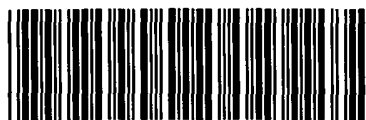


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**DIRECTORS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
COMPANY INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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**Directors**

Martin Mills  
Andrew Heath  
James Wyllie  
Paul Redding  
Neela Ebbett  
Rupert Skellett  
Simon Wheeler  
Victoria Fry

**Company secretary**

Neela Ebbett

**Company number**

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**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Principal activity**

The group is principally engaged in the production and exploitation of sound recordings. The Beggars stable of labels includes XL Recordings, 4AD, Rough Trade Records, Matador and Young Recordings.

**Results and dividends**

The results for the year are set out on page 10.

Dividends were paid in the year amounting to £5,000,000 (2023 - £NIL)

**Directors**

The following directors have held office since 1 January 2024:

Martin Mills  
Andrew Heath  
James Wyllie  
Paul Redding  
Neela Ebbett  
Rupert Skellett  
Simon Wheeler  
Victoria Fry

**Fixed assets**

Changes in fixed assets are shown in the notes to the financial statements. In the opinion of the directors, the market value of interests in land and buildings held as fixed assets at the balance sheet date were in excess of their book value.

**Future developments**

The directors are confident that by pursuing the management policies the group will achieve continued successes in the years ahead.

**Events after the balance sheet date**

On 7 April 2025 and 22 October 2025, dividends totalling £8,620,800 have been declared by the group to non-controlling interests.

**Directors' insurance**

The company maintains insurance policies on behalf of the directors against liability arising from negligence, breach of duty and breach of trust in relation to the company.

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**Greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and energy efficiency action**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Total energy consumption (kWh)	<b>300,648</b>	223,493
Scope 1 emissions from combustion of gas (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	<b>33</b>	26
Scope 2 emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	<b>12</b>	13
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	<b>4.69</b>	0.14
Emissions from business travel in rental cars or employee-owned vehicles where Beggars Group is responsible for purchasing the fuel (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	<b>1.93</b>	0.81
Total gross CO <sub>2</sub> e (tonnes) based on above	<b>51.72</b>	39.72

**Intensity ratio**

Intensity ratio (tCO <sub>2</sub> e / full-time employees)	<b>0.38</b>	0.29
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Total reported emissions increased by 30% between 2023 and 2024. This was primarily associated with the increase in gas consumption and the increased use of company owned vehicles, however, an energy efficiency assessment undertaken in 2025 has identified savings that are expected to mitigate the increase in future years.

Scope 2 emissions were kept low with the continued use of energy efficiency measures implemented at our Alma Road offices, alongside the continued generation of energy from rooftop solar panels, which provide for approximately one third of our energy consumption at our head office.

We also invested in Renewable Energy Generation of Origin (REGO) certificates associated with electricity supply at Beggars HQ and 4AD, which reduced our net carbon emissions by 20% when calculated via market-based methodology.

**Methodology**

Emissions have been calculated using methodologies aligned with the GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard.

Conversion factors are sourced from the UK Government's Company Reporting framework (2023). Location-based energy consumption data (scope 1 and 2) is collected directly from energy suppliers.

Business travel data is extracted from internal company accounting system, in the form of mileage data for the following categories of vehicle:

- Company cars & fleet vehicles on business use
- Personal cars on business use

In accordance with GHG Protocol guidance, appropriate emissions factors were applied to mileage data for each vehicle to provide a carbon emission figure.

The emissions and energy consumption data above covers companies within the Beggars group, including XL Recordings, 4AD, Rough Trade Records, Matador and Young Recordings.

**Energy Efficiency Statement**

Following the installation of smart meters at our head office to ensure accurate and consistent monitoring of energy consumption, the Head of Sustainability undertook energy audits of UK offices. As a response to this we retrofitted the head office with energy efficient LED lighting and motion sensors throughout, and upgraded heating systems. Detailed information on sustainability can be found on our website.

During 2021, we installed a 17kWh solar PV system on the roof of our head office. The system comprises 45 solar panels. In 2023, this system generated 32% of our electricity consumption at our head office resulting in a carbon saving of approximately three tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e.

Beggars Group have signed up to the UN Race to Zero campaign, committing to reducing our internal and supply chain related emissions at a rate aligned with the Paris Agreements goal to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees. This means reducing total emissions by 50% by 2030.

Beggars is a founding member of Murmur which establishes a funding mechanism for the sector to neutralise residual emissions by investing in projects that prevent carbon from entering the atmosphere, helping to transition the music sector to a low carbon future model. Funds raised during this reporting period are going towards projects that enable decarbonising the vinyl manufacturing supply chain, which is vital to achieving our Race to Zero commitments.

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Matters covered in the group strategic report**

The principal risks and uncertainties facing the group and the company have been considered in the group strategic report.

**Statement of disclosure to auditor**

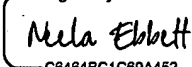
Each of the persons who are directors at the time when this directors' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company and the group's auditor is unaware, and
- the director has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a director in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company and the group's auditor is aware of that information.

**Auditor**

Under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006, SRLV Audit Limited will be deemed to have been reappointed as auditor 28 days after these financial statements were sent to members or 28 days after the latest date prescribed for filing the accounts with the registrar, whichever is earlier.

Approved by the board of directors on 12/1/2025 and signed on behalf of the board.

Signed by:  
  
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**Neela Ebbett**  
Director

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Principal activities and business review**

Beggars Group is principally engaged in the production and exploitation of sound recordings. The Beggars stable of labels includes XL Recordings, 4AD, Rough Trade Records, Matador Records and Young Recordings.

**Business review**

We released 32 new albums (2023 - 35) across our labels. Our commercial successes include:

Adrianne Lenker – *Bright Future*; Future Islands – *People Who Aren't There Anymore* (4AD)  
Kim Gordon – *The Collective*; Mdou Moctar – *Funeral for Justice* (Matador)  
Amyl & the Sniffers – *Cartoon Darkness*; Geordie Greep – *The New Sound* (Rough Trade)  
Jamie XX – *In Waves*; Sampha – *Lahai* (Young)  
Fontaines D.C. – *Romance*; Peggy Gou – *I Hear You* (XL)

We are pleased to report the above releases and many others appeared on multiple End of Year 'Best of' lists across print, online, retail and streaming channels.

Adrianne Lenker, Fontaines D.C. and Kim Gordon were nominated for Grammy Awards. Fontaines D.C. won a Brit Award for International Group of the Year.

Discovery of talent and supporting artists through their development stage and beyond is core to our business. We remain committed to investing in original new music foremost. As one of only a small number, an artist signed to a Beggars' label receives the attention of a family of 250 staff worldwide, and a family that has comprehensive global resources and a breadth of experience. Beggars recently celebrated its 49<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We remain committed to treating artists fairly and have developed several industry-leading policies to reflect that which have become a key component in what the company represents.

During the year, the group undertook a number of step acquisitions. Further information on these acquisitions and their impact on the group's performance is provided in notes 18 and 29 to the financial statements.

**Principal risks and uncertainties**

**Inflation**

Inflation continues to weigh on supply chain cost and overheads, and inevitably, label margins.

**Exchange rates**

The unpredictability of US trade policies, and thus a more volatile dollar, may continue to cause swings on realised and unrealised exchange movements.

**Legislative review**

As part of the recorded music industry, we continue to work with UK Government to protect and uphold the value of the UK's great heritage of cultural IP rights and defend them in light of the international technological challenges that face them.

**Financial risks**

The group's principal financial instruments comprise bank balances, trade creditors and trade debtors. Liquidity risk is managed by maintaining sufficient accessible cash balances.

Price risk is managed through natural diversification of formats, sales channels and geographical regions.

Exchange risk is managed through holding sufficient levels of sterling and dollar receipts to service payables in the same respective currency.

Credit risk is managed by closely monitoring customers' outstanding amounts for both time and credit limits.

Interest rate risk is negligible because the group has no external borrowings.

BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
GROUP STRATEGIC REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

**Directors’ statement of compliance with duty to promote success of the group**

The board of directors consider, both individually and as a board, that they have acted in a manner that, in their opinion, would be most likely to promote the success of the group for the benefit of its members as whole (having regard for the stakeholders and matters set out in s172 (1) (a-f) of the Companies Act 2006) in the decisions made during the year ended 31 December 2024.

The directors consider the likely consequences that might result from any decisions made or actions taken on the long-term future of the group and its stakeholders. In doing so, the interests and well-being of the group’s employees are key considerations.

The directors continue to monitor and develop relationships with artists, customers and suppliers as a key contributor to the group’s ongoing success.

The decisions made and actions undertaken by the directors aim to represent and maintain the group’s reputation for appropriate standards of business conduct.

**Key performance indicators**

The group uses a number of performance indicators to monitor and manage the business effectively. The financial and non-financial key performance indicators for the year ended 31 December 2024, with comparatives for the year ended 31 December 2023, are set out below.

	2024 £	2023 £
Turnover including share of joint ventures	109,884,140	103,181,839
Turnover excluding share of joint ventures	75,210,515	60,409,801
Total operating profit	10,496,062	7,062,383
Number of releases	32	35

This report was approved by the board on 12/1/2025 and signed on its behalf.

Signed by:  
  
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**Neela Ebbett**  
Director



**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Statement of directors' responsibilities**

The directors are responsible for preparing the group strategic report, the directors' report and the consolidated 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the group and of the profit or loss of the group for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and the group and 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.

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Beggars Group Limited (the 'parent company') and its subsidiaries (the 'group') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated and company balance sheets, the consolidated and company statement of changes in equity, the consolidated statement of cash flows, the consolidated analysis of net debt, and related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the group's and of the parent company's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of the group's 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.

**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 in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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 directors' 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'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 within 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 course of 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.

**Opinion 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 group 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 group strategic report and the directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**(CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the group and the parent company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the group 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 parent company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the 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 on page 6, 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's and the 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 group 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:

*Identifying and assessing potential risks related to irregularities*

In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- the nature of the entity's industry and sector, control environment, business performance and management incentives;
- the results of our specific enquiries of management and those charged with governance about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the group's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
  - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
  - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
  - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

As a result of these procedures, we considered the potential opportunities and incentives that may exist within the organisation and identified the following areas: the recognition of revenue and provision against artist balances. In response to these risks, we undertook detailed revenue and cut-off testing, as well as considering the appropriateness and rationale of provisions against artist balances. In common with all audits under ISAs

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
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(UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override of controls.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks in which the group operates, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and tax legislation.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the group's ability to operate or to avoid a material penalty.

*Audit response to risks identified*

Our procedures to respond to risks identified, in addition to those noted above, included the following:

- reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance; and
- in addressing the risk of fraud through management override of control: testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments, assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

Whilst the procedures above describe the extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, there are inherent limitations in these audit procedures. The further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, misrepresentation or through collusion. We are not responsible for preventing irregularities, including fraud, or non-compliance with laws and regulations and cannot be expected to detect all irregularities or non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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](http://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.

*SRLV Audit Limited*

Marc Voulters (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
**SRLV Audit Limited**

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor

Elsley Court  
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1 December 2025

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Turnover</b>	5	<b>75,210,515</b>	60,409,801
Cost of sales		<u>(22,836,200)</u>	<u>(13,514,150)</u>
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>52,374,315</b>	46,895,651
Distribution expenses		<b>(7,841,000)</b>	(6,017,915)
Administrative expenses		<b>(38,980,330)</b>	(37,365,499)
Unrealised gain/(loss) on foreign exchange		<u>2,256,635</u>	<u>62,168</u>
<b>Group operating profit</b>	6	<b>7,809,620</b>	3,574,405
Share of results of joint ventures	10	<u>2,686,442</u>	<u>3,487,978</u>
<b>Total operating profit</b>		<b>10,496,062</b>	7,062,383
Other operating income		<b>114,362</b>	-
Provision against fixed asset investments		<b>(18,000)</b>	(250,000)
Interest receivable and similar income	11	<b>1,163,813</b>	206,648
Interest payable and similar charges	12	<b>(14,673)</b>	-
<b>Profit on ordinary activities before taxation</b>		<b>11,741,564</b>	7,019,031
Tax charge on profit on ordinary activities	13	<u>(1,978,892)</u>	<u>(1,008,843)</u>
<b>Profit for the financial year</b>		<u><b>9,762,672</b></u>	<u>6,010,188</u>
<b>Profit attributable to:</b>			
Owners of the parent		<b>7,216,734</b>	5,997,432
Non-controlling interests		<u>2,545,938</u>	<u>12,756</u>
		<u><b>9,762,672</b></u>	<u>6,010,188</u>

The profit and loss account has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.

The notes on pages 20 to 43 form part of these financial statements.

BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Profit for the financial year	<u>9,762,672</u>	<u>6,010,188</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		
Currency translation gain/(loss) on net investments in foreign operations	347,032	(949,870)
Minority interest share from associates and joint ventures	75,963	5,349
Movement on revaluation reserve	<u>(105,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>317,995</u>	<u>(944,521)</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<u>10,080,667</u>	<u>5,065,667</u>
<b>Total comprehensive income attributable to:</b>		
Owners of the parent company	7,540,062	5,052,911
Non-controlling interests	2,540,605	12,756
	<u>10,080,667</u>	<u>5,065,667</u>

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	15		<b>135,853,031</b>		116,372
Negative goodwill	15		<b>(51,395,398)</b>		-
Tangible assets	16		<b>23,919,682</b>		14,698,792
Investment properties	17		<b>5,640,896</b>		450,000
Investments:					
Joint ventures	18	<b>1,729,310</b>		30,537,148	
Other investments	18	<b>2,186,181</b>		2,024,368	
			<b>3,915,491</b>		32,561,516
			<b>117,933,702</b>		47,826,680
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	19	<b>2,625,093</b>		2,010,987	
Debtors	20	<b>39,608,746</b>		30,114,048	
Cash at bank and in hand	21	<b>69,781,584</b>		44,935,163	
			<b>112,015,423</b>		77,060,198
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	22		<b>(32,045,900)</b>		(44,753,270)
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>79,969,523</b>		32,306,928
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>197,903,225</b>		80,133,608
Provisions for liabilities	24		<b>(40,508,239)</b>		(4,535,184)
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>157,394,986</b>		75,598,424
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	25		<b>200</b>		200
Revaluation reserve	26		<b>180,040</b>		285,040
Profit and loss account			<b>76,826,787</b>		75,236,420
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the parent</b>			<b>77,007,027</b>		75,521,660
<b>Non-controlling interests</b>			<b>80,387,959</b>		76,764
<b>Total equity</b>			<b>157,394,986</b>		75,598,424

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BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
COMPANY BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Intangible assets	15		71,217		86,947
Tangible assets	16		5,879,827		4,030,336
Investment properties	17		345,000		450,000
Investments	18		<u>9,104,035</u>		<u>6,445,038</u>
			15,400,079		11,012,321
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	20	42,077,953		44,649,214	
Cash at bank and in hand	21	<u>8,480,222</u>		<u>12,197,380</u>	
			50,558,175		56,846,594
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	22		<u>(33,894,143)</u>		<u>(35,244,083)</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			16,664,032		21,602,511
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>32,064,111</u>		<u>32,614,832</u>
Provisions for liabilities	24		<u>(495,838)</u>		<u>(465,433)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>31,568,273</u>		<u>32,149,399</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital	25		200		200
Revaluation reserve	26		180,040		285,040
Profit and loss account			31,388,033		31,864,159
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>			<u>31,568,273</u>		<u>32,149,399</u>

