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ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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MORGAN LOVELL PLC

COMPANY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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Independent Auditor	Ernst & Young LLP 1 More London Place London SE1 2AF

Principal activities
The principal activity of Morgan Lovell plc (hereafter referred to as "the Company") is the design and build of office interiors and workplace consultancy. We do not expect this to change in the foreseeable future.

Business review
The results for the year and key performance indicators for the Company were as follows:

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Revenue	**117,292**	62,452	120,801	84,399	90,856
Operating profit	**10,289**	1,623	6,664	5,210	5,320
Operating margin	**8.8%**	2.6%	5.5%	6.2%	5.9%
Net assets	**26,991**	25,651	24,304	21,449	20,308
Cash at bank	**18,191**	11,398	14,472	3,610	13,154
Average Daily Cash	**13,175**	11,845	8,771	7,927	10,925
Forward order book[1]	**34,752**	32,001	11,860	31,983	28,219

The Company delivered an excellent performance in the year, driven by consistently strong project delivery, a continued focus on enhanced customer experience and a high-quality workload. With revenue nearly doubling to £117m (2020: £62m), operating profit increased over six times to £10.3m, a record result for the Company. The operating margin of 8.8% was up 620bps on prior year (2020: 2.6%).

Revenue outside of the London region increased strongly to 68% of the total, up from 52% in the prior period, with London contributing 32% of revenue (2020: 48%). Looking ahead to future periods, the proportion of revenue from the London region is expected to revert back to a more balanced split of revenue.

Projects won in the year included: the Cat A fit out of 180,000 sq ft at Campus Reading, one of the largest office developments in the Thames Valley; Hutchison 3G UK/Three's new 117,000 sq ft workspace in Reading; nine projects for space provider Instant Group, creating 135,000 sq ft of lettable office space; and 17,000 sq ft in Bracknell for big data analytics provider, IRI.

Future outlook
The market for design and build services remains strong. At the year end, the secured order book was £35m, in line with the size of the order book at the previous year end (2020: £32m).

Financial position and liquidity
The financial position of the Company is presented in the Balance Sheet. The total shareholder's funds at 31 December 2021 were £27.0m (2020: £25.7m). The Company had net current assets of £26.1m (2020: £24.8m), including cash of £18.2m (2020: £11.4m) at 31 December 2021.

The Company is a member of the Morgan Sindall Group plc (the "Group") and participates in its banking arrangements (under which it is a cross guarantor). As at 31 December 2021 the Group had net cash balances of £358m. The Group has £180m of committed loan facilities maturing more than one year

[1] The 'future order book' represents the Company's share of future revenue that will be derived from signed contracts or letters of intent.

from the balance sheet date, of which £15m matures in March 2024 and £165m in October 2024. These facilities are undrawn at 31 December 2021. The Group has a further facility of £0.4m that was drawn down in full during 2021 and matures in July 2025.

Key performance indicators
The Company's financial key performance indicators are described in the business review above. No other key performance indicators are deemed necessary to explain the development, performance or position of the Company.

Principal risks and uncertainties
The management of the business and the execution of the Company's strategy are subject to a number of risks. The key business risks and uncertainties affecting the Company are considered to relate to the market and economic environment, health and safety and environmental performance, contractual risk (including mispricing of contracts, managing changes to contracts and contract disputes, poor project delivery and poor contract selection), and counterparty and liquidity risk. Further discussion of these risks and uncertainties, in the context of the Group as a whole, is provided in the strategic report in the Group's annual report, which does not form part of this report.

Financial risk management objectives and policies
The Company's operations expose it to a variety of financial risks that include credit risk, liquidity risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

Credit risk
With regard to credit risk the Company has implemented policies that require appropriate credit checks on potential customers before contracts are commenced.

Liquidity risk
This is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its financial obligations as they fall due. The Company aims to manage liquidity by ensuring that it will always have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities when they fall due, under both normal and stress conditions, without incurring unacceptable losses or risking damage to the Company's reputation. Liquidity is provided through cash balances and access to the Group's committed bank loan facilities.

Interest rate risk
In respect of interest rate risk the Company has interest bearing assets. Interest bearing assets include cash balances, all of which have interest rates applied at floating market rates.

Price risk
The Company has some exposure to commodity price risk as a result of its operations. This risk is managed on a project by project basis by limited forward buying of certain commodities and by negotiating annual purchase agreements with key suppliers. The directors will revisit the appropriateness of this policy should the Company's operations change in size or nature.

