Company number SC141496

Cafédirect plc

# **REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

#### DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AND ADVISERS

#### DIRECTORS

John Philips (Chair) Hendrik Baron de Kock Lebi Hudson John Steel Lenin Tocto Minga (resigned 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021) Monica Middleton Robert Humphreys Raul Torres (appointed 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021)

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#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The company's turnover for the year ended 31 December 2021 was £17.8m, which was a 4% increase compared with 2020. Cafédirect continued to adapt well in the face of significant change and uncertainty driven by the global pandemic.

Cafédirect growth trajectory was driven primarily through further significant improvement in its performance in the Grocery Retail sector, increasing sales by 17% versus the prior year. The appeal of the brand continued to increase and attract more new consumers. The focus on the business's market leading product, Machu Picchu, was key to growth with sales exceeding £10m for the first time ever.

Cafédirect continued to support its brand with national TV advertising campaign, leading to further sales growth in excess of the market.

Growth in the UK retail sector continued to accelerate across all customers. Cafédirect's market share of Single Grind and Beans continued to increase, reaching 7.4% in October 2021, an increase of over 70% since brand relaunch.

Cafédirect's UK Foodservice division continued to be under intense pressure as the pandemic led to further restrictions regarding out of home premises. The division exited 2021 declining 45%. The business continues to refine its commercial focus to optimise profitable sales growth, whilst maintaining agility to adjust as and when opportunities arise.

In 2021 Cafédirect celebrated 30 years of the business, recognising the impact Cafédirect's unique business model has had over time and looking to the future role the business will play.

The year 2021 was not without exceptional challenges where the pandemic continued to cause significant shifts in the market from OOH (Out-of-Home) consumption towards In- home consumption, with demand shifting towards the retail channel. Importantly for the business to remain in growth in the long term and build a brand, the marketing investment was doubled for the second year in a row. Setbacks in supply chain, suppressed foodservice and international sales and cost inflation increases resulted in a loss of  $\pounds$ 175k before adjusting for fair gains/losses on foreign exchange (2020: profit  $\pounds$ 145k).

This is the seventh year of continuous growth and although the business has incurred a loss this is in the context of increasing investment and capability for further success and to create further profitable growth in 2022 and beyond.

The business continued to reorganise itself to operate a simpler, more profitable and larger scale business with real clarity on a limited number of priorities.

Cafédirect continues to support the lives and wellbeing of producer growers, through Fairtrade premiums, Organic premiums and via donations to its farmer led charitable organisation - Producers Direct; significant sums that deliver real impact.

During 2021 £1.3m (2020: £1.6m) was invested in growers and their communities via Fairtrade premiums, Organic premiums and Producers Direct. This investment in genuine grass roots impact is unmatched in the industry and is delivering real impact on livelihoods and the environment. The change in investment is driven by stock holdings at the 2020 year end and subsequently lower purchases in 2021.

Cafédirect continued to pursue its commitments via its sustainability framework, the Gold Standard and further resourced its ability to be at the forefront of purpose driven business and deliver its mission.

The company has continues on its journey of transformation towards a world class thought leader in the hot beverages market and in the world of sustainability.

Looking ahead to 2022, The Directors are confident that growth can be attained at high levels, whilst maintaining profitability, optimising impact, delivering upon the business's powerful purpose and its

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commitment to all its stakeholders.

Total stock at the year-end was £4.8m (2020: £5.0m); trade debtors were £1.5m (2020 £1.7m) and trade creditors were £2.6m (2020: £2.0m).

Cash balances at year close of £529k (2020: £140k) reflecting an increase in stock, offset by reduction in debtors and an increase in the amount owed to creditors. Consistent with its principles of social responsibility, it is a matter of policy that supplier liabilities are paid on time.

After making provision for potential losses on maturation on forward foreign currency contracts, the company year-end balance sheet showed net assets of £3.5m, (2020: £3.7m).

#### THE GOLD STANDARD

Further to the review of the Gold Standard, in 2021 Cafédirect launched the new Gold Standard and delivered the first initiatives.

The 2021 Impact Report will highlight a number of key initiatives including:

- Significant work alongside the stand alone farmer-led charity, Producers' Direct, to support
  smallholder farmers including a major new multi-year project to mitigate climate change in Peru,
  along with multi partner collaborations to have broader and more long lasting impact
- A comprehensive range of communication initiatives using the 30 year anniversary to raise issues and provoke discussion regarding the role of business, culminating in a well-attended panel discussion in October 2021
- Community impact donations with organisations such as Crisis, Fareshare, Homerton, and Joseph's Hospice etc. to support their efforts with COVID-19 relief

The above are supported into specific commitments and actions which are time bound and measurable. They are also deliverable in the short term. Success in delivering these actions will be reported upon in Cafédirect's Annual Impact Report.

The Annual Impact Report and Gold Standard will be presented to shareholders at Cafédirect's Annual General Meeting during June 2022.

#### **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

The company's key financial performance indicators, which are closely monitored throughout the year and measured against pre-set targets, include:

- Sales values, analysed by product group, customer and key sectors such as UK retail, UK outof-home and international
- Gross profit, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of sales
- The level of administration expenses, looking at the ongoing UK business separately from other costs
- Operating profit and profit before tax
- The level of working capital employed, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of sales
- Cash generated by the business.

The company's performance in 2021 against most of these indicators is set out in the Business Review section.

In addition, the company has a number of other key performance indicators, with the company's performance against these indicators sometimes being called the company's "social return". These include:

- The amounts paid by Cafédirect for its coffee, tea and cocoa raw materials over and above market prices. These amounts include, but are not necessarily restricted to Fairtrade premiums
- The amount donated to Producers Direct the charity that it founded
- The volume of coffee, tea and cocoa raw materials purchased from growers

Performance in 2021 against these indicators is set out in the 'Benefits to Growers' section below.

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#### **BENEFITS TO GROWERS**

As a Fairtrade company, Cafédirect meets all of the requirements laid down by the Fairtrade Labelling Organisation (FLO), including the payment of Fairtrade premiums for coffee, tea and cocoa raw materials. In 2021, Cafédirect paid Fairtrade premiums of £620,043 (2020: £827,751). In addition, Cafédirect continued its commitment to Organic with payments of Organic Premiums of £561,300 (2020 £649,719).

Cafédirect is unique because of its donation to Producers Direct. Producers Direct is a producer-led charity which is overseen by trustees, some of whom are themselves coffee and tea growers. Cafédirect donates money to Producers Direct, which decides how best to use the money to run its operations including its producer led Centres of Excellence model, which is the heart of maximising impact with smallholder farmers. Typically, grower organisations lead these Centres of Excellence to enable farmers to learn from farmers.

This is a key element of delivering the company's goal of empowering disadvantaged smallholder producers. It also more broadly supports disadvantaged smallholder communities, not just growers who supply product to Cafédirect, as the benefits of Producers Direct are widely shared. In 2021, Cafédirect made donations of £102,447 to Producers Direct (2020 £100,000) to support the organisation.

This has enabled Producers Direct to leverage Cafédirect's unrestricted support for operating costs by raising additional third party funds to support expanded programme activities for the benefit of farmer organisations.

Cafédirect's Articles of Association determine that one third of its profits shall be allocated to strengthening smallholder grower organisations in developing countries. This sum has been exclusively donated to Producers Direct since its formation. The formula has been modified since 2010 due to Cafédirect sustaining financial losses to ensure that the base operating costs of Producers Direct were funded. It is planned to continue to do so whilst Cafédirect's profitability is at such a level that the resultant donation arising from the formula would not provide adequate funding to meet the basic operational needs of Producers Direct. The Directors of Cafédirect are optimistic that a return to this formula can in future obviate the need for special consideration and funding, and deliver a more predictable revenue stream to the Producers Direct.

The above actions and commitments contribute to the achievement of the Company's Gold Standard.

Raw material purchases from grower organisations in Latin America, Africa and Asia in 2021 were as follows:

- 1861 tonnes of coffee beans (2020: 2,324 tonnes)
- 40 tonnes of tea (2020: 68 tonnes)

#### **RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES**

The company seeks to mitigate exposure to all forms of risk, both internal and external, where practicable, and to transfer risk to insurers, where cost-effective. This approach is governed by the company's Gold Standard which includes the statement that Cafédirect will "work directly with smallholder growers through long-term partnerships which seek to reduce the disproportionately high risks they face in the global market".

