



MILLENNIUM & COPTHORNE HOTELS PLC
INTERIM MANAGEMENT STATEMENT
Third quarter and nine months results to 30 September 2008

Highlights for the 3 months:

- **RevPAR:** 9.2% quarter-on-quarter growth (4.0% on a constant currency basis)
- **Revenue:** up 8.3% overall, hotel revenue up 8.6%
- **Headline profit before tax**, excluding other operating income, increased by 4.2% to £30.0m
- **Headline earnings per share remains** unchanged at 6.5 pence
- **Hotel operating profit:** increased by 0.9% to £35.1m; Hotel gross operating profit up 7.9% to £ 65.7m
- **Property operations:** recorded a loss of £0.7m compared with a profit of £0.3m in 2007
- **Strong operating cash generation**

Highlights for the 9 months:

- **RevPAR:** 9.1% growth (5.7% on a constant currency basis)
- **Revenue:** up 6.1% overall, hotel revenue up 7.9%
- **Headline profit before tax**, excluding other operating income, increased by 7.4% to £88.4m
- **Headline earnings per share** increased by 8.4% to 19.4 pence
- **Hotel operating profit:** £102.0m, up 8.9%; Hotel gross operating profit up 9.1% to £191.7m
- **Property operations:** recorded a loss of £0.9m compared with a profit of £4.8m in 2007
- **Strong balance sheet and gearing of 16.5%. Interest cover up at 11.7 times from 8.1 times in 2007**

Note: unless otherwise stated all figures above are expressed in reported currency

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Analyst briefing

There will be a conference call hosted by Richard Hartman, Chief Executive Officer, at 9.00am (UK time) on 6 November. For dial-in details, please contact Camilla Barnardt on +44 (0) 20 7466 5000.

REVIEW AND OUTLOOK

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Financial Performance – nine months

For the period to 30 September 2008 headline profit before tax, the Group's measure of underlying profit before tax, increased by 7.4% from £82.3m to £88.4m and headline operating profit increased by 3.8% from £98.0m to £101.7m. Both these measures have been helped by currency effects of £2.6m and £3.0m respectively but have been impacted by the poor performance of the property operations, in particular those relating to the Australasia region where the real estate market continues to remain soft. Group property revenue fell by £7.8m resulting in a fall in profit of £5.7m.

Headline earnings per share were up 8.4% at 19.4p (2007: 17.9p).

Hotel reported revenue was £507.0m or 7.9% higher than the 2007 revenue of £469.9m. Hotel revenue, at constant rates of exchange, grew by £20.8m or 4.3% with the impact of strong demand in Singapore and New York being offset by slower growth in Regional UK and New Zealand and the planned refurbishment hotels in Boston and Chicago.

Group RevPAR for the nine months increased by 5.7% to £56.32 and average room rate grew by 8.8% to £78.00, both at constant rates of exchange, with Group occupancies falling by 2.1 percentage points. Hotel gross operating profit increased by 9.1% to £191.7m (2007: £175.7m) and gross operating margin improved 0.4 percentage points to 37.8% (2007: 37.4%).

Developments

The Group has signed eight management contracts in the Middle East, with seven in the United Arab Emirates and one in Kuwait during the first nine months. These properties are due to open between 2009 and 2011 and account for almost 2,300 additional rooms. This brings the number of rooms in the Group's worldwide pipeline to 4,555 (17 hotels). The pipeline numbers include the Millennium Hotel Wuxi in China and the Copthorne Hotel Sheffield, with 307 rooms and 158 rooms respectively, both of which are due to open shortly.

Disposal of CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited

On 24 June 2008, M&C announced the proposed disposal of CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited ("CDL Korea"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of M&C with one principal asset, the Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel. Completion of the proposed disposal was expected to take place on 30 September 2008 or such other date as the parties may agree. On 19 September 2008 M&C announced that given the current difficult credit markets, the prospective buyer had asked for an extension of the completion date to 30 November 2008 whilst it finalises the terms of its financing arrangements. M&C and the buyer have agreed that the completion date be amended to 28 November 2008. In addition, the buyer agreed to irrevocably forfeit in favour of CDL Korea the 10% non-refundable deposit of KRW58bn (£28.8m) paid to CDL Korea on 24 June 2008. The buyer also paid KRW0.5bn each on 24 October and 31 October 2008 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the sale and purchase of the CDL Korea shares. Assuming that completion takes place on the new completion date, M&C will receive KRW10 billion more than originally anticipated.

Kwek Leng Beng
Chairman
5 November 2008

Third quarter and nine months 2008 results

£ millions	Three months ended 30 September 2008	Three months ended 30 September 2007	Nine months ended 30 September 2008	Nine months ended 30 September 2007
Revenue	173.9	160.6	512.3	483.0
Operating profit	32.7	41.0	97.2	103.4
Headline operating profit	34.1	34.3	101.7	98.0
Profit before tax	29.4	37.8	89.7	93.0
Less:				
Other operating income of the Group ¹	-	(2.0)	(1.3)	(3.4)
Other operating income of joint ventures and associates ²	0.6	(7.0)	-	(7.3)
Headline profit before tax ³	30.0	28.8	88.4	82.3
Profit for the period	20.0	28.9	65.3	87.3
Basic earnings per share (pence)	6.3p	9.4p	19.9p	27.4p
Headline earnings per share (pence) ³	6.5p	6.5p	19.4p	17.9p
Net debt			250.3	247.6
Gearing (%)			16.5%	18.6%

Notes

¹ The other operating income of the Group for the period ended 30 September 2008 of £1.3m represents a gain arising on the acquisition of 1.57% of Hong Leong Hotel Development Limited (Taiwan) following the Group's acquisition of the shares at a discount to fair value (negative goodwill). The acquisition now takes the Group's interest in HLHDL to 81.57%. The other operating income for the period ended 30 September 2007 comprises a £2.0m gain on dilution on investment in CDLHT; release of a £1.0m property tax provision set aside on the acquisition of Regal Hotels in 1999; and a £0.4m profit on sale of stapled securities in CDLHT.

² The 2007 other operating income of joint ventures and associates solely comprises of fair value adjustments to CDLHT investment property following valuation of its investment property portfolio. A similar valuation exercise for 2008 will take place in quarter four of 2008.

³ The Group believes that headline operating profit, headline profit before tax and headline earnings per share provide useful and necessary information on underlying trends to shareholders, the investment community and are used by the Group for internal performance analysis. Reconciliation of these measures to the closest equivalent GAAP measures are shown in notes 6 and 9 to the interim management statement.

Third quarter overview

For the third quarter to 30 September 2008, headline profit before tax, the Group's measure of underlying profit before tax, increased by 4.2% from £28.8m to £30.0m and headline operating profit decreased by 0.6% to £34.1m (2007: £34.3m). Both these measures have been helped by currency effect by £0.9m and £1.4m respectively but have been impacted by the poor performance of the property operations which recorded a £1.0m decline in profit.

Summary of nine months performance

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PERFORMANCE BY REGION

For comparability, the following regional review is based on calculations in constant currency whereby 30 September 2007 average room rate and RevPAR have been translated at average exchange rates for the nine months ended 30 September 2008.

The Group's gateway cities of London, New York and Singapore continue to show good positive growth in the year to date. Of the Group's six main geographic regions, Regional US was the only one to see a decline in RevPAR, with the impact of the planned refurbishment driving that shortfall. Growth in the other regions has been marginal, and New Zealand would be negative were it not for the renovated Copthorne Wellington Oriental Bay. The resultant RevPAR has still grown by 5.7% to £56.32 (2007: £53.29) which is due in no small part to the Group's diversified global portfolio.

