

Annual Progress Report
ALPHA HOLIDAYS LIMITED IN CREDITORS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION

26 January 2024

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COMPANY INFORMATION**REGISTERED NAME, ADDRESS AND NUMBER****Alpha Holidays Limited (In Liquidation), ("the Company")**

Company Number: 10270092
Date of Incorporation: 08/07/2016
Nature of Business: Travel Industry
Registered Office: Formerly:
192/198 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1DX
Changed to:
5/7 Ravensbourne Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1 HN
Trading address: 192/198 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London, SW1V 1DX

Current Directors at the date of Liquidation

Name	Date Appointed
Sridhar Kumar EDARA	20 October 2016

Prior Directors in previous three years

Name	Date Appointed	Date Resigned
Richard David FRANCIS	16 July 2019	31 May 2020
Petrakis PANTELI	16 February 2017	30 November 2020
Christopher Michael THORPE	26 January 2018	16 July 2019

Share Capital:

The authorised share capital is 99990 ordinary shares of £0.40 each, of which all have been issued and fully paid as follows:

Name	Number of Shares	Class
Truly Holdings Limited	99990	Ordinary A
Date of Liquidation	1 December 2021	
Liquidator	Bijal Shah and Rob Cundy Edge Recovery Limited	
Address	5/7 Ravensbourne Road, Bromley, Kent, BR1 1HN	
IP Numbers	8717, 9495	

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Our Receipts & Payments Account for the period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023 is attached at Appendix 1 together with that of the whole of the appointment. The balance of funds are held in a non-interest bearing estate bank account.

LIQUIDATORS' ACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Assets

Assets subject to fixed charge

Trade refund debtors and Supplier deposits

The statement of affairs included trade refunds with a book value of £3,875,000 with an uncertain realisable value as well as supplier deposits with a book value of £369,539 with an uncertain realisable value. These refunds and deposits related to monies owed by accommodation and travel operators. The refunded money has been claimed by the TTA to set off against amounts owed to consumers for refunds for cancelled travel arrangements.

Trust Funds

The statement of affairs indicated that funds totalling £189,097 were held in a trust account. The funds were noted as being due to the Travel Trust Association ("TTA"), who were due to take on the obligation to consumer creditors in respect of travel refunds.

As previously reported, we have been informed from the TTA that refunds received from the suppliers have been allocated to the particular customers with a valid claim. However the total amount received and allocated is substantially lower than the book value in the statement of affairs, hence this matter is still ongoing and remains under review.

We are continuing to communicate with the TTA to verify the status of the trust arrangements and the facilities in place regarding refunds to customers with valid claims.

Uncharged Assets

There are no further realisations expected from all assets noted on the statement of affairs apart from a possible recovery from the tax refund action as detailed below.

The statement of affairs estimated that £150,000 would be realised in respect of a tax refund. As previously reported, we have been liaising with solicitors for the possible recovery action of a tax refund held by solicitors in respect of pre liquidation arrangements between the company and the original seller of the business. There is a dispute over the ownership of these funds which can only be resolved by consent or through Court action. This matter is still ongoing.

CREDITORS' CLAIMS & DIVIDEND PROSPECTS

Secured Creditors

An examination of the Company's mortgage register held by the Registrar of Companies, showed that the Company has no current charges over its assets. The only creditor noted as being secured is the TTA in respect of the trust funds and refunds. This claim is still under review.

The legislation requires that if the Company has created a floating charge after 15 September 2003, a prescribed part of the Company's net property (i.e. the money that would otherwise be available to the charge holder) should be ring-fenced for distribution to unsecured creditors. In this case there were no creditors secured by a floating charge such that the prescribed part provisions do not apply.

Primary Preferential creditors

The statement of affairs did not anticipate any primary preferential creditors relating to employee claims and no primary preferential claims have been received.

Secondary Preferential Creditors

The statement of affairs did not anticipate any secondary preferential creditors relating to HM Revenue & Customs' (HMRC) claim. No claim has been received from HMRC.