The directors consider that the principal risks facing the company are as follows:

 The company buys raw material commodities (coffee, tea and cocoa) from small and disadvantaged growers, often located in remote and under-developed regions of the world. The market prices of these commodities are quoted on international commodity exchanges. Any increases or volatility in prices or shortages in supply can affect the company's performance. The company mitigates this risk by holding appropriate levels of stock in the supply chain. During 2021 further potential risk to supply presented itself in the form of the Coronavirus pandemic. At the time of writing Cafédirect has not experienced any issues relating to supply but is alert to the fact that the impact of the pandemic is unpredictable and sudden outbreaks

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can impact on our partners' ability to deliver. Accordingly the business is prepared to source raw materials from alternative sources and is carrying higher levels of stock in order to provide contingency against unexpected supply issues

- The company outsources the processing and packing of its products to third party suppliers. Any issues that these suppliers encounter could disrupt supply and affect the company's performance. To mitigate this risk the company takes out business interruption insurance, ensures that suppliers have contingency plans in place and identifies alternative supply options
- The company is exposed to currency movements in that it buys most of its raw materials in US dollars, pays for its processing of freeze-dried coffee in Euros and sells most of its finished products in pounds sterling. The company uses foreign exchange forward contracts to mitigate this risk as set out in note 17 to the accounts; At 31 December 2021 a proportion of the company's future currency requirements were covered by such contracts. As required by FRS 102 the fair value of the exchange rate risk hedge has been disclosed in note 17 to the accounts
- A significant proportion of the company's revenues are derived from the UK supermarkets and an out-of-home distributor, and therefore inevitably come from a relatively small number of customers. The company mitigates this risk by developing sales in other sectors, such as outof-home wholesalers and international, and ensuring that it invests in developing brand awareness and strong consumer demand
- Competitive pricing and discounting in the hot beverages market can impact the company's sales volumes and market share. To mitigate this risk the company continually reviews its overall competitiveness in the market, incurs appropriate levels of promotional spend and focuses on promoting the distinctive elements of its brand
- Cafédirect operates within working capital constraints which can be exacerbated by the seasonal nature of coffee harvests. This necessitates both a commitment to purchase and investment of working capital in raw material stocks well in advance of sales. The company mitigates this risk by forward planning of coffee purchases; ensuring a strong focus on cash management; maintaining borrowing facilities secured against raw material stock at peak times of the year, deferring stock delivery in partnership with its key broker as necessary, and ensuring that business plans establish a sustainable cash position for the future
- The unknown future risk and impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic continue to be actively contemplated and acted upon as they arise by the Executive of Cafédirect in the context of its responsibilities as an employer and corporate citizen. The aim is to protect, so far as it is able, its employees and the wider population from infection and to safeguard Cafédirect's commercial and financial position during a period that continues to present material risk. Cafédirect has a policy document which is constantly updated to reflect current events and to aim to achieve best practice in protecting people, its business and that of its partners. This is routinely shared with all staff.

## **SECTION 172 STATEMENT**

This section serves as Cafédirect plc's section 172 statement and should be read in conjunction with the contents elsewhere in this strategic report. Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006 requires directors to take into consideration the interests of stakeholders in their decision making.

The directors continue to act with regard to the long term interests of the Company's employees and other stakeholders, including the impact of its activities on the community and the environment. Cafédirect embraces its responsibilities diligently and with great care, and regards this as this as being central to its success. The directors are guided in all of their decision making by the Company's Gold Standard and Cafédirect's status as a social enterprise and certified B-Corporation, and in respecting Cafédirect's culture and reputation for upholding the highest standards of business conduct.

The directors also recognise the importance of respecting commercial necessities and sound practices - safeguarding the interests of its shareholders. It enacts this by ensuring Cafédirect is a viable and ambitious trading company that can maximise its impact on stakeholders by achieving successful brand growth accompanied by strong financial results.

#### Stakeholder Engagement

By maintaining regular dialogue with all stakeholder groups, the leadership communicates frequently on matters of strategy, tactical actions, performance and governance. It endeavours to acquire

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meaningful feedback and incorporate this to shape its actions and inform the Board's decision making process.

Recognising the importance of balancing the interests of all stakeholders, Cafédirect's engagement with them is set out as follows:

- Farmer Producers are the reason that Cafédirect exists and its decision making reflects this. Through representation on the board, the farming community has a voice and is positioned to provide direct feedback about challenges they face and be a part of the decision making process. Cafédirect maintains direct relationships with farming co-operatives at origin via its supply chain and marketing functions, as well as via Producers Direct, the charity founded in 2009 by Cafédirect to orchestrate and deliver meaningful impact and support the wellbeing of communities at origin
- **Employees** are recognised and respected as a group of people who carry the responsibility to deliver Cafédirect's mission. The directors maintain a policy of transparency and openness, ensuring that they are able to contribute to the governance of the business via regular meetings and forums, where feedback is actively sought and incorporated into the decision making of the Company. This policy and duty of care is extended to all those who work with Cafédirect including professional services providers and consultants
- Shareholders are cherished and valued for their support of Cafédirect, in many cases over a very long period of time. Due to averse results during 2010-2017, most have not yet seen positive return on their investment. The directors are committed to engaging the shareholders in plans to generate positive future returns while ensuring that they are aligned with Cafédirect's strategy for delivering. It is regarded as supremely important to relate sustainable financial and operating performance and to listen to concerns expressed and to incorporate this in the Board's decision making. Communication is primarily via regular quarterly updates and the Company's annual general meeting
- Business partners this embraces not only suppliers and customers, but all organisations
  that support Cafédirect in its day to day business. These relationships are managed by both
  sales and operational staff in a manner that is consistent with the company's ethical values and
  principles. The directors impress on the company the importance of care, transparency and
  respect; its obligation to support its partners to be successful and to understand what is
  important to them, aligning their priorities with ours to form relationships of the highest quality
- **Bankers** are critical to the company's ability to trade through lending and other services required. Cafédirect has a very long-standing relationship with its banker, Triodos (itself a social enterprise), with whom it communicates with on a monthly basis to discuss performance and current matters. The directors are committed to ensuring that the Bank are in a position to manage their risk and that the two organisations work together to ensure adequate facilities and working capital are in place.

#### Promoting the Success of the Company

The directors are fully aware of their responsibilities to promote the success of the Company in accordance with the act and takes regular steps to consider, at a board level, how it is operating in line with good corporate practice. The board structure reflects how seriously Cafédirect considers the interests of its stakeholders by maintaining representation on the board by two representatives of the growing community, a consumer and finance representative, a shareholder nominated representative and a director nominated by the Guardian Share Company (see Directors' Report).

There are no plans for any material changes in the company's approach to business in the coming year. Its return to consistent profitability and accelerating growth has brought renewed energy, resources and confidence to deliver its excellent products to the market.

The business will continue to invest in social and economic impact, products, people, the personal development of those people, technological capability, and customer/consumer engagement in a meaningful way. It will enhance its corporate identity such that it will continue to set itself apart from its competitors. These activities will further heighten its profile as a highly regarded brand of great value and importance in the hot drinks sector.

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Cafédirect considers collaborative engagement with all stakeholders as central to its definition of "success". It has, since its incorporation put the aim of improving the lives of the farming communities, on which the business depends, at front and centre of its mission – with board representation and, as the name "Cafédirect" suggests, maintaining direct and longstanding relationships with co-operatives in countries of origin. Furthermore, great value is placed on relationships of respect with all of its partners in business, local communities, organisations that further the cause of ethical trade, and on providing meaningful careers and prospects for its employees by providing a challenging but caring environment for their development, while working to take care of matters of wellbeing. The directors and business leadership regard their duty of care in respect of all of the above as critical to deliver the best long-term benefit to its shareholders both in terms of financial return, and the impact created by their investment in Cafédirect.

Best in class sales and marketing, procurement, supply chain and financial management will continue to focus on enabling the future success of the business.

By order of the Board

May

John Steel Director 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

#### **PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES**

The principal activity of the company in the year under review was that of brand management and trading in Fairtrade coffee, tea and cocoa products under the brand names Cafédirect and The London Tea Company.

No significant change in the nature of the Cafédirect branded activities occurred during the year.

#### **RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS**

The results for the year are set out on page 24.

Since Cafédirect reported a loss for the year, the directors are not recommending the payment of a dividend (2020: nil).