- **UNITED STATES**

New York

RevPAR increased by 5.6% to £130.38 (2007: £123.46 at constant rates of exchange). Rate continues to remain the primary driver of this increase, with all three hotels posting a combined average rate of £151.43, a 5.4% increase (2007: £143.73). Overall occupancy showed a small increase of 0.2 percentage points, arising from an increased occupancy at the Millennium Broadway offset by lower occupancies at our other two New York properties. The benefits of this continued rate driven strategy was to drive gross operating profit margins up 0.7 percentage points to 38.1% (2007: 37.4%).

There are signs in October that New York is starting to feel the impact of the current worldwide economic crisis. Bookings have started to trend towards the shorter term and there has been a certain amount of price sensitivity in the conference and banqueting business. The Millennium Hilton has seen the greatest impact due to its exposure to the banking sector. This was offset in the last quarter by robust business in September arising from the UN general assembly.

Regional US

RevPAR fell by 6.2% to £32.98 (2007: £35.16). This was primarily due to two major renovation projects at the Millennium Bostonian Hotel Boston and the Millennium Knickerbocker Hotel Chicago, with a combined room count loss of just over 68,000 room nights. Excluding both these properties from 2007 and 2008 statistics would have resulted in a RevPAR increase of 2.3% to £32.01 (2007: £31.29), driven by a 6.1% increase in rate to £49.24 (2007: £46.43) and a fall in occupancy of 2.4 percentage points to 65.0.

Growth across the remainder of the region has been uneven, ranging from double-digit growth to double-digit decline.

- **EUROPE**

London

RevPAR increased by 5.9% to £85.57 (2007: £80.77). This was driven by a 7.2% increase in average rate to £101.51 (2007: £94.69) but at the expense of a 1.0 percentage point fall in occupancy to 84.3% (2007: 85.3%). Average rate drove this growth at four of the properties, and occupancy at the fifth.

Average Rate growth was driven by contracted corporate individual and group segments. Occupancy displaced in lower valued market segments was replaced with increased demand in leisure packages and promotions. London related special events such as Farnborough Airshow, ATEI and Wimbledon contributed to the rate gains for this period. However, demand for the Corporate Group and leisure tour group segments continues to remain tepid.

Rest of Europe

RevPAR increased by 1.5% to £56.36 (2007: £55.52). Occupancy fell by 1.0 percentage points, but the average rate increased by 2.9% to £78.93 (2007: £76.69).

Regional UK

Demand remains weak throughout the region and nine out of the eleven properties experienced lower occupancy levels resulting in an overall decrease in occupancy of 4.1 percentage points. The average rate increased modestly by 1.4% to £73.04 (2007: £72.02). The resultant RevPAR fell by 3.9% to £54.12 (2007: £56.32).

The largest impact on the occupancy shortfall has been at the Gatwick Hotel where contract business has declined as a result of airlines relocating voluntarily away from Gatwick Airport or as a result of financial difficulties. The corporate and leisure markets have seen some fall off in demand, but with rate growth in the former but a decline in the latter.

France & Germany

RevPAR increased by 10.5% to £59.91 (2007: £54.22) driven by both increased average rate and occupancy. Occupancy increased by 4.0 percentage points to 67.1% (2007: 63.1%) while rate increased by 3.9% to £89.29 (2007: £85.93).

The Group's portfolio of four hotels in France and Germany is based on four very different business models making any generalisations about the market trends for the region a difficult proposition. However, the growth has all stemmed from Germany where new theatre productions at Stuttgart and trade fairs in Hannover have helped increase occupancy and rate at both properties.

- **ASIA**

RevPAR increased by 17.3% to £57.52 (2007: £49.05) driven by a 17.9% increase in average rate to £75.78 (2007: £64.29) and a small occupancy decline of 0.4 percentage points to 75.9%.

Singapore has continued to show strong growth with the third quarter helped by the inaugural Singapore F1 Grand Prix held in September. Year to date RevPAR has increased by 28.2% to £73.70 (2007: £57.47) driven by a 32.5% increase in average rate to £87.74 (2007: £66.21), offset by a fall in occupancy from 86.8% to 84.0%. The impact of the Grand Prix is quite marked, as after excluding these five days, RevPAR growth for the year is lower by 2.0% at 26.2%. In the quarter, RevPAR grew by 19.3% with the benefit of the Grand Prix, but only by 13.2% with those 5 days excluded for both years. The revenue growth was in part due to an additional levy made on all room rates by the Singapore government which had to be included in the gross rate. This also has an impact on the GOP margin as 100% of this additional charge is treated as a cost.

Rest of Asia

RevPAR increased by 6.0% to £45.29 (2007: £42.73). This was driven by occupancy increasing by 1.3 percentage points to 69.7%, and an increase in rate of 4.0% to £64.98 (2007: £62.47). This growth is the result of the refurbished Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur, and after excluding this property, the region actually showed a RevPAR decline of 2.5%.

The largest RevPAR shortfall in the region came from the Grand Hyatt Taipei due to less frequent individual traveller business, a soft economy and lower demand. This has been partially offset with additional leisure business albeit at a lower rate.

CDLHT

At 30 September 2008, the Group had a 38.8% interest in CDLHT, a Singapore-listed REIT for which it also acts as manager. Both our REIT management fee and share of profits increased by a combined 24.9% on the comparative nine month period (before last year's gain on disposal of stapled securities and property uplift). Included in the Other operating income – Share of joint venture and associates last year was a £7.3m fair value adjustment on valuation of its investment properties that has not been repeated in 2008 due to a change in timing of annual investment property valuations. The 2008 valuation will take place next quarter.

As at 30 September 2008 the share price of CDLHT was S\$0.86, for which the Group's 38.8% interest equates to a valuation of £105m. The net asset value of CDLHT at 30 September 2008 was S\$1.3 billion for which the Group's 38.8% interest equates to S\$504m (£191.5m).

• AUSTRALASIA

Hotels

RevPAR increased by 1.8% to £30.82 (2007: £30.27). This was achieved through a 5.0% increase in average rate to £46.63 (2007: £44.39) but with a 2.1 percentage point fall in occupancy to 66.1%. Much of this RevPAR growth comes from the Copthorne Hotel Wellington Oriental Bay, which underwent an extensive refurbishment last year.

The Group operates under three brands in New Zealand and in addition to the Millennium & Copthorne brands, there is also the Kingsgate brand which operates in the three star market. It is the Kingsgate brand which has shown the strongest improvements this year with RevPAR growth of 3.7% on a like for like basis. Lower international arrivals and the closure of 92 rooms at Copthorne Hotel, Lakefront, Queenstown impacted occupancy at the Copthorne Hotels.

Property Operations

In constant currency, profits from the Group's New Zealand land bank and sale of Zenith apartments in Sydney fell by £4.1m to £0.6m. This principally reflected the credit crunch and a slow down in the general property market conditions in New Zealand. The Group is currently letting out 53 of the 63 unsold Zenith apartments which helped reduce the year on year fall by £0.5m.

Taxation, excluding the tax relating to joint ventures and associates, the Group has recorded a tax expense of £24.4m (nine months ended 30 September 2007 a £5.7m tax expense and for the year ended 31 December 2007 a £2.1m tax credit). The estimated annual effective rate applied to profit before tax excluding the Group's share of joint ventures and associates profits is 30.0% (2007: 29.7% excluding the impact of tax credit adjustments arising from changes in tax legislation and tax rates). The 2007 income tax includes a tax credit of £17.6m comprising a change in UK tax legislation and reduction in tax rates. A tax charge of £1.1m (2007: £0.9m) relating to joint ventures and associates is included in the reported profit before tax.

