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Punch Pubs Group Limited
Annual Report and Financial Statements
11 August 2024

Punch Pubs Group Limited

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STRATEGIC REPORT

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY AND REVIEW OF BUSINESS

The principal activity of the company is that of an intermediate holding company. The principal activity of the Group is the leasing of public houses to independent publicans, pub retailing, the brewing of beer and the wholesale supply of beer products to lessees.

These financial statements show the consolidated result of the Group.

Operations are managed at a Punch Pubs & Co. Group Limited, ("The Group"), the ultimate UK parental entity is CF Cooper Holdings Limited.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The loss after taxation for the 52 week period ended 11 August 2024 amounted to £5.3m (2023: Loss after taxation for the 52 week period £15.3m). The directors do not propose the payment of a final dividend (2023: £nil).

The underlying profit after taxation for the 52 week period ended 11 August 2024 amounted to £21.8m (2023: underlying profit after taxation for the 52 week period £14.4m).

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

Revenue

For the 52 weeks to 11 August 2024 total revenue was £323.5 million compared to £313.5 million in the prior year period of 52 weeks to 13 August 2023, with the conversion of pubs from Leased & Tenanted over to our Management Partnership estate being the predominant driving force leading to the increase. Over the 52 week period Management Partnership revenue has increased 3.9% from £139.8 million to £145.3 million.

EBITDA

EBITDA for the period was £88.6 million (prior year 52 weeks: £79.1 million) of which £91.1 million was classed as Underlying EBITDA (prior year 52 weeks: £81.3 million).

All three divisions (Leased and Tenanted, Management Partnership and Laine) delivered like-for-like sales growth for the 52 week period when compared to the prior year. Underlying outlet EBITDA for the pub estates (Management Partnership, Leased & Tenanted and Laine) before central costs increased by £10.9 million to £117.0 million.

Underlying EBITDA for the 52 weeks to 11 August 2024 of £91.1 million compares positively to the £76.0 million of Adjusted Underlying EBITDA from the wider Punch Group in the year to August 2019, being the most recent financial year prior to the Covid pandemic.

Profit before tax

The underlying profit before taxation for the 52 week period ended 11 August 2024 was £26.1m (2023: £15.9m).

Nominal net debt

The nominal net debt excluding deferred issue costs at 11 August 2024 was £625.7m (13 August 2023: £609.7m).

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Borrowings (note 21)	(631.0)	(620.0)
Cash and Cash equivalents	5.3	10.3
	<u>(625.7)</u>	<u>(609.7)</u>

SECTION 172 STATEMENT

Under section 172 of the Companies Act the directors of the company have a duty to promote the success of the Company for the benefit of shareholders as a whole. This section of the report is designed to set out how the directors have complied with their obligations in this regard.

The directors of the Group have acted in a way they consider, in good faith, would be most likely to promote the success of the Group for the benefit of its members as a whole, and in doing so have regard (amongst other matters) to:

- the likely consequences of any decision in the long term,
- the interests of the Group's employees
- the need to foster the Group's business relationships with suppliers, customers and others,
- the impact of the Group's operations on the community and the environment,
- the desirability of the Group maintaining a reputation for high standards of business conduct, and
- the need to act fairly as between members of the Group.

Stakeholders: The directors believe it is important to work together with stakeholders, building positive relationships in order to deliver long-term sustainable success. The Group's key stakeholders are as follows:

Shareholders: There is close engagement between the Group board, key management personnel and investors to deliver the strategic objectives of the Group as referred to in the Strategic Report and maximise its shareholders' returns.

Employees: The Group is committed to regular, two way communications between the board and employees, with strong structures and channels in place for consultation and feedback. The leadership team deliver regular business briefs to employees on the Group's performance and also hold regular, two-way consultation sessions with employees.

We know that a huge part of what makes our business such a great place to work is our inclusive culture and environment, where all of our people can truly be themselves, whilst realising their full potential. This means that all employees and applicants are treated equally, regardless of their age, disability, race, religion or belief, gender, sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status.

The Group is an equal opportunities employer, committed to providing equal opportunities in recruitment, promotion, career development, training and reward to all employees without discrimination. The Group gives full consideration to applications for employment from disabled persons, where the requirements of the job can be adequately fulfilled by such persons. Where existing employees become disabled, it is the Group's policy wherever practicable to provide continuing employment under normal terms and conditions.

Publicans: The Group operates as a population of over 1,200 individual pub businesses, creating exciting possibilities through the pub-by-pub approach, with publicans at the heart of everything we do, using our scale for the benefit of each of our pubs, publicans and their guests.

Debt holders: The Group is largely financed through a secured loan and revolving credit facility. Debt providers receive quarterly reporting updates on the relevant security group.

Suppliers: The Group seeks to maintain strong, long term, relationships with key suppliers to ensure high quality and service levels are sustained. Senior members of the management team regularly meet with key suppliers to ensure relationships are upheld. We require suppliers to adhere to relevant Group policies and complete a questionnaire and upload documents on; Ethical Trading, Modern Slavery and Anti Bribery.

It is the Group's policy that payments to suppliers are made in accordance with those terms and conditions agreed between the Group and its suppliers, provided that all trading terms and conditions have been complied with.

Regulators and government: The Group's policy is to conduct all of our business in an honest and ethical manner. The Group takes a zero tolerance approach to bribery and corruption and we are committed to acting professionally, fairly and with integrity in all our business dealings and relationships wherever we operate.

The legal and regulatory landscape is risk assessed as part of our risk management framework, and there is ongoing engagement with regulators through correspondence and regular meetings to discuss key issues that impact the Group.

The directors also review the Group's tax policy annually.

At board meetings the directors address compliance by the Group with its governance codes and reinforces the board's requirements that its business be conducted to all due ethical standards and with integrity. Appropriate regulation is considered in all board decision making and regulatory policies adapted if required to ensure best practice.

Community: The Group is committed to managing the wider social, environmental and economic impacts of its operations, including with regard to responsible drinking, ethical behaviour, corporate social responsibility and acting in an environmentally friendly manner.

We are committed to making a positive contribution to the communities within which we operate, including the payment of taxes, reducing our environmental impact and creating employment opportunities.

PRINCIPAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

Liquidity risk

The Group is primarily financed by loan notes, with the capital balance of the loan being repayable in June 2026. The board continues to review alternative sources of finance. Further information on how the securitised group manages its liquidity risk is provided in note 22 to the financial statements.

Capital risk

The Group's capital structure is made up of loan notes, issued share capital and reserves. The Group is able to generate sufficient returns to service the debt. Debt is monitored by a variety of measures which are reported to debt providers on a quarterly basis.

GOING CONCERN

The directors have made enquiries into the adequacy of the Group's financial resources, through a review of the Group's budget and medium-term financial plan, including capital expenditure plans and cash flow forecasts.

The directors are satisfied that they have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have sufficient resources together with the ability to access additional liquidity when the Group needs to withstand adjustments to the base forecast, as well as the downside scenario and to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Group continues to adopt the going-concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

On behalf of the Board



S Dando

Director

Date: 05 December 2024

DIRECTORS' REPORT

The directors present their report and financial statements for the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024.

Directors

The current directors of the company and Group are listed on page 1.

Directors' indemnities

As permitted by the articles of association, the directors have the benefit of an indemnity which is a qualifying third-party indemnity provision, as defined by section 234 of the Companies Act 2006. The indemnity was in force throughout the last financial year and is currently in force. Throughout the financial year, the Company also purchased and maintained, directors and officers' liability insurance, in respect of itself and its directors.

Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare group and parent company financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the Group financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the United Kingdom (IFRSs as adopted by the UK) and applicable law and have elected to prepare the parent company financial statements in accordance with UK accounting standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework Standards.

Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and parent company and of their profit or loss for that period. In preparing each of the Group and parent company financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable, relevant, reliable and prudent;
- for the Group financial statements, state whether applicable UK-adopted IFRSs in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- for the parent company financial statements, 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 Group and Company will continue in business; and
- state whether Financial Reporting Standards 101 Reduced Disclosure Framework have been followed in relation to the Company's financial statements, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and the Group to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and the Group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by the auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware. The directors have taken all the steps which they ought to have taken as directors to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report in accordance with applicable law and regulations. The directors consider that the annual report and financial statements, taken as a whole, provide the information necessary to assess the Group's performance, business model and strategy and are fair, balanced and understandable.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Group's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

To the best of our knowledge:

- the Group's financial statements are prepared in accordance with the UK-adopted international accounting standards and have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006; and
- the strategic report and directors' report include a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Company, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties which it faces

Streamlined energy and carbon reporting

The company has taken the exemption available to not disclose its own reporting on the grounds that it is included within the group accounts of Punch Pubs & Co Group Limited.

Audit information

The directors confirm that, so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the auditor is unaware, and that each director has taken all reasonable steps to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Auditors

The company has elected to dispense with the obligation to appoint an auditor annually under s487 of the Companies Act 2006.

Political and charitable contributions

During the period the Group made charitable contributions of £50,320 (2023: £3,700). No political contributions were made during the period (2023: nil). The Group does not make political donations and has no intention of making donations nor incurring such expenditure.

Future developments

The Group's principal activities continue to be the operation of public houses ("pubs"). The Company intends to continue to operate the Group's pubs predominantly under the leased and tenanted model, but with a growing number of pubs operated under the Management Partnerships or fully Managed model.

On behalf of the Board



S Dando

Director

Date: 05 December 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF PUNCH PUBS GROUP LIMITED

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Punch Pubs Group Limited (the "parent company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group") for the 52 week period ended 11 August 2024 which comprise the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of total comprehensive income, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated statement of changes in equity, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the company balance sheet, the company statement of changes in equity and the related 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 group and parent company financial statements is applicable law and UK adopted international accounting standards.

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 11 August 2024 and of the group's loss for the 52 weeks then ended;
- the group and parent company financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with UK adopted international accounting standards;
- 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 group and parent 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 Group and parent 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 other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained with the annual report. 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 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the 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 group and parent 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 group and parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the group and parent 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.

Responsibilities of directors

As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement, 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 group and parent 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 group or the parent 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.

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

Our assessment focused on key laws and regulations the parent company has to comply with and areas of the financial statements we assessed as being more susceptible to misstatement. These key laws and regulations included but were not limited to compliance with the Companies Act 2006, UK adopted international accounting standards, and relevant tax legislation.

We are not responsible for preventing irregularities. Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the parent company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the pub sector;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence where applicable; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the group financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in note 1 were indicative of potential bias, in particular the director's assessment of impairment of property, deferred tax asset recoverability and post employment benefits.
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions;
- reviewed director's assessment of its revaluation policy; and
- reviewed nominals of certain nominal codes for indication of any management override.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and associated parties.

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.



