



ÅRSREGNSKAPET FOR REGNSKAPSÅRET 2021 - GENERELL INFORMASJON

Enheten

Organisasjonsnummer:	994 065 742
Organisasjonsform:	Norskreg. utenlandsk foretak
Foretaksnavn:	STOREBRAND INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE EQUITY IX LIMITED
Forretningsadresse:	Professor Kohts vei 9 1366 LYSAKER

Regnskapsår

Årsregnskapets periode:	01.01.2021 - 31.12.2021
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Konsern

Morselskap i konsern:	Nei
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Regnskapsregler

Regler for små foretak benyttet:	Nei
Benyttet ved utarbeidelsen av årsregnskapet til selskapet:	Regnskapslovens alminnelige regler

Årsregnskapet fastsatt av kompetent organ

Bekreftet av representant for selskapet:	Anne-Kristine Baltzersen
Dato for fastsettelse av årsregnskapet:	07.06.2022

Grunnlag for avgivelse

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 28.07.2023



Resultatregnskap

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2021	2020
RESULTATREGNSKAP			
Inntekter			
Sum inntekter		0	
Kostnader			
Annen driftskostnad		22 742 870	734 328
Sum kostnader		22 742 870	734 328
Driftsresultat		-22 742 870	-734 328
Finansinntekter og finanskostnader			
Inntekt på andre investeringer		94 212 928	40 901 206
Annen renteinntekt		2 091 598	53 935
Annen finansinntekt		165 852	519 424
Verdiøkning finansielle instrumenter vurdert til virkelig verdi		17 586 830	
Sum finansinntekter		114 057 208	41 474 565
Verdireduksjon finansielle instrumenter vurdert til virkelig verdi			59 508 669
Annen rentekostnad		81	12 993
Annen finanskostnad			8 569 000
Sum finanskostnader		81	68 090 662
Netto finans		114 057 127	-26 616 097
Ordinært resultat før skattekostnad		91 314 257	-27 350 425
Skattekostnad på ordinært resultat		-2 056 117	-5 845 197
Ordinært resultat etter skattekostnad		93 370 374	-21 505 228
Årsresultat		93 370 374	-21 505 228
Overføringer og disponeringer			
Overføring til/fra annen egenkapital		-93 370 374	21 505 228
Sum overføringer og disponeringer		-93 370 374	21 505 228



Balanse

Beløp i: NOK	Note	2021	2020
BALANSE - EIENDELER			
Anleggsmidler			
Immaterielle eiendeler			
Sum immaterielle eiendeler		0	
Sum anleggsmidler		0	0
Omløpsmidler			
Varer			
Fordringer			
Andre fordringer		18 283	19 429
Sum fordringer		18 283	19 429
Investeringer			
Markedsbaserte aksjer		199 144 484	208 128 450
Sum investeringer		199 144 484	208 128 450
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende			
Bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		6 447 016	2 767 920
Sum bankinnskudd, kontanter og lignende		6 447 016	2 767 920
Sum omløpsmidler		205 609 783	210 915 799
SUM EIENDELER		205 609 783	210 915 799
BALANSE - EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD			
Egenkapital			
Innskutt egenkapital			
Aksjekapital		16 849	27 837
Overkurs		-181 100 037	-86 111 025
Sum innskutt egenkapital		-181 083 188	-86 083 188
Opptjent egenkapital			



Balanse

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Annen egenkapital		375 558 894	282 188 520
Sum opptjent egenkapital		375 558 894	282 188 520
Sum egenkapital		194 475 706	196 105 332
Gjeld			
Langsiktig gjeld			
Annen langsiktig gjeld			
Øvrig langsiktig gjeld		10 909 020	10 321 334
Sum annen langsiktig gjeld		10 909 020	10 321 334
Sum langsiktig gjeld		10 909 020	10 321 334
Kortsiktig gjeld			
Betalbar skatt			4 092 355
Annen kortsiktig gjeld		225 057	396 778
Sum kortsiktig gjeld		225 057	4 489 133
Sum gjeld		11 134 077	14 810 467
SUM EGENKAPITAL OG GJELD		205 609 783	210 915 799



Brønnøysundregistrene

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Brønnøysundregistrene, 02.08.2022



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Beløp i: NOK Note 2021 2020

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NOTEOPPLYSNINGER - SELSKAP - alle poster oppgitt i hele tall

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Regnskapsprinsipper
Årsregnskapet er satt opp etter regnskapsloven. Regnskapsreglene for små foretak er fulgt.