Basic earnings per share reduced by 7.5p to 19.9p (2007: 27.4p). **Headline earnings per share** increased by 1.5p to 19.4p (2007: 17.9p). The table below reconciles basic earnings per share to headline earnings per share.

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 pence	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 pence
Reported basic earnings per share	19.9	27.4
Other operating income		
- Group	(0.5)	(1.0)
- Share of joint ventures and associates	-	(2.5)
Change in tax legislation on hotel tax allowances	-	(4.4)
Change in tax rates on opening deferred taxes	-	(1.6)
Headline earnings per share	19.4	17.9

Financial structure

Interest cover ratio, excluding share of results of joint ventures and associates and other operating income improved from 8.1 times in 2007 to 11.7 times in 2008. The reduction in net finance cost of £2.9m principally reflects £1.4m of exchange rate gain and lower cost of debt.

At 30 September 2008, the Group had £123.3m of undrawn and committed facilities available, comprising committed revolving credit facilities which provide the Group with the financial flexibility to draw and repay loans at will, and to react swiftly to investment opportunities. As at the date of this announcement, the Group also has £19.6m of uncommitted facilities.

The net book value of the Group's unencumbered properties as at 30 September 2008 was £1,719.9m (31 December 2007: £1,611.9m). At 30 September 2008 total borrowing amounted to £410.2m of which £60.2m was drawn under £87.3m of secured bank facilities.

Net proceeds from the proposed disposal of CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited is estimated at £185m (at an exchange rate of £1 to KRW 2,139.43 prevailing at 30 September 2008). It is intended that the proceeds from the aforementioned disposal will be applied for one or more of the following purposes:

- to pay down existing debt;
- to provide resources to invest in opportunities (including acquisitions) as they arise; and/or
- to earn income from the Group's increased cash resources.

Future funding

Of the total of £123.3m of undrawn and committed facilities reported above, £64.9m matures on 30 June 2009. However, in October 2008, the Group entered into a further US\$100m (approximately £54m) of undrawn and committed facility.

Consolidated income statement (unaudited) for the nine months ended 30 September 2008

	Notes	Three months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Three months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Revenue		173.9	160.6	512.3	483.0	669.6
Cost of sales		(70.3)	(65.4)	(209.4)	(201.1)	(284.8)
Gross profit		103.6	95.2	302.9	281.9	384.8
Administrative expenses		(73.8)	(65.2)	(215.5)	(197.2)	(271.7)
Other operating income	3	-	2.0	1.3	3.4	13.8
		29.8	32.0	88.7	88.1	126.9
Share of profit of joint ventures and associates		2.9	9.0	8.5	15.3	44.6
Analysed between:						
Operating profit before other income		4.3	4.3	14.3	13.3	20.1
Other operating (expense)/income		(0.6)	7.0	-	7.3	32.3
Interest, tax and minority interests	4	(0.8)	(2.3)	(5.8)	(5.3)	(7.8)
Operating profit		32.7	41.0	97.2	103.4	171.5
Analysed between:						
Headline operating profit	2, 9	34.1	34.3	101.7	98.0	140.2
Other operating income - Group	3	-	2.0	1.3	3.4	13.8
Other operating (expense)/income - Share of joint ventures and associates		(0.6)	7.0	-	7.3	32.3
Impairment (included within administrative expenses)		-	-	-	-	(7.0)
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	4	(0.8)	(2.3)	(5.8)	(5.3)	(7.8)
Finance income		2.1	2.5	11.2	7.0	12.3
Finance expense		(5.4)	(5.7)	(18.7)	(17.4)	(26.4)
Net finance expense		(3.3)	(3.2)	(7.5)	(10.4)	(14.1)
Profit before income tax		29.4	37.8	89.7	93.0	157.4
Income tax (expense)/credit	5	(9.4)	(8.9)	(24.4)	(5.7)	2.1
Profit for the period		20.0	28.9	65.3	87.3	159.5
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the parent		19.1	27.8	59.5	80.5	149.4
Minority interests		0.9	1.1	5.8	6.8	10.1
		20.0	28.9	65.3	87.3	159.5
Basic earnings per share (pence)	6	6.3p	9.4p	19.9p	27.4	50.7
Diluted earnings per share (pence)	6	6.3p	9.4p	19.9p	27.3	50.6

The financial results above all derive from continuing activities.

**Consolidated statement of recognised income and expense (unaudited)
for the nine months ended 30 September 2008**

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Foreign exchange translation differences	52.3	(8.3)	17.4
Actuarial (losses)/gains arising in respect of defined benefit pension schemes	-	(2.3)	0.7
Income tax on income and expense recognised directly in equity (Note 5)	-	3.1	2.6
Income and expense recognised directly in equity	52.3	(7.5)	20.7
Profit for the period	65.3	87.3	159.5
Total recognised income and expense for the period	117.6	79.8	180.2
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of the parent	109.1	68.9	162.7
Minority interests	8.5	10.9	17.5
Total recognised income and expense for the period	117.6	79.8	180.2

**Consolidated balance sheet (unaudited)
as at 30 September 2008**

	Notes	As at 30 September 2008 £m	As at 30 September 2007 £m	As at 31 December 2007 £m
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment		1,666.7	1,692.4	1,709.0
Lease premium prepayment		91.0	73.6	90.0
Investment properties		63.5	48.7	58.2
Investments in joint ventures and associates		291.3	181.0	247.6
Loans due from joint ventures and associates		7.4	5.1	5.4
Other financial assets		5.3	4.7	4.8
		2,125.2	2,005.5	2,115.0
Current assets				
Inventories		4.4	4.4	4.9
Development properties		73.9	72.5	69.6
Lease premium prepayment		1.3	1.2	1.1
Trade and other receivables		66.3	66.4	58.2
Other financial assets		-	6.3	9.1
Cash and cash equivalents		154.5	169.7	156.3
Assets classified as held for sale	10	129.9	-	-
		430.3	320.5	299.2
Total assets		2,555.5	2,326.0	2,414.2
Non-current liabilities				
Interest-bearing loans, bonds and borrowings		(303.4)	(266.8)	(304.1)
Employee benefits		(13.7)	(16.4)	(12.9)
Provisions		(0.9)	(1.1)	(1.0)
Other non-current liabilities		(93.3)	(88.7)	(90.9)
Deferred tax liabilities		(202.3)	(209.3)	(205.8)
		(613.6)	(582.3)	(614.7)
Current liabilities				
Interest-bearing loans, bonds and borrowings		(75.9)	(150.5)	(114.3)
Trade and other payables		(155.6)	(111.1)	(113.7)
Provisions		(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Income taxes payable		(16.3)	(20.4)	(17.4)
Liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale	10	(52.3)	-	-
		(300.4)	(282.4)	(245.8)
Total liabilities		(914.0)	(864.7)	(860.5)
Net assets		1,641.5	1,461.3	1,553.7
Equity				
Issued share capital		90.6	88.7	88.9
Share premium		847.6	849.0	848.8
Translation reserve		22.0	(49.9)	(27.6)
Retained earnings		558.6	441.8	513.4
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		1,518.8	1,329.6	1,423.5
Minority interests		122.7	131.7	130.2
Total equity	8	1,641.5	1,461.3	1,553.7

