



# Statutory directors' report

ABG Sundal Collier ASA ("the Company") has concession as brokerage firm to engage in investment services in accordance with Securities Trading Act paragraph 2-1, first section no. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, and related services in accordance with the same law paragraph 2-1, second section no 1-6. The company is 100% owned by ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA, a listed company on Oslo Stock Exchange. The company's headquarters are located in Oslo, with branches in Copenhagen and Frankfurt, and 100% owned subsidiaries in Stockholm, London, New York, Luzern and Singapore ("ABGSC" or "the Group").

ABGSC is an independent Nordic investment banking powerhouse, established for more than 30 years, founded on a hard-working partnership culture and the ability to attract and develop top talent. Our strategy is to be an advisor and an intermediary, and our core product offering comprises corporate advisory, corporate financing and investment research and brokerage services. We have an ambition to earn fair returns for the benefit of our clients, shareholders and staff.

## Comments on the Annual Accounts

Pursuant to the Norwegian Accounting Act, the Company confirms that both the parent company accounts as well as the group accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis under Norwegian GAAP.

## Income Statement

2023 ended with revenues of NOK 1,594m, +2% compared to 2022. 2023 demonstrated the diversity and balance of our business mix. Despite a continued lack of IPOs, Corporate Financing revenues increased, primarily driven by higher activity in primary and secondary placing and our debt franchise. Our Brokerage team also showcased an impressive ability to create liquidity and manage complex transactions. Our position in our core markets is well-defended and solidified despite the challenging conditions.

Revenues from Corporate Financing services increased from NOK 477m in 2022 to NOK 553m in 2023 (+14%). In 2023 the Nordic primary ECM volume were up 30% compared to 2022, while the Nordic primary DCM volume were up 40%. During the year, ABGSC conducted 35 DCM transactions and 58 ECM transactions. M&A and Advisory services decreased from NOK 515m in 2022 to NOK 476m in 2023 (-8%). In 2023 the Nordic M&A transactions volume were down 21% compared to 2022. In total, ABGSC conducted 34 M&A transactions and nine direct real estate investments. Brokerage and Research services of NOK 564m were in line with 2022 (NOK 567m).

Total operating costs for the year were NOK 1,317m, up from 1,224m in 2022. Total fixed costs increased by app. NOK 48m for the year due to the weakening NOK relative to 2022. During the year, the company has taken measures to lower costs and streamline its operations, leading to lower headcount at the end of 2023 vs year-end 2022.

Operating profit for 2023 was NOK 275m (NOK 336m in 2022), a decrease of 18%. Net financial income was NOK 32m compared to NOK 10m in 2022. Net profit after tax was NOK 216m (NOK 282 in 2022).

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## Balance Sheet and Liquidity

ABGSC maintained a strong balance sheet throughout 2023. Our asset base largely consists of short-term receivables and bank deposits.

ABGSC's balance sheet and liquidity position are very solid relative to our capital requirements. The Group's capital adequacy at the end of 2023 was 2.5x (2.3x in 2022) the requirement set by The Financial Supervisory Authority of Norway. The capital ratio for the parent company was 2.1x for 2023 (2.1x in 2022).

ABGSC has positive cash flow from its operations, although due to the nature of our business, working capital requirements can fluctuate significantly on a daily basis. In order to meet varying liquidity demands from Group operations, we have established overdraft facilities with our main banks. ABGSC's level of liquidity was solid throughout 2023.

## Financial Statement for the Parent company

The parent company had total revenues of NOK 1,038m in 2023 compared to NOK 962m in 2022. Total operating costs were NOK 779m compared to NOK 720 in 2022. Net financial result was NOK -1m, a decrease of NOK 59m compared to 2022 due to decreased dividends from subsidiaries. The tax expense was NOK 76m. The balance sheet is strong, with a book equity ratio of 17% after group contribution and dividend to the parent company.

## Allocation of Profit

The net profit of the Company was NOK 181m, and the Board proposes that the Annual General Meeting adopts the following allocation:

Group contribution/dividend	NOK 180m
<u>To other equity</u>	<u>NOK 1m</u>
<u>Total allocated</u>	<u>NOK 181m</u>

## Organisation, Management and Environmental Information

The Group had 303 full-time staff as at 31 December 2023. The breakdown by gender was 82% men and 18% women.

The Group's working environment is considered to be good, and absence due to illness continues to be low at approximately 1%. The activities carried out by ABGSC cause no pollution to the environment other than what is considered to be normal for office operations.

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ABGSC has a longstanding anti-discrimination policy, and women occupy important senior positions in the Group. We seek to identify highly qualified candidates for all positions and maintain an environment that is "gender- and background-neutral". ABGSC is committed to policies that should make it an attractive working environment for female investment professionals. In its hiring process the Group seeks to hire candidates that are considered to have the best future potential regardless of ethnic origin, religious beliefs or orientation, nationality or other criteria not relevant to their work. The Group does not classify its employees or partners based on such criteria nor does it consider them relevant in relation to careers within ABGSC.

## Other Conditions

As far as the Board is aware, no matters have arisen during the course of the year that have had a materially negative effect on the Company's or the Group's business position.

Risk management is an integral part of ABGSC's core business activities. In the course of conducting our business operations, ABGSC is exposed to a variety of risks. These include market, credit, liquidity, operational and currency risks that are material and require comprehensive controls and management. ABGSC aims to maintain a low risk profile. For a further description of the Group's risk profile and risk management policy, see Note 4 to the annual accounts.

A separate description pertaining to risk control in the area of financial reporting is included in the Board's Corporate Governance report. The Board has approved the overall limits for market risk for equity trading, bond trading, securities' financing and foreign exchange. ABGSC's main trading activities are carried out on a short-term basis with a low level of overnight exposure. Any breach of the defined limits is reported to the Board of Directors. The purpose of the trading activities is to facilitate client orders and profit from market arbitrage opportunities and market volatility.

ABGSC has entered into liability insurance for members of the Board of Directors and the CEO for their potential liability towards the Company and third parties.

Comments on Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility can be found in the annual report for ABGSC Holding ASA.

The Executive Committee, together with the Chief Compliance Officer act as the Group's Credit Committee, approving policies and limits for client financing, cash collateral and the pledging of shares, within the mandate approved by the Board of Directors. Changes in collateral value are monitored daily and adjustments are made by either reducing exposure or providing additional collateral. Regular stockbroking transactions are settled on a delivery versus payment basis, such that the credit risk is minimised to the difference between the unsettled amount and the market value of the shares.

