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Årsredovisning

Byggstommen i Borås AB

Org.nr 556724-1715
Räkenskapsår 2023-03-01 - 2024-02-29

Fastställelseintyg
Undertecknad styrelseledamot intygar härmed att en med denna undertecknade kopia likalydande resultat- och balansräkning blivit fastställd på årsstämman den 29 augusti 2024.
Årsstämman beslöt att det uppkomna resultatet skulle balanseras i ny räkning.

Järfälla den 29 augusti 2024

Martin Kauffner

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Byggstommen i Borås AB
556724-1715

Årsredovisning

Styrelsen för Byggstommen i Borås AB får härmed avge följande årsredovisning för räkenskapsåret 2023-03-01--2024-02-29.

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Styrelsens säte: Järfälla
Företagets redovisningsvaluta: Svenska kronor (SEK).
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Förvaltningsberättelse

Information om verksamheten
Byggstommen i Borås AB bedriver förvaltning av fastigheter och värdepapper, övrig lös och fast egendom samt därmed förenlig verksamhet. Bolaget ägs till 100% av Lidl Sverige KB org.nr. 969667-6312.

Väsentliga händelser under räkenskapsåret
Bolaget har under räkenskapsåret fusionerat de två helägda dotterbolagen Byggstommen i Ekerö AB (559065-1195) och Byggstommen i Mölnlycke AB (559184-6661).

Flerårsöversikt

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28	2022-02-28	2021-02-28	2020-02-29
Nettoomsättning	59 674	49 828	47 370	45 064	44 110
Resultat efter finansiella poster	-8 402	-5 116	-15 834	10 311	7 545
Balansomslutning	801 358	826 245	834 055	784 394	793 515
Soliditet (%)	0,55%	1,85%	-1,19%	1,48%	0,54%

Förslag till resultatdisposition
Styrelsen föreslår att till förfogande stående medel

Balanserat resultat	15 391
Årets resultat	-11 054
Totalt	**4 337**
disponeras så att i ny räkning överförs	4 337

Bolagets resultat och ställning i övrigt framgår av efterföljande resultat och balansräkning med tilläggsupplysningar.

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Resultaträkning

	Not	2023-03-01 -2024-02-29	2022-03-01 -2023-02-28
Nettoomsättning		59 674	49 828
		59 674	**49 828**
Rörelsens kostnader			
Övriga externa kostnader		-4 518	-12 106
Avskrivningar och nedskrivningar (samt återföringar) av materiella och immateriella anläggningstillgångar	6,7,8,9	-26 134	-26 192
Rörelseresultat		**29 022**	**11 530**
Resultat från finansiella investeringar			
Övriga ränteintäkter och liknande resultatposter	4	381	9
Räntekostnader och liknande resultatposter	3	-37 806	-16 655
Resultat efter finansiella poster		**-8 402**	**-5 116**
Resultat före skatt		**-8 402**	**-5 116**
Skatt på årets resultat		-2 652	325
Årets resultat		**-11 054**	**-4 791**

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Balansräkning

	Not	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
TILLGÅNGAR			
Anläggningstillgångar			
Materiella anläggningstillgångar			
Mark	5	328 094	283 772
Byggnader	6	366 187	345 955
Markanläggningar	7	72 584	78 879
Inventarier, verktyg och installationer	8	-	2 934
Pågående nybyggnation	9	199	199
		767 064	**711 738**
Finansiella anläggningstillgångar			
Andelar i koncernföretag	10	29 054	109 067
		29 054	**109 067**
Summa anläggningstillgångar		**796 119**	**820 805**
Omsättningstillgångar			
Kortfristiga fordringar			
Fordringar hos koncernföretag		375	386
Aktuella skattefordringar		1 260	2 348
Övriga fordringar		3 604	2 705
		5 239	**5 439**
Summa omsättningstillgångar		**5 239**	**5 439**
SUMMA TILLGÅNGAR		**801 358**	**826 245**

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	Not	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
EGET KAPITAL OCH SKULDER			
Eget kapital			
Bundet eget kapital			
Aktiekapital (1000 aktier)		100	100
		100	**100**
Fritt eget kapital			
Balanserat resultat		15 391	19 958
Årets resultat		-11 054	-4 791
		4 337	**15 167**
Summa eget kapital		**4 437**	**15 266**
Långfristiga skulder			
Skulder till koncernföretag	12	795 219	808 676
		795 219	**808 676**
Kortfristiga skulder			
Övriga skulder		1 701	2 300
		1 701	**2 300**
SUMMA EGET KAPITAL OCH SKULDER		**801 358**	**826 244**

Rapport över förändringar i eget kapital

	Aktie-kapital	Balanserat resultat	Årets resultat	Totalt
Ingående balans 2023-03-01	100	19 958	-4 791	15 267
Omföring resultat föregående år		-4 791	4 791	-
Fusiondifferens		223		223
Årets resultat			-11 054	-11 054
Utgående balans 2024-02-29	**100**	**15 391**	**-11 054**	**4 437**

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Tilläggsupplysningar

Redovisningsprinciper m.m.

Allmänna redovisningsprinciper
Årsredovisningen har upprättats enligt Årsredovisningslagen (1995:1554) och BFNAR 2012:1 (K3).

Närmast överordnade moderföretag som upprättar koncernredovisning i vilken företaget ingår är Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG (Handelsregisternummer: HRA 102314) med säte i Neckarsulm, Tyskland.

Företaget är ett moderföretag men upprättar ingen koncernredovisning med hänvisning till undantagsregeln i Årsredovisningslagen 7 kap. 2 §.

Tillgångar och skulder har, om ej annat anges, upptagits till anskaffningsvärdet.

Det inflöde av ekonomiska fördelar som företaget erhållit eller kommer att erhålla för egen räkning redovisas som intäkt. Intäkter värderas till verkliga värdet av det som erhållits, eller kommer att erhållas, med avdrag för rabatter. Intäkterna består av operationell leasing, leasingavgifterna från operationella leasingavtal redovisas linjärt över leasingperioden.

Materiella anläggningstillgångar redovisas till anskaffningsvärde minskat med ackumulerade avskrivningar och eventuella nedskrivningar.

Materiella anläggningstillgångar har delats upp på betydande komponenter när komponenterna har väsentligt olika nyttjandeperioder.

Avskrivningarna görs systematiskt över tillgångarnas förväntade nyttjandeperiod enligt nedanstående förteckning.

Uppskrivning har gjorts för anläggningstillgångar som väsentligt avvikit från bokfört värde. Uppskrivningsbeloppet har använts för avsättning till en uppskrivningsfond. Avskrivning av den tillgång som skrivits upp har beräknats utifrån det uppskrivna värdet, skattemässigt har avskrivningen av den uppskrivna anläggningstillgången hanterats som ej avdragsgill.

Fordringar och skulder i utländsk valuta har värderats till balansdagens kurs. Kursvinster och kursförluster på rörelsefordringar och rörelseskulder redovisas i rörelseresultatet medan kursvinster och kursförluster på finansiella fordringar och skulder redovisas som finansiella poster.

Avskrivningstider

Byggnader	25-33
Stomme	33
Installationer	33
Ytskikt	33
Byggnadsinventarier	5
Markanläggningar	20

Nyckeltalsdefinitioner
Soliditet: Justerat eget kapital i procent av balansomslutningen.

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Under året har bolaget fusionerats med:
Byggstommen i Ekerö AB (559065-1195) och Byggstommen i Byggstommen i Mölnlycke AB (559184-6661), fusionsdagen var 2023-08-24

Sammanställning av tillgångar och skulder per fusionsdagen 2023-08-24 - Byggstommen i Ekerö AB

Tillgångar	
Materiella anläggningstillgångar	39 954
Omsättningstillgångar	29
Summa tillgångar	**39 983**
Eget kapital och skulder	
Balanserat resultat	-169
Årets resultat	-43
Eget kapital	32 091
Summa eget kapital	31 879
Skulder	8 104
Summa eget kapital och skulder	**39 983**

Sammanställning av tillgångar och skulder per fusionsdagen 2023-08-24 - Byggstommen i Mölnlycke AB

Tillgångar	
Materiella anläggningstillgångar	39 126
Omsättningstillgångar	2 244
Summa tillgångar	**41 370**
Eget kapital och skulder	
Balanserat resultat	391
Årets resultat	782
Eget kapital	39 714
Summa eget kapital	40 888
Skulder	483
Summa eget kapital och skulder	**41 370**

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Noter

Not 1 Arvode till revisorer

Arvode till Ernst & Young AB för revision har under verksamhetsåret fakturerats Lidl Sverige KB, 969667-6312.

Not 2 Anställda och personalkostnader

Bolaget har under räkenskapsåret ej haft någon anställd och några löner och ersättningar har inte betalats ut.

