

**Charity Registration No. 228382**

**THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

## THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### *Trustees*

Hon Mrs Laura Wolfson Townsley (Chairman)  
 Dame Janet Wolfson de Botton DBE  
 Sir Ian Gainsford  
 Mr Martin Paisner CBE  
 Sir Michael Pepper FRS FREng (appointed 1 April 2020)  
 Sir Bernard Rix  
 Lord Turnberg MD FRCP  
 Hon Mrs Elizabeth Wolfson Peltz  
 Hon Mrs Alexandra Wolfson Halamish

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#### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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 Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by 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).

#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust is a charitable foundation established by a Trust Deed dated 30 March 1958 whose aims are the advancement of science, health, education and the arts and humanities. A large proportion of the assets derive from the realisation of the Trust's involvement in the Paz Oil Company of Israel. The trustees therefore consider it appropriate to make a majority of grants for these purposes to leading Israeli institutions.

At the end of the year the Board of trustees comprised four family trustees and five trustees with medical, scientific and legal expertise. The range of skills represented on the trustee Board is kept under review and appointments to the Board are made by the trustees, advised by the Nominations and Governance Committee. The Nominations and Governance Committee also advises on the remit and composition of expert panels or committees and any related governance matters.

Professor Sir Michael Pepper FRS, Pender Professor of Nanoelectronics at UCL, joined the Board from 1 April 2020. At the start of the year, the Trust also welcomed Professor Daniel Zajfman as the new Chairman of the Wolfson Advisory Committee in Israel. He is a distinguished physicist, and former President of the Weizmann Institute.

Board meetings are held once or twice each year. The Board decides matters of strategy and overall policy, determines the priorities and allocations for grants programmes, sets budgets and authorises grant awards. The Board is advised by an Advisory Committee in Israel, drawn from leading academic and medical experts. It is also served by a number of panels and committees (shared with the Wolfson Foundation), which make recommendations on grant-making, risk management and investment policies. Panels are comprised of specialists in particular fields, as well as trustees.

The induction process for newly-appointed trustees and panel members comprises meetings with Board members and the chief executive, and covers governance, investment and grant-making policies. Documentation provided for new trustees includes copies of the Trust Deed, relevant minutes and recent annual reports and accounts.

A full list of members of the committees and expert panels is available on the website: <https://www.wolfson.org.uk/about/panel-committee-membership/>.

#### Risks and uncertainties

The trustees have reviewed the major strategic, operational and financial risks which impact on the work of the Trust and, on professional advice, noted that systems have been established to mitigate the exposure to them. The trustees review this matter each year and take action required arising from the assessment and recommendations of the Risk & Audit Committee. Clearly during the year in question, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic was a significant consideration, both in terms of the Trust's own operations and on the various sectors that the Trust funds. This was an issue under constant consideration – and sub-committees, as well as the Board, considered detailed papers on this subject. Beyond the ongoing effect of the pandemic, the trustees consider the two main areas of risk for the Trust to be as follows:

(1) *Investment risk.* The trustees, supported by a dedicated Investment Committee which meets regularly, take a long-term approach to their investment strategy and aim to deliver the investment objective within an acceptable level of risk.



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(2) *The reputational risk of making awards to inappropriate recipients.* The trustees are advised in their decision-making by dedicated panels of experts, by independent peer reviewers and by a professional team of staff. In addition, regular visits are (in normal times) made by staff and trustees to projects. Grants are paid in arrears on receipt of evidence of appropriate expenditure. A framework for monitoring and evaluation has been established. Full details of all expert panels are available on the website.

#### Conflicts of interests

Where a trustee holds an active post (whether honorary or otherwise) at an applicant organisation, then that trustee takes no part in the decision on whether to make an award. Similarly committee/panel members with a conflict of interest take no part in making recommendations relating to organisations in which they (or relatives or business partners) have an involvement. A register of interests is maintained by the Wolfson office.

#### OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objectives of the Trust, through its grant-making, are the advancement of science and medicine, health, education, the arts and humanities. The trustees have complied with section 17 (5) of the 2011 Charities Act, having due regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives, when setting the grant making policy and in making awards. One measure of the public benefit generated by the Trust is demonstrated by the list of projects supported (see note 18).

The Wolfson office moved seamlessly to working as a virtual office and has continued in this way throughout the financial year. Much of the activity during the year in question has been responding creatively and flexibly to a rapidly changing situation. Across all existing grants, the Trust introduced a significant degree of flexibility, and split its funding for the year into three elements:

- (a) Standard funding for equipment at Israeli universities, continued as normal (see description under "Science and Medicine" below)
- (b) A Covid-19 Research Fund, in partnership with the Israel Science Foundation and other philanthropic organisations, supported Covid-19 related research at Israeli universities
- (c) A Covid-19 Support Fund for carefully targeted charities in the UK.

The overall grant level during the year was therefore higher than in recent years.

Alongside emergency funding, the Trust continues to pursue its objectives through expenditure on outstanding projects across the range of the Trust's activities, usually by the provision of buildings or equipment. Three particular factors continue to influence trustees in their decision-making. First, trustees aim to back excellence (both existing and potential). Secondly, attempts are made to identify and support important areas that are under-funded. Thirdly, applicants are encouraged to use Wolfson funds as a catalyst, so that the Trust's funding can lever additional support. It is anticipated that our capital funding programmes will reopen, and grant-making will look more like normal during 2021-22. The impact of the Trust's funding is monitored through regular reports on projects provided by recipients during the lifetime of a grant, and also (in normal times) by visits undertaken by trustees, Advisory Committee members and staff.

#### Grant-making process and policy

Trustees make awards once or twice each year and are advised by the Advisory Committee in Israel in addition to expert panels which meet before the main Board meetings. As well as assessing the merits of the applicants' proposals and their congruence with the Trust's aims and priorities, appraisal criteria include: the anticipated outcome of the project (including public benefit); financial viability; value for money; adequate provision for on-going costs and maintenance and the aesthetics of any building project.



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Priorities, which are described in this report, are grouped around four funding areas: Science and Medicine, Education, Arts and Humanities and Health. Awards for Israeli universities and hospitals are normally made under the umbrella of designated programmes in which relevant organisations are invited to participate.

Applications are assessed by expert reviewers, and applicants are given an opportunity to respond to queries raised during the review process.

In fulfilment of this policy, grants were made in the year totalling some £2.1 million. This was an exceptional high grant allocation in response to the challenges caused by Covid-19.

The year's grant-giving was successful in that, on the advice of external experts, first-rate projects in a number of priority areas were funded. Given the nature of the investment it is too early to assess the long-term benefits of projects funded. In terms of funding in previous years, a publication was produced by the Advisory Committee Israel for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Trust outlining the impact of funding.

The unrestricted funding provided through the Covid-19 Support Fund has been invaluable to many organisations in supporting them through the difficult months of the pandemic, and allowing them to plan for an uncertain future.

#### **Science and Medicine**

The key investment during the year was for a national programme across Israeli universities to support the purchase of equipment - and, in particular, equipment that will support research in the broad area of metabolomics. Metabolomics is the large scale study of countless small molecules, collectively known as metabolites, and has wide-ranging practical applications across the life sciences.

The programme followed the existing successful pattern of the Trust's funding in Israel with the Advisory Committee in Israel forming a specialist sub-committee (chaired by Professor Yossi Yarden) for the purpose. A prerequisite for much contemporary top quality science - in Israel, as elsewhere - is access to cutting edge (often highly expensive) equipment. Perversely, finding support for equipment is often the most challenging part of the funding ecosystem. The Trust's strategy continues to be one of funding around a national research theme across multiple institutions and focussed on specialist equipment. Awards were made in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation.

Trustees felt that it was important, notwithstanding the pressures caused by the pandemic, to continue the long-standing and crucial support for research infrastructure. In addition, however, they committed funding to a programme administered by the Israel Science Foundation on behalf of a consortium of funders to provide rapid response grants to Israeli researchers looking at issues related to Covid-19.

