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UK ACADEMIC HOLDINGS LTD
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 JULY 2019

	Notes	2019 £	£	2018 £	£
Fixed assets					
Investments	3	65,707,802		65,707,802	
Current assets					
Debtors	5	17,412,062		17,427,825	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(9,773,792)		(3,456,230)	
Net current assets		7,638,270		13,971,595	
Total assets less current liabilities		73,346,072		79,679,397	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(152,325,624)		(148,641,496)	
Net liabilities		(78,979,552)		(68,962,099)	
Capital and reserves					
Called up share capital	9	150		150	
Profit and loss reserves		(78,979,702)		(68,962,249)	
Total equity		(78,979,552)		(68,962,099)	

The directors of the company have elected not to include a copy of the income statement within the financial statements.

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

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 25 September 2020 and are signed on its behalf by:

V Kisilevsky
Director

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JULY 2019

		Share capital	Profit and loss reserves	Total
	Notes	£	£	£
Balance at 8 December 2017		-	-	-
Period ended 31 July 2018:				
Loss and total comprehensive income for the period		-	(68,962,249)	(68,962,249)
Issue of share capital	9	150	-	150
Balance at 31 July 2018		150	(68,962,249)	(68,962,099)
Year ended 31 July 2019:				
Loss and total comprehensive income for the year		-	(10,017,453)	(10,017,453)
Balance at 31 July 2019		150	(78,979,702)	(78,979,552)

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting policies

Company information

UK Academic Holdings Ltd is a private company limited by shares incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Belmont House, Station Way, Crawley, West Sussex, United Kingdom, RH10 1JA.

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.

This company is a qualifying entity for the purposes of FRS 102, being a member of a group where the parent of that group prepares publicly available consolidated financial statements, including this company, which are intended to give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the group. The company has therefore taken advantage of exemptions from the following disclosure requirements:

- Section 4 'Statement of Financial Position': Reconciliation of the opening and closing number of shares;
- Section 7 'Statement of Cash Flows': Presentation of a statement of cash flow and related notes and disclosures;
- Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instrument Issues': Carrying amounts, interest income/expense and net gains/losses for each category of financial instrument; basis of determining fair values; details of collateral, loan defaults or breaches, details of hedges, hedging fair value changes recognised in profit or loss and in other comprehensive income;
- Section 26 'Share based Payment': Share-based payment expense charged to profit or loss, reconciliation of opening and closing number and weighted average exercise price of share options, how the fair value of options granted was measured, measurement and carrying amount of liabilities for cash-settled share-based payments, explanation of modifications to arrangements;
- Section 33 'Related Party Disclosures': Compensation for key management personnel.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption under section 400 of the Companies Act 2006 not to prepare consolidated accounts. The financial statements present information about the company as an individual entity and not about its group.

UK Academic Holdings Ltd is a indirectly wholly owned subsidiary of Global University Systems Holding B.V. and the results of UK Academic Holdings Ltd are included in the consolidated financial statements of Global University Systems Holding B.V. which are available from Keizersgracht 307, 1016ED Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.2 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis which the Director believes to be appropriate for the following reason. The company is reliant on the support of other group companies as a result of the way that the group is financed. Global University Systems Holding B.V. has agreed to continue to provide financial and other support to the company for the foreseeable future to enable it to continue to trade.

As a result, having assessed the response of the directors of Global University Systems Holding B.V., in light of its support and on the basis of his assessment of the company's financial position and Global University Systems Holding B.V. financial position, the Director has a reasonable expectation that the company will be able to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

The current COVID-19 pandemic as noted in note 11 has been taken into account and does not alter this view.

1.3 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.

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.

1.4 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.5 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 statement of financial position 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.

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1 Accounting policies

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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, bank loans, loans from fellow group companies and preference shares that are classified as debt, 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.

1.6 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.

1.7 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.

2 Employees

The average monthly number of persons (including directors) employed by the company during the year was 2 (2018 - 2).