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**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Share capital</b>	<b>Revaluation reserve</b>	<b>Profit and loss account</b>	<b>Equity attributable to owners of parent company</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>75,236,420</b>	<b>75,521,660</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	7,216,734	<b>7,216,734</b>
Currency translation on difference on net investment in foreign operations	-	-	347,032	<b>347,032</b>
Minority interest share from associates and joint ventures	-	-	81,296	<b>81,296</b>
Movement on revaluation reserve	-	(105,000)	-	<b>(105,000)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(105,000)</b>	<b>7,645,062</b>	<b>7,540,062</b>
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>				
Dividends: equity capital	-	-	(5,000,000)	<b>(5,000,000)</b>
Share of non-profit movements from joint ventures	-	-	(798,417)	<b>(798,417)</b>
Equity movements with minority interests	-	-	(256,278)	<b>(256,278)</b>
<b>Total transactions with owners recognised in equity</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,054,695)</b>	<b>(6,054,695)</b>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>180,040</b>	<b>76,826,787</b>	<b>77,007,027</b>

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	<b>Equity attributable to owners of parent company £</b>	<b>Non- controlling interest £</b>	<b>Total equity £</b>
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>75,521,660</b>	<b>76,764</b>	<b>75,598,424</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	7,216,734	2,545,938	<b>9,762,672</b>
Currency translation on difference on net investment in foreign operations	347,032	-	<b>347,032</b>
Minority interest share from associates and joint ventures	81,296	-	<b>81,296</b>
Equity movements with minority interests	-	(5,333)	<b>(5,333)</b>
Movement on revaluation reserve	(105,000)	-	<b>(105,000)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>7,540,062</b>	<b>2,540,605</b>	<b>10,080,667</b>
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>			
Dividends: equity capital	(5,000,000)	-	<b>(5,000,000)</b>
Share of non-profit movements from joint ventures	(798,417)	-	<b>(798,417)</b>
Equity movements with minority interests	(256,278)	(246,228)	<b>(502,506)</b>
Minority interest on acquisition of subsidiary	-	78,016,818	<b>78,016,818</b>
<b>Total transactions with owners recognised in equity</b>	<b>(6,054,695)</b>	<b>77,770,590</b>	<b>71,715,895</b>
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>77,007,027</b>	<b>80,387,959</b>	<b>157,394,986</b>

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Equity attributable to owners of parent company
	£	£	£	£
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>69,473,515</b>	<b>69,758,755</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Profit for the year	-	-	5,997,432	<b>5,997,432</b>
Currency translation on difference on net investment in foreign operations	-	-	(949,870)	<b>(949,870)</b>
Minority interest share from associates and joint ventures			5,349	<b>5,349</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,052,911</b>	<b>5,052,911</b>
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>				
Share of non-profit movements from joint ventures	-	-	709,994	<b>709,994</b>
<b>Total transactions with owners recognised in equity</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>709,994</b>	<b>709,994</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>75,236,420</b>	<b>75,521,660</b>

	Equity attributable to owners of parent company	Non-controlling interest	Total equity
	£	£	£
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>69,758,755</b>	<b>64,008</b>	<b>69,822,763</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>			
Profit for the year	5,997,432	12,756	<b>6,010,188</b>
Currency translation on difference on net investment in foreign operations	(949,870)	-	<b>(949,870)</b>
Minority interest share from associates and joint ventures	5,349		<b>5,349</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>5,052,911</b>	<b>12,756</b>	<b>5,065,667</b>
<b>Contributions by and distributions to owners</b>			
Share of non-profit movements from joint ventures	709,994	-	<b>709,994</b>
<b>Total transactions with owners recognised in equity</b>	<b>709,994</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>709,994</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>75,521,660</b>	<b>76,764</b>	<b>75,598,424</b>

BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
 COMPANY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Equity attributable to owners of parent company £
	£	£	£	£
<b>At 1 January 2024</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>31,864,159</b>	<b>32,149,399</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Result for the year	-	-	4,523,874	4,523,874
Revaluation of investment property	-	(105,000)	-	(105,000)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(105,000)</b>	<b>4,523,874</b>	<b>4,418,874</b>
<b>Contributions by and distributions to the owners</b>				
Dividends paid			(5,000,000)	(5,000,000)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>180,040</b>	<b>31,388,033</b>	<b>31,568,273</b>

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Profit and loss account	Equity attributable to owners of parent company £
	£	£	£	£
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>31,939,915</b>	<b>32,225,155</b>
<b>Comprehensive income for the year</b>				
Result for the year	-	-	(75,756)	(75,756)
<b>Total comprehensive income for the year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(75,756)</b>	<b>(75,756)</b>
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>285,040</b>	<b>31,864,159</b>	<b>32,149,399</b>

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Profit for the financial year	9,762,672	6,010,188
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	1,978,892	1,008,843
Interest receivable and similar income	(1,163,813)	(206,648)
Interest payable and similar charges	14,673	-
Share of results of joint ventures	(2,686,442)	(3,487,978)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	471	1,980
Amortisation of intangible fixed assets	684,365	12,195
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	636,307	566,490
Foreign exchange movements	156,429	(440,656)
Provision against fixed asset investments	18,000	250,000
Revaluation of investments	217,660	-
Provision against loans	203,672	-
Decrease/(increase) in stock	492,878	(551,914)
Increase in debtors	(3,414,159)	(4,186,122)
Decrease/(increase) in creditors	(8,133,021)	9,718,437
Consortium relief claimed	-	845
<b>Net cash (used in)/generated from operating activities</b>	<b>(1,231,416)</b>	<b>8,695,660</b>
<b>Tax paid</b>	<b>(1,050,672)</b>	<b>(1,715,702)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	(2,137,299)	(2,452,096)
Purchase of intangible fixed assets	(2,846)	-
Purchase of investments	(212,409)	-
Dividends received from joint ventures	5,000,000	-
Disposal of investments	-	68,294
Interest received	1,163,813	206,648
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	28,834,428	-
Step acquisition of subsidiaries	(502,505)	-
<b>Net cash generated from/(used in) investing activities</b>	<b>32,143,182</b>	<b>(2,177,154)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Interest paid	(14,673)	-
Dividends paid	(5,000,000)	-
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(5,014,673)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>24,846,421</b>	<b>4,802,804</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	44,935,163	40,132,359
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year</b>	<b>69,781,584</b>	<b>44,935,163</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year comprise:</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	69,781,584	44,935,163
	<b>69,781,584</b>	<b>44,935,163</b>

BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED  
CONSOLIDATED ANALYSIS OF NET DEBT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	At 1 January 2024 £	Cash flows £	Acquisition of subsidiaries £	Other non-cash changes £	At 31 December 2024 £
Cash at hand and in bank	44,935,163	(7,638,015)	31,447,428	1,037,008	69,781,584
	<u>44,935,163</u>	<u>(7,638,015)</u>	<u>31,447,428</u>	<u>1,037,008</u>	<u>69,781,584</u>

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**1. General information**

Beggars Group Limited and its subsidiaries (together "the group") are principally engaged in the production and exploitation of sound recordings.

The company is a private company limited by shares and is registered in England and Wales. The address of its registered office and principal place of business is 17/19 Alma Road, London, SW18 1AA.

**2. Accounting policies**

**2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006.

The preparation of financial statements in compliance with FRS 102 requires the use of certain critical accounting estimates. It also requires group management to exercise judgement in applying the company's accounting policies (see note 3).

The company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own profit and loss account in these financial statements.

The following principal accounting policies have been applied:

**2.2 Basis of consolidation**

The group consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the company and all of its subsidiary undertakings together with the group's share of the results of associates and joint ventures made up to 31 December, included using the equity method of accounting.

A subsidiary is an entity controlled by the group. Control is the power to govern the financial and operating policies of an entity so as to obtain benefits from its activities.

Where a subsidiary has different accounting policies from the group, adjustments are made to those subsidiary financial statements to apply the group's accounting policies when preparing the consolidated financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements present the results of the group and its own subsidiaries as if they formed a single entity. Intercompany transactions and balances between group companies are therefore eliminated in full.

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the results of business combinations using the purchase method. In the balance sheet, the acquiree's identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities are initially recognised at their fair values at the acquisition date. The results of acquired operations are included in the consolidated profit and loss account from the date on which control is obtained. They are deconsolidated from the date control ceases.

In accordance with the transitional exemption available under FRS 102, the group has chosen not to retrospectively apply the standard to business combinations that occurred before the date of transition to FRS 102, being 1 January 2014.

**2.3 Foreign currency**

**(i) Functional and presentation currency**

The group financial statements are presented in pound sterling.