**Consolidated statement of cash flows (unaudited)
for the nine months ended 30 September 2008**

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Cash flows from operating activities			
Profit for the period	65.3	87.3	159.5
<i>Adjustments for:</i>			
Depreciation and amortisation	21.8	21.4	28.7
Share of profit of joint ventures and associates	(8.5)	(15.3)	(44.6)
Impairment losses on property, plant and equipment	-	-	7.0
Loss/(profit) on sale of property, plant and equipment	0.2	-	(1.4)
Release of property tax provision	-	(1.0)	(1.0)
Gain on acquisition of minority interests at a discount	(1.3)	-	-
Gain on dilution of investment in associate	-	(2.0)	(2.0)
Profit on sale of stapled securities in associate	-	(0.4)	(0.7)
Change in fair value of investment properties	-	-	(8.7)
Write down of development property	-	-	9.6
Equity settled share-based transactions	0.7	0.6	0.8
Finance income	(11.2)	(7.0)	(12.3)
Finance expense	18.7	17.4	26.4
Income tax expense/(credit)	24.4	5.7	(2.1)
Operating profit before changes in working capital and provisions	110.1	106.7	159.2
Increase in inventories, trade and other receivables	(8.6)	(9.8)	(2.3)
Increase in development properties	(4.7)	(5.3)	(1.9)
Increase in trade and other payables	0.3	7.0	7.6
Increase/(decrease) in provisions and employee benefits	0.5	1.2	(2.4)
Cash generated from operations	97.6	99.8	160.2
Interest paid	(12.0)	(15.5)	(22.8)
Interest received	4.2	6.3	8.5
Income taxes paid	(18.2)	(11.4)	(17.7)
Net cash generated from operating activities	71.6	79.2	128.2
Balance carried forward	71.6	79.2	128.2

**Consolidated statement of cash flows (unaudited)
for the nine months ended 30 September 2008 (continued)**

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Balance brought forward	71.6	79.2	128.2
Cash flows from investing activities			
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	0.3	0.1	0.3
Proceeds from sale of/(investment in) financial assets	10.6	(2.7)	(5.0)
Proceeds from the sale of stapled securities in associate	-	1.3	1.6
Deposit received on future subsidiary sale	28.8	-	-
Dividends received from associates	12.3	6.6	6.6
Acquisition of minority interests	(1.9)	-	-
Increase in loan to joint venture	(0.6)	-	(0.6)
Increase in investment in joint ventures and associates	(25.7)	(34.9)	(59.6)
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment, and lease premium prepayment	(53.3)	(36.9)	(56.8)
Net cash used in investing activities	(29.5)	(66.5)	(113.5)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from the issue of share capital	0.5	1.4	1.4
Repayment of borrowings	(100.9)	(169.5)	(241.4)
Drawdown of borrowings	76.1	172.8	235.8
Payment of finance lease obligations	(0.1)	(2.1)	(2.1)
Loan arrangement fees	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.5)
Share buy back of minority interests	(9.4)	-	(10.0)
Dividends paid to minority interests	(3.4)	(2.2)	(2.2)
Capital contribution from minority interests	-	-	1.9
Dividends paid to equity holders of the parent	(8.7)	(7.6)	(10.5)
Net cash used in financing activities	(46.0)	(7.3)	(27.6)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3.9)	5.4	(12.9)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	155.9	161.5	161.5
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on cash held	8.3	2.4	7.3
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	160.3	169.3	155.9
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents shown in the balance sheet	154.5	169.7	156.3
Overdraft bank accounts included in borrowings	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Cash and cash equivalents included in assets classified as held for sale	6.3	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents for cash flow statement purposes	160.3	169.3	155.9

Notes to the nine months results announcement (unaudited)

1. General information

Basis of preparation

The third quarter and nine months results for Millennium & Copthorne Hotels plc ('the Company') to 30 September 2008 comprise the Company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as 'the Group') and the Group's interests in joint ventures and associates.

These results comprise primary statements and selected notes and represent the unaudited consolidated financial results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2008 and 2007 together with the audited results for the year ended 31 December 2007. These nine month results do not comprise statutory accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act 1985.

The comparative figures for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 have been extracted from the Group's statutory accounts for that financial year but do not constitute those accounts. Those accounts have been reported on by the Company's auditors and (i) were unqualified, (ii) did not include a reference to any matters to which the auditors drew attention by way of emphasis without qualifying their report, and (iii) did not contain a statement under section 237(2) or (3) of the Companies Act 1985. The consolidated financial statements of the Group for the financial year ended 31 December 2007 are available from the Company's website www.millenniumhotels.com.

The nine months results have been prepared applying the accounting policies and presentation that were applied in the preparation of the Group's published consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2007.

The financial statements are presented in the Group's functional currency of sterling, rounded to the nearest hundred thousand.

The accounting for the disposal to CDLHT in 2006 has been adjusted in respect of the land lease element of the transaction on the 75-year leases of the Orchard Hotel and M Hotel. In the unaudited interim consolidated financial results of the Group for the nine months ended 30 September 2007 the proportion of the consideration received as prepayment by CDLHT of the operating lease of the land was effectively netted off against the freehold land value for these two hotels. Freehold land has been restated to the value before the transaction and the deferred income arising from the land prepayment has been recognised on the balance sheet at the value at the date of the transaction of £83.4m (converted at 30 September 2007 exchange rate).

The nine months results were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 November 2008.

Non-GAAP information

Headline profit before tax, headline operating profit, net debt and gearing percentage

Reconciliation of headline profit before tax and headline operating profit to the closest equivalent GAAP measure, profit before tax is provided in note 9 along with an analysis of net debt and calculated gearing percentage.

Like-for-like growth

The Group believes that like-for-like growth which is not intended to be a substitute, or superior to, reported growth, provides useful and necessary information to investors and interested parties for the following reasons:

- it provides additional information on the underlying growth of the business without the effect of factors unrelated to the operating performance of the business; and
- it is used by the Group for internal performance analysis.

2. Segmental analysis

Segmental information is presented in respect of the Group's geographical segments.

Segment results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis. Unallocated items principally comprise: interest-bearing loans, borrowings and net finance expense, taxation balances and corporate expenses.

Geographical segments

The hotel and operations are managed on a worldwide basis and operate in six principal geographical areas:

- New York
- Regional US
- London
- Rest of Europe
- Asia
- Australasia

In presenting information on the basis of geographical segments, segment revenue and assets are based on the geographical location of the assets.

Notes to the nine months results announcement (unaudited)

2. Segmental analysis (continued)

Geographical segments

	Third quarter ended 30 September 2008							Central costs £m	Total Group £m
	New York £m	Regional US £m	London £m	Rest of Europe £m	Asia £m	Australasia £m			
Revenue									
Hotel	28.4	30.0	24.1	24.2	56.0	9.8	-	172.5	
Property operations	-	0.4	-	-	0.5	0.5	-	1.4	
Total	28.4	30.4	24.1	24.2	56.5	10.3	-	173.9	
Hotel gross operating profit	11.1	7.0	12.2	6.8	25.1	3.5	-	65.7	
Hotel fixed charges*	(4.3)	(4.6)	(3.2)	(4.2)	(12.2)	(2.1)	-	(30.6)	
Hotel operating profit	6.8	2.4	9.0	2.6	12.9	1.4	-	35.1	
Property operations operating loss	-	(0.4)	-	-	(0.3)	-	-	(0.7)	
Central costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4.6)	(4.6)	
Share of joint ventures and associates operating profit	-	-	-	-	4.3	-	-	4.3	
Headline operating profit	6.8	2.0	9.0	2.6	16.9	1.4	(4.6)	34.1	
Other operating income - Group	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other operating expense - Share of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(0.6)	-	-	(0.6)	
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(0.8)	-	-	(0.8)	
Operating profit	6.8	2.0	9.0	2.6	15.5	1.4	(4.6)	32.7	
Net financing costs								(3.3)	
Profit before tax								29.4	