#### **DIRECTORS AND DIRECTORS' INTERESTS**

The directors who served during the year and since the year-end and their beneficial interests in the share capital of the company are as follows:

	2021 Ordinary	2020 Ordinary
	Shares	Shares
John Philips	20,055	20,055
Hendrik Baron de Kock	-	-
Lebi Hudson	-	-
John Steel	93,440	55,582
Lenin Tocto Minga	-	-
Monica Middleton	-	-
Robert Humphreys	-	-
Raul Torres	-	-

#### SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDINGS

As at the date of this report, the company is aware of the following shareholdings of 3% or more:

	No. of Ordinary shares	% of total
Oikocredit, Ecumenical Development Co-Operative Society, U.A.	3,166,667	27.7%
Oxfam Activities Limited	970,466	8.5%
Cafédirect Producers Limited	461,600	4.0%

#### ANALYSIS OF ORDINARY SHAREHOLDERS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Number of shares	Number of shareholders	% of total shareholders	Number of shares	% of total Shares
1 – 500	2,151	51.2	857,723	7.5
501 – 1,000	1,006	23.9	917,622	8.0
1,001 – 5,000	898	21.4	2,144,719	18.7
5,001 – 10,000	81	1.9	597,069	5.2
10,001 and over	69	1.6	6,918,073	60.5
Total	4,205	100.0	11,435,206	100.0

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#### **GUARDIANS' SHARE**

The company has one Guardians' share, held by the Guardian Share Company Limited (Company No. 04863720). As at the date of this report, there are three members of the Guardian Share Company Limited, Oxfam Activities Limited, Cafédirect Producers Limited and Oikocredit Ecumenical Development Co-Operative Society, U.A.

#### POLITICAL AND CHARITABLE DONATIONS

During the year the company made donations of £102,447 to Cafédirect Producers' Foundation (2020: £100,000). The company made no political donations during the year (2020: Nil).

#### **EMPLOYEES**

It is the company's policy to keep employees informed, through regular team meetings and other communications, on performance and on matters affecting them as employees.

It is also the company's policy to give proper consideration to applications for employment received from people with disabilities, and to give employees who become disabled every opportunity to continue their employment.

#### Pensions

All employees are entitled to join the company's defined contribution pension scheme after completing three months' service. The company contributes an amount equal to 9% of basic salary provided the employee contributes at least 1% of their basic salary.

#### Healthcare

The company operates a private healthcare scheme which all employees are entitled to join after completing 3 months' service.

#### Share Ownership

Cafédirect is committed to increasing the ownership of shares in the Company by its employees. While no awards were made during 2021, it is planned to launch a new scheme during 2022 to expand equity ownership among staff.

#### PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS

It is the company's policy to agree payment terms with suppliers when negotiating business transactions and to pay suppliers in accordance with contractual or other legal obligations.

#### STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO THE AUDITOR

The directors who were in office on the date of approval of these financial statements have confirmed that, as far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware. Each of the directors have confirmed that they have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as directors in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to the auditor.

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In accordance with session 414c (ii) of the Companies Act and included in the Strategic Report is the review of the business, principal risks and uncertainties and key performance indicators. This information would have been required by schedule 7 of the "Large and Medium sized Companies and Group (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008" to be contained in the Directors' report.

#### **GOING CONCERN**

As detailed in the strategic report, the company delivered a loss after tax for the year of £175,485 (2020 profit: £145,264) having grown revenues by 4% and increased its investment in the brand to  $\pm 1.4m$  (2020  $\pm 0.7m$ ). The second half of 2021 proved to be more turbulent with a multitude of

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complex challenges, with supply chain difficulties and labour restrictions across many sectors which impacted revenues during the August to October period. The position had very much stabilised by the end of the year where revenue performance was restored, consistent with the company's market growth (per independently obtained market tracking data).

Forward planning has assumed a continuation of uncertainty and unpredictability, both as a result of the pandemic and the ongoing impacts of the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. Whilst neither has presented material challenges to Cafédirect's ongoing profitability and working capital position, spending plans have been adjusted to a more conservative basis. In conjunction with this approach, the business has structured itself to be agile in the face of any reasonably foreseeable downside.

The primary manifestation of the global and local issues discussed above is cost inflation, both generally and directly in terms of the cost of coffee. During 2021 the coffee futures price rose to its highest level since 2011, reaching a peak of \$2.50/lb which represents a 79% increase versus the Fairtrade minimum price of \$1.40.

Due to the impact of the increases in coffee prices and, additionally, material increases in many of its input costs, Cafédirect initiated price increases with all of its customers.

Due to ongoing arrangements for the UK's exit from the EU, it was announced during December 2021 that organic certification would not be retained should product enter EU countries from the UK effective 6th January 2022. Due to Cafédirect's processing of Roast and Ground products taking place in the EU, it was necessary to implement contingency planning to move 3 months' volume of raw materials into the Republic of Ireland to comply with the new regulations. This elevated the year end stock position by £1m compared with forecast expectation which will result in a corresponding outflow of cash during the first quarter of 2022. This has been fully reflected in the Going Concern review undertaken by the Executive and the board of directors. The leadership are confident of implementing a longer term solution within the first quarter of 2022. Should this not be possible, there are contingency options that, in the opinion of the directors, do not pose risk to Cafédirect's ability to operate as a Going Concern.

Overall, Cafédirect is still planning for growth consistent with its market trajectory but has undertaken detailed scenario planning to ensure it can trade responsibly in the event of a downturn, whether this is caused by loss of market share, or a wider economic downturn.

By the end of 2021, Cafédirect was trading without resort to the additional borrowing facilities that it had negotiated as a contingency during 2020. In addition, not all borrowing capacity was fully utilised and the company exited 2021 in a stronger cash position (£529k (2020: £140k)).

Looking forward to 2022 and beyond, inventory holdings will be reduced should the risk level stabilise, with consequent benefit to the working capital position.

Having reviewed the plans and associated forecasts, long term loan facility, working capital facilities and the current trading conditions the directors confirm that they have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue meeting its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the accounts.

The Directors have also considered ongoing risks to the business arising out of the Coronavirus pandemic and continue to review various scenarios based on known downside risks in conjunction with the Executive team. These ensure that challenges can be anticipated and changes swiftly executed in the event of any downturn or cost impacts to ensure the company's cash position is secure in all foreseeable eventualities.

Scenario planning indicates that Cafédirect remains sufficiently resilient to withstand all foreseeable scenarios.

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#### AUDITOR

A resolution to reappoint Crowe UK LLP as the company's auditor will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Board

John Philips Chairman

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

#### CODE OF BEST PRACTICE

The Board recognises that the UK Corporate Governance Code, published by the Financial Reporting Council in July 2018, represents best practice for public companies and is committed to working towards compliance with the code in a manner that is appropriate to the company's size and structure.

#### THE BOARD

At 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021, the Board consisted of:

- Non-executive chair
- Chief Executive
- 1 Independent non-executive director (finance representative)
- 2 Producer directors
- 1 Guardian Share Company nominee director (also acting as consumer representative)
- 1 Oikocredit nominee director

Each year, one third of the eligible directors retire, in rotation, at the Annual General Meeting in accordance with the company's Articles of Association. Accordingly, John Steel and Robert Humphreys retired, and both offered themselves for re-election and were re-elected. The selection of new directors is delegated to the Nominations and Remuneration Committee, which makes recommendations to the Board. Cafédirect Producers Limited and the Guardian Share Company Limited nominate the Producer directors and the Guardians nominee director respectively. This is a deviation from Provision 18 of the UK Corporate Governance Code which states that "all directors should be subject to annual re-election". Cafédirect has chosen not to implement this at this time since it regards other safeguards in place, such as the oversight of the Guardian Share Company, broad representation on the board from a diverse group of stakeholders and continuity as offering more protection to its mission and governance than frequency of succession.

#### THE DIRECTORS

#### EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

John Steel was appointed Chief Executive in July 2012. John was previously Managing Director & then Chairman of Cornish Sea Salt Limited. Prior to this he held a number of commercial and general management positions with leading FMCG businesses, such as Nestle & Premier Foods, along with more entrepreneurial start-up and consultancy experience.

#### NON EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

#### Chairman:

**John Philips** was appointed as a director, Chair and member of the Company's nominations and remuneration committee in April 2018, bringing with him a wealth of non-executive and executive experience. John's extensive executive experience includes a variety of international leadership roles for Diageo, Bacardi and Delgats wines. John is a fluent Spanish speaker and knows Latin America well. John is currently NED at Glutenberg Groupe.