#### **Health & Disability and Arts & education**

In the UK, the key activity was the provision of unrestricted funding for a wide range of charities working in the Jewish community as they struggled with the impact of the pandemic. The organisations supported through the Covid-19 Support Fund were chosen on the grounds of having been recent recipients of Wolfson funding and being in significant need due to the pandemic. While the application process was deliberately light touch, the Wolfson office undertook a careful financial appraisal.



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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The trustees have prepared accounts in accordance with current statutory requirements, the Trust Deed and 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 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)). The Trust's total return on the fund's assets in 2020/21 was £10.3 million (2019/20: a negative return of £1.3 million) of which income net of fees was £0.79 million (2019/20: £0.92 million) and gains were £9.53 million (2019/20: losses of £2.22 million). The portfolio of investments and cash held on deposit had a total value of £44.4 million at 31 March 2021 (2020: £35.8 million). After large losses in the first quarter of the 2020 calendar year due to the reaction of markets to the pandemic, the portfolio enjoyed very positive returns in the last nine months of 2020 due to a strong rally in markets and good strategic positioning of the Trust's portfolio.

Income is applied to the charitable aims of the Trust as described elsewhere in this report. Grants awarded (net of relinquished grants) during the year were £2.1 million (2019/20: £1.54 million). The trustees hold deposits, gilts and other bonds to cover the Trust's current commitments.

The unrestricted funding provided through the Covid-19 Support Fund was bolstered by an exceptional donation of £630,000 which allowed the Trust to make significant grants. These awards have been invaluable to many organisations in supporting them through the difficult months of the pandemic, and allowing them to plan for an uncertain future.

The Trust's net assets are held in unrestricted funds as the trustees have power to distribute both income and capital. The Trust has shared objectives and joint administration with The Wolfson Foundation, registered charity number 1156077 and a company limited by guarantee (8927040), at 8 Queen Anne Street, London, W1G 9LD.

#### Investment policy and performance

The Trust is managed on the basis of existing in perpetuity and hence the Trust has the objective of maintaining the portfolio's real purchasing power after inflation over time. Trustees allocate funding on a total return (rather than income) basis.

The long-term investment objective is an average annual total return of UK CPI + 4% (recently changed from UK RPI + 4%). The trustees aim to distribute 4% of the fund on an annual basis. The calculation of the distribution is based on the average portfolio value over the last five years.

The asset allocation within the portfolio is arranged accordingly, taking advantage of the Trust's long-term investment horizon. Policies and investment allocations are continually reviewed by the Investment Committee and trustees. Trustees review the investment strategy with the Investment Committee and fund managers (signatories to the UN Principles for Responsible Investment), in order to ensure that (1) the Trust can achieve or outperform its target return in the long term; and (2) investment decisions made by our fund managers are taken in a socially responsible manner and in accordance with Wolfson's core principles. Responsible investment underpins the investment strategy and trustees have a policy of not investing directly in tobacco companies or fossil fuel extractors.

The Investment Committee is responsible to the trustees for investment policy and monitoring the portfolio. Committee members are available to report to the trustees at Board meetings. Trustees and the Risk and Audit Committee review the terms of the Investment Committee mandate.

The Trust's entire portfolio has been restructured in the last three years in line with the trustees' investment objective. The performance of the portfolio is monitored by the trustees and the Investment Committee.



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#### Reserves policy

The total net funds of the Trust as at 31 March 2021 stood at £41.6 million, all represented by an expendable endowment fund.

As stated above, in the *Investment policy and performance* section, the trustees aim to distribute 4% of the fund on an annual basis in grants and other expenditure. The trustees consider it prudent to have liquid assets within investments to cover a significant proportion of planned expenditure. They have agreed that a target of 8% of the value of the investments portfolio (currently £3.6 million) should be retained in a combination of cash and short-dated gilts.

As at 31 March 2021, cash and gilts in the portfolio totalled £3.9 million (8.7% of the total), slightly above this target. The trustees consider that reserves are available at a level which enables them to plan with confidence for the future.

#### PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

During 2021-22, trustees will consider a major programme of support for equipment at Israeli universities in the area of molecular engineering.

#### TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATION TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and breaches of law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

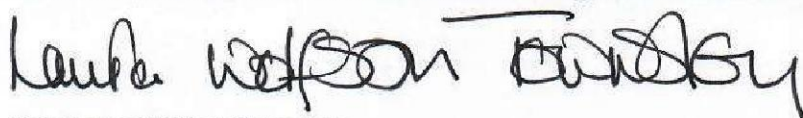
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**STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE TO AUDITORS**

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Trust's auditors are unaware. Additionally, the trustees believe they have taken all the necessary steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Approved by the trustees on 7 October 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laura Wolfson Townsley', written over a horizontal line.

Hon. Laura Wolfson Townsley  
Chairman



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of the Wolfson Family Charitable Trust ('the Charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the charitable charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the Financial Reporting Council's (FRC's) Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statement is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report and the Trustees' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST**

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees' report. We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 6, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST**

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Based on our understanding of the charity and the industry in which it operates, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the acts by the charity, which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations including fraud, and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements such as the Charities Act 2011.

We evaluated management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls), and determined that the principal risks were related to the valuation of the charity's investments, inflated revenue and the charity's net income for the year.

Audit procedures performed to assess the valuation of the charity's investments included: confirmation of the valuation of investment balances from the investment managers and a review of the most recent Service Organisation Controls Reports in relation to those investments. We obtained the most recent audited financial statements for the assets under management by Oxford University Endowment Management Limited and the various assets managed by JP Morgan to confirm that there were no indicators of impairment and that they were prepared on a going concern basis.

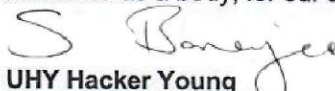
To assess inflated revenue and the charity's net income for the year audit procedures performed included: a review of the financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation, review of correspondence with legal advisors, enquiries of management and testing of journals and evaluating whether there was evidence of bias by the trustees that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

  
**UHY Hacker Young**  
Chartered Accountants  
**Statutory Auditor**

28 October 2021

## THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
<b>Income:</b>			
Investments	3	869	992
Donations	4	630	-
<i>Total income</i>		<u>1,499</u>	<u>992</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Raising funds		77	70
Charitable activities			
Grant making activities:	5		
Science and medicine		1,149	1,036
Education		155	70
Health and disability		933	248
Arts and humanities		-	330
<i>Total charitable expenditure</i>		<u>2,237</u>	<u>1,684</u>
<i>Total expenditure</i>		<u>2,314</u>	<u>1,754</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds before gains and losses on investments</b>		<u>(815)</u>	<u>(762)</u>
Realised and unrealised gains / (losses) on investments:			
- Disposal and revaluation	10	9,346	(1,740)
- Foreign exchange gains / (losses)		179	(479)
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>8,710</u>	<u>(2,981)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		<u>32,853</u>	<u>35,834</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>41,563</u>	<u>32,853</u>

The net realised and unrealised gains of £9,345,718 for the year ended 31 March 2021 (2020 losses: £2,219,416) reflect a large increase in market values during the financial year. The net realised gain on investment disposals by reference to their acquisition cost was £1,483,346 (2020: £296,341).

All recognised gains and losses have been included in the Statement of Financial Activities and are derived from the continuing activities of the charitable trust.

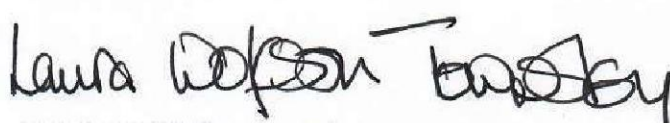


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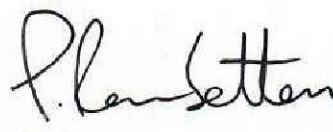
BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Investments	10	41,199	33,625
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investments	10	3,231	2,167
Debtors	11	85	78
Cash at bank		13	13
		<u>3,329</u>	<u>2,258</u>
<b>Creditors falling due within one year</b>	12	(2,248)	(2,277)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>1,081</u>	<u>(19)</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>42,280</u>	<u>33,607</u>
<b>Creditors falling due after one year</b>	13	(717)	(754)
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u>41,563</u> =====	<u>32,853</u> =====
<b>Funds</b>			
Expendable endowment fund		<u>41,563</u> =====	<u>32,853</u> =====