The group's and company's functional and presentation currency is pound sterling.

**BEGGARS GROUP LIMITED**  
**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**2.3 Foreign currency (continued)**

**(ii) Transactions and balances**

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency using the spot exchange rate at the dates of the transactions.

At each year end, foreign currency monetary items are translated using the closing rate. Non-monetary items measured at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction and non-monetary items measured at fair value are measured using the exchange rate when fair value was determined.

Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of transactions and the translation at year end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.

**(iii) Translations**

The trading results of group undertakings are translated into sterling at the average exchange rates for the year. The assets and liabilities of overseas undertakings, including goodwill and fair value adjustments arising on acquisition, are translated at the exchange rates ruling at the year end. Exchange adjustments arising from the retranslation of opening net investments and from the translation of the profits or losses at average rates are recognised in 'other comprehensive income' and allocated to non-controlling interest as appropriate.

**2.4 Finance costs**

Finance costs are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account over the term of the debt using the effective interest method so that the amount charged is at a constant rate on the carrying amount.

**2.5 Revenue**

Revenue is recognised to the extent that it is probable that the economic benefits will flow to the group and the revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue is measured as the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts, excluding rebates, value added tax and other sales taxes. The following criteria must be met before revenue is recognised:

**(i) Physical sales**

Revenues from the physical sale of recorded music are recognised on despatch. Where goods are sold on the group's behalf by third party distributors, revenue is recognised when the distributor reports sales to the group.

**(ii) Digital and licensing royalties**

Revenues relating to digital products are recognised when the products are sold based on reports from digital service providers. Royalty income is included on a receivable basis calculated on sales of records arising during each financial year as reported by licensees.

Where digital and licensing royalty income cannot be reliably estimated for the period, it is recognised on a receipts basis. Where income is received but not accompanied by sufficient data to attribute to a recognisable project, the income is recognised on subsequent receipt of that data and certain income may be allocated to labels on a proportionate basis using a reasonable estimation method. Royalties payable are charged against relevant income of the same period except where they are paid in advance, carried forward and recognised as an asset where such advances relate to current released and unreleased products and where it is estimated that sufficient future royalties will be earned from recoupment from those products.

Advances received are carried forward and recognised over the expected life of each individual licence.

**(iii) Management charges**

Revenues from management charges are recognised in relation to services provided to group and related companies during the period.

**(iv) Interest income**

Interest income is recognised using the effective interest rate method.



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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**(v) Dividends**

Dividend income is recognised when the right to receive payment is established.

**2.6 Pensions**

The group operates an executive pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the company in an independently administered fund. No contributions are made by the group to the pension scheme.

The group operates a defined contribution plan for its employees. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which the group pays fixed contributions into a separate entity. Once the contributions have been paid the group has no further payments obligations.

The contributions are recognised as an expense in the consolidated profit and loss account when they fall due. Amounts not paid are shown in accruals as a liability in the balance sheet. The assets of the plan are held separately from the company in independently administered funds

**2.7 Current and deferred taxation**

The tax expense for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Tax is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account, except that a change attributable to an item of income and expense recognised as other comprehensive income or to an item recognised directly in equity is also recognised in other comprehensive income or directly in equity respectively.

The current income tax charge is calculated on the basis of tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted at the balance sheet date in the countries where the company operates and generates income.

Deferred tax balances are recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed by the balance sheet date, except:

- the recognition of deferred tax assets is limited to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits;
- any deferred tax balances are reversed if and when all conditions for retaining associated tax allowances have been met; and
- where they relate to timing differences in respect of interests in subsidiaries, associates, branches and joint ventures and the company can control the reversal of the timing differences and such reversal is not considered probable in the foreseeable future.

Deferred tax balances are not recognised in respect of permanent differences except in respect of business combinations, when deferred tax is recognised on the differences between the fair values of assets acquired and the future tax deductions available for them and the differences between the fair values of liabilities acquired and the amount that will be assessed for tax. Deferred income tax is determined using tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantially enacted by the balance sheet date.

**2.8 Intangible fixed assets**

*Intangible assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, intangible assets are measured at cost less any accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.*

All intangible assets are considered to have a finite useful life. If a reliable estimate of the useful life cannot be made, the useful life shall not exceed ten years.

Amortisation is provided on the following bases:

Software and development costs	20% - 33% straight line
Catalogues	10 - 61 years straight line

Amortisation is charged to administrative expenses in the profit and loss account.

Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiary undertakings and businesses, representing any excess of the fair value of the consideration given over the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities acquired, is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life, which is 10 or 20 years. Provision is made for any impairment.

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**NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**  
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Negative goodwill represents the difference between amounts paid on the cost of a business combination and the acquirer's interest in the fair value of the group's share of the identifiable assets and liabilities of the acquiree at the date of acquisition. Subsequent to initial recognition, negative goodwill is released to the profit and loss over time. Negative goodwill up to the fair value of the non-monetary assets acquired is recognised in profit or loss as those assets are recovered, with any excess recognised in the profit or loss across the period in which economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity.

## **2.9 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets under the cost model are stated at historical cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Historical cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management.

At each reporting date, the group assesses whether there is any indication of impairment. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is determined which is the higher of its fair value less costs to sell and its value in use. An impairment loss is recognised where the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount.

The group adds to the carrying amount of an item of fixed assets the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred, if the replacement part is expected to provide incremental future benefits to the group. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. Repairs and maintenance are charged to the profit or loss during the period in which they are incurred.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of assets less their residual value over their useful economic lives, using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives range as follows:

Freehold land and buildings	2% straight line
Leasehold property	In equal instalments over the period of the lease
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	20%-33% straight line
Motor vehicles	25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are recognised within 'other operating income' in the consolidated profit and loss account.

## **2.10 Operating leases**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## **2.11 Investment properties**

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by the directors and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. Changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.

Depreciation is not provided in respect of freehold investment properties. The directors consider that this accounting policy, which represents a departure from the Companies Act 2006, is necessary to provide a true and fair view as required under Section 16 of FRS 102. The financial effect of this departure is not material to the financial statements.

## **2.12 Investments**

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost less accumulated impairment.

Joint ventures and associates are held at cost less impairment.

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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**2.13 Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value, being the estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost is based on the cost of purchase on a weighted average basis.

At each balance sheet date, stocks are assessed for impairment. If stock is impaired, the carrying amount is reduced to its selling price less costs to complete and sell. The impairment loss is recognised immediately in the consolidated profit and loss account.

**2.14 Debtors**

Short-term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

**2.15 Advances to artists**

Advances to artists, presented within debtors on the balance sheet, represent advances made direct to artists for recording and other costs incurred on behalf of artists under contract. These advances, which are only recoverable against future royalties, are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account as they are recouped or where the probability of future recoupment in respect thereof is unlikely.

**2.16 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposit with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours.

**2.17 Financial instruments**

The group only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities such as trade and other debtors and creditors, loans from other third parties and loans to related parties.

Debt instruments (other than those wholly repayable or receivable within one year), including loans and other accounts receivable and payable, are initially measured at present value of the future cash flows and subsequently at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are payable or receivable within one year, typically trade payables and receivables, are measured, initially and subsequently, at the undiscounted amount of the cash and other consideration, expected to be paid or received. However if the arrangements of a short-term instrument constitute a financing transaction, like the payment of a trade debt deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate or in case of an out-right short-term loan not at market rate, the financial asset or liability is measured, initially, at the present value of the future cash flow discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument and subsequently at amortised cost.

Financial assets that are measured at cost and amortised cost are assessed at the end of each reporting period for objective evidence of impairment. If objective evidence of impairment is found, an impairment loss is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account.

For financial assets measured at cost less impairment, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between an asset's carrying amount and best estimate, which is an approximation of the amount that the company would receive for the asset if it were to be sold at the balance sheet date.

**2.18 Creditors**

Short-term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

**2.19 Dividends**

Equity dividends are recognised when they become legally payable. Interim equity dividends are recognised when paid. Final equity dividends are recognised when approved by the shareholders at an annual general meeting.

