



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/8/2023 Period start date To 31/7/2024 Period end date

Charity name: Confucius & Tao Association (UK)

Charity registration number:1138997

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY</b> The objects of the charity are: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. To advance religion for the public benefit by promoting Buddhism and the teachings of the great Tao</li><li>2. To promote the mental or spiritual improvement of the community for the public benefit by sponsoring the teachings of Confucius</li><li>3. To promote religious and racial harmony for the public benefit by enhancing mutual understanding amongst all races and cultures in the United Kingdom</li><li>4. To relieve those in need by provision of charitable, physical or moral assistance, for the public benefit</li></ol>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The trustees have considered their duty as outlined in Section 4 of the Companies Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The purpose of the charity is enshrined in its objectives as outlined above. The trustees ensure that this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by delivering a range of suitable activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. One person is appointed as the Chairperson of the trustees and duties and responsibilities are allocated amongst the trustees and members. Meetings of the trustees are held throughout the year to deal with matters relating to the running of the charity and activities for members. The charity does not have any employees as its work is carried out by the trustees and its members and volunteers.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the period under review, the organisation continued with its usual charitable activities including operating The Tea Bar called Lotus Bloom Café at its premises. Some of the charitable activities were held online and some were in person events including seminars and other events for the community.</p> <p>There has been no further progress on the re-submission of the application to the local Council for the change of use of the property.</p> <p>The charity operates in London but has informal links with other independent charity organisations based in Birmingham and Glasgow. Fundraising was carried out in those locations for the charity.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity had a surplus of £18,956 ( 2023 Deficit £1,865) ) for the year. Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £89,681 ( 2023 £93,971 ). As at 31 July 2024, the total reserves of the charity amounted to £471,593 (2022 £452,637 ).
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets, designated for special purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to carry out the activities of the charity and to meet its running costs for at least 6 months ahead.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Each of the above trustees is also a member and director of the company and each is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have the considered the going concern of the charity and its cashflows. They have come to the conclusion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in business for the next 12 months.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The charity's investment powers are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This permits the charity's funds to be invested in investments, securities or property as may be thought fit but only after obtaining appropriate advice from a Financial Expert.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees are aware of the major operational and business risks which the charity faces and are confident that adequate systems are in place to mitigate any significant risks.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1138997
Charity's principal address	47 SHERNHALL STREET, LONDON, E17 3EY

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	MR MUN HOONG CHIN			
2	CAIYING HE			
3	TAK YEUNG CHEUNG			
4	HUI GOH PHUA			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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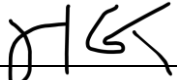
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	HUI GOH PHUA	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRESURER	
Date	31.7.25	



**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**

**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED  
CHARITY)**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ended 31 July 2024**

**COMPANY NO: 07323872 (ENGLAND & WALES)**

**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1138997**

**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY)**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ended 31 JULY 2024**

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**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
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**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**  
**For the year ended 31 July 2024**

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<b>Trustees/Directors</b>	D M H Chin ( Chairman) C Y He T Y Cheung H G Phua ( Treasurer )
<b>Company Number</b>	07323872 (England & Wales)
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1138997
<b>Registered Office</b>	The Lord Brooke 47 Shernhall Street Walthamstow London E17 3EY
<b>Charity's address</b>	The Lord Brooke 47 Shernhall Street Walthamstow London E17 3EY
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mei Sim Lai OBE DL FCA FCCA LaiPeters & Co Chartered Accountants Suite A 6 Honduras Street London EC1Y 0TH
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC Bank Canada Place Canary Wharf London E14 5AH

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024.

### **CONSTITUTION**

Confucius Tao Association (UK) is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital incorporated on 22 July 2010. The company was granted charity status on 12 November 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

The objects of the charity are:

1. To advance religion for the public benefit by promoting Buddhism and the teachings of the great Tao
2. To promote the mental or spiritual improvement of the community for the public benefit by sponsoring the teachings of Confucius
3. To promote religious and racial harmony for the public benefit by enhancing mutual understanding amongst all races and cultures in the United Kingdom
4. To relieve those in need by provision of charitable, physical or moral assistance, for the public benefit

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have considered their duty as outlined in Section 4 of the Companies Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The purpose of the charity is enshrined in its objectives as outlined above. The trustees ensure that this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by delivering a range of suitable activities.

