National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2024

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

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Officers and Professional Advisers

NHBF board A Lodge-Stewart - President

B Bates F Johnston J Mettyear R Marshall K Shaw L Fordham D Digby-Smith

Secretary C Larissey - Chief Executive Officer

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NHBF Board Report

Year ended 31 December 2024

The officers present their report and the financial statements of the society for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activities

The Federation is the largest organisation representing the owners of hairdressing salons, barber shops and beauty salons in Great Britain, as well as self-employed hairdressers, barbers and beauty therapists working in salons, plus educators and other parties with an interest in the sector. Membership is open to individuals, partners, directors and all those who meet the above criteria. A range of benefits and services are provided by a professional secretariat.

Constitution

The National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited is incorporated under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Officers

The officers who served the society during the year were as follows:

A Lodge-Stewart - President

B Bates F Johnston J Mettyear

R Marshall (Appointed 1 July 2024) (Appointed 1 July 2024) K Shaw (Appointed 1 July 2024) L Fordham (Appointed 1 July 2024) D Digby-Smith (Resigned 1 July 2024) M Coray (Resigned 1 July 2024) K Huggins (Resigned 1 July 2024) C Sweeney (Resigned 30 March 2024) J Johnson S Cunningham (Resigned 20 July 2024)

Structure, governance and management

The Federation is governed by the Board and it conducts the general affairs of the Federation, subject to the approval of the members, as provided in the Federation rules.

NHBF board's responsibilities statement

The NHBF Board is responsible for preparing the NHBF Board report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Co-operative and Community Benefit Society legislation requires the NHBF Board to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the NHBF Board has elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Co-operative and Community Benefit Society legislation the officers 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 society and the profit or loss of the society for that period.

NHBF Board Report (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

In preparing these financial statements, the NHBF Board are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the society will continue in business.

The NHBF Board is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the society's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the society and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Auditor

Each of the persons who is an officer at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the society's auditor is unaware;
 and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as an officer to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the society's auditor is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the NHBF Board on and signed on behalf of the board by:

A Lodge-Stewart - President Chairman J Mettyear Member

C Larissey - Chief Executive Officer Secretary

Registered office: One Abbey Court Fraser Road Priory Business Park Bedford MK44 3WH

Independent Auditor's Report to National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited

Year ended 31 December 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited (the 'society') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of comprehensive income, statement of financial position, statement of changes in equity and the 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 FRS 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 society's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

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 society in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC'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 NHBF Board's 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 society'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 NHBF Board with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Independent Auditor's Report to National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

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 NHBF Board is responsible for the other information. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, 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 audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the society and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the NHBF Board report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the society has not kept proper books of account or has not maintained a satisfactory system of control over its transactions; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the society's books of account; or
- we fail to obtain all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

Respective responsibilities of the NHBF board and independent accountant

As explained more fully in the NHBF Board's responsibilities statement, the NHBF Board is 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 NHBF Board determines 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 NHBF Board is responsible for assessing the society'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 NHBF Board either intend to liquidate the society or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Independent Auditor's Report to National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

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 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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the society through discussions with the management committee and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the organisation and the hair and beauty sector in which it operates;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the society, including the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, taxation legislation, data protection, anti-bribery, employment and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the society's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 3 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

Independent Auditor's Report to National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the society's legal advisors.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the management committee and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are
 appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of
 the internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the NHBF Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the NHBF Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the society's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the society to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Independent Auditor's Report to National Hair & Beauty Federation Limited (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the society, in accordance with section 87 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the society those matters we are required to state to it 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 society, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Alan Endersby FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Streets Audit LLP Chartered accountants & statutory auditor Potton House Wyboston Lakes Great North Road Wyboston Bedfordshire MK44 3BZ

Statement of Comprehensive Income

Year ended 31 December 2024

Turnover	Note	2024 £ 1,342,480	2023 £ 1,459,870
Cost of sales		348,915	316,743
Gross profit		993,565	1,143,127
Administrative expenses		1,348,485	1,550,188
Operating loss		(354,920)	(407,061)
Income from other fixed asset investments Other interest receivable and similar income		79,320 1,218	72,731 1,594
Loss before taxation	5	(274,382)	(332,736)
Tax on loss Loss for the financial year		(274,382)	(332,736)
Gains/(losses) on listed investments Total comprehensive income for the year		201,241 (73,141)	144,476 (188,260)

These financial statements were approved by the NHBF Board and authorised for issue on, and are signed on their behalf by:

A Lodge-Stewart - President Chairman

J Mettyear Member

C Larissey - Chief Executive Officer Secretary

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Financial Position

31 December 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets Intangible assets	6	1	10,318
Tangible assets	7	282,096	286,510
Investments	8	3,208,026	3,138,786
		3,490,123	3,435,614
Current assets			
Debtors	9	239,278	132,936
Cash at bank and in hand		8,769	254,933
		248,047	387,869
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	311,637	323,413
Net current (liabilities)/assets		(63,590)	64,456
Total assets less current liabilities		3,426,533	3,500,070
Net assets		3,426,533	3,500,070
Capital and reserves			
Share capital		4,669	5,065
Revaluation fund		533,267	412,259
Tangible fixed asset fund		282,096	296,827
General fund		2,606,501	2,785,919
Members funds		3,426,533	3,500,070

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the NHBF Board and authorised for issue on, and are signed on their behalf by:

A Lodge-Stewart - President J Mettyear Chairman Member

C Larissey - Chief Executive Officer Secretary

Registration number: 30905R

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 31 December 2024

At 1 January 2023	Share capital £ 5,531	Revaluation fund £ 354,143	Tangible fixed asset fund £ 322,411	General fund £ 3,006,711	Total £ 3,688,796
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income for the year:				(332,736)	(332,736)
Reallocation of 'Profit for the year' between reserves/funds Gains/(losses) on listed investments Transfers between reserves/funds	- - -	- 144,476 (86,360)	(26,644) - 1,060	26,644 - 85,300	144,476 —
Total comprehensive income for the year		58,116	(25,584)	(220,792)	(188,260)
Cancellation of subscribed capital	(466)	_	_	_	(466)
Total investments by and distributions to owners	(466)				(466)
At 31 December 2023	5,065	412,259	296,827	2,785,919	3,500,070
Loss for the year Other comprehensive income for the year:				(274,382)	(274,382)
Reallocation of 'Profit for the year' between reserves/funds Gains/(losses) on listed investments Transfers between reserves/funds	- - -	201,241 (80,233)	(21,159) - 6,428	21,159 - 73,805	- 201,241 -
Total comprehensive income for the year		121,008	(14,731)		(73,141)
Cancellation of subscribed capital	(396)				(396)
Total investments by and distributions to owners	(396)	_			(396)
At 31 December 2024	4,669	533,267	282,096	2,606,501	3,426,533

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2024

1. General information

The National Hair and Beauty Federation is a Community Benefit Society and its registered office is One Abbey Court, Fraser Road, Priory Business Park, Bedford, MK44 3WH.

The Federation is principally engaged in the representation of owners of hairdressing salons, barber shops and beauty salons in the United Kingdom.

2. Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A of Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland and the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Federation.

Revenue recognition

Membership subscriptions are recognised on an accruals basis over the period of the subscription.

Insurance commission income is recognised in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

All other income is recognised in the income and expenditure account on an accruals basis.

Taxation

The Federation is not trading with a view to profit, but only to meet its expenses for the mutual benefit of its members. As such the Federation's only liability to corporation tax arises on investment income received in bank deposits and on activities for non-member organisations.

Operating leases

Rentals applicable to operating leases where substantially all of the benefits and risks of ownership remain with the lessor are charged on a straight-line basis over the lease terms.

Intangible assets

Intangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and are subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated amortisation and impairment losses.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Amortisation

Amortisation is calculated so as to write off the cost of an asset, less its estimated residual value, over the useful life of that asset as follows:

Computer software - 3 years straight line

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in amortisation rate, useful life or residual value of an intangible asset, the amortisation is revised prospectively to reflect the new estimates.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Long leasehold property - 50 years straight line
Office furniture, fittings and - 4 years straight line

equipment

Computer equipment - 3 years straight line

Investments

Non-listed investments are valued at cost with provision being made for any permanent diminution in value. Listed investments and investments whose fair value can be measured reliably are stated at their fair value as at the end of the financial period. Investments in joint ventures are valued at less provision for diminution in value.

Investments in joint ventures

In accordance with applicable standards, NHBF jointly controls the joint ventures with one or more other entities. None of the entities alone can control this entity but all together can do so and decisions on financial and operating policy essential to the activities, economic performance and financial position of that venture require each venturer's consent. This joint venture has been accounted for as an investment.