Section 172(1) statement Companies Act 2006
Throughout 2021, the directors have complied with the requirements of Section 172 of the Companies Act 2006, in promoting the long-term success of the Company for the benefit of all stakeholders. The following disclosure describes how the directors have had regard to the matters set out in section 172(1)(a) to (f) and forms the directors' statement required under section 414CZA of The Companies Act 2006.

Engagement with stakeholders

The directors consider its shareholder, employees, customers, suppliers and local communities to be its core stakeholder groups. As part of its ongoing activities of engaging with stakeholders, the directors have undertaken the following activities in 2021:

Shareholder

Our ultimate shareholder is Morgan Sindall Group plc ("the Group"). We create value for the Group by generating strong and sustainable results that translate into dividends. We discuss our performance in monthly management meetings with the Group's executive directors and provide executive summaries for the Group Board. The directors routinely engage with the Group on topics of strategy, governance and performance and our strategic plans include information on the impact on each of our stakeholders including the community and environment.

Employees

In line with the Group's Total Commitments, protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of everyone who comes into contact with our business is our number one priority. Furthermore, we are committed to a diverse and inclusive work environment and helping our employees gain skills that support their personal ambitions and drive the business forward.

Consultation with employees or their representatives has continued at all levels, with the aim of ensuring that their views are taken into account when decisions are made that are likely to affect their interest and that all employees are aware of the financial and economic performance of their business units and the Company as a whole. The Company recognises the need to ensure effective communication with employees and has developed various communication channels taking account of factors such as numbers employed and location, including an employee forum, an intranet and in-house newsletters.

The Company's use of technology meant that during the year, the annual staff conference was held virtually where the strategy and performance of the Company is communicated to the employees. A staff survey was conducted at the end of 2020 and follow up feedback sessions with staff at various locations took place in 2021.

Customers

We aim to develop long-term relationships with our clients and partners. During 2021 we extended our framework offerings, benefitting clients by providing continuity of knowledge and enhancing a value add service.

Suppliers

Our suppliers and subcontractors are critical to our operations and we take a long-term collaborative approach to working with them. 95% of payments were made within 60 days in accordance with the Prompt Payment Code. 94% of all payments in the year were made within agreed terms.

Communities

We engage with communities at a site level via newsletters, public noticeboards and, where appropriate, engagement with local community groups. More broadly, we have an active social media presence and regularly respond to members of the public who may have queries about our works. We are members of a variety of industry groups including Women in Construction, UK Green Building Council, SKA Technical Committee, and WELL Building Keystone Partners.

Additionally, we were again invited on to the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) Working Group as a result of our leadership in the sector on community engagement issues. CCS is an organisation with the express goal of improving the image of the construction industry in the eyes of the general public. We use the CCS framework to guide our approach to community engagement issues.

Further information about how we and the Group engage with stakeholders can be found in the Group's 2021 Annual Report and Accounts.

Principal decisions

We define principal decisions as those that are material to the Company and to the Group and those that are significant to our key stakeholder groups as above. As set out below, we have given examples of how the directors have considered the outcomes from our stakeholder engagement as well as the need to maintain the Company's reputation for high standards of business conduct and to act fairly between the members of the Company in some of the principle decisions taken during the year.

During the year, the Directors have reviewed and approved the Company five-year strategic plan and priorities, including the financial budget whilst considering and determining the Company's appropriate risk appetite, namely being selective over what work we seek to secure and ensuring we have the right skillsets to perform the work, whilst also ensuring alignment with the Group plans and priorities.

Contract selectivity was carefully considered on every tender submission. Contract terms and conditions, including payment terms, are carefully balanced against existing resource and contract commitments. We have declined opportunities that have inadequate financial covenants or access to finance. We have also declined opportunities that do not suit our core competencies.

Subcontractors were selected from an approved database which monitors quality performance, financial standing, health and safety performance, workload and resources. We have adopted an incentive scheme for preferred subcontractors; releasing retention funds to those supporting and delivering against our perfect delivery strategy. The list of preferred subcontractors is reviewed every six months with subcontractors being promoted to or demoted from the list, based on their scores.

We continued to invest in our early careers 'foundation programme' to develop succession planning, diversity and home grow resource for business growth.

For further information on how the Group Board has considered stakeholders in its decision making please see the corporate governance and directors report in the 2021 Annual Report and Accounts.

Approved by and on behalf of the Board

Robert Ewing
Director
21 March 2022

DIRECTORS' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The annual report comprises the strategic report and directors' report, which together provide the information required by the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Going concern

The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and performance, as well as the financial position of the Company, its cash flows, liquidity position and the borrowing facilities, are described in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 5.