Note

Antall aksjer og aksjeeiere

Note

Antall årsverk i regnskapsåret

Virksomheten har hatt følgende antall årsverk:
0.00

Note

Lån og sikkerhetsstillelse til ledende personer og aksjeeiere

Er det gitt lån eller sikkerhetsstillelse til ledende personer: Nei

Omløpsmidler Startdato Sluttdato Endring

Skattemessig fremf.undersk. Startdato Sluttdato Endring

Kortsiktig gjeld Startdato Sluttdato Endring



To the General Meeting of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Independent Auditor's Report

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, 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 financial statements comply with applicable statutory requirements, and
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2021, 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 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 the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), 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

The Board of Directors (management) is responsible for the information in the Board of Directors' report. The other information comprises information in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the information in the Board of Directors' report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the Board of Directors' report. The purpose is to consider if there is material inconsistency between the Board of Directors' report and the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or whether the Board of Directors' report otherwise appears to be materially misstated. We are required to report if there is a material misstatement in the Board of Directors' report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Independent Auditor's Report - Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited



Based on our knowledge obtained in the audit, it is our opinion that the Board of Directors' report

- is consistent with the financial statements and
- contains the information required by applicable legal requirements.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability 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 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>

Oslo, 7 June 2022
PricewaterhouseCoopers AS

Thomas Steffensen
State Authorised Public Accountant

(This document is signed electronically)



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Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Cayman Islands Exempted Limited Company (Regulated Mutual Fund)

*Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report
For the year ended December 31, 2021*



Report of the Board of Directors Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Report of the Board of Directors Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited ("SIPE IX" or the "Fund") was incorporated in 2008 as a Cayman Islands exempted company (regulated mutual fund) with the purpose of investing in private equity funds. SIPE IX 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

SIPE IX ended the year with a profit of NOK 93.4 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 400 million to eight private equity funds, making investments within growth and buyout capital, primarily in North America, Western Europe and Latin America.

Share class returns are summarized in the table below.

Class	2021	Since inception*
Class B-0	63.8 %	19.7 %
Class B-1	64.2 %	20.1 %
Class B-2	64.7 %	20.6 %
Class B-3	65.6 %	21.6 %
Class B-4	65.2 %	21.4 %
Class B-5	64.5 %	21.2 %
Sum	65.2 %	21.2 %

*IRR

SIPE IX's cash flows invested in MSCI World Net (NOK) would have given a return of 14.0 % p.a. since inception. The return from SIPE IX has been satisfactory so far.

Shareholder information

The Fund's 24 investors have committed NOK 425.25 million to SIPE IX, of which 60 % is paid in at year end 2021. According to the Offering Memorandum, SIPE IX 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 three 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

SIPE IX 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

After a brief disruption in activity levels with the onset of Covid-19 during the first half of 2020, global M&A activity recovered quickly and recorded an all-time high measured in value during 2021. The combination of resolute fiscal and monetary easing to counter the global slowdown created a favourable climate for private equity.

Ukraine/Russian war

The fund has no direct company exposure towards Russia and Ukraine. However, the fund will likely have some indirect exposure to the conflict: e.g. companies with pools of employees located in Ukraine or Russia and companies that will experience disruptions in their supply chains as a result of the conflict. Although early days, the indirect exposure is manageable.

Future prospects

The fund has entered into a binding agreement to sell all underlying funds to a continuation vehicle. All portfolio funds are expected to be transferred to the buyer within H1 2022.

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 93.4 million to retained earnings.