The financial statements on pages 11 to 23 were approved by the trustees on 7 October 2021 and were signed on their behalf by:



Hon. Laura Wolfson Townsley  
Chairman



Paul Ramsbottom  
Chief Executive

**THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST**
**CASH FLOW STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
<b>Cash used in operating activities</b>	14	(1,732)	(2,350)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Dividends and interest and distributions from investments	3	869	992
Purchase of investments	10	(12,923)	(13,034)
Proceeds from disposal of investments	10	14,850	13,986
(Increase) / decrease in current asset investments		(1,064)	406
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		1,732	2,350
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>		-	-
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward		13	13
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>		13	13



## THE WOLFSON FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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#### 1. Accounting policies

The particular accounting policies adopted by the trustees are set out below:

##### (a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (Charities SORP (FRS 102)); the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102); and the Charities Act 2011.

The Wolfson Family Charitable Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception that investments are included at market value.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

The most significant areas of adjustments and key assumptions that affect items in the accounts are to do with estimating the liability from multi-year grant commitments (see note 9 for more information). With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the Trust are the level of investment return and the performance of the investments.

The financial statements have been prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £'000.

##### (b) Going concern

The trustees consider that as the finances are based on a long-term endowment there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. This is further reflected in the positive results for the period.

##### (c) Income

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

Where income has related expenditure, the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the Statement of Financial Activities.

##### (d) Resources expended

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Grant awards and other liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Trust to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

##### (e) Allocation of management and administration expenses

Management and administration expenses are allocated between charitable activity and governance. Management and administration expenses relating to grant making activities are apportioned evenly amongst the four grant making categories.

The allocation of management and administration expenses is analysed in note 5.

##### (f) Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the Trust and its compliance with regulation and good practice, including the statutory audit and legal fees.



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#### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

##### (g) Foreign exchange

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. All differences are taken to the expendable endowment fund.

##### (h) Investment assets

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price where available. Where this is not available, for example with private equity investments, industry-standard valuation methods are applied. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

Short dated gilts and cash balances are managed as part of a portfolio of investment assets and are included as current assets.

##### (i) Gains and losses on investments

Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sale proceeds and opening market value (or purchase cost if acquired in the year). Unrealised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between the closing mid-market value at the year end and opening mid-market value (or purchase cost if acquired in the period).

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are not separated in the statement of financial activities and are recognised in the statement of financial activities as they arise.

#### 2. Maintaining the Wolfson Family Charitable Trust for the longer term

##### 2.1 Preserving the real value of the fund

In order to achieve a proper balance between the interests of current and future beneficiaries, the trustees have determined that they are aiming to preserve the value of the expendable endowment fund broadly in real terms, and that investment returns in excess of the amount required to preserve the real value of the fund may be expended in furtherance of the Trust's objectives.

The net value of the fund is the residual sum, dependent upon the amounts and timing of both income and expenditure.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
RPI at the Trust's year end	105.0	108.5	111.8		
CPI at the Trust's year end				113.5	114.6

From April 2019, CPI has been applied to the adjusted RPI figure at this date as the formal investment target changed near the year ended 31 March 2019 from RPI + 4% to CPI + 4%.