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for and on behalf of

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Date: 05 December 2024

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

	Notes	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024			52 weeks ended 13 August 2023		
		Underlying items £m	Non-underlying items ¹ £m	Total £m	Underlying items £m	Non-underlying items ¹ £m	Total £m
Revenue	2	323.5	-	323.5	313.5	-	313.5
Operating costs before depreciation and amortisation		(232.4)	(2.5)	(234.9)	(232.2)	(2.2)	(234.4)
EBITDA²		91.1	(2.5)	88.6	81.3	(2.2)	79.1
Depreciation and amortisation		(17.5)	-	(17.5)	(18.0)	-	(18.0)
(Loss)/Profit on sale of non-current assets		-	(0.6)	(0.6)	-	0.6	0.6
Loss on disposal of right of use assets		-	(0.1)	(0.1)	-	-	-
Impairment	12	-	(0.4)	(0.4)	-	(7.1)	(7.1)
Revaluation of properties	10	-	(21.9)	(21.9)	-	(20.9)	(20.9)
Operating profit / (loss)		73.6	(25.5)	48.1	63.3	(29.6)	33.7
Finance income	4	0.4	-	0.4	0.1	-	0.1
Finance costs	5	(47.9)	-	(47.9)	(47.5)	-	(47.5)
Profit / (loss) before taxation		26.1	(25.5)	0.6	15.9	(29.6)	(13.7)
Taxation charge	8	(4.3)	(1.6)	(5.9)	(1.7)	(0.1)	(1.8)
Profit / (loss) for the financial period		21.8	(27.1)	(5.3)	14.2	(29.7)	(15.5)
Profit attributable to non-controlling interest		-	-	-	0.2	-	0.2
Profit / (loss) for the financial period attributable to owners of the parent company		21.8	(27.1)	(5.3)	14.4	(29.7)	(15.3)

¹ Non-underlying items are explained further in note 6

² EBITDA represents earnings before depreciation and amortisation, profit on sale of property, plant and equipment and non-current assets classified as held for sale, impairment, movement in valuation of properties, finance costs, tax of the Group and loss attributable to non-controlling interest.

COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

As permitted by section 408 of the Companies Act 2006, the company's Income Statement has not been included in these financial statements. The company's loss for the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024 was £20.6m (52 weeks ended 13 August 2023: £nil).

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

		52 weeks ended 11 August 2024	52 weeks ended 13 August 2023
	Notes	£m	£m
Loss for the financial period attributable to owners of the parent company		(5.3)	(15.3)
Other items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods (net of tax):			
Remeasurement of defined benefit pension scheme	25	(3.8)	(1.0)
Unrealised surplus on revaluation of properties	10	23.9	18.1
Tax relating to components of other comprehensive income that cannot be reclassified into profit or loss	8	-	0.2
Other comprehensive profit for the period		20.1	17.3
Total comprehensive profit for the period attributable to owners of the parent company		14.8	2.0

BALANCE SHEET
as at 11 August 2024

	Notes	GROUP		COMPANY	
		11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Non-current assets					
Property, plant and equipment	10	905.9	880.4	-	-
Right of use assets	20	61.7	59.6	-	-
Other intangible assets	11	1.2	0.9	-	-
Investments in subsidiary undertakings	13	-	-	292.0	291.8
Investments in associate company	13	-	-	-	-
		968.8	940.9	292.0	291.8
Current assets					
Inventories	14	4.0	4.1	-	-
Trade and other receivables	15	14.7	18.6	-	-
Assets classified as held for sale	18	9.9	12.6	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	17	5.3	10.3	-	-
		33.9	45.6	-	-
Total assets		1002.7	986.5	292.0	291.8
Current liabilities					
Trade and other payables	19	(56.3)	(51.6)	-	-
Short-term borrowings	21	(31.0)	(20.0)	-	-
Lease liabilities	20	(10.4)	(8.9)	-	-
		(97.7)	(80.5)	-	-
Non-current liabilities					
Borrowings	21	(595.5)	(593.2)	-	-
Lease liabilities	20	(61.0)	(64.8)	-	-
Retirement benefit obligations	25	-	-	-	-
Deferred tax liability	16	(24.6)	(18.6)	-	-
		(681.1)	(676.6)	-	-
Total liabilities		(778.8)	(757.1)	-	-
Net assets		223.9	229.4	292.0	291.8
Equity					
Called up share capital	23	-	-	-	-
Reorganisation reserve		(40.4)	(40.4)	-	-
Revaluation reserve		77.9	54.8	-	-
Capital reserve		1.3	1.0	1.6	1.4
Retained earnings		185.1	214.0	290.4	290.4
Total equity		223.9	229.4	292.0	291.8

The financial statements were approved and authorised by the board and signed on its behalf on
05 December 2024



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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

	Called up share capital	Reorganisation reserve	Revaluation reserve	Capital reserve	Retained earnings	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
GROUP							
Total equity at 14 August 2022	-	(40.4)	37.4	0.6	230.1	(0.3)	227.4
Profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	0.4	(15.9)	0.2	(15.3)
Other comprehensive gains / (losses) for the period	-	-	18.1	-	(0.8)	-	17.3
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	18.1	0.4	(16.7)	0.2	2.0
Transfer on disposal of non-current assets	-	-	(0.7)	-	0.7	-	-
Purchase of NCI	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	0.1	-
Total equity at 13 August 2023	-	(40.4)	54.8	1.0	214.0	-	229.4
Profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	(5.3)	-	(5.3)
Other comprehensive gains / (losses) for the period	-	-	23.9	-	(3.8)	-	20.1
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	23.9	-	(9.1)	-	14.8
Transfer on disposal of non-current assets	-	-	(0.8)	-	0.8	-	-
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(20.6)	-	(20.6)
Share based payment	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	0.3
Total equity at 11 August 2024	-	(40.4)	77.9	1.3	185.1	-	223.9
COMPANY							
Total equity at 14 August 2022	-	-	-	1.0	290.4	-	291.4
Profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other comprehensive gains / (losses) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share based payment	-	-	-	0.4	-	-	0.4
Total equity at 13 August 2023	-	-	-	1.4	290.4	-	291.8
Profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	20.6	-	20.6
Total comprehensive profit / (loss) for the period	-	-	-	-	20.6	-	20.6
Dividends paid	-	-	-	-	(20.6)	-	(20.6)
Share based payment	-	-	-	0.2	-	-	0.2
Total equity at 11 August 2024	-	-	-	1.6	290.4	-	292.0

Called up share capital represents the nominal value of shares that have been issued.

Reorganisation reserve represents the difference between net assets of the subsidiaries acquired and the price paid on the acquisition of the group's subsidiaries.

Revaluation reserve represents amounts revalued in relation to properties.

Capital reserve represents capital contributions received from the company's immediate parent undertaking.

Retained earnings represents all current and prior periods retained profit and losses after the payment of dividends.

Non-controlling interest represents the value attributable to minority shareholders.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

GROUP

	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024	52 weeks ended 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating profit	48.1	33.7
Depreciation and amortisation	17.5	18.0
Loss/(Profit) on sale of non-current assets and non-current assets classified as held for sale	0.6	(0.6)
Profit on sale of right of use assets	0.1	-
Impairment	0.4	7.1
Revaluation of properties	21.9	20.9
(Increase) / decrease in inventories	0.1	(0.1)
(Increase) / decrease in trade and other receivables	2.1	(4.7)
Increase in trade and other payables	4.2	5.4
Difference between pension contributions paid and amounts recognised in the income statement	(3.7)	(1.0)
Cash generated from operations	91.3	78.7
Income tax received	-	0.1
Net cash generated from operating activities	91.3	78.8
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		
- acquisitions	(25.2)	-
- investments	(28.8)	(30.8)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	14.8	11.2
Purchase of other intangible assets	(0.5)	(0.7)
Intercompany financing	2.5	(1.8)
Interest received	0.4	0.1
Net cash used in investing activities	(36.8)	(22.0)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net proceeds/(repayment) from facility drawdown	11.0	(10.0)
Dividends paid	(20.6)	-
Payment of lease liability	(9.7)	(9.9)
Interest paid	(40.2)	(39.2)
Net cash used in financing activities	(59.5)	(59.1)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(5.0)	(2.3)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	10.3	12.6
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	5.3	10.3

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements presented in this document have been prepared in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the United Kingdom. The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 101 reduced disclosure framework as adopted by the United Kingdom and as applied in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006. The company has taken advantage of the exemption provided under s408 of the Companies Act 2006 not to publish its individual income statement and related notes.

The Group and company financial statements are presented in sterling and all values are rounded to the nearest hundred thousand pounds, except where indicated.

Going concern

The directors have made enquiries into the adequacy of the Group's financial resources, through a review of the Group's budget and medium-term financial plan, including capital expenditure plans and cash flow forecasts.

The directors are satisfied that they have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group have sufficient resources together with the ability to access additional liquidity when the Group needs to withstand adjustments to the base forecast, as well as the downside scenario and to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, the Group continues to adopt the going-concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

Liquidity and financing:

The Group is financed through a £600.0m 5-year secured loan and a £70.0m revolving credit facility agreement. As at the 11 August 2024, the period end date, the Group had £5.3m of cash balances and £39.0m remaining undrawn against the revolving credit facility.

Basis of consolidation

Consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of the parent company (Punch Pubs Group Limited) and all of its subsidiaries. The book-value method of accounting has been applied for those subsidiaries acquired under common control.

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by the Group. Control exists when the Group is exposed to or has rights to variable returns from its investment with the investee and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the investee. Subsidiaries are consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group.

Using the book-value method, a subsidiary acquired under common control would be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Group and cease to be consolidated from the date on which control is transferred out of the Group. Assets and liabilities of the transferred subsidiary company are recognised in the consolidated financial statements at the transferred company's book value, adjusted to align to the Group's accounting policies where applicable. Any difference between the book value of the assets and liabilities received and the consideration paid is recognised directly to equity under reorganisation reserve.

The Group's interests in the associate company are incorporated in the financial statements using the equity method of accounting. Investments in associate company are carried at cost plus post-acquisition changes in the Group's share of accumulated comprehensive income, less distributions received and less any impairment in value.

Other investments in which the Group has an interest are reviewed dependent on how much control the Group has. If the Group maintains day-to-day control over the investment, taking into account any potential voting rights, the investment is treated as a subsidiary and the results and position are consolidated into the Group financial statements.

Non-controlling interest in the net assets of the consolidated subsidiaries are identified separately from the Group's equity in those subsidiaries. The income for the year is allocated to the share attributable to the group and the non-controlling interest.

All intra-group balances and transactions, including unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in full. Unrealised losses are eliminated unless the transaction provides evidence of an impairment of the asset transferred.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property, plant and equipment (note 10)

Revaluation

Properties are revalued annually, on a five-year rolling basis, to fair value in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Valuation - Professional Standards January 2022, incorporating the UK National Supplement effective 2019, and IFRS 13. The valuation is based on historic, current and future projected trading levels of each property, taking into account the location, physical attributes and sustainability of rent of each property. Changes in the assumptions of underlying valuations, such as the assessment of fair maintainable trade for each property and valuation multiples, could impact the carrying value of land and buildings. In some cases it is not appropriate to value the property by reference to the trading level, in these cases the valuation is made by reference to the underlying value of the property. This was performed by Savills (UK) Limited, independent chartered surveyors.

Surpluses arising from a revaluation increase are recognised directly in other comprehensive income in the revaluation reserve or are recognised as a credit in the income statement to the extent that they reverse a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised as a charge to the income statement. Any deficit arising from a revaluation decrease is recognised as a charge to other comprehensive income in the revaluation reserve to the extent that there is a credit balance in the revaluation reserve in respect of that asset. Any further decrease in value is recognised as a charge to the income statement.