	Third quarter ended 30 September 2007							Central costs £m	Total Group £m
	New York £m	Regional US £m	London £m	Rest of Europe £m	Asia £m	Australasia £m			
Revenue									
Hotel	25.5	30.7	22.7	23.0	47.0	9.9	-	158.8	
Property operations	-	0.4	-	-	0.4	1.0	-	1.8	
Total	25.5	31.1	22.7	23.0	47.4	10.9	-	160.6	
Hotel gross operating profit	9.7	9.1	11.6	7.0	19.7	3.8	-	60.9	
Hotel fixed charges*	(3.9)	(4.4)	(2.7)	(3.5)	(9.4)	(2.2)	-	(26.1)	
Hotel operating profit	5.8	4.7	8.9	3.5	10.3	1.6	-	34.8	
Property operations operating profit/(loss)	-	(0.1)	-	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.3	
Central costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(5.1)	(5.1)	
Share of joint ventures and associates operating profit	-	-	-	-	4.3	-	-	4.3	
Headline operating profit	5.8	4.6	8.9	3.5	14.8	1.8	(5.1)	34.3	
Other operating income - Group	-	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	2.0	
Other operating income - Share of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	7.0	-	-	7.0	
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(2.3)	-	-	(2.3)	
Operating profit	5.8	4.6	8.9	3.5	21.5	1.8	(5.1)	41.0	
Net financing costs								(3.2)	
Profit before tax								37.8	

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2. Segmental analysis (continued)

Geographical segments (continued)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008							Central costs £m	Total Group £m
	New York £m	Regional US £m	London £m	Rest of Europe £m	Asia £m	Australasia £m			
Revenue									
Hotel	79.5	81.2	69.5	75.6	167.3	33.9	-	507.0	
Property operations	-	1.1	-	-	1.8	2.4	-	5.3	
Total	79.5	82.3	69.5	75.6	169.1	36.3	-	512.3	
Hotel gross operating profit	30.3	16.0	34.0	22.4	75.9	13.1	-	191.7	
Hotel fixed charges*	(11.9)	(13.4)	(9.6)	(12.9)	(34.9)	(7.0)	-	(89.7)	
Hotel operating profit	18.4	2.6	24.4	9.5	41.0	6.1	-	102.0	
Property operations operating (loss)/profit	-	(1.5)	-	-	-	0.6	-	(0.9)	
Central costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13.7)	(13.7)	
Share of joint ventures and associates operating profit	-	-	-	-	14.3	-	-	14.3	
Headline operating profit/(loss)	18.4	1.1	24.4	9.5	55.3	6.7	(13.7)	101.7	
Other operating income-Group	-	-	-	-	1.3	-	-	1.3	
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(5.8)	-	-	(5.8)	
Operating profit/(loss)	18.4	1.1	24.4	9.5	50.8	6.7	(13.7)	97.2	
Net finance expense								(7.5)	
Profit before tax								89.7	

	Nine months ended 30 September 2007							Central costs £m	Total Group £m
	New York £m	Regional US £m	London £m	Rest of Europe £m	Asia £m	Australasia £m			
Revenue									
Hotel	74.5	84.6	66.6	70.4	141.2	32.6	-	469.9	
Property operations	-	1.3	-	-	1.1	10.7	-	13.1	
Total	74.5	85.9	66.6	70.4	142.3	43.3	-	483.0	
Hotel gross operating profit	27.9	21.1	33.2	21.4	58.8	13.3	-	175.7	
Hotel fixed charges*	(11.4)	(13.2)	(11.1)	(11.9)	(28.0)	(6.4)	-	(82.0)	
Hotel operating profit	16.5	7.9	22.1	9.5	30.8	6.9	-	93.7	
Property operations operating profit/(loss)	-	(0.1)	-	-	0.5	4.4	-	4.8	
Central costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(13.8)	(13.8)	
Share of joint ventures and associates operating profit	-	-	-	-	13.3	-	-	13.3	
Headline operating profit/(loss)	16.5	7.8	22.1	9.5	44.6	11.3	(13.8)	98.0	
Other operating income-Group	-	-	-	-	2.4	-	1.0	3.4	
Other operating income – share of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	7.3	-	-	7.3	
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(5.3)	-	-	(5.3)	
Operating profit	16.5	7.8	22.1	9.5	49.0	11.3	(12.8)	103.4	
Net finance expense								(10.4)	
Profit before tax								93.0	

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2. Segmental analysis (continued) Geographical segments (continued)

	Year ended 31 December 2007							Total Group £m
	New York £m	Regional US £m	London £m	Rest of Europe £m	Asia £m	Australasia £m	Central costs £m	
Revenue								
Hotel	106.5	112.0	92.0	98.0	196.0	45.2	-	649.7
Property operations	-	1.6	-	-	1.5	16.8	-	19.9
Total	106.5	113.6	92.0	98.0	197.5	62.0	-	669.6
Hotel gross operating profit	43.2	26.8	46.4	30.7	83.2	18.4	-	248.7
Hotel fixed charges*	(15.6)	(17.4)	(12.7)	(15.7)	(36.5)	(10.3)	-	(108.2)
Hotel operating profit	27.6	9.4	33.7	15.0	46.7	8.1	-	140.5
Property operations operating (loss)/profit	-	(9.8)	-	-	0.9	7.9	-	(1.0)
Central costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(19.4)	(19.4)
Share of joint ventures and associates operating profit	-	-	-	-	20.1	-	-	20.1
Headline operating profit/(loss)	27.6	(0.4)	33.7	15.0	67.7	16.0	(19.4)	140.2
Other operating income – Group	1.0	-	-	-	12.8	-	-	13.8
Other operating income – share of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	32.3	-	-	32.3
Impairment	-	(6.1)	-	(0.9)	-	-	-	(7.0)
Share of interest, tax and minority interests of joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	(7.8)	-	-	(7.8)
Operating profit/(loss)	28.6	(6.5)	33.7	14.1	105.0	16.0	(19.4)	171.5
Net finance expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(14.1)
Profit before tax								157.4

* 'Hotel fixed charges' include depreciation, amortisation of lease prepayments, property rent, taxes and insurance, operating lease rentals and management fees

Segmental assets and liabilities

Nine months – 30 September 2008	New York	Regional	London	Rest of	Asia	Australasia	Total
	2008 £m	US 2008 £m	2008 £m	Europe 2008 £m	2008 £m	2008 £m	Group 2008 £m
Hotel operating assets	306.3	263.7	449.8	238.1	574.5	125.9	1,958.3
Hotel operating liabilities	(8.0)	(33.4)	(20.5)	(22.1)	(175.7)	(6.8)	(266.5)
Investments in joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	248.1	43.2	291.3
Loans to joint ventures	-	-	-	-	7.4	-	7.4
Total hotel operating net assets	298.3	230.3	429.3	216.0	654.3	162.3	1,990.5
Property operating assets	-	36.7	-	-	48.6	52.0	137.3
Property operating liabilities	-	(0.9)	-	-	(1.9)	(2.0)	(4.8)
Total property operating net assets	-	35.8	-	-	46.7	50.0	132.5
Deferred tax liabilities (a)							(214.0)
Income taxes payable (b)							(17.2)
Net debt (c)							(250.3)
Net assets							1,641.5

(a) Includes £11.7m of deferred tax liabilities included in 'liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale' (refer to note 10)