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## Prospects for 2024

As 2023 once again demonstrated the resilience and balance of our operations, we believe we are well-positioned to further strengthen our market position and increase our market share in 2024.

Inflation, interest rates and geopolitical risks remain some of the key themes as we enter the new year. Whether interest rates will come down or stay “higher for longer” and the outlook for a “soft landing” for the macro economy are likely to be important triggers for increased activity within our key market segments.

We observe some signs of a revived appetite for IPOs in the not-too-distant future, but due to the nature of these transactions, we do need to see stable markets for some time before we can expect to see a significant uptick in IPO activity. In the meantime, we continue to experience positive momentum within M&A and for other capital market transactions with shorter lead times. Secondary trading activity is also holding up reasonably well.

Our transaction pipeline is larger than at the same time last year and is well adapted to the prevailing market conditions. Our key priority remains to provide best in class advisory services to our clients across geographies, industries, and products – every day. We are also looking forward to launching our new Private Banking and Alternative Investment operations during the year, albeit with a limited expected contribution to revenues in 2024.

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Oslo, 21 March 2024

The Board of ABG Sundal Collier ASA

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# Financial statement

## Income statement (NOKk)

Parent company			Group		
2023	2022	NOTES	OPERATING REVENUES AND COSTS	2023	2022
383,159	282,388		Corporate Financing	553,291	476,922
422,155	451,059		M&A and Advisory	476,222	515,174
233,289	228,263		Brokerage and Research	563,929	567,091
<b>1,038,603</b>	<b>961,710</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total operating revenues</b>	<b>1,593,441</b>	<b>1,559,187</b>
542,189	504,231	3	Wages and social costs	923,058	877,059
226,713	205,241	3, 4	Administration costs	373,690	325,060
10,625	10,848	5	Depreciation	20,730	21,564
<b>779,526</b>	<b>720,320</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b>1,317,478</b>	<b>1,223,682</b>
<b>259,077</b>	<b>241,390</b>		<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>275,963</b>	<b>335,505</b>
			<b>FINANCIAL INCOME AND COSTS</b>		
125,704	53,191		Interest income	128,750	53,726
0	0	6, 7	Other financial income	0	0
15,521	74,469	7	Dividends from group companies	0	0
22,205	13,700	7	Interest income from group companies	21,811	13,412
-27,004	-13,263	7	Interest cost to group companies	-4,439	-5,297
-112,523	-49,067		Interest cost	-112,555	-49,070
-25,221	-21,172	6	Other financial costs	-1,306	-2,971
<b>-1,318</b>	<b>57,857</b>		<b>Net financial result</b>	<b>32,261</b>	<b>9,801</b>
<b>257,759</b>	<b>299,247</b>		<b>Profit before taxes</b>	<b>308,224</b>	<b>345,306</b>
76,513	33,548	8	Tax cost	92,277	62,865
<b>181,246</b>	<b>265,700</b>		<b>NET RESULT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>215,947</b>	<b>282,441</b>
			<b>ALLOCATIONS AND TRANSFERS</b>		
1,246	-14,300		To/From other equity		
180,000	280,000	7	Group contribution /dividend		
<b>181,246</b>	<b>265,700</b>		<b>Total allocations and transfers</b>		

## Cash flow statement (NOKk)

Parent company		Group	
2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
257,759	299,247	308,224	345,306
0	0	2,429	279
-881	-10,765	-26,020	-52,146
10,625	10,848	20,730	21,564
35,760	484,469	35,760	484,469
-339,517	-753,103	-343,476	-732,606
250,433	691,512	254,812	691,004
79,136	462,579	16,184	212,064
-70,440	-384,956	-156,285	-683,454
<b>222,875</b>	<b>799,832</b>	<b>112,358</b>	<b>286,480</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
-3,590	-10,410	-6,686	-21,487
-1,634	46	-440	1,057
<b>-5,224</b>	<b>-10,365</b>	<b>-7,127</b>	<b>-20,430</b>
<b>CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
-90	-240	-90	-240
-315,000	-875,000	-315,000	-875,000
-67,093	69,973	-67,093	69,973
<b>-382,183</b>	<b>-805,267</b>	<b>-382,183</b>	<b>-805,267</b>
-164,532	-15,800	-276,951	-539,216
601,959	617,759	773,166	1,312,383
<b>437,427</b>	<b>601,959</b>	<b>496,215</b>	<b>773,166</b>

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## Balance sheet as of 31 December (NOKk)

Parent company				Group	
2023	2022	NOTES	ASSETS	2023	2022
<b>Non-current assets</b>					
<b>Intangible assets</b>					
38,000	54,718	8	Deferred tax assets	38,454	54,731
18,031	21,079	5	Other intangible assets	19,274	24,285
<b>56,031</b>	<b>75,796</b>		<b>Total intangible assets</b>	<b>57,728</b>	<b>79,016</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
25,882	29,731	5	Office equipment and fittings	51,865	58,582
<b>Financial non-current assets</b>					
6,822	6,406		Long term receivables	6,992	6,492
202,393	201,175	9, 10	Shares in subsidiaries	0	0
231	231	9	Other shares	381	441
<b>209,446</b>	<b>207,812</b>		<b>Total financial non-current assets</b>	<b>7,373</b>	<b>6,933</b>
<b>291,359</b>	<b>313,339</b>		<b>Total non-current assets</b>	<b>116,966</b>	<b>144,531</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
<b>Receivables</b>					
1,368,881	1,387,326	9, 11	Accounts receivables	1,395,470	1,409,956
361,679	399,217	7	Receivables from group companies	357,777	346,413
947,529	589,567	9	Receivables from stockbrokers	947,529	589,567
216,641	131,210	12	Other short term receivables	334,183	227,519
<b>2,894,731</b>	<b>2,507,320</b>		<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>3,034,959</b>	<b>2,573,456</b>
<b>Investments</b>					
8,014	50,314	9	Securities and financial instruments	8,014	50,314
<b>Cash and bank deposits</b>					
437,427	601,959	13	Cash and bank deposits	496,215	773,166
<b>3,340,172</b>	<b>3,159,593</b>		<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,539,188</b>	<b>3,396,935</b>
<b>3,631,531</b>	<b>3,472,932</b>		<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,656,154</b>	<b>3,541,466</b>