	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Actual expendable endowment fund	36,240	34,529	35,834	32,853	41,563
Target expendable endowment fund	33,953	35,088	36,138	36,678	37,050
Increase / (decrease) in fund in real terms relative to March 2021	2,287	(559)	(304)	(3,825)	4,513



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#### 3. Investment income

	2021 £'000	2020 £'000
Dividends-UK companies, unit trusts and OEICS	46	57
Dividends-Foreign securities, unit trusts and OEICS	200	260
Interest-UK securities, unit trusts and OEICS	4	17
Interest-Foreign securities, unit trusts, OEICS and Eurobonds	52	116
Interest-cash deposits	-	1
Distribution – Oxford University Endowment Management Ltd.	567	541
	<u>869</u>	<u>992</u>
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#### 3.1 Investment performance

In setting the objectives against which the performance of the investment managers is measured, the trustees are primarily concerned with the total return on investments, namely the sum of investment income (note 1(c) above) and gains and losses on investments (note 1(h) above).

Although these constituent elements are required to be shown separately in the statement of financial activities, no importance attaches to how much of the total return is represented by investment income and how much is represented by gains or losses on investments, and the investment managers are not set separate targets for these amounts. This approach is termed a total return approach.

The long-term investment objective was until March 2019 an average annual total return of UK RPI + 4%. This target was changed to UK CPI + 4%, and this has been reflected in calculations from the previous financial year.

A summary of investment performance for the period since the total return approach was adopted is set out below.

#### Changes in the investment portfolio

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017 - 2021 Total
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening value of investments	A	34,864	39,170	37,628	38,871	35,793	34,864
Investment income		924	882	1,118	992	869	4,785
Investment gains/ (losses)		5,167	(988)	1,814	(2,219)	9,525	13,299
Investment management fees		(41)	(45)	(41)	(69)	(77)	(273)
Total return	B	6,050	(151)	2,891	(1,296)	10,317	17,811
Amounts withdrawn from portfolio (note (i))		(1,744)	(1,391)	(1,648)	(1,782)	(1,679)	(8,244)
Closing value of investments		<u>39,170</u>	<u>37,628</u>	<u>38,871</u>	<u>35,793</u>	<u>44,431</u>	<u>44,431</u>
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### 3.1 Investment performance (continued)

- (i) These amounts are on a "cash basis" - being the monies withdrawn from the investment portfolio in the period in order to pay grants and disburse other expenditure.

#### Investment returns compared to the Trust's objective

		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2017 - 2021 Average
Actual return % (B/A)		17.58%	(0.35%)	7.68%	(3.35%)	28.82%	10.22%
Target return % (RPI + 4%)	C	7.30%	7.62%	6.99%	-	-	-
Target return % (CPI + 4%)	C	-	-	-	5.50%	5.01%	6.48%
Return (below) / in excess of target %		10.28%	(7.97%)	0.69%	(8.85%)	23.81%	3.73%
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		2017 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	Total £'000
Actual return £'000	B	6,050	(151)	2,891	(1,296)	10,317	17,811
Target return £'000 (C x A)		2,580	2,985	2,632	2,138	1,794	12,129
Return (below) / in excess of target £'000		3,470	(3,136)	259	(3,434)	8,523	5,682
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### 4. Donations

Donations received in the year were designated by the trustees to assist the funding of the Covid-19 support fund. All donations were disbursed during the year.

### 5. Grant making activities

	Grants awarded (net) £'000	Allocated expenses (note 6) £'000	Total 2021 £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Science and medicine	1,100	49	1,149	1,036
Education	107	48	155	70
Health and disability	885	48	933	248
Arts and humanities	-	-	-	330
	2,092	145	2,237	1,684
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The list of individual grants made during the year is set out in note 18. Grants awarded are net of relinquished grants, see note 9.

The total management and administration expenses are apportioned evenly amongst the grant making activities. Significant aspects of the grant activity during the year are described on pages 3 and 4 of the trustees' report.

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#### 5.1 Charitable expenditure

The trustees aim to distribute approximately 4% of the fund, including administrative costs, on an annual basis. The value used to calculate the normal target distribution is the average of the last five years' investment portfolio value.

	2017 £'000	2018 £'000	2019 £'000	2020 £'000	2021 £'000	2017 - 21 £'000
Actual charitable expenditure (note (i))	1,531	1,560	1,586	1,684	1,607	7,968
Target charitable expenditure	1,413	1,474	1,501	1,491	1,567	7,446
Expenditure in excess of target	118	86	85	193	40	522
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(i) These amounts are on an "accruals basis", meaning that grants are included in the year of award, as described in note 1(d). The figure for the current year excludes designated expenditure which was funded separately by a donation.

