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INVESTMENTS (ISLE OF MAN) PLC

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Interim Report 2008

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BAMBOO INVESTMENTS (ISLE OF MAN) PLC

DIRECTORS and ADMINISTRATION

Non-executive directors	M C Stoddart (Chairman) C D Pemberton P P Scales
Secretary	P P Scales
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CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Introduction

I am pleased to present to you the consolidated accounts of Bamboo Investments (Isle of Man) PLC for the six months ended 30 June 2008.

Bamboo has made further progress in realising its portfolio over the six month period. In May 2008, Bamboo received £1.15 million from the sale of Grosvenor Health Limited to Serco Group plc. Bamboo originally invested £555,000 in 2004 and 2005; it received back £414,000 in 2006 following repayment of the loan stock portion of its investment. Bamboo has made an annualised return of over 40 per cent per annum on this investment.

Portfolio Activity

In addition to the realisation of Grosvenor Health, Bamboo received £20,000 from the sale of its holding in ITIM Limited. At 30 June 2008, Bamboo has increased the valuation of Dr Foster by £183,558 to £900,900 due to improved trading in the information services division, and has increased the valuation of IRISYS to £378,585 due to an improvement in trading and the winning of new contracts. Bamboo has also written up the value of In Touch With Health after a good year in 2007 and a new contract win.

Net asset value

As a result of the revaluations of Dr Foster, IRISYS, In Touch With Health and the sale of Grosvenor Health, the net asset value per share has increased to 26.53p from 22.86p as at 31 December 2007, an increase of 16% over the period.

The net asset value per share of 26.53p as at 30 June 2008 is equivalent to a total value to Shareholders, including cash returned, of £133.08 for those Shareholders who did not participate in the May 2003 tender offer and £89.58 for those that did participate in the May 2003 tender offer.

Results

The Group made an operating loss of £215,335 for the six month period after making a further provision of £131,365 for the incentive fee and incurring £23,500 on tax advice in response to the HM Revenue & Customs enquiry. At 30 June 2008, the Group had cash resources, net of current liabilities of £1,760,057. The Board is mindful of the ongoing running expenses on the reduced capital base and has agreed a significant reduction in the ongoing management fees. More detail on this is contained in the attached circular to shareholders.

Outlook

Now that the HM Revenue & Customs enquiry has been formally closed, it is the Board's intention to recommence the return of cash to Shareholders upon realisation of investments. The Board has been advised that the most efficient way to do this is to re-register the Company as a New Manx Vehicle ("NMV"). This will significantly reduce the costs of future returns of capital. The enclosed documentation explains this in more detail.

As a result of the realisation of Grosvenor Health, and the completion of the HM Revenue & Customs tax enquiry, Bamboo is looking to make a further return of capital to shareholders. Once the re-registration has been approved by Shareholders, Bamboo will be returning £1.6 million to Shareholders as a reduction of capital equivalent to 14.47p per share.

The Board is conscious of the need for a timely realisation of the balance of the portfolio and the return of cash to shareholders. Nevertheless, we believe that there is still latent value in the remaining investments and that it is in the best interest of shareholders to continue to manage these investments through to exit.

Michael Stoddart
Chairman

15 August 2008

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INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Largest venture capital investments by Directors' valuation	Historic cost to Group	Directors' valuation	% of net assets
	£	£	%
Dr Foster Limited	239,676	900,900	31
Infrared Integrated Systems Limited	474,602	378,585	13
sparesFinder Limited	125,630	63,205	2
In Touch With Health Limited	251,014	50,000	2
Cashfac Limited	52,050	39,394	1
Venture capital portfolio		1,432,084	49
Cash and other net current assets		1,760,057	60
Creditors due in more than one year		(259,320)	(9)
Total net assets		2,932,821	100
Net asset value per 5p share (pence)		26.53p	

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CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

	Note	Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited)	Year ended 31 December 2007 (audited)
		£	£	£
Investment income	2	28,385	18,028	50,971
Total income		28,385	18,028	50,971
Administrative expenses		(243,720)	(114,191)	(223,957)
Operating loss		(215,335)	(96,163)	(172,986)
Realised gains on investments		293,035	47,691	47,691
Movement in provisions for impairment of investments		144,646	-	39,394
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities before taxation		222,346	(48,472)	(85,901)
Taxation on ordinary activities		-	-	(950)
Profit/(loss) on ordinary activities after taxation attributable to Shareholders		222,346	(48,472)	(86,851)
Earnings/(loss) per share (pence)	3	2.01p	(0.44)p	(0.79)p

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED
GAINS AND LOSSES**

	Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited)	Year ended 31 December 2007 (audited)
	£	£	£
Profit/(loss) for the period	222,346	(48,472)	(86,851)
Unrealised gains in the period	183,558	189,905	373,131
Total recognised gains and losses	405,904	141,433	286,280
Total recognised gains and losses per share (pence)	3	3.67p	1.28p
		2.59p	