### **GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION**

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. One person is appointed as the Chairperson of the trustees and duties and responsibilities are allocated amongst the trustees and members. Meetings of the trustees are held throughout the year to deal with matters relating to the running of the charity and activities for members. The charity does not have any employees as its work is carried out by the trustees and its members and volunteers.

### **DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

The trustees who have served during the year under review and to the date of signing these accounts are:

D M H Chin (Chairman)  
C Y He  
T Y Cheung  
H G Phua (Treasurer)

Each of the above trustees is also a member and director of the company and each is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees are aware of the major operational and business risks which the charity faces and are confident that adequate systems are in place to mitigate any significant risks.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets, designated for special purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to carry out the activities of the charity and to meet its running costs for at least 6 months ahead.

### **INVESTMENT POWERS AND POLICY**

The charity's investment powers are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This permits the charity's funds to be invested in investments, securities or property as may be thought fit but only after obtaining appropriate advice from a Financial Expert.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 2023/2024**

During the period under review, the organisation continued with its usual charitable activities including operating The Tea Bar called Lotus Bloom Café at its premises. Some of the charitable activities were held online and some were in person events including seminars and other events for the community.

There has been no further progress on the re-submission of the application to the local Council for the change of use of the property.

The charity operates in London but has informal links with other independent charity organisations based in Birmingham and Glasgow. Fundraising was carried out in those locations for the charity.

### **PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE CHARITY**

The charity purchased the Freehold property at The Lord Brooke, 47 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow in July 2014 in August 2014. The cost of the Freehold Property was £740,000. With related professional and other costs of £4,259, the total costs of the Freehold Property amounted to £744,259. Further costs were spent on improving the property and converting it into suitable accommodation for the charity, including completing the fitting out of it with fixtures and equipment. In 2023 costs were incurred to create a tea bar on the premises. At 31 July 2024, the total costs of the property amounted to £834,712 ( Note 2 ). Depreciation has been provided on the buildings element of the cost. The original purchase and subsequent improvement costs were funded by donations specifically for this purpose. As at 31 July 2024 the total loans relating to the property that have been generously provided by supporters of the charity amounted to £57,480 ( 2023 £94,480 ) These are interest free loans with no fixed repayment terms.

**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**For the year ended 31 July 2024**

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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity had a surplus of £18,956 ( 2023 Deficit £1,865 ) for the year. Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £89,681 ( 2023 £93,971 ). As at 31 July 2024, the total reserves of the charity amounted to £471,593 (2022 £452,637 ).

**FUTURE PLANS & DEVELOPMENTS**

The trustees continue to review and monitor the situation as regards the use of the property to carry out its charitable work and efforts are being made to raise more funds from its supporters.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors/trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors/trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the directors/trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of accounting practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors/trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by

H G PHUA  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**For the year ended 31 July 2024**

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I report on the financial statements of Confucius & Tao Association (UK) ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The trustees of the charity (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the financial statements. The trustees of the charity consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have:

- examined the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- followed the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- stated whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directives given by the Charity Commission and regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006: and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 which are consistent with the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached

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31 July 2025

**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**For the year ended 31 July 2024**

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated Funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations , grants and other incoming resources	3	89,481	-	89,481	93,882
Interest receivable	3	200	-	200	89
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>89,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,971</b>	<b>93,971</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Raising funds	4	3,263		3,263	20,115
Charitable activities		67,462	-	67,462	75,721
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>70,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,836</b>	<b>95,836</b>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		18,956	-	18,956	(1,865)
Transfer of funds		-	-	-	5,192
Total funds brought forward		452,637	-	452,637	454,502
Total funds carried forward		<b>471,593</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>471,593</b>	<b>452,637</b>

The charity had no gains or losses during the year other than those shown above. All the above results are derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.



