and following. The directors have recommended a dividend in specie £454,136. (2014: Nil).

The Group continued with its expansionary activities during the period, with 6 restaurants opened and one closed in the UK. By the end of the period, the Group's estate had grown to 112 restaurants in the UK and 4 within the USA as well as 30 restaurants operated under franchise agreements.

The company has set up for growth and is expecting to open further managed restaurants in the UK and USA with additional franchise restaurants across the rest of the world.

Key performance indicators (kpi)

The directors consider the following to be key indications of the performance of the Group, both financial and non-financial:

	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Turnover	193,292	163,995
Operating (loss)/profit	(111)	4,638
Earnings before interest, tax depreciation, amortisation, set-up costs and certain head office costs ("adjusted EBITDA")*	30,251	25,274
Number of restaurants	116	111
Average number of employees	3,865	3,563

^{*}Set-up costs of £1,032,000 (2014: £2,746,000) and certain head office costs £305,000 (2014: £307,000)

Turnover grew by of 17.9% and adjusted EBITDA grew by 19.7%. Restaurant EBITDA (being adjusted EBITDA before central costs) grew by 30.3%. Operating profit declined to a loss of £0.1m from a profit of £4.6m as a result of exceptional administrative expenses for impairment and onerous lease charges. These expenses follow a robust review of the Group's assets and application of policy.

The directors see considerable potential for continuing expansion of the business, both in the UK and USA and will continue to follow the growth strategy.

Strategic report for the period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

Principal risks and uncertainties

UK Economy

As a consumer facing business, any risks to the UK economy as a whole, and in particular to consumer spending could impact on the overall performance of the Group. However the brand is relatively well positioned as a result of the overall affordability of the Wagamama offering. Significant food and wage inflation are also risk factors, although the business can to a certain extent offset inflationary pressures through moderate menu price increases.

Foreign exchange risk

The Group's principal operating segment relates to the UK restaurant business, with the Group's US restaurant business not exposing the Group to significant foreign exchange risk. Furthermore, the Group does not have significant assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies.

Accordingly the Group has not, to date, used any material financial instruments to mitigate its foreign exchange risk. The directors and UK management will keep this situation under review with the roll-out of the US restaurant business. However, as employees and suppliers of the US business are predominantly paid in US dollars acts as a natural hedge exists against foreign exchange risk.

Credit risk

Trade receivables predominately arise from the Group's franchising business. The franchising business is immaterial to the Group's operations. Accordingly, the Group has no significant concentrations of credit risk. The Group has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential franchisees before sales are made.

Credit risk also arises on short-term bank deposits. Short-term bank deposits are executed only with A-rated authorised counter-parties based on ratings issued by the major rating agencies. Counterparty exposure positions are monitored regularly so that credit exposures to any one counter party are within predetermined limits. Overall, the Group considers that it is not exposed to a significant amount of credit risk.

Liquidity risk

Prudent liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and short-term deposits and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities.

Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

During the period, The Group reorganised its finances and where previously it was financed through a mixture of bank borrowings and loan notes, as of 28 January 2015, it is now financed through a mixture of a high yield bond (coupon 7.875%) and loan notes thereby reducing its overall cost of debt. These borrowings are in sterling at fixed rates.

Approved by the board and signed on their behalf,

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J S Holbrook Director

July 2015

Directors' report for the period ended 26 April 2015

The directors present their report and audited consolidated financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (2014 - 52 weeks ended 27 April 2014).

Business review and future developments

We have included our business review and discussion of future developments in the Strategic report on page 2.

Results and dividends

The trading results for the period and the Group's financial position at the end of the period are shown in the attached financial statements on pages 8 and following. The directors have recommended a dividend in specie £454,136 (2014: nil).

The directors

The directors who served the company during the period and up to the date of signing were as follows:

P J Adams

E Bellquist

D Campbell

M H Collins

G M House

A W Perring (resigned 28/08/14)

P L Taylor

J S Holbrook (appointed 14/08/2014)

Financial instruments

The Group's treasury policies are designed to ensure that adequate financial resources are available for the development of the Group's businesses.

