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Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Inntekter			
Sum inntekter		0	
Kostnader			
Annen driftskostnad		872 074	1 888 662
Sum kostnader		872 074	1 888 662
Driftsresultat		-872 074	-1 888 662
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Annen renteinntekt		31 649	73 203
Annen finansinntekt		45 357	15 797 648
Verdiøkning finansielle instrumenter vurdert til virkelig verdi		9 590 019	12 087 305
Sum finansinntekter		9 667 025	27 958 156
Annen rentekostnad		5 990	16 735
Annen finanskostnad		240 845	19 968
Sum finanskostnader		246 835	36 703
Netto finans		9 420 190	27 921 453
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		8 548 116	26 032 791
Skattekostnad på ordinært resultat			-1 088 255
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		8 548 116	27 121 046
Årsresultat		8 548 116	27 121 046
Overføringer og disponeringer			
Overføring til/fra annen egenkapital		-8 548 116	-27 121 046
Sum overføringer og disponeringer		-8 548 116	-27 121 046



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Sum immaterielle eiendeler		0	
Sum anleggsmidler		0	0
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Andre fordringer		82	4 553
Sum fordringer		82	4 553
Investeringer			
Markedsbaserte aksjer		61 848 688	52 996 882
Sum investeringer		61 848 688	52 996 882
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		356 369	5 049 937
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		356 369	5 049 937
Sum omløpsmidler		62 205 139	58 051 372
SUM EIENDELER		62 205 139	58 051 372
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Aksjekapital		7 287	8 059
Sum innskutt egenkapital		7 287	8 059
Opptjent egenkapital			
Annen egenkapital		59 034 632	55 140 744



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2020	2019
Sum opptjent egenkapital		59 034 632	55 140 744
Sum egenkapital		59 041 919	55 148 803
Gjeld			
Langsiktig gjeld			
Annen langsiktig gjeld			
Øvrig langsiktig gjeld		3 107 469	2 902 569
Sum annen langsiktig gjeld		3 107 469	2 902 569
Sum langsiktig gjeld		3 107 469	2 902 569
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Annen kortsiktig gjeld		55 751	
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		55 751	
Sum gjeld		3 163 220	2 902 569
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		62 205 139	58 051 372



Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

Cayman Islands Exempted Limited Company (Regulated Mutual Fund)

***Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report
As at December 31, 2020***



Report of the Board of Directors Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

Report of the Board of Directors

Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited ("SNOPE III" or the "Fund") was incorporated in 2010 as a Cayman Islands exempted company (regulated mutual fund) with the purpose of investing in private equity funds. SNOPE III is also registered at the Central Coordinating Register for Legal Entities in Norway (Enhetsregisteret), with the shares of the Fund kept at the Norwegian Registry of Securities (Verdipapirsentralen).

Financial information

SNOPE III ended the year with a profit of NOK 8.5 million.

Financial risk

The risk connected to the Fund's investment portfolio is associated with the progress of the underlying portfolio companies, as well as the progress of the private equity market and the stock market in general. The Fund does not hedge this risk exposure. Investments are made in foreign currencies. The Fund does not hedge currency exposure. The underlying private equity funds are exposed to the risk of being unable to dispose of their investments at attractive prices. The investments of the Fund as well as the investment portfolios for each of the underlying funds will consist of investments for which no public market exists. Liquidity will stem from realizations of investments in portfolio companies made by the underlying funds.

Investment portfolio

The Fund has committed approx. NOK 190 million to four private equity funds, making investments within venture, growth and buyout capital primarily in the Nordic region.

Share class return for the Fund's sole share class is summarized in the table below.

Class	2020	Since inception*
Class B-E	16.6 %	17.8 %

*IRR

SNOPE III's cash flows invested in MSCI World Net (NOK) would have given a return of

16.7 % p.a. since inception. The return from SNOPE III has been satisfactory so far.

Shareholder information

The Fund's two investors have committed NOK 176.5 million to SNOPE III, of which 65 % is paid in at year end 2020. According to the Offering Memorandum, SNOPE III cannot call new capital from the shareholders after year end 2015.