Lysaker, June 7, 2022
Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Per-Gunnar Taalesen Degin Norum Anne-Kristine Baltzersen Bård Bringsedal
Director Director Director Director



Profit and Loss		Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited	
For the year ended December 31, 2021			
All numbers in NOK	Note	2021	2020
Portfolio gains and losses			
Interest income		2,091,518	53,541
Dividends		94,705,102	40,888,606
Net realized gains (losses) from securities		-326,322	519,424
Net change in unrealized gains (losses) on securities		17,586,830	-59,508,669
Net portfolio gains and losses		114,057,127	-18,047,098
Operating income and expenses			
Management fee	3, 10	-845,280	-939,198
Performance fee	3	-5,587,686	1,131,853
Other expenses	4	-16,309,904	-9,495,983
Operating result		-22,742,870	-9,303,327
Profit			
Profit before tax		91,314,257	-27,350,425
Tax	5	2,056,117	5,845,197
Profit for the year		93,370,374	-21,505,229
Allocation of profit for the year			
Allocated to retained earnings	6	93,370,374	-21,505,229
Total allocated		93,370,374	-21,505,229

Notes are an integral part of these financial statements

Numbers may not add up due to rounding



Balance Sheet Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

As at December 31, 2021

All numbers in NOK

	Note	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
Assets			
Investments in private equity funds	7	199,144,484	208,128,450
Prepaid expenses		17,959	19,174
Accrued income		325	254
Cash		6,447,016	2,767,920
Total assets		205,609,783	210,915,799
Contributed equity			
Par value		16,849	27,837
Share premium reserve		-181,100,037	-86,111,025
Total contributed equity		-181,083,187	-86,083,188
Retained earnings			
Retained earnings		375,558,894	282,188,520
Total retained earnings		375,558,894	282,188,520
Total equity	6, 8	194,475,707	196,105,332
Liabilities			
Income tax payable	5	0	4,092,355
Other liabilities		11,134,077	10,718,112
Total liabilities		11,134,077	14,810,467
Total equity and liabilities		205,609,783	210,915,799
Remaining Commitment to Underlying Private Equity Funds		51,694,750	54,699,277

Lysaker, June 7, 2022

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Investment Manager's Comment*

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited ("SIPE IX" or the "Fund") had its first closing on May 25, 2009 and its second closing on June 22, 2009. The Fund received commitments from 24 Norwegian and Swedish investors of NOK 425,25 million, with 60 percent contributed as of December 31, 2021. According to the Offering Memorandum, SIPE IX cannot call new capital after year-end 2015. Since inception the Fund has returned NOK 814 million to the investors by way of redeeming shares on a pro rata basis.

SIPE IX has committed approx. NOK 491 million to eight international private equity funds, all organized as limited partnerships. As of December 31, 2021, SIPE IX has paid in approx. 90 percent of committed capital. The underlying funds have made investments in 150 companies, of which 121 are fully or partially realized.

At year-end the net internal rate of return stands at 21.2 percent p.a. for the investors on an aggregated level, corresponding to a total gain of NOK 766 million. The internal rate of return for 2021 was 65.2 percent for the Fund as a whole.

The Fund has entered into binding agreements to sell its remaining positions to a continuation fund. The price will be determined by the underlying capital accounts statements as of Q4 less a discount factor of 15%. As such, the conflict in Russia/Ukraine should have no bearing on the financial performance in 2022.

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

Share class	2021	Since inception
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Aggregated for all share classes	65.2 %	21.2 %

* Unaudited, /The IRR calculations are base on the capital accounts as off 30.09.2021.

Notes to Financial Statements

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

For the year ended December 31, 2021

All numbers in NOK

NOTE 1 – ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES

General accounting principles

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited ("SIPE IX" or the "Fund") is a Cayman Islands exempted limited company, incorporated on March 1, 2009. SIPE IX 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.



Notes to Financial Statements

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

For the year ended December 31, 2021

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(NOTE 1 cont.)

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 Measurement*, 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.

Pursuant to the sale agreement, a 15% discount has been added to each holding in the investment portfolio.

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 is 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.



Notes to Financial Statements

Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

For the year ended December 31, 2021

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NOTE 2 - FINANCIAL MARKET RISK

The balance sheet of SIPE IX reflects the Fund's market value at the end of the year as measured in NOK. SIPE IX 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 the investments in the current portfolio, one can expect substantial realisations for the years to come.

NOTE 3 - FEE STRUCTURE

Management fee

SIPE IX 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 May 25, 2009. 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 SIPE IX 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 7.2 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 Storebrand Livsforsikring AS) 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 0.75 – 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.

Organizational expenses

The Fund will compensate the Investment Manager with an arrangement fee of 0.15 percent of committed capital for all internal and external expenses such as all legal costs, incurred in connection with the organization of the Fund and the offer and sale of the shares, as described in the Offering Memorandum (article 7.7).