Landlord's fixtures and fittings include removable items, which are generally regarded as within landlord ownership. These are depreciated in accordance with the policy detailed below.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment, less estimated residual values, by equal annual instalments as follows:

Licensed properties, unlicensed properties and owner-occupied properties

50 years or the life of the lease if shorter with certain integral parts of buildings over 10-30 years

Landlord's fixtures and fittings, office furniture and fittings and motor vehicles

5 years

Information technology equipment

3 to 5 years

Freehold land is not depreciated.

An annual assessment of residual values is performed and there is no depreciable amount if residual values are the same as, or more than, book value. Residual values are based on the estimated amount that would be currently obtainable from disposal of the asset net of disposal costs if the asset were already of the age and condition expected at the end of its useful life.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Intangible Assets (note 11)

Other intangible assets relates to computer software and licences that are depreciated over the shorter of the life of the asset or the contract term of the licence. If there is no contract term or end date of the licence the estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

Software

3 to 10 years

Impairment (note 12)

Assets that have an indefinite useful life are not subject to amortisation and are tested annually for impairment and when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Assets that are subject to depreciation or amortisation are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. A review for indicators of impairment is performed annually. An impairment loss is recognised for the amount by which the asset's carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and value in use. Any impairment charge is recognised in the income statement in the year in which it occurs. When an impairment loss, other than an impairment loss on goodwill, subsequently reverses due to a change in the original estimate, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, up to the carrying amount that would have resulted, net of depreciation, had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years.

Borrowings (note 21)

All loans and borrowings are initially recognised at the fair value of the consideration received net of issue costs associated with the borrowings.

After initial recognition, interest bearing loans and borrowings are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method. Amortised cost is calculated taking account of any issue costs, and any discounts or premiums on settlement.

If any debt or borrowings are terminated costs and fees are recognised as a gain or loss on the extinguishment of the debt. Any debt arrangement costs associated with previous loans that were extinguished in the year will be recognised as non-underlying finance costs.

Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement when the liabilities are derecognised, as well as through the amortisation process.

When debt is purchased from the market, a profit or loss is recognised at the point of purchase. The debt is then held at amortised issue value until it is cancelled.

Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the fair value of the proceeds, net of direct issue costs.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Taxation (note 8)

Income tax expense comprises both the income tax payable, based on taxable profits for the year, and deferred tax.

Deferred tax is provided on all temporary differences at the balance sheet date between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts except where the deferred tax liability arises from the initial recognition of goodwill or where the deferred tax asset or liability arises on an asset or liability in a transaction which is not a business combination that at the time of the transaction affects neither accounting nor taxable profit or loss. Deferred tax assets are recognised for all deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses, to the extent that it is probable that taxable profit will be available against which the deductible temporary differences, carry-forward of unused tax assets and unused tax losses can be utilised.

Deferred tax is calculated using tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date. Movements in deferred tax are charged or credited in the income statement, except where they relate to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax balances are not discounted.

Pensions (note 25)

The Group operates one defined benefit scheme which requires contributions to be made to separately administered funds. The asset or liability recognised in the balance sheet in respect of the Group's defined benefit arrangements is the difference between the fair value of scheme assets and the present value of scheme liabilities. Any defined benefit assets are limited to the present value of economic benefits in the form of any future refunds from the scheme or reductions in future contributions to the scheme. The cost of providing benefits under the scheme is determined using the projected unit credit actuarial method. The current service cost is charged to operating profit. A single net interest cost or income, which is calculated on the net defined benefit liability by applying the discount rate to the net defined benefit liability, is shown in finance costs and finance income as appropriate. The cumulative net deficits on this defined benefit pension scheme have been recognised in full in equity at the date of transition to IFRS and the difference between the actual return on plan assets and interest income, together with actuarial gains and losses, are included within remeasurements of defined benefit scheme which are recognised in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income. A net pension asset may only be recognised when the Group has an unconditional right to a refund or to reductions in future contributions. As a result, no asset has been recognised at the period end.

The Group also contributes to money purchase pension plans for employees. Contributions are charged to the income statement as they become payable.

Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic resources as a result of past events.

Provisions are measured at management's best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the present obligation at the balance sheet date. Provisions are discounted if the effect of the time value of money is material. The discount rate used to determine the present value reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the liability.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Revenue

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts and VAT. All operations take place solely in the United Kingdom.

Drink and food sales

Revenue in respect of drink and food sales is recognised at the point at which the goods are provided, net of any discounts or volume rebates allowed.

Rents receivable

Rents receivable are recognised on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Machine income

The Group's share of net machine income is recognised in the period to which it relates.

Inventories (note 14)

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Stock is measured on a first in first out basis.

Trade and other receivables (note 15)

Trade receivables are recognised and carried at original invoice amount less an impairment for any uncollectible amount. Impairment provisions for trade debtors are recognised based on the simplified approach within IFRS 9 using a provision matrix in the determination of the lifetime expected credit losses. During this process the probability of the non-payment of the trade debtors is assessed. This probability is then multiplied by the amount of the expected loss arising from default to determine the lifetime expected credit loss for the trade debtors.

Cash (note 17)

Cash and cash equivalents in the balance sheet comprise cash at bank and in hand and short term deposits with an original maturity of three months or less.

Non-current assets classified as held for sale (note 18)

Properties identified for disposal which are classified in the balance sheet as non-current assets held for sale are held at the lower of carrying value on transfer to non-current assets held for sale, as assessed at the time of transfer, and fair value less costs to sell. The fair value less costs to sell is based on estimated net disposal proceeds which are provided by third party property agents who have been engaged to sell the properties.

Non-current assets, liabilities and disposal Groups are classified as held for sale if their carrying amount will be recovered through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. This condition is regarded as met only when the sale is highly probable and the asset is available for immediate sale in its present condition. Management must be committed to the sale and completion is expected within one year from the date of classification.

Other investments

Other investments, such as holdings in shares in other companies, are held at fair value, and any movements in the fair value are taken to the income statement in the period they occur.

Dividend distribution (note 9)

Final dividends are recognised as a liability in the Group's and the Company's financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders. Interim dividends are recognised when they are paid.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Lessee accounting (note 20)

The Group leases various licensed properties, offices and other commercial properties as well as vehicles under lease agreements. At inception of a contract the Group assesses whether the contract contains a lease. A lease is present where the contract grants the right to control the asset for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Where a lease is identified a right of use asset and a corresponding lease liability is recognised other than leases classed as "Short term," less than 12 months, or "Low value," under the available exemptions. Where the exemption has been taken advantage of the lease cost are recognised on a straight line basis over the life of the lease within the Consolidated Income Statement.

The lease payments are discounted using the Group's incremental borrowing rate as 6.125% or 7% depending upon the date of lease liability being created. Prior to 24 June 2021 the incremental borrowing rate is set at 7% with the rate applied as 6.125% after this date.

Lease liability- initial recognition

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments not paid at the commencement date. If the discount rate isn't explicitly included in the lease the payments are discounted at the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

Lease payments included within the initial recognition include:

- Fixed payments (including in-substance fixed payments)
- Variable lease payments that depend on an index or rate at the commencement date
- Amounts expected to be payable by the lessee under residual value guarantees
- Exercise price of a purchase option if the Group is reasonably certain to exercise that option
- Payments for penalties for terminating the lease if the lease term reflects the Group exercising the option

Lease liability- subsequent measurement

The lease liability is subsequently measured by increasing the carrying value to reflect interest on the lease liability and by reducing the carrying value to reflect the lease payments.

Lease liability- remeasurement

The lease liability is remeasured where:

- Change in the assessment of the original lease information; being a change in the lease term or exercise of a purchase option.
- Lease payments change due to a change in an index or a rate or a change in expected payment under the residual value guarantee
- The lease contract is modified and the lease modification isn't treated as a separate lease

Where the lease liability is remeasured an equivalent adjustment is made to the right of use asset unless its carrying value is reduced to zero, in which case the adjustment is recognised in the income statement.

When the lease liability is remeasured a revised discount rate is used based on the contract, or if none is available the Group's incremental borrowing rate.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Right of use asset- initial recognition

The right of use asset comprises the following:

- Initial measurement of the lease liability
- Any lease payments made at the commencement date, less any lease incentives received
- Any initial direct costs incurred by the Group in taking out the lease
- Estimate of costs to be incurred by the Group to restore the underlying asset to the condition required by the lease

Right of use- subsequent measurement

The right of use asset is depreciated over the shorter of the lease term and useful life of the asset on a straight line basis.

If a change in contract has been identified, see the "Lease liability- remeasurement" section for further information, the right of use asset will also be adjusted.

An impairment review will be undertaken in-line with the Group impairment policy, as further described in note 1, any identified impairment will be recognised against the right of use asset.

Sale and leaseback

A sale and leaseback transaction is where the Group sells an asset and immediately reacquires the use of the asset by entering into a lease with the counterparty. If a sale and leaseback meets the criteria for a sale under IFRS 15 the transaction will be accounted for under IFRS 16. The group measures the right-of-use asset arising for the leaseback in proportion to the carrying balance of the asset directly before the sale and this will be recognised as an addition to the right of use asset and lease liability. The previous balance held for the asset will be derecognised in its entirety. For any sales that don't meet the recognition criteria under IFRS 15 a finance liability will be recognised for the consideration received.

For any sale and leaseback assets that are sold at above the market value of the asset these are accounted for as additional financing provided by the counterparty and be recognised as an increased lease liability for the amount. The premium received will be recognised as Sale and leaseback finance premium within the Cashflow statement. Any assets sold at below market value will be accounted for as a prepayment of the lease liability.

Lessor accounting

The Group is a lessor of licensed properties to publicans. IFRS 16 does not require a lessor to make any adjustments on transition for leases. Leases are classified as either operating leases or finance leases. If a lease transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an underlying asset it is classified as a finance lease. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Share-based payment transactions

A number of employees of the Group (including directors) receive an element of remuneration in the form of share-based payment transactions, whereby employees render services in exchange for shares or rights over shares in a parental entity ('equity-settled transactions').

Equity settled transactions are measured at fair value at the date of grant. The fair value of transactions involving the granting of shares is calculated by an external valuer using the most appropriate valuation mode at the date of issue. In valuing equity-settled transactions, no account is taken of any performance conditions, other than conditions linked to the price of the shares in the relevant settling entity.

The cost of equity-settled transactions is recognised, together with a corresponding increase in equity, on a straight-line basis over the vesting period based on the company's estimate of how many of the awards will eventually vest. No expense is recognised for awards that do not ultimately vest, except for awards where vesting is conditional upon a market condition, which are treated as vesting irrespective of whether or not the market condition is satisfied, provided that all other performance conditions are satisfied.

Where the terms of an equity-settled award are modified, as a minimum an expense is recognised as if the terms had not been modified. In addition, an expense is recognised for any increase in the value of the transaction as a result of the modification, as measured at the date of the modification.

Where an equity-settled award is cancelled, it is treated as if it had vested on the date of cancellation, and any expense not yet recognised for the award is recognised immediately. However, if a new award is substituted for the cancelled award, and designated as a replacement award on the date that it is granted, the cancelled and new awards are treated as if they were a modification to the original award, as described in the previous paragraph.

Significant accounting estimates and judgements

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period.

