

Company registration number 00446866 (England and Wales)

**FRANCIS BROWN LIMITED**  
**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**  
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# FRANCIS BROWN LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3		608,307		676,490
Investments	4		258		257
			<u>608,565</u>		<u>676,747</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks		64,108		57,795	
Debtors	5	2,199,601		2,740,046	
Cash at bank and in hand		116,626		643	
		<u>2,380,335</u>		<u>2,798,484</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	<u>(1,755,801)</u>		<u>(2,273,441)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>624,534</u>		<u>525,043</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>1,233,099</u>		<u>1,201,790</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	7		(352,594)		(427,688)
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>			<u>(51,944)</u>		<u>(62,799)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u>828,561</u>		<u>711,303</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>					
Called up share capital			10,000		10,000
Capital redemption reserve			4,800		4,800
Profit and loss reserves			<u>813,761</u>		<u>696,503</u>
<b>Total equity</b>			<u>828,561</u>		<u>711,303</u>

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the profit and loss account within the financial statements.

For the financial year ended 31 December 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

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**BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)**

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The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20 September 2023 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr S F Brown  
**Director**

**Company Registration No. 00446866**

# FRANCIS BROWN LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Company information

Francis Brown Limited is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 2HL.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The disclosure requirements of section 1A of FRS 102 have been applied other than where additional disclosure is required to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Turnover

Turnover is recognised at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, and is shown net of VAT and other sales related taxes.

Revenue from the sale of goods is recognised when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer (usually on dispatch of the goods), the amount of revenue can be measured reliably, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the entity and the costs incurred or to be incurred in respect of the transaction can be measured reliably.

Revenue from construction contracts is recognised in line with the company's policy on construction contracts as detailed below.

#### 1.3 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Land and buildings freehold	2.5% straight line basis
Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance basis
Office furniture and fittings	20%/33% straight line basis
Motor vehicles	25% straight line basis

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is credited or charged to profit or loss.

#### 1.4 Fixed asset investments

Interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in profit or loss.

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

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### 1 Accounting policies

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An associate is an entity, being neither a subsidiary nor a joint venture, in which the company holds a long-term interest and where the company has significant influence. The company considers that it has significant influence where it has the power to participate in the financial and operating decisions of the associate.

Entities in which the company has a long term interest and shares control under a contractual arrangement are classified as jointly controlled entities.

#### 1.5 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting period end date, the company reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the company estimates the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs.

If the recoverable amount of an asset (or cash-generating unit) is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset (or cash-generating unit) is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in profit or loss, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

#### 1.6 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition.

Cost is calculated using the first in first out (FIFO) basis.

At each reporting date, an assessment is made for impairment. Any excess of the carrying amount of stocks over its estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell is recognised as an impairment loss in profit or loss. Reversals of impairment losses are also recognised in profit or loss.

#### 1.7 Construction contracts

Where the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, revenue and costs are recognised by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the reporting end date. Variations in contract work, claims and incentive payments are included to the extent that the amount can be measured reliably and its receipt is considered probable.

When it is probable that total contract costs will exceed total contract turnover, the expected loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where the outcome of a construction contract cannot be estimated reliably, contract revenue is recognised to the extent of contract costs incurred where it is probable that they will be recoverable. Contract costs are recognised as expenses in the period in which they are incurred. When costs incurred in securing a contract are recognised as an expense in the period in which they are incurred, they are not included in contract costs if the contract is obtained in a subsequent period.

The "percentage of completion method" is used to determine the appropriate amount to recognise in a given period. The stage of completion is measured by the proportion of contract costs incurred for work performed to date compared to the estimated total contract costs.

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### 1.8 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

##### **Classification of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans, are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 1.9 Equity instruments

Equity instruments issued by the company are recorded at the proceeds received, net of transaction costs. Dividends payable on equity instruments are recognised as liabilities once they are no longer at the discretion of the company.

#### 1.10 Taxation

The tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

##### **Current tax**

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the profit and loss account because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The company's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the reporting end date.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 1 Accounting policies

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#### *Deferred tax*

Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all timing differences and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that they will be recovered against the reversal of deferred tax liabilities or other future taxable profits. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the timing difference arises from goodwill or from the initial recognition of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the tax profit nor the accounting profit.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each reporting end date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profits will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered. Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the profit and loss account, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset when the company has a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred tax assets and liabilities relate to taxes levied by the same tax authority.