#### 6. Management and administration expenses

	Governance costs £'000	Grant making activities £'000	Total 2021 (Note 5) £'000	Total 2020 £'000
Consultancy fees	-	7	7	3
Auditors' remuneration for audit services	7	-	7	7
Auditors' remuneration for other services	18	-	18	18
Legal fees	22	-	22	7
Staff costs (see note 8)	-	91	91	88
Other administrative expenses	-	-	-	19
	47	98	145	142
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The governance costs comprise costs of running the Trust and planning for future developments, including audit fees, legal advice for the trustees and costs of complying with constitutional and statutory requirements, such as trustees' meetings, the preparation of accounts and satisfying public accountability.

The costs relating to grant making activity represent costs incurred in assessing applications, administration of the grants awarded and post grant monitoring.

Staff costs cover salary and other costs paid in respect of part time employees, shared with the Wolfson Foundation, engaged during the year (see note 8). No staff costs are allocated to governance costs as the amount of related activity is immaterial compared to the grant making activity.

Legal fees include charges for legal work from Payne Hicks Beach where Martin Paisner (a trustee) is a partner.



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#### 7. Trustees' remuneration

No fees are paid to trustees for their services as Board Members. During the year, no expenses (2020: £4,183) were incurred by the trustees.

As allowed by the Trust Deed, consultancy fees of £2,500 were paid to each of Lord Turnberg and Sir Michael Pepper (2020: £2,500 to Lord Turnberg) in connection with their work undertaken in advising on applications to the Wolfson Family Charitable Trust. Trustees who are family members did not receive any remuneration.

#### 8. Staff costs

During the year there were 4 part time employees.

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Salaries	74	72
Social security costs	10	9
Other pension costs	7	7
	<u>91</u>	<u>88</u>
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The average number of part time employees, shared with Wolfson Foundation, employed throughout the year was 4 (2020: 4). During the year, one employee received emoluments between £80,000 and £90,000.

#### 9. Grants awarded for future payment

Grants awarded by the trustees for future payment at 31 March 2021 total £2,764,769 (2020: £3,015,263) as follows:

	At 1 April 2020 £'000	Grants awarded during the year £'000	Grants paid during the year £'000	Grants relinquished & adjusted £'000	At 31 March 2021 £'000
Science and medicine	2,293	1,100	(1,187)	-	2,206
Education	154	107	(7)	-	254
Health and disability	244	885	(1,093)	-	36
Arts and humanities	324	-	(55)	-	269
	<u>3,015</u>	<u>2,092</u>	<u>(2,342)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,765</u>
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**9. Grants awarded for future payment (continued)**

	<b>31 March 2021 £'000</b>	<b>31 March 2020 £'000</b>
Due within one year (note 12)	2,048	2,261
Due after more than one year (note 13)	717	754
	<u>2,765</u>	<u>3,015</u>
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A summary of grants awarded during the year is set out in note 18.

**10. Investments**
**Fixed asset investments**

	<b>Market value 2020 £'000</b>	<b>Purchases £'000</b>	<b>Sales £'000</b>	<b>Gains/ (losses) £'000</b>	<b>Market value 2021 £'000</b>
Equities	24,376	8,025	(9,655)	8,943	31,689
Fixed Income	2,994	1,006	(1,952)	763	2,811
Absolute Returns	4	-	-	-	4
Real Assets	5,458	1,765	(1,760)	(81)	5,382
Gilts and Others	793	2,127	(1,483)	(124)	1,313
	<u>33,625</u>	<u>12,923</u>	<u>(14,850)</u>	<u>9,501</u>	<u>41,199</u>

**Current asset investments**

Cash held for future investment	2,167			(157)	3,231
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**Total investment assets**

<u>35,792</u>			<u>9,344</u>	<u>44,430</u>
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**11. Debtors**