**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 July 2024**

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	Notes	2024 £	2023- £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	2	435,062	480,643
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	7,463	5,536
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>87,865</u>	<u>62,138</u>
		95,328	67,674
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and Loans	9,10	<u>( 58,797)</u>	<u>( 95,680)</u>
		<u>36,531</u>	<u>( 28,006)</u>
		<u>471,593</u>	<u>452,637</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Unrestricted funds		471,593	452,637
Restricted funds	11	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>		<u>471,593</u>	<u>452,637</u>

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 July 2023:

- The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act")
- Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 5.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 31 July 2025 and signed on behalf of the Board of trustees by:

H G PHUA  
Trustee  
Company no : 07323872 ( England & Wales )

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## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **(a) Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting by Charities - SORP FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have considered the going concern of the charity and its cashflows. They have come to the conclusion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in business for the next 12 months.

### **(b) Incoming resources**

Income representing the value of gifts, donations and contributions from members is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

### **(c) Resources expended**

Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered

### **(d) Unrestricted and Restricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the charity without a specified purpose and are available for the general use of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal. The purpose and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to these accounts.

### **(e) Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs of fixed assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold buildings	5% straight line
Fixtures and equipment	25% reducing balance

### **(f) Foreign exchange**

Transactions in respect of donations from overseas, denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Balances at the year end denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date.

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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At beginning of year	834,712	102,215	936,927
Additions during year	-	1,454	1,454
Cost at end of year	<u>834,712</u>	<u>103,669</u>	<u>938,381</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At beginning of year	373,811	82,473	456,284
Charge for year	41,736	5,299	47,035
At end of year	<u>415,547</u>	<u>87,772</u>	<u>503,319</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
31 July 2024	<u>419,165</u>	<u>15,897</u>	<u>435,062</u>
31 July 2023	<u>460,901</u>	<u>19,742</u>	<u>480,643</u>

In the opinion of the trustees the current market value of the freehold property is well in excess of £1.2 million based on increases in property prices in the area but in the absence of a formal valuation the actual amount is not known.

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Unrestricted donations	58,561	58,730
Sale of donated and other goods	3,989	8,397
Tea Bar	2,726	8,713
Gift Aid recoverable	5,135	5,389
Income from car parking	16,610	4,850
Meetings and events	2,442	6,584
Uniforms	18	1,219
Total unrestricted incoming resources	<u>89,481</u>	<u>93,882</u>
Bank interest receivable - restricted	200	89
Total Incoming resources	<u>89,681</u>	<u>93,971</u>

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**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Raising funds:</b>		
Cost of goods sold	3,200	8,048
Tea Bar costs	63	12,067
	<u>3,263</u>	<u>20,115</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Meetings, events and seminar expenses	595	2,525
Support costs:		
Utilities	10,641	12,856
Insurance	2,787	2,402
Professional Fees	-	2,919
Printing & Stationer	129	56
General Expenses & office costs	5,075	5,446
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
Total cost of charitable activities	<u>20,427</u>	<u>27,404</u>
Depreciation of Freehold buildings	41,736	41,736
Depreciation of Fixtures and Equipment	5,299	6,581
	<u>70,725</u>	<u>95,836</u>

**5. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,200	1,200

**6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION**

The trustees are not remunerated and no expenses were claimed by the trustees during the year .

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayment	2,328	100
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>5,135</u>	<u>5,436</u>
	<u>7,463</u>	<u>5,536</u>

**8. CASH AT BANK**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	200	200
Cash at Bank- Current account	10,159	59,697
Cash at Bank- Savings account	<u>77,506</u>	<u>2,241</u>
	<u>87,865</u>	<u>62,138</u>

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**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>1,317</u>	<u>1,200</u>

**10. LOANS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans to assist with the purchase of a building for use by the charity	57,480	94,480

The above loans have been provided by supporters of the charity on an interest free basis. No repayment terms have been fixed as this will be mutually decided and applied at the appropriate date.