#### Guardian Share Company nominee director:

**Monica Middleton** was appointed as Chair of the Guardian Share Company in December 2019 and serves on the board of Cafédirect as its nominee director and Chair of its nominations and remuneration committee.

Monica served as Oikocredit's UK Managing Director until 2019, prior to which she spent 25 years in executive commercial, marketing and advertising positions for corporates such as Dyson Electronics, the BBC, AMV.BBDO, and JWT as well as a smattering of SMEs. Alongside Cafédirect, she serves on the Boards of the Ethical Property Company, UK Women in Social Finance and the Liberty Steel Group,

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pulling focus on strategic environmental, social and governance imperatives in particular.

#### **Financial director**

Robert Humphreys was appointed as a director and Chair of the Company's Audit Committee in March 2020.

Robert previously served as the Director of Finance and Information Systems at Oxfam GB, and prior to that worked in professional practice for PriceWaterhouseCoopers for 26 years. His work for PwC was characterised by exposure to a broad range of both for-profit and not-for-profit organisations. He currently serves on the board of a major not-for-profit organisation, and has, until recently, been a member of the ICAEW Corporate Governance Committee.

#### **Producer directors:**

Lebi Hudson is the General Manager of the Rungwe Smallholders Tea Association (RSTGA) in Tanzania who have been working with Cafédirect since 2003. RSTGA played a key role in testing the WeFarm platform developed by Cafédirect Producers' Foundation and have made significant investment in participatory governance processes in their organisation under Lebi's leadership.

Further to Lenin Tocto Minga's notified intention to resign with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021, Raul Torres was appointed as a director on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

Raul has excellent experience in agriculture and the co-operative movement in Peru. Currently General Manager at Bagua Grande Co-operative, Raul has held leadership positions in other agricultural organisations and worked for the government reviewing the role of co-operative models and the management of conflict in farming. Raul is well known and well respected amongst the Cafédirect coffee producer community and the Peru coffee world.

#### **Director nominated by Oikocredit:**

Hendrik Baron De Kock has thirty years' experience in the coffee industry including commercial and leadership roles with Douwe Egberts and successful establishment, leadership and sale of a well-known, highly progressive coffee shop chain in Holland.

The Board is responsible for setting strategy, approving budgets, capital expenditure, investments and disinvestments. A report summarising the company's financial and operational performance is sent to the directors at least seven days in advance of Board meetings, the aim being to provide each director with information to help them make informed judgements on matters referred to the Board. The Board meets at least four times a year.

#### DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

The Board has established a Nominations and Remunerations Committee, consisting entirely of nonexecutive directors. Details of each director's remuneration are set out on page 19.

#### SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

The Board invites all shareholders to participate at the Annual General Meeting and provides the Annual Report, company announcements and other information on the website at <u>www.Cafédirect.co.uk</u>.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

If you have any questions about transfer of shares, change of name or address, lost share certificates, death of a registered holder of shares, or any other query relating to the company's shares, please contact the Registrar on 0871 664 0300, or at the following address:

Link Asset Services The Registry 34 Beckenham Road Beckenham Kent, BR3 4TU Shares are traded on a match bargain basis and the share trading platform and match-bargain market broker service is now operated by Ethex, the UK's first not-for-profit positive investment platform. If you have any questions about the buying or selling of Cafédirect share please contact Ethex by telephone on 01865 403 304, or at the following address:

Ethex Investment Club Limited The Old Music Hall 106-108 Cowley Road Oxford, OX4 1JE

#### DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

The directors are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the 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 company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those 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 will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper 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 to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. They 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 the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

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#### INTERNAL CONTROL

The directors have responsibility for the company's system of internal control and for reviewing its effectiveness. Such systems are designed to manage, rather than eliminate, the risk of failure to achieve business objectives and can only provide reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss. The directors confirm that the process for identifying, evaluating and managing the significant risks faced by the company is in accordance with the FRC's Internal Control: Guidance to Directors (previously known as the Turnbull Guidance), was in place throughout the accounting period and up to the date when the financial statements were approved, and is regularly reviewed by the Board.

Management are responsible for the identification and evaluation of significant risks and for the design and implementation of appropriate internal controls. These risks are assessed on an ongoing basis and may be associated with internal or external factors. Management reports regularly to the Board on the key risks and on the way that these are managed, and also reports to the Board on any significant changes to the company's business and on any risks associated with these changes. There is active Board involvement in assessing the key business risks facing the company and determining the appropriate course of action for managing these risks. The directors have established procedures designed to provide an effective system of internal control, with the following features:

- Budgetary control over all departments, measuring performance against pre-determined targets on a monthly basis
- Regular forecasting and reviews covering trading performance, assets, liabilities and cash flow
- Delegated limits of authority covering key financial commitments including capital expenditure and recruitment
- Identification and management of key business risks

The Board, partly through the Audit Committee, has reviewed the effectiveness of the company's system of internal control during the period.

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Robert Humphreys Director

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Committee members during the year were:

Robert Humphreys (Chair) Hendrik Baron de Kock

The ongoing membership of the Committee is normally two people, which is considered adequate for a company of this size and scale and is in accordance with the terms of reference for the Committee agreed by the Board. Members have considerable experience of financial reporting and of risk management. The Committee is supported by the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive Officer, who, in keeping with good practice, are not formally members of the Committee.

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to establish formal and transparent arrangements regarding financial reporting and internal control principles and to maintain an appropriate relationship with the company's auditors. The Committee formally met four times during the year and again in January 2022 to review the FY2021 accounts and the audit findings report. The Chair of the Committee met regularly with the Head of Finance.

The key areas of focus for the Audit Committee and the full Board during the year included:

Review of 2021 financial accounts and audit following the re-appointment of Crowe UK LLP as the company's auditor

Monitoring the integrity of the financial statements, plans and forecasts, with a particular focus on cash flow management, developing longer term planning and the financing needs of the business to ensure future sustainability

The business' ongoing capacity to accommodate, not only the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic, but also those arising from the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union and overall elevated uncertainty and unpredictability of trading conditions generally

Improving risk management and accountabilities, including how risks are identified, mitigated and reported to the Committee and the board of directors

Working with the external auditors and monitoring the ongoing audit requirements of the company, including providing input to the audit plan

Monitoring the ongoing legal and banking requirements of the company, including compliance with banking covenants relating to facilities in place with Triodos

Reviewing foreign exchange hedging arrangements

Review of internal controls

Create a plan to revise and formalise policies in relation to the Committee's terms of reference, including whistle-blowing, capability audits, internal audit

Consideration and approval of the transition of the management accounts of the organisation to a "4-4-5" timetable in place of the existing calendar monthly approach

The Committee has continued to be involved, along with the Board, in considering the information on which the directors determine that the accounts should be prepared on a going concern basis. As noted, the cash position of the Company remains under constant review by Management and will continue to be the subject of ongoing and frequent review by the Board. While noting the increased revenues of Cafédirect, the Committee is mindful of the risk that accelerated growth can entail and accordingly the Chair and the Head of Finance maintain ongoing dialogue to ensure that information presented to the Board adapts to the Company's circumstances to ensure sound financial governance.

It is noted that the covenants in place that support the loan from Triodos, had been breached on eight occasions during 2021 – in all cases related to the profit measure. In four of these cases, the breach was for achievement of profit above the budget target. There were no breaches of covenants based on the gross sales measure. The cause of the breaches in all cases (except for a miss in January 2021 which was caused by lower profit than budgeted at end of 2020) were the changes to phasing of marketing spend during the year which had all been approved by the Board at the relevant time. In all instances the breaches were confirmed by Triodos as not being a matter of concern.

The Board has instructed officers of the Company to engage closely with Triodos about the detail of

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

future plans, particularly as forecasts change, and ensure that any covenant breaches are fully explained.

The company maintains a comprehensive risk register which was revised during 2021 to simplify the approach taken previously to make it more actionable. The register is reviewed by the Executive on a monthly basis to assess the status of each risk and to document mitigating or avoiding actions, also to ensure the appropriate person in the organisation is accountable for the management of those risks. The register is reviewed by the Committee at each of its meetings. Material risks are notified to the Board as appropriate.