Parent company				Group	
2023	2022	NOTES	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2023	2022
<b>Equity</b>					
<b>Paid-in-capital</b>					
120,000	120,000	14, 15	Share capital	120,000	120,000
480,070	480,070	14, 15	Share premium	480,070	480,070
28,584	28,584	14, 15	Other paid-in-capital	28,584	28,584
<b>628,654</b>	<b>628,654</b>	<b>14, 15</b>	<b>Total paid-in-capital</b>	<b>628,654</b>	<b>628,654</b>
<b>Other equity</b>					
5,776	4,530	14, 15	Retained earnings	312,899	269,360
<b>634,430</b>	<b>633,184</b>	<b>14, 15</b>	<b>Total equity</b>	<b>941,553</b>	<b>898,014</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>					
11,909	18,171		Other long-term liabilities	29,284	38,155
3,570	3,660		Deposits from partners	3,570	3,660
<b>15,479</b>	<b>21,831</b>		<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>	<b>32,854</b>	<b>41,815</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>					
17,299	12,637		Accounts payable	23,868	14,828
1,283,840	822,623	9	Liabilities payable to customers	1,283,840	822,623
560,100	775,544	9	Liabilities payable to stockbrokers	560,100	775,544
0	6,540	9	Securities and financial instruments (short positions)	0	6,540
776,722	815,123	7	Liabilities payable to group companies	315,650	368,103
4,238	882	8	Income tax payable	11,343	20,348
11,024	10,574		Public duties payable	28,722	32,433
2,880	69,973		Bank overdraft liability	2,880	69,973
325,519	304,021	12	Other liabilities	455,343	491,244
<b>2,981,622</b>	<b>2,817,917</b>		<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>2,681,747</b>	<b>2,601,637</b>
<b>2,997,101</b>	<b>2,839,748</b>		<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>2,714,601</b>	<b>2,643,452</b>
<b>3,631,531</b>	<b>3,472,932</b>		<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,656,154</b>	<b>3,541,466</b>

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Oslo, 21 March 2024

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# Note 1 | Accounting policies

## General information

The accounts and the consolidated accounts for the Group are prepared in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and Norwegian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (NGAAP).

Financial statement preparation requires estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as well as disclosures of contingencies. Actual results may differ from estimates.

## Group accounts

The Group's activities include securities brokerage and research services, proprietary trading, advice in relation to mergers and acquisitions, restructuring and other corporate finance advisory activities, as well as real estate advisory business.

The Group accounts show the total profit/loss and the total financial position of the parent company ABG Sundal Collier ASA and its controlling interests as a financial whole. The Group accounts include companies where ABG Sundal Collier ASA owns shares, directly or indirectly, such that the shares owned represent the majority of voting rights in the company or allow the Group the right to appoint the majority of the members of the company's board of directors. Transactions between group companies have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statement. The consolidated financial statement has been prepared in accordance with the same accounting principles for both parent and subsidiary.

ABG Sundal Collier ASA is the principal partner in the ABG Sundal Collier silent partnership.

## Net assets in foreign operation

Exchange differences arising from the translation of the net assets in foreign operations, and the related hedges, are booked towards other equity and will be recognised in the profit/loss when the net assets are realised.

## Revenue recognition

Revenue is recognised in conjunction with the performance of the services used to complete an engagement. Revenues from performance fees are recognised upon completion of the transaction, or there is deemed to be no uncertainty related to ABGSC's right to claim compensation for a transaction. Fixed fees are recognised as earned.

Commissions from trades are recognised at the trade date.

# Note 1 continued | Accounting policies

Fixed-priced research services are typically billed periodically. Discretionary fees from research are recognised where there is deemed to be no uncertainty related to ABGSC's right to claim compensation for a research provided.

## **Classification of assets and liabilities**

Receivables that are to be repaid within one year and assets that are not of a permanent nature or use in the business, are classified as current assets. Other assets are classified as long-term assets.

Liabilities are classified as a long-term liability if the liability is due to be repaid after more than one year after the balance sheet date. All other liabilities are classified as current liabilities.

Current assets are valued at the lower of original cost and net realisable value.

## **Fixed assets and depreciation**

Fixed assets are carried at original cost less accumulated depreciations. If the fair value of a fixed asset or group of assets is lower than the recorded cost value, and such fair value is not expected to be of temporary nature, the assets are written down to fair value. The same principles are applied to short and long-term debt.

## **Investments**

Securities and financial instruments classified as current assets are recorded at market value. The market value is the market price as at 31 December for listed securities and assumed market value for non-listed securities. In any portfolio that uses derivatives as a part of its risk management, the derivatives are classified as a part of the portfolio and are valued at the price of the underlying instrument. Short positions in shares are carried at fair value.

## **Financial long-term assets**

Other long-term shareholdings and minor investments, where the company does not hold substantial influence, are in general carried at original cost. If a decline in fair value below the carrying amount is expected to be permanent, the investments are written down. Dividends received and other surplus distributions from these companies are recognised as financial income.

## **Receivables**

Receivables are carried at face value less provision for expected loss. An estimate is made for doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at the year-end. Losses on receivables are written off in the year in which they are identified.

# Note 1 continued | Accounting policies

## Cash and bank deposits

Cash and bank deposits include cash, bank deposits and other monetary instruments where the maturity is less than three months from the date of purchase. Funds on Client accounts are not included in the balance.

## Unsettled trades

Security trades transacted prior to the year-end but for which settlement does not occur until after year-end are recorded under accounts receivable and accounts payable to customers. Allowance is made against receivables for estimated losses.

## Assets and liabilities in foreign currency

Realised and unrealised profit or losses arising from transactions, assets or liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are included in the net result for the year. Exchange rates at year-end are used to convert foreign currency amounts to NOK.

## Accounting of silent partnership

The silent partnership's accounts are fully incorporated in the financial statements of the principal partner. The partner's share of the profit is classified as variable personnel cost in the income statement, while unpaid profits to partners are classified as current liabilities. Capital contributions from partners are classified as long-term liabilities in the accounts of the principal partner.

## Income taxes

Tax cost are matched with profit/ loss before tax. Tax related to equity transactions is posted directly towards equity.