**11. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
At beginning of year	43,036	43,036
Net interest in year	89	89
Depreciation of buildings and Fixtures & Equipment for year	(48,317)	(48,317)
Transfer from unrestricted funds	<u>5,192</u>	<u>5,192</u>
At end of year	-	-

**12. CONTROL**

The charitable company was controlled during the year by the board of directors/trustees.

**13. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS**

Donations were received from the Trustees during the year. Apart from this there were no other related parties transactions during the year.

**14. EMPLOYEES**

The charity did not have any employees during the period under review

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**REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1138997**

**CONFUCIUS & TAO ASSOCIATION (UK)**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE WITH NO SHARE CAPITAL AND A REGISTERED CHARITY)**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**For the year ended 31 JULY 2024**

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**OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS**  
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<b>Trustees/Directors</b>	D M H Chin ( Chairman) C Y He T Y Cheung H G Phua ( Treasurer )
<b>Company Number</b>	07323872 (England & Wales)
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1138997
<b>Registered Office</b>	The Lord Brooke 47 Shernhall Street Walthamstow London E17 3EY
<b>Charity's address</b>	The Lord Brooke 47 Shernhall Street Wathamstow London E17 3EY
<b>Independent Examiner</b>	Mei Sim Lai OBE DL FCA FCCA LaiPeters & Co Chartered Accountants Suite A 6 Honduras Street London EC1Y 0TH
<b>Bankers</b>	HSBC Bank Canada Place Canary Wharf London E14 5AH



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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024.

### **CONSTITUTION**

Confucius Tao Association (UK) is a company limited by guarantee with no share capital incorporated on 22 July 2010. The company was granted charity status on 12 November 2010 and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY**

The objects of the charity are:

1. To advance religion for the public benefit by promoting Buddhism and the teachings of the great Tao
2. To promote the mental or spiritual improvement of the community for the public benefit by sponsoring the teachings of Confucius
3. To promote religious and racial harmony for the public benefit by enhancing mutual understanding amongst all races and cultures in the United Kingdom
4. To relieve those in need by provision of charitable, physical or moral assistance, for the public benefit

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees have considered their duty as outlined in Section 4 of the Companies Act 2006 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The purpose of the charity is enshrined in its objectives as outlined above. The trustees ensure that this purpose is carried out for the public benefit by delivering a range of suitable activities.

### **GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATION**

The trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. One person is appointed as the Chairperson of the trustees and duties and responsibilities are allocated amongst the trustees and members. Meetings of the trustees are held throughout the year to deal with matters relating to the running of the charity and activities for members. The charity does not have any employees as its work is carried out by the trustees and its members and volunteers.

### **DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES**

The trustees who have served during the year under review and to the date of signing these accounts are:

D M H Chin (Chairman)  
C Y He  
T Y Cheung  
H G Phua (Treasurer)

Each of the above trustees is also a member and director of the company and each is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 in the event of the company being wound up.

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## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees are aware of the major operational and business risks which the charity faces and are confident that adequate systems are in place to mitigate any significant risks.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees have examined the requirement for free reserves which are those unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets, designated for special purposes or otherwise committed. The trustees consider that there are sufficient unrestricted funds to carry out the activities of the charity and to meet its running costs for at least 6 months ahead.

## **INVESTMENT POWERS AND POLICY**

The charity's investment powers are governed by the Memorandum and Articles of Association. This permits the charity's funds to be invested in investments, securities or property as may be thought fit but only after obtaining appropriate advice from a Financial Expert.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DURING 2023/2024**

During the period under review, the organisation continued with its usual charitable activities including operating The Tea Bar called Lotus Bloom Café at its premises. Some of the charitable activities were held online and some were in person events including seminars and other events for the community.

There has been no further progress on the re-submission of the application to the local Council for the change of use of the property.

The charity operates in London but has informal links with other independent charity organisations based in Birmingham and Glasgow. Fundraising was carried out in those locations for the charity.

