# Banco de Sabadell, S.A. and subsidiaries

Independent verification report of the Non-Financial Information Statement for the year ended 31 December 2019



This version of our report is a free translation of the original, which was prepared in Spanish. All possible care has been taken to ensure that the translation is an accurate representation of the original. However, in all matters of interpretation of information, views or opinions, the original language version of our report takes precedence over this translation.

# Independent verification report

To the shareholders of Banco de Sabadell, S.A.,

Pursuant to Article 49 of the Code of Commerce, we have verified, under a limited assurance scope, the accompanying Non-Financial Information Statement ("NFIS") for the year ended 31 December 2019 of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. (parent company) and subsidiaries (hereinafter "Banco Sabadell" or the "Group") which forms part of Banco Sabadell's consolidated management report.

The content of the consolidated management report includes additional information to that required by the current mercantile legislation related to non-financial information reporting which has not been covered by our verification work. In this respect, our work has been restricted solely to verifying the information identified in Annex II: "Table of Contents Law 11/2018", of the accompanying NFIS.

#### Responsibility of the Board of Directors of the parent company

The preparation of the NFIS included in Banco Sabadell's consolidated management report and the content thereof are the responsibility of the Board of Directors of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. The NFIS has been drawn up in accordance with the provisions of current mercantile legislation and following the selected criteria of the Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI Standards") in line with the details provided for each matter in Annex II: "Table of Contents Law 11/2018" of the mentioned NFIS.

This responsibility also includes the design, implementation and maintenance of the internal control considered necessary to allow the NFIS to be free from any material misstatement, due to fraud or error.

The Board of Directors of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. are also responsible for defining, implementing, adapting and maintaining the management systems from which the information required to prepare the NFIS is obtained.

# Our independence and quality control

We have complied with the independence requirements and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants ("IESBA") which is based on the fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies the International Standard on Quality Control 1 (ISQC 1) and therefore has in place a global quality control system, which includes documented policies and procedures related to compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory provisions.

The engagement team has been formed by professionals specialising in non-financial information reviews and specifically in information on economic, social and environmental performance.

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### Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express our conclusions in an independent limited verification report based on the work performed. Our work has been carried out in accordance with the requirements laid down in the current International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 Revised, "Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" (ISAE 3000 Revised) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and with the Guidelines for verification engagements on non-financial statements issued by the Spanish Institute of Auditors ("Instituto de Censores Jurados de Cuentas de España").

In a limited assurance engagement, the procedures performed vary in terms of their nature and timing of execution, and are less extensive than those carried out in a reasonable assurance engagement. Accordingly, the assurance obtained is substantially lower.

Our work has consisted of posing questions to Management and several Banco Sabadell units that were involved in the preparation of the NFIS, in the review of the processes for compiling and validating the information presented in the NFIS, and in the application of certain analytical procedures and review sampling tests, as described below:

- Meetings with Banco Sabadell personnel to ascertain the business model, policies and management approaches applied, the main risks related to these matters and to obtain the information required for the external review.
- Analysis of the scope, relevance and integrity of the contents included in the NFIS for 2019, based on the materiality analysis carried by Banco Sabadell, considering the content required under current mercantile legislation.
- Analysis of the procedures used to compile and validate the information presented in NFIS for 2019.
- Review of information concerning risks, policies and management approaches applied in relation to material issues presented in the NFIS for 2019.
- Verification, through sample testing, of the information relating to the content of the NFIS for 2019 and its adequate compilation using data supplied by the Banco Sabadell's sources of information.
- Obtainment of a management representation letter from the Board of Directors and Management of the parent company.

#### Conclusions

Based on the procedures performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that Banco Sabadell's NFIS, for the year ended 31 December 2019 has not been prepared, in all its significant aspects, in accordance with the provisions of current mercantile legislation and the selected criteria of the Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative ("GRI Standards") in accordance with the details provided for each matter in Annex II: "Table of Contents Law 11/2018" of the mentioned NFIS.



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Original in Spanish signed by Ignacio Marull

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