# Company Registration No. 1244907

**Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited** 

Report and Financial Statements

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# Report and financial statements 2009

# Officers and professional advisers

#### Directors

J-J Dessors

Chairman

C Rousseau

(resigned 15 March 2010)

H Deligny

F Fontaine

(resigned 1 October 2009)

T Dubaere was appointed a director on 1 May 2010

#### Secretary

J J Schmitt

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#### Bankers

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#### Auditors

Deloitte LLP Chartered Accountants London United Kingdom

## Directors' report

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2009

#### Principal activities

The company's principal activities are the ownership and operation of hotels trading under the Ibis Etap and F1 brand names in the UK and Ireland

#### **Business review**

The company made a profit after taxation of £10 031 000 (2008 £14,859 000). The directors proposed and paid a dividend of £52 028 429 (2008 £nil) equivalent to £2 25 per share (2008 £nil) on 5 February 2010. Overall occupancy at the company s hotels was 67 9% in 2009 (2008 72 2%). The average room rate was £53 54 in 2009 (2008 £47 39). Revenue per available room (Revpar) was £36 33 in 2009 (2008 £34 20).

On 3 April 2009 the company opened the 85 bedroom Etap Beaconsfield hotel. This hotel is owned by an external third party and operated by the company under a 15 year lease.

As at 31 December 2009, the company operates either directly, via subsidiary companies or under management contracts a total of 73 hotels (2008–72) with 9 552 bedrooms (2008–9,467) in the UK and Ireland

The company is committed to a further expansion of Accor hotels brand in the UK. Accor (UK) Limited the parent company has indicated that it intends to continue to support and expand the operations of the company and to ensure that such finance as is required by the company is made available.

#### Financial risk management objectives and policies

The economy hotel market is an extremely competitive market-place where the quality of service and competitive prices offered to the company's guests are of paramount importance. Although the current economic conditions give rise to some uncertainty with regard to the future performance of the business, the company is confident that the excellent reputations of its hotels, the strength of the company's brands and the support of the Accor group together with an appropriate spend each year on the maintenance and improvement of the company's hotels will ensure that any risk of losing sales to competitors is minimised.

All of the company's business is transacted in Sterling and accordingly the company is not exposed to any exchange rate fluctuations. The company has a strong cash position and is not reliant on any external debt and accordingly the company is not exposed to any liquidity risk.

Wherever possible the company transacts with clients on a cash basis. The company only grants credit terms to customers after making appropriate checks with credit reference agencies, and actively pursues customers who default on credit terms granted to them

The company has a strong cash position no external loans and has a track record of generating strong positive cash flows. Given this and the other factors set out above, the directors have concluded that the business is in a very strong position to trade through the current economic uncertainty, accordingly these accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis.

### **Directors' report (continued)**

#### Environment

The Accor Group in the UK recognise that its activities impact upon the environment through its routine operations, its infrastructural development and through its influence and effects on the wider community. The Group acknowledges a responsibility for and a commitment to protection of the environment at all levels. Accor will comply fully with environmental legislation and is committed to promoting environmental management policies and practices such as ISO 14001 and 'Green Globe' a benchmarking and certification scheme dedicated to all sectors of the tourism industry. Energy saving innovations introduced to the Group's hotels in recent years have included the installation of plant and machinery time controls and low energy lamps to minimise waste and pollution and reduce CO2 emission and the fitting of new shower heads and flow regulators to reduce water consumption. Accor aims to increase the awareness of environmental responsibilities among staff and guests through its environment charter by incorporating long term strategies for energy efficiency into the planning and development of hotels, by promoting a purchasing policy which will give preference as far as practicable to those products and services which cause the least harm to the environment and by working with local communities and agencies as appropriate to promote environmental policies.