(b) Includes £0.9m of income tax liabilities included in 'liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale' (refer to note 10)

(c) Refer to note 9

Nine months – 30 September 2007	New York	Regional	London	Rest of	Asia	Australasia	Total Group
	2007	US	2007	Europe	2007	2007	2007
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Hotel operating assets	275.8	238.0	450.3	217.2	563.2	101.7	1,846.2
Hotel operating liabilities	(9.7)	(24.2)	(22.6)	(23.3)	(130.2)	(6.1)	(216.1)
Investments in joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	181.0	-	181.0
Loans to joint ventures	-	-	-	-	5.1	-	5.1
Total hotel operating net assets	266.1	213.8	427.7	193.9	619.1	95.6	1,816.2
Property operating assets	-	43.1	-	-	33.8	47.2	124.1
Property operating liabilities	-	(0.1)	-	-	(0.5)	(1.1)	(1.7)
Total property operating net assets	-	43.0	-	-	33.3	46.1	122.4
Deferred tax liabilities							(209.3)
Income taxes payable							(20.4)
Net debt							(247.6)
Net assets							1,461.3

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2. Segmental analysis (continued)

Segmental assets and liabilities

Year – 31 December 2007	New York	Regional	London	Rest of	Asia	Australasia	Total Group
	2007	US	2007	Europe	2007	2007	2007
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Hotel operating assets	284.4	254.2	447.6	220.5	554.9	112.9	1,874.5
Hotel operating liabilities	(9.6)	(26.9)	(20.5)	(15.8)	(137.4)	(7.5)	(217.7)
Investments in joint ventures and associates	-	-	-	-	231.1	16.5	247.6
Loans to joint ventures	-	-	-	-	5.4	-	5.4
Total hotel operating net assets	274.8	227.3	427.1	204.7	654.0	121.9	1,909.8
Property operating assets	-	34.5	-	-	43.1	52.8	130.4
Property operating liabilities	-	(0.1)	-	-	(0.4)	(0.7)	(1.2)
Total property operating net assets	-	34.4	-	-	42.7	52.1	129.2
Deferred tax liabilities							(205.8)
Income taxes payable							(17.4)
Net debt							(262.1)
Net assets							1,553.7

3. Other operating income

		Three months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Three months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
	Notes					
Gain on acquisition of minority interests in Hong Leong Hotel Development Limited (Taiwan)	(a)	-	-	1.3	-	-
Release of property tax provision set aside on acquisition of Regal Hotels in 1999		-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Profit on disposal of stapled securities in CDLHT		-	-	-	0.4	0.7
Gain on dilution on investment in CDLHT		-	2.0	-	2.0	2.0
Fair value adjustments of investment properties		-	-	-	-	8.7
Profit on sale and leaseback of three Singapore hotels (adjustment to prior period)		-	-	-	-	1.4
		-	2.0	1.3	3.4	13.8

Notes

(a) The £1.3m gain arising on the acquisition of 1.57% of Hong Leong Hotel Development Limited (Taiwan) followed the Group acquiring shares at a discount to fair value (negative goodwill). The acquisition now takes the Group's interest in HLHDL to 81.57%.

4. Share of joint ventures and associates interest, tax and minority interests

	Three months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Three months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Interest	(1.1)	(1.4)	(3.0)	(2.3)	(3.2)
Tax	0.1	(0.3)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(1.4)
Minority interests	0.2	(0.6)	(1.7)	(2.1)	(3.2)
	(0.8)	(2.3)	(5.8)	(5.3)	(7.8)

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5. Income tax expense/(credit)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
UK	5.6	(14.4)	(13.5)
Overseas	18.8	20.1	11.4
Total income tax expense/(credit) in income statement	24.4	5.7	(2.1)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Current tax			
Corporation tax charge for the period	16.0	13.7	20.2
Adjustment in respect of prior years	2.1	0.3	(4.0)
Total current tax expense	18.1	14.0	16.2
Deferred tax			
Origination and reversal of timing differences	2.9	7.1	5.3
Reduction in tax rate	-	(4.8)	(3.9)
Benefits of tax losses recognised	2.5	2.5	2.7
(Over)/under provision in respect of prior years	0.9	(0.3)	(9.5)
Change in UK tax legislation in respect of the removal of claw back on hotel tax allowances	-	(12.8)	(12.9)
Total deferred tax expense/(credit)	6.3	(8.3)	(18.3)
Total income tax expense/(credit) in the income statement	24.4	5.7	(2.1)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Income tax reconciliation			
Profit before tax in income statement	89.7	93.0	157.4
Less share of profit of joint ventures and associates	(8.5)	(15.3)	(44.6)
	81.2	77.7	112.8
Income tax on ordinary activities at the standard rate of UK tax of 28.5% (2007: 30%)	23.1	23.3	33.8
Effects of:			
Tax exempt income	(1.2)	(2.2)	(4.9)
Non-utilisation of tax losses arising in the year	-	0.6	-
Non deductible expenses	0.7	-	4.4
Current year losses for which no deferred tax asset was recognised	0.4	-	0.9
Utilisation of brought forward tax losses	(0.1)	-	-
(Lower)/higher rates on overseas earnings	(1.5)	0.1	-
Overseas tax suffered	-	1.5	(6.4)
Effect of change in tax rates on opening deferred taxes	-	(4.8)	(3.9)
Effect of change in UK tax legislation in respect of the removal of claw back on hotel tax allowances	-	(12.8)	(12.9)
Other adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior years	3.0	-	(13.5)
Unrecognised deferred tax assets	-	-	0.4
Total income tax expense/(credit) in the income statement	24.4	5.7	(2.1)

Excluding the tax relating to joint ventures and associates, the Group has recorded a tax expense of £24.4m (nine months ended 30 September 2007 a £5.7m tax expense and for the year ended 31 December 2007 a £2.1m tax credit). The estimated annual effective rate applied to profit before tax excluding the Group's share of joint ventures and associates profits is 30.0% (2007: 29.7% excluding the impact of tax credit adjustments arising from changes in tax legislation and tax rates). The 2007 income tax includes a tax credit of £17.6m comprising a change in UK tax legislation and reduction in tax rates.

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5. Income tax expense/(credit) – (continued)

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Taxation credit/(expense) arising on defined benefit pension schemes	-	0.7	(1.2)
Taxation credit arising in respect of previously valued property	-	2.4	3.2
Taxation credit arising on share-based incentive schemes	-	-	0.6
	-	3.1	2.6

6. Earnings per share

Earnings per share are calculated using the following information:

	Three months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Three months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
(a) Basic					
Profit for period attributable to holders of the parent (£m)	19.1	27.8	59.5	80.5	149.4
Weighted average number of shares in issue (m)	302.2	295.0	299.3	293.8	294.4
Basic earnings per share (pence)	6.3p	9.4p	19.9p	27.4p	50.7p
(b) Diluted					
Profit for period attributable to holders of the parent (£m)	19.1	27.8	59.5	80.5	149.4
Weighted average number of shares in issue (m)	302.2	295.0	299.3	293.8	294.4
Potentially dilutive share options under Group's share option schemes (m)	0.1	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.7
Weighted average number of shares in issue (diluted) (m)	302.3	295.9	299.5	294.5	295.1
Diluted earnings per share (pence)	6.3p	9.4p	19.9p	27.3p	50.6p
(c) Headline earnings per share					
Profit for the period attributable to holders of the parent (£m)	19.1	27.8	59.5	80.5	149.4
Adjustments for:					
- Other operating income (net of tax) (£m)	-	(2.0)	(1.3)	(3.0)	(13.8)
- Impairment (net of tax) (£m)	-	-	-	-	4.5
- Share of other operating income of joint ventures and associates (nil tax) (£m)	0.6	(7.0)	-	(7.3)	(32.3)
- Change in UK tax legislation on hotel tax allowances (£m)	-	0.2	-	(12.8)	(12.9)
- Change in tax rates on opening deferred taxes (£m)	-	0.1	-	(4.8)	(3.9)
Adjusted profit for the period attributable to holders of the parent (£m)	19.7	19.1	58.2	52.6	91.0
Weighted average number of shares in issue (m)	302.2	295.0	299.3	293.8	294.4
Headline earnings per share (pence)	6.5p	6.5p	19.4p	17.9p	30.9p
(d) Diluted headline earnings per share					
Adjusted profit for the period attributable to holders of the parent (£m)	19.7	19.1	58.2	52.6	91.0
Weighted average number of shares in issue (diluted) (m)	302.3	295.9	299.5	294.5	295.1
Diluted headline earnings per share (pence)	6.5p	6.5p	19.4p	17.9p	30.8p