Operations

The Fund has no employees. The Fund has a management agreement with Storebrand Asset Management AS (the "Investment Manager"), an investment management company within the Storebrand Group based at Lysaker.

The board members are two men and one woman, and the investment committee of the Investment Manager consist of six men. The Board of Directors are conscious of the society expectations of efforts to promote gender equality within the business and the board. The board members have not received any remuneration from the Fund.

Environment

SNOPE III as such has no own employees, and the Board is not aware of any aspects of the Fund's activities that pollute the external environment.

COVID-19 impact

The Board believes the H2 2020 surge in activity in private equity markets in will continue in 2021, eventually normalizing at pre-Covid levels towards the end of the year.

Future prospects

The underlying funds of SNOPE III are in the realization phase, and a continued positive cash flow to investors is expected in the coming years. The Board expects a good net return for investors over the lifetime of the fund.

Allocation of the profit for the year

The accounts have been prepared under continued operating assumption. The Board proposes to allocate the profit for the year of NOK 8.5 million to retained earnings.

Lysaker, June 30, 2021
Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

Per Gunnar Taalesen
Director

Bård Bringedal
Director

Anne-Kristine Baltzersen
Director



Profit and Loss		Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited	
For the year ended December 31, 2020			
All numbers in NOK	Note	2020	2019
Portfolio gains and losses			
Interest income		25 659	56 468
Interest expense		0	0
Dividend		44 237	16 677 017
Net realized gains/losses from securities		1 120	0
Net change in unrealized gains/losses on securities		9 590 019	12 093 909
Net portfolio gains		9 661 035	28 827 394
Operating income and expenses			
Management fee	3, 10	-208 443	-231 603
Performance fee	3	-449 901	-1 382 626
Interest expenses		0	
Other expenses	4	-454 576	-1 180 374
Operating result		-1 112 920	-2 794 603
Profit			
Profit before tax		8 548 116	26 032 791
Tax	5	0	1 088 255
Profit for the year		8 548 116	27 121 046
Allocation of profit for the year			
Allocated to retained earnings	6	8 548 116	27 121 046
Total allocated		8 548 116	27 121 046

Notes are an integral part of these financial statements
Numbers may not add up due to rounding



Balance Sheet Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

As at December 31, 2020

All numbers in NOK	Note	31.12.2020	31.12.2019
Assets			
Investments in private equity funds	7	61 848 688	52 996 882
Prepaid expenses		0	0
Accrued income		82	4 544
Cash		356 369	5 049 946
Total assets		62 205 140	58 051 372
Contributed equity			
Par value		7 287	8 059
Share premium reserve		0	0
Total contributed equity		7 287	8 059
Retained earnings			
Retained earnings		59 034 632	55 140 745
Total retained earnings		59 034 632	55 140 745
Total equity	6, 8	59 041 919	55 148 803
Liabilities			
Income tax payable	5	0	0
Other liabilities		3 163 221	2 902 569
Total liabilities		3 163 221	2 902 569
Total equity and liabilities		62 205 140	58 051 372
Remaining Commitment to Underlying Private Equity Funds		3 454 148	3 947 274

Lysaker, June 30, 2021

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Director

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Director

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Investment Manager's Comment*

As at December 31, 2020

Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited ("SNOPE III" or the "Fund") had its first closing on December 27, 2010 and its second closing on June 22, 2011. The Fund received commitments from two Nordic investors of NOK 176.5 million, with 65 percent contributed as of December 31, 2020. According to the Offering Memorandum, SNOPE III cannot call new capital after year-end 2015.

SNOPE III has committed approx. NOK 190 million to three private equity funds investing primarily in the Nordic countries. All funds are organized as limited partnerships. As of December 31, 2020, the funds have called 98 percent of committed capital from SNOPE III.

At year-end the net internal rate of return stands at 17.8 percent p.a. for the investors on an aggregated level, corresponding to a total gain of NOK 179 million. The internal rate of return for 2020 was 16.6 percent for the Fund as a whole.