#### 1.11 Employee benefits

The costs of short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the cost of stock or fixed assets.

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

#### 1.12 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

#### 1.13 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to profit or loss so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to profit or loss on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease except where another more systematic basis is more representative of the time pattern in which economic benefits from the leases asset are consumed.

#### 1.14 Government grants

Government grants are recognised at the fair value of the asset received or receivable when there is reasonable assurance that the grant conditions will be met and the grants will be received.

Government grants relating to turnover are recognised as income over the periods when the related costs are incurred. Grants relating to an asset are recognised in income systematically over the asset's expected useful life. If part of such a grant is deferred it is recognised as deferred income rather than being deducted from the asset's carrying amount.

#### 1.15 Foreign exchange

Transactions in currencies other than pounds sterling are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the dates of the transactions. At each reporting end date, monetary assets and liabilities that are denominated in foreign currencies are retranslated at the rates prevailing on the reporting end date. Gains and losses arising on translation in the period are included in profit or loss.

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### 2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Total	70	82

### 3 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc	Total
	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 January 2022	653,034	1,042,621	1,695,655
Additions	-	8,000	8,000
Disposals	-	(6,302)	(6,302)
At 31 December 2022	653,034	1,044,319	1,697,353
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>			
At 1 January 2022	235,764	783,401	1,019,165
Depreciation charged in the year	16,326	55,873	72,199
Eliminated in respect of disposals	-	(2,318)	(2,318)
At 31 December 2022	252,090	836,956	1,089,046
<b>Carrying amount</b>			
At 31 December 2022	400,944	207,363	608,307
At 31 December 2021	417,270	259,220	676,490

### 4 Fixed asset investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Other investments other than loans	258	257

#### Fixed asset investments revalued

Fixed asset investments are held at open market value and are listed on the London stock exchange.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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### 4 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

#### Movements in fixed asset investments

	Investments £
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2022	257
Valuation changes	1
	<u>258</u>
At 31 December 2022	258
	<u>258</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 December 2022	258
	<u>258</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>257</u>

### 5 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	1,287,003	2,250,760
Other debtors	905,820	489,286
	<u>2,192,823</u>	<u>2,740,046</u>
	<u>2,192,823</u>	<u>2,740,046</u>
<b>Amounts falling due after more than one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	6,778	-
	<u>6,778</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>6,778</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total debtors</b>	<u>2,199,601</u>	<u>2,740,046</u>

Included within other debtors is £233,676 (2021 - £47,770) relating to gross amounts due from contract customers.

### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts	64,144	383,364
Trade creditors	1,153,728	1,112,092
Taxation and social security	101,727	191,358
Other creditors	436,202	586,627
	<u>1,755,801</u>	<u>2,273,441</u>
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### 6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Continued)

The bank loan and overdraft to the value of £64,144 (2021 - £383,364) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company.

Included within other creditors is £214,256 (2021 - £37,974) relating to gross amounts due to contract customers.

Hire purchase liabilities totalling £19,599 (2021 - £19,599) are secured over the assets to which they relate.

### 7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans and overdrafts		345,968	401,307
Obligations under finance leases		6,626	26,381
		<u>352,594</u>	<u>427,688</u>

The bank loan and overdraft to the value of £345,968 (2021 - £401,307) are secured by a fixed and floating charge over the assets of the company.

Hire purchase liabilities totalling £6,626 (2021 - £26,381) are secured over the assets to which they relate.

Amounts included above which fall due after five years are as follows:

Payable by instalments	137,019	100,353
	<u>137,019</u>	<u>100,353</u>

### 8 Operating lease commitments

#### Lessee

At the reporting end date the company had outstanding commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases, as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
	<u>164,090</u>	<u>268,178</u>

### 9 Directors' transactions

Advances or credits have been granted by the company to its directors as follows:

The advances to directors were unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand.

Description	% Rate	Opening balance £	Amounts advanced £	Amounts repaid £	Closing balance £
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9	Directors' transactions				(Continued)	
	Directors Loan	-	-	18,663	-	18,663
	Directors Loan	-	143,827	62,400	-	206,227
	Directors Loan	-	68,646	62,400	(5,000)	126,046
			<u>212,473</u>	<u>143,463</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>350,936</u>

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