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7. Dividends

Dividends have been recognised within equity as follows:

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Final ordinary dividend for 2007 of 10.42p (for 2006: 6.42p)	30.9	18.7	18.7
Interim ordinary dividend for 2008 of 2.08p (for 2007: 2.08p)	6.3	6.2	6.2
	37.2	24.9	24.9
Final special dividend paid of nil for 2007 (for 2006 of 4.00p)	-	11.7	11.7
	37.2	36.6	36.6

8. Statement of changes to total equity

	Share Capital £m	Share Premium £m	Translation Reserve £m	Retained Earnings £m	Total excluding minority interests £m	Minority interests £m	Total equity £m
At 31 December 2006	87.6	848.7	(37.6)	370.4	1,269.1	123.0	1,392.1
Total recognised income and expense	-	-	(12.3)	81.2	68.9	10.9	79.8
Dividends paid - Group (see note 7)	-	-	-	(36.6)	(36.6)	-	(36.6)
Dividends paid - minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	(2.2)	(2.2)
Issue of shares in lieu of dividends	1.0	(1.0)	-	26.1	26.1	-	26.1
Share options exercised	0.1	1.3	-	-	1.4	-	1.4
Equity settled transactions	-	-	-	0.7	0.7	-	0.7
At 30 September 2007	88.7	849.0	(49.9)	441.8	1,329.6	131.7	1,461.3
Total recognised income and expense	-	-	22.3	71.5	93.8	6.6	100.4
Issue of shares in lieu of dividends	0.2	(0.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Capital contribution from minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	1.9	1.9
Share buyback of minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	(10.0)	(10.0)
Equity settled transactions	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
At 31 December 2007	88.9	848.8	(27.6)	513.4	1,423.5	130.2	1,553.7
Total recognised income and expense	-	-	49.6	59.5	109.1	8.5	117.6
Dividends paid - Group (see note 7)	-	-	-	(37.2)	(37.2)	-	(37.2)
Issue of shares in lieu of dividends	1.7	(1.7)	-	22.2	22.2	-	22.2
Dividends paid – minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	(3.4)	(3.4)
Share options exercised	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
Equity settled transactions	-	-	-	0.7	0.7	-	0.7
Share buyback of minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	(12.6)	(12.6)
At 30 September 2008	90.6	847.6	22.0	558.6	1,518.8	122.7	1,641.5

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9. Non-GAAP measures Headline operating profit

The Group presents headline operating profit, this excludes other operating income and impairment of the Group, and share of the other operating income of joint ventures and associates.

The Group believes that it is both useful and necessary to report these measures for the following reasons:

- they are measures used by the Group for internal performance analysis; and
- it is useful in connection with discussion with the investment analyst community.

Reconciliation of these measures to the closest equivalent GAAP measure, profit before tax is provided below.

	Three months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Three months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 £m	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 £m	Year ended 31 December 2007 £m
Profit before tax	29.4	37.8	89.7	93.0	157.4
Adjusted to exclude:					
Other operating income	-	(2.0)	(1.3)	(3.4)	(13.8)
Gain on acquisition of minority interests in Hong Leong Hotel Development Limited (Taiwan)	-	-	(1.3)	-	-
Profit on disposal of stapled securities in CDLHT	-	-	-	(0.4)	(0.7)
Release of property tax provision set aside on acquisition of Regal Hotels in 1999	-	-	-	(1.0)	(1.0)
Gain on dilution on investment in CDLHT	-	(2.0)	-	(2.0)	(2.0)
Fair value adjustments of investment properties	-	-	-	-	(8.7)
Profit on sale and leaseback of three Singapore hotels (adjustment to prior period)	-	-	-	-	(1.4)
Adjusted to exclude:					
Other operating income – share of joint ventures and associates	0.6	(7.0)	-	(7.3)	(32.3)
Gain on acquiring subsidiaries at a discount to fair value	0.6	-	-	-	-
Share of associate's (CDLHT) fair value adjustments to investment property	-	(7.0)	-	(7.3)	(32.3)
Impairment	-	-	-	-	7.0
Headline profit before tax	30.0	28.8	88.4	82.3	118.3
Add back:					
Share of results of joint ventures and associates					
- interest	1.1	1.4	3.0	2.3	3.2
- tax	(0.1)	0.3	1.1	0.9	1.4
- minority interests	(0.2)	0.6	1.7	2.1	3.2
Net finance expense	3.3	3.2	7.5	10.4	14.1
Headline operating profit	34.1	34.3	101.7	98.0	140.2

Net debt

In presenting and discussing the Group's indebtedness and liquidity position, net debt is calculated. Net debt is not defined under IFRS. The Group believes that it is both useful and necessary to communicate net debt to investors and other interested parties, for the following reasons:

- net debt allows the Company and external parties to evaluate the Group's overall indebtedness and liquidity position;
- net debt facilitates comparability of indebtedness and liquidity with other companies, although the Group's measure of net debt may not be directly comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies; and
- it is used in discussions with the investment analyst community.

Analysis of net debt and calculated gearing percentage is provided below. Gearing is defined as net debt as a percentage of total equity attributable to equity holders of the parent.

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9. Non-GAAP measures (continued)

	As at 30 September 2008 £m	As at 30 September 2007 £m	As at 31 December 2007 £m
Net Debt			
Cash and cash equivalents (as per cash flow statement)	160.3	169.3	155.9
Cash and cash equivalents included in assets classified as held for sale (Note 10)	(6.3)	-	-
Bank overdrafts (included as part of borrowings)	0.5	0.4	0.4
Cash and cash equivalents (as per the consolidated balance sheet)	154.5	169.7	156.3
Cash and cash equivalents included in assets classified as held for sale (Note 10)	6.3	-	-
Interest-bearing loans, bonds and borrowings - Non-current	(303.4)	(266.8)	(304.1)
- Current	(75.9)	(150.5)	(114.3)
- Classified as held for sale (Note10)	(31.8)	-	-
Net debt	(250.3)	(247.6)	(262.1)
Gearing (%)	16.5%	18.6%	18.3%

10. Assets classified as held for sale and associated liabilities

Assets classified as held for sale and associated liabilities represent the net assets of CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited which owns the hotel business undertaking of the Millennium Seoul Hilton Hotel. An agreement has been reached with Kangho AMC Co. to dispose of the Group's 100% holding in CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited, with completion of the transaction expected to take place on 28 November 2008.