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

	Note	30 June 2008 (unaudited)	30 June 2007 (unaudited)	31 December 2007 (audited)
		£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Venture capital portfolio	4	1,432,084	1,899,609	1,976,960
		1,432,084	1,899,609	1,976,960
Current assets				
Debtors		14,999	14,945	28,462
Cash at bank		2,225,761	1,022,858	1,104,529
		2,240,760	1,037,803	1,132,991
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(480,703)	(84,144)	(79,079)
Net current assets		1,760,057	953,658	1,053,912
Total assets less current liabilities		3,192,141	2,853,268	3,030,872
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(259,320)	(471,198)	(503,955)
Net assets		2,932,821	2,382,070	2,526,917
Shareholders' funds				
Called up share capital		552,721	552,721	552,721
Profit and loss account		1,718,875	849,602	811,225
Revaluation reserve		661,225	979,747	1,162,971
Total equity shareholders' funds	5	2,932,821	2,382,070	2,526,917
Net asset value per share (pence)		26.53p	21.55p	22.86p

Michael Stoddart
Chairman

15 August 2008

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COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

	Note	30 June 2008 (unaudited)	30 June 2007 (unaudited)	31 December 2007 (audited)
		£	£	£
Fixed assets				
Investment in subsidiaries		5,000	5,000	1,976,960
Venture capital portfolio	4	1,432,084	1,899,609	5,000
		1,437,084	1,904,609	1,981,960
Current assets				
Debtors		641	9,929	14,104
Cash at bank		2,225,761	992,589	1,104,529
		2,226,402	1,002,518	1,118,633
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(499,906)	(84,145)	(98,282)
Net current assets		1,726,496	918,373	1,020,351
Total assets less current liabilities		3,163,580	2,822,982	3,002,955
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(259,320)	(471,198)	(503,955)
Net assets		2,904,260	2,351,784	2,498,356
Shareholders' funds				
Called up share capital		552,721	552,721	552,721
Profit and loss account		1,422,464	1,030,642	954,594
Revaluation reserve		929,075	768,421	991,041
Total equity shareholders' funds		2,904,260	2,351,784	2,498,356

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Chairman

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BAMBOO INVESTMENTS (ISLE OF MAN) PLC**CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

	Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited)	Year ended 31 December 2007 (audited)
Net cash outflow from operating activities	£ (44,361)	£ (62,456)	£ (125,170)
Capital expenditure and financial investment			
Purchase of fixed asset investments	-	-	-
Realisation of fixed asset investments	1,165,593	284,673	430,008
Net cash inflow from investing activities	1,165,593	284,673	304,838
Corporate taxation paid	-	-	(950)
Increase in cash	1,121,232	222,217	303,888

NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT

Note 1. Accounting policies

The interim financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention as modified by the revaluation of investments and in accordance with applicable Isle of Man law, the Statement of Recommended Practice issued by the Isle of Man Society of Chartered Accountants and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants and applicable United Kingdom Accounting Standards. The accounting policies used for the statutory accounts to 31 December 2007 have been adopted.

Note 2. Investment income

	Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited)	Year ended 31 December 2007 (audited)
	£	£	£
Income from loan stock	3,125	3,125	6,250
Income from cash deposits	25,260	14,412	44,229
Dividends	-	491	492
	28,385	18,028	50,971

Note 3. Earnings per share

The calculation of earnings per share for the six months to 30 June 2008 is based upon the profit attributable to shareholders after taxation of £222,346 and the weighted average number of shares in issue being 11,054,419. The six months to 30 June 2007 is based upon a loss attributable to shareholders after taxation of £48,472 and 11,054,419 shares being the weighted average number of shares in issue throughout the period. The year to 31 December 2007 is based on a loss attributable to shareholders after taxation of £86,851 and the weighted average number of shares in issue being 11,054,419.

Total recognised gains and losses per share for the six months ended 30 June 2008 and 2007 are based on the total gains for the period of £405,904 (30 June 2007: total gains of £141,433) and for the year ended 31 December 2007, total gains of £286,280; and the weighted average number of shares as above.

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Note 4. Venture capital portfolio

Group	Investments
	£
Cost	
As at 1 January 2008	3,370,016
Additions	-
Realisations	(964,607)
As at 30 June 2008	2,405,409
Surplus/(deficit) on revaluation	
As at 1 January 2008	(1,394,282)
Revaluations in the period	328,204
Realisations	92,048
As at 30 June 2008	(974,030)
Accumulated loan stock premium	
As at 1 January 2008	1,226
Received in the period	(3,646)
Accrued in the period	3,125
As at 30 June 2008	705
Directors' valuation as at 30 June 2008	1,432,084
Directors' valuation as at 1 January 2008	1,976,960

Note 5. Reconciliation of movement in shareholders' funds

	Six months ended 30 June 2008 (unaudited)	Six months ended 30 June 2007 (unaudited)	Year ended 31 December 2007 (audited)
	£	£	£
Opening shareholders' funds	2,526,917	2,240,637	2,240,637
Profit/(loss) for the period	127,700	(48,472)	(86,851)
Revaluation of investments in the period	278,204	189,905	373,131
Closing shareholders' funds	2,932,821	2,382,070	2,526,917

NOTES TO THE INTERIM REPORT

Note 6 Net asset value per share

	30 June 2008	30 June 2007	31 December
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	2007
			(audited)
	£	£	£
Consolidated net assets	2,932,821	2,382,070	2,526,917
Number of shares	11,054,419	11,054,419	11,054,419
Net asset value per share (pence)	26.53p	21.55p	22.86p