Borrowings are recognised initially at fair value, net of transaction costs incurred. Borrowings are consequently stated at amortised cost. Where the Group refinances its borrowings and such refinancing is substantially a new arrangement, unamortised issue costs relating to previous borrowings are accelerated to expense them in full by the date of refinancing. Such acceleration costs are treated as exceptional items.

Employees

The average number of employees and their remuneration is set out in note 4 of the financial statements.

The Group gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by a disabled person. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Group's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions and to provide training and career development and promotion to disabled employees wherever appropriate.

During the period, the policy of providing employees with information about the Group has been continued through internal media methods in which employees have also been encouraged to present their suggestions and views on the Group's performance. Regular meetings are held between local management and employees to allow a free flow of information and ideas.

Directors' report for the period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

Financial risk management

Please refer to the Strategic report on page 2 for further discussion on financial risk management.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period. Under that law the directors have prepared the Group and parent company financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards 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 Group and the company and of the profit or loss of the Group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgements and accounting 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company and the Group will continue in 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 the Group and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure of information to auditors

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In the case of each of the persons who are directors at the time when this report is approved, under section 418, the following applies:

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

The directors' report has been approved by the board and is signed on its behalf by

J S Holbrook Director

July 2015

Company registered number: 07556501

Independent auditors' report to the members of Mabel Mezzco Limited

Report on the financial statements

Our opinion

In our opinion, Mabel Mezzco Limited's Group financial statements and company financial statements (the "financial statements"):

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and of the company's affairs as at 26 April 2015 and of
 the Group's loss and cash flows for the 52 week period (the "period") then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
 and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

What we have audited

Mabel Mezzco Limited's financial statements comprise:

- the Group and Company balance sheets as at 26 April 2015;
- the Group profit and loss account and Consolidated statement of total recognised gains and losses for the period then ended;
- the Group cash flow statement for the period then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accounting Practice).

In applying the financial reporting framework, the directors have made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, they have made assumptions and considered future events.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, the information given in the Strategic report and the Directors' report for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Other matters on which we are required to report by exception

Adequacy of accounting records and information and explanations received

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

- we have not received 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
- the company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Directors' remuneration

Under the Companies Act 2006 we are required to report to you if, in our opinion, certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made. We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.

Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit

Our responsibilities and those of the directors

As explained more fully in the Statement of directors' responsibilities set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

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.

What an audit of financial statements involves

We conducted our audit in accordance with ISAs (UK & Ireland). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the group's and the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual report and financial statements to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

Julian Jenkins (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

July 2015

Group profit and loss account for the period ended 26 April 2015

	Note	52 weeks ended 26 April 2015	52 weeks ended 27 April 2014
		£'000	£'000
Turnover	2	193,292	163,995
Cost of sales		(107,073)	(90,621)
Gross profit		86,219	73,374
Administrative expenses before exceptional items		(75,294)	(67,932)
Exceptional administrative expenses	3	(11,036)	(804)
Administrative expenses		(86,330)	(68,736)
Operating (loss)/profit	3	(111)	4,638
Profit on ordinary activities before interest and taxation		(111)	4,638
Interest receivable and similar income	6	31	18
Interest payable and similar charges before exceptional items		(15,006)	(15,606)
Exceptional charges		(2,793)	-
Interest payable, similar charges	7	(17,799)	(15,606)
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation		(17,879)	(10,950)
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	8	(1,103)	(752)
Loss for the financial period	23	(18,982)	(11,702)

All of the activities of the Group are classed as continuing.

There are no material differences between the loss on ordinary activities before taxation and the loss for the periods stated above and their historical cost equivalents.

The company has taken advantage of section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to publish its own profit and loss account.