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which presumes that the Company has adequate resources to remain in operation and that the directors intend it to do so for the period ending 31 March 2023.

The Company's future workload is healthy with a secured order book of £34.8m and the Company has a strong financial position at the year end with net current assets of £26.1m (2020: £24.8m), including cash of £18.2m (2020: £11.4m) at 31 December 2021.

The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts and projections for the period to 31 March 2023, including sensitivity analysis to assess the Company's resilience to the potential financial impact of any plausible losses of revenue or operating profit which could arise from one of the principal risks to the business occurring. This showed that the Company would remain profitable throughout the period to 31 March 2023.

The Company participates in the Group's banking arrangements (under which it is a cross guarantor). As at 31 December 2021 the Group had net cash balances of £358m. The Group has £180m of committed loan facilities maturing more than one year from the balance sheet date, of which £15m matures in March 2024 and £165m in October 2024. These facilities are undrawn at 31 December 2021. The Group has a further facility of £0.4m that was drawn down in full during 2021 and matures in July 2025.

Based on the above, the directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company have adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the period ending 31 March 2023. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details can be found in the principal accounting policies in the financial statements.

Directors

The directors who served during the year and to the date of this report are shown on page 1. None of the directors had any interest in the shares of the Company during the year ended 31 December 2021.

The Company has adopted Articles of Association, the provisions of which do not require the directors to retire by rotation or to retire at the first annual general meeting after their appointment.

Directors' indemnities

The Company indemnifies the directors in its Articles of Association to the extent allowed under section 232 of the Companies Act 2006. Furthermore, the Group maintains liability insurance for its directors and officers and those of its directors and officers of its associated companies. The Company has not made qualifying third party indemnity provisions for the benefit of its directors during the year.

Dividends
An interim dividend of £7.0m was paid during the year (2020: £nil). The directors do not recommend the payment of a final dividend (2020: £nil).

Political contributions
The Company made no political contributions during the year (2020: nil).

Employment policies
The Company insists that a policy of equal opportunity employment is demonstrably evident at all times. Selection criteria and procedures and training opportunities are designed to ensure that all individuals are selected, treated and promoted on the basis of their merits, abilities and potential.

Applications for employment by disabled persons are always fully considered, bearing in mind the respective aptitudes and abilities of the applicant concerned. In the event of members of staff becoming disabled every effort is made to ensure that their employment with the Company continues and the appropriate training is arranged. It is the policy of the Company that the training, career development and promotion of a disabled person should as far as possible, be identical to that of a person who does not suffer from a disability.

Engagement with employees and other stakeholders
As part of its ongoing activities of engaging with stakeholders, the directors have undertaken a number of activities in 2021. These are detailed in the Section 172(1) statement in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 5.

Environmental performance
The Group has announced plans to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2030 and is going to reduce Scope 1, 2 and operational Scope 3 emissions by 30% by 2025 and by 60% by 2030, based on a 2019 baseline, with any remaining emissions being offset in the UK. The Group has a history of leadership, transparency and openness around its sustainability goals. The Group was one of the first construction companies in the world to gain accreditation by the Science-Based Targets Initiative, using targets which represent sector-specific actual reductions in overall emissions. The Group's emission figures have been independently audited, under the Carbon Reduce Scheme for over a decade.

In 2020 and 2021, our actions to tackle climate change were independently recognised with an A score for leadership on climate change from the CDP, a voluntary climate impact reporting scheme. In 2021, CDP also named the Group a Supplier Engagement Leader, for its work to drive action on climate change along its supply chain.

Alongside the Group, the management of Morgan Lovell's environmental approach is driven from board level. We have always prided ourselves on the environmental performance of our projects and acknowledge our significant responsibility in ensuring our business operations provide a positive impact to the environment and communities we are working within. Our biggest area of responsibility and opportunity to create the most positive environmental impact is within our projects. We have our own internal sustainability team who ensure our sector leading sustainability offering for our clients.

In 2021, we worked on 14 projects targeting a formal sustainability assessment. Furthermore, we saw a significant increase in clients pursuing bespoke sustainability requirements, often with a strong focus on operation and embodied carbon. We delivered 3 project embodied carbon reports for clients with many more underway. We facilitated a number of workshops and training sessions across the business and

with the supply chain to increase awareness around the carbon agenda, with particular focus on embodied carbon. We recently entered a partnership with the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to drive greater take up of Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) in the supply chain and our first two EPD seminars we had over 100 supply chain partners represented.

For further details of the Group's environmental performance and a copy of the Group's reporting under the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) requirements please see the Morgan Sindall Group plc 2021 Annual Report (www.morgansindall.com).