Financial instruments

The Federation only enters into basic financial instruments transactions that result in the recognition of financial assets and liabilities like trade and other debtors and creditors and other third parties.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 December 2024

3. Accounting policies (continued)

Defined contribution plans

Contributions in respect of defined contribution pension schemes are charged to the income and expenditure account in the period in which they are due to the scheme.

4. Employee numbers

The average number of persons employed by the society during the year amounted to 17 (2023: 16).

5. Profit before taxation

Profit before taxation is stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amortisation of intangible assets	10,317	10,316
Depreciation of tangible assets	10,842	16,328
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	12,586	13,450

6. Intangible assets

	Computer software £
Cost At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	125,437
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	=======================================
Amortisation At 1 January 2024 Charge for the year	115,119 10,317
At 31 December 2024	125,436
Carrying amount At 31 December 2024	1
At 31 December 2023	10,318

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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7. Tangible assets

		Office		
		furniture,		
	Long leasehold	fittings and	Computer	
	property	equipment	equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 January 2024	493,789	41,962	64,186	599,937
Additions	_	3,596	2,832	6,428
1.21 D 1 2024	402.700	45.550		
At 31 December 2024	493,789	45,558	67,018	606,365
Depreciation				
At 1 January 2024	208,206	41,035	64,186	313,427
Charge for the year	9,876	405	561	10,842
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At 31 December 2024	218,082	41,440	64,747	324,269
Carrying amount				
At 31 December 2024	275,707	4,118	2,271	282,096
ACOT December 2024	=====	=====	=====	
At 31 December 2023	285,583	927	_	286,510

8. Investments

	Listed	Unlisted	
	investments	investments	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 January 2024	3,138,780	6	3,138,786
Additions	756,948	_	756,948
Disposals	(977,735)	_	(977,735)
Revaluations	174,156	_	174,156
Cash held by investment managers awaiting investment	115,871	_	115,871
At 31 December 2024	3,208,020	6	3,208,026
Impairment At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024			
•			
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2024	3,208,020	6	3,208,026
At 31 December 2023	3,138,780	6	3,138,786

Listed investments

Listed investments comprise holdings in UK Government Bonds, Corporate bonds and debt, UK and international equities and unit trusts. These investments are all listed on active markets where directly observable prices are available. The valuation of such investments is based on these available market prices.

Treasurers Deposits

Treasurers deposits comprise monies held in long term deposits accruing interest which are held for appreciation.

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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8. Investments (continued)

Investments held at valuation

In respect of investments held at valuation, the aggregate cost, depreciation and comparable carrying amount that would have been recognised if the assets had been carried under the historical cost model are as follows:

	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Listed} \\ \text{investments} \\ \mathfrak{t} \end{array}$	Unlisted investments £	Total £
At 31 December 2024 Aggregate cost Aggregate depreciation	2,674,752	£ 6 -	2,674,758 -
Carrying value	2,674,752	6	2,674,758
At 31 December 2023 Aggregate cost Aggregate depreciation	2,726,519	6 –	2,726,525
Carrying value	2,726,519	6	2,726,525

Investments in associates and joint ventures

Priory Park Management Limited:

The investment in Priory Park Management Limited comprises six, fully paid £1 'A' shares representing 9% of the total share capital of the company. The company is responsible for the management of the common areas of the Abbey Court development where the Federation's National Operations is based.

9. Debtors

		2024 £	2023 £
	Trade debtors	_	1,740
	Other debtors	239,278	131,196
		239,278	132,936
10.	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024	2023
		2024	2023
		£	£
	Trade creditors	76,214	68,619
	Social security and other taxes	18,611	17,953
	Other creditors	216,812	236,841
		311,637	323,413

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

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11. Operating leases

The total future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases are as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Not later than 1 year	14,286	17,498
Later than 1 year and not later than 5 years	27,629	11,209
	41,915	28,707

12. Pension commitments

The Federation operates a defined contributions scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Federation in a fund administered by trustees. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Federation to the fund and amounted to £67,806 (2023: £67,922). There were no amounts outstanding payable to the fund at the statement of financial position date (2023: £Nil).

13. Related party transactions

10 members (2023: 11) of the Board were reimbursed expenses of £8,832 (2023: £6,397) by the Federation in respect of travel and accommodation costs incurred in attending committee meetings held during the year.

The members of the Board are all members of the Federation and pay membership subscriptions to the Federation.

All remunerated members of the Board and certain senior employees who have authority and responsibility for planning, directing, and controlling activities of the Federation are considered to be key management personnel. Total remuneration in respect of these individuals was £441,233 (2023: £453,701).