	<b>31 March 2021 £'000</b>	<b>31 March 2020 £'000</b>
Accrued income	71	65
Sundry debtors	14	13
	<u>85</u>	<u>78</u>
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**12. Creditors falling due within one year**

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Grants payable (note 9)	2,048	2,261
Other creditors	200	16
	<u>2,248</u>	<u>2,277</u>
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**13. Creditors falling due after one year**

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Grants payable (note 9)	717	754
	<u>717</u>	<u>754</u>
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**14. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash used in operating activities**

	31 March 2021 £'000	31 March 2020 £'000
Net incoming / (outgoing) resources	8,710	(2,981)
(Gains) / losses on investments	(9,501)	1,720
Dividend income	(869)	(992)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(6)	32
Decrease in creditors	(66)	(129)
	<u>(1,732)</u>	<u>(2,350)</u>
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**15. Analysis of changes in cash balances during the year**

	31 March 2020 £'000	Cash flow £'000	Foreign Exchange £'000	31 March 2021 £'000
Cash at bank	13	-		13
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	2,167	1,221	(157)	3,231
	<u>2,180</u>	<u>1,221</u>	<u>(157)</u>	<u>3,244</u>
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**16. Joint administration**

The Charity has shared objectives and joint administration with the Wolfson Foundation, registered charity number 1156077 and company registration number 08927040, at 8 Queen Anne Street, London W1G 9LD.

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### 17. Related party transactions

During the year, fees of £5,492 were paid in respect of legal services provided by Payne Hicks Beach of which Martin Paisner (trustee) is a partner.

### 18. Grants awarded during the year

	£
<b><u>Science and Medicine</u></b>	
<b>Science and Medicine\Scientific Research</b>	
Awards for equipment for metabolomics research were made to the following universities:	
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £550,000)	220,000
Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £460,000)	184,000
Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £460,000)	184,000
Tel-Aviv University, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £391,000)	156,400
Ben-Gurion University, Beer Sheva, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £325,000)	130,000
Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel (joint grant with the Wolfson Foundation totalling £314,000)	125,600
<b>Exceptional Award</b>	
Israel Science Foundation, Jerusalem, Israel - Research programme to help understand the spread and the pathogenesis of coronavirus, across Israeli universities (in partnership with a consortium of funders)	100,000
<b>Total Science and Medicine (7 grants)</b>	<b>1,100,000</b>
	£
<b>Education</b>	
Academy of Medical Sciences, London W1 - Daniel Turnberg UK/Middle East Travel Fellowship Scheme (over 3 years)	100,000
Prism, London W1 -Wolfson Jewish Education Fund	7,200
<b>Total Education (2 grants)</b>	<b>107,200</b>



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**18. Grants awarded during the year (continued)**

	<b>£</b>
<b>Health and Disability</b>	
Hospice of the Upper Galilee, Rosh Pina, Israel	20,000
- Medical vehicle (award converted to unrestricted funding in response to Covid-19 pandemic)	
SOS Children's Villages Israel, Petach Tikvah, Israel	16,000
- Children's beds at Neradim Children's Village	
Shalheveth, Jerusalem, Israel	9,100
- Air conditioning units for apartments for people with physical disabilities	
	<b>£</b>
<b>Covid-19 Support Fund</b>	
The following organisations received unrestricted funding under the Wolfson Covid-19 Support Fund:	
Social care consortium	165,000
- Jewish Homes Emergency Appeal: Jewish Care, Nightingale and The Fed	
Chai Cancer Care, London NW4	100,000
JAMI, Edgware, Middlesex	100,000
Norwood, Stanmore, Middlesex	100,000
Gesher School, London NW2	75,000
JW3, London NW3	75,000
Langdon Foundation, Elstree, Middlesex	75,000
Bayis Sheli, London N16	50,000
Bikur Cholim, London N16	50,000
Manchester Jewish Community Care	50,000
<b>Total Health and Disability (13 grants)</b>	<b>885,100</b>
<b>Total grants awarded</b>	<b>2,092,300</b>
<b>(Total number of grants: 22)</b>	