Not 3 Räntekostnader och liknande resultatposter

	2024	2023
Räntekostnader till koncernföretag	-37 806	-16 655
Övriga räntekostnader	-	-
	-37 806	**-16 655**

Not 4 Ränteintäkter och liknande resultatposter

	2024	2023
Övriga ränteintäkter	381	9
	381	**9**

Not 5 Mark

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	283 772	304 274
Tillkommit via fusioner	44 322	-
Omklassificeringar	-	-20 502
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**328 094**	**283 772**
Ingående uppskrivning mark	-	2 394
Försäljningar/utrangeringar	-	-2 394
Utgående uppskrivning	**-**	**-**
Utgående redovisat värde	**328 094**	**283 772**

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Not 6 Byggnad

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	455 619	432 667
Årets anskaffningar	1 928	2 355
Tillkommit via fusioner	35 751	-
Omklassificeringar	-	20 598
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**493 299**	**455 619**
Ingående avskrivningar	-109 664	-93 306
Tillkommit via fusioner	-542	-
Årets avskrivningar	-16 905	-16 358
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar	**-127 111**	**-109 664**
Ingående anskaffningsvärde uppskrivningar	-	10 726
Försäljningar/utrangeringar	-	-10 726
Utgående anskaffningsvärde uppskrivningar	**-**	**-**
Ingående avskrivning på uppskrivningar	-	-4 767
Årets avskrivningar på uppskrivningar	-	-271
Försäljningar/utrangeringar	-	5 038
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar på uppskrivningar	**-**	**-**
Utgående redovisat värde	**366 187**	**345 955**

Not 7 Markanläggningar

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	125 902	125 902
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**125 902**	**125 902**
Ingående avskrivningar	-47 024	-40 729
Försäljningar/utrangeringar	-	-
Årets avskrivningar	-6 295	-6 295
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar	**-53 319**	**-47 024**
Utgående redovisat värde	**72 584**	**78 879**

Not 8 Inventarier, verktyg och installationer

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	57 226	57 226
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**57 226**	**57 226**
Ingående avskrivningar	-54 292	-51 024
Årets avskrivningar	-2 934	-3 268
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar	**-57 226**	**-54 292**
Utgående redovisat värde	**0**	**2 934**

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Not 9 Anskaffningsvärden mm för pågående nyanläggningar

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	199	199
Årets anskaffningar	-	95
Omklassificeringar	-	-96
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**199**	**199**
Utgående redovisat värde	**199**	**199**

Not 10 Finansiella anläggningstillgångar

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående anskaffningsvärden	109 067	41 635
Årets anskaffningar	-	29 054
Fusioner av dotterbolag	-80 013	-
Aktieägartillskott	-	38 378
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	**29 054**	**109 067**
Utgående redovisat värde	**29 054**	**109 067**

Direkta aktieinnehav

Bolag	Org.nr.	Antal andelar	Andel i %	Årets resultat	Eget kapital	Bokfört värde
Byggstommen i Viggbyholm AB	559031-5122	500	100	-122	13 563	17 227
Byggstommen i Huddinge AB	559392-2288	25 000	100	-53	9 342	11 827
						29 054

Samtliga bolag med säte i Järfälla

Not 11 Uppskrivningsfond

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ingående saldo	-	6 632
Överföring till fritt eget kapital p.g.a. försäljning	-	-6 632
	-	-

Not 12 Långfristiga skulder

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Förfaller senare än 5 år efter balansdagen	795 219	808 676
	795 219	**808 676**

Not 13 Ställda säkerheter

	2024-02-29	2023-02-28
Ställda panter till förmån för Lidl Sverige KB	400 000	400 000
	400 000	**400 000**

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Not 14 Händelser efter balansdagen

Fusioner av de två helägda dotterbolagen Byggstommen i Viggbyholm AB samt Byggstommen i Huddinge AB har inletts efter balansdagen och kommer att slutföras under året.

Not 15 Eventualförpliktelser

Tilläggsköpeskilling avseende Byggstommen i Huddinge AB om 3 MSEK förutsatt att detaljplan vinner lagakraft inom föreskriven tid.

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556724-1715

Järfälla, datum enligt våra elektroniska underskrifter

Jakob Josefsson
Styrelseordförande

Martin Kauffner
Styrelseledamot

Carl Balcer
Styrelseledamot

Vår revisionsberättelse har lämnats med datum enligt vår elektorniska underskrift

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Revisionsberättelse

Till bolagsstämman i Byggstommen i Borås AB, org.nr 556724-1715

Rapport om årsredovisningen

Uttalanden

Vi har utfört en revision av årsredovisningen för Byggstommen i Borås AB för räkenskapsåret 2023-03-01--2024-02-29.

Enligt vår uppfattning har årsredovisningen upprättats i enlighet med årsredovisningslagen och ger en i alla väsentliga avseenden rättvisande bild av Byggstommen i Borås ABs finansiella ställning per den 29 februari 2024 och av dess finansiella resultat för året enligt årsredovisningslagen. Förvaltningsberättelsen är förenlig med årsredovisningens övriga delar.

Vi tillstyrker därför att bolagsstämman fastställer resultaträkningen och balansräkningen.

Grund för uttalanden

Vi har utfört revisionen enligt International Standards on Auditing (ISA) och god revisionssed i Sverige. Vårt ansvar enligt dessa standarder beskrivs närmare i avsnittet *Revisorns ansvar*. Vi är oberoende i förhållande till Byggstommen i Borås AB enligt god revisorssed i Sverige och har i övrigt fullgjort vårt yrkesetiska ansvar enligt dessa krav.

Vi anser att de revisionsbevis vi har inhämtat är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga som grund för våra uttalanden.

Styrelsens ansvar

Det är styrelsen som har ansvaret för att årsredovisningen upprättas och att den ger en rättvisande bild enligt årsredovisningslagen. Styrelsen ansvarar även för den interna kontroll som den bedömer är nödvändig för att upprätta en årsredovisning som inte innehåller några väsentliga felaktigheter, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag.

Vid upprättandet av årsredovisningen ansvarar styrelsen för bedömningen av bolagets förmåga att fortsätta verksamheten. Den upplyser, när så är tillämpligt, om förhållanden som kan påverka förmågan att fortsätta verksamheten och att använda antagandet om fortsatt drift. Antagandet om fortsatt drift tillämpas dock inte om styrelsen avser att likvidera bolaget, upphöra med verksamheten eller inte har något realistiskt alternativ till att göra något av detta.

Revisorns ansvar

Våra mål är att uppnå en rimlig grad av säkerhet om att årsredovisningen som helhet inte innehåller några väsentliga felaktigheter, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag, och att lämna en revisionsberättelse som innehåller våra uttalanden. Rimlig säkerhet är en hög grad av säkerhet, men är ingen garanti för att en revision som utförs enligt ISA och god revisionssed i Sverige alltid kommer att upptäcka en väsentlig felaktighet om en sådan finns. Felaktigheter kan uppstå på grund av oegentligheter eller misstag och anses vara väsentliga om de enskilt eller tillsammans rimligen kan förväntas påverka de ekonomiska beslut som användare fattar med grund i årsredovisningen.

Som del av en revision enligt ISA använder vi professionellt omdöme och har en professionellt skeptisk inställning under hela revisionen. Dessutom:

- identifierar och bedömer vi riskerna för väsentliga felaktigheter i årsredovisningen, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag, utformar och utför granskningsåtgärder bland annat utifrån dessa risker och inhämtar revisionsbevis som är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga för att utgöra en grund för våra uttalanden. Risken för att inte upptäcka en väsentlig felaktighet till följd av oegentligheter är högre än för en väsentlig felaktighet som beror på misstag, eftersom oegentligheter kan innefatta agerande i maskopi, förfalskning, avsiktliga utelämnanden, felaktig information eller åsidosättande av intern kontroll.
- skaffar vi oss en förståelse av den del av bolagets interna kontroll som har betydelse för vår revision för att utforma granskningsåtgärder som är lämpliga med hänsyn till omständigheterna, men inte för att uttala oss om effektiviteten i den interna kontrollen.
- utvärderar vi lämpligheten i de redovisningsprinciper som används och rimligheten i styrelsens uppskattningar i redovisningen och tillhörande upplysningar.
- drar vi en slutsats om lämpligheten i att styrelsen använder antagandet om fortsatt drift vid upprättandet av årsredovisningen. Vi drar också en slutsats, med grund i de inhämtade revisionsbevisen, om det finns någon väsentlig osäkerhetsfaktor som avser sådana händelser eller förhållanden som kan leda till betydande tvivel om bolagets förmåga att fortsätta verksamheten. Om vi drar slutsatsen att det finns en väsentlig osäkerhetsfaktor, måste vi i revisionsberättelsen fästa uppmärksamheten på upplysningarna i årsredovisningen om den väsentliga osäkerhetsfaktorn eller, om sådana upplysningar är otillräckliga, modifiera uttalandet om årsredovisningen. Våra slutsatser baseras på de revisionsbevis som inhämtas fram till datumet för revisionsberättelsen. Dock kan framtida händelser eller förhållanden göra att ett bolag inte längre kan fortsätta verksamheten.
- utvärderar vi den övergripande presentationen, strukturen och innehållet i årsredovisningen, däribland upplysningarna, och om årsredovisningen återger de underliggande transaktionerna och händelserna på ett sätt som ger en rättvisande bild.