Group statement of total recognised gains and losses for the period ended 26 April 2015

		52 weeks ended 26 April 2015	52 weeks ended 27 April 2014
		£'000	£'000
Loss for the financial period		(18,982)	(11,702)
Foreign exchange differences arising on consolidation		361	(318)
Total recognised losses in the period	24	(18,621)	(12,020)

Group balance sheet as at 26 April 2015

	Note	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
		£'000	£'000
Fixed assets		2 000	
Intangible assets	11	145,651	154,767
Tangible assets	13	69,944	73,963
		215,595	228,730
Current assets			
Stocks	14	1,038	1,099
Debtors	15	6,297	7,498
Cash at bank and in hand		28,666	12,241
		36,001	20,838
Creditors: amounts falling due within one period	16	(41,007)	(35,123)
Net current liabilities		(5,006)	(14,285)
Total assets less current liabilities		210,589	214,445
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one period	17	(144,582)	(132,130)
		66,007	82,315
Provisions for liabilities	20	(6,282)	(3,514)
Net assets		59,725	78,801
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	22	20,000	20,000
Profit and loss account	23	39,725	58,801
Total shareholders' funds	24	59,725	78,801

The financial statements on pages 8 to 32 were approved by the board of directors on Gluly 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

J S Holbrook

Director

Company balance sheet as at 26 April 2015

	Note	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
		£'000	£'000
Fixed assets			
Investments	12	123,137	123,137
Current assets			
Debtors	15		47,944
		.=:	47,944
Creditors: amounts falling due within one period	16	(54)	(23)
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(54)	47,921
Total assets less current liabilities		123,083	171,058
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one period	17	•	(48,405)
Net assets		123,083	122,653
Capital and reserves			
Called-up share capital	22	20,000	20,000
Profit and loss account	23	103,083	102,653
Total shareholders' funds		123,083	122,653

The financial statements on pages 8 to 32 were approved by the board of directors or July 2015 and signed on its behalf by:

J S Holbrook

Director

Company registered number: 07556501

Group cash flow statement for the period ended 26 April 2015

	Notes	52 weeks ended 26 April 2015	52 weeks ended 27 April 2014
Net cash inflow from operating activities		£'000	£'000
37 -0-200	(a)	34,068	28,666
Returns on investments and servicing of finance			
Interest received		31	16
Interest paid		(5,141)	(6,424)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance Taxation		(5,110)	(6,408)
Capital expenditure		(19)	6
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		 :	156
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		(12,355)	(17,456)
Net cash outflow from capital expenditure		(12,355)	(17,300)
Cash inflow before financing		16,584	4,964
Financing			
Expenses paid in connection with issue of debt		(5,697)	(867)
New loans		150,000	4,165
Repayment of bank loan		(88,858)	(6,285)
Repayment of loan notes		(55,614)	(n)
Net cash outflow from financing		(169)	(2,987)
Increase in cash	(c)	16,415	1,981
Exchange adjustment		10	(4)
Opening cash at bank and in hand		12,241	10,268
Closing cash at bank and in hand		28,666	12,241

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Group cash flow statement for the period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

(a) Reconciliation of operating (loss)/profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	Period ended 26	Period ended
	April 2015	27 April 2014
8	£'000	£'000
Operating (loss)/profit	(111)	4,638
Amortisation	9,116	9,116
Depreciation	8,899	7,663
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	1,310	7 67
Impairment	5,915	1,612
Increase in stocks	61	(307)
Decrease in debtors	265	(1,686)
Increase in creditors	5,764	6,863
Onerous lease	2,849	
Net cash inflow from operating activities	34,068	28,666
(b) Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt		
	Period ended	Period ended
	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Increase in cash in the period	16,415	1,974
Exchange adjustment	10	(4)
Net cash inflow from bond loans	(150,000)	(4,165)
Expenses paid in connection with issuing debt	5,697	2
Repayment of bank loans	144,472	6,285
Amortisation of loan issue fees	(3,791)	(947)
Rolled up interest	(6,491)	(7,380)
Change in net debt	6,312	(4,234)
Opening net debt	(122,228)	(117,994)
Net debt at 26 April 2015	(115,916)	(122,228)