On an ongoing basis, management evaluates its estimates and judgements including those relating to income taxes, deferred tax, financial instruments, property, plant and equipment, goodwill, intangible assets, valuations, provisions and post-employment benefits.

Management bases its estimates and judgements on historical experience and on various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgements about the carrying value of assets and liabilities that are not readily available from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions and conditions.

The estimates and judgements that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements are detailed below.

Impairment of property, plant and equipment, non-current assets classified as held for sale and operating leases (note 12)

Property, plant and equipment, non-current assets classified as held for sale and operating leases are reviewed for impairment if circumstances suggest that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Recoverable amounts are determined based on value-in-use calculations and estimated sale proceeds. These calculations require assumptions to be made regarding future cash flows and the choice of a suitable discount rate in order to calculate the present value of those cash flows. Actual outcomes may vary from these estimates.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the 52 weeks ended 11 August 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Deferred tax asset recoverability (note 16)

A deferred tax asset is recognised for unused tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences to the extent that it is probable that future taxable profits will be available against which they can be utilised. Deferred tax assets are reviewed at each reporting date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be utilised.

Valuation of property, plant and equipment (note 10)

Properties will be revalued professionally by independent valuers on a five-year rolling basis to fair value in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Valuation – Global Standards effective January 2022. The valuation is based on current and future projected trading levels of each property, taking into account the location, physical attributes and sustainability of rent of each property. Changes in assumptions underlying valuations, such as the assessment of fair maintainable trade for each property, could impact the carrying value of land and buildings.

Post-employment benefits (note 25)

The present value of defined benefit pension scheme liabilities is determined on an actuarial basis and depends on a number of actuarial assumptions. Any change in these assumptions could impact the carrying amounts of pension liabilities.

Corporate information

Punch Pubs Group Limited is a private limited company incorporated and domiciled in England.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

The business consists of a leased and tenanted division (L&T), a Management Partnership division (MP) and the Laine division, each having its own clear strategy. Each of these strategic business units consists of a number of cash generating units (CGUs), which are individual pubs. These CGUs generate their own revenues, which are consolidated to give the Group revenue and as a result, Group revenue is not reliant on one significant customer.

The Chief Operating Decision Maker, represented by the Board, reviews the performance of the L&T, MP and Laine divisions separately, at an underlying EBITDA level, as included in the internal management reports.

The Group operates and originates solely in the United Kingdom.

	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024				Total £m
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated £m	
Drink revenue	94.4	109.5	47.6	-	251.5
Food revenue	-	30.0	3.7	-	33.7
Rental income	27.9	0.7	0.5	-	29.1
Other revenue ¹	3.1	5.1	1.0	-	9.2
Underlying revenue	125.4	145.3	52.8	-	323.5
Underlying operating costs ²	(55.6)	(109.3)	(41.6)	(25.9)	(232.4)
EBITDA before non-underlying items	69.8	36.0	11.2	(25.9)	91.1
Underlying depreciation and amortisation					(17.5)
Operating non-underlying items					(25.5)
Net finance costs					(47.5)
UK income tax charge					(5.9)
Profit for the financial period attributable to owners of the parent company					(5.3)

¹ Other revenue includes grants of a revenue nature which are recognised in the income statement in the same period as the related expenditure.

² Unallocated underlying operating costs represent corporate overheads that are not allocated down to the divisional performance.

	52 weeks ended 13 August 2023				Total £m
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated £m	
Drink revenue	91.0	105.2	47.0	-	243.2
Food revenue	-	29.0	3.9	-	32.9
Rental income	27.0	0.9	0.5	-	28.4
Other revenue ¹	3.0	4.7	1.3	-	9.0
Underlying revenue	121.0	139.8	52.7	-	313.5
Underlying operating costs ²	(53.9)	(110.3)	(43.2)	(24.8)	(232.2)
EBITDA before non-underlying items	67.1	29.5	9.5	(24.8)	81.3
Underlying depreciation and amortisation					(18.0)
Operating non-underlying items					(29.6)
Net finance costs					(47.4)
UK income tax charge					(1.8)
Loss for the financial period					(15.5)
Loss attributable to non-controlling interest					0.2
Loss for the financial period attributable to owners of the parent company					(15.3)

Assets and liabilities

	11 August 2024				Total £m
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated ¹ £m	
Segment assets	636.5	272.2	65.4	4.6	978.7
Unallocated assets ¹	-	-	-	23.3	23.3
Total assets	636.5	272.2	65.4	27.9	1,002.0
Segment liabilities	(17.8)	(8.3)	(43.9)	(1.4)	(71.4)
Unallocated liabilities ¹	-	-	-	(706.7)	(706.7)
Total liabilities	(17.8)	(8.3)	(43.9)	(708.1)	(778.1)
Net assets / (liabilities)	618.7	263.9	21.5	(680.2)	223.9

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2. SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS (CONTINUED)

Assets and liabilities	13 August 2023				
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated £m	Total £m
Segment assets	603.3	277.3	68.5	4.4	953.5
Unallocated assets ¹	-	-	-	33.0	33.0
Total assets	603.3	277.3	68.5	37.4	986.5
Segment liabilities	(11.1)	(11.6)	(49.5)	(1.5)	(73.7)
Unallocated liabilities ¹	-	-	-	(683.4)	(683.4)
Total liabilities	(11.1)	(11.6)	(49.5)	(684.9)	(757.1)
Net assets / (liabilities)	592.2	265.7	19.0	(647.5)	229.4

¹ Unallocated segment assets and liabilities represent assets and liabilities that are not allocated to the divisional performance.

There are no sales between the segments. Segment assets include property, plant and equipment, non-current assets held for sale, right of use assets and goodwill and exclude other intangible assets, inventories, receivables, cash and taxation, whilst all liabilities other than lease liabilities are unallocated.

Capital expenditure

	11 August 2024				
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated £m	Total £m
Acquisition spend	25.2	-	-	-	25.2
Investment spend	18.5	6.5	3.4	0.4	28.8
Total capital expenditure	43.7	6.5	3.4	0.4	54.0

	13 August 2023				
	L&T £m	MP £m	Laine £m	Unallocated £m	Total £m
Acquisition spend	-	-	-	-	-
Investment spend	14.8	13.0	3.0	-	30.8
Total capital expenditure	14.8	13.0	3.0	-	30.8

3. ANALYSIS OF EXPENSES

The following items have been included in arriving at operating profit / (loss):

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Drink and food costs	101.3	104.1
Depreciation and amortisation	17.5	18.0
Impairment losses (note 12)	0.4	7.1
Re-valuation of properties (note 10)	21.9	20.9
Loss/(Profit) on sale of property, plant and equipment and non-current assets classified as held for	0.6	(0.6)
Profit on disposal of right of use assets	0.1	-
Other costs ¹	133.6	130.3
Total costs deducted from revenue to determine operating profit¹	275.4	279.8

¹ Non-underlying expenses of £2.1m are included within other costs above, see note 6 for further details.

Auditors' remuneration is as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Audit services		
Statutory audit of Group financial statements	0.1	0.1
Statutory audit of subsidiary companies pursuant to legislation	-	-
Non-audit services		
Other services	-	-

The accounts of the parent company do not include details of remuneration receivable by the auditor and its associates for non-audit services, as the Group accounts are required to include this information as required by Regulation 5(1)(b) of The Companies (Disclosure of Auditor Remuneration and Liability Limitation Agreements) Regulations 2008 on a consolidated basis.

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4. FINANCE INCOME

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Bank interest receivable	0.2	0.1
Intercompany loan interest receivable	0.2	-
Total finance income	0.4	0.1

5. FINANCE COSTS

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Interest payable on loan notes	40.0	39.4
Interest payable on lease liabilities	5.0	5.2
Net pension interest costs	0.5	0.5
Amortisation of deferred issue costs	2.4	2.4
Total finance costs	47.9	47.5

6. NON-UNDERLYING ITEMS

In order to provide a trend measure of underlying performance, profit is presented excluding items which management consider will distort comparability, either due to their significant non-recurring nature or as a result of specific accounting treatments. Included in the income statement are the following non-underlying items:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Operating non-underlying items		
Restructuring and other one-off costs ¹	(1.8)	(1.8)
Share based payment charge	(0.3)	(0.4)
(Loss)/Profit on sale of property, plant and equipment	(0.6)	0.6
Loss on disposal of right of use asset	(0.1)	-
One-off lease expenses	(0.4)	-
Impairment losses (note 12)	(0.4)	(7.1)
Movement in valuation of properties ²	(21.9)	(20.9)
Total non-underlying items before tax	(25.5)	(29.6)
Tax		
Tax impact of non-underlying items	(1.6)	0.3
Change in standard rate of tax	-	(0.4)
	(1.6)	(0.1)
Total non-underlying items after tax	(27.1)	(29.7)

¹ £0.6m (2023: 0.4m) of restructuring costs, £0.4m (2023: £1.4m) of one-off costs relating to the conversion of pubs to the Management Partnership division and £0.8m (2023: £nil) of professional fees and other one-off costs.

² The movement in the valuation of properties of £21.9m (2023: £20.9m) comprises a downward valuation of £21.9m (2023: £21.0m), where the fair value of an asset is less than the net book value, offset by a credit of £nil (2023: £0.1m) where the fair value of the asset is greater than the net book value and the credit reverses a previous charge to the income statement for impairment.

Non-underlying cash impact

All costs associated with restructuring and other one off-costs, and MP conversion had a cash flow impact within the year.

Share based payment charge incurred no cash impact in the year

Profit on sale of property, plant and non-current assets held for sale resulted in a cash inflow of £14.8m in the year.

The non-underlying tax adjustments are expected to be offset against brought forward losses and no cash settlement is expected.

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7. EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS

The staff costs are set out below:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Wages and salaries	20.8	22.1
Social security costs	2.2	2.2
Share based payment	0.3	0.4
Other pension costs	1.3	1.2
	24.6	25.9

The average number of employees employed by the Group during the period was as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
Management and administration ¹	341	338
Retail staff ¹	165	284
	506	622

¹ Employee numbers relate to actual employees rather than full time employee equivalents.

The remuneration paid to the Directors during the period was as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£000	£000
Directors' remuneration	850	600
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	110	97
	960	697

The amounts paid in respect of the highest paid director are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£000	£000
Directors' remuneration	559	381
Company contributions to money purchase pension schemes	66	63
	625	444

The emoluments relate to services provided to the Group in the current period and paid by a subsidiary company.