#### Directors

The directors who served throughout the year except as noted are shown on page 1

Provision of information to the auditors

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that

- so far as the director is aware there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s418 of the Companies Act 2006

#### Supplier payment policy

The company agrees payment terms with all of its main suppliers and abides by these terms subject to satisfactory performance by the supplier. Amounts owed to other suppliers are settled on or before the end of the month following receipt of a valid invoice. Trade creditor days of the company for the year ended 31 December 2009 were 9 days (2008 – 13 days) calculated in accordance with the requirements set down in the Companies Act 2006.

#### **Employee consultation**

The company places considerable value on the involvement of its employees and keeping them informed on matters affecting them as employees and the performance of the company through formal or informal meetings, regular newsletters and the Accor Group website

#### Disabled persons

The obligation towards the employment of disabled persons is recognised by the company and opportunities to employ such persons are actively examined. Opportunities also exist for employees of the company who become disabled to continue their employment.

# Directors' report (continued)

#### Auditors

Deloitte LLP have expressed their willingness to be reappointed for another term and appropriate arrangements have been put in place for them to be deemed reappointed as auditors in the absence of an Annual General Meeting

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

H Deligny Director

2 July 2010

## Statement of directors' responsibilities

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to 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 these 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 UK Accounting Standards have been followed, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. 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.

# Independent auditors' report to the members of Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited

We have audited the financial statements of Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited for the year ended 31 December 2009 which comprise the profit and loss account, the balance sheet and the related notes 1 to 21. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice)

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Section 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 auditors' 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

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

#### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors, and the overall presentation of the financial statements.

#### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements

- give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2009 and of its profit for the year then ended,
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006

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

In our opinion the information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements

# Independent auditors' report to the members of Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited (continued)

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

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

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us, or
- the 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

Mark Beddy (Senior Statutory Auditor)

for and on behalf of Deloitte LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London, United Kingdom

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# Profit and loss account Year ended 31 December 2009

	Notes	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Turnover Cost of sales	2	119 700 (29 189)	121 849 (29 789)
Gross profit		90 511	92 060
Administrative expenses		(79 382)	(78 606)
Operating profit Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	3 4	11 129	13 454 2 791
Profit on ordinary activities before financing	·	11 129	16 245
Interest receivable and similar income Interest payable and similar charges	6 7	3 009	4 936 (1)
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	8	14 138 (4 107)	21 180 (6 321)
Profit for the year	15	10 03 1	14 859

All activities derive from continuing operations

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the profit for the current and preceding financial years Accordingly no statement of total recognised gains and losses is given

There are no movements in shareholders funds other than the profit for the current and preceding years. Accordingly no statement of movement in shareholders, funds is given

The notes on pages 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements

# Balance sheet 31 December 2009

	47 294 23 798
Tangible assets 9 43 837	
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Investments 10 23 798	
67 635	71,092
Current assets	
Stocks 74	70
	62 282
Cash at bank and in hand 42 926	39,027
	01 379
Creditors, amounts falling due	
within one year 12 (62 915) (62 915)	64 838)
Net current assets 49 535	36,541
Total assets less current habilities 117 170 10	07 633
Provisions for liabilities 8 (1 967)	(2 461)
115,203	05,172
Capital and reserves	
	23,124
	82 048
Equity shareholders' funds 115 203 10	05 172

The financial statements for Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited (company registered number 1244907) were approved by the Board of Directors on 2 July 2010

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

H Deligny Director

The notes on page 10 to 20 form part of these financial statements

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### Accounting policies

#### Accounting convention

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention and accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards and law and have been applied consistently in the current and prior

The company has a strong cash position no external loans and has a track record of generating strong positive cash flows. Given this and the other factors set out in the directors' report, the directors have concluded that the business is in a very strong position to trade through the current economic uncertainty, and accordingly these accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis

#### Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are included in the financial statements at cost net of depreciation and any provision for impairment. The cost of replacing hotel equipment, such as crockery. Inner, glass and itensils, is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred. Interest incurred on financing the construction of new hotels is capitalised and written off over the life of the hotel assets

#### Depreciation

No depreciation is provided on land or on assets in the course of construction. Other tangible fixed assets are depreciated by equal instalments over their expected useful lives as follows