The major classes of assets and liabilities of CDL Hotels (Korea) Limited classified as held for sale is as follows:

	As at 30 September 2008 £m	As at 30 September 2007 £m	As at 31 December 2007 £m
ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	119.6	-	-
Employee benefits	0.4	-	-
Inventories	0.6	-	-
Trade and other receivables	3.0	-	-
Cash and cash equivalents	6.3	-	-
Total assets classified as held for sale	129.9	-	-
LIABILITIES			
Interest bearing loans and borrowings: non-current	(31.8)	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	(3.5)	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	(11.7)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(4.4)	-	-
Income taxes payable	(0.9)	-	-
Total liabilities associated with assets classified as held for sale	(52.3)	-	-
Net assets of disposal business	77.6	-	-

In addition and not shown above, there is a £16.9m of shareholder's loan from fellow subsidiary (CDL Hotels (Labuan) Limited) which would be repaid to the Group by the buyer on completion of the disposal.

**APPENDIX 1: Key operating statistics (unaudited)
for the nine months ended 30 September 2008**

	Nine months ended 30 September 2008 Reported currency	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 Constant currency	Nine months ended 30 September 2007 Reported currency
Occupancy %			
New York	86.1		85.9
Regional US	62.9		68.5
Total US	68.3		72.5
London	84.3		85.3
Rest of Europe	71.4		72.4
Total Europe	77.1		78.1
Asia	75.9		76.3
Australasia	66.1		68.2
Total Group	72.2		74.3
Average Room Rate (£)			
New York	151.43	143.73	141.59
Regional US	52.43	51.33	50.57
Total US	81.29	76.64	75.50
London	101.51	94.69	94.69
Rest of Europe	78.93	76.69	72.99
Total Europe	89.84	85.40	83.50
Asia	75.78	64.29	60.60
Australasia	46.63	44.39	41.66
Total Group	78.00	71.72	69.50
RevPAR (£)			
New York	130.38	123.46	121.63
Regional US	32.98	35.16	34.64
Total US	55.52	55.56	54.74
London	85.57	80.77	80.77
Rest of Europe	56.36	55.52	52.84
Total Europe	69.27	66.70	65.21
Asia	57.52	49.05	46.24
Australasia	30.82	30.27	28.41
Total Group	56.32	53.29	51.64
Gross Operating Profit Margin (%)			
New York	38.1		37.4
Regional US	19.7		24.9
Total US	28.8		30.8
London	48.9		49.8
Rest of Europe	29.6		30.4
Total Europe	38.9		39.9
Asia	45.4		41.6
Australasia	38.6		40.8
Total Group	37.8		37.4

For comparability the 30 September 2007 Average Room Rate and RevPAR have been translated at 30 September 2008 exchange rates.

**APPENDIX 2: Key operating statistics (unaudited)
for the three months ended 30 September 2008**

	Three months ended 30 September 2008 Reported currency	Three months ended 30 September 2007 Constant Currency	Three months ended 30 September 2007 Reported currency
Occupancy %			
New York	90.4		90.4
Regional US	66.2		74.5
Total US	71.8		78.1
London	87.8		87.7
Rest of Europe	72.4		73.5
Total Europe	79.2		79.8
Asia	74.9		77.4
Australasia	59.6		63.9
Total Group	72.9		76.6
Average Room Rate (£)			
New York	158.97	151.24	143.64
Regional US	57.23	54.64	52.03
Total US	86.85	80.46	76.52
London	106.12	97.60	97.60
Rest of Europe	77.51	76.18	72.36
Total Europe	91.53	86.62	84.67
Asia	76.93	65.49	60.26
Australasia	43.95	42.72	41.37
Total Group	80.98	74.12	70.60
RevPAR (£)			
New York	143.71	136.72	129.85
Regional US	37.89	40.71	38.76
Total US	62.36	62.84	59.76
London	93.17	85.60	85.60
Rest of Europe	56.12	55.99	53.20
Total Europe	72.49	69.12	67.57
Asia	57.62	50.69	46.64
Australasia	26.19	27.30	26.44
Total Group	59.03	56.78	54.08
Gross Operating Profit Margin (%)			
New York	39.1		38.0
Regional US	23.3		29.6
Total US	31.0		33.5
London	50.6		51.1
Rest of Europe	28.1		30.4
Total Europe	39.3		40.7
Asia	44.8		41.9
Australasia	35.7		38.4
Total Group	38.1		38.4

For comparability the 30 September 2007 Average Room Rate and RevPAR have been translated at 30 September 2008 exchange rates.

**APPENDIX 3: Hotel Room Count and Pipeline
for the nine months ended 30 September 2008**

Hotel and room count as at 30 September 2008	Hotels			Rooms		
	30 September 2008	31 December 2007	Change	30 September 2008	31 December 2007	Change
Analysed by region:						
New York	3	3	-	1,746	1,746	-
Regional US	17	17	-	6,025	6,025	-
London	7	7	-	2,487	2,487	-
Rest of Europe	17	17	-	3,073	3,073	-
Middle East	9	5	4	2,689	1,528	1,161
Asia	19	16	3	9,061	7,713	1,348
Australasia	31	32	(1)	3,524	3,618	(94)
Total	103	97	6	28,605	26,190	2,415
Analysed by ownership type:						
Owned and leased	68	68	-	21,131	20,684	447
Managed	17	13	4	4,011	2,850	1,161
Franchised	14	12	2	1,854	1,047	807
Investment	4	4	-	1,609	1,609	-
Total	103	97	6	28,605	26,190	2,415
Analysed by brand:						
Grand Millennium	4	2	2	1,666	793	873
Millennium	40	39	1	14,222	13,598	624
Copthorne	34	32	2	6,950	6,140	810
Kingsgate	15	14	1	1,422	1,314	108
Other	10	10	-	4,345	4,345	-
Total	103	97	6	28,605	26,190	2,415

Pipeline as at 30 September 2008	Hotels			Rooms		
	30 September 2008	31 December 2007	Change	30 September 2008	31 December 2007	Change
Analysed by region:						
Regional US	1	1	-	250	250	-
Rest of Europe	2	2	-	340	340	-
Middle East	10	6	4	2,805	1,424	1,381
Asia	4	6	(2)	1,160	2,366	(1,206)
Total	17	15	2	4,555	4,380	175
Analysed by ownership type:						
Owned or leased	2	3	(1)	620	1,141	(521)
Managed	14	10	4	3,815	2,434	1,381
Franchised	-	2	(2)	-	805	(805)
Investment	1	-	1	120	-	120
Total	17	15	2	4,555	4,380	175
Analysed by brand:						
Grand Millennium	-	1	(1)	-	521	(521)
Millennium	10	7	3	2,942	2,113	829
Copthorne	1	4	(3)	140	1,018	(878)
Kingsgate	2	1	1	478	108	370
Other	4	2	2	995	620	375
Total	17	15	2	4,555	4,380	175

Seven new hotels were opened in the period, one owned in China (the 521-room Grand Millennium Beijing). Four managed, (the 352-room Grand Millennium Dubai, the 163-room Copthorne Hotel Dubai, the 262-room Al-Jahrah Copthorne Hotel & Resort and the 108-room Kingsgate Abu Dhabi) and two franchised (the 352-room Millennium Harbour View Hotel Xiamen and the 455-room Copthorne Hotel Qingdao). The Kingsgate Abu Dhabi Hotel marking the first property trading under the Kingsgate brand outside of New Zealand.

The lease of the Copthorne Hotel Wellington Plimmer Towers expired in April 2008.

At 30 September 2008, the number of rooms in the pipeline (contracts signed but hotels/rooms yet to open under one of the Group's brands) was 4,555; 175 more than at 31 December 2007.