Independent auditor and disclosure of information to the independent auditor
Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- So far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditor is unaware; and
- Each director has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Company's auditor is aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of section 418 of the Companies Act 2006.

Following an audit tender conducted during 2020, Ernst & Young LLP were selected as auditor for Morgan Sindall Group plc and its subsidiaries. Accordingly, Ernst & Young LLP were appointed to replace Deloitte LLP as the company's auditor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Directors' responsibilities statement
The directors are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS 101 'Reduced Disclosure Framework'. Under company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period.

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

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

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence

for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the Company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved for and on behalf of the Board

Robert Ewing
Director
21 March 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MORGAN LOVELL PLC FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Morgan Lovell plc for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the Statement of comprehensive income, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of changes in equity and the related notes 1 to 18, 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 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2021 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company 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 directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period to 31 March 2023.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the company's ability to continue as a going concern.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The directors are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the

course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006
In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the strategic report and the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the strategic report and directors' report have been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception
In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the strategic report or directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of directors
As explained more fully in the directors' responsibilities statement set out on page 8 the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the directors either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements
Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both those charged with governance of the entity and management.

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the company and determined that the most significant are those that relate to the reporting framework (United Kingdom Accounting Standards including FRS 101 "Reduced Disclosure Framework" and the Companies Act 2006) and the relevant tax compliance regulations in the UK.
- We understood how Morgan Lovell plc is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of management including those responsible for legal and compliance procedures and the Company Secretary. We corroborated our enquiries through our review of board minutes, noting the strong emphasis of transparency and honesty in the Company's culture and the levels of oversight the Board and Group management have over the Company.
- We assessed the susceptibility of the Company's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by meeting with management to understand where they considered there was a susceptibility to fraud. We also considered performance targets and their propensity to influence efforts made by management to manage earnings. We considered the programmes and controls that the Company has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise prevent, deter and detect fraud; and how management monitor those programmes and controls. Where the risk was considered to be higher, we performed audit procedures to address each identified fraud risk.
- Based on this understanding we designed our audit procedures to identify noncompliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved journal entry testing with a focus on journals indicating unusual transactions based on our understanding of the business, enquiries of management, and focussed testing on revenue and other related balances.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Peter McIver (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP, Statutory Auditor
London, United Kingdom
21 March 2022

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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	2020 £000
Revenue	1	**117,292**	62,452
Cost of sales		**(92,141)**	(47,542)
Gross profit		**25,151**	14,910
Other administrative expenses		**(14,862)**	(13,287)
Operating profit	2	**10,289**	1,623
Interest receivable	5	**41**	54
Interest payable	5	**(35)**	(51)
Profit before tax		**10,295**	1,626
Tax	6	**(1,955)**	(279)
Profit for the financial year attributable to owners of the Company	13	**8,340**	1,347

Other comprehensive income		**-**	-
Total comprehensive income for the year attributable to owners of the Company	13	**8,340**	1,347

Continuing operations

The results for the current and previous financial years all derive from continuing operations.

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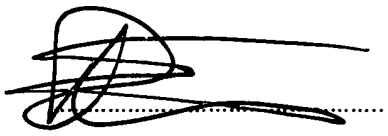
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	2021 £000	2020 £000
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,069	1,658
Deferred tax asset	11	145	112
		1,214	1,770
Current assets			
Contract assets	9	5,791	3,132
Trade and other receivables	8	40,818	30,331
Current tax assets		-	8
Cash and bank balances		18,191	11,398
		64,800	44,869
Total assets		66,014	46,639
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	(37,874)	(19,517)
Current tax liabilities		(284)	-
Lease liabilities	16	(591)	(572)
		(38,749)	(20,089)
Net current assets		26,051	24,780
Non-current liabilities			
Lease liabilities	16	(274)	(899)
		(274)	(899)
Total liabilities		(39,023)	(20,988)
Net assets		26,991	25,651
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	12	2,000	2,000
Retained earnings	13	24,991	23,651
Total shareholder's funds		26,991	25,651

The financial statements of Morgan Lovell plc (company number (02755027) were approved by the Board and authorised for issue on 21 March 2022. They were signed on its behalf by:



..... Robert Ewing, Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Share capital (Note 12) £000	Retained earnings (Note 13) £000	Total £000
At 1 January 2020	**2,000**	**22,304**	**24,304**
Profit and total comprehensive income	-	1,347	1,347
Dividends paid	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	**2,000**	**23,651**	**25,651**
Profit and total comprehensive income	-	8,340	8,340
Dividends paid	-	(7,000)	(7,000)
At 31 December 2021	**2,000**	**24,991**	**26,991**

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

General information
Morgan Lovell plc (the 'Company') is a private company limited by shares, incorporated and domiciled in the United Kingdom under the Companies Act 2006 and registered in England and Wales. The nature of the Company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Strategic Report on pages 2 to 5. The address of the registered office is given on page 1.

