

VISION CATALYST FUND

Vision Catalyst Fund **Trustees Annual Report and** **Unaudited Financial Statements** **Year ended 31 March 2021**

Charity registration - 1190732

Company number - 12434384

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Legal and administrative information

Charity name

Vision Catalyst Fund

Charity registration no.

1190732

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Registered office and contact details

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Trustees

Jayanth Bhuvareghan	Chair - appointed on 30 January 2020
Eleanor Fuller	appointed on 23 June 2020
Anurag Hans	appointed on 1 December 2021
Christopher Jurgens	appointed on 11 November 2021
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Elizabeth Smith	appointed on 30 January 2020

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Trustees annual report

The Board of Trustees, who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, and Trustees for charity law purposes, submit their annual report and the financial statements of Vision Catalyst Fund for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Board of Trustees confirms that the annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with current statutory requirements, including the Charity Act 2011, as well as the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the 'Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) second edition (effective 1 January 2019)', the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Objectives and activities

Who we are

The Vision Catalyst Fund was established by Co-founder Andrew Bastawrous and Astrid Bonfield, together with founding partners: EssilorLuxottica, IAPB, Standard Chartered, UBS Optimus Foundation and philanthropist James Chen. Other supporters include The Conrad Hilton Foundation, Open Road Alliance, Santen Pharmaceutical, The Indigo Trust and The London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

The objects of the charity are:

- to promote the health of the public, in particular in relation to eye care;
- to advance the education of the public through funding and undertaking research into the health, economic and social impacts of visual impairment; and,
- to advance and other purposes recognised as charitable in England & Wales for the time being.

What we believe

Over 1 billion people in the world have poor vision. We stand with those being left behind, whose potential could be unleashed if they could have clear vision and healthy eyes. Reaching these populations demands making big investments where markets are failing and aid is not sustainable. It means being led by what is needed, not what those with resources need. It requires us to trust those closest to the challenges, providing them with data, resources, autonomy and partnership to serve the huge numbers of people today who can not see simply because they can not access or afford proven treatments. It is the ambition to work at a scale not yet seen; to convene governments, the private sector, civil society, social enterprises and all who can contribute to ensuring entire populations can be served now and in the future.

The Vision Catalyst Fund's ambition is that markets, philanthropy, governments, civil society and social enterprise will come together to solve this problem in a generation.

Public benefit

Throughout the process of determining the activities outlined in this report, the Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in determining the activities undertaken by the Charity.

Achievements and performance

In April 2020 the Vision Catalyst Fund (VCF) launched as a UK registered charity. A new board of committed Trustees was set up together with a small dedicated team led by Astrid Bonfield to develop the vision and mission of the VCF. Launching an organisation in the midst of a pandemic was challenging. However, this time provided the opportunity to lay the foundations for the organisation ensuring the systems and processes were fit for purpose. This included setting up and appointing a Programmes Expert Committee, a Financial Investment Committee and the organisational HR and finance systems.

PWC Australia was commissioned to support the creation of a programmes strategy and learning framework, with the aim of ensuring that the VCF was in a strong position to make evidence-based selection of countries for pilot programmes and establish a clear set of objectives for the organisation programmatically.

The VCF also began its partnership with Lions Head Global Partners, the organisation responsible for the financial models behind GAVI, The Vaccine Alliance and The Global Fund for HIV, TB and Malaria. The aim of the partnership was simple: create a set of financial instrument options to help support the VCF to use capital markets to meet its ambition of raising 1 billion dollars for eye health. The Roadmap was signed off by Trustees and The VCF has developed a series of products that are being shaped to be launched in 2022.

To support the VCF's inception phase, the VCF secured additional funding from The Conrad N Hilton Foundation to support the work of the VCF in particular its innovative financial instruments. The VCF worked to launch two products. The first is a development impact bond, to fund an eye health skilling programme in India. Based on EssilorLuxottica's Eye Mitra model, the Vision Entrepreneurs (VE) programme will see 3,500 unemployed and underemployed people trained to deliver basic eye care services. The programme was paused in early 2021 due to the pandemic surge in India but work was re-started at the end of 2021. The second was the creation of a Eurobonds financial model. Taking advantage of a dislocation in the market, the VCF worked closely with Lions Head Global Partners and three potential funders to create a \$20m issuance. A model with draft contracts was put together, subject to a final approval process. However, the market rallied and made the profitability of the model untenable, particularly for our first loss funder.

