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#### **BASSO ASSOCIATES UK LIMITED**

# DIRECTORS REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2007



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#### **Directors**

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#### Secretary

Jordan Company Secretaries Limited

#### **Auditors**

Moore Stephens LLP St Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London, EC4M 7BP

#### **Registered Office**

20-22 Bedford Row, London WC1R 4JS

#### **Registered Number**

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#### Report of the Directors

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

#### Principal Business Activities, Risks and Uncertainties

The Company is a private company limited by shares organized under the laws of England and Wales. The Company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Basso Capital Management, L.P. ("BCM"), a U.S. Delaware limited partnership that is an investment adviser registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC")

The Company is authorized and regulated by the Financial Services Authority to carry on regulated activities under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the U.K., such authorization having been granted on December 16, 2005

The Company acts as sub-advisor to BCM, which is the investment manager for various Basso funds identified in the Form ADV I on file with the SEC (the "Funds") In its capacity as sub-advisor to BCM, the Company provides investment recommendations and advice and due diligence and research services to BCM, pursuant to the terms of an Amended and Restated Sub-Advisory and Management Agreement dated as of November 1, 2007 (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement") The Company is subject to the risk that regulatory and other changes (including changes affecting the taxation of the Company) could impact the manner in which the Company currently operates.

The Company bears all costs and expenses incurred by it in connection with the provision of services under the Sub-Advisory Agreement The Company receives compensation from BCM in the form of an annual fee in an amount equal to (i) the costs and expenses referred to in the preceding sentence, plus (ii) 10% of the amount referred to in clause (i) of this sentence or such additional amounts as the Company and BCM may mutually agree from time to time

The Company is dependent on the support of and fees paid by BCM, as its parent and as the counterparty to the Sub-Advisory Agreement BCM receives management and performance based compensation from the Funds In the event of a material adverse effect on the financial condition of BCM, it is likely that the financial condition of the Company would be materially and adversely affected However, the Company currently does not anticipate any material changes to its business or results in 2008

#### Report of the Directors (Continued)

#### Results and Dividends

The annual results of the company and the financial position at 31st December 2007 are shown in the attached audited financial statements

The directors have not recommended the payment by the company of a dividend for the 2007 financial year

#### **Directors' Interests**

The Directors did not have a beneficial interest, as defined by the Companies Act 1985

The interests of one of the directors can be found within the parent company's financial statements

#### **Auditors**

On 8th September 2004, the company passed a written resolution to dispense with the following obligations

- to lay accounts and reports before general meetings
- to hold Annual General Meetings, and
- to appoint auditors annually

Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this report is approved has confirmed that

- (a) so far as each director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- (b) each director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director, including making appropriate enquiries of fellow directors and the company's auditors for that purpose, in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's auditors in connection with preparing their report and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

By Order of the Board on 29th April 2008

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## Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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#### Independent Auditors' Report to the Shareholders of Basso Associates UK Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Basso Associates UK Limited for the year ended 31st December 2007 which are set out pages 5 to 13. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. 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

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland)

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed

We read the Directors' Report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it

## Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31st December 2007 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985, and
- the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements

St Paul's House Warwick Lane LONDON EC4M 7BP Noore Stephens LLP
Registered Auditors
Chartered Accountants

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## Profit and Loss Account For the year ended 31st December 2007

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
		£	£
Turnover	2	982,986	1,365,862
Administrative expenses		(893,622)	(1,241,693)
Operating Profit	3	89,364	124,169
Other interest receivable and similar income		188	
Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	5	89,552	124,169
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	(17,626)	(23,779)
Profit for the Period		71,926	100,390
Retained Reserves Brought	t Forward	121,571	21,181
Retained Reserves Carried	Forward	193,497	121,571

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than as set out above

All of the activities of the company are classified as continuing

## **Balance Sheet - 31st December 2007**

	<u>Note</u>	200		200	
Fixed Assets		£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	6		2,999		6,770
Current Assets					
Debtors Cash at bank	7	518,974 274,287		1,010,776 86,162	
		793,261		1,096,938	
Creditors, amounts falling due within one year	8	(552,763)		(932,137)	
Net Current Assets			240,498		164,801
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities			243,497		171,571
Net Assets		£	243,497	£	171,571
Capital and Reserves					
Called up share capital Profit and loss account	9		50,000 193,497		50,000 121,571
Shareholders' Funds	10	£	243,497	£	171,571