Basis of accounting
The Company meets the definition of a qualifying entity under FRS 100 (Financial Reporting Standard 100) issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Accordingly, the Company has prepared its financial statements in accordance with FRS 101 (Financial Reporting Standard 101) 'Reduced Disclosure Framework' as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

As permitted by FRS 101, the Company has taken advantage of the disclosure exemptions available under that standard in relation to capital management, presentation of comparative information in respect of certain assets, presentation of a cash flow statement, and related party transactions. Where required, equivalent disclosures are given in the consolidated financial statements of Morgan Sindall Group plc, which are available to the public at www.morgansindall.com.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for the goods and services.

These financial statements are presented in pounds sterling which is the Company's presentational and functional currency.

The directors consider that the ultimate parent undertaking and ultimate controlling party of this Company is Morgan Sindall Group plc, which is registered in England and Wales. It is the only group into which the results of the Company are consolidated. Copies of the consolidated financial statements of Morgan Sindall Group plc are publicly available from www.morgansindall.com or from its registered office Kent House, 14-17 Market Place, London W1W 8AJ.

New and revised accounting standards
During the year, the following new and revised standards and interpretations become effective. Their adoption has no impact on the accounts or disclosures in these financial statements.

- Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Amendments to IFRS 9 'Financial Instruments', IAS 39 'Financial Instruments – recognition and measurement', IFRS 7 'Financial Instruments: Disclosures', IFRS 4 'Insurance Contracts' and IFRS 16 'Leases'
- Amendments to IFRS 16 'Covid-19 Related Rent Concessions'

The accounting policies as set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these financial statements.

Going concern
The Company's business activities, together with the factors likely to affect its future development and position, are set out in the Business Review section of the Strategic Report. The Directors have reviewed the Company's forecasts and projections for the period to 31 March 2023, including sensitivity analysis to assess the Company's resilience to the potential financial impact of any plausible losses of revenue or operating profit which could arise from one of the principal risks to the business occurring. This showed that the Company would remain profitable throughout the period to 31 March

2023. The Company participates in the Group's centralised treasury arrangements and shares banking arrangements, including the provision of cross guarantees, with its ultimate parent Morgan Sindall Group plc and fellow subsidiaries.

The directors, having assessed the responses of the directors of Morgan Sindall Group plc to their enquiries, have no reason to believe that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt about the ability of the Company to continue as a going concern or its ability to continue with the current banking arrangements.

On the basis of their assessment of the Company's financial position and of the enquiries made of the directors of Morgan Sindall Group plc, the Company's directors have a reasonable expectation that the Company and the Group will be able to continue in operational existence for the period ending 31 March 2023. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

Property, plant and equipment
Freehold and leasehold property, plant, machinery and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and any recognised impairment loss. Depreciation is provided in equal annual instalments at rates calculated to write off the cost of the assets, over their estimated useful lives as follows:

Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings	between three and 10 years
Right of use - Leasehold buildings	the period of the lease

Revenue
Revenue is defined as the value of goods and services rendered excluding discounts and VAT and is recognised as follows:

Construction contracts
A significant portion of the Company's revenue is derived from construction services contracts. These services are provided to customers across a wide variety of sectors and the size and duration of the contracts can vary significantly from a few weeks to more than 10 years.

The majority of contracts are considered to contain only one performance obligation for the purposes of recognising revenue. Whilst the scope of works may include a number of different components, in the context of construction and infrastructure services activities these are usually highly interrelated and produce a combined output for the customer.

Contracts are typically satisfied over time. For fixed price construction contracts progress is measured through a valuation of the works undertaken by a professional quantity surveyor, including an assessment of any elements for which a price has not yet been agreed such as changes in scope.

Variations are not included in the estimated total contract price until the customer has agreed the revised scope of work.

Where the scope has been agreed but the corresponding change in price has not yet been agreed, only the amount that is considered highly probable not to reverse in the future is included in the estimated total contract price. Where delays to the programme of works are anticipated and liquidated damages would be contractually due, the estimated total contract price is reduced accordingly. This is only

mitigated by expected extensions of time or commercial resolution being achieved where it is highly probable that this will not lead to a significant reversal in the future.