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**2.20 Provisions for liabilities**

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the group a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by a transfer of economic benefit, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense to the consolidated profit and loss account in the year that the group becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the balance sheet.

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**3. Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

In applying the group's accounting policies, the directors are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions in determining the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities. The directors' judgements, estimates and assumptions are based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time when the decisions are made, and are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be applicable. Due to the inherent sensitivity involved in making judgements, estimates and assumptions, the actual results and outcomes may differ.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods, if the revision affects both current and future periods.

**a) Critical judgements in applying the group's accounting policies**

***Assessing indicators of impairment***

In assessing whether there have been any indicators of impairment to assets, including goodwill, the directors have considered both external and internal sources of information such as market conditions and experience of recoverability.

***Assessing the functional currency***

The directors are required to identify the functional currency of the company and each subsidiary undertaking. In making this judgement, the directors have considered factors such as the currency which mainly influences both sales and cost prices, and the countries whose competitive forces and regulations affect those prices.

**b) Key accounting estimates and assumptions**

***Recoverability of receivables, including advances to artists***

The group establishes a provision for receivables that are estimated not to be recoverable or recoupable. When assessing recoverability, the directors consider factors such as the aging of the receivables, past experience of recoverability, and the credit profile of the debtor. When assessing if artist balances are recoupable, the directors consider factors such as the current and likely future sales performance.

***Determining residual values useful economic lives of property, plant and equipment***

The group depreciates tangible assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimation of the useful lives of assets is based on historic performance as well as expectations about future use and therefore requires estimates and assumptions to be applied by management. The actual lives of these assets can vary depending on a variety of factors, including technological innovation, product life cycles and maintenance programmes.

Judgement is applied by management when determining the residual values for plant, machinery and equipment. When determining the residual value, management aim to assess the amount that the group would currently obtain for the disposal of the asset, if it were already of the condition expected at the end of its useful economic life.

***Provisions against slow moving inventory***

The group establishes a provision for slow moving inventory. When determining the provision, the directors consider factors such as the amount of the inventory holding and subsequent sales.

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**4. Parent company profit for the year**

The company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own profit and loss account in these financial statements. The profit before tax of the parent company for the year was £4,497,375 (2023 – £14,200) and the profit after tax was £4,523,874 (2023 – loss of £75,756).

**5. Analysis of turnover**

Analysis of turnover by category:

	2024 £	2023 £
Sales and licensing of sound recordings	68,748,956	51,269,689
Management charges	6,461,559	9,140,112
	<b>75,210,515</b>	<b>60,409,801</b>

Analysis of turnover by country of destination:

	2024 £	2023 £
UK	15,163,900	12,115,027
Rest of world	60,046,615	48,294,774
	<b>75,210,515</b>	<b>60,409,801</b>

**6. Group operating profit**

Group operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	636,307	566,490
Amortisation of intangible assets, including goodwill	684,365	12,195
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	471	1,980
Operating lease costs – land and buildings	281,422	293,626
Defined contribution pension cost	724,720	550,897
Unrealised gain on foreign exchange	(2,256,635)	(62,168)
Realised loss/(gain) on foreign exchange	619,481	(803,324)

**7. Auditor's remuneration**

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the company's auditor for the audit of the company's annual financial statements	<b>125,750</b>	<b>104,700</b>
	<b>125,750</b>	<b>104,700</b>
<b>Fees payable to the company's auditor in respect of:</b>		
Taxation services	45,150	40,000
Accountancy services	78,375	57,500
	<b>249,275</b>	<b>202,200</b>

The audit and non-audit fees for the current and prior year have been borne by the company on behalf of subsidiaries and certain joint ventures.

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**8. Employees**

Staff costs, including directors' remuneration, were as follows

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>14,776,982</b>	13,112,250
Social security costs	<b>1,606,267</b>	1,415,027
Pension costs	<b>724,720</b>	550,897
	<b><u>17,017,969</u></b>	<b><u>15,078,174</u></b>

Staff costs have been recharged by the company to other group companies in respect of services its staff provide to those companies.

The average monthly number of employees, including the directors, during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Management	<b>16</b>	14
A&R, Marketing & Operations	<b>153</b>	149
	<b><u>169</u></b>	<b><u>163</u></b>

**9. Directors' emoluments**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Directors' emoluments	<b>2,461,512</b>	2,563,698
Company pension contributions to pension schemes on behalf of current directors	<b><u>112,953</u></b>	<u>95,286</u>
	<b><u>2,574,465</u></b>	<b><u>2,658,984</u></b>

During the year, retirement benefits were accruing to 5 directors in respect of defined contribution pension schemes (2023 - 5).

**Emoluments of highest paid director:**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Emoluments	<b>496,692</b>	535,149
Company pension contributions to pension schemes	<b><u>23,378</u></b>	<u>7,378</u>
	<b><u>520,070</u></b>	<b><u>542,527</u></b>

**10. Share of results of joint ventures**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net share of operating profit/(loss) of joint ventures	<b><u>2,686,442</u></b>	<b><u>3,487,978</u></b>

The share of operating profit/(loss) of joint ventures relates to:

- Remote Control Records Pty Limited: (£8,899) (2023 - (£38,687))
- Matador Recordings LLC: (£163,965) (2023 - £10,154)
- Matador Records Limited: £160,781 (2023 - (£10,716))
- Mattitude Music LLC: £155,414 (2023 - £NIL)
- Popstock Distribuciones S. L.: £146,552 (2023 - £10,686)
- XL Recordings Limited: £2,994,187 (2023 - £4,205,994)
- Rough Trade Records Limited: (£583,021) (2023 - (£689,453))
- Mowax Labels Limited: £5,030 (2023 - £NIL)
- Rough Trade Retail Holdings Limited: (£19,637) (2023 - £NIL)

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**11. Interest receivable and similar income**

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,122,213	199,629
Other similar interest receivable	<u>41,600</u>	<u>7,019</u>
	<u><b>1,163,813</b></u>	<u><b>206,648</b></u>

**12. Interest payable and similar charges**

	2024 £	2023 £
Other interest payable	<u><b>14,673</b></u>	<u>-</u>

**13. Taxation**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Corporation tax</b>		
Current tax on profits for the year	1,490,959	524,591
Double taxation relief	(38,777)	(18,435)
Group taxation relief	<u>(5,371)</u>	<u>845</u>
	<u><b>1,446,811</b></u>	<u><b>507,001</b></u>
Foreign tax for current year	<u><b>725,438</b></u>	<u><b>486,334</b></u>
<b>Total current tax</b>	<u><b>2,172,249</b></u>	<u><b>993,335</b></u>
<b>Deferred tax</b>		
Capital gains and losses	(26,250)	-
Fixed asset timing differences	(167,107)	8,125
Tax losses	-	7,383
<b>Total deferred tax</b>	<u><b>(193,357)</b></u>	<u><b>15,508</b></u>
<b>Tax on profit on ordinary activities</b>	<u><b>1,978,892</b></u>	<u><b>1,008,843</b></u>

**Factors affecting tax charge for the year**

The tax assessed for the year is lower than (2023 – lower than) the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (2023 – 25% and 19%). The differences are explained below:

Profit on ordinary activities before tax	<u><b>11,741,564</b></u>	<u><b>7,019,031</b></u>
Profit on ordinary activities multiplied by standard rate of corporation tax in the UK of 25% (US - 21%) (2023 – 25% and 19% (US - 21%))	<u><b>2,935,391</b></u>	<u><b>1,650,876</b></u>
<b>Effects of:</b>		
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	227,026	110,032
Non-taxable income	(1,335,824)	(817,860)
Marginal relief	-	(501)
Chargeable gains	(26,248)	-
Remeasurement of deferred tax for changes in tax rates	2,837	912
Unprovided deferred tax movements	(1,242)	96
Differences in tax rates	<u><b>176,952</b></u>	<u><b>65,288</b></u>
<b>Total tax charge for the year</b>	<u><b>1,978,892</b></u>	<u><b>1,008,843</b></u>

**Factors that may affect future tax charges**

There are no factors that affect future tax charges.