## **PURCHASE OF FREEHOLD PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE CHARITY**

The charity purchased the Freehold property at The Lord Brooke, 47 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow in July 2014 in August 2014. The cost of the Freehold Property was £740,000. With related professional and other costs of £4,259, the total costs of the Freehold Property amounted to £744,259. Further costs were spent on improving the property and converting it into suitable accommodation for the charity, including completing the fitting out of it with fixtures and equipment. In 2023 costs were incurred to create a tea bar on the premises. At 31 July 2024, the total costs of the property amounted to £834,712 ( Note 2 ). Depreciation has been provided on the buildings element of the cost. The original purchase and subsequent improvement costs were funded by donations specifically for this purpose. As at 31 July 2024 the total loans relating to the property that have been generously provided by supporters of the charity amounted to £57,480 ( 2023 £94,480 ) These are interest free loans with no fixed repayment terms.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
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**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity had a surplus of £18,956 ( 2023 Deficit £1,865 ) for the year. Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £89,681 ( 2023 £93,971 ). As at 31 July 2024, the total reserves of the charity amounted to £471,593 (2022 £452,637 ).

**FUTURE PLANS & DEVELOPMENTS**

The trustees continue to review and monitor the situation as regards the use of the property to carry out its charitable work and efforts are being made to raise more funds from its supporters.

**STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The directors/trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors/trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure. In preparing these financial statements the directors/trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of accounting practice have been followed, subject to any departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis and in accordance with applicable accounting standards unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The directors/trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 31 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by

H G PHUA  
Trustee

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
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I report on the financial statements of Confucius & Tao Association (UK) ("the charity") for the year ended 31 July 2024 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

**Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner**

The trustees of the charity (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the financial statements. The trustees of the charity consider that an audit is not required for the year (under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, I have:

- examined the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- followed the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- stated whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directives given by the Charity Commission and regulation 11 of the 2006 Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeks explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006: and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Companies Act 2006 which are consistent with the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charitieshave not been met or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached

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31 July 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
<b>Incoming resources from generated Funds</b>					
<i>Voluntary income</i>					
Donations , grants and other incoming resources	3	89,481	-	89,481	93,882
Interest receivable	3	200	-	200	89
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>89,681</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>93,971</b>	<b>93,971</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
Raising funds	4	3,263		3,263	20,115
Charitable activities		67,462	-	67,462	75,721
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>70,725</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,836</b>	<b>95,836</b>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources		18,956	-	18,956	(1,865)
Transfer of funds		-	-	-	5,192
Total funds brought forward		452,637	-	452,637	454,502
Total funds carried forward		471,593	-	471,593	452,637

The charity had no gains or losses during the year other than those shown above. All the above results are derived from continuing activities

The notes on pages 6 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
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	Notes	2024 £	2023- £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible fixed assets	2	435,062	480,643
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors	7	7,463	5,536
Cash at bank & in hand		<u>87,865</u>	<u>62,138</u>
		95,328	67,674
<b>CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
Creditors and Loans	9,10	<u>( 58,797)</u>	<u>( 95,680)</u>
		<u>36,531</u>	<u>( 28,006)</u>
		<u>471,593</u>	<u>452,637</u>
<b>RESERVES</b>			
Unrestricted funds		471,593	452,637
Restricted funds	11	-	-
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>		<u>471,593</u>	<u>452,637</u>

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) confirm that for the year ended 31 July 2023:

- The company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act")
- Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 5.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 31 July 2025 and signed on behalf of the Board of trustees by:

H G PHUA  
Trustee  
Company no : 07323872 ( England & Wales )

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## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **(a) Basis of preparation of accounts**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice and Reporting by Charities - SORP FRS102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

### **Going Concern**

The trustees have considered the going concern of the charity and its cashflows. They have come to the conclusion that the charity has adequate resources to continue in business for the next 12 months.

### **(b) Incoming resources**

Income representing the value of gifts, donations and contributions from members is recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.

### **(c) Resources expended**

Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered

### **(d) Unrestricted and Restricted Funds**

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income receivable or generated for the charity without a specified purpose and are available for the general use of the charity.