The Committee remains highly alert in ensuring adequate financial governance and risk assessment given the Coronavirus pandemic and other significant factors that affect Cafédirect's trading environment. This uncertainty impacts on the whole range of the Company's activities, with potential impact arising from elevated supply risk, changing consumer behaviours, market dynamics and cost inflation which may present the business with future challenges that are difficult to foresee. Accordingly the Committee subjects the Executive to heightened challenge to ensure Cafédirect is adaptable and that the risks are appropriately contemplated.

The technology projects implemented over the last three years have provided improved capability to enhance the system of internal controls within Cafédirect and significant enhancements have been made which improve control and efficiency. The Committee will maintain continuous monitoring and oversee development of further improvements in conjunction with an overall review to ensure that documented controls are adequate and keeping pace with changes in the organisation.

The key risk issues are reviewed by the Board on an ongoing basis and I am satisfied that the approach taken is appropriate. The key risks and the approach to mitigation are set out in the Strategic report (see pages 4 and 5).

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Robert Humphreys Chair – Audit Committee

4th February 2022

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# REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS AND REMUNERATION COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Committee members during the year have been:

Monica Middleton (Chair) John Philips Lebi Hudson

The CEO as executive director and Head of HR, provide support and information to the Committee, but in keeping with good practice are not formally members. At each meeting the non-executive directors also meet without the executive director.

The Committee's purpose is to oversee on behalf of the Board formal and transparent arrangements, in the spirit of Cafédirect's Gold Standard, regarding the appointment, development and reward of the Executive Team and the Board (excluding remuneration of non-executive Directors).

The Committee met formally three times in 2021.

#### **NOMINATIONS - KEY ACTIVITIES**

Objective:

Identify, and nominate for approval by the Board, candidates to fill Board vacancies.

Outcome:

Lebi Hudson, the Non-Executive Director representing the East African members of Cafédirect Producers Limited ("CPL"), is due to retire in June 2022 following the completion of his second term. CPL manages the nominations process of this appointment with support from Producers Direct and Cafédirect plc. A succession plan is in development with Producers Direct and CPL to ensure a smooth transition.

#### **REMUNERATION - KEY ACTIVITIES**

Objective:

Determine and agree with the Board the policy (externally benchmarked), for the remuneration of the CEO and Executive Team members. This sets the framework for considering remuneration for all employees.

Outcome:

The policy was reviewed during 2021. In summary, the company looks for employees who are socially motivated, as well as having the necessary skills and experience to run and grow the business successfully in a very competitive environment. A number of different factors are taken into account when determining remuneration. These include London based salary differentials, charity and FMCG industries and specific experience and skill requirements. As a result, the market range is fairly broad.

Objective:

Approve the design of any performance related pay schemes and share incentive plans.

Outcome:

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An annual senior executive bonus scheme was approved (up to 30% of basic salary) based on a gainsharing philosophy to enhance both financial and Gold Standard performance.

No share incentive plan was approved in 2021.

Objective:

Determine the policy and scope for pension arrangements for each executive director and the remaining members of the Executive Team. This sets the framework for considering pension policy for all employees.

#### Outcome:

The pension policy remains the same, namely to offer an ethically screened fund choice to employees. The company contribution is 9% of basic salary subject to a minimum employee contribution of 1%. Cafédirect continues to use the Group Stakeholder Pension Plan, My Future Growth run by Aviva. Arthur J Gallagher continues to provide the financial advisory service and administration of the pension scheme.

#### **Executive Directors**

There is only one Executive Director, the Chief Executive Officer. Basic entitlements: The executive director has a service contract that is subject to a notice period from the company and the employee of 6 months. The executive director is paid a basic salary subject to annual review. In addition, he is entitled to a share in an annual senior executive bonus. The benefit of private medical insurance is available to all employees, including the executive director.

Pension provision: The executive director is entitled to join the company's defined contribution pension scheme. The company contributes 9% of basic salary provided the employee contributes at least 1% of their basic salary.

#### CHAIR AND NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' FEES

The remuneration of the Chair and the non-executive directors is at levels intended to reflect the ongoing time commitments and involvement required.

The Chair and the non-executive directors do not have service contracts. Each non-executive director receives an annual fee plus an additional fee if acting as chair of a Board committee. The Chair and the non-executive directors are not entitled to participate in the company's share incentive plan, nor in any performance pay schemes or pension schemes and would not receive any compensation in the event of early termination.

The fees for non-executive directors continued at the same level as 2021.

#### DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

For the year ended 31 December 2021:	Fees £	Salary £	Pension Contribution £	Total £
John Philips (Chair)	15,000	-	-	15,000
Hendrik Baron de Kock	-	-	-	-
Lebi Hudson	6,000	-	-	6,000
John Steel (Chief Executive)	-	161,810	12,963	174,773
Lenin Tocto Minga	-	-	-	-
Monica Middleton	6,000	-	-	6,000
Robert Humphreys	6,000	-	-	6,000
Raul Torres	6,000	-	-	6,000
	39,000	161,810	12,963	213,773

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Fees for Lebi Hudson were paid to his employer, the Rungwe Smallholders Tea Association (RSTGA) in Tanzania.

Fees for Raul Torres were paid to Federacion Nacional de Cooperativas Agra in Peru.

Hendrik Baron de Kock's fees, amounting to €8,000, were paid by Oikocredit Ecumenical Development Co-Operative Society, U.A.

Director's remuneration does not take into account policies applied when setting pay and conditions of employment of employees since identical policies are applied consistently for both directors and employees. Given the market driven approach to evaluating fair remuneration for directors and the consistent policies/approach that apply to all remuneration considerations, the Company did not consider it necessary to consult with employees in relation to directors' remuneration.

No representations were received from shareholders of any kind expressing any view in relation to directors' remuneration.

#### DIRECTORS' ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

For the year ended 31 December 2021:	Full Board Meetings	Remuneration Committee	Audit Committee
John Philips (Chair)	4	3	-
Hendrik Baron de Kock	4	-	4
Lebi Hudson	2	2	-
John Steel	4	3	4
Lenin Tocto Minga		-	-
Monica Middleton	3	3	-
Robert Humphreys	4	-	4
Raul Torres	4	-	-

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Monica Middleton Chair – Nominations and Remuneration Committee

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CAFEDIRECT PLC For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

#### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Cafedirect PIc

We have audited the financial statements of Cafédirect plc (the "Company") for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise:

- the income statement and statement of comprehensive income for the year ended 31 December 2021;
- the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended;
- the statement of changes in equity for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in the preparation of the financial statements is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of the Company's profit for the period then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice
- the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

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

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.

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

#### Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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 such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CAFEDIRECT PLC For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and their environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- 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; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 14, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors 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.

#### Auditor's 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 auditor's 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.

#### Extent to which the audit is capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

We design our procedures so as to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence that the financial statements are not materially misstated due to non-compliance with laws and regulations or due to fraud or error.

We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect noncompliance with all laws and regulations – this responsibility lies with management with the oversight of the Directors and the Audit Committee.

Based on our understanding of the Company and industry, discussions with management and the Audit Committee we identified financial reporting standards and Companies Act 2006 as having a direct effect

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on the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

Other laws and regulations where non-compliance may have a material effect on the Company's operations is compliance with the Fair Trade regulations.

As part of the engagement team discussion about how and where the Group's financial statements may be materially misstated due to fraud, we did not identify any areas with an increased risk of fraud.

Our audit procedures included:

- enquiry of management about the Group's policies, procedures and related controls regarding compliance with laws and regulations and if there are any known instances of non-compliance;
- examining supporting documents for all material balances, transactions and disclosures;
- review of the Board of directors minutes;
- enquiry of management and review and inspection of relevant correspondence with any legal firms;
- evaluation of the selection and application of accounting policies related to subjective measurements and complex transactions;
- analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- testing the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements;
- review of accounting estimates for biases including the carrying value of stock which is included in the Key Audit Matters;

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that some material misstatements of the financial statements may not be detected, even though the audit is properly planned and performed in accordance with the ISAs (UK).

