



Banco de Sabadell, S.A. and subsidiaries

Limited Assurance Report issued by an assurance provider on the Consolidated Non-Financial Information Statement (NFIS) and the Sustainability Reporting

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

Limited Assurance Conclusion

Pursuant to article 49 of the Spanish Code of Commerce, we have performed a limited assurance review of the accompanying Consolidated Non-Financial Information Statement (hereinafter, NFIS) of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. (hereinafter, the Entity) and its subsidiaries (hereinafter, the Group) for the year ended 31 December 2024, which forms part of the consolidated directors' report of the Group.

The NFIS includes additional information to that required by prevailing mercantile legislation concerning non-financial information, namely the sustainability reporting prepared by the Group for the year ended 31 December 2024 (hereinafter, the Sustainability Reporting) in accordance with the provisions of Directive (EU) 2022/2464 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 on Corporate Sustainability Reporting (CSRD). This Sustainability Reporting has also been subject to a limited assurance review.

Based on the procedures performed and the evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

- a) The Group's Non-Financial Information Statement for the year ended 31 December 2024 has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with prevailing mercantile legislation and selected criteria of the European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), as well as the other criteria described based on each subject area in the "6.5 List of disclosure requirements fulfilled" table of the aforementioned Statement;
- b) The Sustainability Reporting as a whole has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the sustainability reporting framework applied by the Group and identified in the accompanying note "1.1 BP-1: General basis for preparation of the sustainability report and BP-2: Disclosures in relation to specific circumstance", including:
 - That the description of the process for identifying the sustainability reporting information included in note "4.1. Double materiality (IRO-1, IRO-2 and SBM-3)" is consistent with the process carried out and that it identifies the material information to be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the ESRS.
 - Compliance with ESRS.
 - Compliance of the disclosure requirements, included in subsection "Disclosures pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation)" of the environment section of the Sustainability Reporting, with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.



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Basis for Conclusion

We have performed our limited assurance engagement in accordance with generally accepted professional standards applicable in Spain and specifically with the guidelines contained in the Revised Guidelines 47 and 56 for assurance engagements on non-financial information issued by the Spanish Institute of Registered Auditors (ICJCE) and considering the contents of the note published by the Spanish Accounting and Audit Institute (ICAC) on 18 December 2024 (hereinafter, Generally Accepted Professional Standards).

The scope of the procedures applied in a limited assurance engagement is less than those required in a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is lower than the level of assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Our responsibilities under this standard are further described in the Assurance Provider Responsibilities section of our report.

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

Our firm applies the International Standard on Quality Management 1 (ISQM 1), which requires us to design, implement and operate a system of quality management including policies or procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Directors' Responsibility

The preparation of the NFIS included in the consolidated directors' report of the Group, and the content thereof, is the responsibility of the Directors of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. The NFIS has been prepared in accordance with prevailing mercantile legislation and selected criteria of the ESRS, as well as the other criteria described based on each subject area in the "6.5 List of disclosure requirements fulfilled" table of the aforementioned Statement.

This responsibility also encompasses the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control deemed necessary to ensure that the NFIS is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The 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 was obtained.

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In relation to the Sustainability Reporting, the entity's Directors are responsible for developing and implementing a process for identifying the information to be included in the Sustainability Reporting in accordance with the contents of the CSRD, the ESRS and Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 and for disclosing information about this process in the Sustainability Reporting in note *"Disclosures pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation)"*. This responsibility includes:

- understanding the context in which the Group's business activities and relationships are conducted, and its stakeholders, in relation to the Group's impact on people and the environment;
- identifying actual and potential impacts (both negative and positive), and any risks and opportunities that might affect, or could reasonably be expected to affect, the Group's financial position, financial performance, cash flows, access to financing and the cost of capital in the short, medium or long term;
- evaluating the materiality of the impacts, risks and opportunities identified; and
- making assumptions and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

The Directors are also responsible for the preparation of the Sustainability Reporting, including the information identified by the process, in accordance with the sustainability reporting framework applied, including compliance of the CSRD, the ESRS and the disclosure requirements included in subsection *"Disclosures pursuant to Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (Taxonomy Regulation)"* of the environmental section of the Sustainability Reporting with Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2020 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment.

This responsibility includes:

- Designing, implementing and maintaining such internal control as the Directors consider necessary to enable the preparation of sustainability reporting that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- Selecting and applying appropriate methods for sustainability reporting and making assumptions and estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances for specific disclosures.

Inherent Limitations in the Preparation of the Information

In accordance with the ESRS, the Entity's Directors are required to prepare prospective information based on assumptions and hypotheses, which are to be included in the Sustainability Reporting, regarding events that may occur in the future, as well as any possible future actions that the Group may take. The actual outcome may differ significantly from the estimates, as future events often do not occur as expected.

In determining sustainability disclosures, the Entity's Directors interpret legal and other terms that are not clearly defined and may be interpreted differently by others, including the legal conformity of such interpretations, and are therefore subject to uncertainty.