Return per share class (internal rate of return p.a.)*

Share class	2020	Since inception
Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited - class B-3	16.6 %	17.8 %

* Unaudited

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Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

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All numbers in NOK

NOTE 1 – ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

General accounting principles

Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited ("SNOPE III" or the "Fund") is a Cayman Islands exempted limited company, incorporated on September 10, 2010. SNOPE III is a Regulated Mutual Fund according to the Cayman Islands Mutual Funds Law. The principal place of business for the Fund is Norway, and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Norwegian accounting law and accounting principles generally accepted in Norway (Norwegian GAAP) and in accordance with the specific rules for Norwegian mutual funds. The Fund is not registered in Norway as a Norwegian mutual fund. Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated on the basis of historical experience and anticipated future events. In the future, actual experience may deviate from these accounting estimates, but the estimates are based on best judgement at the time the accounts are produced. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the balance sheet values of assets and liabilities are discussed below.

Market value

The financial statements are based on the value of the investments at year-end. The Fund values investments in private investment funds at the net asset values of the underlying investee funds. Investments held by these underlying funds are valued at prices which approximate fair value. The fair value of certain investments in the underlying funds, which include private placements and other securities for which fair values are not readily available, are determined in good faith by the respective underlying fund and its administrator, typically in accordance with either *International Financial Reporting Standard 13 Fair Value Measurement* or *Accounting Standards Codification 820 Fair Value Measurements*, all of which are subject to a third party annual audit. The underlying funds and their administrators have used their best estimates in determining the fair value of investments. The estimated fair values may differ from the values that would have been used had a ready market existed for these investments. Net asset valuations are provided monthly or quarterly by these funds.



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(NOTE 1 cont.)

Liquidity

In accordance with the terms of the OM, the Fund's commitment to portfolio funds will exceed committed capital from investors by up to 100%. The portfolio funds will normally deploy its capital to portfolio investments over the course of 3-5 years with an expected holding period of around 4 years. Some of the capital that is distributed to the fund from early realisations may be redeployed to finance later investments. Portfolio funds will normally not call 100% of committed capital over the course of the lifetime of the fund. In addition, the Fund has a drawing facility that may be utilised to bridge short term liquidity needs. Over time the experience is that the Fund will call around 80% of committed capital from the investors.

Foreign exchange

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are not hedged against currency fluctuations. Monetary items and investments in underlying funds are translated at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Any other balance sheet items are recorded at the exchange rate prevailing at the acquisition date.

Cash and equivalents

Cash and equivalents consist only of bank accounts.

Net realized gains/(losses) from securities

Net realized gains/losses from securities consist of gain/losses related to investments that are sold or closed including FX-gain/losses.

Taxes

There are no income, profit and capital gains taxes in effect in the Cayman Islands on the basis of present legislation. The Fund has received an undertaking from the Cayman Islands Government exempting it from all taxes for a period of 20 years from the date of the incorporation. In the opinion of the Investment Manager, the Fund will be subject to taxation in Norway and treated as a Norwegian mutual fund. In September 2019, the Norwegian Supreme Court concluded that a Storebrand fund similar to the Fund is a mutual fund according to the Norwegian Tax Act (see Note 5 – Tax). Hence, the financial statements are based on the assumption that the Fund is subject to taxation in Norway as a mutual fund ("verdipapirfond"), in line with Investment Manager's view. Deferred tax assets are not recognized in the balance sheet.

Transaction costs

Any transaction cost will be included in the cost value of the respective investment.

Dividends

According to its Articles of Association, the Fund cannot pay dividends.

NOTE 2 - FINANCIAL MARKET RISK

The balance sheet of SNOPE III reflects the Fund's market value at the end of the year as measured in NOK. SNOPE III is a fund-of-funds investing in a portfolio of private equity funds making active investments in companies through venture capital or buyout capital. An investment in the Fund carries substantial risks. The risks inherent to an investment in private equity funds are of a nature and degree not typically encountered in investments in securities of companies listed on major securities markets worldwide. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved and investment results may vary substantially over time.