Vi måste informera styrelsen om bland annat revisionens planerade omfattning och inriktning samt tidpunkten för den. Vi måste också informera om betydelsefulla iakttagelser under revisionen, däribland de eventuella betydande brister i den interna kontrollen som vi identifierat.

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Uttalanden

Utöver vår revision av årsredovisningen har vi även utfört en revision av styrelsens förvaltning av Byggstommen i Borås AB för räkenskapsåret 2023-03-01--2024-02-29 samt av förslaget till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust.

Vi tillstyrker att bolagsstämman disponerar vinsten enligt förslaget i förvaltningsberättelsen och beviljar styrelsens ledamöter ansvarsfrihet för räkenskapsåret.

Grund för uttalanden

Vi har utfört revisionen enligt god revisionssed i Sverige. Vårt ansvar enligt denna beskrivs närmare i avsnittet *Revisorns ansvar*. Vi är oberoende i förhållande till Byggstommen i Borås AB enligt god revisorssed i Sverige och har i övrigt fullgjort vårt yrkesetiska ansvar enligt dessa krav.

Vi anser att de revisionsbevis vi har inhämtat är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga som grund för våra uttalanden.

Styrelsens ansvar

Det är styrelsen som har ansvaret för förslaget till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust. Vid förslag till utdelning innefattar detta bland annat en bedömning av om utdelningen är försvarlig med hänsyn till de krav som bolagets verksamhetsart, omfattning och risker ställer på storleken av bolagets egna kapital, konsolideringsbehov, likviditet och ställning i övrigt.

Styrelsen ansvarar för bolagets organisation och förvaltningen av bolagets angelägenheter. Detta innefattar bland annat att fortlöpande bedöma bolagets ekonomiska situation och att tillse att bolagets organisation är utformad så att bokföringen, medelsförvaltningen och bolagets ekonomiska angelägenheter i övrigt kontrolleras på ett betryggande sätt.

Revisorns ansvar

Vårt mål beträffande revisionen av förvaltningen, och därmed vårt uttalande om ansvarsfrihet, är att inhämta revisionsbevis för att med en rimlig grad av säkerhet kunna bedöma om någon styrelseledamot i något väsentligt avseende:

- företagit någon åtgärd eller gjort sig skyldig till någon försummelse som kan föranleda ersättningsskyldighet mot bolaget, eller
- på något annat sätt handlat i strid med aktiebolagslagen, årsredovisningslagen eller bolagsordningen.

Vårt mål beträffande revisionen av förslaget till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust, och därmed vårt uttalande om detta, är att med rimlig grad av säkerhet bedöma om förslaget är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

Rimlig säkerhet är en hög grad av säkerhet, men ingen garanti för att en revision som utförs enligt god revisionssed i Sverige alltid kommer att upptäcka åtgärder eller försummelser som kan föranleda ersättningsskyldighet mot bolaget, eller att ett förslag till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust inte är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

Som en del av en revision enligt god revisionssed i Sverige använder vi professionellt omdöme och har en professionellt skeptisk inställning under hela revisionen. Granskningen av förvaltningen och förslaget till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust grundar sig främst på revisionen av räkenskaperna. Vilka tillkommande granskningsåtgärder som utförs baseras på vår professionella bedömning med utgångspunkt i risk och väsentlighet. Det innebär att vi fokuserar granskningen på sådana åtgärder, områden och förhållanden som är väsentliga för verksamheten och där avsteg och överträdelser skulle ha särskild betydelse för bolagets situation. Vi går igenom och prövar fattade beslut, beslutsunderlag, vidtagna åtgärder och andra förhållanden som är relevanta för vårt uttalande om ansvarsfrihet. Som underlag för vårt uttalande om styrelsens förslag till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust har vi granskat om förslaget är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

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Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 29 February 2024

Assets

€ million	Notes	28.02.2023	29.02.2024
Fixed assets	p. 6	41,763	**43,938**
Intangible assets		132	129
Property, plant and equipment		35,583	37,129
Financial assets		6,048	6,680
Current assets	p. 8	12,537	**10,714**
Inventories		7,653	5,858
Receivables and other assets		2,455	2,456
Cash pool debit balances		658	443
Cash on hand, bank balances and cheques		1,771	1,957
Prepaid expenses		190	**210**
Deferred tax assets	p. 8	6	**4**
		54,496	**54,866**

Equity and liabilities

€ million	Notes	28.02.2023	29.02.2024
Equity	p. 8	18,491	**20,147**
Contribution under company law		7	7
Reserves		18,475	19,978
Currency translation adjustment		(256)	(118)
Profit participation rights capital		265	280
Provisions and accruals	p. 8	4,357	**4,188**
Liabilities	p. 9	31,567	**30,476**
Deferred income		81	**55**
		54,496	**54,866**

Consolidated Income Statement for the Period from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024

€ million	Notes	FY 2022	FY 2023
Revenues	p. 10	81,793	**88,576**
Other operating income	p. 10	363	458
Cost of materials	p. 10	62,369	66,853
Personnel expenses	p. 10	6,873	7,426
Amortisation and depreciation		1,908	2,020
Other operating expenses	p. 11	8,817	9,366
Income from participations in associated companies		457	170
Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT)		2,646	**3,539**
Other interest and similar income	p. 11	124	297
Interest and similar expenses	p. 11	462	1,025
Remuneration for profit participation rights capital		22	24
Income taxes	p. 11	644	912
Consolidated net income for the year		1,642	**1,875**

Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements

General information

The consolidated financial statements of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG, Neckarsulm, Germany (Local court Stuttgart (Amtsgericht Stuttgart), number HRA 102314), as at 29 February 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the PublG ["Publizitätsgesetz": German Disclosure Act].

The list of consolidated companies including the change on the previous year as well as the simplification rules applied with respect to disclosure of their annual financial statements are presented on p. 13.

To ensure clarity and readability of the consolidated financial statements, some balance sheet and income statement items have been aggregated. The items are analysed separately in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. The additional disclosures required for each line item are also provided in the notes. Amounts in the notes are presented in € million.

The consolidated income statement has been prepared using the nature of expense method.

Accounting principles

Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment were valued at acquisition or production cost less amortisation, depreciation and write-downs. Financial assets were recognised at (amortised) acquisition cost.

Participations in associated companies were accounted for at book value using the equity method. The carrying amount accounted for using the equity method was brought forward according to the share of net income for the year net of distributions.

Inventories were valued at acquisition cost or at their lower net realisable value. Acquisition cost was determined based on the purchase price where possible, and otherwise using the retail method (based on the selling price). The valuation method used ensures compliance with the lower of cost or market principle.

Receivables and other assets were stated at their nominal value less allowances for specific risks and for general credit risk.

Profit participation rights capital was reported at the settlement amount as at 29 February 2024 or at the amount contributed plus accrued interest.

Provisions and accruals were recognised at a reasonable commercial estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation. Provisions and accruals due in more than one year were discounted at a rate of between 1.5% and 1.8%.

Liabilities were recognised at their settlement amount. In some cases, interest and currency derivatives were designated as hedging instruments of bank loans. Offsetting changes in the value of hedged items and hedging instruments were not recognised in the financial statements.

The mandatory disclosures required with respect to contingent liabilities were made at the carrying amount of the underlying transaction as at the balance sheet date. Where warranties were issued for third-party credit lines, the disclosure was made at the maximum amount of liability. Joint liability arising from other contracts is reported at the annual amount of the current obligation.

In accordance with Sec. 274 HGB ["Handelsgesetzbuch": German Commercial Code], deferred taxes were recognised on temporary differences between the amounts recognised for financial reporting and for tax purposes as well as on substantial tax loss and interest carryforwards. Resulting future tax benefits and tax charges were measured at tax rates ranging from 1.5% to 35.0%. Deferred taxes primarily resulted from fixed assets as well as provisions and accruals and were recognised on a net basis. In exercise of the statutory option, the resulting net deferred tax asset was not recognised.

Consolidation principles

Capital consolidation was performed using the revaluation method as at the acquisition date.

For the associated companies, the statutory option was not exercised in accordance with Sec. 310 HGB.

Receivables and liabilities as well as income and expenses within the group were eliminated.

Pursuant to Sec. 304 par. 1 HGB, profits or losses on intercompany sales were eliminated upon consolidation.

Deferred taxes on consolidation entries were recognised in accordance with Sec. 306 HGB. Resulting future tax benefits were evaluated using a tax rate of 11.3%.

Currency translation

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency were translated in accordance with Sec. 256a HGB. Exchange rate effects resulting from the valuation of intragroup loans in euro are recognised directly in equity without an effect on income until the loans have been repaid. Income and expenses originally denominated in foreign currency have been translated at exchange rates effective at the time of the transaction.

Balance sheet and income statement items were translated in accordance with Sec. 308a HGB. The functional currency of the group is the euro.