The potential effects of inherent limitations are particularly significant in the case of misstatement resulting from fraud because fraud may involve sophisticated and carefully organized schemes designed to conceal it, including deliberate failure to record transactions, collusion or intentional misrepresentations being made to us.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

John Glasby Senior Statutory Auditor For and on behalf of Crowe U.K. LLP Statutory Auditor London

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

# STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

		2021	2020
	Notes	£	£
TURNOVER	2	17,763,199	17,095,059
Cost of sales	3	(13,818,490)	(13,569,895)
GROSS PROFIT		3,944,709	3,525,164
Administrative expenses	4	(4,060,514)	(3,311,604)
OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)		(115,805)	213,560
Interest receivable and similar income	5	8	232
Interest payable and similar charges	6	(59,688)	(68,528)
Dividends	7	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION	8	(175,485)	145,264
Taxation	10	-	-
PROFIT/(LOSS) ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION AND PROFIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR		(175,485)	145,264
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME			
Fair value (losses) / gains on foreign exchange forward contracts	17	(15,670)	(9,916)
Fair value gains / (losses) reclassified to profit and loss	17	114,710	53,630
Other comprehensive income		99,040	43,714
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE PROFIT/(LOSS) FOR THE YEAR		(76,445)	188,978

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION As at the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Intangible assets	11	162,872	152,032
Tangible assets	12	102,565	86,992
		265,437	239,024
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	13	4,777,708	5,031,091
Debtors due within one year	14	1,818,248	1,933,584
Cash at bank and in hand		528,837	139,671
		7,124,793	7,104,346
CURRENT LIABILITIES Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,153,997)	(2,933,207)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		3,970,796	4,171,139
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,236,233	4,410,163
Creditors: amounts falling due in more than one year	16	(675,213)	(785,449)
NET ASSETS		3,561,020	3,624,714
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	19	2,858,801	2,846,051
Share premium account	47	4,174,088	4,174,088
Hedging reserve Profit and loss account	17	(110) (3,471,759)	(99,150) (3,296,275)
		(3,471,733)	(3,230,213)

The financial statements on pages 26 to 43 were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and are signed on its behalf by:

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Robert Humphreys Director

TOTAL EQUITY

3,624,714

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

	Notes	Share capital £	Share premium £	Hedging reserve £	Profit and loss account £	Total £
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2020		2,846,051	4,174,088	(142,864)	(3,441,539)	3,435,736
Profit for the year		-	-	-	145,264	145,264
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:-						
Fair value gains on effective hedge	17	-	-	(9,916)	-	(9,916)
Fair value gains reclassified to profit and loss	17		<u> </u>	53,630	<u> </u>	53,630
Total comprehensive income for the year				43,714	145,264	188,978
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020 and 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021		2,846,051	4,174,088	(99,150)	(3,296,275)	(3,624,714)
Movements in Share Capital						
Issue of 25p Ordinary Shares		12,750				12,750
Profit for the year		-	-	-	(175,485)	(175,485)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:-						
Fair value gains on effective hedge	17	-	-	(15,670)	-	(15,670)
Fair value gains reclassified to profit and loss	17		<u> </u>	114,710		114,710
Total comprehensive income for the year				99,040	(175,485)	(76,445)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021		2,858,801	4,174,088	(110)	(3,471,760)	3,561,020

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

Notes	2021 £	2020 £
20	694,389	(214,389)
	(59,688)	(68,528)
	634,701	(282,917)
	(69,573)	(39,838)
	(71,091)	(37,007)
	8	232
	(140,656)	(76,613)
	(104,879)	(51,070)
	(104,879)	(51,070)
	(389,166)	(410,600)
	139,671	550,271
20	528,837	139,671
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#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 2021

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

Cafédirect plc ("the Company") is a public limited company domiciled and incorporated in England and Wales.

The address of the Company's registered office is 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 115 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 4JN. The address of the Company's principal place of business is Unit 4, Bayford Street Industrial Unit, Bayford Street, London E8 3SE.

The Company's principal activities are provided in the directors' report.

#### BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, including the provisions of the Large and Medium-sized Companies and Groups (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain financial instruments at fair value.

Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £1, except where otherwise indicated.

#### GOING CONCERN

As detailed in the strategic report, the company made a loss after tax for the year of £175,485 (2020: profit £145,264). The cash position at the balance sheet date is £528,837 (2020 £139,671) reflecting reduced investment in stock, improved debtor position and higher creditors balance.

The continued effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, as well as broader issues in local and national markets have been anticipated in Cafédirect's planning, with a conservative approach to spending and maintaining flexibility to reduce spend in the event of a downturn in sales or profitability.

Inflationary impacts have been offset by the execution of prices increases to its customers and a working capital plan which allows for any foreseeable downsides to be accommodated within existing facilities.

Having reviewed the budget and updated forecasts, including multiple scenarios involving varying reductions in revenues, through FY2022 through to the end of FY2023, the directors confirm that they have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue meeting its liabilities as they fall due for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the going concern basis has been adopted in the preparation of the accounts.

#### FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATIONAL CURRENCIES

The financial statements are presented in sterling which is also the functional currency of the Company.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency (foreign currencies) are initially recorded at the exchange rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the reporting date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction or, if the asset or liability is measured at fair value, the rate when that fair value was determined.

All translation differences are taken to profit or loss, except to the extent that they relate to gains or losses on non-monetary items recognised in other comprehensive income, when the related translation gain or loss is also recognised in other comprehensive income.

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 2021

#### TURNOVER

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for sale of goods and services to external customers in the ordinary nature of the business. Turnover is shown net of Value Added Tax.

Turnover is recognised when goods have been delivered to the customer.

When cash inflows are deferred and represent a financing arrangement, the fair value of the consideration is the present value of the future receipts. The difference between the fair value of the consideration and the nominal amount received is recognised as interest income.

#### OTHER INCOME

#### Interest income

Interest income is accrued on a time-apportioned basis, by reference to the principal outstanding at the effective interest rate.

#### INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Intangible assets purchased other than in a business combination are recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Intangible assets arising on a business combination are recognised, except where the asset arises from legal or contractual rights, and there is no history or evidence of exchange transactions for the same or similar assets and estimating the asset's fair value would depend on immeasurable variables.

Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost (which for intangible assets acquired in a business combination is the fair value at acquisition date) and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses. Intangible assets are amortised to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over their useful lives, as follows:

Purchased computer software

Over five years on a straight line basis

Amortisation is revised prospectively for any significant change in useful life or residual value.

On disposal, the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the intangible asset is recognised in profit or loss.

#### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost, net of depreciation and any impairment losses. Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value on a straight line basis over its expected useful life, as follows:-

Leasehold improvements Fixtures, fittings and equipment Computer equipment Over the life of the lease Over three years on a straight line basis Over five years on a straight line basis

Residual value is calculated on prices prevailing at the reporting date, after estimated costs of disposal, for the asset as if it were at the age and in the condition expected at the end of its useful life.

#### IMPAIRMENTS OF FIXED ASSETS

An assessment is made at each reporting date of whether there are indications that a fixed asset may be impaired or that an impairment loss previously recognised has fully or partially reversed. If such indications exist, the Company estimates the recoverable amount of the asset or, for goodwill, the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the goodwill belongs.

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 2021

Shortfalls between the carrying value of fixed assets and their recoverable amounts, being the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value-in-use, are recognised as impairment losses. Impairments of revalued assets are treated as a revaluation loss. All other impairment losses are recognised in profit and loss.

Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Reversals of impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss as a revaluation gain. On reversal of an impairment loss, the depreciation or amortisation is adjusted to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount (less any residual value) over its remaining useful life.

#### STOCKS

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is determined using the weighted average cost basis and for finished goods and work in progress, includes direct labour costs and overheads appropriate to the stage of manufacture.

At each reporting date, the Company assesses whether stocks are impaired or if an impairment loss recognised in prior periods has reversed. Any excess of the carrying amount of stock over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss.

Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

#### TAXATION

The tax expense represents the sum of the current tax expense and deferred tax expense. Current tax assets are recognised when tax paid exceeds the tax payable.

Current tax is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from total comprehensive income because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other periods. Current tax assets and liabilities are measured using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the period when the asset is realised or the liability is settled based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting date. Deferred tax is not discounted.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised in respect of all timing differences that exist at the reporting date. Timing differences are differences between taxable profits and total comprehensive income that arise from the inclusion of income and expenses in tax assessments in different periods from their recognition in the financial statements. Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered by the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits.

Deferred tax is recognised on differences between the value of assets (other than goodwill) and liabilities recognised in a business combination and the amounts that can be deducted or assessed for tax. The deferred tax recognised is adjusted against goodwill.

Current and deferred tax is charged or credited in profit or loss, except when it relates to items charged or credited to other comprehensive income or equity, when the tax follows the transaction or event it relates to and is also charged or credited to other comprehensive income, or equity.