However, Storebrand Asset Management AS (the "Investment Manager") and the directors of the Fund will endeavour to monitor risks through the selection of the Fund's investments based on a due diligence procedure. The underlying private equity funds are exposed to the risk of being unable to dispose of their investments at attractive prices. The investments of the Fund as well as the investment portfolios for each of the underlying funds will consist of investments for which no public market exists. Liquidity will stem from realizations of portfolio companies made by the underlying funds.

The Fund will invest in a mix of currencies and will not be hedged against currency fluctuations measured in NOK.

The underlying funds invest primarily in growth companies or mature companies. With the funds being fully invested, except for follow on investments in the current portfolio, one can expect substantial realisations for the years to come.



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NOTE 3 - FEE STRUCTURE

Management fee

SNOPE III will pay to the Investment Manager a management fee yearly in advance on the committed amount in each of the share classes up to 1.25 percent p.a., during the first five years after December 27, 2010. After the first five years, the management fee will be reduced each year by 0.10 percent.

Performance fee

A performance fee to the Investment Manager will apply if and when the Fund has redeemed and paid out all paid-in capital to a shareholder, including a 5 percent p.a. preferred return on such capital, and no further subscriptions will be made in the Fund by the shareholder. The performance fee will from then on amount to a 5/95 fraction of all future paid out capital through redemptions to such shareholder. The performance fee will be paid at the same time as the redemptions.

However, the Fund accrues performance fees that would have been payable, if SNOPE III realised and paid out the proceeds on the date of these financial statements. Any changes in the accrued performance fee will be reflected in the Profit and Loss accounts on an ongoing basis.

Commitment fee

A compensation will be made for the commitment Storebrand Livsforsikring AS ("SBL") has to subscribe for redeemable shares according to clause 6.4, 6.5 and 7.3 in the Offering Memorandum. An annual commitment fee in advance will apply in the amount of 0.1 percent p.a. of the sum of net asset value for issued shares (except to SBL) plus outstanding commitments at future subsequent offerings for same shareholders.

Subscription and redemption fees

The directors may engage distributors for the Fund that may charge a subscription fee of up to 3 percent on subscribed amounts. No redemption fees will apply. A fixed transaction fee will be charged from the share register account operator for all share transactions.

Management fees in the underlying funds

The underlying funds will typically charge a yearly management fee of 1 – 2 percent of committed capital and also a performance fee of typically 20 percent of net profits, often after a preferred return to the investors.

NOTE 4 - OTHER EXPENSES

	2020	2019
Audit fee	-137 500	-135 035
Tax advice (including technical assistance with tax returns) to Deloitte AS	-13 731	-76 899
Management fees paid at the underlying funds level	-146 361	-885 972
Other expenses	-156 984	-82 468
Sum of other expenses	-454 576	-1 180 374

PricewaterhouseCoopers are appointed as external auditors. All amounts include VAT.



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NOTE 5 - TAX

	2020	2019
Profit before tax	8 548 116	26 032 791
Reversal of accounting loss (profit)	88 033	-15 791 045
Reversal of change in accounting value	-9 590 019	-12 087 305
Share of taxable profit (loss) from Limited Partnerships	406 794	7 307 082
Other non-deductible cost (income)	0	-3 905
Changes in accrued performance fee	204 901	-417 374
Adjustments related to prior years tax	0	0
Taxable profit (loss)	-342 175	5 040 243

Basis for payable tax

Taxable (loss)	-342 175	5 040 243
Changes in loss carried forward	342 175	0
Correction loss carried forward for year 2018	0	-737 777
Sum	0	4 302 466

Specification of income tax expense:

Current income tax payable	0	946 543
Adjustments related to prior years tax	0	141 712
Tax on profit	0	1 088 255

Specification of current income tax payable:

This year's payable income tax expense	0	1 088 255
Adjustments related to prior years tax	0	-1 088 255
Current income tax payable in balance sheet	0	0

Tax rate	22 %	22 %
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Specification of temporary differences	2020		2019	
	Asset	Liability	Asset	Liability
Loss carried forward	342 175	0	0	0
Correction loss carried forward prior years	2 248 237	0	0	0
Accrued performance fee	3 107 469	0	2 902 569	0
Total	5 697 881	0	2 902 569	0
Net temporary differences	5 697 881	0	2 902 569	0
Tax rate	22 %		22 %	
Net deferred tax asset/liability	1 253 534	0	638 565	0
Deferred tax assets not recognized	1 253 534		638 565	