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**14. Dividends**

The following dividends have been paid in the year:

	2024 £	2023 £
Dividends paid	<u>5,000,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**15. Intangible fixed assets**

**Group**

	Goodwill £	Negative Goodwill £	Catalogue £	Software £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	1,896,590	-	76,754	1,192,420	3,165,764
Additions	-	-	-	2,846	2,846
Acquisition of subsidiary	-	(51,736,953)	136,759,733	-	85,022,780
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>1,896,590</u>	<u>(51,736,953)</u>	<u>136,836,487</u>	<u>1,195,266</u>	<u>88,191,390</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	1,896,590	-	47,329	1,105,473	3,049,392
Charge for the year	-	(341,555)	1,007,344	18,576	684,365
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>1,896,590</u>	<u>(341,555)</u>	<u>1,054,673</u>	<u>1,124,049</u>	<u>3,733,757</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>(51,395,398)</u>	<u>135,781,814</u>	<u>71,217</u>	<u>84,457,633</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,425</u>	<u>86,947</u>	<u>116,372</u>

**Company**

	Software £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2024	1,192,420
Additions	2,846
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>1,195,266</u>
<b>Amortisation</b>	
At 1 January 2024	1,105,473
Charge for the year	18,576
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>1,124,049</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>71,217</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>86,947</u>

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16. Tangible fixed assets

Group	Freehold land and buildings £	Leasehold property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	15,035,030	2,254,228	2,558,850	264,769	20,112,877
Foreign exchange	180,099	2,145	8,593	-	190,837
Additions	1,908,445	1,053	227,801	-	2,137,299
Acquisition of subsidiary	6,498,252	700,000	322,734	43,416	7,564,402
Disposals	-	-	(60,451)	(84,963)	(145,414)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>23,621,826</b>	<b>2,957,426</b>	<b>3,057,527</b>	<b>223,222</b>	<b>29,860,001</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	2,523,856	368,651	2,257,119	264,459	5,414,085
Foreign exchange	25,104	783	8,983	-	34,870
Charge for the year	385,891	47,687	194,696	8,033	636,307
Disposals	-	-	(59,980)	(84,963)	(144,943)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>2,934,851</b>	<b>417,121</b>	<b>2,400,818</b>	<b>187,529</b>	<b>5,940,319</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>20,686,975</b>	<b>2,540,305</b>	<b>656,709</b>	<b>35,693</b>	<b>23,919,682</b>
At 31 December 2023	12,511,174	1,885,577	301,731	310	14,698,792
<b>Company</b>					
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	2,526,678	2,109,230	1,655,538	196,894	6,488,340
Additions	1,881,787	-	149,702	-	2,031,489
Disposals	-	-	(44,784)	-	(44,784)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>4,408,465</b>	<b>2,109,230</b>	<b>1,760,456</b>	<b>196,894</b>	<b>8,475,045</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2024	420,349	315,769	1,524,992	196,894	2,458,004
Charge for the year	62,192	41,540	78,266	-	181,998
Disposals	-	-	(44,784)	-	(44,784)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>482,541</b>	<b>357,309</b>	<b>1,558,474</b>	<b>196,894</b>	<b>2,595,218</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>3,925,924</b>	<b>1,751,921</b>	<b>201,982</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,879,827</b>
At 31 December 2023	2,106,329	1,793,461	130,546	-	4,030,336

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**17. Investment properties**

<b>Group</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2024	450,000
Revaluation	(105,000)
Acquisition of subsidiary	5,295,896
At 31 December 2024	<u>5,640,896</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>5,640,896</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>450,000</u>

One of the investment properties was valued on an open market basis as at 31 December 2024 by an external valuer who is appropriately qualified to value a property of this type.

The remaining investment property was valued on an open market basis as at 31 December 2024 by Neela Ebbett (director).

The historic cost of the investment properties included at valuation is £5,460,856.

<b>Company</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2024	450,000
Revaluation	(105,000)
At 31 December 2024	<u>345,000</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<u>345,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>450,000</u>

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**18. Investments**

<b>Group</b>	<b>Joint ventures £</b>	<b>Other £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2024	30,537,148	2,442,751	32,979,899
Additions	-	212,409	212,409
Derecognition on acquisition of subsidiary	(26,851,224)	-	(26,851,224)
Acquisition of subsidiary	795,644	178,207	973,851
Share of results of joint ventures	(2,760,021)	-	(2,760,021)
Revaluation	-	(217,660)	(217,660)
Foreign exchange	7,763	8,019	15,782
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b><u>1,729,310</u></b>	<b><u>2,623,726</u></b>	<b><u>4,353,036</u></b>
<b>Impairment</b>			
At 1 January 2024	-	418,383	418,383
Charge for the year	-	18,000	18,000
Foreign exchange	-	1,162	1,162
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>437,545</u></b>	<b><u>437,545</u></b>
<b>Net book value</b>			
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b><u>1,729,310</u></b>	<b><u>2,186,181</u></b>	<b><u>3,915,491</u></b>
At 31 December 2023	<u>30,537,148</u>	<u>2,024,368</u>	<u>32,561,516</u>

Included in other fixed asset investments are working capital loans that are considered to be interest-free and repayable on demand. However, the directors have no current intention of recalling the loans.

The share of assets of joint ventures in a net asset position (including unamortised goodwill) is £1,729,310 and joint ventures in a net liabilities position (including unamortised goodwill) is £5,406,465 (note 24).

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**18. Investments (continued)**

The following table shows the total joint venture position:

	<b>Joint ventures</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Group joint ventures</b>	
<b>Share of net assets/(liabilities)/cost</b>	
At 1 January 2024	26,180,407
Share of retained profit for the year	2,768,439
Dividends paid	(5,000,000)
Other profit and loss reserve movements in joint ventures	(717,121)
Transfer of investments to loans	(161,221)
Derecognition on acquisition of subsidiary	(26,851,224)
Acquisition of subsidiary	(123,859)
Foreign currency translation movements	22,431
	<b>(3,882,148)</b>
<b>Goodwill</b>	
At 1 January 2024	286,990
Amortisation	(81,997)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>204,993</b>
<b>Net book value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>(3,677,155)</b>
At 31 December 2023	<b>26,467,397</b>

**Subsidiaries**

The company controls more than 50% of the issued share capital of the following companies (directly and indirectly) which have been consolidated for the year to 31 December 2024.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nature of business</b>	<b>Country of incorporation</b>	<b>Class of shares held</b>	<b>Effective holding</b>
Beggars Group Media Limited <sup>1</sup>	Licensing of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	76%
Beggars UK Limited <sup>1</sup>	Wholesale promotion and marketing	England and Wales	Ordinary	76%
Too Pure Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	76%
Beggars Group Holding (USA) Inc. <sup>2</sup>	Holding company	United States of America	Ordinary	100%
Beggars Group (USA) Inc. <sup>2</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	United States of America	Ordinary	100%
Beggars Capital LLC <sup>2</sup>	Property holding company	United States of America	Ordinary	100%
Beggars Group Digital Limited <sup>1</sup>	Management and exploitation of digital rights	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
4AD Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	100%
Playlouderecordings Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	76%
Bidcall Limited (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Holding company	England and Wales	Ordinary	75%

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**18. Investments (continued)**

**Subsidiaries (continued)**

XL Recordings Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	51%
XL Recordings (USA) Inc. (indirect) <sup>2</sup>	Property holding	United States of America	Ordinary	51%
Young Recordings Limited (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	26%
Young Space Ltd (indirect) <sup>10</sup>	Property investment for office and recording studio use	England and Wales	Ordinary	45%
New Young Space Ltd (indirect) <sup>10</sup>	Property operations for office and recording studio use	England and Wales	Ordinary	18%
Beggars Music Limited (indirect) <sup>9</sup>	Music publishing	England and Wales	Ordinary	51%
Beggars Catalogues LLP (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Music publishing	England and Wales	Ordinary	51%
4AD Songs Limited (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Music publishing	England and Wales	Ordinary	44.6%
Young Music Publishing Limited (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Music publishing	England and Wales	Ordinary	51%

On 1 October 2024, Beggars Group Limited acquired 5 ordinary shares of nominal value of £0.01 each in XL Recordings Limited for consideration of £2,600,000 from the other shareholder. This resulted in the shareholding held by Beggars Group Limited increasing to 51%, taking the relationship with XL Recordings Limited from joint venture to subsidiary.