The tax cost consists of current income tax costs and change in net deferred tax. Deferred tax is calculated at the nominal tax rate for timing differences arising between accounting and tax values. Deferred tax liabilities and deferred tax assets are presented in the balance sheet.

## Pensions

The Group have pension schemes where the company's commitment is to contribute to the individual employee's pension scheme (defined contribution plans). Contributions to defined contribution plans are recorded as cost when employees have rendered services in exchange for such contributions, generally in the year of contribution.

## Note 2 | Information about segments and geographical markets

### Segments

The Group segments its business primarily on a product level as this provides the best understanding of the Group's integrated operation. The Group does not allocate profits or split the balance sheet per product. The revenues from the product level is shown in the Income Statement. Revenues are also split at an overall geographical level as shown below.

### Geographical markets (NOKk)

	Group	
	2023	2022
Norway	846,653	802,442
Sweden	467,656	545,949
Denmark	114,646	87,211
International	164,486	123,585
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,593,441</b>	<b>1,559,187</b>

## Note 3 | Wages and social costs

In NOKk

	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Wages/partner remuneration	477,298	445,693	744,864	705,378
Social Security Tax	31,062	27,979	106,965	108,591
Pension costs including Social Security Tax	17,283	16,261	37,376	33,532
Other personnel costs	16,546	14,299	33,854	29,559
<b>Total wages and social costs</b>	<b>542,189</b>	<b>504,231</b>	<b>923,058</b>	<b>877,059</b>
Average number of man-labour years	168	181	311	307

### Board of Directors' statement on Executive Committee Remuneration

The Board of Directors will prepare a separate statement regarding the remuneration of the Executive Committee in accordance with the Norwegian Public Limited Companies Act, § 6-16a. The following guidelines was presented at the Annual General Meeting 20 April 2021. These guidelines have been complied with for the year 2021 and are valid for 2022 onwards.

The remuneration to senior management is based on the same principles for remuneration that is applied for all partners of the Group. Compensation to partners and employees consists of a fixed salary or compensation and a variable compensation, the amount of which is dependent on a combination of Group results and individual performance. Principles for the allocation of variable compensation are decided by the Board after recommendations from the Compensation Committee. The preliminary variable compensation to each partner and employee is decided by the Executive Committee and finally approved by the CEO. The variable compensation to individual members of senior management is decided by the CEO after taking advice from the Compensation Committee. The compensation of the CEO is proposed by the Compensation Committee and approved by the Board. Members of Executive Committee are all defined as specifically identified staff ("SIS"). Variable compensation to SIS is subject to various deferral mechanisms, determined by the local regulations governing the legal entity of which the SIS is employed.

There are no specific agreements regarding remuneration at termination for the CEO or members of the Executive Committee. The CEO and members of the Executive Committee participate in pension schemes according to the same conditions as other partners and employees. The CEO to employee compensation ratio for 2023 was 3.75 (2022: 3.57).

Other risk-takers and employees in Norway, incl. branches, with control tasks, in excess of those mentioned as executive committee and board member has received a total of app. NOK 42m in remunerations.

## Note 3 continued | Wages and social costs

### Board of Directors Remuneration

The highest governing body of the Group is its Board of Directors. The Board has a majority of Non-Executive Directors. Remuneration to Board members consists of payment of fees, and is based on the position of the Board member. There are no specific agreements regarding fees at termination for the Chairman of the Board or other members of the Board. ABGSC did not have any outstanding loans to, or guarantees made on behalf of, any Board member during 2023. Board fees paid in 2023 and outstanding number of shares as at 31 December 2023 is shown in the table below:

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>Board Fee (NOKk)</b>	<b>Indirect ownership (Number of Shares)</b>
Knut Brundtland (Chairman) 1)	1,000	27,941
Jan Petter Collier 2)	10	97,787
Adele Norman Pran	10	0
Martina Klingvall 3)	100	0
Arild A. Engh	10	12,864
Cecilia Marlow	10	0

1) Knut Brundtland has received NOK 1,000k as board fee. NOK 500k is for the period 2022-2023 and NOK 500k is for the period 2023-2024.

2) Jan Petter Collier has through his partnership in ABGSC received a fixed compensation of NOK 4,500k, a variable compensation of NOK 1,000k, pension contribution of NOK 89k and benefits in kind of NOK 18k

3) Martina Klingvall has received NOK 90k as board fee from a subsidiary

## Note 3 continued | Wages and social costs

### Executive management remuneration

Executive committee members reporting directly to the CEO are defined as executive management. Remuneration to executive management consists of a fixed payment as well as a variable element, plus pension contributions and other remuneration in-kind. There are no specific agreements regarding salary on termination or change of conditions of employment for any executive management individual. Executive management individuals' remuneration and shareholding as of 31 December 2023 and 31 December 2022 are shown in the tables below:

2023 (NOKk)		Variable compensation	Long-term incentive	Pension Contribution	Benefits in kind	Indirect ownership	
Name	Position	Fixed compensation 1)	1) & 2)	compensation		(number of shares)	
Jonas Ström	Group CEO	7,992	500	720	213	6	8,141
Kristian Fyksen	Managing Partner Norway /Co-head of IB	7,000	2,661	384	89	18	3,015
Geir B. Olsen	CFO	2,700	1,250	192	89	18	3,860
Jessica Blink	Head of Legal	2,012	533	0	216	6	603
Johan Lindén	Co-head of IB	7,998	0	384	213	22	3,920
John Olaisen	Co-head of Global Research	4,500	2,200	672	89	18	5,741
Per Flostrand	Head of Equity Sales International	7,998	0	768	189	6	6,429

1) Norwegian executive management members are part of a silent partnership and receive fixed and variable compensation through participation of the profit distribution from the silent partnership.

2) Variable compensation in respect of calendar year 2023.

2022 (NOKk)		Variable compensation	Long-term incentive	Pension Contribution	Benefits in kind	Indirect ownership	
Name	Position	Fixed compensation 1)	1) & 2)	compensation		(number of shares)	
Jonas Ström	Group CEO	9,534	0	413	204	6	7,448
Kristian Fyksen 3)	Managing Partner Norway /Co-head of IB	2,267	9,815	165	89	17	1,986
Peter Straume 4)	Managing Partner Norway	10,000	3,000	289	89	110	5,977
Are Andersen 5)	Head of IB	7,725	7,275	0	89	17	10,900
Geir B. Olsen	CFO	2,200	1,750	0	89	17	3,972
Jessica Blink	Head of Legal	1,892	342	0	206	6	621
Johan Lindén 6)	Co-head of IB	9,540	0	330	203	6	3,538
John Olaisen	Co-head of Global Research	6,500	0	165	89	17	5,040
Per Flostrand	Head of Equity Sales International	9,540	0	660	184	6	5,623

1) Norwegian executive management members are part of a silent partnership and receive fixed and variable compensation through participation of the profit distribution from the silent partnership.