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NOTE 6 - EQUITY

Number of shares	Share class	
	B-3	
Number of shares at 31.12.2019	8 058 516	
New issues	0	
Redemptions	-771 850	
Number of shares at 31.12.2020	7 286 666	
Change in equity	2020	2019
Equity at 01.01	55 148 803	62 227 757
Subscriptions	0	0
Redemptions	-4 655 000	-34 200 000
Profit	8 548 116	27 121 046
Equity at 31.12	59 041 919	55 148 803
Number of shareholders at 31.12	2	2

NOTE 7 – SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

FUNDS	FUND CURRENCY	% OF PORTF.	COMMITTED CAPITAL	REMAINING COMMITMENT	NOK		
					COST VALUE	MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN / LOSS
Herkules Private Equity III	NOK	0 %	60 000 020	395 300	26 909 317	102 956	-26 806 361
Northzone VI	EUR	29 %	28 657 702	55 354	11 183 534	17 652 060	6 468 526
Norvestor VI	NOK	65 %	70 000 000	3 003 494	17 755 959	40 085 336	22 329 377
Valhalla Co-Invest	NOK	0 %	31 500 000	0	0	0	0
PE adjustment *		6 %				4 008 336	4 008 336
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		100 %	190 157 722	3 454 148	55 848 809	61 848 688	5 999 879

Numbers may not add up due to rounding

*)SIFE fund reports for the current quarter are compiled from underlying fund reports from the previous quarter and adjusted for material observable market movements in the broader public equity market during the quarter.')

NOTE 8 - SHARE CLASSES

Depending on the size of the shareholder's investment, a shareholder may own shares of four classes, B-0, B-1, B-2 and B-3. Net asset value per share is calculated by dividing the Fund's net asset value per class by the number of outstanding shares in each class.

	Share class				Sum
	B-0	B-1	B-2	B-3	
Committed capital	< MNOK 10	MNOK 10-25	> MNOK 25	Storebrand-entities	
Management fee (per year)				0.12 %	
Par value				0.001	
Net asset value per share at 31.12.2020				8.103	
Committed capital	0	0	0	176 500 000	176 500 000
Remaining commitment at 31.12.2020	0	0	0	0	0



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(NOTE 8 cont.)

According to the Offering Memorandum the board of directors hold the right to redeem shares in the Fund pro-rata among the shareholders when the liquidity situation in the Fund allows such redemptions at the discretion of the Board of Directors. Redemptions will be effected at the net asset value as of the close of the last business day of the preceding calendar quarter.

Each shareholder (except for Storebrand Livsforsikring AS and Storebrand employees) also holds the right to redeem at all times all their Shares at 75% of net asset value (with possible adjustments as further described in the Offering Memorandum) as of the close of the last business day of the preceding quarter for receiving notice of such redemption. Further the board of directors hold the right to redeem at all times all the shares held by a shareholder that does not comply with the subscription agreement in a subsequent offering. Such redemption will take place at 75% of the net asset value (with possible adjustments) that will apply at such subsequent offering.

NOTE 9 - SHARES OWNED BY THE FUND'S DIRECTORS AND RELATED PARTIES

Investor	Share class	# of Shares	
		31.12.2020	31.12.2019
SPP Livförsäkring AB	B-3	1 249 646	1 382 016
Storebrand Livsforsikring AS	B-3	6 037 028	6 676 504
Total		7 286 674	8 058 520

NOTE 10 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Fund has a management agreement with the Investment Manager, a company within the Storebrand Group based at Lysaker. The management agreement provides for the payment of a management fee to the Investment Manager as described in Note 3. In addition, the Investment Manager receives an annual fee for preparation of financial and tax reports.

