

# Salada Foods Jamaica Limited 1997

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## Auditors' Report

9 March 1998

To the Members of  
Salads Foods Jamaica Limited

We have audited the financial statements as set out. These financial statements are the responsibility of the directors and management of the company. The directors and management are required to select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, follow applicable accounting standards and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business. The directors and management are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the company, and for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with standards on auditing generally accepted in Jamaica. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary to provide us with reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and

disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the directors and management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Without qualifying our opinion we draw attention to the appropriateness of the going concern assumption in relation to the group. The group incurred a net loss of \$50,911,000 during the year ended 30 September 1997 and as of that date, the group's current liabilities exceeded its current assets by \$38,857,000 and its total liabilities exceeded its total assets by \$6,716,000. In the absence of a significant injection of new capital, these factors raise substantial doubt that the company will be able to continue as a going concern.

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