



# Banco de Sabadell, S.A.

Auditor's Report on the "Internal Control over  
Financial Reporting (ICOFR) Information" of Banco  
de Sabadell, S.A. for 2021

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## **Auditor's report referring to the "Information related to the Internal Control System over Financial Information (ICOFR)" of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. corresponding to the 2021 financial year**

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

As requested by the board of directors of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. (the "Company") and in accordance with our proposal letter dated 19 January 2022, we have applied certain procedures to the "ICFR disclosures" attached hereto in section F of the Annual Corporate Governance Report (ACGR) of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. for 2021, which summarises the Company's internal control procedures for annual financial reporting.

The Directors are responsible for adopting appropriate measures to reasonably ensure the implementation, maintenance and monitoring of an adequate system of internal control and developing improvements to that system, as well as defining the content of and preparing the ICFR information attached hereto.

In this respect it should be borne in mind that, irrespective of the quality of the design and operation of the internal control system adopted by the Company in relation to annual financial reporting, the system may only provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance in relation to the objectives pursued, due to the limitations inherent in any internal control system.

In the course of our audit work on the annual accounts and in accordance with Technical Auditing Standards, our evaluation of the Company's internal control was solely aimed at enabling us to establish the scope, nature and timing of the audit procedures on the Company's annual accounts. Consequently, the scope of our evaluation of internal control, performed for the purposes of the audit of accounts, was not sufficient to enable us to issue a specific opinion on the effectiveness of this internal control over regulated annual financial reporting.

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For the purposes of issuing this report, we have applied only the specific procedures described below and set out in the Guidelines for preparing the auditor's report on the information on internal control over financial reporting of listed companies, published on the website of the Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV), which define the work to be performed, the minimum scope thereof and the content of this report. As the scope of the work resulting from these procedures is in any event limited and substantially less than that of an audit or review of the internal control system, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness thereof, nor on its design or operating effectiveness, with respect to the Company's annual financial reporting for 2021 described in the ICFR information attached hereto. Consequently, had additional procedures been applied other than those established in the aforementioned Guidelines, or had an audit or a review been performed of the internal control system in relation to regulated annual financial reporting, other events or matters could have been identified, which would have been reported to you.

As this special work did not constitute an audit of accounts and is not subject to the legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain, we do not express an audit opinion under the terms provided in such legislation.

The procedures applied were as follows:

1. Reading and understanding of the information prepared by the entity regarding ICFR – disclosures included in the directors' report – and an evaluation of whether this information meets all the minimum reporting requirements, taking into account the minimum content described in section F, on the description of ICFR, of the ACGR template provided in Spanish National Securities Market Commission (CNMV) Circular 5/2013 of 12 June 2013, and subsequent amendments, the most recent being Circular 3/2021 of 28 September of the CNMV (hereinafter, the Circulars of the CNMV).
2. Inquiries of the personnel responsible for drawing up the information detailed in point 1 above in order to: (i) gain an understanding of the preparation process; (ii) obtain information that allows us to assess whether the terminology used conforms to the definitions contained in the reference framework; (iii) obtain information on whether the control procedures described are in place and operational in the entity.
3. Review of the explanatory documents supporting the information detailed in point 1 above, including documents directly made available to those responsible for describing ICFR systems. This documentation includes reports prepared by internal audit, senior management and other internal or external specialists supporting the audit committee.
4. Comparison of the information detailed in point 1 above with the understanding of the Entity's ICFR gained as a result of the procedures performed within the framework of the audit work on the annual accounts.
5. Reading of the minutes of the meetings of the board of directors, audit committee and other committees of the entity for the purposes of assessing the consistency of the matters discussed at these meetings in relation to ICFR with the information detailed in point 1 above.
6. Obtaining a representation letter in connection with the work performed, signed by those responsible for preparing and approving the information detailed in point 1 above.



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No inconsistencies or incidents that might affect ICFR disclosures have come to light as a result of the procedures applied to those disclosures.

This report has been prepared exclusively within the context of the provisions of article 540 of the Revised Spanish Companies Act and the CNMV Circulars for the purposes of the description of ICFR in annual corporate governance reports.

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*(Signed on original in Spanish)*

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17 February 2022