On 1 October 2024, XL Recordings Limited acquired 5 ordinary shares of nominal value £1 each in Young Recordings Limited for consideration of £200,000 from the other shareholder. This resulted in the shareholding held by XL Recordings Limited increasing to 51%, taking the relationship with Young Recordings Limited from joint venture to subsidiary.

On 25 October 2024, XL Recordings Limited acquired the remaining 10% share of the business and assets of Beggars Catalogues LLP. This resulted in the company being the sole member of the LLP. Subsequent to the balance sheet date, on 1 July 2025, the LLP was dissolved via voluntary strike-off.

On 25 October 2024, XL Recordings Limited acquired the remaining 30 ordinary shares of nominal value £1 each in Beggars Music Limited for consideration of £443,019. This resulted in the shareholding held by XL Recordings Limited increasing to 100%.

**Associates and joint ventures**

Remote Control Records Pty Limited <sup>3</sup>	Promotion and marketing of sound recordings	Australia	Ordinary	50%
Popstock Distribuciones S.L. <sup>4</sup>	Distribution of sound recordings	Spain	Ordinary	50%
Everlasting Records S.L. (indirect) <sup>4</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	Spain	Ordinary	50%
Matador Recordings LLC <sup>2</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	United States of America	Ordinary	50%
Matador Records Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	50%
Mowax Labels Limited (indirect) <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	25.5%
Rough Trade Records Limited <sup>1</sup>	Production and exploitation of sound recordings	England and Wales	Ordinary	50%
Mattitude Music LLC <sup>2</sup>	Music publishing	United States of America	Ordinary	50%

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**18. Investments (continued)**

**Associates and joint ventures (continued)**

Independent Distribution Cooperative LLC <sup>5</sup>	Negotiation and execution of one or more physical distribution agreements	United States of America	Ordinary	20%
Rough Trade Retail Holdings Limited (indirect) <sup>6</sup>	Holding company	England and Wales	Ordinary	17.3%
Rough Trade Retail (UK) Limited (indirect) <sup>6</sup>	Retailing of music records and related merchandise	England and Wales	Ordinary	17.3%
Rough Trade Retail (USA) Holdings, Inc. (indirect) <sup>8</sup>	Holding company	United States of America	Ordinary	18.9%
Rough Trade Retail LLC (indirect) <sup>8</sup>	Retail sale of music	United States of America	Ordinary	14.8%
Rough Trade Retail Germany <sup>11</sup>	Retail sale of music	Germany	Ordinary	13.8%
Rise Bristol Limited <sup>7</sup>	Retail sale of music	England and Wales	Ordinary	17.3%

**Registered office**

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<sup>9</sup> Elsley Court, 20-22 Great Titchfield Street, London, W1W 8BE

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**18. Investments (continued)**

Company	Subsidiary companies	Associated undertakings and joint ventures	Other fixed asset investments	Loans	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024	2,243,118	2,845,023	445,586	1,514,231	7,047,958
Additions	2,613,760	-	212,409	-	2,826,169
Disposals	-	(760)	-	-	(760)
Transfers	-	(377,142)	-	-	(377,142)
Foreign exchange	-	-	-	12,049	12,049
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>4,856,878</b>	<b>2,467,121</b>	<b>657,995</b>	<b>1,526,280</b>	<b>9,508,274</b>
<b>Amounts provided</b>					
At 1 January 2024	1,764	291,156	310,000	-	602,920
Charge for the year	-	-	18,000	-	18,000
Disposals	-	(216,681)	-	-	(216,681)
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>1,764</b>	<b>74,475</b>	<b>328,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>404,239</b>
<b>Net book value</b>					
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>4,855,114</b>	<b>2,392,646</b>	<b>329,995</b>	<b>1,526,280</b>	<b>9,104,035</b>
At 31 December 2023	2,241,354	2,553,867	135,586	1,514,231	6,445,038

Included in fixed asset investments are working capital loans that are considered to be interest-free and repayable on demand. However, the directors have no current intention of recalling the loans.

**19. Stocks**

	Group		Company	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	<u>2,625,093</u>	<u>2,010,987</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There is no material difference between the balance sheet value of the stocks and their replacement cost.

**20. Debtors**

	Group		Company	
	2024 £	2023 £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Due after more than one year</b>				
Other debtors	<u>30,795</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>30,795</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>				
Trade debtors	16,408,165	15,962,017	65,418	59,552
Amounts owed by subsidiary undertakings	-	-	28,002,217	34,308,724
Amounts owed by associated undertakings and joint ventures	12,612,310	9,387,662	11,144,683	9,237,662
Other debtors	9,765,851	3,850,952	2,304,248	652,868
Tax recoverable	-	323,407	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	791,625	590,010	561,387	390,408
	<u>39,608,746</u>	<u>30,114,048</u>	<u>42,077,953</u>	<u>44,649,214</u>



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**21. Cash and cash equivalents**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	<b><u>69,781,584</u></b>	<b><u>44,935,163</u></b>	<b><u>8,480,222</u></b>	<b><u>12,197,380</u></b>

**22. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trade creditors	<b>3,987,234</b>	2,666,122	<b>451,216</b>	99,375
Amounts owed to subsidiary undertakings	-	-	<b>29,641,683</b>	1,791,266
Amounts owed to joint ventures	<b>2,760,550</b>	32,246,092	<b>2,760,550</b>	32,246,092
Corporation tax	<b>1,388,339</b>	-	-	73,603
Other taxation and social security	<b>2,663,024</b>	666,504	<b>562,153</b>	603,355
Other creditors	<b>4,726,805</b>	5,497,153	<b>22,426</b>	24,045
Accruals and deferred income	<b>16,519,948</b>	3,677,399	<b>456,115</b>	406,347
	<b><u>32,045,900</u></b>	<b><u>44,753,270</u></b>	<b><u>33,894,143</u></b>	<b><u>35,244,083</u></b>

**23. Financial instruments**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Financial assets measured at fair value through the profit or loss	<b><u>69,781,584</u></b>	<b><u>44,935,163</u></b>	<b><u>8,480,222</u></b>	<b><u>12,197,380</u></b>

Financial assets measured at fair value through the profit or loss comprise cash at bank and in hand.

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**24. Provisions for liabilities**

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Share of net liabilities of joint ventures	<b>5,406,465</b>	4,069,751	-	-
Deferred tax	<b>35,101,774</b>	465,433	<b>495,838</b>	465,433
Provision carried forward	<b>40,508,239</b>	4,535,184	<b>495,838</b>	465,433

**Share of net liabilities of joint ventures**

See note 18 for movements on the provision for share of liabilities of joint ventures.

In 2024, the share of liabilities in joint ventures arose on the holdings in Rough Trade Records Limited, Matador Records Limited and Mowax Labels Limited (2023 - Rough Trade Records Limited and Matador Records Limited).

**Deferred taxation**

	<b>Group</b>	<b>Company</b>
	<b>Deferred tax</b>	<b>Deferred tax</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
At 1 January 2024	465,433	465,433
Charged to the profit and loss account	(193,357)	30,405
On acquisition	34,829,698	-
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>35,101,774</b>	<b>495,838</b>

	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Capital gains and losses	<b>45,010</b>	71,260	<b>45,010</b>	71,260
Fixed asset timing differences	<b>35,056,764</b>	394,173	<b>450,828</b>	394,173
	<b>35,101,774</b>	465,433	<b>495,838</b>	465,433

**25. Share capital**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Company</b>				
<b>Allotted, called up and fully paid:</b>				
Ordinary 'A' shares of £1.00 each	<b>198</b>	198	<b>198</b>	198
Preferred 'C' shares of £1.00 each	<b>2</b>	2	<b>2</b>	2
	<b>200</b>	200	<b>200</b>	200

There are no differences in rights assigned to 'A' and 'C' class shares and they rank pari passu. There are no restrictions on the distribution of dividends and the repayment of capital.