Traditional brick construction hotel buildings 50 years Pre-fabricated modular construction hotel buildings 35 years 10-20 years

Fixed plant (air conditioning heating plumbing

Fixtures fittings furniture equipment vehicles 3-10 years

Over the shorter of the lease term or the estimated Leasehold property

useful life

#### Leased assets

Assets held under leasing arrangements that transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the company are classified as finance leases and are included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated accordingly. Future instalments net of finance charges, are included within creditors. Rentals payable are apportioned between the finance element, which is charged to the profit and loss account as interest and the capital element, which reduces the outstanding obligation for future instalments. The cost of operating leases is charged to the profit and loss account as incurred

#### Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value and represent consumables for use by the hotels

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured and accounted for on a non-discounted basis

#### Investments

Investments are stated at cost unless, in the opinion of the directors, there is an impairment in the value of the investments. Dividend income is accounted for when received

#### Foreign currencies

Transactions denominated in foreign currencies are recorded at the rates of exchange ruling at the dates of the transactions. All monetary assets and habilities in foreign currencies are expressed in sterling at the year end rates. Gains and losses arising from the movements in exchange rates during the year are dealt with in the profit and loss account.

#### Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the profit and loss account on an accruals basis

#### Turnover

Turnover comprises amounts receivable excluding VAT for services provided and goods sold in hotels owned by the company. All turnover and profits derive from operations in the United Kingdom. All revenue is recognised on an accruals basis. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

#### Group accounts

As permitted by section 401 of the Companies Act 2006 group accounts have not been prepared as the results of this company are included in the consolidated financial statements of Accor SA

#### Assets under construction

Assets under construction represent expenditure on future hotel developments and are not depreciated

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 2. Turnover

		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Provision of hotel services Other income	119,700	121,771
		<u>119 700</u>	121,849
3	Operating profit		
		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Operating profit is stated after charging		
	Depreciation on owned tangible fixed assets	6,573	5 328
	Depreciation on leased tangible fixed assets	57	57
	Provision for impairment on owned tangible fixed assets	2,020	2 171
	Provision for impairment in investment in subsidiary company	-	3 474
	Rentals under operating leases Plant and machinery	1 451	1,307
	Other	29 843	28 126

Fees payable to the Company's auditors for the audit of the Company's annual accounts of £76,000 (2008 £76,000) have been borne by a fellow group company

### 4 Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets

	2009	2008
	£'000	£'000
The profit on the sale of tangible fixed assets comprises		
Proceeds received from the sale of tangible fixed assets	-	5 054
Net book value of tangible fixed assets sold	-	(2,184)
Related transaction costs	<u></u>	(79)
	-	2,791
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# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 5. Staff costs and numbers

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Wages and salaries including directors	14,141	14,759
Social security costs	1 065	967
Other pension costs	121	200
	15,327	15,926

The average number of persons uncluding directors employed by the company during the year was as follows

	No	2008 No.
Average number of employees on the payroll	1059	1040
Number of full time equivalent employees	851	889

The number of full time equivalent employees is calculated by dividing the total number of hours worked by the company's employees during the year by the number of hours worked by a full time employee in a year

All the employees have the opportunity to become members of the company's pension schemes. The schemes operate on a defined contributions basis and the employer's contribution is charged to profit and loss account on an accruals basis.

None of the directors received any emoluments during the year for services as directors of the company (2008 £ml). The remuneration of the directors in respect of other group companies is disclosed in the accounts of those companies.

