

Charity Registration Number 1161402

# QS World Merit CIO

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

# **QS World Merit CIO**

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## QS World Merit CIO

### Strategic Report for the Year Ended 30 September 2021


The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present their strategic report for the year ended 30 September 2021, in compliance with s414C of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Financial review

##### *Policy on reserves*

The organisation operates as not for profit entity. Any excess income is reinvested in the organisation and is available to support the organisation's future charitable activities.

The strategic report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Kemp', written in a cursive style.

Richard Kemp

Chairman and Trustee

## **QS World Merit CIO**

### **Trustees' Report**

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 30 September 2021.

#### **Objectives and activities**

##### ***Public benefit***

The activities undertaken to further public benefit are to provide support and representation for young adults passionate about having a positive impact on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

##### ***Nature of governing document***

The organisation is a charitable incorporated organisation governed by a trust deed.

## QS World Merit CIO

### Trustees' Report

#### Reference and Administrative Details

##### Trustees

Richard Kemp  
Marlou Cornelissen  
Claire Wittingham  
Jessica Turner  
Nunzio Quacquarelli  
Edward John Harcourt  
Paras Ramesh Fatnani  
Santiago Iniguez de Onzono

##### Registered Office

1 Tranley Mews  
Fleet Road  
London  
NW3 2DG

The charitable organisation is incorporated in England.

##### Charity Registration Number

1161402

##### Independent Examiner

Davidson Stant Limited  
The Glen  
Knutsford Old Road  
Stockton Heath  
Warrington  
WA4 2LD

##### Financial instruments

##### *Objectives and policies*

The charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk. The use of financial derivatives is governed by the charity's policies approved by the board of trustees, which provide written principles on the use of financial derivatives to manage these risks. The charity does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative purposes.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Kemp  
Chairman and Trustee

## QS World Merit CIO

### Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of QS World Merit CIO for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Richard Kemp  
Chairman and Trustee

## QS World Merit CIO

### Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of QS World Merit CIO

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 September 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 15.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees of QS World Merit CIO (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of QS World Merit CIO are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of QS World Merit CIO as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mark Stant FCA  
Davidson Stant Limited

The Glen  
Knutsford Old Road  
Stockton Heath  
Warrington  
WA4 2LD

Date: 30/6/22



## QS World Merit CIO

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 30 September 2021 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	176,393	176,393
Total income		176,393	176,393
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	4	(41,225)	(41,225)
Charitable activities	5	(83,077)	(83,077)
Total expenditure		(124,302)	(124,302)
Net income		52,091	52,091
Net movement in funds		52,091	52,091
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		(23,873)	(23,873)
Total funds carried forward	15	28,218	28,218
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total 2020 £
<b>Income and Endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	65,215	65,215
Total income		65,215	65,215
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds	4	(6,395)	(6,395)
Charitable activities	5	(100,431)	(100,431)
Total expenditure		(106,826)	(106,826)
Net expenditure		(41,611)	(41,611)
Net movement in funds		(41,611)	(41,611)
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		17,739	17,739
Total funds carried forward	15	(23,872)	(23,872)

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 15.

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## QS World Merit CIO

(Registration number: )

### Balance Sheet as at 30 September 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	-	1,000
Cash at bank and in hand	12	41,198	3,422
		<u>41,198</u>	<u>4,422</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(12,980)</u>	<u>(28,294)</u>
<b>Net assets/(liabilities)</b>		<u>28,218</u>	<u>(23,872)</u>
<b>Funds of the charity:</b>			
<b>Unrestricted income funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds		<u>28,218</u>	<u>(23,872)</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	15	<u>28,218</u>	<u>(23,872)</u>

For the financial year ending 30 September 2021 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

#### Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

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

The financial statements on pages 6 to 15 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on .....30/6/2022 .  
and signed on their behalf by:



Richard Kemp  
Chairman and Trustee

The notes on pages 8 to 15 form an integral part of these financial statements.

## **QS World Merit CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021**

#### **1 Charity status**

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

1 Tranley Mews  
Fleet Road  
London  
NW3 2DG

#### **2 Accounting policies**

##### **Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates**

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). They also comply with the Companies Act 2006 and Charities Act 2011.

##### **Basis of preparation**

QS World Merit CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

##### **Going concern**

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

##### **Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement**

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

##### **Income and endowments**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

## **QS World Merit CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021**

#### ***Donations and legacies***

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

#### ***Grants receivable***

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

#### ***Expenditure***

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

#### ***Raising funds***

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

#### ***Charitable activities***

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

#### ***Governance costs***

These include the costs attributable to the charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, including audit, strategic management and trustees's meetings and reimbursed expenses.