In order to recognise the profit over time it is necessary to estimate the total costs of the contract. These estimates take account of any uncertainties in the cost of work packages which have not yet been let and materials which have not yet been procured, the expected cost of any acceleration of or delays to the programme or changes in the scope of works and the expected cost of any rectification works during the defects liability period.

Once the outcome of a construction contract can be estimated reliably, margin is recognised in the income statement in line with the stage of completion. Where a contract is forecast to be loss-making, the full loss is recognised immediately in the statement of comprehensive income.

Contract costs
Costs to obtain a contract are expensed unless they are incremental, i.e. they would not have been incurred if the contract had not been obtained, and the contract is expected to be sufficiently profitable for them to be recovered.

Costs to fulfil a contract are expensed unless they relate to an identified contract, generate or enhance resources that will be used to satisfy the obligations under the contract in future years and the contract is expected to be sufficiently profitable for them to be recovered.

Where costs are capitalised, they are amortised over the shorter of the period for which revenue and profit can be forecast with reasonable certainty and the duration of the contract except where the contract becomes loss making. If the contract becomes loss making, all capitalised costs related to that contract are immediately expensed.

Leases
Where the Company is a lessee, a right-of-use asset and lease liability are recognised at the outset of the lease other than those that are less than one year in duration or of a low value.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at that date based on the Company's expectations of the likelihood of lease extension or break options being exercised. In calculating the present value of lease payments, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate at the lease commencement date because the interest rate implicit in the lease is not readily determinable. The lease liability is subsequently adjusted to reflect imputed interest, payments made to the lessor and any lease modifications.

The right-of-use asset is initially measured at cost, which comprises the amount of the lease liability, any lease payments made at or before the commencement date, less any lease incentives received, any initial direct costs incurred by the Company and an estimate of any costs that are expected to be incurred at the end of the lease to dismantle or restore the asset. The right-of-use assets are presented within the property, plant and equipment line in the balance sheet and depreciated in accordance with the Company's accounting policy on property, plant and equipment. The amount charged to the income statement comprises the depreciation of the right-of-use asset and the imputed interest on the lease liability.

Lease payments on short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are recognised as expense on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

Pensions
The Company contributes to the Morgan Sindall Retirement Benefits Plan and to other employees' personal pension arrangements, which are of a defined contribution type. For all schemes the amount charged to the statement of comprehensive income is equal to the contributions payable in the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are shown as either accruals or prepayments in the balance sheet.

Income tax
The income tax expense represents the current and deferred tax charges. Income tax is recognised in the statement of comprehensive income except to the extent that it relates to items recognised directly in equity.

Current tax is the Group's expected tax liability on taxable profit for the year using tax rates enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date and any adjustments to tax payable in respect of previous years.

Taxable profit differs from that reported in the statement of comprehensive income because it is adjusted for items of income or expense that are assessable or deductible in other years and is adjusted for items that are never assessable or deductible.

Deferred tax is recognised using the balance sheet method, providing for temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the corresponding tax bases used in tax computations.

Deferred tax is recognised on temporary differences which result in an obligation at the balance sheet date to pay more tax, or a right to pay less tax, at a future date, at the tax rates expected to apply when they reverse, based on the laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the reporting date. Deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is regarded as more likely than not that they will be recovered. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted and are only offset where this is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax assets and liabilities.

Dividends
Dividends to the Company's shareholders are recognised as a liability in the financial statements in the period in which the dividends are approved by the Company's shareholders.

Financial instruments
Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised in the Company's balance sheet when the Company becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and financial liabilities are initially measured at fair value. Transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of financial assets and financial liabilities are added to or deducted from the fair value of the financial assets or financial liabilities, as appropriate, on initial recognition.

Critical accounting judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty
The preparation of financial statements requires the Company's management to make judgements, assumptions and estimates that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expense. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The

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

There are no critical judgements, apart from those involving estimation estimations (which are dealt with separately below), that the directors have made in the process of applying the Company's accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements.

Key sources of estimation uncertainty

The Company does not have any key assumptions concerning the future, or other key sources of estimation uncertainty in the reporting period that may have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Notwithstanding this, as a portion of the Company's activities are undertaken through long term construction contracts the Company is required to make estimates in accounting for revenue and margin. These estimates may depend upon the outcome of future events and may need to be revised as circumstances change. For example, variations are not included in the estimated total contract price until the customer has agreed the revised scope of work. Where the scope has been agreed but the corresponding change in price has not yet been agreed, only the amount that is considered highly probable not to reverse in the future is included in the estimated total contract price. Where delays to the programme of works are anticipated and liquidated damages would be contractually due, the estimated total contract price is reduced accordingly. This is only mitigated by expected extensions of time or commercial resolution being achieved where it is highly probable that this will not lead to a significant reversal in the future.