Restricted Funds are funds subject to specific restrictions imposed by donors or by the purpose of the appeal. The purpose and use of the restricted funds is set out in the notes to these accounts.

### **(e) Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs of fixed assets, less their residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Freehold buildings	5% straight line
Fixtures and equipment	25% reducing balance

### **(f) Foreign exchange**

Transactions in respect of donations from overseas, denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling and recorded at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction.

Balances at the year end denominated in a foreign currency are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange at the balance sheet date.

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**2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>Freehold Property £</b>	<b>Fixtures and Equipment £</b>	<b>Total £</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At beginning of year	834,712	102,215	936,927
Additions during year	-	1,454	1,454
Cost at end of year	<u>834,712</u>	<u>103,669</u>	<u>938,381</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At beginning of year	373,811	82,473	456,284
Charge for year	41,736	5,299	47,035
At end of year	<u>415,547</u>	<u>87,772</u>	<u>503,319</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>			
31 July 2024	<u>419,165</u>	<u>15,897</u>	<u>435,062</u>
31 July 2023	<u>460,901</u>	<u>19,742</u>	<u>480,643</u>

In the opinion of the trustees the current market value of the freehold property is well in excess of £1.2 million based on increases in property prices in the area but in the absence of a formal valuation the actual amount is not known.

**3. INCOMING RESOURCES**

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Unrestricted donations	58,561	58,730
Sale of donated and other goods	3,989	8,397
Tea Bar	2,726	8,713
Gift Aid recoverable	5,135	5,389
Income from car parking	16,610	4,850
Meetings and events	2,442	6,584
Uniforms	18	1,219
Total unrestricted incoming resources	<u>89,481</u>	<u>93,882</u>
Bank interest receivable - restricted	200	89
Total Incoming resources	<u>89,681</u>	<u>93,971</u>



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**4. RESOURCES EXPENDED**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Raising funds:</b>		
Cost of goods sold	3,200	8,048
Tea Bar costs	63	12,067
	<u>3,263</u>	<u>20,115</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Meetings, events and seminar expenses	595	2,525
Support costs:		
Utilities	10,641	12,856
Insurance	2,787	2,402
Professional Fees	-	2,919
Printing & Stationer	129	56
General Expenses & office costs	5,075	5,446
Governance costs	1,200	1,200
Total cost of charitable activities	<u>20,427</u>	<u>27,404</u>
Depreciation of Freehold buildings	41,736	41,736
Depreciation of Fixtures and Equipment	5,299	6,581
	<u>70,725</u>	<u>95,836</u>

**5. GOVERNANCE COSTS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	1,200	1,200

**6 TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION**

The trustees are not remunerated and no expenses were claimed by the trustees during the year .

**7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayment	2,328	100
Gift Aid recoverable	<u>5,135</u>	<u>5,436</u>
	<u>7,463</u>	<u>5,536</u>

**8. CASH AT BANK**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash in hand	200	200
Cash at Bank- Current account	10,159	59,697
Cash at Bank- Savings account	<u>77,506</u>	<u>2,241</u>
	<u>87,865</u>	<u>62,138</u>

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**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	<u>1,317</u>	<u>1,200</u>

**10. LOANS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Loans to assist with the purchase of a building for use by the charity	57,480	94,480

The above loans have been provided by supporters of the charity on an interest free basis. No repayment terms have been fixed as this will be mutually decided and applied at the appropriate date.

**11. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>BUILDING FUND</b>		
At beginning of year	43,036	43,036
Net interest in year	89	89
Depreciation of buildings and Fixtures & Equipment for year	(48,317)	(48,317)
Transfer from unrestricted funds	<u>5,192</u>	<u>5,192</u>
At end of year	-	-

**12. CONTROL**

The charitable company was controlled during the year by the board of directors/trustees.

**13. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS**

Donations were received from the Trustees during the year. Apart from this there were no other related parties transactions during the year.

**14. EMPLOYEES**

The charity did not have any employees during the period under review