In December 2020, The VCF was able to sign a landmark partnership with EssilorLuxottica to create a lens donation programme for 200 million pairs of lenses over the next 10 years. This is the biggest single donation made by the company and is instrumental in helping the VCF kickstart its programmes and deliver vision to accelerate access to glasses around the world.

Future plans

Following a challenging 6 months mainly due to the impact of Covid-19, the Vision Catalyst Fund has secured new investment and built the foundations to launch the next phase of the strategy. The lens donation from EssilorLuxottica will allow the VCF to support programme work across 11 countries enabling 750,000 pairs of lenses to be distributed, helping people see better. The VCF has also secured support to begin the development of a new 'Pay For Success' model in Asia, working with Singapore based not-for-profit Tri-Sector Associates. The work on the Vision Entrepreneur programme in India will recommence following the roadblock and the VCF has begun work with Standard Chartered Bank to build a roadmap that will enable the VCF to scale its financial instrument strategy and take its funding to the next level. The VCF has also refreshed its Trustee Board and established its Programmes Expert Committee to support the delivery of the new strategy.

The 3 key objectives for the VCF from April 2021 are as follows:

- Deliver lens donations and partnerships to multiple geographies reaching at least 10 million people.
- The Vision Catalyst Fund will establish itself as a platform to deliver innovative financial instruments.
- Further, develop the brand and narrative of the VCF and showcase the benefits of working on market-based solutions and health systems for eye health.

Financial review

The Charity achieved a surplus of £50,721 in the year resulting in total funds at the year-end of £50,721. All funds held at year end were unrestricted in use and the Trustees are happy this level of reserves meets the reserves policy below.

Reserves policy

The Charity is currently in the process of preparing a formal reserves policy but the trustees are happy that the current reserves of £50,721 are sufficient for the present time.

Structure, governance & management

Vision Catalyst Fund is a charitable company, incorporated at Companies' House on 30 January 2020 and registered as a charity on 5 August 2020. The Charity was established under a Memorandum of Association that sets out the objects and powers of the charitable company, and is governed under the Articles of Association as amended on 30 January 2020. In the event of the company being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.00.

Recruitment and appointment of Trustees

The Trustees are also the directors of the Vision Catalyst Fund for the purpose of company law. The Articles of Association require a minimum of three and there is no maximum number of trustees.

Trustees are subject to re-election on a rolling three year basis at the Annual General Meeting, with a maximum of two consecutive terms. Only the current Trustees can appoint new Trustees.

Statement of Board of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations. Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law they are required to prepare the financial statements in accordance with UK Accounting Standards and applicable law (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

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 the excess of expenditure over income for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- 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 its activities.

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 have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charitable company and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the UK governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions. In addition, the Trustees confirm that they are happy that the content of the annual review on pages 4 to 7 of this document, as well as the legal and administrative information on page 3, meet the requirements of both the Trustees' Annual Report under charity law and the Directors' Report under company law.

They also confirm that the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

The Trustees confirm that:

- so far as each Trustee is aware, there is no relevant information of which the Charity's independent examiner is unaware; and,
- each Trustee has taken all the steps that they should have taken as a Trustee/Director in order to make themselves aware of any relevant independent examination information and to establish that the Charity's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Preparation of the report

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006, and the exemptions available for smaller charities under the Statement of Recommended Practice.

This report was approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 29 January 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

Jayanth Bhuvvaraghan

JAYANTH BHUVARAGHAN

CHAIR

Independent examiner's report

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Vision Catalyst Fund (charity number 1190732, company number 12434384) for the year ended 31 March 2021 which are set out on pages 10 to 15.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act') nor under Part 16 of the 2006 Act, and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and,
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

This report, including my statement, has been prepared for and only for the Charity's Trustees as a body. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body for my examination work, for this report, or for the statements I have made.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 accounts and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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

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

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or,
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or,
- 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,
- 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'APNash', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

ANDREW PHILIP NASH ACA

MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES – 2461833

DATED: 29 JANUARY 2022

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Statement of financial activities

Incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account & Statement of Realised Gains and Losses

For the year ended 31 March 2021

		Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21	Restricted Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21	Total Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21
	Notes			
Income from				
Donations and legacies	2	202,237	-	202,237
Total income		202,237	-	202,237
Expenditure on				
Charitable activities	3	151,516	-	151,516
Total expenditure		151,516	-	151,516
Net income/(expenditure)		50,721	-	50,721
Reconciliation of funds				
Funds brought forward		-	-	-
Funds carried forward		50,721	-	50,721

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of the financial statements.