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8. TAXATION

(a) Tax on profit on ordinary activities

Tax (charged) / credited in the income statement

	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024			52 weeks ended 13 August 2023		
	Underlying £m	Non- underlying £m	Total £m	Underlying £m	Non-underlying £m	Total £m
Current tax						
UK corporation tax - current period	0.6	(0.6)	-	(0.6)	0.6	-
UK corporation tax – adjustments in respect of prior years	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0.6	(0.6)	-	(0.6)	0.6	-
Deferred tax (note 16)						
Origination and reversal of temporary differences – current period	(4.9)	-	(4.9)	(1.1)	(0.3)	(1.4)
Origination and reversal of temporary differences – adjustments in respect of prior years	-	(1.0)	(1.0)	-	(0.4)	(0.4)
	(4.9)	(1.0)	(5.9)	(1.1)	(0.7)	(1.8)
Total tax (charge)/ Credit	(4.3)	(1.6)	(5.9)	(1.7)	(0.1)	(1.8)

Tax on items charged to equity

In addition to the amount credited to the income statement, tax movements recognised directly in equity through the consolidated statement of comprehensive income were as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Deferred tax		
Deferred tax charge on loss on actuarial valuation of pension schemes	-	(0.2)
Deferred tax charge recognised directly in equity	-	(0.2)

(b) Reconciliation of the total tax charge

The effective rate of tax is different to the full rate of corporation tax. The differences are explained below:

	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024			52 weeks ended 13 August 2023		
	Underlying items £m	Non- underlying items (note 6) £m	Total £m	Underlying items £m	Non-underlying items (note 6) £m	Total £m
Profit / (loss) on ordinary activities before tax	26.1	(25.5)	0.6	15.9	(29.6)	(13.7)
Tax at current UK tax rate of 25.00% (2023: 21.20%)	(6.5)	6.4	(0.1)	(3.4)	6.3	2.9
Effects of:						
Net effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes and non-taxable income (underlying items)	2.1	(6.9)	(4.8)	1.7	(5.7)	(4.0)
Adjustments to tax in respect of prior periods	-	(1.0)	(1.0)	-	(0.4)	(0.4)
Current period non-underlying (credits) / charges	-	-	-	-	(0.3)	(0.3)
Total tax (credit) / charge reported in the income statement	(4.4)	(1.5)	(5.9)	(1.7)	(0.1)	(1.8)

Details of the non-underlying tax credits and charges are included in note 6.

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8. TAXATION (continued)

(c) Deferred liability tax recognised in the consolidated income statement

	52 weeks ended 11 August 2024			52 weeks ended 13 August 2023		
	Underlying	Non- underlying	Total	Underlying	Non-underlying	Total
	items	items (note 6)		items	items (note 6)	
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Temporary differences	(9.8)	(1.0)	(10.8)	(2.4)	(0.9)	(3.3)
Accelerated capital allowances	4.9	1.0	5.9	1.3	0.6	1.9
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	-	(1.0)	(1.0)	-	(0.4)	(0.4)
	(4.9)	(1.0)	(5.9)	(1.1)	(0.7)	(1.8)

See note 16 for the movement in net deferred tax (liability) / asset and for factors affecting the tax charge in future periods.

9. DIVIDENDS

During the year an interim dividend of £20.6m was paid on 14 August 2023 (2023: £nil).

10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Land and	Public House	Total
	Buildings	Fixture and	
	£m	Fittings £m	£m
Cost or valuation			
At 14 August 2022	864.8	35.0	899.8
Additions	18.7	12.1	30.8
Disposals	(10.3)	(2.9)	(13.2)
Revaluation	(4.6)	(0.1)	(4.7)
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(7.4)	(1.8)	(9.2)
At 13 August 2023	861.2	42.3	903.5
Additions	44.6	9.4	54.0
Disposals	(9.3)	(0.6)	(9.9)
Revaluation	(0.1)	(1.5)	(1.6)
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(7.0)	0.3	(6.7)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	0.7	0.6	1.3
At 11 August 2024	890.1	50.5	940.6
Accumulated depreciation			
At 14 August 2022	1.7	8.3	10.0
Charge for the year	4.1	9.1	13.2
Disposals	(0.6)	(2.1)	(2.7)
Revaluation	(1.9)	-	(1.9)
Impairment losses (note 12)	4.7	0.5	5.2
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	0.3	(1.0)	(0.7)
At 13 August 2023	8.3	14.8	23.1
Charge for the year	2.4	10.2	12.6
Disposals	(0.1)	(0.4)	(0.5)
Revaluation	(2.9)	(0.7)	(3.6)
Impairment losses (note 12)	4.1	-	4.1
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(2.6)	0.2	(2.4)
Adjustments in respect of prior periods	0.7	0.7	1.4
At 11 August 2024	9.9	24.8	34.7
Net book value at 11 August 2024	880.2	25.7	905.9
Net book value at 13 August 2023	852.9	27.5	880.4

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

The Group's policy is to revalue its properties on a five year rolling basis. The valuation of 20% of the estate was performed by Savills (UK) Limited, independent chartered surveyors.

The impact on the financial statements of the revaluation in the current year is as follows:

- increase the net book value of property, plant and equipment as at 11 August 2024 by £2.0m;
- recognise a net non-underlying charge against operating profit of £21.9m. This reflects the impact of downward revaluations of £21.9m where the fair value of the asset is below the net book value;
- recognise a £23.9m credit to the revaluation reserve. This reflects the impact of upward revaluations of £23.9m where the net book value of the asset is below the fair value.

Surpluses arising from a revaluation increase are recognised directly in other comprehensive income in the revaluation reserve or are recognised as a credit in the income statement to the extent that they reverse a revaluation decrease of the same asset previously recognised as a charge to the income statement. Any deficit arising from a revaluation decrease is recognised as a charge to other comprehensive income in the revaluation reserve to the extent that there is a credit balance in the revaluation reserve in respect of that asset. Any further decrease in value is recognised as a charge to the income statement.

The cost of work in progress within property, plant and equipment at 11 August 2024 was £7.5m (13 August 2023: £7.8m). Work in progress is not depreciated.

Fair value measurement of property, plant and equipment

Properties are revalued annually to fair value in accordance with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Valuation – Global Standards (incorporating IVSC International Valuation Standards) effective from 31 January 2022 together, where applicable, with the UK National Supplement effective 14 January 2019, together the "Red Book".

The valuations of assets have been assessed as being level 3 valuations, as there are no directly comparable market observable inputs. The appropriate classes of assets for fair value disclosures are deemed to be public houses and unlicensed properties, considering the nature, characteristics and risks of the assets.

The valuation is based on current and future projected trading levels of each property, taking in to account the location, physical attributes and sustainability of rent and other income streams of each asset. Once a fair maintainable trade (FMT) income stream has been determined for each pub, including an assessment of wholesale and machine income and rent that could be achieved with a reasonably efficient operator, taking into account future trading potential, it is capitalised using an appropriate multiple.

The unlicensed properties are valued considering the rents achieved and lease terms and then by using an appropriate multiple.

The assets are valued at their highest and best use which is deemed to be their current use by the Group, unless when reviewed on an asset by asset basis circumstances indicate that there may be a higher or better use.

The tables below show, for the properties that have been revalued in the year, by class of asset, the number of properties in each FMT and multiple banding.

Public Houses - number of properties	Under 8 times	8-10 times	10-12 times	over 12 times	Total
FMT income					
More than £90,000 p.a.	51	46	-	-	97
£60,000 to £90,000 p.a.	35	34	-	-	69
£30,000 to £60,000 p.a.	20	46	1	2	69
less than £30,000 p.a.	12	-	1	4	17
	118	126	2	6	252

Of the properties valued 32 properties were leasehold, of these 32 of the properties are valued at less than 8 times FMT.

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10. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (CONTINUED)

The table below shows the reconciliation of level 3 fair value measurements.

	Public houses £m	Unlicensed £m	Total £m
Opening balance at 13 August 2023	874.5	5.9	880.4
Additions in the year	53.2	0.8	54.0
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(4.4)	-	(4.4)
Revaluation:			
Recognised in the Income Statement	(21.9)	-	(21.9)
Recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	23.9	-	23.9
Impairment losses	(4.1)	-	(4.1)
Depreciation	(12.4)	(0.2)	(12.6)
Disposals	(8.7)	(0.7)	(9.4)
Transfer between classes	1.0	(1.0)	-
Closing balance at 11 August 2024	901.1	4.8	905.9
Net book value of other assets			-
Net book value of property, plant and equipment			905.9

	Public houses £m	Unlicensed £m	Total £m
Opening balance at 14 August 2022	883.6	6.2	889.8
Additions in the year	29.8	1.0	30.8
Net transfers to non-current assets classified as held for sale	(8.5)	-	(8.5)
Revaluation:			
Recognised in the Income Statement	(20.9)	-	(20.9)
Recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income	18.1	-	18.1
Impairment losses	(5.2)	-	(5.2)
Depreciation	(12.7)	(0.5)	(13.2)
Disposals	(10.3)	(0.2)	(10.5)
Transfer between classes	0.6	(0.6)	-
Closing balance at 13 August 2023	874.5	5.9	880.4
Net book value of other assets			-
Net book value of property, plant and equipment			880.4

Sensitivities

The significant unobservable inputs used in the level 3 fair value measurements of the Group's estate are FMT and a multiple. Changes in these assumptions could have a significant impact on the valuation of the Group's properties. The sensitivities below are considered to be reasonably likely.

Sensitivity	FMT	FMT	Multiple	Multiple
	+2%	-2%	+0.25	-0.25
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Public houses and unlicensed	3.0	(3.0)	5.0	(5.0)

If land and buildings had been measured using the cost model, the carrying amounts would be as follows:

	Land and buildings £m
At 11 August 2024	
Cost	902.0
Accumulated depreciation	(7.7)
Net book value	894.3

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11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

	Other intangible assets
Cost	£m
At 14 August 2022	0.9
Additions	0.7
At 13 August 2023	1.6
Additions	0.5
At 11 August 2024	2.1
Amortisation and impairment	
At 14 August 2022	0.4
Charge for the year	0.3
At 13 August 2023	0.7
Charge for the year	0.2
At 11 August 2024	0.9
Net book value at 11 August 2024	1.2
Net book value at 13 August 2023	0.9

Other intangible assets relate to computer software and licenses.

12. IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

The impairments recognised in the current and prior periods are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Property, plant and equipment through income statement	4.1	5.2
Non-current assets as classified as held for sale	0.5	0.1
Right of use assets	(4.2)	1.8
Recognised in the income statement	0.4	7.1

Property, plant and equipment

When any indicators of impairment are identified, property, plant and equipment are reviewed for impairment based on each cash generating unit (CGU). The cash generating units are individual pubs. The carrying values of these individual pubs are compared to the recoverable amount of the CGUs, which is the higher of value-in-use (VIU) and fair value less costs to sell (FVLCS).

Cash flows used in the VIU calculation were based on earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation and used the forecasted cash flows included within the Group business plan for the first three years and then the perpetual cash flows were calculated. The pre-tax risk adjusted discount rate applied to the Board approved three year Business Plan and the associated cash flow projections based on the group Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC). Based on this review an impairment of £0.2m (13 August 2023: £1.0m) was identified.

During the year a site which incurred significant damage was reviewed for impairment. An impairment charge of £0.7m was identified in relation to this property.

During the previous year several pubs were transferred from the MP division to the L&T division as a result of restructuring the Punch (BSV) Limited Joint Venture. The directors reviewed the estate and identified an indicator of impairment over the associated properties and an impairment of £nil (2023: £1.3m) was recognised.

A comprehensive assessment of the ULP (Unlicensed Properties) estate was conducted. This evaluation revealed an indicator of impairment associated with the ULP projects that are not intended to proceed. Consequently, an impairment charge of £nil (2023: £0.5m) was recognised against the ULP estate for the projects that will not proceed.