Notes to the Consolidated Balance Sheet

Fixed assets

€ million	Acquisition/ production cost 01.03.2023	Currency translation	Additions	Disposals	Reclassifi-cations	Acquisition/ production cost 29.02.2024
Concessions, property rights, licences	262	0	10	(3)	3	272
Payments on account	2	0	1	0	(2)	1
Intangible assets	**264**	**0**	**11**	**(3)**	**1**	**273**
Land, land rights and buildings	35,765	202	1,253	(322)	898	37,796
Other equipment, fixtures, and furniture	9,695	53	1,309	(407)	155	10,805
Payments on account and assets under construction	2,087	3	1,143	(66)	(1,054)	2,113
Property, plant and equipment	**47,547**	**258**	**3,705**	**(795)**	**(1)**	**50,714**
Participations	6	0	0	0	0	6
Participations in associated companies	5,710	0	170	0	0	5,880
Other loans	332	0	491	(29)	0	794
Financial assets	**6,048**	**0**	**661**	**(29)**	**0**	**6,680**
	53,859	**258**	**4,377**	**(827)**	**0**	**57,667**

Additions to property, plant and equipment consist primarily of the acquisition, new construction and expansion of stores and warehouses as well as the acquisition of other equipment, fixtures and furniture for stores and warehouses.

Amortisation depreciation/ write-downs 01.03.2023	Currency translation	Additions	Disposals	Amortisation depreciation/ write-downs 29.02.2024	Net book value 28.02.2023	Net book value 29.02.2024
132	0	15	(3)	144	130	128
0	0	0	0	0	2	1
132	**0**	**15**	**(3)**	**144**	**132**	**129**
7,335	42	875	(141)	8,111	28,430	29,685
4,629	24	1,130	(309)	5,474	5,066	5,331
0	0	0	0	0	2,087	2,113
11,964	**66**	**2,005**	**(450)**	**13,585**	**35,583**	**37,129**
0	0	0	0	0	6	6
0	0	0	0	0	5,710	5,880
0	0	0	0	0	332	794
0	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**6,048**	**6,680**
12,096	**66**	**2,020**	**(453)**	**13,729**	**41,763**	**43,938**

The current amortisation and depreciation for the financial year includes write-downs, mainly on property, plant and equipment, of € 68 million (previous year € 75 million).

Inventories

The amount disclosed relates almost exclusively to merchandise.

Receivables and other assets

€ million	28.02.2023*	29.02.2024
Trade receivables	458	269
Receivables from associated companies**	233	358
Other assets	1,764	1,829
thereof due in more than one year	69	74
	2,455	**2,456**

* Previous year's figures have been adjusted

** relating to trade receivables and other assets

Other assets include receivables from suppliers totalling € 32 million (previous year € 33 million), which arise legally after the balance sheet date and mainly relate to bonuses, rebates and repayments.

Cash pool debit balances

The cash pool debit balances consist entirely of balances related to an associated company.

Deferred tax assets

This item consists entirely of deferred taxes as defined in Sec. 306 HGB.

Equity

The annual loss of the parent company was completely allocated to the loss carryforward of the partners.

Profit participation rights capital comprises six capital certificates that are subject to profit-based compensation. This capital is subordinated to other creditors, participates in losses, matures at various dates in 2026, 2027, 2028 and 2029 and is non-cancellable by its holders. The change in the fiscal year represents the € 23 million additions of accrued interest and the termination of two profit participation certificates (€ -8 million), which are shown under other liabilities as at the balance sheet date.

Provisions and accruals

€ million	28.02.2023	29.02.2024
Tax provisions	478	555
Other provisions and accruals	3,879	3,633
	4,357	**4,188**

Other provisions and accruals mainly include provisions for outstanding invoices amounting to € 2,100 million (previous year € 2,520 million).

Liabilities

	28.02.2023		29.02.2024			
€ million	**< 1 year**	**Total**	**< 1 year**	**1 - 5 years**	**> 5 years**	**Total**
Liabilities from financing	4,118	17,224	3,833	8,545	2,499	14,877
thereof due to banks	*4,118*	*15,731*	*3,833*	*8,423*	*1,129*	*13,385*
thereof from other financing transactions	*0*	*1,493*	*0*	*122*	*1,370*	*1,492*
Trade payables	7,852	7,852	8,059	0	0	8,059
Liabilities to associated companies*	776	840	0	200	0	200
Other liabilities	5,620	5,651	7,311	28	1	7,340
thereof tax-related	*502*	*502*	*552*	*0*	*0*	*552*
thereof from social security contributions	*127*	*127*	*148*	*0*	*0*	*148*
	18,366	**31,567**	**19,203**	**8,773**	**2,500**	**30,476**

* relating exclusively to other liabilities

Liabilities due to banks are secured by land charges (€ 4,039 million). Apart from retentions of title common in the industry for trade payables, there were no further securities

Contingent liabilities

€ million	**28.02.2023**	**29.02.2024**
from guarantees	1,228	1,389
from warranties	13,993	14,529
for third-party liabilities	40	43
	15,261	**15,961**

Contingent liabilities are counterbalanced by rights of recourse of € 8,970 million (previous year € 8,340 million). € 1,970 million of the contingent liabilities are due to associated companies. Based on the credit rating of the recipients of the guarantees, there was no identifiable risk that claims will be made on the basis of the contingent liabilities.

Other financial obligations

Other financial obligations totalling € 5,084 million are presented on a discounted basis (previous year € 4,634 million).

Notes to the Consolidated Income Statement

Revenues

The amount disclosed relates almost exclusively to revenues from the sale of merchandise within Europe.

Other operating income

Other operating income includes foreign currency exchange gains of € 71 million (previous year € 59 million).

Other operating income includes the following income relating to other periods:

€ million	FY 2022	**FY 2023**
Reversal of provisions	116	141
Disposal of fixed assets	47	75
Miscellaneous	12	7
	175	**223**

Cost of materials

Cost of materials consists entirely of the cost of purchased merchandise.

Cost of materials includes foreign currency gains of € 23 million (previous year foreign currency losses € 46 million).

Personnel expenses

€ million	FY 2022	**FY 2023**
Wages and salaries	5,717	6,186
Social security, pension and other benefit expenses	1,156	1,240
thereof for pensions	*141*	*154*
	6,873	**7,426**

Average number of staff employed during the financial year:

	FY 2022	**FY 2023**
Employees	236,803	**234,667**
thereof salaried employees and wage earners, full-time	*111,364*	*110,941*
thereof salaried employees and wage earners, part-time	*125,439*	*123,726*
Trainees	1,544	**1,715**
	238,347	**236,382**

Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses include foreign currency exchange losses of € 81 million (previous year € 53 million) and other taxes of € 364 million (previous year € 321 million).

Expenses relating to other periods included in other operating expenses amount to € 29 million (previous year € 31 million). These relate primarily to losses on the disposal of fixed assets.

Other interest and similar income

Other interest and similar income includes income relating to other periods of € 2 million (previous year € 3 million).

Interest and similar expenses

Interest and similar expenses includes expenses relating to other periods of € 3 million (previous year € 2 million).

Moreover, interest of € 1 million (previous year € 2 million) from the unwinding of the discount on provisions is included.

Income taxes

The item includes income taxes relating to other periods of € 2 million (previous year € -132 million).

With regard to the regulation on minimum taxation (in accordance with Pillar II), we do not expect any significant impact on the group.

Further Information

Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments were used by the consolidated companies to hedge interest rate and currency risk. Market values were determined using generally accepted valuation principles.

Swap agreements with a nominal value of € 4,328 million were designated as hedging instruments at the level of individual contracts. For all hedging instruments, the significant terms relevant to the valuation of the hedged item and the hedging instrument matched for the entire term of the related derivative. As a result, the hedging relationships were highly effective and there were no ineffective portions relevant for accounting purposes over their term. For swap agreements without hedging instruments, the market value amounted to € -4 million. For this purpose, a provision for potential losses has been recognised.

	Nominal volume	with hedging relationship		without hedging relationship	
€ million	**Total**	**Nominal volume**	**Market value**	**Nominal volume**	**Market value**
Interest rate swaps	2,872	2,872	(161)	0	0
Cross currency swaps	889	656	5	233	(4)
Currency swaps	800	800	0	0	0
	4,561	**4,328**	**(156)**	**233**	**(4)**

Forward exchange contracts were made to hedge currency risks. The nominal value of all forward exchange contracts amounted to € 1,671 million as at the balance sheet date. Forward exchange contracts were valued at market value. The market value of all forward exchange contracts was € 6 million net as at the balance sheet date. Provisions for potential losses of € 4 million were recognised for negative market values. They are presented in the provisions for potential losses from contracts.

Audit fees

Fees paid to the auditors for the audit of the annual consolidated financial statements amounted to € 701 thousand and for other services € 813 thousand.

Supplementary report

No events occurred after the balance sheet date that would have significantly affected the assessment of the net assets, financial position or results of operations of the group.

List of Consolidated Companies

All companies over which control can be exercised were included.

The consolidated companies as at 29 February 2024 are listed in the following table. Companies marked with 1 in the table were consolidated for the first time. Subsidiaries marked with 2 in the table made use of the simplification rules of Sec. 5 par. 6 PublG in conjunction with Sec. 264 par. 3 or Sec. 264 par. 4 in conjunction with par. 3 HGB. Subsidiaries marked with 3 in the table made use of the simplification rules of Sec. 264b HGB.