2) Variable compensation in respect of calendar year 2022.

3) Kristian Fyksen became Managing Partner Norway 22 December 2022 and co-head of IB from 1 September 2022.

4) Peter Straume was Managing Partner Norway until 22 December 2022.

5) Are Andersen was Head of IB until 1 September 2022

6) Johan Linden became co-head of IB from 1 September 2022

## Note 3 continued | Wages and social costs

In NOKk

	Audit fee	Assurance services	Tax services <sup>1)</sup>	Other non-audit services	Total
<b>2023</b>					
Deloitte Norway	578	158	324	-	1,060
Deloitte Abroad	611	-	-	16	627
<b>Total Deloitte</b>	<b>1,174</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1,687</b>
Others	923	-	158	55	1,137
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,097</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2,824</b>
<b>2022</b>					
Deloitte Norway	607	99	310	-	1,016
Deloitte Abroad	534	-	119	-	653
<b>Total Deloitte</b>	<b>1,141</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,669</b>
Others	740	-	249	-	989
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,658</b>

1) Tax services consists of technical support regarding preparation of tax papers.

## Note 4 | Rental costs and lease commitments

In NOKk

	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Rental and leasing costs included in operating costs	36,111	23,092	80,983	67,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,111</b>	<b>23,092</b>	<b>80,983</b>	<b>67,433</b>

In NOKk

Year	Group			
	2023		2022	
	Lease expense	Sub-lease income	Lease expense	Sub-lease income
2023			68,859	-
2024	78,881	-	65,413	-
2025	75,660	-	66,002	-
2026	73,702	-	66,634	-
2027	72,680	-	67,278	-
2028	73,450	-	-	-
Thereafter	170,597	-	261,300	-

Minimum lease commitments under non-cancellable leases having a remaining lease term in excess of one year end at Group level.

## Note 5 | Other intangible assets and fixed assets

### In NOKk

	Parent company		Group
	Office equipment and fittings	Office equipment and fittings	Office equipment and fittings
Acquisition cost as of 1 January 2023	79,370		141,342
FX-adjustment	510		5,020
Additions	3,436		6,431
<b>Acquisition cost as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>83,316</b>		<b>152,794</b>
Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2023	49,638		82,760
FX-adjustment	401		2,930
Depreciation	7,394		15,239
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>57,434</b>		<b>100,929</b>
<b>Carrying amount as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>25,882</b>		<b>51,865</b>
Depreciation rates (linear method)	12.5 - 33%		12.5 - 33%

### In NOKk

	Parent company		Group
	Other intangible assets	Other intangible assets	Other intangible assets
Acquisition cost as of 1 January 2023	30,566		59,453
FX-adjustment	31		2,102
Additions	154		255
<b>Acquisition cost as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>30,751</b>		<b>61,810</b>
Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2023	9,487		35,167
FX-adjustment	3		1,877
Depreciation	3,231		5,492
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>12,720</b>		<b>42,536</b>
<b>Carrying amount as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>18,031</b>		<b>19,274</b>
Depreciation rates (linear method)	12.5 - 20%		12.5 - 33%

## Note 6 | Hedging of assets of foreign operations

### In NOKk

Recognized amounts within the Equity	Group	
	2023	2022
Translation differences on net assets in foreign operations	23,083	17,526
Hedge of net assets of foreign operations	-20,654	-17,248
Tax on items booked directly to equity	5,164	4,312
	<b>7,592</b>	<b>4,591</b>

By hedging the net assets in a foreign operation, the company is seeking to eliminate the exchange rate risk on the book value of the assets and liabilities in foreign operations. In the Group accounts, hedge accounting is applied and both the transaction adjustment related to foreign operations (cumulative translation adjustments) and the hedge of net assets of foreign operations is recognised within the equity for the Group.

In the parent company accounts, the hedge of net assets of foreign operation is recognised through profit and loss as financial loss of NOK 23,145 in 2023 and NOK 17,248 in 2022.

# Note 7 | Related parties

## In NOKk

Company	Parent company			Net		
	Liability	Receivable	Paid introducing fee	Net sold/ (purchased) support service	interest income/ (cost)	Group contribution & dividend received/ (paid)
ABG Sundal Collier AB	140,092	0	185,039	3,906	-5,653	0
ABG Sundal Collier AG	0	7,899	0	0	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Crowd AB	0	0	0	0	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Eiendom AS	10,471	194	9,341	0	-273	0
ABG Sundal Collier Fastena AB	698	0	1,130	0	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Finance & Advisory AB	24,587	0	0	0	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Finance & Advisory AS	307	576	0	0	43	0
ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA	234,933	348,799	0	0	17,822	-235,000
ABG Sundal Collier Holding Inc	52,986	0	0	0	-2,730	0
ABG Sundal Collier Inc.	154,922	0	5,258	777	-8,679	0
ABG Sundal Collier LLP	35,609	223	0	0	-1,601	0
ABG Sundal Collier Ltd.	75,111	0	102,386	3,897	-3,475	15,521
ABG Sundal Collier Singapore Pte. Ltd.	3,986	0	5,889	623	-34	0
ABG Alternative Investments AS	0	21	0	0	0	0
Lagerselskapet Holding AS	77	0	0	0	0	0
Sundal Collier & Co AS	310	702	0	0	27	0
Vika Asset Management AS	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vika Business Management AS	0	3,264	0	1,750	65	0
Vika Project Finance AS	42,630	0	49,399	3,824	-311	0
<b>Sum</b>	<b>776,722</b>	<b>361,679</b>	<b>358,441</b>	<b>14,777</b>	<b>-4,800</b>	<b>-219,479</b>