During the year, the FVLCS of the assets transferring into the non-current assets classified as held for sale category have been reviewed, and an impairment of £3.2m (13 August 2023: £2.3m) has been identified. In addition, the FVLCS of assets already classified as held for sale were reviewed and an impairment of £0.5m was identified (13 August 2023: £0.1m). The FVLCS was assessed on both external and internal valuations.

Right of use assets

Right of use assets are allocated to CGUs and reviewed annually for indicators of impairment. When indicators of impairment are identified the carrying value of the CGU are compared to the recoverable amount of the CGUs, which is the higher of VIU and FVLCS. Cash flows used in the VIU calculation were based on earnings before interest, taxation, depreciation and amortisation and used the forecasted cash flows included within the Group business plan for the first three years and then the perpetual cash flows were calculated. The pre-tax risk adjusted discount rate applied to the Board approved three year Business Plan and the associated cash flow projections based on the group Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC). Based on this review an impairment credit of £3.8m (13 August 2023: impairment charge of £1.8m) was identified.

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13. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARY UNDERTAKINGS AND ASSOCIATES

Company	Total £m
At 14 August 2022	291.4
Additions	0.4
At 13 August 2023	291.8
Additions	0.2
At 11 August 2024	292.0

During the period the Company made a capital contribution of £0.2m (13 August 2023: £0.4m) to its immediate subsidiary undertaking, Punch Pubs Holdings Limited.

Details of the subsidiary undertakings at 11 August 2024 are as follows:

Subsidiary undertakings owned directly:

Name of company	Nature of business	Registered Office
Punch Finance PLC	Financing company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Pubs Holdings Limited	Intermediate holding company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF

Directly or indirectly wholly owned subsidiaries of Punch Pubs Holdings Limited unless otherwise noted:

Key trading companies:

Name of company	Nature of business	Registered Office
Punch Partnerships (PGRP) Limited	Pub operating company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Partnerships (PML) Limited	Pub operating company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Taverns (Branston) Limited	Pub operating company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Partnerships (Jubilee) Limited	Property operating company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Taverns (Services) Limited	Intermediate supply company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
The Laine Pub Company Limited	Pub operating company	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ
The Laine Brewing Company Limited	Brewery	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ
Zelgrain Limited	Property leasing company	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ
Smithy Inns Limited	Pub operating company	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ
C-Side Limited	Pub operating company	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ
Punch (BSV) Limited	Non-trading company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF

Dormant companies:

Name of company	Nature of business	Registered Office
Punch Partnership Limited	Dormant company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Partnerships (Seagull) Limited	Dormant company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
Punch Taverns (Acquisitions) Limited	Dormant company	Jubilee House, Second Avenue, Burton Upon Trent, DE14 2WF
C-Side (Holdings) Limited	Dormant company	146 Springfield Road, Brighton, BN1 6BZ

Associate company:

Name of company	Nature of business	Percentage of Ownership
Mash Inns Limited	Pub operating company	49%

The registered office for Mash Inns Limited is 3 Monkspath Hall Road, Solihull, B90 4SJ. All the companies listed above are incorporated in the United Kingdom.

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14. INVENTORIES

	Group		Company	
	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Drink and food	4.0	4.1	-	-

The Group recognised £53.4m (13 August 2023: £54.8m) of inventories as an expense during the period for drinks and food directly sold through the Laine and MP divisions.

15. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

	Group		Company	
	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Amounts falling due within one year				
Trade receivables	7.2	5.9	-	-
Prepayments	7.5	9.8	-	-
Intercompany loan	-	1.8	-	-
Other receivables	-	0.7	-	-
Amounts due from group undertakings	-	0.4	-	-
	14.7	18.6	-	-

Intercompany loans relates to a loan to Punch Pubs Limited of £nil (13 August 2023: £1.8m). Interest was charged at 6.125% per annum with unpaid accrued interest capitalised each year. The loan was repaid in full during the year.

16. DEFERRED TAX

The movement on the deferred tax account is as follows:

	Group		Company	
	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Liabilities at beginning of period	(18.6)	(16.6)	-	-
Transferred from group company	(0.1)	-	-	-
(Charged) / Credited to income statement (note 8)	(5.9)	(1.8)	-	-
Charged to other comprehensive income (note 8)	-	(0.2)	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities at end of period	(24.6)	(18.6)	-	-

The movements in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the period are shown below:

Deferred tax assets

Group	Tax losses	Retirement benefit liabilities	Other	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m
At 13 August 2023	3.3	-	0.2	3.5
Credited / (Charged) to income statement	-	-	(0.1)	(0.1)
At 11 August 2024	3.3	-	0.1	3.4

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16. DEFERRED TAX (CONTINUED)

Deferred tax liabilities

Group	Accelerated capital allowances	Other	Total
	£m	£m	£m
At 13 August 2023	21.3	0.7	22.0
Transferred from group company	0.1	-	0.1
Charged / (Credited) to income statement	5.9	-	5.9
At 11 August 2024	27.3	0.7	28.0

At the balance sheet date, the Group has unused tax losses of £13.1m (August 2023: £13.1m) and unused capital losses of £41.1m (August 2023: £36.0m) available for offset against future profits. A deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of £13.0m (August 2023: £13.0m) of such losses, which are expected to be utilised against future profit streams within the Group. No deferred tax asset has been recognised in respect of the remaining £41.2m (August 2023: £36.1m) of losses due to the unpredictability of future profit streams. Current legislation deems that these losses may be carried forward for an unlimited number of years. The availability of sizeable capital allowance pools amounting to c.£206.6m at the period end is expected to result in limited corporation tax payments being due for the next financial year.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply to the year when the asset is realised or the liability is settled, based on tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

17. CASH

	Group		Company	
	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Cash and cash equivalents	5.3	10.3	-	-

Cash and cash equivalents includes £nil (13 August 2023: £2.0m) which is held in deposit accounts and is not available for general use by the Group.

18. NON-CURRENT ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Non-current assets classified as held for sale	9.9	12.6

Non-current assets classified as held for sale represents pubs that are individually being actively marketed for sale with varying expected completion dates within one year. The value of non-current assets classified as held for sale represents the lower of the carrying value of the asset and expected net disposal proceeds.

19. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	Group		Company	
	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Trade payables	21.3	19.3	-	-
Other tax and social security payable	3.4	4.2	-	-
Other payables	13.0	10.5	-	-
Accruals	18.3	17.6	-	-
Amounts owed to group undertakings	0.3	-	-	-
	56.3	51.6	-	-

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20. LEASES**Group as a Lessee**

The Group leases various licensed properties, offices and other commercial properties under lease agreements. The leases have various terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. The Group also leases vehicles for use within the business. All the leases met the operating lease criteria where the group was a lessee.

The group applies the "short term lease" and "lease of low value assets" recognition exemption for these disclosures.

Right of use assets and lease liabilities are recognised for each lease agreement for which the Group is a lessee.

Right of use assets	Property £m	Vehicles £m	Total £m
Cost			
At 13 August 2023	69.9	2.4	72.3
Additions	0.1	0.5	0.6
Disposals	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Remeasurement	1.9	-	1.9
At 11 August 2024	71.8	2.8	74.6
Accumulated depreciation			
At 13 August 2023	11.9	0.8	12.7
Charge for the year	3.9	0.7	4.6
Disposals	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)
Impairment (note 12)	(4.2)	-	(4.2)
At 11 August 2024	11.5	1.4	12.9
Net book value at 11 August 2024	60.3	1.4	61.7
Net book value at 13 August 2023	58.0	1.6	59.6

The group entered into transactions to extend certain leases during the year, these have been treated as remeasurements resulting in an increase of the right of use asset and lease liability of £0.7m (2023: £nil).

Lease Liabilities	Total £m
At 13 August 2023	73.7
Additions	0.6
Disposals	(0.1)
Finance charge on lease liability	5.0
Repayments	(9.7)
Remeasurements	1.9
At 11 August 2024	71.4

Lease liabilities have been analysed between current and non-current as follows:

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Current	10.4	8.9
Non-current	61.0	64.8
	71.4	73.7

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20. LEASES (CONTINUED)**Amounts recognised in consolidated income statement**

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Interest on lease liabilities	(5.0)	(5.2)
Depreciation on right of use asset	(4.6)	(4.5)
Impairment credit/(charge) on right of use asset	4.2	(1.8)

There are small amounts of variable lease payments, expenses relating to short term leases and expenses relating to low value assets, the total of these are £0.1m (2023: £0.1m). The minimum future sublease payments expected to be received is £6.2m over the term of the lease, with £1.7m expected to be received in the next financial year.

The company has no right of use assets or lease liabilities.

Group as a Lessor

The group leases out its property assets to tenants in the form of operating leases. The consideration received on these contracts is mostly fixed rent income with a small number of variable lease payments due on the lessor contracts.

Amounts recognised in consolidated income statement

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Rental income	29.1	28.4

The company has no assets leased to other entities.

21. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Group	11 August 2024			13 August 2023		
	Amounts falling due		Total	Amounts falling due		Total
	within one	after more		within one year	after more than	
	year	than one year	£m	£m	one year	£m
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Secured loan notes:						
Issued by Punch Finance Plc	-	595.5	595.5	-	593.2	593.2
Revolving credit facility	31.0	-	31.0	20.0	-	20.0
Total financial liabilities	31.0	595.5	626.5	20.0	593.2	613.2

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21. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Secured loan notes

The secured loan notes have been secured by way of fixed charge over various assets of the Group.

Interest is paid biannually in arrears on the secured debt. The details for the secured loan, including the date of the final scheduled instalment for each class of note, as indicated in its description, are as follows:

Issued by Punch Finance Plc:

	11 August 2024			13 August 2023		
	Amounts falling due			Amounts falling due		
	within one year £m	after more than one year £m	Total £m	within one year £m	after more than one year £m	Total £m
Secured loan repayable by June 2026 at 6.125% per annum	-	600.0	600.0	-	600.0	600.0
	-	600.0	600.0	-	600.0	600.0
Less: deferred issue costs	-	(4.5)	(4.5)	-	(6.8)	(6.8)
	-	595.5	595.5	-	593.2	593.2

Revolving credit facility:

	11 August 2024			13 August 2023		
	Amounts falling due			Amounts falling due		
	within one year £m	after more than one year £m	Total £m	within one year £m	after more than one year £m	Total £m
Loan facility at SONIA plus 3.25%	31.0	-	31.0	20.0	-	20.0

Changes in debt obligations during the year

During the year there was a net additional £11.0m draw down on the Revolving Credit Facility.

Interest rate analysis

The weighted average effective interest rates of interest-bearing loans and borrowings, including the effect of interest rate swaps, at the balance sheet date are as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	%	%
Secured loan	6.125	6.125
Revolving credit facility	8.934	6.757

The average interest rate for Group loans and borrowings is 6.26% (13 August 2023: 6.21%).

Maturity of Group debt

The table below summarises the maturity profile of the Group's debt at 11 August 2024 and 13 August 2023 based on contractual, undiscounted cash flows including interest.

	Period ended 11 August 2024					Total £m
	Within one year £m	One to two years £m	Two to five years £m	More than five years £m		
Interest bearing loans and borrowings						
Capital	31.0	600.0	-	-		631.0
Interest	36.8	32.5	-	-		69.3
	67.8	632.5	-	-		700.3

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21. FINANCIAL LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

	Period ended 13 August 2023				Total £m
	Within one year	One to two	Two to five	More than five	
	£m	years £m	years £m	years £m	
Interest bearing loans and borrowings					
Capital	20.0	-	600.0	-	620.0
Interest	37.0	36.6	32.6	-	106.2
	57.0	36.6	632.6	-	726.2

The contractual maturity of trade and other payables is within one year.