The assets of the companies that left the basis of consolidation in the financial year remained within the group, mainly due to integration or merger transactions.

In accordance with Sec. 313 par. 3 HGB, one company was not listed.

Neckarsulm, 16 May 2024

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List of Consolidated Companies

Name of company			Registered office
Fully consolidated (100% shareholding)			
Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Alpha Finanz Zweite GmbH		Kreuzbruch	Germany
Lidl Österreich GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Bulgaria GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
LIDL BELGIUM Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
LIDL BELGIUM GmbH & Co. KG	3	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl International Einkaufsagentur GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Ireland GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl NEDERLAND GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
DMRS Beteiligungs-GmbH (formerly: Lidl Nederland Holding GmbH)	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
DMRS Service GmbH & Co. KG	1,3	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Norge GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Northern Ireland GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl U.K. Assets GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl U.K. GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
AMRS Warenhandel GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
DMRS Warenhandel GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
EMRS Warenhandel GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
AE- Beteiligungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
AE Zweite- Beteiligungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
C E- Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
C E- International GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
C E- International Zweite GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
IBL Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Road Solutions KG (formerly: IBL KG)	3	Neckarsulm	Germany
LPL Erste Beteiligungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
LPL Zweite Beteiligungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
LPL Holding GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Road Solutions Warehousing GmbH (formerly: LPL Zweite Geschäftsführungs-GmbH)		Neckarsulm	Germany
MRF-Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
W E- Beteiligungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
W E- Holding GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
W E- International GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
W E- International Zweite GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Omikron Management Beratungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
YRF- Verwaltungs-GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
YRF-Immobilien-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
LSTR-1 GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
LSTR-2 GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
LSTR-3 GmbH	1	Neckarsulm	Germany
Rosecreek GmbH	2	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Digital International Lagerholding GmbH	1,2	Neckarsulm	Germany

Name of company			Registered office
Lidl EMB Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl EMB KG	3	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Export International Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Export International GmbH & Co. KG	3	Neckarsulm	Germany
OWIM Beteiligungs-GmbH		Neckarsulm	Germany
OWIM GmbH & Co. KG	3	Neckarsulm	Germany
Tailwind Shipping Lines Beteiligungs-GmbH		Hamburg	Germany
Tailwind Shipping Lines GmbH & Co. KG	3	Hamburg	Germany
Tailwind Panda 002 Beteiligungs-GmbH		Hamburg	Germany
Tailwind Panda 002 GmbH & Co. KG	3	Hamburg	Germany
Tailwind Intermodal GmbH	1	Werndorf	Austria
APATURA GmbH & Co KG	1	Salzburg	Austria
MACROGLOSSUM GmbH & Co KG	1	Salzburg	Austria
Cursa Trade GmbH	1	Salzburg	Austria
LIDL ITALIA S.r.l.		Arcole	Italy
Lidl Servizi Immobiliari S.r.l.		Arcole	Italy
Lidl Supermercados S.A.U.		Montcada i Reixac	Spain
Brotos Gestiona S.L.		Montcada i Reixac	Spain
Lidl Digital Logistica España S.L.	1	Montcada i Reixac	Spain
Pittsfield Invest, S.L.U.		Madrid	Spain
Lidl Great Britain Limited		London	England
Lidl UK Trading Limited		London	England
Limburgse Distributie Maatschappij N.V.		Genk	Belgium
Centre Logistique des Ardennes S.A.		Marche-en-Famenne	Belgium
Centre Logistique de Wallonie S.A.		La Louvière	Belgium
Logistiek Centrum Leie N.V.		Wevelgem	Belgium
SINT-NIKLAAS LOGISTICS N.V.		Sint Niklaas	Belgium
V.R.D. bvba		Merelbeke	Belgium
Lidl & Companhia		Sintra	Portugal
Lidl Logistics B.V.		Huizen	Netherlands
Lidl Online International Logistics B.V.	1	Huizen	Netherlands
LOIL Leasing B.V.	1	Huizen	Netherlands
Metropool Development B.V.		Huizen	Netherlands
Devco Zwolle Stadshagen B.V.		Huizen	Netherlands
Lidl Hellas & Sia. O.E.		Sindos-Thessaloniki	Greece
Lidl Hellas E.P.E.		Sindos-Thessaloniki	Greece
Church Road Development Limited		Newbridge	Ireland
Shankill Shopping Centre Management Company Limited		Tallaght	Ireland
Lidl Northern Ireland Limited		Crumlin	Northern Ireland
The Dunlady Arms Limited		Antrim	Northern Ireland
Lidl Malta Limited		Naxxar	Malta
Lidl Immobiliare Malta Limited		Naxxar	Malta
Lidl Logistica Malta Ltd.		Naxxar	Malta
Tailwind Panda 001 Shipping Company Ltd.		Valletta	Malta
Tailwind Panda 002 Shipping Company Ltd.		Valletta	Malta

Name of company			Registered office
Lidl Suomi Kommandiittiyhtiö		Vantaa	Finland
Lidl Holding Suomi Oy		Vantaa	Finland
Lidl Kiinteistöt Oy		Vantaa	Finland
Lidl Sverige Kommanditbolag		Järfälla	Sweden
Lidl Sverige AB		Järfälla	Sweden
Byggstommen i Borås AB		Järfälla	Sweden
Byggstommen i Viggbyholm AB		Järfälla	Sweden
Byggstommen i Huddinge AB		Järfälla	Sweden
Lidl Danmark K/S		Aarhus	Denmark
Lidl Management Danmark ApS		Aarhus	Denmark
Lidl sp. z o.o. sp. k.		Tarnowo Podgorne	Poland
Lidl sp. z o.o.		Tarnowo Podgorne	Poland
Lidl Polska sp. z o.o.		Tarnowo Podgorne	Poland
Delta Marketing Services sp. z o.o.		Tarnowo Podgorne	Poland
Lidl Online International Logistics sp. z.o.o.	1	Tarnowo Podgorne	Poland
Lidl Ceska republika s.r.o. (formerly: Lidl Ceska republika v.o.s.)		Prague	Czech Republic
Lidl Holding s.r.o.		Prague	Czech Republic
Mudarro Invest, a.s.		Prague	Czech Republic
Lidl International Holding s.r.o.		Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo alpha s.r.o.		Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo delta s.r.o.	1	Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo epsilon s.r.o.	1	Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo gamma s.r.o.		Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo F1 a.s.		Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo Letňany s.r.o.		Prague	Czech Republic
HUDGEX ENERGY a.s.	1	Prague	Czech Republic
Lidl E-Commerce Logistics s.r.o.	1	Pilsen	Czech Republic
Lidl Slovenska republiká s.r.o. (formerly: Lidl Slovenská republiká v.o.s.)		Bratislava	Slovakia
Lidl Holding Slovenska republiká s.r.o.		Bratislava	Slovakia
LEC SK Holding s.r.o.		Bratislava	Slovakia
LEC SK, k.s.		Bratislava	Slovakia
Nadácia Lidl Slovenská republika		Bratislava	Slovakia
Lidl Magyarország Bt.		Budapest	Hungary
Lidl Digital Magyarország Kft.		Budapest	Hungary
Lidl Holding KFT		Budapest	Hungary
Kiváló Magyar Korlátolt Felelősségű Társaság	1	Budapest	Hungary
Lidl US, LLC		Wilmington	USA
Lidl US Management, Inc.		Wilmington	USA
Lidl US Operations, LLC		Wilmington	USA
Lidl US Purchasing, LLC		Wilmington	USA
Lidl US Trading, LLC		Wilmington	USA
LUS Gift Card, LLC		Arlington	USA
LUS Licensing, LLC		Arlington	USA
LUS Holding, LLC		Arlington	USA
Mt. Olive Properties, LLC		Arlington	USA