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Responsibility of the Assurance Provider

Our objectives are to plan and perform the assurance engagement in order to obtain limited assurance about whether the NFIS and Sustainability Reporting are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a limited assurance report that includes our conclusions thereon. 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 decisions of users taken on the basis of this information.

As part of a limited assurance engagement, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the engagement. We also:

- Design and implement procedures to assess whether the process for identifying the information to be included in both the NFIS and Sustainability Reporting is consistent with the description of the process followed by the Group and allows, where appropriate, for the identification of material information to be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the ESRS.
- Apply risk-based procedures, including obtaining an understanding of internal controls relevant to the engagement in order to identify the disclosures where material misstatements are more likely to arise, whether due to fraud or error, but not for the purpose of providing a conclusion about the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Design and implement procedures that respond to disclosures in both the NFIS and the Sustainability Reporting that are likely to contain material misstatements. 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.

Summary of Work Performed

A limited assurance engagement includes performing procedures to obtain evidence to support our conclusions. The nature, timing and scope of the procedures selected depend on professional judgement, including the identification of the disclosures in which material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error, are likely to arise in the NFIS and the Sustainability Reporting.

Our work consisted of making inquiries of management, as well as of the different units and components of the Group that participated in the preparation of the NFIS and the Sustainability Reporting, reviewing the processes for compiling and validating the information presented in the NFIS and the Sustainability Reporting and applying certain analytical procedures and sample review tests, which are described below:

In relation to the NFIS assurance process:

- Meetings with the Group's personnel to gain an understanding of the business model, policies and management approaches applied, the principal risks related to these matters and to obtain the information necessary for the external review.
- Analysis of the scope, relevance and completeness of the content of the NFIS for 2024 based on the materiality analysis performed by the Group and described in the note "4.1. Double materiality (IRO-1, IRO-2 and SBM-3)", considering the content required by prevailing mercantile legislation.

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- Analysis of the processes for compiling and validating the data presented in the NFIS for 2024.
- Review of the information relative to the risks, policies and management approaches applied in relation to the material aspects presented in the NFIS for 2024.
- Corroboration, through sample testing, of the information relative to the content of the NFIS for 2024 and whether it has been adequately compiled based on data provided by the information sources.

In relation to the assurance work on the Sustainability Reporting:

- Making inquiries of Group personnel:
 - to gain an understanding of the business model, policies and management approaches applied, the principal risks related to these matters and to obtain information necessary for the external review.
 - to understand the source of information used by management (e.g. stakeholder interaction, business plans and strategy documents) and review the Group's internal documentation on its process.
- Through inquiries of Group personnel, gaining an understanding of the Group's processes for collecting, validating and reporting information relevant to the preparation of its sustainability reporting.
- Assessment of how consistent the evidence obtained from our procedures on the Group's process for determining the information to be included in the Sustainability Reporting is with the description of the process included in the Sustainability Reporting, and assessment of whether the Group's process duly identifies the material information to be disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the ESRS.
- Assessment of whether all the information identified in the Group's process for determining the information to be included in the Sustainability Reporting is effectively included.
- Assessment of how consistent the structure and presentation of the Sustainability Reporting is with the provisions of the ESRS and the rest of the sustainability reporting framework applied by the Group.
- Inquiries of relevant personnel and performance of analytical procedures on the information disclosed in the Sustainability Reporting considering where material misstatements are likely to arise, whether due to fraud or error.
- Performance of sample substantive procedures on information disclosed in the Sustainability Reporting considering where material misstatements are likely to arise, whether due to fraud or error.
- Procurement of any reports issued by accredited independent third parties included as an appendix to the consolidated directors' report in response to the requirements of European regulations and, in relation to the information to which they refer and in accordance with Generally Accepted Professional Standards, confirmation solely that the accreditation of the assurance provider and the scope of the report issued is in line with European regulations.



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- Procurement of any documents containing the information included by reference, the reports issued by auditors or assurance providers on those documents and, in accordance with Generally Accepted Professional Standards, confirmation solely that the document referred to by such information included by reference meets the conditions described in the ESRS for incorporating information by reference in the Sustainability Reporting.
- Procurement of a representation letter from the Directors and management regarding the NFIS and the Sustainability Reporting.

Other Information

Management of the entity is responsible for other information. Other information comprises the consolidated annual accounts and other information included in the consolidated directors' report, but does not include either the auditor's report on the consolidated annual accounts or assurance reports issued by accredited independent third parties required by European Union law on specific disclosures contained in the Sustainability Reporting included as an appendix to the consolidated directors' report.

Our assurance report does not cover other information and we do not express any assurance conclusions on said information.

In connection with our engagement to provide assurance on the Sustainability Reporting, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in so doing, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the Sustainability Reporting or with the knowledge we have acquired during the assurance engagement that could be indicative of material misstatements in the Sustainability Reporting.

KPMG Auditores, S.L.

(Signed on original in Spanish)

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10 February 2025