Current tax assets and current tax liabilities and deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are offset, if and only if, there is a legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and the entity intends either to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### LEASES

All leases are operating leases and the annual rentals are charged to profit and loss on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 2021

Rent free periods or other incentives received for entering into an operating lease are accounted for as a reduction to the expense and are recognised, on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

#### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense.

The cost of any unused entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

The best estimate of the expenditure required to settle an obligation for termination benefits is recognised immediately as an expense when the Company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

#### **RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

For defined contribution schemes the amount charged to profit or loss is the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments.

#### SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

The Company operates a Share Incentive Plan (SIP) which is HMRC approved. On 1 January 2018 the Company gifted 1,200 shares to each employee at that date. Shares vested after 3 years.

All share-based remuneration is ultimately recognised as an expense in the Income Statement with a corresponding credit to 'share-based payment reserve'. All goods and services received in exchange for the grant of any share-based remuneration are measured at their fair values. Fair values of employee services are indirectly determined by reference to the fair value of the share options awarded.

If vesting periods or other non-market vesting conditions apply, the expense is allocated over the vesting period, based on the best available estimate of the number of share options expected to vest. Estimates are subsequently revised if there is any indication that the number of share options expected to vest differs from previous estimates. Any cumulative adjustment prior to vesting is recognised in the current period. No adjustment is made to any expense recognised in prior periods if share options ultimately exercised are different to that estimated on vesting. Upon exercise of share options, proceeds received net of attributable transaction costs are credited to share capital and share premium.

The expense in relation to these 'free' shares is recorded as employee remuneration and measured at fair value of the shares issued as at the date of grant.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102, in full, to all of its financial instruments.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument, and are offset only when the Company currently has a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### Financial assets

#### Trade debtors

Trade debtors which are receivable within one year and which do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price. Trade debtors are subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled and any impairment losses.

#### ACCOUNTING POLICIES For the year ended 31 December 2021

Where the arrangement with a trade debtor constitutes a financing transaction, the debtor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the amounts due will not be collected according to the original terms of the contract. Impairment losses are recognised in profit or loss for the excess of the carrying value of the trade debtor over the present value of the future cash flows discounted using the original effective interest rate. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

#### Financial liabilities and equity

Financial instruments are classified as liabilities and equity instruments according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the Company after deducting all of its liabilities.

#### Equity instruments

Financial instruments classified as equity instruments are recorded at the fair value of the cash or other resources received or receivable, net of direct costs of issuing the equity instruments.

#### Bank overdrafts

Bank overdrafts are presented within creditors: amounts falling due within one year.

#### Trade creditors

Trade creditors payable within one year that do not constitute a financing transaction are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost, being the transaction price less any amounts settled.

Where the arrangement with a trade creditor constitutes a financing transaction, the creditor is initially and subsequently measured at the present value of future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar instrument.

#### 1. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND AREAS OF JUDGEMENT

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

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

#### Accruals

Accruals are estimated for promotional discounts in relation to the supermarket sector which have not yet been invoiced. These accruals are held for three years. This length of time is considered adequate based on experience of historic claims.

#### Stock

The Company purchases raw materials which are carried in the balance sheet at a material value. On conversion to finished product, stock is also retained to meet varying customer demand and ensure continuity of supply. Both types of stock are perishable in nature and decline in value as they age. Additional risk of devaluation of stock arises since many of the Company's customers require that product shipped still has at least six months of shelf life.

To ensure that stock valuation is reflected at a fair value in its accounts, the Company has a policy of making provision against short dated stock items at a rate of 100% of its book value.

Judgements are made on an ad-hoc basis to make provision for potential losses relating to slow moving stock. Where demand for a stock item is at such a level that stock would not be depleted before its expiry date, an assessment is made on a case by case basis to provide for expected loss.

#### Debtors

The Company operates credit facilities for its customers and the risk of bad debts is kept under constant review. Specific provision is made for any debts identified as such.

A substantial proportion of its customer base are grocery multiples where credit risk is extremely low. All other customers are subject to thorough credit checks on opening of accounts with all debtors subject to periodic review to ensure that credit risk has not increased.

Historically the level of default has been extremely low and the majority of accounts are paid promptly. Therefore it is considered that the low level of risk does not necessitate a policy of providing for outstanding debts beyond a certain age, or by any other mechanical means.

Where the Company becomes aware of any customer in a precarious position financially, steps are taken to collect outstanding invoices on accounts and credit facilities are withdrawn.

#### 2. TURNOVER

An analysis of the Company's turnover by class of business is as follows:

Class of Business	2021 £	2020 £
Continuing operations:		
Coffee	16,920,033	15,973,060
Tea	449,793	705,310
Hot chocolate	297,724	281,646
Ancillaries	95,649	135,043
	17,763,199	17,095,059

An analysis of the geographical location of the Company's turnover is as follows:

	2021	2020
Geographical segments:	£	£
Continuing operations:		
UK	16,868,584	15,340,044
Overseas sales	894,615	1,755,015
	17,763,199	17,095,059

#### 3. COST OF SALES INCLUDING PREMIUMS PAID TO PRODUCERS ORGANISATIONS

		2021 £	2020 £
	Opening stock at start of year Purchases Premiums Closing stock as at end of year	5,031,091 12,945,065 620,043 (4,777,708) 13,818,491	3,441,953 14,331,282 827,751 (5,031,091) 13,569,895
4.	ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	2021 £	2020 £
	Staff costs and other personnel costs Marketing costs Property-related costs Depreciation & Amortisation Legal and compliance costs IT and office costs Other administrative expenses Donations	1,928,771 1,352,546 117,802 74,578 108,080 120,690 255,600 102,447 4,060,514	1,961,402 699,643 99,330 57,299 87,269 89,483 216,830 100,347 3,311,603
5.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME		
	Interest on bank deposits	2021 £ 8	2020 £ 232

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

#### 6. INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES

2021 £	2020 £
~	~
59,688	68,528
2021 £	2020 £
- -	
2021 £	2020 £
52,542 58,733 33,424 -	61,230 36,880 72,316 4,068
10,219,802	10,052,264
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Fees payable to Crowe UK LLP and its associates in respect of audit services, and fees paid to other accountancy firms for non-audit services were as follows;

	2021	2020
	£	£
Audit services - statutory audit of the company	34,000	31,000
	34,000	31,000

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#### 9. EMPLOYEES

The average monthly number of persons employed by the	2021 No.	2020 No.
Company during the year was: Sales and marketing Operations and administration	13 18	13 18
	31	31
	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs for the above persons: Wages and salaries Social security costs Other pension costs and current service cost (note 22) DIRECTORS	1,286,231 187,574 <u>103,585</u> 1,577,390	1,432,144 172,632 <u>102,405</u> <u>1,707,181</u>
In respect of the directors of Cafédirect plc:		
Emoluments Amounts paid to defined contribution pension schemes	2021 £ 200,810 12,963 213,773	2020 £ 185,491 12,464 197,955
The number of directors to whom retirement benefits are accruing under defined contribution schemes was:	1	1

Directors emoluments disclosed above include the following payments in respect of the highest paid director:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Remuneration	161,810	145,491
Amounts paid to defined contribution pension schemes	12,963	12,464
	174,773	157,955

## 10. TAXATION

	2021 £	2020 £
Company profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before tax	(175,485)	145,264
Company profit on ordinary activities multiplied by the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 19% Effects of:	0	27,600
Expenses that are not deductible in determining taxable profit	2,576	10,310
Unutilised charitable donations	19,465	19,000
Depreciation in excess of capital allowances	-	-
Tax losses not recognised as a deferred tax asset	(21,142)	(56,910)
l ax expense	-	-

At  $31^{st}$  December 2021, the company had estimated tax trading losses of £2,971,407 (2020: £2,860,476) which are available to carry forward against future profits of the same trade.