In order to recognise the profit over time it is necessary to estimate the total costs of the contract. These estimates take account of any uncertainties in the cost of work packages which have not yet been let and materials which have not yet been procured, the expected cost of any acceleration of or delays to the programme or changes in the scope of works. Further detail is provided in the accounting policies on page 17.

1. Analysis of revenue and profit before taxation

All revenue and profit before taxation relates to the Company's principal activity carried out in the UK.

2. Operating profit

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Operating profit is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:		
- owned assets	**179**	210
- right of use assets	**528**	527
Government grant	**-**	(225)
Fees payable to the Company's auditor for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements	**21**	17

3. Staff costs

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Wages and salaries	**15,625**	14,309
Social security costs	**1,997**	1,719
Pension costs	**476**	453
	18,098	16,481

	No.	No.
The average monthly number of employees (including executive directors) during the year was:	**139**	138

In 2020, the Company placed a number of its employees on furlough and accessed the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme ("CJRS"). The Company claimed £0.2m under the CJRS in 2020, the benefit of which is reflected within cost of sales and administrative expense in the 2020 income statement and associated wages and salaries in Note 3.

In October 2020 the amount initially received under CJRS was repaid to the Government. There are no outstanding balances due/payable in respect of this grant.

4. Directors' remuneration

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Directors' remuneration		
Emoluments	**1,002**	518
Company contributions to money purchase pension scheme	**11**	21
	1,013	539
Remuneration of the highest paid director		
Emoluments	**604**	270
Company contributions to money purchase pension scheme	**6**	10

	No.	No.
The number of directors who:		
- are members of money purchase pension schemes	**2**	2
- exercised options over shares in the ultimate Group	**1**	2

Total emoluments exclude amounts in respect of share options (granted and/or exercised), pension contributions, benefits under pension schemes and benefits under long term incentive plans.

Five current directors of the Company received no emoluments (2020: five) in their capacity as directors of this Company. These individuals are remunerated by another company in the Group.

5. Net interest receivable

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Bank interest receivable	**41**	54
Interest receivable	**41**	54
Lease liabilities	**(35)**	(51)
Interest payable	**(35)**	(51)

6. Tax

	2021 £000	2020 £000
UK corporation tax charge on profit for the year	**2,007**	343
Adjustment in respect of previous years	**(19)**	(47)
Total current tax	**1,988**	296
Origination and reversal of timing differences	**(21)**	(12)
Adjustment in respect of previous years	**(12)**	(5)
Total deferred tax (note 11)	**(33)**	(17)
Total tax expense	**1,955**	279

Corporation tax is calculated at 19.0% (2020: 19.0%) of the estimable taxable profit for the year. The actual tax charge for the current and preceding year differs from the standard rate for the reasons set out in the following reconciliation:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Profit before tax	**10,295**	1,626
Tax on profit at corporation tax rate	**1,956**	309
Factors affecting the charge for the year:		
Adjustments to tax charge in respect of previous years	**(32)**	(52)
Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	**62**	32
Expected forthcoming changes in tax rates upon deferred tax	**(30)**	(11)
Others	**(1)**	1
Total tax expense	**1,955**	279

During 2021 it was announced that the UK statutory tax rate will increase from 19% to 25% from 1 April 2023. Consequently the applicable tax rate for the Company (taking into account its December year end) is expected to be 19% in 2021 and 2022, 23.5% in 2023, and 25% in 2024 (and beyond). Deferred taxes at the balance sheet date are measured at the enacted rates that are expected to apply to the unwind of each asset or liability. Accordingly deferred tax balances as at 31 December 2021 have been calculated at a mix of 19%, 23.5% and 25%. Deferred tax balances as at 31 December 2020 were calculated at 19%. During 2020 it was announced that a previously announced reduction in the UK statutory tax rate from 19% to 17% would not occur.

7. Property, plant and equipment

	Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings £000	Right of use assets Leasehold buildings £000	Total £000
Cost			
As at 1 January 2021	1,803	2,828	4,631
Additions	118	-	118
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2021	**1,921**	**2,828**	**4,749**
Depreciation			
As at 1 January 2021	(1,499)	(1,474)	(2,973)
Charge for the year	(179)	(528)	(707)
Disposals	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2021	**(1,678)**	**(2,002)**	**(3,680)**
Net Book Value			
As at 31 December 2021	**243**	**826**	**1,069**
As at 31 December 2020	304	1,354	1,658

8. Trade and other receivables

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade receivables	**16,295**	7,688
Amounts owed by Group undertakings	**22,678**	22,309
Prepayments	**109**	-
Other receivables	**6**	3
	39,088	30,000
Amounts falling due after more than one year		
Trade receivables	**1,730**	331
	40,818	30,331

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are payable on demand and are not interest bearing.