Non-Preferential Unsecured Creditors

The Statement of Affairs included 140 non-preferential unsecured creditors with an estimated total liability of £13,681,700, including the TTA deficiency balance. We have received claims from 49 creditors at a total of £7,739,074. We have not received claims from 111 creditors with original estimated claims in the Statement of Affairs of £2,847,938.40. We have not yet adjudicated on creditors' claims as any dividend will depend on the possible recovery from the tax refund action.

Consumers

The statement of affairs included the TTA in the place of possible consumer claims. This was done on the understanding that the TTA would settle all consumer creditor claims. The consumers have been filing their claims with the TTA. However, there has been no visibility of the processes undertaken, which consumer claims have been paid and whether any have not been paid.

Until such time as we have been provided with a full account of the amounts paid by the TTA, we are unable to advise at this stage who may remain as creditors and whether there are consumers still owed monies.

FEES AND EXPENSES

Pre-Appointment Fees & Expenses

Paid by Company prior to appointment

A fixed fee of £30,000 plus VAT was agreed by directors on 22 November 2021 and paid by Company prior to the decision procedure. Fees have been paid in connection to the preparation of the Statement of Affairs, calling the relevant decision procedure, communications with customers and creditors and a court case with the CMA including Court applications in respect of how to deal with the claims of consumer creditors.

Liquidators' Remuneration

Liquidators' remuneration was approved on a time cost basis by the creditors by vote by correspondence with a decision date 23:59 on 24 May 2023 in accordance with the following resolution:

" That the Joint Liquidators' fees be fixed by reference to the time given by them and their staff in attending to matters arising in the Liquidation, such time to be charged at the hourly charge out rate of the grade of staff undertaking the work at the time it was undertaken, estimated at £151,461 in accordance with the fee estimate dated 9 May 2023, to be drawn as and when funds permit."

The fees estimate acts as a cap and we cannot draw remuneration in excess of that estimate without first seeking further approval from the creditors. Our total time costs to 30 November 2023 amount to £78,967 representing 308.50 of hours work at a blended charge out rate of £255.97 per hour, of which £27,022.00, representing 62.10 of hours work, was charged in the period since 1 December 2022, at a blended charge out rate of £435.14 per hour.

The actual blended charge out rate incurred compares with the estimated blended charge out rate of £291 in our fees estimate. There is a difference in the blended rate charged, compared with the estimated blended rate because of our firm's annual charge out rate review falling with the review period and the complexity of the case requiring dealing with matters on a partner level.

Our incurred costs to date are in line with the future estimated costs, as per estimate dated 9 May 2023 totalling £103,261 to completion of the case if litigation is not necessary and no dividend is payable, with additional cost for litigation and dividend distribution to creditors of £48,200.

We have not been able to draw any remuneration in this matter.

A detailed schedule of our time costs incurred to 30 November 2023 and since 1 December 2022 is attached as Appendix 3. Detailed list of work undertaken for the review period is attached as Appendix 2.

Expenses

We have incurred expenses to 30 November 2023 of £3,805.78 of which £2,969.55 was incurred in the period since 1 December 2022 and these represent the simple reimbursement of actual out of pocket payments made on behalf of the assignment. This is made up as follows:

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Statutory Advertising	£ 166.00
Bordereau	£ 400.00
Case Management Fee	£ 110.00
Registration of Trademark	£ 111.13
Telephone costs, mail	£3,018.65

We have not been able to recover any expenses in this matter.

Information about this insolvency process may be found on the R3 website at <http://www.creditorinsolvencyguide.co.uk/>. A copy of 'A Creditors' Guide to Fees' may be found at <http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/>. The firm's charge-out rate and disbursement policy may be found at <http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/>.

Other professional costs

Solicitors

Trowers & Hamlins, Solicitors were instructed as legal advisors in relation to Court applications around consumer claims and actions being taken by the CMA in the pre-appointment period. These matters continued into the post-liquidation period as consent Orders were concluded. The Court ordered that such costs were to rank as an expense of the liquidation. Their costs have been agreed on the basis of their standard hourly charge out rates, plus disbursements and VAT. Their costs in respect of this matter are totalling £18,977.93, of which £4,461.16 was paid during the reporting period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. Accordingly, there are outstanding unpaid costs of £14,516.77.