## In NOKk

Company	Group			Net		
	Liability	Receivable	Paid introducing fee	Net sold/ (purchased) support service	interest income/ (cost)	Group contribution & dividend received/ (paid)
ABG Sundal Collier Crowd AB	0	20	0	0	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Eiendom AS	10,525	194	9,341	0	-273	0
ABG Sundal Collier Fastena AB	0	1,845	1,130	2,602	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Fastena Asset Management AB	0	2,295	0	873	0	0
ABG Sundal Collier Finance & Advisory AB	25,386	0	0	0	66	0
ABG Sundal Collier Finance & Advisory AS	307	576	0	0	43	0
ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA	236,492	348,799	0	0	17,822	-235,000
ABG Alternative Investments AS	0	81	0	0	0	0
Sundal Collier & Co AS	310	702	0	0	27	0
Vika Asset Management AS	0	1	0	0	0	0
Vika Business Management AS	0	3,264	0	1,750	0	0
Vika Project Finance AS	42,630	0	49,399	3,824	-311	0
<b>Total intercompany balance transactions</b>	<b>315,650</b>	<b>357,777</b>	<b>59,869</b>	<b>9,049</b>	<b>17,372</b>	<b>-235,000</b>

ABG Sundal Collier ASA is part of ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA Group. The tables show the details of intercompany balances and transactions with Group subsidiaries as at 31 December 2023.

## Note 8 | Taxes

### In NOKk

Tax cost in the income statement	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Tax payable in Norway	57,881	14,094	72,246	14,092
Tax payable outside Norway	917	374	14,090	20,385
<b>Total tax payable</b>	<b>58,798</b>	<b>14,469</b>	<b>86,336</b>	<b>34,477</b>
Change in deferred tax in Norway	16,718	19,079	5,387	28,388
Change in deferred tax outside Norway	997	0	554	0
Total change in deferred tax	<b>17,715</b>	<b>19,079</b>	<b>5,941</b>	<b>28,388</b>
<b>Total tax cost</b>	<b>76,513</b>	<b>33,548</b>	<b>92,277</b>	<b>62,865</b>
<b>Reconciliation from nominal to effective tax rate</b>				
Profit before taxes	257,759	299,247	308,224	345,306
Expected tax cost based on nominal tax rate (22%)	56,707	65,834	67,809	75,967
Tax free income/loss	-5,587	-15,425	-2,172	948
Non deductible costs	4,499	1,893	6,069	2,548
Prior year adjustment	11,123	-26,330	8,994	-23,563
Effect on finance tax in Norway (3%)	7,602	7,132	7,602	8,267
Differences in tax rates outside Norway and FX-effects	2,169	443	3,975	-1,302
<b>Tax cost on ordinary profit</b>	<b>76,513</b>	<b>33,548</b>	<b>92,277</b>	<b>62,865</b>
Effective tax rate	<b>29.7 %</b>	<b>11.2 %</b>	<b>29.9 %</b>	<b>18.2 %</b>

### In NOKk

Tax payable in the balance sheet	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Total tax payable	58,798	14,469	86,336	34,477
Tax on comprehensive income	0	0	-16,494	142
Tax paid in advance	-7,372	-1,237	-32,402	-39,022
Tax payable reclassified as short term receivables	7,372	0	26,730	40,648
Tax on group contribution	-55,000	-35,000	-55,000	-35,000
FX effects	355	-3,679	185	-4,460
Prior year adjustment	85	26,330	1,988	23,563
<b>Tax payable at year end</b>	<b>4,238</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>11,343</b>	<b>20,348</b>
<b>Tax effect on temporary differences at year end</b>				
<b>Current items</b>				
Provisions	41,992	52,810	41,992	52,810
Other current items	-5,872	1,455	-5,872	1,455
<b>Total current items</b>	<b>36,119</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>36,119</b>	<b>54,266</b>
<b>Non current items</b>				
Fixed assets	-964	452	-964	452
Other non-current items	2,845	0	2,845	13
Tax loss carry forward	0	0	454	0
<b>Total non current items</b>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>2,335</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>Total net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>54,718</b>	<b>38,454</b>	<b>54,731</b>
<b>Reconciliation of changes in deferred tax assets</b>				
Net tax asset at 1 January	54,718	47,464	54,731	52,464
Total change in deferred tax	-17,715	-19,079	-5,941	-28,388
FX effects	997	0	995	-142
Income tax relating to other comprehensive income	0	0	-11,330	4,454
<b>Total deferred tax asset as of 31 December</b>	<b>38,000</b>	<b>54,718</b>	<b>38,454</b>	<b>54,731</b>

## Note 9 | Guarantees and mortgages

In NOKk

	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Book value of assets pledged as collateral</b>				
Securities and financial instruments	210,638	245,180	8,395	44,215
Net receivables	839,222	784,348	862,078	754,261
<b>Total assets pledged as collateral</b>	<b>1,049,860</b>	<b>1,029,528</b>	<b>870,473</b>	<b>798,475</b>
<b>Book value of mortgaged liabilities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

The company has pledged shares and receivables (net for corresponding debt) as collateral for the Group bank overdraft facility. All companies participating in the Group bank overdraft facility are responsible towards the bank for use of the facility. As of 31 December 2023 the Group has no bank overdraft, but has withdrawn amount on some currency accounts within the Group account

## Note 10 | Securities and financial assets

In NOKk

### Securities owned by parent company

#### Shares in subsidiaries

Company name	Registered office	Ownership / Voting rights	Total equity 31.12.2023	Net result 2023	Book value
ABG Sundal Collier AB	Stockholm, Sweden	100%	158,107	-500	88,045
ABG Sundal Collier AG	Lucerne, Switzerland	100%	-1,495	-2,727	1,218
ABG Sundal Collier Ltd.	London, UK	100%	91,976	16,936	63,813
ABG Sundal Collier Holding Inc.	Delaware, USA	100%	256,605	11,646	42,652
ABG Sundal Collier Singapore Pte .Ltd	Singapore, Singapore	100%	15,396	1,293	6,066
Lagerselskapet Holding AS with subsidiaries	Oslo, Norway	100%	593	-13	599
<b>Book value of shares in subsidiaries</b>					<b>202,393</b>

## Note 11 | Accounts receivables

In NOKk

	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Gross accounts receivables	1,368,881	1,387,326	1,398,716	1,410,382
Allowance for doubtful accounts	0	0	-3,246	-425
<b>Net accounts receivables</b>	<b>1,368,881</b>	<b>1,387,326</b>	<b>1,395,470</b>	<b>1,409,956</b>