As this is the first year of activity there are no comparative figures to present.

Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2021

	Notes	£	Total Funds 31-Mar-21
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank		54,319	
		<u>54,319</u>	
Creditors			
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(3,598)	
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Net current assets			<u>50,721</u>
Net assets			<u>50,721</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds			<u>50,721</u>
Total funds			<u>50,721</u>

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of the financial statements.

As this is the first year of activity there are no comparative figures to present.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with section 415A of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and FRS 102 Section 1A.

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021, and the members have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 under section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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

They were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 29 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

Jayanth Bhavaraghan

JAYANTH BHUVARAGHAN
CHAIRMAN

Notes to the financial statements

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 'Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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) second edition (effective 1 January 2019)', the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), including Update Bulletin 1, and the Companies Act 2006.

The effect of any event relating to the year ended 31 March 2021, which occurred before the date of approval of the financial statements by the Board of Trustees has been included in the financial statements to the extent required to show a true and fair view of the state of affairs at 31 March 2021 and the results for the year ended on that date.

Using the exemption available to smaller charities, the Board of Trustees has chosen not to include a Statement of Cash Flows within the financial statements.

The functional currency of the Charity is sterling and amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

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

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis as the Board of Trustees is confident that future reserves and future income is more than sufficient to meet current commitments. There are no material uncertainties that impact this assessment, and the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic has had no material impact on this assessment.

Legal status

Vision Catalyst Fund is a charitable company registered in England & Wales and meets the definition of a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The registered office is c/o Bates Wells Braithwaite, Thames Exchange, 10 Queen Street Place, London, EC4R 1BE.

Fund Accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds that are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or that have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. There are currently no restricted funds held by the Charity.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance indicators attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when entitled, receipt is probable and when the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Gift aid receivable is included when claimable.

1. Accounting policies (continued from previous page)

Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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, those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them and an allocation of governance costs.

Support costs are allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise those costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulations and good practice. Other support costs relate to the administrative costs of running the charity and are allocated to charitable activities accordingly.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the category of expenditure for which it is incurred.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised. There are no assets held over this amount currently.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash in hand, deposits with banks and funds that are readily convertible into cash at, or close to, their carrying values, but are not held for investment purposes.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount is applied. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party, and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Critical estimates and judgements

In preparing financial statements it is necessary to make certain judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. In the view of the Trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

Financial instruments

Basic financial instruments are measured at amortised cost other than investments which are measured at fair value.

2. Income from donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Year ended 31-Mar-21	Year ended 31-Mar-21	Year ended 31-Mar-21
	£	£	£
Grants	106,261	-	106,261
Corporate partnerships	89,975	-	89,975
Donations	6,001	-	6,001
	202,237	-	202,237

3. Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Year ended 31-Mar-21	Year ended 31-Mar-21	Year ended 31-Mar-21
	£	£	£
Grant to Peek Vision Foundation	79,698	-	79,698
Consultants	70,121	-	70,121
Administration	599	-	599
Governance	1,098	-	1,098
	151,516	-	151,516

Governance costs consists of:

	Total Funds
	Year ended 31-Mar-21
	£
Independent examination	1,098
	1,098

4. Creditors

	Total Funds 31-Mar-21 £
Accruals	3,598
	3,598

5. Analysis of charity funds

	Balance brought forward Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Income for the period Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Expenditure in the period Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Transfers between funds Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Balance carried forward Year ended 31-Mar-21 £
Unrestricted funds	-	202,237	(151,516)	-	50,721
	-	202,237	(151,516)	-	50,721

6. Analysis of net assets

	Unrestricted Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Restricted Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21 £	Total Funds Year ended 31-Mar-21 £
Current assets	54,319	-	54,319
Current liabilities	(3,598)	-	(3,598)
	50,721	-	50,721

7. Trustee remuneration

During the year, no trustee received any remuneration.

No members of the Board of Trustees received reimbursement of travel and subsistence expenses for board meetings in the year.

8. Related party transactions

During the year there were no transactions carried out with related parties.

Total donations from Trustees in the period amounted to £Nil.

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