Group cash flow statement for the period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

(c) Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 28 April 2014	Cash flows	Other non- cash changes	At 26 April 2015
	£'000	£,000	£'000	£'000
Net cash:				
Cash in hand and at bank	12,241	16,415	10	28,666
Debt:				
Debt due within 1 period	(2,339)	2,339	**	٠
Debt due after 1 period	(132,130)	(2,170)	(10,282)	(144,582)
	(134,469)	169	(10,282)	(144,582)
Net debt after financing issue costs	(122,228)	16,584	(10,272)	(115,916)

Non-cash changes

	52 weeks ended 26 April 2015	52 weeks ended 27 April 2014
·	£'000	£'000
Amortisation of loan issue fees	(3,791)	(947)
Rolled up loan interest	(6,491)	(7,380)
Currency translation	10	(4)
	(10,272)	(8,331)

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and applicable accounting standards in the United Kingdom and policies have been applied that are consistent from period to period. The principal accounting policies are set out below.

The financial statements are prepared for the 52 week period up to the Sunday closest to 30 April being 26 April 2015. The comparative numbers used in the financial statements are for the 52 week period ended 27 April 2014.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as, after making appropriate enquiries and taking into account the strong trading performance of the underlying business and strong group cashflow, the Directors have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and all Group undertakings. These are adjusted, where appropriate, to conform to Group accounting policies. Acquisitions are accounted for under the acquisition method and goodwill on consolidation is capitalised and written off over twenty periods from the period of acquisition. The results of companies acquired or disposed of are included in the Group profit and loss account after or up to the date that control passes respectively. As a consolidated Group profit and loss account is published, a separate profit and loss account for the parent company is omitted from the Group financial statements by virtue of the Companies Act 2006.

Related parties transactions

The Company has taken advantage of the exemption provided by FRS 8 from disclosing transactions with Group companies on the basis that those companies are wholly owned and included in these consolidated financial statements.

Turnover

a) Restaurant turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents the value of goods and services provided during the period, stated net of value added tax. Turnover is recognised on completion of the transaction with the customer.

b) Franchise fees

Franchise fees comprise on-going fees based on results of the franchisee and up front initial site and territory fees. Total revenue is accrued in line with performance once revenue can be reliably measured.

Goodwill

Purchased goodwill and that arising on consolidation is amortised through the profit and loss account over the directors' estimate of its useful life. If a subsidiary, associate or business is subsequently sold or closed, any goodwill arising on acquisition that has not been amortised through the profit and loss account is taken into account in determining the profit or loss on sale or closure.

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Goodwill – over 20 periods Trademarks / Licences – up to 20 periods

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are held at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Historical cost includes the original purchase price of the asset and the costs attributable to bringing the asset to its working condition for its intended use. Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Leasehold property – over the period of the lease Restaurant and office equipment – over 3 to 10 periods

The depreciation charge for the period is included within administrative expenses.

Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value, after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items.

Operating lease agreements

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged against profits on a straight-line basis over the period of the lease. Lease incentives are recognised on a straight line basis over the period to the date rent reverts to market value.

Onerous leases

Where EBITDA results of individual restaurants suggest potential for onerous lease charges, future expected cashflow performance in those individual restaurants is reviewed and discounted at a rate of 10% over the remaining life of the lease and compared to the discounted committed rent payments for the remainder of the lease also discounted at 10%. Where there is a deficit between cashflow and committed rent then the net cost is recorded as an onerous lease charge.

Pension costs

The Group makes payments into the personal pension schemes of certain of its employees but does not operate any scheme itself.

Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided on all timing differences, without discounting, calculated at the rate at which it is estimated that tax will be payable, except where otherwise required by accounting standards.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. All exchange differences are taken to the profit and loss account. Exchange differences arising from consolidation of foreign entities are recognised directly in reserves.