## Note 12 | Other current receivables and liabilities

In NOKk

	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Prepaid costs	27,989	24,144	73,389	61,728
Accrued revenues / project-costs	169,518	94,755	207,087	111,129
Prepaid taxes	7,372	0	26,730	40,648
Other receivables	11,761	12,311	26,976	14,014
<b>Total other receivables</b>	<b>216,641</b>	<b>131,210</b>	<b>334,183</b>	<b>227,519</b>
Amounts due to partners/employees (incl. national insurance contribution)	309,372	283,914	429,034	458,817
Accrued costs and other short-term liabilities	16,148	20,108	26,309	32,427
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>325,519</b>	<b>304,021</b>	<b>455,343</b>	<b>491,244</b>

## Note 13 | Cash and bank deposits

In NOKk

	Group	
	2023	2022
Gross client funds	1,446,040	1,098,699
Gross client debt	1,436,236	1,040,750
<b>Net funds on client accounts</b>	<b>9,804</b>	<b>57,950</b>

Foreign currency holdings have been valued at the exchange rate as of 31 December. Included in the balance of cash and bank deposits are amounts of restricted cash of NOK 244m (NOK 486 in 2022). ABGSC has bank overdraft facilities with a total limit of NOK 1,000m (NOK 1,000m in 2022). Gross funds on client accounts and corresponding client debt are not included in the balance sheet. Net funds on client accounts are included in the cash and bank deposits in the financial statement.

# Note 14 | Shareholders' equity

## In NOKk

Amount in NOK 1,000

	Parent company				
	Share Capital	Share premium	Other paid in capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
Shareholders' equity as of 1 January 2022	120,000	480,070	28,584	18,830	<b>647,484</b>
Net profit for the year				265,700	<b>265,700</b>
Distributed group contribution				-280,000	<b>-280,000</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity as of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>480,070</b>	<b>28,584</b>	<b>4,530</b>	<b>633,184</b>
Net profit for the year				181,246	<b>181,246</b>
Distributed group contribution				-180,000	<b>-180,000</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>480,070</b>	<b>28,584</b>	<b>5,776</b>	<b>634,430</b>

## In NOKk

	Group				
	Share Capital	Share premium	Other paid in capital	Retained earnings	Total equity
Shareholders' equity as of 1 January 2022	120,000	480,070	28,584	262,329	<b>890,983</b>
Net profit for the year				282,441	<b>282,441</b>
Distributed group contribution				-280,000	<b>-280,000</b>
Translation differences on net assets in foreign operations				17,526	<b>17,526</b>
Hedge of net assets of foreign operations				-17,248	<b>-17,248</b>
Tax on items booked directly to equity				4,312	<b>4,312</b>
<b>Shareholders equity' as of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>480,070</b>	<b>28,584</b>	<b>269,360</b>	<b>898,014</b>
Net profit for the year				215,947	<b>215,947</b>
Distributed group contribution				-180,000	<b>-180,000</b>
Translation differences on net assets in foreign operations				23,083	<b>23,083</b>
Hedge of net assets of foreign operations				-20,654	<b>-20,654</b>
Tax on items booked directly to equity				5,164	<b>5,164</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>120,000</b>	<b>480,070</b>	<b>28,584</b>	<b>312,899</b>	<b>941,553</b>

## Note 15 | Capital ratio

Capital ratio (NOKk)				
	Parent company		Group	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Capital adequacy of credit-, counterparty-, and business risk	629,435	589,463	795,515	784,817
Capital adequacy of position-, and currency risk	519,888	557,845	79,199	112,231
Capital adequacy of operational risk	2,462,316	2,569,190	3,695,208	3,810,020
<b>Total capital adequacy</b>	<b>3,611,639</b>	<b>3,716,498</b>	<b>4,569,921</b>	<b>4,707,069</b>
Booked equity	634,430	633,184	941,553	898,014
Intangible assets	-18,039	-21,136	-19,282	-24,343
<b>Core capital</b>	<b>616,391</b>	<b>612,048</b>	<b>922,271</b>	<b>873,671</b>
<b>Total capital adequacy ratio</b>	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>16.5%</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>Number of times regulatory minimum</b>	<b>2.1x</b>	<b>2.1x</b>	<b>2.5x</b>	<b>2.3x</b>
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
2023	1,037,285		1,625,703	
2022	1,019,568	1,019,568	1,568,988	1,568,988
2021	1,882,853	1,882,853	2,717,642	2,717,642
2020		1,208,283		1,809,403
<b>Capital adequacy of operational risk</b>	<b>2,462,316</b>	<b>2,569,190</b>	<b>3,695,208</b>	<b>3,810,020</b>

The Group is required to have a capital ratio of a minimum 8% of total capital adequacy. The capital ratio is calculated as core capital divided by total capital adequacy.

# Note 16 | Risk management

## Risk management

Risk management is an integral part of ABGSC core business activities. In the course of conducting our business operations, ABGSC is exposed to a variety of risks. These risks include market, credit, liquidity, operational and currency risk that are material and require comprehensive controls and management. The responsibility and accountability for these risks remain primarily within each businesses area. ABGSC aims to maintain a low risk profile. Risk is managed through clearly defined decision-making processes, authorisation systems and exposure limits. The Group's accounting for and reporting of transactions as well as information in disclosures are heavily dependent on IT systems. The IT systems are standardized and parts of system development and operations are outsourced. Effective internal controls related to IT are important to ensure accurate, complete and reliable financial reporting.

## Market risk

ABGSC is exposed to fluctuations in the value of its own investments, market-making and settlement from customers. Financial market risk is managed under rules established in the Norwegian Companies Act and internal control regulations. The Board has established procedures for internal control designed to monitor financial market risk and ensure a robust control discipline. In order to facilitate settlement on the ABGSC's agency business, ABGSC may borrow securities or fund the purchase of securities leaving ABGSC with a risk that the buyer or seller may not be able to complete their obligation under the trade. Settlement risk is mitigated by only trading with good quality, credit worthy clients who are institutional investors or high net-worth individuals. Generally, the underlying securities are liquid securities for which there is a transparent and liquid market.

## Interest rate risk

ABGSC's interest rate risk is limited due to the modest volume of long-term balance sheet investments.