Name of company			Registered office
Best Yet Market, Inc.		Bethpage	USA
Best Market of Commack, Inc.		Commack	USA
Best Market of Great Neck, Inc.		Great Neck	USA
Best Market of East Rockaway, Inc.		East Rockaway	USA
Best Market of Syosset, Inc.		Syosset	USA
Best Market of Shirley, Inc.		Shirley	USA
Best Yet Market of Harlem, Inc.		Harlem	USA
Best Yet Market of New Hyde Park, Inc.		New Hyde Park	USA
Best Market of Plainview, Inc.		Plainview	USA
Lidl Hrvatska d.o.o. k.d.		Velika Gorica	Croatia
Lidl d.o.o.		Velika Gorica	Croatia
LIDL Slovenija d.o.o. k.d.		Komenda	Slovenia
LIDL Slovenija d.o.o.		Komenda	Slovenia
Lidl Digital International Logistika d.o.o.	1	Komenda	Slovenia
LIDL CYPRUS		Larnaca	Cyprus
LIDL HOLDING LIMITED		Larnaca	Cyprus
Lidl Ventures Cyprus Limited		Larnaca	Cyprus
Merora Holdings Limited		Larnaca	Cyprus
Lidl Schweiz AG		Weinfelden	Switzerland
Lidl Schweiz DL AG		Weinfelden	Switzerland
LIDL ROMANIA SOCIETATE IN COMANDITA		Chiajna	Romania
LIDL ROMANIA S.R.L.		Chiajna	Romania
Lidl Imobiliare Romania Management S.C.S.		Aricesti Rahtivani	Romania
Lidl Discount S.R.L.		Aricesti Rahtivani	Romania
Lidl Bulgaria EOOD & CO. KD		Ravno pole	Bulgaria
LIDL BULGARIA EOOD		Ravno pole	Bulgaria
Lidl Online International Logistics EOOD	1	Ravno pole	Bulgaria
UAB "Lidl Lietuva"		Vilnius	Lithuania
Lidl Srbija KD		Nova Pazova	Serbia
Lidl Srbija Prodavnice DOO		Nova Pazova	Serbia
IMMOCENTAR TWO D.O.O. BEOGRAD		Belgrade	Serbia
Lidl Latvija SIA		Riga	Latvia
Lidl Eesti OÜ		Tallinn	Estonia
LIDL SEVERNA MAKEDONIJA DOOEL Skopje		Skopje	Northern Macedonia
Lidl BH d.o.o.		Sarajevo	Bosnia and Herzegovina
LIDL CRNA GORA DOO		Podgorica	Montenegro
Lidl Shqipëria Sh.p.k.		Tirana	Albania
Lidl Kosova L.L.C.		Pristina	Kosovo
Lidl Hong Kong Limited		Hong Kong	China
Schwarz Asia Pacific Sourcing Limited		Hong Kong	China
QA Services Hong Kong Limited		Hong Kong	China
LIDL ASIA LIMITED		Hong Kong	China
Lidl & Kaufland Supply Chain Management (Shanghai) Co., Limited		Shanghai	China
LIDL & KAUFLAND ASIA PTE. LIMITED		Singapore	Singapore
LIDL & KAUFLAND SERVICES PTE. LIMITED		Singapore	Singapore

Name of company		Registered office
LIDL & KAUFLAND (VIETNAM) SERVICES CO., LIMITED	Ho Chi Minh City	Vietnam
At-Equity inclusion (50% voting rights)		
SG Finance & Treasury Limited (72.74% shareholding)	Dublin	Ireland
VOF De Stadsmaker (50% shareholding)	Hengelo	Netherlands
Companies which left the consolidated group in the financial year		
CRF-Beteiligungs-GmbH	Neckarsulm	Germany
Kochzauber Food GmbH	Neckarsulm	Germany
TE- Beteiligungs-GmbH	Neckarsulm	Germany
Lidl Slovenija GmbH	Neckarsulm	Germany
Byggstommen i Ekerö AB	Solna	Sweden
Byggstommen i Mölnlycke AB	Gothenburg	Sweden
Lidl stravenky v.o.s.	Prague	Czech Republic
Akur Estates s.r.o.	Prague	Czech Republic
Limmo beta s.r.o.	Prague	Czech Republic
Lidl Reizen B.V.	Huizen	Netherlands

Group Management Report

Fundamental Information about the Group

Business activities

The group is a retail trading company with international operations and generated retail revenues in 29 European countries with the brand "Lidl" during the past financial year.

Economic environment[1]

After a good start, the global economy lost its momentum over the course of 2023. Strong domestic demand in the USA provided positive impetus for the global economy. In many other regions, high inflation rates and monetary policy tightening weighed on the economy. Weak domestic demand and the fragile real estate sector in China dampened growth in emerging and developing countries. Overall, the global economy grew by 2.7%.

The Eurozone recorded an increase in gross domestic product of 0.5%, which was well below the development of the global economy. Although the energy crisis and the resulting economic turmoil did not lead to a decline in GDP, economic output in the currency area was little more than stagnant. Of the largest economies, Germany recorded a decline in GDP of 0.3%, while Italy recorded a slight increase in GDP of 1.0% and Spain a moderate increase of 2.5%. The rise in consumer prices in the Eurozone amounted to 5.5% and was mainly driven by higher energy and food costs. In view of the continued rise in inflation, the European Central Bank has continued the course it began in the previous year of gradually increasing the key interest rate in 2023. Private consumption only expanded by 0.6% against the backdrop of falling real incomes. Gross fixed capital investments also grew only modestly by 1.4% in an environment of higher real interest rates. The unemployment rate fell by 0.2 percentage points to 6.5%.

The Central and Eastern European EU member states recorded an average increase in gross domestic product of 0.4%. In Great Britain, economic output rose by 0.1% and was therefore below the level of the Eurozone.

Retail industry trend[2]

The loss of purchasing power due to high inflation rates is also reflected in retail sales, which fell by 2.1% in the Eurozone compared to the previous year after adjusting for inflation. Spain and Romania were well above the Eurozone level with increases of 2.6% and 1.7%, respectively, whereas Germany recorded a significant decline of 3.1%.

Sales in the food retail sector have continued to fall. Adjusted for inflation, they fell again by 2.7% in the Eurozone in 2023. Adjusted for inflation, sales in the German food retail sector fell significantly by 3.6% (previous year 4.8%) for the second time in a row. A similar figure was also seen in Poland, with a decline of 3.9%. Increases of 1.8% and 3.5% were recorded in Spain and Romania, respectively.

1 Information according to the Joint Economic Forecast Spring 2024 from 27 March 2024 by the Joint Economic Forecast Project Group.
2 Information according to EuroStat as at 25 April 2024.

Business Development

Results of operations

The group increased its revenues from € 81,793 million in the previous year to € 88,576 million, which equals an increase of € 6,783 million (8.3%).

	FY 2022 € million	FY 2023 € million	Total	Change in %
Revenues	81,793	88,576	6,783	8.3
Cost of materials	62,369	66,853	4,484	7.2
Gross profit	19,424	**21,723**	**2,299**	**11.8**
Gross profit margin	*23.7%*	*24.5%*		
Personnel expenses	6,873	7,426	553	8.0
Other expenses less income	7,997	8,738	741	9.3
EBITDA	4,554	**5,559**	**1,005**	**22.1**
Return on sales EBITDA	*5.6%*	*6.3%*		
Amortisation and depreciation	1,908	2,020	112	5.9
EBIT	2,646	**3,539**	**893**	**33.7**
Return on sales EBIT	*3.2%*	*4.0%*		
Interest expenses less income	360	752	392	>100.0
Income taxes	644	912	268	41.6
Consolidated net income for the year	1,642	**1,875**	**233**	**14.2**
Return on sales	*2.0%*	*2.1%*		

Development of earnings

EBIT recorded a significant increase by € 893 million to € 3,539 million, in particular due to an improvement in the gross profit ratio as a result of increased demand with cost of goods remaining at a high level. The return on sales based on EBIT increased from 3.2% to 4.0%. Despite a decline in net interest income, consolidated net income for the year increased by € 233 million to € 1,875 million. The return on sales of 2.1% is slightly above the previous year's rate of 2.0%.

Net assets

Total assets of the group break down as follows and are slightly above the previous year's level at € 54.9 billion.

	28.02.2023 € million	28.02.2023 %	29.02.2024 € million	29.02.2024 %	Change € million	Change in %
Fixed assets	41,763	76.6	43,938	80.1	2,175	5.2
Intangible assets	132	0.2	129	0.2	(3)	(2.3)
Property, plant and equipment	35,583	65.3	37,129	67.7	1,546	4.3
Financial assets	6,048	11.1	6,680	12.2	632	10.4
Current assets	12,537	23.0	**10,714**	**19.5**	**(1,823)**	**(14.5)**
Inventories	7,653	14.0	5,858	10.7	(1,795)	(23.5)
Receivables and other assets	2,455	4.5	2,456	4.5	1	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents	2,429	4.5	2,400	4.3	(29)	(1.2)
Prepaid expenses	190	0.4	**210**	**0.4**	**20**	**10.5**
Deferred tax assets	6	0.0	**4**	**0.0**	**(2)**	**(33.3)**
Total assets	54,496	100.0	**54,866**	**100.0**	**370**	**0.7**

Current assets fell below the previous year by € 1,823 million. The largest change resulted from the decrease in inventories due to a reduction in non-food inventories (€ 2,195 million), mainly due to a lower purchasing volume.

The item cash and cash equivalents includes cash on hand, bank balances and cheques as well as cash pool debit balances.

Capital expenditure

	FY 2022 € million	FY 2023 € million	Total	Change in %
Investments in property, plant and equipment	5,160	3,705	(1,455)	(28.2)
thereof in real estate	*3,551*	*2,396*	*(1,155)*	*(32.5)*

Investments in property, plant and equipment amounted to € 3.7 billion and relate mainly to the expansion of the store and logistics network. Thereof, € 2.4 billion relates to investments in real estate.

	28.02.2023 € million	29.02.2024 € million
Equity	18,491	20,147
Fixed assets	41,763	43,938
Coverage rate I	44.3%	**45.9%**
Long-term and medium-term liabilities	13,729	11,883
Coverage rate II	77.1%	**72.9%**

In financial year 2023, equity covered 45.9% of fixed assets. Taking long-term and medium-term liabilities into account, the equity-to-fixed-assets ratio is 72.9%.

