## **ANNUAL REPORT**



22 MAY 2015

Kavia Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 050 108 757 (In Liquidation) ("the Company")

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### Section 1: Introduction

#### Purpose of the Report

- The Liquidators have prepared this report pursuant to Section 508 of the Act to provide, amongst other things, the following information:
  - 1.1 An account of the acts and dealings of the Liquidators and the conduct of the winding up of the Company for the 12 months to 24 February 2015;
  - 1.2 A description of the acts and dealings that remain to be carried out in order to complete the winding up; and
  - 1.3 An estimate of when the liquidation is likely to be finalised.
- 2. This report should be read in conjunction with the Liquidators' previous reports to creditors dated 13 September 2013, 11 December 2013 and 17 February 2014.

#### Glossary

3. A glossary of the defined terms used in this report appears at Schedule 1.

#### Disclaimer

- 4. This report is based on information sourced from the Company's books and documents and information provided to the Liquidators. The Liquidators have reviewed the books, documents and information and whilst limited independent verification of the information has been conducted, no audit has been undertaken.
- 5. The Liquidators have no reason to doubt the information contained in this report. The statements and opinions given in this report are given in good faith and in the belief that such statements and opinions are not false or misleading. The Liquidators reserve the right to alter any conclusions reached on the basis of any changed or additional information which may become available to them.
- 6. Neither the Liquidators, FTI Consulting, nor any employee thereof undertakes any responsibility in any way whatsoever to any person in respect of any errors in this Report arising from incorrect information provided to the Liquidators.
- 7. This report is not for general circulation, publication, reproduction or any other use other than to assist the Creditors in evaluating their position as Creditors of the Company and must not be disclosed without the written approval of the Liquidators.
- 8. The Liquidators do not assume or accept any responsibility for any liability or loss sustained by any Creditor or any other party as a result of the circulation, publication, reproduction or any other use of the report.
- 9. Each Creditor must seek their own independent legal advice as to their rights and the options available to them with respect to the liquidation of the Company.

## Section 2: Background & Key Work Undertaken

#### Background

- 10. Mr Quentin Olde and Mr Michael Ryan of FTI Consulting were appointed as Joint and Several Administrators of the Company on 16 April 2013 by ANZ pursuant to Section 436C of the Act.
- 11. Immediately following the Administrators' appointment, Mr Marcus Ayres and Mr Stephen Parbery of PPB were appointed Receivers and Managers of the Company pursuant to the terms of a security interest registered against the Company in favour of ANZ. As a result of their appointment, the Receivers assumed full control of the Company's assets and trading operations. Following their appointment, the Company and the business continued to trade on a "business as usual" basis under the control of the Receivers.
- 12. The appointment of the Administrators and Receivers of the Company occurred in conjunction with the same appointments over companies contained in the Group.

- 13. At the reconvened second meeting of creditors held on 25 February 2014, the Creditors of the Company resolved that:
  - 13.1 The Company be wound up; and
  - 13.2 That Quentin Olde and Michael Ryan of FTI Consulting be appointed as the Joint and Several Liquidators of the Company.
- 14. Mr Quentin Olde and Mr Michael Ryan of FTI Consulting were appointed Joint and Several Liquidators of all other companies in the Group on 23 September 2013.
- 15. PPB has advised the Liquidators that they retired as Receivers from the Company, and the other companies in the Group, on 1 October 2014.

#### Key Work Undertaken During the Report Period

- 16. During the Report Period, the Liquidators have attended to the following matters for the Company:
  - 16.1 Investigations into the affairs of the Directors of the Company;
  - 16.2 Investigating and pursuing unfair preferences pursuant to the Act;
  - 16.3 Required statutory reporting under the Act; and
  - 16.4 Liaising with the Receivers to understand the status of the Receivership.

#### Section 3: Asset Realisations

- 17. We note that all proceeds realised from the sale of the assets of the Company were applied to the Receivers' professional and legal costs, and subsequently to the secured debt owed to the ANZ.
- 18. The Receivers informed the Liquidators that all material assets previously owned by the Company, including the leasehold of Watershed and Cohibar, the penthouse in Elizabeth Bay, and the Belvedere freehold, were realised during their appointment.
- 19. The proceeds from the sale of the assets of the Company by the Receivers were not sufficient to enable a return to unsecured Creditors of the Company given the significant shortfall owed to ANZ.

### Section 4: Unfair Preference Recoveries

#### Introduction

- 20. Part 5.7B of the Act allows the Liquidators to bring certain legal recovery proceedings for the benefit of the unsecured Creditors of the Company.
- 21. The Liquidators have identified one (1) material unfair preference recovery available to the Company, against the ATO, as further discussed below.