At 31 December 2021 retentions held by customers for contract work, which are included within the trade receivables, amounted to £3.7m (2020: £2.2m).

9. Construction contracts

The Company has recognised the following revenue-related contract assets and liabilities:

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Contract assets	**5,791**	3,132

The contract assets primarily relate to the Company's right to consideration for construction work completed but not invoiced at the balance sheet date. The contract assets are transferred to trade receivables when the amounts are certified by the customer. On most contracts certificates are issued by the customer on a monthly basis.

The Company has taken advantage of the practical expedient in paragraph 94 of IFRS 15 to immediately expense the incremental costs of obtaining contracts where the amortisation period of the assets would have been one year or less.

Significant changes in the contract assets and the contract liabilities during the period are as follows:

	2021 £000		2020 £000	
	Contract assets	**Contract liabilities**	Contract assets	Contract liabilities
As at 1 January	**3,132**	-	4,441	-
Revenue recognised:				
- performance obligations satisfied in the current period	**117,292**	-	62,452	-
Amounts transferred to trade receivables	**(114,633)**	-	(63,761)	-
As at 31 December	**5,791**	-	3,132	-

The following table includes revenue expected to be recognised in the future related to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the balance sheet date:

	2022 £000	**2023 £000**	**Total £000**
As at 31 December 2021	**34,752**	-	**34,752**

10. Trade and other payables

	2021 £000	2020 £000
Amounts falling due within one year		
Trade payables	**1,908**	688
Social security and other taxes	**7,013**	2,131
Other payables	**380**	346
Accruals	**28,573**	16,352
	37,874	19,517

Amounts owed by Group undertakings are payable on demand and are not interest bearing.

11. Deferred tax asset

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Balance at 1 January	**112**	95
Income statement credit (note 6)	**33**	17
Balance at 31 December	**145**	112

Deferred tax assets consist of the following amounts:

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Accelerated capital allowances	**121**	95
Short term timing differences	**24**	17
	145	112

12. Share capital

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Issued, authorised and fully paid		
1,999,982 ordinary shares of £1 each	**2,000**	2,000

The Company has one class of ordinary share which carries no rights to fixed income.

13. Retained earnings

	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Balance as at 1 January	**23,651**	22,304
Profit for the year	**8,340**	1,347
Dividends (350p per share (2020: £nil per share)	**(7,000)**	-
Balance as at 31 December	**24,991**	23,651

14. Pension commitments

The Company contributes to the Morgan Sindall Retirement Benefits Plan and to other employees' personal pension arrangements. The Morgan Sindall Retirement Benefits Plan is a defined contribution post-retirement benefit plan under which the Company pays fixed contributions to a separate entity and has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further amounts. The assets of the schemes are held separately from those of the Company in funds under the control of trustees. The pension creditor at 31 December 2021 was £89k (2020: £82k).

15. Contingent liabilities

Performance bonds have been entered into in the normal course of business. Performance bond facilities and banking facilities of the Group are supported by cross guarantees given by the Company and other participating companies in the Group.

Contingent liabilities may also arise in respect of subcontractor and other third party claims made against the Group, in the normal course of trading. A provision for such claims is only recognised to the extent that the Directors believe that the Group has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefit will be required to settle the obligation. However, such claims are predominantly covered by the Group's insurance arrangements.

16. Lease liabilities

The Company leases assets including property, plant and vehicles. The average lease term is 4 years. There are no variable terms to any of the leases. The maturity profile for the lease liabilities at 31 December 2021 are set out below:

	Leasehold Property	
	2021	2020
	£000	£000
Maturity analysis		
Within one year	**591**	572
Within two to five years	**274**	899
	865	1,471

	Leasehold Property	
	2021	2020
	£000	£000
As at 1 January	**1,471**	1,990
Additions	**-**	-
Repayments	**(641)**	(570)
Interest	**35**	51
As at 31 December	**865**	1,471

17. Related party transactions

In the ordinary course of business, the Company has traded with its parent company Morgan Sindall Group plc together with its subsidiaries. Advantage has been taken of the exemption permitted by FRS 101 not to disclose transactions with entities that are wholly owned by the Group. Balances with these entities are disclosed in notes 8 and 10 of these financial statements.

18. Subsequent events

There were no subsequent events that affected the financial statements of the Company.