22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Categories of financial instruments

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Financial assets		
Receivables (amortised cost)	7.2	5.9
Cash and short-term deposits	5.3	10.3
	12.5	16.2
Financial liabilities		
Amortised cost	660.8	643.0
	660.8	643.0

The Group and Company hold financial assets and financial liabilities at amortised cost, principally receivables and payables with subsidiary undertakings.

All financial instruments are held on the balance sheet at fair value; the gain or loss relating to the movement in fair value of financial instruments are recognised immediately in the income statement.

The Group's principal financial instruments, other than financial instruments, comprise borrowings, cash and liquid resources. The main purpose of these financial instruments is to provide finance for the Group's operations. The Group has various other financial instruments such as trade receivables and trade payables, which arise directly from its operations.

The main risks arising from the Group's financial instruments are interest rate risk, liquidity risk, capital risk, credit risk and market risk. There is no material currency exposure as all material transactions and financial instruments are in sterling. The Group has no material exposure to equity securities or commodity price risk and it is the Group's policy that no speculative trading in financial instruments shall be undertaken. The Board reviews and agrees policies for each of these risks.

Interest rate risk

As the Group has no significant interest bearing assets, other than cash and cash equivalents, the Group's income and operating cash flows are substantially independent of changes in market interest rates. Income and cash flows from cash and cash equivalents fluctuate with interest rates.

Cash flows associated with cash deposits, debt and the fair value of these instruments fluctuate with changes in interest rates. If the interest rates had been 1% higher or lower during the period, the effect on the income statement would be as follows:

	Interest receivable £m	Interest payable £m
Period ended 11 August 2024		
Impact on income statement if interest rates increased by 1%: gain / (loss)	0.1	(0.3)
Impact on income statement if interest rates decreased by 1%: (loss) / gain	(0.1)	0.3
Period ended 13 August 2023		
Impact on income statement if interest rates increased by 1%: gain / (loss)	0.1	(0.3)
Impact on income statement if interest rates decreased by 1%: (loss) / gain	(0.1)	0.3

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22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

The cash flow interest rate risk is largely eliminated across the debt due to the only instrument subject to interest rate risk being the revolving credit facility, which is linked to SONIA plus a margin.

The use of fixed rate borrowings and derivative financial instruments exposes the Group to fair value interest rate risk such that the Group would not benefit from falls in interest rates and would be exposed to unplanned costs, such as breakage costs, should debt or derivative financial instruments be restructured or repaid early.

Liquidity risk

The Group's funding strategy is to ensure a mix of financing methods offering flexibility and cost-effectiveness to match the requirements of the Group. The Group is largely financed by secured loan notes and facilities. As at 11 August 2024 the capital balance of the loan is repayable in June 2026. Cash flow forecasts are frequently produced to assist management in identifying liquidity requirements and are stress-tested for possible scenarios. Cash balances are invested in short term deposits such that they are readily available to settle short term liabilities or to fund capital additions.

As at 11 August 2024, the Group held an undrawn liquidity facility of £39.0m available via the revolving credit facility ("RCF"). The RCF can be used for several purposes including financing acquisitions or providing working capital for the group.

Security

The Group has granted security over the High Yield Bond Group ("HYBG") for the benefit of the £600m secured loan and separate security on the RCF. The HYBG is the group controlled by Punch Pubs Group Limited. The HYBG acts as a guarantor of the secured loan and comprises of the entities that own the pub estate and the trading entities of the group. The companies that act as guarantors to the HYBG guarantors are:

- Punch Partnerships (PML) Limited
- Punch Taverns (Branston) Limited
- Punch Partnerships (Seagull) Limited
- The Laine Pub Company Limited
- Punch Pubs Group Limited

The loan note holders' hold security over the HYBG's assets, specifically:

- All shares in the HYBG Guarantors and structural intercompany loans
- Material bank accounts of the HYBG Guarantors
- Fixed first equitable charge over all freehold property and leasehold property with more than 25 years to run
- Floating charge over all the present and future assets of the HYBG

The RCF has the following security, specifically:

- Fixed charge over the shares of Punch Pubs Group Limited and Punch Pubs Holdings Limited
- Fixed first equitable charge over the pub estate
- Floating charge over other assets

Financial Covenants

There is a loan to value covenant in place on the group in relation to the RCF, there are no covenants in place on the group for the secured loan.

Capital risk

The Group's capital structure is made up of net debt, issued share capital and reserves. These are managed effectively to minimise the Group's cost of capital, to add value to shareholders and to service debt obligations. The business performance is monitored by a variety of measures, which are reported to the debt providers on a quarterly basis. The Group assesses the performance of the business, the level of available funds and the short to medium term strategic plans concerning capital spend and such assessment influences the level of dividends payable. The Group monitors capital on the basis of a net debt ratio, being net debt divided by net debt plus equity.

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Total debt	631.0	620.0
Cash and short-term deposits	(5.3)	(10.3)
Net debt	625.7	609.7
Equity	223.9	229.4
Loan to value ratio	74%	73%

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22. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit risk

With the exception of cash and short term deposits invested with banks, financial institutions and key service providers, there are no significant concentrations of credit risk within the Group. The maximum credit risk exposure relating to financial assets is represented by the carrying value as at the balance sheet date. The Group's objective is to minimise credit risk by ensuring that surplus funds are invested with banks, financial institutions and key service providers with appropriate credit ratings and that the Group deals with third parties that have been subject to credit checks, or that have good credit scores, where appropriate. Trade and other receivables, as shown on the consolidated balance sheet, comprise a large number of individually small amounts from unrelated customers and are shown net of a provision for doubtful debts. Management estimates the provision for doubtful debts based on a review of all individual receivable accounts, experience and known factors at the balance sheet date, taking into account any collateral held in the form of cash deposits, which is quantified. These cash deposits are applied against unpaid debt when publicans leave the pubs, and vary in size. The amount of cash deposits held at 11 August 2024 is £6.3m (13 August 2023: £6.3m). These are held on the balance sheet within trade and other payables. Receivables are written off against the doubtful debt provision when management deems the debt no longer recoverable.

An analysis of the provision held against trade receivables for doubtful debts is shown below:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Provision for doubtful debts at beginning of period	4.7	5.3
Charged to income statement	0.7	0.6
Utilised during the period	0.7	(0.7)
Released during the period	(1.3)	(0.5)
Provision for doubtful debts at end of period	4.8	4.7

The ageing of trade receivables at the balance sheet date, net of the doubtful debt provision, is as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Current	7.0	5.4
Overdue	0.2	0.5
	7.2	5.9

There are no indicators at 11 August 2024 that debtors will not meet their payment obligations in respect of the net amount of trade receivables recognised in the balance sheet.

Fair value of non-derivative financial assets and liabilities

With the exception of the Group's secured loan notes, there are no material differences between the carrying value of non-derivative financial assets and financial liabilities and their fair values as at the balance sheet date.

The carrying value of the Group's listed debt at 11 August 2024 is £595.5m (13 August 2023: £593.2m) and the fair value, measured at market value, of this debt at that date is £591.7m (13 August 2023: £524.8m).

The fair value of the Group's secured loan notes have been measured by a level 1 valuation method as defined below.

Fair value hierarchy

Financial instruments carried at fair value are required to be measured by reference to the following levels:

- Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 – inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices); and
- Level 3 – inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

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23. SHARE CAPITAL

	11 August 2024 No.	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 No.	13 August 2023 £m
Allotted, called-up and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares at £1.00	9	-	9	-

The movements in the called-up share capital are set out below:

	Ordinary shares No.	Ordinary shares £m
At 14 August 2022	9	-
Allotted during the year	-	-
At 13 August 2023	9	-
Allotted during the year	-	-
At 11 August 2024	9	-

24. NET DEBT

(a) Analysis of net debt, including cash and debt classified within assets and liabilities held for sale

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Secured loan notes	(600.0)	(600.0)
Revolving credit facility	(31.0)	(20.0)
Cash and cash equivalents	5.3	10.3
Nominal value of net debt	(625.7)	(609.7)
Capitalised debt issue costs	4.5	6.8
Nominal value of net debt	(621.2)	(602.9)
Balance sheet:		
Borrowings	(626.5)	(613.2)
Cash and cash equivalents	5.3	10.3
Nominal value of net debt	(621.2)	(602.9)

(b) Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 14 August 2022 £m	Cash Flow £m	Non-cash movements £m	At 13 August 2023 £m	Cash Flow £m	Non-cash movements £m	At 11 August 2024 £m
Current assets:							
Cash at bank and in hand	12.6	(2.3)	-	10.3	(5.0)	-	5.3
Debt:							
Secured borrowings	(620.8)	10.0	(2.4)	(613.2)	(11.0)	(2.3)	(626.5)
Net debt per balance sheet	(608.2)	7.7	(2.4)	(602.9)	(16.0)	(2.3)	(621.2)

Net debt incorporates the Group's borrowings and obligations under finance leases, less cash and cash equivalents.

Non-cash movements relate to amortisation of deferred issue costs.

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24. NET DEBT (CONTINUED)**(c) Reconciliation of net cash flow to movement in net debt**

	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the period	(5.0)	(2.3)
Cash (inflow)/outflow from RCF repayment	(11.0)	10.0
Change in net debt resulting from cash flows	(16.0)	7.7
Non-cash movements in net debt	(2.3)	(2.4)
Change in net debt resulting from non-cash flows	(2.3)	(2.4)
Movement in net debt	(18.3)	5.3
Net debt at beginning of period	(602.9)	(608.2)
Net debt at end of period	(621.2)	(602.9)

25. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS

During the current and prior period, the Group operated one funded defined benefit pension scheme, the Pubmaster Pension Scheme, which is closed to new members. The pension plan has not invested in any of the Group's own financial instruments, nor in properties or other assets used by the Group.

The tables below illustrate the impact of the defined benefit scheme on the income statement and the balance sheet.

The Pubmaster Pension Scheme at 11 August 2024 had a net asset position of £4.0m (13 August 2023 £45,000). This has not been recognised in line with our accounting policy and the book value is recorded as nil, see note 1 for further details.