Compared to the previous year, average merchandise on hand grew by 4.5%, despite the decrease in inventories. The average inventory turnover rate rose to 9.9.

	FY 2022 € million	FY 2023 € million
Average merchandise on hand	6,463	6,756
Cost of materials	62,369	66,853
Average inventory turnover period in days	37.1	36.4
Average inventory turnover rate	9.7	9.9

Financial position

The group had equity of € 20,147 million as at the balance sheet date.

	28.02.2023 € million	28.02.2023 %	29.02.2024 € million	29.02.2024 %	Total	Change in %
Equity	18,491	33.9	20,147	36.7	1,656	9.0
Long-term and medium-term liabilities	13,729	25.2	11,883	21.7	(1,846)	(13.4)
Short-term liabilities	22,195	40.7	22,781	41.5	586	2.6
Deferred income	81	0.2	55	0.1	(26)	(32.1)
Total equity and liabilities	54,496	100.0	**54,866**	**100.0**	**370**	**0.7**

At 36.7%, the equity ratio lies clearly above the previous year's ratio of 33.9%.

Long-term and medium-term liabilities fell by € 1,846 million to € 11,883 million, mainly due to the decrease in liabilities from financing.

Short-term liabilities rose by € 586 million. This is primarily due to the increase in liabilities to companies of the Schwarz Group.

	FY 2022 € million	FY 2023 € million	Total	Change in %
Long-term financial liabilities	2,655	2,499	(156)	(5.9)
Medium-term financial liabilities	10,451	8,545	(1,906)	(18.2)
Short-term financial liabilities	4,118	3,833	(285)	(6.9)
Total financial liabilities	17,224	**14,877**	**(2,347)**	**(13.6)**
less cash and cash equivalents	2,429	2,400	(29)	(1.2)
Net financial debt	14,795	**12,477**	**(2,318)**	**(15.7)**

Net financial debt decreased from € 14,795 million to € 12,477 million in financial year 2023. This represents a decline of 15.7% and results from the decrease in inventories, mainly in non-food inventories.

Comparison of forecast to actual

In the previous year, the group was expecting a moderate positive business development. Due to increased customer numbers and inflation-related sales price development, the sales growth of € 6.8 billion was significantly higher than planned.

In the 2022 management report, the consolidated net income for financial year 2023 was expected to be at the previous year's level. At € 1,875 million, the actual consolidated net income for the year is clearly above the previous year's level.

Overall assessment of the group's economic situation

Store sales increased by 8.3% year on year, in particular due to higher customer numbers and inflation-related price developments. The economic situation in the financial year 2023 continued to be characterized by a high level of goods procurement costs and intense competition. Nevertheless, gross profit could be increased due to higher customer numbers.

Consolidated net income for the year increased from € 1,642 million to € 1,875 million despite a € 392 million decline in net interest income compared to the previous year.

Key Non-Financial Performance Indicators Regarding Environmental and Employee-Related Matters

In addition to business performance indicators, more sustainable factors are increasingly coming into focus, especially for our customers and employees. The group has developed a holistic sustainability strategy with ambitious targets in the four focus areas of people, ecological and recycling systems and product quality and is already implementing numerous measures. In the following, only the legally required information on environmental and employee-related matters will be discussed.

Environmental matters

In addition to many other global developments, the topic of environmental protection poses enormous challenges for our society. The group is committed to environmental issues through a variety of measures and projects.

- **Climate change** makes action at all levels of society indispensable. As an international group, we are committed to minimising the impact of climate change and constantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions. As part of our group-wide climate strategy, the group officially joined the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) in August 2020. In this context, the group has set itself ambitious climate goals. For example, operational emissions (Scope 1 and 2) are to be reduced by a total of 55% by 2030 compared to 2019. In addition, the group commits suppliers, who are responsible for 78% of product-related emissions, to set themselves climate targets according to the SBTi criteria by 2026.

- In the **construction of our stores, warehouses and administration sites**, we try to reduce our energy requirements by using **sustainable construction methods**, thus contributing to the conservation of resources and climate protection. Awards and certifications with renowned national and international standards confirm our commitment to sustainable construction and energy management.

- In the subject area of **mobility**, we rely on climate-friendly mobility and logistics concepts. The focus here is on expanding the charging infrastructure for electric cars and electric bikes at our sites. The use of alternative drives in logistics and mobility offers for employees are also important aspects for actively driving the mobility transition.

- With a more sustainable product design, we also have a positive influence on environmental concerns and promote a more conscious diet. In addition to a focus on regionality and in the **procurement of various raw materials**, we support initiatives such as "Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil" and cooperate selectively with seal organisations such as "Fairtrade" or "MSC".[3]

3 Lidl RSPO-Trademark No. 3-0049-12-100-00

Employee-related matters

The employees of the group are crucial to our sustainable corporate success. We want to be an outstanding employer for them. The group employed on average a total of 236,382 employees during the past financial year.

	FY 2022	FY 2023	Change Total	Change in %
Total number of employees	238,347	236,382	(1,965)	(0.8)
Total number of full-time equivalents (FTE)	183,245	184,507	1,262	0.7

In all countries in which stores are maintained, the group has been honoured as "Top Employer 2024". The independent "Top Employer Institute" evaluates categories such as personnel planning, talent management, training and development or salaries and social benefits.

The group has already introduced an internal minimum wage in Germany in 2010, which is continuously adjusted to the respective labour market situation of the group. In most operational countries with a legally required minimum wage, we exceed those requirements.

As an international group, employees should be offered a respectful working environment in which all employees have the same opportunities to develop themselves personally and professionally. The training and development of our employees has a high value to us. A holistic approach to diversity and equal opportunity within the group serves to strengthen employee identification and promote the performance of the teams. In principle, the regulations of the General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz- AGG) with the establishment of a complaints office for employees at the employer as well as the regulations of the Pay Transparency Act apply.

In addition, the group, together with its business partners, is committed to decent employment with good working conditions and fair remuneration, even beyond its own company boundaries. As part of our commitment to responsibility in the supply chain, we implement a variety of measures along a defined due diligence process in accordance with the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz).

		FY 2022	FY 2023	Change Total	Change in %
Personnel expenses	€ million	6,873	7,426	553	8.0
Personnel expenses ratio	in %	8.4	8.4		

Total personnel expenses of the group increased by € 553 million to € 7,426 million, exceeding the previous year's level. The increase primarily reflects the development of the number of employees due to higher revenues as well as wage and salary adjustments.

As a percentage of revenues, the personnel expenses ratio stagnated at 8.4%.

Report on Opportunities and Risks

Economic opportunities and risks

As an international operating group, there are primarily dependencies on the economic situation in the individual countries. This can affect private consumption and have an impact on the sales and earnings of the group, e.g., through debt crises, high unemployment, or through geopolitical tensions.

The further international orientation reduces the dependency on the development of individual markets and increases the possibility of compensating fluctuations in demand in individual countries. The development of other countries is planned in the coming financial years. The expansion into new countries has an impact on the results of the group.

Sector-specific opportunities and risks

The main challenges for the food retail business lie within the increasing changes in consumer behaviour, such as the issue of sustainability, as well as ongoing digitalisation. The industry continues to be characterised by intense competition.

To counterbalance these effects, the group is mainly focusing on the extension of the product range by regionally traded products. In addition to high quality combined with favourable prices, the group tries to meet growing customer expectations by focusing on ecological, social and health aspects. New customers can be gained through the introduction and further development of customer loyalty programmes as well as targeted price positioning.

Financial opportunities and risks

The group's liquidity is continually monitored in order to detect opportunities and risks on a timely basis. The supply of liquidity is ensured by the cash flows generated and existing lines of credit.

Changes in foreign exchange rates affect net cash flows and earnings as a result of goods purchased in foreign currencies. The changes are analysed with respect to opportunities and risks on an ongoing basis. Potential risks, which arise mainly from purchases made in foreign currencies, are secured using forward exchange contracts. As at the balance sheet date, forward exchange contracts had a total nominal volume of € 1.7 billion.

Due to predominantly short-term fixed interest rates, the changed interest rate level affects the result. The further development of interest rates is analysed continually.

Supplier-related opportunities and risks

Significant reputation risks can arise in the process of selecting suppliers and their products. The group aims to prevent potential damage to its image by carefully reviewing suppliers as well as requiring compliance with its quality standards and certifications. In order to ensure the quality of the goods purchased, the group performs a variety of product analyses itself.

The retail business can be subject to seasonal fluctuations in demand or production delays. Longer delivery periods can lead to potential supply bottlenecks. For that reason, the group continually monitors supplier market risks and risks related to the suppliers' ability to deliver and acquires new suppliers. By expanding its group of suppliers, the group can offer new products to attract further customers.

Personnel-related opportunities and risks

Demographic trends and increasingly intense competition for executives and specialised staff can result in difficulties in recruiting qualified employees.

Its continued rapid expansion as well as expansion of business activity provides the group with the opportunity to recruit qualified staff in numerous geographic regions. An attractive working environment and regular training measures provide our employees with opportunities for both professional and personal development, thus contributing to their lasting commitment to the group.