## Foreign currency risk

ABGSC's foreign currency exposure is linked to future cash flow and balance-sheet items in all operations. The foreign currency risk is mitigated by use of drawing rights and currency derivatives in the respective currencies.

Exchange rate risk is predominantly short term related to settlement of customer trades, where settlement is being executed at trade date plus two business days. The sensitivity to currency effects on these trades is limited. Long-term exchange risk is related to net investments in foreign operations where accumulated profit and loss is kept in local currency. The Group is hedging the exchange-rate risk related to net investments in foreign operations.

ABGSC is also exposed to FX rate risk to positions in FX forwards.

# Note 16 continued | Risk management

## Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk of losses due to failure from counterparties or clients to meet their payment obligations, and adverse credit quality migration of financial instruments. The main categories are:

## Securities Financing

Key features describing the credit risk in securities financing are:

- Financing system based on securities as collateral (not based on credit capacity in general)
- Daily margin calculations based on real time market value, stock liquidity, volatility and risk

Changes in the value of collateral are followed up on a daily basis and are compensated for by reduction in exposure or with additional collateral. Credit losses have been moderate in previous years. Legal and/or financial recovery is an everyday ongoing process.

## Other accounts receivable/settlement risk

Regular stock broking trades are settled with exchange of cash and shares (delivery versus payments) and the credit risk is thereby reduced to the difference between the unsettled amount and the market value of the shares. Credit risk is considered low, and no loss has been booked in 2023.

## Derivatives and FX contracts

ABGSC is exposed to counterparty risk in relation to derivatives. ISDA contracts and credit support Annex (CSA) have been established with major counterparties, and changes in market value are settled on a daily basis. Counterparty risk is largely eliminated by collateral and daily margin calculations, but still considered as medium risk.

As of 31 December 2023, ABGSC has outstanding FX contracts of NOK 33m. That number will be reduced in a possible default situation since ABGSC has netting agreements with the counterparties. In addition, it is mainly received 10% collateral from customers.

# Note 17 | Fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities

## Determination of fair value

For financial instruments traded in active markets, the determination of fair values of financial assets and financial liabilities is based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. For all other financial instruments, fair value is determined using valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include net present value techniques, the discounted cash flow method and valuation models. The Group uses widely recognised valuation models for determining fair values of financial instruments.

The output of a model is always an estimate or approximation of a value that cannot be determined with certainty, and valuation techniques employed may not fully reflect all factors relevant to the positions the Group holds. Valuations are therefore adjusted, where appropriate, to allow for additional factors including model risks, liquidity risk and counterparty credit risk. Based on the established fair value and the related controls and procedures applied, management believes that these valuation adjustments are necessary and appropriate to fairly state the values of financial instruments carried at fair value on the balance sheet.

## Fair value measurement method

### *Level 1: Quoted marked prices*

For financial instruments traded in active markets, fair values are based on quoted market prices or dealer price quotations. All shares and bonds at this level are held as part of bonds and risk trading and are all made within large volume and high liquidity markets and objects. Only those positions with high volumes and high liquidity will be placed at this level.

### *Level 2: Valuation techniques with market observable input*

For financial instruments where fair value measurement inputs are other than quoted prices included within level 1, that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).

### *Level 3: Valuation techniques with non-market observable input*

Financial assets valued without access to market observable input is generally valued at acquisition cost as these assets are derived through our ordinary business. The assets are valued for impairment based on assumptions for the timing and probability of the asset being exchanged for cash or being repaid in full. Impaired assets are written down to expected net present realisable value based on debt servicing ability and value estimates for collateral, if any. Assets which, at the choice of the debtor, can be exchanged for cash within short notice, are never valued above the nominal repayment value. Investments in equities and other investments where there is no market observable input are valued based on gathered information related to the financial status of the assets, the value of the underlying assets of the company and recent transactions in the market or for comparable assets, if any.

# Note 17 | Fair value measurement of financial assets and liabilities

## NOKk

Specification of financial instruments divided by valuation techniques

	Group 2023			
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Securities and financial trading instruments	3,907	3,510	978	<b>8,395</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,907</b>	<b>3,510</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>8,395</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Securities and financial trading instruments (short positions)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Group 2022			
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Securities and financial trading instruments	50,314	0	441	<b>50,755</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50,314</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>50,755</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Securities and financial trading instruments (short positions)	6,540	0	0	<b>6,540</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,540</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6,540</b>

## Note 18 | Shareholder information

There is a total of 1,200,000 shares at a face value of NOK 100 in the company. All shares are owned by the listed company ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA.

The consolidated accounts of the listed company ABG Sundal Collier Holding ASA can be received by contacting the company on their business address: Rusetveien 26, Oslo

## Note 19 | Legal matters / disputes

In 2014 ABGSC acted as co-lead manager in connection with the IPO of OW Bunker A/S (“OWB”). OWB went bankrupt in November 2014. A group of institutional investors have issued a writ of summons against the OWB bankruptcy estate and several other co-defendants. The OWB bankruptcy estate as well as other parties in the complexes has as a precaution submitted a series of conditioned recourse claim against the joint leading managers, ABGSC, a law firm and the auditor indemnifying the OWB bankruptcy estate for any loss they may suffer if the prospectus is not deemed to be true and fair and the OWB bankruptcy estate is found to be liable in this respect. ABGSC’s part of any claim is estimated to a maximum of DKK 37m. ABGSC considers the claim to be unfounded and has not made any provisions.

In the normal course of business, the Group will from time to time be involved with minor complaints with various parties that will have no material impact on the Group's overall financial position.

To the General Meeting of ABG Sundal Collier ASA

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of ABG Sundal Collier ASA, which comprise:

- The financial statements of the parent company ABG Sundal Collier ASA (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.
- The consolidated financial statements of ABG Sundal Collier ASA and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement and statement of cash flows 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,
- the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Norwegian Accounting Act and accounting standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, and
- the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows 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 and the Group as required by relevant laws and regulations in Norway 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 and the Managing Director (management) are responsible for the information in the Board of Directors' report. 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.

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 statutory 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 and the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using 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.

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. We 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 Company's and the Group'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 Company's and 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 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 Company and the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- 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 a true and fair view.
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors 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.

Oslo, 21 March 2024  
Deloitte AS

**Eivind Bollum Berge**  
State Authorised Public Accountant

# Independent auditor's report

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