#### 6 Interest receivable and similar income

		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Bank interest received	679	4 184
	Interest on loan to group undertaking	1 945	-
	Interest on loan to subsidiary undertaking	185	566
	Foreign exchange gains		186
		3,009	4,936
7	Interest payable and similar charges		
		2009	2008
		£'000	£'000
	External interest paid		1
		-	1
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# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 8 Tax charge on profit and ordinary activities

### (a) The tax charge for the year comprises:

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Corporation tax		
Corporation tax at 28% (2008 28.5%)	4,607	5,672
Adjustment in respect of prior years	(6)	461
Current tax charge for the year	4 601	6,133
Deferred taxation		100
Movement on deferred taxation balance in the year	(494)	188
Taxation charge for the year	4,107	6,321

### (b) Factors affecting tax charge for year.

(c)

The tax assessed for the period is higher (2008 higher) than the pro-rated prevailing rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008–28.5 per cent). The differences are explained below

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Profit on ordinary activities before tax	14 205	21 180
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 28% (2008–28.5%)	3 977	6 036
Effects of Expenses not deductible for tax purposes Capital allowances for period in excess of depreciation Movement in short term timing differences Permanent differences Capital gain	134 278 (79) 297	895 (191) (184) (411) (473)
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	4 601	6,133
Movement on deferred taxation balance in the year.	<del></del>	
	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Opening balance (Credit)/charge to profit and loss account	2,461 (494)	2,273 188
Closing balance	1 967	2 461

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 8 Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities (continued)

#### (d) Analysis of deferred tax balance:

	2009 £'000	2008 £'000
Capital allowances in excess of depreciation	1 665	2 044
Capitalised interest	398	417
Other temporary differences	(96)	-
	1,967	2,461

#### (e) Factors that may affect future tay charges:

The company's tax charge is expected to increase in future years as a consequence of changes in the capital allowances available to the company on its hotel properties

#### 9. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings	Long leasehold land and buildings	Fixed plant	Fixtures fittings furniture equipment	Hotels under construction	Total
Cost	C 212	10.560	10.762	20.001	1 111	67.027
At 1 January 2009	6,313	19,569	10,763	30,081	1,111	67,837
Additions	-	2	1,096	3,989	183	5,270
Write-off	-	-	-		(77)	(77)
Fransfer				130	(130)	
At 31 December 2009	6,313	19,571	11,859	34,200	1,087	73,030
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2009	1,346	3,518	4,641	11,038	_	20,543
Charge for the year	153	343	891	5,243	-	6,630
Provision for impairment		2,020		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	2,020
At 31 December 2009	1,499	5,881	5,532	16,281		29,193
Net book amount						
At 31 December 2009	4,814	13,690	6,327	17,919	1,087	43,837
At 31 December 2008	4,967	16,051	6,122	19,043	1,111	47,294

Write-off relates to costs incurred by the company on hotel development projects that that have been scrapped during the year. Transfer relates to assets acquired for one of the company's hotels which opened during the year.

The company conducts an annual internal review of the market value of all its hotel properties calculated as a multiple of EBITDA earned over the previous 2 years. If the market value suggested by the review is less than the carrying value of the hotel asset then the company will book a provision for impairment. Such a provision has been made to the value of two of the company's leasehold hotel properties during the year.

## Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 9. Tangible fixed assets (continued)

Hotels under construction included £ml (2008–£5 000) of capitalised interest. The interest capitalised is charged at 0.6% over the one month average LIBOR on specific funding for the hotels' construction

The net book value of assets subject to finance leases at 31 December 2009 was £1,674,406 (2008 £1,731,166)

#### 10. Fixed asset investments

	Writedown		Total
	Cost £'000	£'000	£'000
Shares in subsidiary undertakings			
Shares at 1 January 2009	27 272	(3 474)	23,798
As at 31 December 2009	27 272	(3.474)	23 798

At 31 December 2009 the company owned directly or via subsidiaries the following percentages of the issued ordinary share capital of

Subsidiaries	Company holding	Subsidiary holding	Voting rights	Country of registration/operation	Activity
Accor Ireland Hotels Limited	100%	-	100%	Republic of Ireland	Hotel Operation
Etap Birmingham Limited	100%	-	100%	England and Wales	Hotel Ownership Hotel
Ibis Hull Limited	100%	-	100%	England and Wales	Leasing Hotel
Clondaikin Hotels Limited	-	100%	100%	Republic of Ireland	Ownership Hotel
Etap Bradford Limited	100%	-	100%	England and Wales	Development
Eco Accor 4 Limited	100%	-	100%	England and Wales	Dormant
Ibis UK Limited	100%	-	100%	England and Wales	Dormant
Sibi Packs Limited	100%	-	100%	Jersey	Dormant