3 Fixed asset investments

	2019 £	2018 £
Shares in group undertakings and participating interests	65,707,802	65,707,802

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3 Fixed asset investments (Continued)

Movements in fixed asset investments

	Shares in group undertakings
	£
Cost or valuation	
At 1 August 2018 & 31 July 2019	65,707,802
Carrying amount	
At 31 July 2019	65,707,802
At 31 July 2018	65,707,802

4 Subsidiaries

Details of the company's subsidiaries at 31 July 2019 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Class of shares held	% Held	
			Direct	Indirect
St Patrick's International College Limited	England & Wales	Ordinary	100.00	0
St. Patrick's College Limited	England & Wales	Limited by Guarantee	0	100.00

The aggregate capital and reserves and the result for the year of the subsidiaries noted above was as follows:

Name of undertaking	Capital and Reserves	Profit/(Loss)
	£	£
St Patrick's International College Limited	36,970,327	(2,871,603)
St. Patrick's College Limited	22,997,658	(2,868,214)

5 Debtors

	2019	2018
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Amounts owed by group undertakings	17,411,424	17,426,634
Other debtors	638	1,191
	<u>17,412,062</u>	<u>17,427,825</u>

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6 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

		2019 £	2018 £
Other borrowings	8	9,766,392	3,444,150
Trade creditors		-	4,080
Accruals and deferred income		7,400	8,000
		<u>9,773,792</u>	<u>3,456,230</u>

7 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
Other borrowings	8	<u>152,325,624</u>	<u>148,641,496</u>

8 Loans and overdrafts

		2019 £	2018 £
Other borrowings		<u>162,092,016</u>	<u>152,085,646</u>
Payable within one year		9,766,392	3,444,150
Payable after one year		<u>152,325,624</u>	<u>148,641,496</u>

Included in other borrowings is a floating rate loan notes (the "Notes") of €150,000,000, agreed on 22 December 2017, due for repayment on 18 December 2024. The interest rate for the loan is LIBOR plus 3.75% margin.

Included in other borrowings is a floating rate loan notes (the "Notes") of €19,900,000, agreed on 23 February 2018, due for repayment on 18 December 2024. Interest rate for the loan is LIBOR plus 4.75% margin.

The Notes were issued to Markermeer Finance B.V, a wholly own subsidiary of Global University Systems Holding B.V.

The Notes are secured by fixed and floating charges over the Company and other group companies provided a guarantee in favour of the holders of the Notes.

9 Called up share capital

	2019 £	2018 £
Ordinary share capital		
Issued and fully paid		
150 Ordinary of £1 each	<u>150</u>	<u>150</u>

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10 Audit report information

As the income statement has been omitted from the filing copy of the financial statements, the following information in relation to the audit report on the statutory financial statements is provided in accordance with s444(5B) of the Companies Act 2006:

The auditor's report was unqualified.

The senior statutory auditor was Jonathan Isaacs.

The auditor was Jeffreys Henry LLP.

11 Financial commitments, guarantees and contingent liabilities

The Company, along with other group companies, is named as a guarantor in the senior facilities agreement for Markermeer Finance B.V. A fixed and floating security shall be provided over the Company's assets. The various loans which total approximately €1 billion are due in 2027 and the revolving credit facility of £120m is to be repaid in 2026.

12 Events after the reporting date

Covid-19 Pandemic

The World Health Organisation declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic on 11 March 2020 and given the passage of time from the balance sheet date of 31 July 2019 as such, this is considered to be a non-adjusting post balance sheet event. As of the date of this report, the COVID-19 crisis is still ongoing and its effects on the global economy are uncertain. Hence, it is not possible to accurately quantify the potential financial impact on the company. However, considering the strong balance sheet position, substantial cash and reserves of the Global University Systems Holding B.V group, of which the company is a member of, there are no concerns about the company's ability to remain a going concern.

Management of the company continues to monitor the situation closely and to put in whatever measure may be necessary to deflect a prolonged downturn.

13 Related party transactions

The company has taken advantage of the exemption allowed in FRS 102 Section 33 - Related Party Disclosures and has not disclosed details of related party transactions with entities that are wholly owned within the group.

14 Parent company

The immediate parent company is St Patrick's Holdings B. V., a company registered in The Netherlands.

The ultimate parent company is Riverhead Ventures Limited, a company registered in The British Virgin Islands.

The ultimate controlling party is The Heritage Trust, registered in Guernsey.

The smallest and largest group into which the entity is consolidated is Global University Systems Holding B.V., a company registered in The Netherlands. The registered office is Keizersgracht 307, 1016ED Amsterdam, The Netherlands from which copies of the group financial statements can be obtained.

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