**26. Reserves**

**Revaluation reserve**

The revaluation reserve arises from revaluations to fair value in respect of investment properties held by the company and group.

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**27. Commitments under operating leases**

At 31 December 2024, the group and company had future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

<b>Land and buildings</b>	<b>Group</b>		<b>Company</b>	
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Not later than one year	<b>157,824</b>	232,023	-	76,500
Later than one year and not later than five years	<b>9,565</b>	219,801	-	210,375
	<b><u>167,389</u></b>	<b><u>451,824</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>286,875</u></b>

**28. Pension commitments**

The group makes payments into personal pension plans and operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the group to the personal pension plans and defined contribution pension scheme.

Contributions paid by the group for the year amounted to £724,720 (2023 - £550,897) There were no contributions payable at the balance sheet date (2023 - £NIL).

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**29. Business combinations**

On 1 October 2024, Beggars Group Limited acquired 5 ordinary shares of nominal value of £0.01 each in XL Recordings Limited for consideration of £2,600,000 from the other shareholder. This resulted in the shareholding held by Beggars Group Limited increasing to 51%, taking the relationship with XL Recordings Limited from joint venture to subsidiary.

**Acquisition of XL Recordings Limited and its subsidiary companies**

**Recognised amounts of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed**

	<b>Book value £</b>	<b>Fair value adjustments £</b>	<b>Fair value £</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible	5,374,490	2,189,912	<b>7,564,402</b>
Intangible	6,075,924	130,683,809	<b>136,759,733</b>
Investment property	5,295,896	-	<b>5,295,896</b>
Investments	54,335	-	<b>54,335</b>
	<b>16,800,645</b>	<b>132,873,721</b>	<b>149,674,366</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Stock	1,106,984	-	<b>1,106,984</b>
Debtors	28,514,328	-	<b>28,514,328</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	31,447,428	-	<b>31,447,428</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>77,869,385</b>	<b>132,873,721</b>	<b>210,743,106</b>
<b>Creditors</b>			
Due within one year	(16,695,413)	-	<b>(16,695,413)</b>
Deferred tax provision	(1,919,933)	(32,909,765)	<b>(34,829,698)</b>
<b>Total identifiable net assets</b>	<b>59,254,039</b>	<b>99,963,956</b>	<b>159,217,995</b>
Non-controlling interests			<b>(78,016,818)</b>
Negative goodwill			<b>(51,736,953)</b>
<b>Total purchase consideration</b>			<b>29,464,224</b>
<b>Consideration</b>			<b>£</b>
Cash			<b>2,613,000</b>
Derecognition of cumulative investment in joint ventures (note 18)			<b>26,851,224</b>
			<b>29,464,224</b>
<b>Cash inflow/(outflow) on acquisition</b>			<b>£</b>
Purchase consideration settled in cash, as above			<b>(2,613,000)</b>
Cash acquired upon acquisition			<b>31,447,428</b>
<b>Net cash inflow on acquisition</b>			<b>28,834,428</b>

The contribution by the acquired business for the reporting period since acquisition was revenue of £21,818,109 and profits of £5,240,068.

Upon acquisition, the business had net assets with a book value of £59,254,039. Intangible assets relating to the acquired catalogue and certain freehold and leasehold properties within tangible fixed assets were identified and their fair values in excess of book value were measured at £130,683,809 and £2,189,912 respectively, along with the recognition of associated deferred tax liabilities. These adjustments contribute towards the negative goodwill recognised, which has been attributed a useful life mirroring that of the catalogue as well as the freehold and leasehold properties outlined above.

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**30. Transactions with directors**

During the year, the company and group had the following transactions and balances arising with entities in which the directors had a material interest:

Included in debtors at 31 December 2024 were loans amounting to £50,221 (2023 - £50,221) to the wife of a director, as well as other net transactions of £1,170 (2023 - £NIL) which were settled subsequent to the year-end. The loans are interest-free, unsecured and repayable on demand. The wife of a director uses the company's investment property disclosed in note 17 and pays no rent for this use.

During the year, £390,805 (2023 - £445,705) was paid to directors, either directly or through companies in which they had an interest, in respect of professional fees and consultancy services.

During the year, amounts were advanced to directors of £NIL (2023 - £2,500) and loans were repaid of £5,000 (2023 - £NIL). The directors' loan account balance at 31 December 2024 is £NIL (2023 - £5,000).

**31. Related party transactions**

**Group**

During the year, a subsidiary operated in a central processing role for certain joint venture undertakings relating to wholesale, promotional, marketing and production services. Sales of £15,307,622 (2023 - £12,106,790) and production costs of £8,941,093 (2023 - £7,478,717) were passed through the subsidiary and transferred out at the year end.

During the year, a subsidiary operated in a central processing role for certain joint venture undertakings relating to the contracting of digital rights. Sales of £43,102,978 (2023 - £41,765,390) and production costs of £120,204 (2023 - £298,889) were passed through the subsidiary and transferred out at the year end.

During the year, a subsidiary operated in a central processing role for certain joint venture undertakings relating to the licensing of sound recordings. Sales of £9,015,260 (2023 - £8,080,624) and production costs of £392,906 (2023 - £303,136) were passed through the company and transferred out at the year end.

Two of the joint ventures referenced in the above paragraphs became subsidiaries in the year, see notes 18 and 29 for details.

Management charges receivable by Beggars Group Limited and a subsidiary for services during the year to certain joint ventures amounted to £6,262,360 (2023 - £7,859,934).

During the year, net distribution income of £13,726,517 (2023 - £16,566,994) was paid by a subsidiary in respect of US sales less actual cost of sales and overheads to certain joint ventures.

At the balance sheet date, the group was owed £8,967,947 (2023 - (£22,416,871 owed to)) from joint ventures. Beggars Group Limited holds fixed and floating charges over the assets of one of the joint venture undertakings in respect of the balances due from that company.

During the year, payments were made to an overseas joint venture of Beggars Group Limited of £332,119 (2023 - £85,652) in respect of commission. Other net trade transactions of £309,166 (2023 - £49,760) were also made by the group to overseas joint ventures. In addition, amounts of £377,142 were transferred from fixed asset investments to loans. At the balance sheet date, amounts totalling £824,515 (2023 - £470,326) were owed to the group. A provision for bad and doubtful debts of £578,103 (2023 - £194,734) was recognised against the balance at year-end.

During the year, the group incurred rental costs from a subsidiary of a joint venture of £56,304 (2023 - £57,902). Other net trade transactions of £393,718 (2023 - £378,125) were also made by the group to subsidiaries of a joint venture. At the balance sheet date, the total balance due to the group was £16,264 (2023 - £35,416). These entities became indirect subsidiaries of the parent as part of the transactions detailed in notes 18 and 29.

During the year, the group advanced loans to a joint venture of £25,000 (2023 - £100,000). Other net transactions were made of £5,744 (2023 - £12,716). At the balance sheet date, £193,460 (2023 - £162,716) was owed to the group from the joint venture.

During the year, Beggars Group Limited purchased freehold property from an entity of which a director is a trustee and beneficiary. Consideration of £1,680,950 was paid in respect of this purchase. Prior to the purchase, rent of £57,375 (2023 - £76,500) was charged by the same entity.

Other than as disclosed within directors' emoluments at note 9, there was no remuneration in relation to key management personnel in the current or prior year.

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**31. Related parties (continued)**

**Company**

Other than the transactions disclosed above, the company's related party transactions with wholly owned subsidiaries have not been disclosed in accordance with Section 33 of FRS 102. Related party transactions with subsidiaries that are not wholly owned were as follows:

During the year, management charges of £1,557,115 (2023 - £433,471) were receivable by Beggars Group Limited from certain subsidiaries. At the balance sheet date, net amounts of £21,981,731 were owed to these subsidiaries (2023 - £1,280,767 owed from), this reflects the two entities that became subsidiaries during the year as covered in notes 18 and 29. A provision for bad and doubtful debts of £1,521,168 (2023 - £1,535,850) was recognised in respect of the balances due from subsidiaries not wholly owned.

**32. Controlling party**

The company is controlled by MM Settlement trust. The directors do not consider there to be one ultimate controlling party.