Trowers & Hamlins have also been instructed to assist with a review of the trust arrangements with the TTA. Their costs to 30 November 2023 are £18,335.50, of which £6,156 incurred during the reporting period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. These are still to be allocated accordingly between both liquidations Truly Travel Limited and Alpha Holidays Limited.

Solicitors, Fieldfisher LLP, have also been instructed to assist with pursuing recovery from the tax refund action. They have been instructed based on their in depth knowledge in respect of the original action prior to the liquidation. Their costs have been agreed on a CFA basis, paid on realisation, on the basis of their standard hourly rates plus a possible uplift of up to 100% of time spent. Their costs to 30 November 2023 are £22,975 plus VAT, of which £12,492.50 incurred during the reporting period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. Their fees remain unpaid. There will be further costs until this matter is finalised.

Agents and valuers

Asset Valuation and Sales Ltd, agents and valuers advised us in relation to leasehold improvements and computer equipment. Their costs have been agreed on a time-cost basis, plus disbursements and VAT. Their fees of £500 plus VAT have been paid in full during the reporting period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023. We don't anticipate to incur any further agent's costs in this matter.

CREDITORS' RIGHTS

Within 21 days of the receipt of this report, a secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 5% in value of the unsecured creditors), may request in writing that the Liquidators provide further information about their remuneration or expenses which have been itemised in this progress report.

Any secured creditor, or an unsecured creditor (with the concurrence of at least 10% in value of the unsecured creditors), may within 8 weeks of receipt of this progress report make an application to court on the grounds that, in all the circumstances, the basis fixed for the Liquidators' remuneration is inappropriate and/or the remuneration charged or the expenses incurred by the Liquidators, as set out in this progress report, are excessive.

We would inform you that when carrying out all professional work relating to an insolvency appointment, Insolvency Practitioners are bound by the Insolvency Code of Ethics. To comply with the Provision of Services Regulations, some general information about Edge Recovery Limited can be found at <http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/>.

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Edge Recovery Limited uses personal information in order to fulfil the legal obligations of our Insolvency Practitioners under the Insolvency Act and other relevant legislation, and also to fulfil the legitimate interests of keeping creditors and others informed about the insolvency proceedings. You can find more information on how Edge Recovery Limited uses your personal information on our website at <http://www.edgerecovery.com/links-and-downloads/document-downloads/external-privacy-statement>.

A hard copy of all documents available on line through the above links may be obtained free of charge on request.

WHAT REMAINS TO BE DONE

The administration of the case will be continuing to finalise the following outstanding matters that are preventing this case from being closed:

- Possible recovery from tax refund action
- Payment of a dividend, should sufficient funds be received from the tax refund action

We are required to provide a further report on the progress of the liquidation within two months of the next anniversary of the liquidation, unless we have concluded matters prior to this, in which case we will write to all creditors with our final account.

If you require any further information, please contact Kristina Todorova, Kristina.Todorova@edgerecovery.com on 0208 315 7430.



Robert Cundy
Joint Liquidator

26 January 2024

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Appendix 1

Alpha Holidays Limited T/A Alpharooms - In Creditors Voluntary Liquidation
Joint Liquidators' Abstract of Receipts & Payments

From 01 December 2021 To 30 November 2023

S of A £	As Previously Reported	01/12/22 to 30/11/23	Total £
RECEIPTS			
189,097 Trust funds	NIL	NIL	NIL
150,000 Tax Refund	NIL	NIL	NIL
NIL Cash at Bank	6,890.08	NIL	6,890.08
<u>339,097</u>	<u>6,890.08</u>	<u>NIL</u>	<u>6,890.08</u>
PAYMENTS			
Agents/Valuers Fees (1)	NIL	(500.00)	(500.00)
Legal Fees	NIL	(4,461.16)	(4,461.16)
Vat Receivable	NIL	(992.23)	(992.23)
	<u>NIL</u>	<u>(5,953.39)</u>	<u>(5,953.39)</u>
CASH IN HAND	<u>6,890.08</u>	<u>(5,953.39)</u>	<u>936.69</u>

Appendix 2

Detailed list of work undertaken for Alpha Holidays Limited in Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation for the review period 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023

Below is detailed information about the tasks undertaken by the Joint Liquidators.