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 29 April 2008 and signed on its behalf by

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## Cash Flow Statement For the year ended 31st December 2007

	<u>Note</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
		£	£
Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities	12	221,286	30,046
Returns on Investments And Servicing of Finance			
Interest received		188	_
Taxation			
UK corporation tax paid		(33,349)	(4,385)
Capital Expenditure and Financial Investment			
Payments to acquire tangible fixed assets		-	(3,817)
Increase in Cash	14	£ 188,125	£ 21,844
Reconciliation of Net Cash Flow to Movement in Net Funds	,		
Movement in net funds in the year Net funds at 31st December 2006		188,125 86,162	21,944 64,218
Net funds at 31st December 2007		£ 274,287	£ 86,162

#### Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

#### **Notes**

#### 1 Principal Accounting Policies

#### (a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards under UK GAAP

#### (b) Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, evenly over its expected useful economic life as follows

Office equipment
Computer equipment

- 25% straight line

- 33 33% straight line

#### (c) Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities expressed in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at appropriate rates ruling during the period. All differences on exchange are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

#### (d) Operating lease rentals

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

#### (e) Pensions

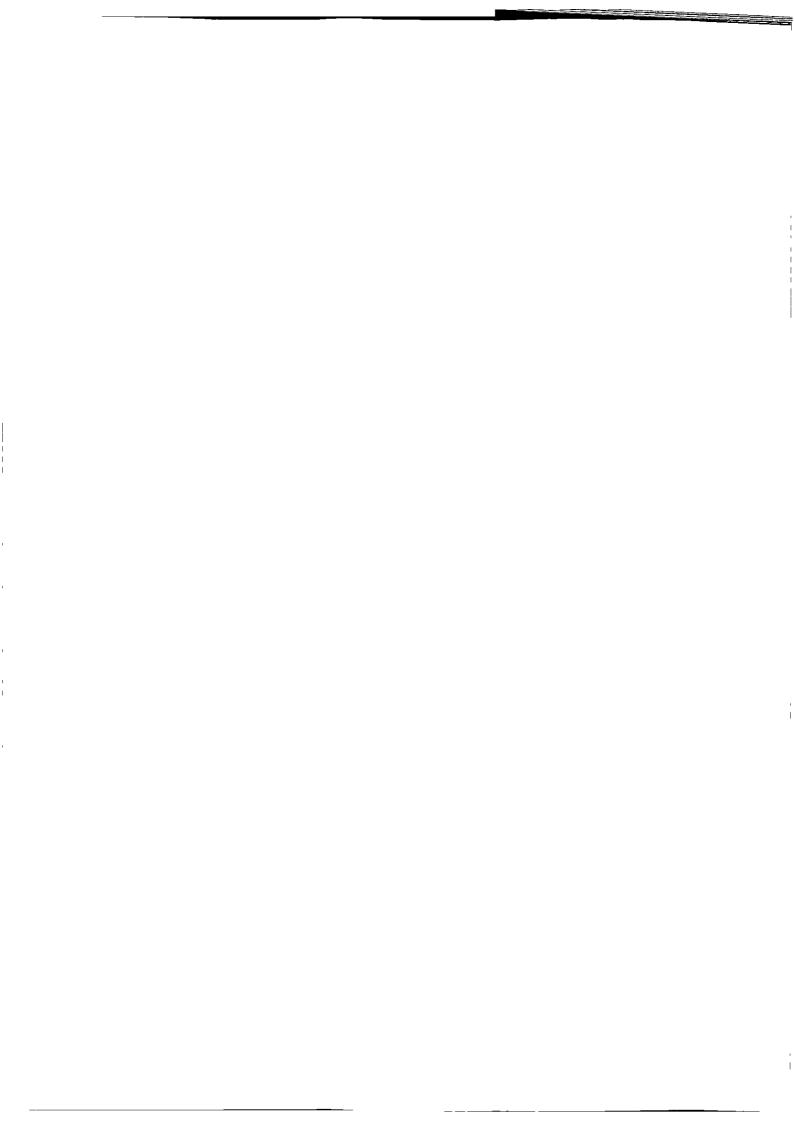
The company operates a defined contribution pension scheme Contributions are charged in the profit and loss account as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme

#### (f) Deferred taxation

The charge for taxation is based on the profit and loss for the year and takes into account taxation deferred because of timing differences between the treatment of certain items for taxation and accounting purposes. Deferred taxation is undiscounted and is provided using the liability method on all timing differences, calculated at the rate at which it is anticipated the timing differences will reverse. Deferred tax assets are recognised only when, on the basis of available evidence, it is more likely than not that there will be taxable profits in the future against which the deferred tax asset can be offset.

#### 2 Turnover

The turnover shown in the profit and loss account represents fees due for the period stated net of valued added tax



## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

## Notes (Continued)

## 3 Operating Profit

Operating profit is stated after charging	<u> 2007</u>	2006
	£	£
Depreciation Auditors' remuneration	3,771	3,312
- statutory	6,200	7,000
- taxation	2,500	2,500
- other services	10,592	11,266
Operating lease rentals - land and buildings	57,540	33,990
Staff Costs		
Staff costs for the period are as follows		
	2007	<u>2006</u>
	£	£
Salaries and wages	662,640	970,815
Social security	83,493	122,848
Pension	3,333	63,607
	749,466	1,157,270

The average number of staff employed by the company during the financial period in a research position amounted to 2 (2006 - 2)

## **Directors Emoluments**

Included in staff costs above are the following amounts in respect of one of the directors paid to him in his capacity as an employee

	2007	<u>2006</u>
	£	£
Emoluments Amounts paid to money purchase pension scheme	138,956 3,333	372,044 63,607
	142,289	435,651



## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

## Notes (Continued)

5	Taxation		
		<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
		£	£
	UK corporation tax Under provision in prior period	8,056 9,570	23,779 -
	Current tax charge	17,626	23,779
	Factors affecting the tax charge for the period		
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	89,552	124,169
	Profit on ordinary activities before taxation multiplied by standard rate of UK corporation tax of 19 75% (2006 19%)	17,687	23,592
	Effects of		
	Timing differences Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	(10,060) 429	- 187
	Current tax charge	8,056	23,779
6	Tangible Fixed Assets		Office Equipment and <u>Computers</u>
	Cost		£
	At 1st January 2007 Additions		11,979 -
	At 31st December 2007		11,979
	Depreciation At 1st January 2007 Charge for the period		5,209 3,771
	At 31st December 2007		8,980
	Net book value		<del></del>
	At 31st December 2007		2,999
	At 31st December 2006		6,770

## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

## Notes (Continued)

7	Debtors	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>	
			£		£
	Amounts owed by parent company Other debtors		490,448 27,380		998,475 8,320
	Prepayments		1,146		3,981
		£	518,974	£	1,010,776

Included within other debtors is an amount of £20,000 (2006 £6,000) in respect of a rent deposit which is receivable upon cessation of the current rental lease agreement, on 31 August 2008

	August 2008	current	rental lease a	agreen	ient, on 31
8	Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		2007		2006
			£		£
	Corporation tax Other taxation and social security Accruals		8,056 66,505 478,202		23,779 100,747 807,611
		£	552,763	£	932,137
9	Share Capital		<u> 2007</u>		2006
	Authorised share capital 500,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£	500,000	£	500,000
	Allotted, called up and fully paid 50,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	£	50,000	£	50,000



## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

## Notes (Continued)

## 10 Reconciliation of Movements in Shareholders' Funds

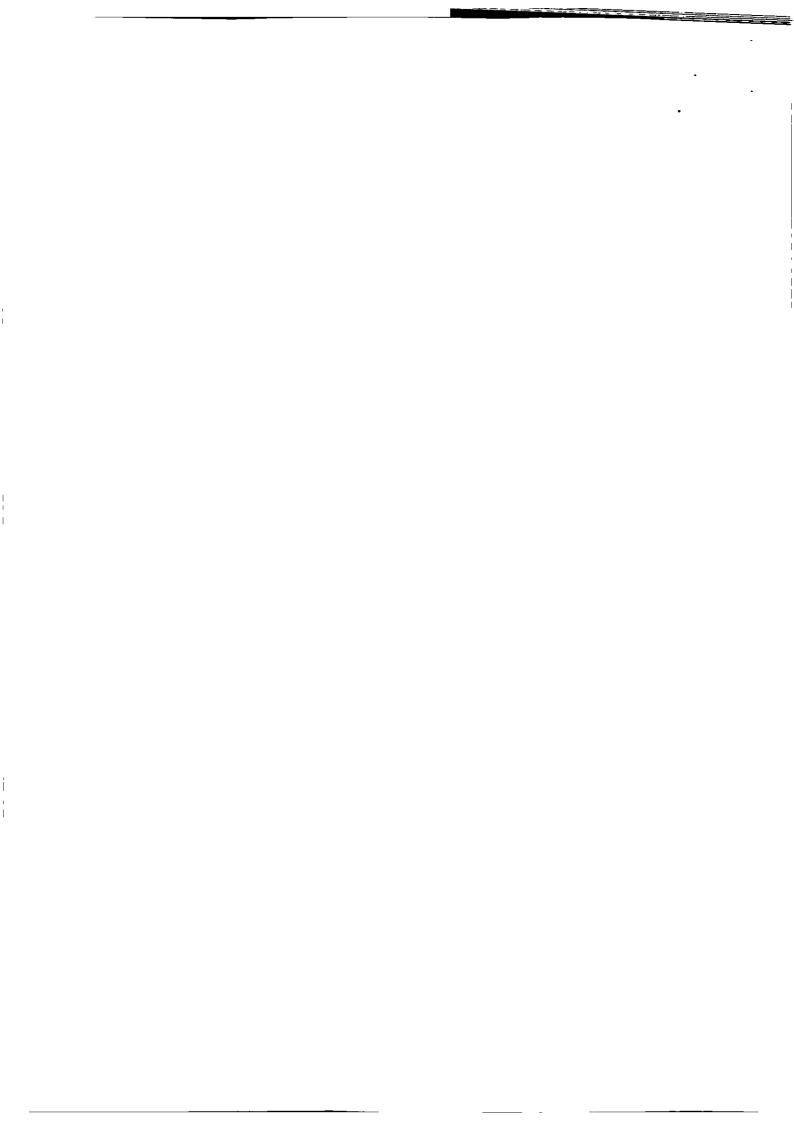
	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>
	£		£
Profit for the financial period	71,92	6	100,390
Opening equity shareholders' funds	171,57	1	71,181
Closing shareholders' funds	£ 243,49	- 7 £	171,571

## 11 Controlling Party

The company is owned and controlled by Basso Capital Management, LP, a US Delaware Limited Partnership

## 12 Reconciliation of Operating Profit to Net Cash Inflow from Operating Activities

			<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>
			£		£
Operating profit			89,364		124,169
Depreciation			3,771		3,312
Decrease/(increase) in debtors			491,802		(995,290)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors			(363,651)		897,855
Net cash inflow from operating a	ctivities	£	221,286	£	30,046
13 Analysis of Net Funds					
-	At				At
	31st December			31st	December
	<u>2006</u>		Cash Flow		<u>2007</u>
Cash at bank and in hand	86,162		188,125		274,287
Odon at bank and in hand	00,102		100,120		217,201



## Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2007

## Notes (Continued)

## 14 Operating Leases

At 31st December 2007, the company had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as set out below

Operating leases which expire

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Within one year Within two to five years	80,000	27,540 -
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#### 15 Related Parties

The company has taken advantage of the exemption available in FRS 8, related party transactions, not to disclose transactions with entities which are part of the same group on the grounds that it is a wholly owned subsidiary, and consolidated financial statements are publicly available