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

Interest rate swaps are used to hedge the Group's exposure to movements on interest rates. The interest payable/receivable on interest rate swaps is accrued in the same way as interest arising on the related borrowings. The Group has not adopted the voluntary provisions of Financial Reporting Standard 26 – Financial instruments: Recognition and measurement.

2 Turnover

The turnover and operating profit for the period was derived from the company's principal continuing activity which was carried out primarily in the UK.

3 Operating (loss)/profit

Operating (loss)/profit is stated after charging:

	Period ended 26	Period ended 27
	April 2015	April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Amortisation	9,116	9,116
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	8,899	7,663
Impairment – included in exceptional administrative expenses	5,915	1,612
Foreign exchange gains	3	3
Auditors' remuneration - as auditors	62	64
- for taxation services	50	75
 for other services – included in exceptional administrative expenses 	575	*
Operating lease costs - land and buildings	15,596	13,532
Loss on disposal of fixed assets (of which £1,310,000 included in exceptional administrative expenses) 2014: £720,000))	1,310	767
Exceptional administrative expenses	11,036	804

Of the auditors' remuneration as auditors, £4,000 (2014: £5,000) related to the audit of Mabel Mezzco Limited and the consolidation, and £58,000 (2014: £59,000) related to the audit of subsidiary companies.

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

3 Operating (loss)/profit (continued)

For the period ended 26 April 2015, the exceptional administrative expenses incurred principally comprise of insurance income received from the flooding of a restaurant in prior year (£340,000) impairment of £5,915,000, onerous lease provisions of £2,849,000, loss on disposal of assets £1,310,000 and professional fees in conjunction with the Group's review of re-financing options £1,302,000. The impairment and onerous lease provisions follow a review of the Group's estate and an updated view on the application of accounting policy.

For the period ended 27 April 2014, the exceptional administrative expenses incurred principally comprise of exceptional income arising from the net compensation from the early exit of a lease (£2,779,000), offset by costs in relation to changes in the senior executive team (£771,000), costs arising from abortive sites (£270,000), costs associated with the flooding of a restaurant (£623,000), a review of impaired assets (£1,612,000) and franchise territory fee provision (£240,000).

4 Particulars of employees

The average number of staff (including directors) employed by the Group during the financial period amounted to:

	Period ended 26	Period ended
	April 2015	27 April 2014
	No	No
Number of staff - total	3,865	3,563
Restaurants	3,755	3,466
Head Office	110	97
The aggregate payroll costs of the above were:		
	Period ended	Period ended
	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Wages and salaries	63,442	53,881
Social security costs	4,657	4,267
Other pension costs	545	424
	68,644	58,572

The Company has no employees.

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

5 Directors' emoluments

	Period ended 26 April 2015	Period ended 27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Emoluments	1,852	704
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	109	75
Compensation for loss of office	190	175
3	1,961	954
Emoluments of highest paid director:		
	Period ended	Period ended 27

	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Total emoluments (excluding pension contributions)	841	223
Value of company pension contributions to money purchase schemes	42	25
	883	248
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The number of directors to whom pension benefits are accruing at the period end is 2 (2014: 3). No directors received emoluments in respect of their services to the company.

6 Interest receivable and similar income

	Period ended 26 April 2015	Period ended 27 April 2014
	£'000	£,000
Bank interest receivable	31	18

Notes to the financial statements for the period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

7 Interest payable and similar charges

	Period ended 26 April 2015	Period ended 27 April 2014
2	£'000	£'000
Interest payable on bank borrowing	4,639	6,412
Loan notes interest (note 18)	6,491	7,380
Bond interest	2,880	E
Amortisation of loan fees	996	947
Loan fee in respect of loan terms	¥	867
Interest and similar charges before exceptional items	15,006	15,606
Exceptional item	2,793	15.
Interest and similar charges	17,799	15,606

The issue costs associated with the bank loans and loan notes are amortised over the life of the instruments in accordance with FRS 4. The unamortised issue costs of bank loans and mezzanine loan notes were repaid on re-financing and have been expensed as exceptional; £2,793,000.