General Description	Includes
Administration and planning	<i>This represents the work that is involved in the routine administrative functions of the case by the office holders and their staff, together with the control and supervision of the work done on the case by the office holders and their managers. It does not give direct financial benefit to the creditors, but has to be undertaken by the office holders to meet their requirements under the insolvency legislation and the Statements of Insolvency Practice, which set out required practice that office holders must follow.</i>
Statutory/advertising	Filing of documents to meet statutory requirements including annual receipts and payments accounts Bonding the case for the value of the assets
Document maintenance/file review/checklist	Periodic file reviews documenting strategy Periodic reviews of the application of ethical, anti-money laundering and anti-bribery safeguards Maintenance of statutory and case progression task lists/diaries Updating checklists
Bank account administration	Bank account reconciliations Correspondence with bank regarding specific transfers Maintenance of the estate cash book Issuing BACS payments
Planning / Review	Discussions regarding strategies to be pursued Meetings with team members and independent advisers to consider practical, technical and legal aspects of the case
Reporting	<i>Statutory reporting is a requirement under the insolvency legislation.</i>
	Preparing annual progress report and general reports to creditors
Realisation of Assets	<i>This is the work that needs to be undertaken to protect and then realise the known assets in the case.</i>
Debtors	Collecting supporting documentation Correspondence with debtors Liaising with solicitors Dealing with disputes, including communicating with directors
Creditors and Distributions	<i>Claims of creditors - the office holders need to maintain up to date records of the names and addresses of creditors, together with the amounts of their claims as part of the management of the case, and to ensure that notices and reports can be issued to the creditors. The office holders will also have to deal with correspondence and queries received from creditors regarding their claims and dividend prospects as they are received. The office holders are required to undertake this work as part of their statutory functions.</i>
Creditor Communication	Receive and follow up creditor enquiries via telephone Review and prepare correspondence to creditors and their representatives via email and post
Decision Procedure	Preparation of meeting notices, proxies/voting forms, notice of meeting Collate and examine proofs and proxies/votes to decide on resolutions Record of decision procedure

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Appendix 3

Joint Liquidators' Remuneration Schedule
Alpha Holidays Limited
Between 01 December 2021 and 30 November 2023

Classification of work function	Partner/ Director	Manager	Other Senior Professionals	Assistants & Support Staff	Total Hours	Time Cost	Average Hourly Rate
Administration and Planning	16.20	0.60	0.00	13.00	29.80	11,337.00	380.44
Enquiries & Investigations	6.90	0.10	0.00	11.10	18.10	5,818.00	321.44
Realisation of Assets	31.90	0.00	0.00	0.30	32.20	16,335.00	507.30
Creditors (inc Employee Matters)	27.10	0.00	0.00	187.30	214.40	39,996.00	186.55
Statutory and compliance	0.50	0.00	0.00	1.10	1.60	473.00	295.63
Reporting	7.30	0.00	0.00	3.10	10.40	4,748.00	456.54
Pre-appointment	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.00	2.00	260.00	130.00
Total hours	89.90	0.70	0.00	217.90	308.50		
Time costs	45,660.00	237.00	0.00	33,070.00		78,967.00	
Average hourly rate	507.90	338.57	0.00	151.77			255.97

Summary of Fees

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	308.50
Total value of time spent to 30 November 2023	£	78,967.00
Total Joint Liquidators' fees charged to 30 November 2023	£	0.00

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Administration and Planning	6.70	0.00	0.00	4.70	11.40	4,840.00	424.56
Realisation of Assets	13.40	0.00	0.00	0.30	13.70	7,314.00	533.87
Creditors (inc Employee Matters)	12.30	0.00	0.00	13.40	25.70	9,898.00	385.14
Statutory and compliance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.90	0.90	222.00	246.67
Reporting	7.30	0.00	0.00	3.10	10.40	4,748.00	456.54
Total hours	39.70	0.00	0.00	22.40	62.10		
Time costs	21,438.00	0.00	0.00	5,584.00		27,022.00	
Average hourly rate	540.00	0.00	0.00	249.29			435.14

Summary of Fees

Time spent in administering the Assignment	Hours	62.10
Total value of time spent to 30 November 2023	£	27,022.00
Total Joint Liquidators' fees charged to 30 November 2023	£	0.00