#### Unfair Preference Claim against the ATO

- 22. The Liquidators have issued a demand to the ATO, dated 18 March 2015, for unfair preference payments totalling an amount of \$314,412.36.
- 23. As at the date of preparing this report, the ATO has not satisfactorily responded to the demand.
- 24. Accordingly, the Liquidators have engaged solicitors to formally request responses from the ATO in regards to unfair preference demands for companies in the Group (including the Company) and have provided a deadline for the ATO to respond by 9 June 2015.
- 25. In the event that the ATO fails to respond by the deadline, the Liquidators will consider commencing legal proceedings.

## Section 5: Claims against the Directors

- 26. The Directors were made bankrupt by separate debtor's petitions on 13 November 2014. Mr Robert Whitton from William Buck (NSW) Pty Ltd was initially appointed as Trustee of both bankrupt estates. Subsequently, both of the bankrupt estates were transferred to Mr John Melluish of Ferrier Hodgson, currently acting as Trustee.
- 27. Given their financial status, it would be futile to pursue claims which may exist against the Directors.

# Section 6: Estimated Return to Ordinary Unsecured Creditors

- 28. The forecast return to ordinary unsecured Creditors remains at \$NIL cents in the dollar. Any return to unsecured Creditors is entirely reliant upon successfully recovering the unfair preference payments made to the ATO and the related costs incurred.
- 29. Creditors will be notified should the circumstances change and it becomes likely that a dividend will be paid.

## Section 7: Acts and Dealings to be Undertaken

- 30. Prior to the completion of the liquidation, the following matters will be required to be undertaken for the Company:
  - 30.1 Finalising the ATO unfair preference claim, including any legal proceedings and/or settlement negotiations;
  - 30.2 Convening and holding a final meeting of creditors; and
  - 30.3 Attending to all remaining statutory obligations.
- 31. Following the completion of the abovementioned work for the Company, we will be in a position to finalise the liquidation.

# Section 8: Estimated Timeframe for Completion of the Liquidation

32. We intend to complete the liquidation of the Company by 31 October 2015, however finalisation is dependent upon the timing of the completion of remaining acts and dealings which may be affected by third parties.

## Section 9: Statutory Issues

#### Statutory Reporting

33. The Liquidators continue to comply with their ASIC and ATO statutory reporting obligations by lodging statements of receipts and payments with ASIC and business activity statements with the ATO.

## Section 10: Receipts and Payments

34. A statement of receipts and payments for the Company for the Report Period is provided below.

Table 1: Statement of Receipts and Payments for the period 25 February 2014 to 24 February 2015	
	Amount
	\$
Receipts	
GST Received	2,727.00
	2,727.00
Payments	
Appointee Disbursements	(2,727.00)
	(2,727.00)
Reconciliation as at 24 February 2015	
Opening Balance	0.00
Receipts	2,727.00
Payments	(2,727.00)
Closing Balance	0.00

35. Creditors should note that the GST refund relates to an invoice paid to FTI Consulting during the Administration period. This original payment was made from funds made available from the indemnity provided by ANZ to the Group of companies (including the Company). Details of the indemnity have previously been provided in the Liquidators' reports and Declaration of Independence, Relevant Relationships and Indemnities.

## Section 11: Queries

36. Should you have any queries in relation to this report, please contact Declan McDonnell of this office on (02) 8247 8000 or declan.mcdonnell@fticonsulting.com.

Yours faithfully Kavia Holdings Pty Limited (In Liquidation)

Quentin Olde

Joint and Several Liquidator

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# Schedule 1: Glossary

Term	Definition
Act	Corporations Act 2001 (Cth)
Administration	The period from 16 April 2013 up to 25 February 2014
Appointment Date	Appointment of Liquidators on 25 February 2014
ASIC	Australian Securities and Investments Commission
АТО	Australian Taxation Office
The Bank or ANZ	Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited
Company	Kavia Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 050 108 757
Creditors	Creditors of the Company who have a claim admissible to proof in the Liquidation of the Company
Directors	Mr Christopher Crawley and Ms Judith Crawley
FTI Consulting	FTI Consulting (Australia) Pty Ltd
Group	The companies within the Group are:
	<ul> <li>Aldonet Pty Limited ACN 069 830 977</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Batent Holdings Pty Limited ACN 137 598 586</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>BVH Management Pty Limited ACN 137 598 577 (formerly traded as the Belvedere Hotel)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>J&amp;J O'Brien Pty Limited ACN 001 872 966 (formerly traded as the Marlborough Hotel)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Kavia Holdings Pty Ltd ACN 050 108 757</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Marsico Holdings Pty Limited ACN 003 678 608 (formerly traded as Jacksons on George Hotel)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rocks Catering Pty Limited ACN 003 510 656 (formerly traded as Watershed Hotel and Cohibar)</li> </ul>
Liquidators	Quentin Olde and Michael Ryan of FTI Consulting
Receivers or PPB	Marcus Ayres and Stephen Parbery of PPB Advisory, the Receivers and Managers
Report Period	The period from 25 February 2014 to 24 February 2015



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