In the opinion of the director the aggregate value of the shares in and amounts owing from the subsidiary undertakings is not less than the aggregate of the amounts at which they are stated in the company's balance sheet

Accor Ireland Hotels Limited operates the Ibis hotel in Dublin. Although the Dublin hotel has historically traded reasonably satisfactorily the directors have concluded that the investment is impaired and have provided fully against the cost of the investment in this company.

A number of dormant subsidiary companies have been dissolved during the previous year. Arcade (UK) Properties Limited was dissolved on 15 April 2008. Arcade Hotel Management Limited and Arcade (Midlands) Properties Limited were both dissolved on 6 May 2008. Finotel Limited on 19 August 2008, Formule 1 (UK) Limited on 28 August 2008 and Ibis Hotels Limited on 28 October 2008.

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

11.	Debtors: amounts falling due within one year		
		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Trade debtors	1,646	1,099
	Amounts owed by group undertakings	52,482	50,194
	Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	11,137	7,998
	Other debtors	267	320
	Corporation tax receivable	1,202	-
	Prepayments and accrued income	2,716	2,671
		69,450	62,282
12.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
	ordanotor amounts family due within one year		
		2009 £'000	2008 £'000
	Trade creditors	1,990	2,776
	Amounts owed to parent undertaking	-	84
	Amounts owed to other group undertakings	26,555	27,842
	Amount owed to subsidiary undertakings	24,181	24,493
	Value added tax	3,477	3,342
	Corporation tax payable	-	676
	Other creditors	2,039	998
	Accruals	4,673	4,627
		62,915	64,838
13.	Called up share capital		
		2009	2008
		£'000	£'000
	Authorised:	2 000	2 000
	25,000,000 ordinary shares of £1 each	25,000	25,000
	Called up, allotted and fully paid	<del></del>	
	23,123,746 ordinary shares of £1 each	23,124	23,124
	20,120,7 to Oraniary Shares 51 21 Cubi.	25,124	
14.	Reserves		
			Profit
			and loss
			account
			£'000
	At 1 January 2009		82,048
	Profit for the year		10,031
			92,079

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 15. Cash flow statement

In accordance with paragraph 5(a) Financial Reporting Standard No 1 (revised) "Cash flow statements" the company is not required to prepare a cash flow statement

#### 16. Financial commitments

#### Operating leases

At 31 December 2009 the company was committed to make the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases

	Plant, machine			hınery,
	Land and buildings		fixtures and fittings	
	2009	2008	2009	2008
	£,000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Leases which expire				
Within one year	-	-	64	87
Between two and five years	-	-	1,351	1,069
After five years	19,819	18,524	193	282
			<del></del>	
	19,819	18,524	1,608	1,438

On 29 August 2000, the company acquired leases on eight hotels. The term of the leases is for 25 years, with an option to extend for a further 10 year period. The hotels, previously operated by an external third party, have all been re-branded and now operate under the Ibis brand name.

On 26 April 2001, a sale and leaseback agreement was entered into, whereby the company disposed of 12 hotels. These hotels continued to be managed by Accor UK Economy Hotels Limited and operate under the lbis and Etap brand names. The term of the leases is for 25 years.

On 1 May 2002 the company acquired a 25 year lease for a hotel property which is operating under the Ibis brand name. During 2003 sale and leaseback agreements were entered into whereby the company disposed of two hotels. On 6 August 2003 the company acquired a 25 year lease for a hotel property which is operating under the Ibis brand name.