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8 Tax on loss on ordinary activities

(a) Analysis of charge in the period

	Period ended 26 April 2015	Period ended 27 April 2015
	£'000	£'000
Current tax:		
UK Corporation tax based on the results for the period at 20.93% (2014: 22.85%)	1,165	494
Overseas corporation tax – prior period	19	(6)
Total current tax	1,184	488
Deferred tax:		
Origination and reversal of timing differences – current period	(5)	277
Origination and reversal of timing differences – prior period	599	(1)
Changes in tax rates and laws	(675)	(12)
Total deferred tax	(81)	264
Tax on loss on ordinary activities	1,103	752

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8. Tax on loss on ordinary activities (continued)

(b) Factors affecting current tax charge

The tax assessed on the loss on ordinary activities for the period differs (2014: differs) from the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 20.93% (2014: 22.85%). The main rate of corporation tax was reduced from 21% to 20% from 1 April 2015.

	Period ended 26	'eriod ended 27
	April 2015	April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Loss on ordinary activities before taxation	(17,879)	(10,950)
Loss on ordinary activities multiplied by rate of tax 20.93% (2014: 22.85%)	(3,742)	(2,502)
Effects of:		
Expenses not deductible for taxation purposes	2,900	2,996
Difference in tax rates	(1,335)	•
Timing differences on fixed asset depreciation	4	(418)
Tax losses not recognised	3,338	418
Adjustment in respect of overseas tax	19	(6)
Total current tax (note 8(a))	1,184	488

The Group had unrecognised deferred tax assets of £3,433,000 (2014: £95,000) at the end of the period.

(c) Factors affecting future tax charges

No provision has been made for a deferred tax asset on the basis that there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

In addition to the changes in rates of corporation tax disclosed above, a number of further changes to the UK Corporation tax system have been announced. Further reductions to the main rate were announced in the Finance Act 2013 to reduce the tax rate to 20% from 1 April 2015.

9 Loss attributable to members of the parent company

The profit dealt with in the accounts of the parent company was £430,000 (2014: loss £462,000).

10 Dividends

A dividend in specie was paid in the period of £454,136 (2014: nil).

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11 Intangible assets

Group	Goodwill 1	Frademarks	Total
	£'000	£'000	£'000
Cost			•
As at 28 April 2014	181,989	228	182,217
26 April 2015	181,989	228	182,217
Accumulated amortisation			
At 28 April 2014	27,397	53	27,450
Charge for the period	9,099	17	9,116
At 26 April 2015	36,496	70	36,566
Net book value			
At 26 April 2015	145,493	158	145,651
At 27 April 2014	154,592	175	154,767

12 Investments

Company	Group companies
	£'000
Cost	
At 28 April 2014	123,137
At 26 April 2015	123,137
Net book value	
At 26 April 2015 and at 27 April 2014	123,137

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

12 Investments (continued)

The company owns 100% of the issued share capital of the companies listed below:

	Location	Nature of business
Mabel Bidco Limited	England and Wales	Holding company
Wagamama Finance Plc*	England and Wales	Holding company
Ramen USA Limited*	England and Wales	Holding company
Wagamama USA Holdings, Inc*	Delaware, USA	Holding company
Wagamama, Inc*	Delaware, USA	Restaurant chain
Wagamama Group Limited*	England and Wales	Holding company
Wagamama Limited*	England and Wales	Restaurant chain

^{*} Indirectly owned

In addition, the Group owns a number of dormant companies.

The Directors consider the value of the investments to be supported by their underlying assets.

Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

13 Tangible assets

Group	Leasehold	Restaurant and office		
	property	equipment	Total	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	
Cost				
At 28 April 2014	68,129	25,891	94,020	
Additions	7,811	3,836	11,647	
Disposals	(3,603)	50	(3,603)	
Foreign exchange difference	574	148	722	
At 26 April 2015	72,911	29,875	102,786	
Accumulated depreciation	-			
At 28 April 2014	10,786	9,271	20,057	
Charge for the period	5,100	3,799	8,899	
Impairment	5,436	479	5,915	
Disposals	(2,293)	*	(2,293)	
Foreign exchange difference	174	90	264	
At 26 April 2015	19,203	13,639	32,842	
Net book value				
At 26 April 2015	53,708	16,236	69,944	
At 28 April 2014	57,343	16,620	73,963	

The company held no tangible fixed assets. The impairment wrote certain assets down on a value in use basis using a 10% discount rate. This followed from a robust review of the Group's assets and the application of policy.

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14 Stocks

	2	6 April 2015	2	7 April 2014
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Food and other consumables	901	180	993	-
Merchandising	137	4	106	.
	1,038		1,099	

15 Debtors

	26 April 2015		27 April 2014	
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Trade debtors	1,312	*	3,043	:
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	-	-:	105	47,944
Other debtors and prepayments	4,985		4,350	*
	6,297	-	7,498	47,944

Group debtors includes rental deposits of £116,000 (2014: £116,000) which are receivable in more than one period.

Interest is charged on amounts due from Group undertakings at a rate of 2.5% (2014: 2.5%) per annum.

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16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one period

	26 April 2015		27 April 2014					
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group Company	Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000				
Bank loans	4)	:=//	2,339	•				
Trade creditors	11,869	•	13,769					
Other taxation and social security	6,920	**	5,493	: = ?				
Corporation tax	1,626	*	461	-				
Other creditors	2,207	=	1,364	-				
Accruals and deferred income	18,385	54	11,697	23				
	41,007	54	35,123	23				

Interest is charged on amounts due to Group undertakings at a rate of 2.5% per annum (2014: 2.5%).

The Group repaid it's bank loans as part of re-financing in January 2015. Bank loans are shown net of unamortised loan issue cost £nil (2014: £794,000)

17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one period

	26 April 2015		27 April 2014	
	Group	Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Bond	144,582	/#	-	=
Bank loans	<i>9</i> 7	×	83,725	×
Loan notes			48,405	48,405
	144,582	•	132,130	48,405

The bond is shown net of unamortised loan issue costs of £5,418,000. In 2014, the bank loans were shown net of unamortised issue costs of £1,999,000.

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18 Creditors - capital instruments

Creditors include finance capital which is due for repayment as follows:

	26 April 2015		27 April 2014								
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group (Group Compa	Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000							
Amounts repayable:											
In one period or less or on demand	•		3,133	-							
In more than one period but not more than two periods	2	-	6,993								
In more than two periods but not more than five periods	150,000	•	127,879	49,148							
	150,000		138,005	49,148							
Unamortised loan issue expenses	(5,418)	Ĕ	(3,536)	(743)							
	144,582	(1)	134,469	48,405							

The issue costs associated with the loans are amortised over the life of the loans in accordance with FRS4.

In January 2015, the Group re-financed and raised £150,000,000 in a high yield bond. At the same time the Group repaid it's bank debt of £85,229,000 and secured loan notes of £55,614,000.

Interest on the bond financing is 7.7875% payable semi-annually. At the period end the Group had an undrawn revolver facility of £15,000,000 (2014: £8,720,000).

19 Financial Instruments

Mabel Mezzco Group funds its operations through finance raised by the issue of a high yield bond, listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange. At 26 April 2015, £150,000,000 of the high yield bond was due for re-payment in more than 2 periods but less than 5 periods. The Group has not elected to adopt the fair value accounting requirements for financial instruments.

Interest on the bond financing is at 7.875%. Interest on the loan notes ranges between 10% and 12% and compounds semi-annually. At the period end the Group had an undrawn revolver facility of £15,000,000 (2014: £8,720,000).