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NOTE 4 - OTHER EXPENSES

	2021	2020
Audit fee	-138,688	-142,303
Tax advice (including technical assistance with tax returns)	-219,635	-652,270
Management fees paid at the underlying funds level	-329,370	-763,758
Other cost paid at the underlying funds level	-588,331	-199,870
Carried interest paid at the underlying funds level	-14,803,503	-7,499,221
Commitment fee	-47,997	-69,910
Other expenses	-182,381	-168,651
Sum of other expenses	-16,309,904	-9,495,983

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

NOTE 5 - TAX

	2021	2020
Profit before tax	91,314,257	-27,350,425
Reversal of accounting loss (profit) from Limited Partnerships	-80,562,408	-32,438,356
Reversal of change in value of Limited Partnerships	-17,330,610	59,508,669
Share of taxable profit (loss) from Limited Partnerships	-6,610,544	32,103,690
Other non-deductible cost (income)	0	-8,511
Changes in accrued performance fee	587,686	-4,631,854
Taxable profit (loss)	-12,601,619	27,183,212

Basis for payable tax

Taxable profit (loss)	-12,601,619	27,183,212
Changes in loss carried forward	12,601,619	-8,581,597
Sum	0	18,601,615

Specification of income tax expense:

Current income tax payable	0	-4,092,355
Withholding Tax	-2,036,239	-68,548
Adjustments related to prior years tax	4,092,355	10,006,100
Tax on profit	2,056,117	5,845,197

Specification of current income tax payable:

This year's payable income tax expense	0	-4,092,355
Provisions related to prior years tax	0	0
Current income tax payable in the balance sheet	0	-4,092,355

Tax rate	22 %	22 %
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(NOTE 5 cont.)

Specification of temporary differences	2021		2020	
	Asset	Liability	Asset	Liability
Loss carried forward	12,601,619	0	0	0
Accrued performance fee	10,909,020	0	10,321,334	0
Total	23,510,639	0	10,321,334	0
Net temporary differences	23,510,639	0	10,321,334	0
Tax rate	22 %		22 %	
Net deferred tax asset/liability	5,172,341	0	2,270,694	0
Deferred tax assets not recognized	5,172,341	0	2,270,694	0

NOTE 6 - EQUITY

Number of shares	Share class			
	B-0	B-1	B-2	B-3
Number of shares at 31.12.2020	798,504	3,361,955	3,321,544	16,135,067
Redemptions	-315,200	-1,327,090	-1,311,080	-6,368,230
Number of shares at 31.12.2021	483,304	2,034,865	2,010,464	9,766,837

Number of shares	Share class		
	B-4	B-5	Total
Number of shares at 31.12.2020	3,246,006	973,443	27,836,519
Redemptions	-1,281,220	-384,230	-10,987,050
Number of shares at 31.12.2021	1,964,786	589,213	16,849,469

Change in equity	2021	2020
Equity at 01.01	196,105,332	284,110,560
Redemptions	-94,999,999	-66,500,000
Profit	93,370,374	-21,505,229
Equity at 31.12	194,475,707	196,105,332
Number of shareholders at 31.12	24	24



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NOTE 7 – SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

FUNDS	FUND CURRENCY	% OF PORTF.			NOK		
			COMMITTED CAPITAL	REMAINING COMMITMENT	COST VALUE	MARKET VALUE	UNREALIZED GAIN / LOSS
Advent Latin American PEF V	USD	18 %	64,001,605	3,130,497	33,240,953	35,583,049	2,342,096
Birch Hill Equity Partners IV	CAD	44 %	71,918,845	7,833,696	20,624,205	88,387,319	67,763,114
Clayton, Dubilier&Rice Fund VIII ¹⁾	USD	6 %	85,782,414	16,302,435	7,264,564	12,448,910	5,184,346
Green Equity Investors V	USD	2 %	75,864,779	5,055,602	12,287,777	3,658,026	-8,629,751
Phoenix Equity Partners 2010	GBP	0 %	67,836,922	7,882,346	13,440,028	352,378	-13,087,650
Spectrum Equity Investors VI	USD	8 %	60,367,643	7,275,098	11,026,695	15,442,972	4,416,277
Stirling Square Capital Partners II	EUR	18 %	56,610,231	3,635,715	26,901,097	35,921,075	9,019,978
TA Atlantic & Pacific VI	USD	4 %	42,255,253	579,362	2,505,225	7,350,756	4,845,530
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		100 %	524,637,691	51,694,750	127,290,543	199,144,484	71,853,942