## 11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Computer Software £
Cost:	
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	199,717
Additions separately acquired	69,573
Disposals	
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	269,290
Amortisation and impairment:	
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	47,685
Amortisation charged in the year	58,733
Disposals	
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	106,418
Carrying amount:	
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	162,872
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	152,032

#### TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS 12.

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	<b>a</b>	Fixtures,		
	Computer	Fittings &	Leasehold	T . 4 . 1
	equipment £	Equipment £	Improvements £	Total £
Cost or valuation:	L	L	L	L
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	71,370	191,696	13,034	276,100
Additions	-	7,730	63,361	71,091
Disposals	(14,736)	(92,205)	-	(106,941)
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	56,634	107,221	76,395	240,250
Depreciation and impairment:				
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	39,926	142,195	6,987	189,108
Depreciation charged in the year	11,327	33,657	7,558	52,542
Disposals	(14,737)	(89,228)	-	(103,965)
31st December 2021	36,516	86,624	14,545	137,685
Carrying amount:				
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	20,118	20,597	61,850	102,565
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2020	31,444	49,501	6,047	86,992

Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment includes foodservice equipment for rental at Cost of £47,334 (2020: £93,710) with a net book value of £4,783 (2020: £22,473). This equipment is leased to customers under operating leases as noted in Note 21.

#### 13. STOCKS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Raw materials and consumables	2,377,648	2,063,178
Finished goods and goods for resale	2,400,060	2,967,913
	4,777,708	5,031,091

Impairment losses recognised during 2021 on short-dated stock were £37,994 (2020: nil)

#### 14. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Trade debtors	1,450,110	1,682,932
Other debtors	91,169	58,442
Prepayments and accrued income	276,969	192,210
	1,818,248	1,933,584

# 15. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	165,588	158,458
Trade creditors	2,558,355	2,021,623
Other taxation and social security costs	50,271	45,851
Other creditors	15,431	79,857
Foreign currency forward contracts (note 17)	110	99,150
Accruals and deferred income	364,242	528,268
	3,153,997	2,933,207

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

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	<u>675,213</u> <u>675,213</u>	785,449 785,449
Included in creditors are:	2021 £	2020 £
Amounts due by instalments falling due after more than five years	- 	79,904

Bank borrowings are repayable between 1 January 2021 and 30 September 2026 and bear interest at 4.0% above UK Bank Base rate. The Company makes monthly repayments of the bank borrowings.

Bank borrowings are secured against a floating charge over all of the assets and undertakings (both present and future) of the business and are subject to covenants based upon turnover and profit performance.

#### 17. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The carrying amount of the Company's financial instruments at 31 December were:

	2021 £	2020 £
Financial assets:	0.047.005	0 070 055
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2,347,085	2,073,255
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	-	-
Total	2,347,085	2,073,255
Financial liabilities:		
Measured at amortised cost	3,829,210	3,619,506
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	110	99,150
Total	3,829,320	3,718,656

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#### **Foreign Exchange Forward Contracts**

The Company uses foreign currency forward contracts to manage the foreign exchange risk of future transactions and cash flows.

The contracts are valued based on available market data. The value of a contract is the difference between the contract amount translated at the contract rate and the contract amount translated at the forward rate at the reporting date for a contract maturing on the same date.

The Company uses foreign exchange forward contracts to manage exposure to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The contracts are placed to cover the forecast requirements for the following 6 months of stock purchases. Therefore the cash flows are expected to occur in the 6 months following the balance sheet date and are expected to affect the profit or loss in the year following the balance sheet date.

Fair value losses of £15,670 (2020: loss £9,916) on foreign exchange forward contracts are deferred in other comprehensive income and will be charged to profit or loss at the maturity of contract. £114,710 was released in the year ended  $31^{st}$  December 2021 (2020: £53,630 released).

At the year end, the total carrying amount of outstanding foreign exchange forward contracts that the Company has committed to are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Foreign Currency Forward Contracts	(110)	(99,150)
	(110)	(99,150)

#### 18. PROVISIONS FOR LIABILITIES

	Deferred	
	Taxation	Total
	£	£
1 <sup>st</sup> January 2021	-	-
Utilised in the year		
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2021	-	

Provision for deferred tax has been made as	2021	2020
follows:	£	£
Deferred tax liabilities	26,726	14,601
Deferred tax assets	(26,726)	(14,601)

The major deferred tax liabilities and assets recognised by the Company are:

Deferred tax liabilities:	2021 £	2020 f
Accelerated capital allowances	26,726	14,601
Deferred tax assets:	2021 £	2020 £
Other timing differences Losses and other deductions	۲ - 26,726	بر - 14,601
	26,726	14,601

#### 19. SHARE CAPITAL & RESERVES

SHARE CAPITAL

As at 31 December 2021	11,435,206 ordinary
	shares and
	1 guardian share

#### Ordinary share rights

The Company's ordinary shares, which carry no right to fixed income, each carry the right to one vote at general meetings of the Company.

#### Guardians' share

In addition to the above allotted and called up Ordinary share capital there is one Guardians' share of 25p which is fully paid. The Guardians' share, held by the Guardian Share Company Limited (Company No. 4863720), differs from the Ordinary shares in that it gives the owners (the "Guardians") certain additional rights. The Guardians' rights comprise: (i) they have the right to appoint a director to the Cafédirect Board; (ii) their consent is required to make any changes to the key principles of Cafédirect's Gold Standard, or to the company's objects as set out in its Articles of Association; and (iii) they have a right of consultation before any changes can be made to the wording of the full Gold Standard. If such consultation does not result in unanimous consent, the proposals must be put to the members of Cafédirect as a special resolution at a general meeting.

There are three members of the Guardian Share Company Limited, Oxfam Activities Limited, Cafédirect Producers Limited and Oikocredit Ecumenical Development Co-Operative Society, U.A.

#### RESERVES

Reserves of the Company represent the following:

#### Share Premium

Consideration received for shares issued above their nominal value net of transaction costs.

#### Hedging Reserve (note 17)

Gains and losses arising on foreign exchange forward contracts which have been designated as hedges for hedge accounting purposes.

#### Retained earnings

Cumulative profit and loss net of distributions to owners.

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#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

#### 20. RECONCILIATION OF PROFIT AFTER TAX TO NET CASH GENERATED (USED IN)/FROM OPERATIONS

	2021 ج	2020 ج
Profit/(loss) after tax Adjustments for:	(175,485)	156,484
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	52,542	61,235
Amortisation of intangible assets	58,733	36,880
Interest receivable	(8)	(232)
Interest payable	59,688	68,528
Operating cash flows before movements in working capital	(4,530)	311,675
(Increase)/Decrease in stock	253,383	(1,589,052)
(Increase)/Decrease in trade and other debtors	115,337	218,671
Increase/(Decrease) in trade and other creditors	330,199	844,317
Cash generated from / (used in) operations	694,389	(214,389)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents represent:		
	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	528,837	139,671
	528,837	139,671

#### 21. COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

The Company as lessee:

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases for leasehold property are as follows:

	2021	2020
Amounts due:	£	£
Within one year	93,030	49,404
Between one and five years	104,499	-
	197,529	49,404

Lease payments recognised as an expense in the year were £130,965 (2020 £110,571)

The Company as lessor:

At the year end, the Company had contracted with customers under non-cancellable operating leases relating to hot drinks preparation equipment, for the following future minimum lease payments as follows:

	2021	2020
Amounts due:	£	£
Within one year	-	4,068
Between one and five years	-	648
	-	4,716

#### 22. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The Company operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all qualifying employees in the United Kingdom. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Company in an independently administered fund. The contributions payable by the Company charged to profit or loss amounted to £116,548 (2020: £114,868). No contributions were owing at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 £9,840 owing).

#### 23. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2021 the company was committed to purchase £4,381,109 (2020: £2,621,315) of coffee beans.

#### 24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Transactions between the Company and its related parties are disclosed below:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Sales of goods in year	186,300	195,788
Services provided to the company	-	-
Services provided by the company	-	12,888
Charitable donations	102,447	100,000
Amounts owed by related parties at year end	24,026	(30,326)
Amounts owed to related parties at year end	-	-

The related parties in 2021 comprise the company's remaining founder shareholder, namely Oxfam Activities Ltd, as well as Cafédirect Producers Ltd, its wholly owned subsidiary Cafédirect Producers' Foundation and Oikocredit Ecumenical Development Co-Operative Society, U.A. All transactions with related parties are on arm's length terms.

Sales of goods to related parties were made at the Company's usual list prices. Purchases were made at market price discounted to reflect the quantity of goods purchased.

The amounts outstanding are unsecured, non-interest bearing and will be settled in cash. No guarantees have been given or received. No expense has been recognised in the year (2020: £nil) in respect of bad debts from related parties.

#### 25. REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The total remuneration of the directors and employees who are considered to be the key management personnel of the Company, was £847,247 (2020: £799,260).