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20 Provision for liabilities

	Onerous Lease £'000	Deferred Tax £'000	Total £'000	
As at 28 April 2014	ā	3,514	3,514	
Charged to the profit and loss account	2,849	(81)	2,768	
As at 26 April 2015	2,849	3,433	6,282	

Onerous leases

Where EBITDA results of individual restaurants suggest potential for onerous lease charges, future expected cashflow performance in those individual restaurants is reviewed and discounted at a rate of 10% over the remaining life of the lease and compared to the discounted committed rent payments for the remainder of the lease also discounted at 10%. Where there is a deficit between cashflow and committed rent then the net cost is recorded as an onerous lease charge.

Deferred taxation

The movement in the deferred taxation provision during the period was:

	26 April 2015		27 April 2014					
	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group	Group Company	Group	Company
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000				
Provision brought forward	3,514	Υ <u>₩</u>	3,250					
Movement in provision – current period	(5)	≒	277					
Movement in provision – prior period	599	48	(1)	:=1				
Changes in tax rates and laws	(675)	X.	(12)	ie.				
Provision carried forward	3,433		3,514	*				

The deferred tax provision represents capital allowances received in excess of depreciation.

The Group had unrecognised deferred tax assets of £3,433,000 (2014: £95,000) at the end of the period. No provision has been made for a deferred tax asset on the basis that there is insufficient evidence that the asset will be recoverable in the foreseeable future.

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Notes to the financial statements for the 52 week period ended 26 April 2015 (continued)

21 Commitments under operating leases

At 26 April 2015 the Group had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below:

Group	Land and buildings	
	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£'000	£'000
Operating leases which expire:		
Within 1 period	161	1,167
More than 1 period but not more than 2	502	602
More than 2 periods but not more than 5	761	1,160
After more than 5 periods	15,236	12,121
,	16,660	15,050
At the period end the Group had no capital commitments (2014: £Nil).		
Called up share capital		
Group and Company	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
Allotted, called up and fully paid:		
20,000,001 (2014: 20,000,001) Ordinary shares of £1 each (£'000)	20,000	20,000

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23 Reserves

Group	Profit and loss account
	£'000
At 27 April 2014	58,801
Foreign currency translation gain	361
Loss for the period	(18,982)
Dividend	(455)
Balance carried forward	39,725
Company	Profit and loss account
	2'000
At 27 April 2014	
	102,653
Profit for the period	430
Balance carried forward	103,083

24 Reconciliation of movements in shareholders' funds

Group	26 April 2015	27 April 2014
	£,000	£'000
Loss for the financial period	(18,982)	(11,702)
Dividends paid	(455)	-
Foreign currency translation gain/(loss)	361	(318)
Net (decrease) in shareholders' funds	(19,076)	(12,020)
Opening shareholders' funds	78,801	90,821
Closing shareholders' funds	59,725	78,801

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25 Guarantees and other commitments

Bank loans and other loans in the books of Group companies are secured over the assets of the Group. The amounts of these loans outstanding at the balance sheet date were as follows:

Company

26

April 2015

£000

Wagamama Finance Plc

150,000

26 Related parties

The company is also exempt under the terms of FRS 8 from disclosing related party transactions with entities that are part of the Mabel Topco Limited group.

During the period, transactions with Duke Street LLP and Hutton Collins LLP, related parties not wholly within the Group, amounted to £120,000 (2014: £109,000). The transactions were for the provision of services to the Group by non-executive board members and loan note agency fees and were carried out on an arm's length basis. The value of services provided in the period was £30,000 (2014: £26000) and £90,000 (2014: £83,000) respectively. There were no balances outstanding at 26 April 2015 (2014: nil).

27 Ultimate parent undertaking

The Company's immediate parent company is Mabel Midco Limited.

These consolidated financial statements are the smallest Group in which Mabel Mezzco Limited and its subsidiaries are consolidated.

The Group, which is the largest Group in which the company is consolidated, headed by Mabel Topco Limited publishes consolidated financial statements which incorporate the results of the company and which are available from Companies House.

The Directors consider that there is no one ultimate controlling party of the Group.

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