	2020
Management fee	208 443
Performance fee	449 901
Accounting fee	62 500

As described in Note 3, SBL, a life insurance company within the Storebrand Group based at Lysaker, received a total commitment fee. SBL has committed NOK 146.5 million to SNOPE III (share class B-3).

	2020
Commitment fee	-
Distribution from the fund (Class B-3)	3 856 679

SPP Livförsäkring AB has committed NOK 30 million to SNOPE III (shareclass B-3).

	2020
Distribution from the fund (Class B-3)	798 321

NOTE 11 - COVID-19 IMPACT

Activity levels in private equity markets was disrupted and nearly closed down during the second quarter of 2020 due to the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic. Globally coordinated intervention with fiscal and monetary easing policies lead to a rapid recovery in valuations and activity levels across capital markets including private equity markets. Activity normalized during the second half of the year.



Skatteetaten

Vår dato
09.12.2019

Din/Deres dato
22.10.2019

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Dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk

Vi viser til Storebrands søknad om dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på vegne av følgende alternative investeringsfond:

Storebrand International Private Equity IV Limited, org.nr. 987 414 057
Storebrand International Private Equity V Limited, org.nr. 988 210 277
Storebrand International Private Equity VI Limited, org.nr. 989 573 128
Storebrand International Private Equity VII Limited, org.nr. 890 743 862
Storebrand International Private Equity VIII Limited, org.nr. 992 696 931
Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited, org.nr. 994 065 742
Storebrand International Private Equity X Limited, org.nr. 995 551438
Storebrand International Private Equity XI Limited, org.nr. 996 700 828
Storebrand International Private Equity XII Limited, org.nr. 998 333 679
Storebrand International Private Equity 13 Limited, org.nr. 911 917 831
Storebrand International Private Equity 14 Limited, org.nr. 994 281 151
Storebrand International Private Equity 15 Limited, org.nr. 986 313 737
Storebrand International Private Equity 16 Limited, org.nr. 916 788 223
Storebrand International Private Equity 17 Limited, org.nr. 988 210 684
Storebrand International Private Equity 18 Limited, org.nr. 920 329 152
Storebrand International Private Equity 19 Limited, org.nr. 989 871 862
Storebrand Emerging Private Equity Markets 2006 Limited, org.nr. 989 974 971
Storebrand Emerging Private Equity Markets 2007 Limited, org.nr. 990 743 606
Storebrand Norwegian Private Equity 2006 Limited, org.nr. 989 974 874
Storebrand Norwegian Private Equity 2007 Limited, org.nr. 991 186 433
Storebrand Norwegian Private Equity III Limited, org.nr. 996 096 939

Skattekontoret gir på bakgrunn av en konkret helhetsvurdering selskapene nevnt ovenfor dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk språk, jf. regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd. Dispensasjonen forutsetter at engelsk språk benyttes i stedet ved utarbeidelsen, og at øvrige opplysninger som vedtaket baserer seg på, heller ikke endres vesentlig.



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Bakgrunn

Fra søknaden siteres:

Storebrand har etablert en rekke selskaper som alternative investeringsfond på Caymen Island. Oversikt over de aktuelle selskapene følger av vedlegg. Samtlige foretak er skattepliktige til Norge og således også regnskapspliktige til Norge, jf regnskapsloven § 2-1 nr. 13. Det følger av regnskapsloven § 3-4 første ledd at årsregnskapet og årsberetningen skal utarbeides og leveres på norsk. Skattedirektoratet via delegasjon fra Finansdepartementet kan imidlertid gjøre unntak fra dette språkkravet.

Myndighetene på Caymen Island krever at selskapene avleverer regnskap på engelsk. Storebrand Asset Management AS som forvalter av de aktuelle selskapene utarbeider derfor årlig regnskap både på norsk og engelsk. Dette oppleves som både uforholdsmessig tid- og kostnadskrevende. Investorene i de aktuelle selskapene er delvis norske og delvis utenlandske. Felles for dem alle er imidlertid at de er institusjonelle og profesjonelle investorer som ikke vil ha problemer knyttet til å få tilgjengeliggjort selskapsregnskapene utelukkende på engelsk.