On 22 December 2004, a sale and leaseback agreement was entered into, whereby through the sale of subsidiary or fellow group companies, the company disposed of the assets of two hotel properties. Both hotels continue to trade under the Ibis brand name

On 17 June 2005 the company acquired a 25 year lease on a newly constructed hotel in London Aldgate The hotel trades under the Ibis brand name

On 19 April 2007 the company entered into a 17 year lease for an existing hotel in York. The hotel has been re-branded and operates under the Ibis brand name. On 1 June 2007 the company acquired a 25 year lease on a newly constructed hotel in Bristol, and on 4 September 2007 the company acquired a 25 year lease on a newly constructed hotel in Reading. Both hotels trade under the Ibis brand name.

On 4 May 2007 the company entered into an agreement for lease for a period of 22 years a 142 bedroom hotel in Nottingham. The hotel opened on 15 October 2007 and trades under the Ibis brand name. On 28 July 2007 the company entered into a 25 year lease for a hotel property in Leeds. The hotel opened on 5 March 2007 and trades under the Etap brand name. In 2007 the company entered into 22 year lease agreements for newly constructed hotels in Sheffield and Cardiff. Both hotels opened in the year and trade under the Etap brand name. On 29 August 2007 the company entered into a 25 year lease agreement for a newly constructed hotel in Glasgow. The hotel opened on 20 September 2007 and trades under the Etap brand name.

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 17. Financial commitments (continued)

On 1 March 2007, the company, whilst retaining a reversionary interest, granted to a new lessor a leasehold interest in 13 hotel properties, in each case subject to an inferior operating lease in favour of itself. All these hotels continue to trade under the Ibis brand name. The rental under these leases is turnover based and there is therefore no fixed rental commitment arising.

In February 2008 the company entered into a lease for a period of 23 years for a newly built hotel in Borehamwood which operates under the Ibis brand name. In August 2008 the company entered into a lease for a period of 15 years for a newly built hotel in Bristol which operates under the Ibis brand name. In September 2008 the company entered into a lease for a period of 22 years for a newly built hotel in Salford, Greater Manchester which operates under the Etap brand name. In September 2008 the company entered into 30 year lease agreements for two hotels at Birmingham International Airport, one operates under the Ibis brand name and one under the Etap brand name. In September 2008 the company entered into a 15 year lease agreement for a hotel in Leicester, and in December 2008 the company entered into a 15 year lease agreement for a hotel in Derby. Both hotels operate under the Etap brand name. In October 2008 the company entered into a 20 year lease agreement for a hotel in Hounslow, West London which operates under the Etap brand name. In December 2008 the company entered into a 20 year lease agreement for a hotel in Portsmouth which operates under the Etap brand name.

On 3 April 2009 the company entered into a 15 year lease agreement for a hotel in Beaconsfield which operates under the Etap brand name

#### 17. Capital commitments

At 31 December 2009 the company had capital commitments authorised or contracted of £394,000 (2008 £453,000) not provided for in these accounts. These costs relate to retention monies owed to contractors for the construction or renovation of hotel properties.

#### 18. Related party transactions

In accordance with Financial Reporting Standard No 8 "Related Party Disclosures" transactions with other undertakings within the Accor SA group have not been disclosed in these financial statements

#### 19. Directors' emoluments

No directors received any emoluments for their services to the company during the year (2008 £nil) Remuneration of the directors from other group companies is disclosed in the accounts of those companies. The number of directors who are members of a defined contribution pension scheme is £nil (2008 £nil)

#### 20. Post balance sheet event

On 5 February 2010 the directors proposed and paid a dividend of £52,028,429, equivalent to £2 25 per share

# Notes to the accounts Year ended 31 December 2009

#### 21 Ultimate and immediate parent company

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Accor SA, registered in France at 2 rue de la Mare-Neuve, 91000 Evry Cedex, France This is both the smallest and largest group for which consolidated accounts are prepared Copies of the group accounts are available from

Accor S A Shareholder Relations Department Immeuble Odyssey 110 avenue de France 75210 PARIS CEDEX 13 France

The immediate parent company is Accor UK Limited, a company incorporated in Great Britain and registered in England and Wales Copies of these accounts are available from

Accor UK Hotels Finance Department 1 Shortlands Hammersmith London W6 8DR