Number of members in the defined benefit pension scheme at 11 August 2024:

	Active	Preserved	Pensioner
Number of members	2	124	354

The amounts recognised in the income statement are as follows:

Analysis of amounts charged to operating costs:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024 £m	52 weeks to 13 August 2023 £m
Current service cost	-	(0.1)
Net interest cost	(0.1)	0.1
	(0.1)	-

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25. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Remeasurement gains and losses shown in the SOCI in the period:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Actuarial gain / (losses) on assets excluding interest income	1.3	(13.1)
Experience (losses) / gains on liabilities	0.1	(0.5)
Gains from changes to demographic assumptions	0.5	0.6
Gains / (losses) from changes to financial assumptions	(1.7)	10.3
Restriction on defined benefit scheme	(4.0)	1.7
Remeasurement gains / (losses) recognised in the SOCI	(3.8)	(1.0)

The amounts recognised in the balance sheet are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Present value of scheme liabilities	(46.2)	(45.7)
Fair value of scheme assets	50.2	45.7
Restriction on defined benefit scheme	(4.0)	-
Net retirement benefit liability recognised in the balance sheet	-	-

Movements in the present value of scheme liabilities are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Present value of scheme liabilities at beginning of year	45.7	57.0
Current service cost	-	0.1
Past service cost	-	-
Interest cost	2.3	1.9
Remeasurement (gain) / loss	1.2	(10.3)
Benefits paid	(3.0)	(3.0)
Present value of scheme liabilities at end of the period	46.2	45.7

Movements in the fair value of scheme assets are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Fair value of scheme assets at acquisition of subsidiaries	45.7	58.6
Interest on scheme assets	2.5	2.0
Remeasurement (loss) / gains	1.3	(13.0)
Contributions paid by employer	3.7	1.1
Benefits paid	(3.0)	(3.0)
Present value of scheme assets at end of the period	50.2	45.7

Scheme assets are stated at their market values at the balance sheet date. Any cash and cash equivalents are valued at the balance sheet date based on their current value. For any assets that don't have a market value at the balance sheet date these are based on the latest available market price.

The major categories of plan assets as a percentage of total plan assets are as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
Equities	0.0%	0.0%
Bonds	46.7%	44.2%
Diversified growth funds	36.1%	38.9%
Other	17.1%	16.9%

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25. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The history of experience adjustments on the schemes for the current financial period is as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023	14 August 2022	15 August 2021
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Present value of retirement benefit liabilities	(46.2)	(45.7)	(57.0)	(78.8)
Fair value of plan assets	50.2	45.7	58.6	73.1
Net asset / (liability) in the scheme	4.0	-	1.6	(5.7)
Experience adjustments on scheme liabilities	(1.2)	10.3	20.1	(3.6)
Percentage of scheme liabilities	2.6%	22.5%	35.3%	4.6%
Experience adjustments on scheme assets	1.3	(13.0)	(13.4)	(5.2)
Percentage of scheme assets	2.6%	28.4%	22.9%	7.1%

The expected contributions to defined benefit schemes for the next financial year, beginning 12 August 2024, are £1.0m.

Scheme Funding

The Pubmaster Pension Scheme is a defined benefit scheme operated in the UK. The values of the scheme's liabilities have been determined by a qualified actuary based on the results of an actuarial valuation as at 6 April 2022, updated to 11 August 2024, the balance sheet date.

The Scheme is subject to the Statutory Funding Objective under the Pensions Act 2004. A valuation of the Scheme is carried out at least once every three years to determine whether the Statutory Funding Objective is met. As part of the process the Group must agree with the Trustees of the Scheme the contributions to be paid to address any shortfall against the Statutory Funding Objective and contributions to pay for the future accrual of benefits. The Statutory Funding Objective does not currently impact on the recognition of the Scheme in these accounts.

The Scheme is managed by a board of Trustees appointed in part by the Group (which includes a professional independent trustee) and part from elections by members of the Scheme. The Trustees have responsibility for obtaining valuations of the fund, administering benefit payments and investing the Scheme's assets. The Trustees delegate some of these functions to their professional advisers where appropriate. The Scheme exposes the Group to a number of risks:

- **Investment risk:** The Scheme holds investments in asset classes, such as equities, which have volatile market values. While these assets are expected to provide real returns over the long-term, the short-term volatility can cause additional funding to be required if a deficit emerges.
- **Interest rate risk:** The Scheme's liabilities are assessed using market yields on high quality corporate bonds to discount the liabilities. As the Scheme holds assets such as equities, the value of the assets and liabilities may not move in the same way.
- **Inflation risk:** A significant proportion of the benefits under the Scheme are linked to inflation. Although the Scheme's assets are expected to provide a good hedge against inflation over the long term, movements over the short-term could lead to deficits emerging.
- **Mortality risk:** In the event that members live longer than assumed a deficit will emerge in the Scheme.
- **Insurer covenant risk:** The Trustees hold annuity policies for a group of pensioners in the Scheme. If the insurance company goes insolvent then these pensions will have to be provided directly by the Scheme and a deficit will emerge.

The mortality assumptions at the year end are based on standard mortality tables that allow for future mortality improvements. The assumptions are that the life expectancy of a member who retires at the age of 65 is as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
Male currently aged 50	22.6 years	22.6 years
Male currently aged 65	21.5 years	21.5 years
Female currently aged 50	25.3 years	25.2 years
Female currently aged 65	24.0 years	24.0 years

The assumptions used in determining the valuations are as follows:

	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
Rate of increase of salaries	4.10%	4.15%
Rate of increase in pensions	2.45%	2.45%
Discount rate	4.90%	5.30%
Inflation assumption (RPI)	3.40%	3.45%
Inflation assumption (CPI)	3.00%	3.05%

The results are very sensitive to the assumptions used. The table below shows the approximate effect on the Scheme's liabilities of changing some of the key financial assumptions, whilst all other assumptions remain the same. The impact of adjustments to assumptions are as follows:

Adjustments to assumptions	Approximate effect on liabilities and deficit £m
Reduce discount rate by 0.1% per annum	0.5
Increase inflation by 0.1% per annum (and all associated assumptions)	0.3

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25. PENSIONS AND OTHER POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

The assets in the scheme are:

	Value at 11 August 2024	Value at 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Bonds	23.5	20.2
Target return funds	18.1	17.8
Insured pensions	0.3	0.3
Direct lending	7.5	7.2
Cash	0.8	0.2
Total market value of assets	50.2	45.7
Present value of scheme liabilities	(46.2)	(45.7)
Net pension asset / (liability) before deferred tax asset	4.0	-
Restriction on defined benefit scheme	(4.0)	-
Net pension liability	-	-

The pension costs for the defined contribution schemes are as follows:

	52 weeks to 11 August 2024	52 weeks to 13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Defined contribution schemes	1.3	1.2

Pension risk

The Group operates one defined benefit pension scheme which is closed to new members. The scheme is subject to risk regarding the relative amount of the scheme's assets, which are affected by the value of investments and the returns generated by such investments, compared to the scheme's liabilities, which are affected by changes in the life expectancy, actual and expected price inflation, changes in bond yields and future salary increases. The difference in value between scheme assets and scheme liabilities may vary significantly in the short term, potentially resulting in an increased deficit being recognised on the Group's balance sheet.

In the current period, the Group has made payments to the scheme totalling £3.7m. The Group has agreed to deficit payments of £1.0m to August 2026.

26. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS – MINIMUM LEASE PAYMENTS

Group	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Future minimum rentals payable under non-cancellable operating leases:		
Within one year	10.0	9.0
Between one and five years	35.2	32.6
After five years	109.6	105.2
	154.8	146.8

The Group leases various licensed properties, offices and other commercial properties under non-cancellable operating lease agreements. The leases have various terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. The Group also leases vehicles under non-cancellable operating lease agreements.

The Group is a lessor of licensed properties to publicans. The leases have various terms, escalation clauses and renewal rights. The total non-cancellable future minimum lease payments expected to be received are:

Land and buildings	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Within one year	25.7	25.0
One to two years	17.6	17.5
Two to three years	14.4	14.2
Three to four years	11.5	10.6
Four to five years	6.8	7.2
After five years	20.2	21.2
	96.2	95.7

The company has no operating lease commitments at 11 August 2024 (13 August 2023: £nil).

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27. CAPITAL AND OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS**Group**

Capital commitments for property, plant and equipment	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Contracted but not provided ¹	5.2	3.5

¹ Excluding those relating to assets classified as held for sale.

The company has no other capital commitments at 11 August 2024 (13 August 2023: £nil).

28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**Group****Transactions with key management personnel**

Total compensation of key management personnel (including the directors) in the period amounted to £3.9m (2023: £3.7m).

Year end balances arising from transactions with group undertakings	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Receivables	0.6	3.8
Payables	(0.8)	(1.6)

Transactions with group undertakings	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Sales	0.5	0.1
Purchases	7.7	0.4

The year end balances and transactions above have arisen from trading transactions with other companies in the CF Cooper Holdings Limited group. The transactions in the year stated above excluding the intercompany loan (note 15) of £nil (2023: £1.8m).

Transactions with associate company

At 11 August 2024, The Laine Pub Company Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of the company, held 49% of the entire issued share capital of Mash Inns Limited, a pub operating company. The Group's investment in this associate company at 11 August 2024 is £nil (2023: £nil). During the year there were transactions of £0.1m with Mash Inns Limited.

Year end balances arising from transactions with associate company	11 August 2024	13 August 2023
	£m	£m
Amounts due from associate company	0.1	0.1
Amounts owed to associate company	-	-

Summarised financial information for associate company

The consolidated accounts for Mash Inns Limited are made up to 30 September 2023. The accounts are prepared under FRS101. A summary of the financial information contained in these accounts can be found below:

	30 September 2023	30 September 2022
	£m	£m
Current assets	0.6	0.5
Non-current assets	2.2	2.2
Current liabilities	(1.7)	(1.5)
Non-current liabilities	(1.2)	(1.2)
Net assets	(0.1)	-
Revenue	2.0	2.0
Loss after taxation from continuing operations	-	-

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28. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Company

Year end balances arising from transactions with subsidiary undertakings	11 August 2024 £m	13 August 2023 £m
Receivables	-	-
Payables	(0.1)	-

The year end balances above have arisen from trading transactions with other companies in CF Cooper Holdings Limited group.

29. SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

Management Incentive Plan II (Equity Settled)

The Group has an employee incentive scheme in place for senior management within the business. The shares are issued in separate tranches with separate rights associated with the shares, the shares have been issued by CF Cooper Acquisitions Limited. Due to the settling entity being outside the group all the issues have been treated as equity settled within this set of accounts.

	Total Shares Issued
Shares granted on 15 December 2021	15,985,780
Weighted Average Fair Value price per share	0.1211

The shares were issued for nominal value and attract a charge to the group accounted for under equity-based accounting. The shares have conditions associated that affect the vesting period which include a service and market condition. The market condition has been factored into the Fair Value of the shares at grant date with the service and vesting period estimated at a 5-year period, the vesting period has been estimated and is not necessarily indicative of the final period.

The fair value of the shares have been independently valued using external firms that have extensive experience in calculating the Fair Value of awards in privately held companies. The awards have been valued using either a Price/ earnings multiple model or an Monte Carlo option pricing model depending on the tranche of share issued.

The total expense recognised in the period was £0.3m (2023: £0.4m) which has been included as a Capital Contribution from the parent entity and charged to the Income Statement.

30. ULTIMATE PARENT UNDERTAKING

Punch Pubs Group Limited is incorporated and domiciled in England.

The company's immediate parent undertaking is Punch Taverns Limited a company registered in England and Wales.

The ultimate parent undertaking and controlling entity of the company is CF Cooper Holdings LP (the "Partnership"), a Cayman Islands limited partnership. As no one partner owns or controls more than 50% of the economics of the Partnership, the Partnership can be considered the ultimate parent.

The Company and Group are included in the CF Cooper Holdings Limited consolidated accounts. This is the largest set of accounts the results of the Group are consolidated into. The smallest set of accounts that the results of the Group are consolidated into are Punch Pubs & Co. Group Limited.