#### ***Government grants***

Government grants are recognised based on the accrual model and are measured at the fair value of the asset received or receivable. Grants are classified as relating either to revenue or to assets. Grants relating to revenue are recognised in income over the period in which the related costs are recognised. Grants relating to assets are recognised over the expected useful life of the asset. Where part of a grant relating to an asset is deferred, it is recognised as deferred income.

#### ***Taxation***

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

## **QS World Merit CIO**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021**

#### **Trade debtors**

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

#### **Foreign exchange**

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date are reported at the rates of exchange prevailing at that date.

The results of overseas operations are translated at the average rates of exchange during the period and their balance sheets at the rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on translation of the opening net assets and results of overseas operations are reported in other comprehensive income and accumulated in equity (attributed to non-controlling interests as appropriate).

Other exchange differences are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period in which they arise except for:

- 1) exchange differences on transactions entered into to hedge certain foreign currency risks (see above);
- 2) exchange differences arising on gains or losses on non-monetary items which are recognised in other comprehensive income; and
- 3) in the case of the consolidated financial statements, exchange differences on monetary items receivable from or payable to a foreign operation for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur (therefore forming part of the net investment in the foreign operation), which are recognised in other comprehensive income and reported under equity.

#### **Fund structure**

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

#### **Pensions and other post retirement obligations**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

#### 3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	32,021	32,021
Scholarships	108,000	108,000
Grants, including capital grants;		
Government grants	36,372	36,372
<b>Total for 2021</b>	<b>176,393</b>	<b>176,393</b>
<b>Total for 2020</b>	<b>65,215</b>	<b>65,215</b>

#### 4 Expenditure on raising funds

##### Costs of generating donations and legacies

a)

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Scholarships gifted		34,607	34,607
Other direct costs of generating voluntary income		6,618	6,618
<b>Total for 2021</b>		<b>41,225</b>	<b>41,225</b>
<b>Total for 2020</b>		<b>6,395</b>	<b>6,395</b>
			<b>Total costs £</b>

#### 5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds £
Providing Support and representaion		21,343	21,343
Governance costs	6	61,734	61,734
<b>Total for 2021</b>		<b>83,077</b>	<b>83,077</b>
<b>Total for 2020</b>		<b>100,431</b>	<b>100,431</b>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

**Total  
expenditure  
£**

In addition to the expenditure analysed above, there are also governance costs of £61,734 (2020 - £94,154) which relate directly to charitable activities. See note 6 for further details.

**6**

Staff costs  
Wages and salaries  
Social security costs  
Pension costs  
Independent examiner fees  
Examination of the financial statements  
Trustees remuneration and expenses

**Total for 2021**

**Total for 2020**

**7**

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

**Marlou Cornelissen**

Marlou Cornelissen received remuneration of £27,300 (2020: £30,024) during the year.

**8**

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
<b>Staff costs during the year were:</b>		
Wages and salaries	31,022	57,803
Social security costs	555	2,818
Pension costs	1,201	1,762
	<u>32,778</u>	<u>62,383</u>

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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

#### 9 Independent examiner's remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Examination of the financial statements	1,656	1,746

#### 10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

#### 11 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Other debtors	-	1,000

#### 12 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash at bank	41,198	3,422

#### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	10,172	25,312
Other creditors	1,215	1,575
Accruals	1,593	1,407
	12,980	28,294

#### 14 Pension and other schemes

##### Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the year represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £1,201 (2020 - £1,762).



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### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

#### 15 Funds

	Balance at 1 October 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 30 September 2021 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	(23,873)	176,393	(124,302)	28,218
	<b>Balance at 1 October 2019 £</b>	<b>Incoming resources £</b>	<b>Resources expended £</b>	<b>Balance at 30 September 2020 £</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General	17,739	65,215	(106,826)	(23,872)

## QS World Merit CIO

### Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 September 2021

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 September 2021 £
Current assets	41,198	41,198
Current liabilities	(12,980)	(12,980)
Total net assets	28,218	28,218
	Unrestricted funds General £	Total funds at 30 September 2020 £
Current assets	4,422	4,422
Current liabilities	(28,294)	(28,294)
Total net assets	(23,872)	(23,872)

#### 17 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 October 2020 £	Financing cash flows £	At 30 September 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	3,422	(3,422)	-
Net debt	3,422	(3,422)	-
	At 1 October 2019 £	Financing cash flows £	At 30 September 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	27,669	(24,247)	3,422
Net debt	27,669	(24,247)	3,422