Numbers may not add up due to rounding

1) Includes SIPE IX's investments in CD&R Univar Co-Investor II, CD&R Bounce Co-Investor, CD&R EMS Co-Investor CD&R Fund VIII Wilsonart-B

The Fund has entered into binding agreements to sell its remaining positions to a continuation fund. The price will be determined by the underlying capital accounts statements as of Q4 less a discount factor of 15%. As such, the conflict in Russia/Ukraine should have no bearing on the financial performance in 2022.

NOTE 8 - SHARE CLASSES

Depending on the size of the shareholder's commitment, a shareholder may own shares of six classes, B-0, B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4 and B-5. 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			
	B-0	B-1	B-2	B-3
Committed capital	< MNOK 10	MNOK 10-25	> MNOK 25	Storebrand-Entities
Management fee (per year)	0.50 %	0.40 %	0.28 %	0.08 %
Par value	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Net asset value per share at 31.12.2021	10.434	10.929	11.528	12.794
Committed capital	11,750,000	50,000,000	50,000,000	248,500,000
Remaining commitment at 31.12.2021	0	0	0	0

	Share class			Sum
	B-4	B-5		
Management fee (per year)		0.20 %	0.40 %	
Par value		0.001	0.001	
Net asset value per share at 31.12.2021		12.561	12.173	
Committed capital		50,000,000	15,000,000	425,250,000
Remaining commitment at 31.12.2021		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 in share classes B-0 and B-1 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 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	
		31.12.2021	31.12.2020
Storebrand Livsforsikring AS	B-3	1,375,612	2,272,544
SPP Livförsäkring AB	B-3	8,332,274	13,765,127
Total		9,707,886	16,037,671

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.

2021

Management fee	845,280
Performance fee	5,587,686
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 35 million to SIPE IX (share class B-3).

2021

Commitment fee	47,997
Distribution from the fund (Class B-3)	8,055,138

SPP Livförsäkring AB has committed NOK 212 million to SIPE IX (shareclass B-3).

2021

Distribution from the fund (Class B-3)	48,791,132
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NOTE 11 - COVID-19 IMPACT

After a brief disruption in activity levels with the onset of Covid-19 during the first half of 2020, global M&A activity recovered quickly and recorded an all-time high measured in value during 2021. The combination of resolute fiscal and monetary easing to counter the global slowdown created a favorable climate for private equity.

NOTE 12 - UKRAINE/RUSSIAN WAR

The fund has no direct company exposure towards Russia and Ukraine. However, the fund will likely have some indirect exposure to the conflict: e.g. companies with pools of employees located in Ukraine or Russia and companies that will experience disruptions in their supply chains as a result of the conflict. Although early days, the indirect exposure is manageable.



Independent auditor's report

To the Board of Directors of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Our opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited (the Fund) as at December 31, 2021, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Norway.

What we have audited

The Fund's financial statements comprise:

- the balance sheet as at December 31, 2021;
 - the profit and loss for the year then ended; and
 - the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.
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Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Fund in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA Code). We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the IESBA Code.

Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Annual Report (but does not include 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 identified above 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, 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.

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Independent auditor's report (continued)

To the Board of Directors of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with accounting principles 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Fund'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 management either intends to liquidate the Fund or to cease operations, or has 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 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Fund to cease to continue as a going concern.



Independent auditor's report (continued)

To the Board of Directors of Storebrand International Private Equity IX Limited

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Other matter

This report, including the opinion, has been prepared for and only for the Fund in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, for the purpose of filing with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, and for no other purpose. We do not, in giving this opinion, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

June 7, 2022



Skatteetaten

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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.



Kopi av dette brevet må sendes Regnskapsregisteret i Brønnøysund sammen med årsregnskapet. Det påligger den regnskapspliktige å dokumentere ved dette brev at tillatelsen er gitt.

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

Dokumentet er elektronisk godkjent og har derfor ikke håndskrevne signaturer.