Legal and tax risks

Legal risks primarily relate to employment and civil law as well as antitrust and patent law proceedings. Appropriate provisions have been recognised for these risks if the related obligation is sufficiently specific.

Tax risks are reviewed on a regular basis and provisions are recognised if sufficiently specific.

Information technology risks

Our business processes are placing ever-growing demands on information technology, e.g., in the form of increasing regulation requirements. These give rise to various risks, for instance regarding availability, confidentiality and integrity of information.

Therefore, a management system for identifying and mitigating these risks was established based on the internationally recognised ISO/IEC 27001 framework. State-of-the-art security technology is used to protect the IT systems and our data. Measures to reduce any downtime of our systems to a minimum have also been taken.

Overall assessment of risks

Significant opportunities and risks are discussed and fundamental decisions for avoiding or reducing risks are taken at the highest management and decision-making levels and implemented at all operative levels and monitored by the internal audit department.

There are currently no identifiable risks facing the group that directly affect the continued existence or liquidity of the group. The group is currently not expecting any fundamental changes to its risks.

Accounting-Related Internal Control and Risk Management System

The accounting-related internal control and risk management system of the group is designed to ensure the compliance of external financial reporting with the applicable financial reporting standards by timely identifying and minimising any potential risks that may result in a misstatement in the financial statements. The internal control system consists of indirect management controls, controls within the financial statement preparation and consolidation process and independent controls performed by internal and external auditors.

Management controls

The uniform groupwide accounting manuals represent the core of these controls. The manuals are revised, agreed with the external auditors and presented to the local operating units each year. The manuals define groupwide minimum requirements for performing controls over financial reporting, which are mandatory for the various operating units. The group also establishes an overall schedule to facilitate planning and managing financial statement preparation. The periods scheduled for preparation and audit or review are agreed with the local country units and the auditors in advance. Deadlines are monitored centrally to ensure that the status of financial statement preparation can be tracked at any time.

In order to protect the security of the group's information technology, the group has defined rules governing access to financial reporting-related EDP systems and these rules are administered centrally. Centralised administration of access rights ensures that users can only access system information as needed for their duties.

Financial statement preparation and consolidation process controls

The financial statements of consolidated companies are prepared mainly using SAP ERP systems. These systems are organised such that general ledgers are separate from ledgers such as fixed asset or inventory subledgers. Consistent segregation of duties in combination with defined approval processes ensures that the principle of dual control is complied with in all significant processes relevant to financial reporting.

The financial statements of the group are consolidated using a centralised SAP consolidation system (SEM-BCS). Data is provided by the SAP ERP systems mainly via automated data flows with no possibility of manual interference. Extensive checks and validation routines are performed in SAP SEM-BCS at all levels of the preparation process. In addition, the various consolidation steps are subject to both system-based and manual controls that are embedded in an SAP-based risk and control system. These controls are revised annually and are made available to the external auditors. Moreover, analyses of the group's financial statements are prepared and changes in the various line items compared to the previous year are reviewed for plausibility.

Internal audit and external audit or review controls

In consultation with the Management Board, internal audit develops an annual audit plan covering the key management and business processes on a rolling basis. The plan includes an audit of the financial statement preparation process in different countries each year. The subject of the audit is whether the required minimum controls are performed and whether the accounting manuals are complied with.

The group auditor of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG reviews the accounting manuals in advance and provides them to the local auditors. The latter then audit or review the financial statements prepared by the companies consolidated with respect to whether they comply with the applicable financial reporting requirements and then issue a written opinion confirming full compliance with these requirements. The group auditor audits the financial statements of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG and issues the audit opinion.

Report on Expected Developments

Economic environment[4]

The prospects for the global economy in 2024 have recently improved somewhat. However, economic expansion is likely to be moderate. It is assumed that improved financing conditions will have a positive impact on growth. Economic output is expected to increase by 2.5% worldwide. The global volume of world trade is expected to increase by 1.3%. Forecast risks arise particularly from the increase in geopolitical tensions and the development of inflation, which could prove to be more persistent than expected.

Economic output in the Eurozone is expected to pick up slowly. Over the course of the year, economic momentum will gradually increase. Private consumption in particular will receive a boost from rising real wages. Foreign demand should also have a stimulating effect in the forecast period. In addition, investments are expected to pick up due to falling financing costs. Overall, gross domestic product in the Eurozone is forecast to grow by 0.7% in 2024. The unemployment rate is likely to remain constant at 6.5%. Energy prices are likely to continue to curb general inflation, causing the inflation rate to fall even further. It is expected to average 2.4% over the course of the year.

The prospects for the German economy do not currently point to a significant turnaround, meaning that economic output should only increase by 0.1% in 2024. The weak growth will be supported primarily by private consumer spending, which is expected to increase by 0.9%. Construction investment, on the other hand, is forecast to fall by 2.2%. Consumer prices are likely to rise by 2.3%.

Development of the group

The continuing uncertainty regarding the development of inflation and interest rates may have an impact on the group's performance. For these reasons, the planning for financial year 2024 is subject to unforeseeable factors that may influence the current forecast. Nevertheless, a moderate increase in sales is expected for the financial year compared to the previous year.

The group will continue to invest in the expansion and preservation of the store and logistics network.

Despite the uncertainties mentioned, we expect a net income at the previous year's level in 2024.

Neckarsulm, 16 May 2024

4 Information according to the the Joint Economic Forecast Spring 2024 from 27 March 2024 by the Joint Economic Forecast Project Group.

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Independent auditor's report

To Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG

Qualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and opinion on the group management report

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG, Neckarsulm, and its subsidiaries (the group), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 29 February 2024, the consolidated income statement for the financial year from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024, and the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In addition, we have audited the group management report of Lidl Stiftung & Co. KG for the financial year from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit,

- except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for the qualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and the opinion on the group management report" section, the accompanying consolidated financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law as defined by Sec. 11 PublG ["Publizitätsgesetz": German Disclosure Act] applicable to companies that meet the requirements of Sec. 13 par. 3 sentence 2 PublG; the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the group as at 29 February 2024 and of its financial performance for the financial year from 1 March 2023 to 29 February 2024 in compliance with German legally required accounting principles, and

- the accompanying group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the group's position. In all material respects, this consolidated management report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Pursuant to Sec. 322 par. 3 sentence 1 HGB ["Handelsgesetzbuch": German Commercial Code], we declare that, with the exception of the qualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements, our audit has not led to any reservations relating to

the legal compliance of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report.

Basis for the qualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and opinion on the group management report

The Company has not applied the exemptions allowed by Sec. 13 par. 3 sentence 1 PublG with respect to the exempting effect of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Sec. 291 HGB and Sec. 264 par. 4 HGB in conjunction with Sec. 264 par. 3 HGB for the duty of certain subsidiaries to prepare accounts. In contravention of the duties then arising from Sec. 314 par. 1 no. 6a HGB in conjunction with Sec. 13 par. 2 PublG it has, however, not disclosed the remuneration earned by the corporate boards in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report in accordance with Sec. 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the group companies in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional 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 qualified opinion on the consolidated financial statements and our opinion on the group management report.

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Responsibilities of the executive directors for the consolidated financial statements and the group management report

The executive directors are responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law as defined by Sec. 11 PublG applicable to companies that meet the requirements of Sec. 13 par. 3 sentence 2 PublG, and that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the group in compliance with German legally required accounting principles. In addition, the executive directors are responsible for such internal control as they, in accordance with German legally required accounting principles, have determined necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the executive directors are responsible for assessing the group's ability to continue as a going concern. They also have the responsibility for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. In addition, they are responsible for financial reporting based on the going concern basis of accounting, provided no actual or legal circumstances conflict therewith.

Furthermore, the executive directors are responsible for the preparation of the group management report that, as a whole, provides an appropriate view of the group's position and is, in all material respects, consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements, and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In addition, the executive directors are responsible for such arrangements and measures (systems) as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of a group management report that is in accordance with the applicable German legal requirements, and to be able to provide sufficient appropriate evidence for the assertions in the group management report.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether the group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the group's position and, in all material respects, is consistent with the consolidated financial statements and the knowledge obtained in the audit, complies with the German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development, as well as to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sec. 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. 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 consolidated financial statements and this group management report.

We exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report, 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 opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement 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 of the consolidated financial statements and of arrangements and measures (systems) relevant to the audit of the group management report 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 these systems.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the executive directors and the reasonableness of estimates made by the executive directors and related disclosures.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the executive directors' 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 group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements and in the group management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our respective opinions. 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 group to cease to be able to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the group in compliance with German legally required accounting principles.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinions.

- Evaluate the consistency of the group management report with the consolidated financial statements, its conformity with [German] law, and the view of the group's position it provides.

- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by the executive directors in the group management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by the executive directors as a basis for the prospective information, and evaluate the proper derivation of the prospective information from these assumptions. We do not express a separate opinion on the prospective information and on the assumptions used as a basis. There is a substantial unavoidable risk that future events will differ materially from the prospective information.

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.

Heilbronn, 17 May 2024

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