Det er truffet styrevedtak i samtlige selskaper om at det er ønskelig å begrense utarbeidelsen av regnskapene til engelsk. Kopi av protokoll fra felles styremøte fra de relevante selskapene følger vedlagt.

På bakgrunn av dette søkes det om tillatelse til å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på engelsk for selskapene som fremkommer i vedlegget til denne søknaden.

Skattekontorets vurdering

Etter regnskapsloven § 3-4 tredje ledd skal *”årsregnskapet og årsberetningen ... være på norsk. Departementet kan ved ... enkeltvedtak bestemme at årsregnskapet og/eller årsberetningen kan være på et annet språk.”*

I Ot. prp. nr. 42 (1997-1998) Om lov om årsregnskap mv., er det uttalt følgende om regnskapslovens formål, jf. pkt. 1.1:

Regjeringen har som siktemål at regnskapsloven skal bidra til informative regnskaper for ulike grupper av regnskapsbrukere. Regnskapsbrukerne er dels investorer og kreditorer som tilfører kapital til foretakene, og dels andre grupper som har interesse av å vite hvordan foretaket drives, f.eks. de ansatte og lokalsamfunnet. Informasjonen til kapitalmarkedet skal gi grunnlag for riktig prising av finansielle objekter. Riktig prisdannelse på aksjer er en forutsetning for at ressursbruken i samfunnsøkonomien skal bli best mulig. Gode regnskaper vil også gjøre det vanskeligere for markedsdeltakere å ta ut spekulasjonsgevinster med basis i skjevt fordelt informasjon.



Det fremgår således at et av hovedformålene med regnskapsloven er å bidra til *“informative regnskaper for ulike grupper av regnskapsbrukere”*. Regnskapsbrukere vil omfatte, jf. uttalelsen i proposisjonen, blant andre investorer, kreditorer, ansatte, kunder og lokalsamfunnet.

Det er etter skattekontorets vurdering derfor avgjørende ved vurdering av om dispensasjon fra kravet til å utarbeide årsregnskap og/eller årsberetning på norsk kan gis, at det ikke foreligger mulige brukere av regnskapsinformasjon som blir vesentlig berørt negativt ved en eventuell dispensasjon.

Som nevnt ovenfor er det særlig hensynet til brukerne av regnskapsinformasjon som skal vurderes ved en dispensasjonssøknad. I dette tilfellet er det opplyst at investorene i fondene er delvis norske og delvis utenlandske og at alle er profesjonelle investorer som behersker engelsk. Fondene er etablert på Cayman Island. Myndighetene der krever at selskapene leverer regnskap på engelsk. Skattekontoret finner at disse forholdene samlet tilsier at dispensasjon fra kravet om å utarbeide årsregnskap og årsberetning på norsk kan gis.

Vennligst oppgi vår referanse ved henvendelse i saken.

Med hilsen

Roar Thorbjørnsen
Underdirektør
Innsats, storbedrift
Skatteetaten

Joakim Engebretsen

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To the General Meeting of Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited

Independent Auditor's Report

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Storebrand Nordic Private Equity III Limited, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2020, the profit and loss for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements are prepared in accordance with law and regulations and give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2020, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). 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 Company as required by laws and regulations, 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.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises information in the annual report, except the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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

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the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

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.

Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors (management) is responsible for the preparation in accordance with law and regulations, including a true and fair view of the financial statements in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. The financial statements use the going concern basis of accounting insofar as it is not likely that the enterprise will cease operations.

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 laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

For further description of Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements reference is made to <https://revisorforeningen.no/revisjonsberetninger>

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Opinion on the Board of Directors' report

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, it is our opinion that the information presented in the Board of Directors' report concerning the financial statements, the going concern assumption and the proposed allocation of the result is consistent with the financial statements and complies with the law and regulations.

Opinion on Registration and Documentation

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, it is our opinion that management has fulfilled its duty to produce a proper and clearly set out registration and documentation of the Company's accounting information in accordance with the law and bookkeeping standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

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Oslo, 30 June 2021
PricewaterhouseCoopers AS

Thomas Steffensen
State Authorised Public Accountant

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