# **AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the general meeting of the shareholders of AB Industrivarden (publ), corporate identity number 556043-4200

## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS **Opinions**

We have audited the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of AB Industrivärden (publ) for the year 2018. The annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the company are included on pages 32-57 in this document.

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of parent company as of 31 December 2018 and its financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as of 31 December 2018 and their financial performance and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), as adopted by the EU, and the Annual Accounts Act. A corporate governance statement has been prepared. The statutory administration report and the corporate governance statement are consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and the corporate governance statement is consistent with the Annual Accounts Act.

We therefore recommend that the general meeting of shareholders adopts the income statement and balance sheet for the parent company and the group.

Our opinions in this report regarding the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts are consistent with the contents of the additional report that has been submitted to the parent company's audit committee of AB Industrivärden (publ) in accordance with the Audit Regulation No 537/2014 Article 11.

## **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. This includes that, based on the best of our knowledge and belief, no prohibited services referred to in the Audit Regulation (537/2014) Article 5.1 have been provided to the audited company or, where applicable, its parent company or its controlled companies within the EU.

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

### Our approach

#### Audit scope

We designed our audit by determining materiality and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the consolidated financial statements. In particular, we considered where the CEO and the Board of Directors made subjective judgments; for example, in respect of significant accounting estimates that involved making assumptions and considering future events that are inherently uncertain. As in all our audits, we also addressed the risk of management override of internal controls, including among other matters consideration of whether there was evidence of bias that represented a risk of material misstatement due to fraud

We tailored the scope of our audit in order to perform sufficient work to enable us to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole, taking into account the structure of the group, the accounting processes and controls, and the industry in which the group operates.

### Materiality

The scope of our audit was influenced by our application of materiality. An audit is designed to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are fee from material misstatement. Misstatements may arise due to fraud or error. They 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 the financial statements.

Based on our professional judgment, we determined quantitative thresholds for materiality in the audit of the financial statements as a whole. These, together with qualitative considerations, helped us determine the scope of our audit and the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures. Quantitative thresholds for materiality are also used to evaluate the effect of any misstatement, both individually and in aggregate, on the financial statements as a whole.

### Key audit matters

Key audit matters of the audit are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of, and in forming our opinion thereon, the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole, but we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### **KEY AUDIT MATTER**

#### Measurement of financial instruments

Industrivärden's investments consist in all material respects of listed shares. To a limited degree, derivatives are used to increase the performance of the portfolio and to manage exposure to financial risks such as currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk.

There are active markets with quoted prices for most of the financial instruments in which Industrivärden is a counterparty. To a lesser degree, there are holdings where the valuation is based on other market data than quoted prices in the same instrument.

In a portfolio of financial instruments such as the one held by Industrivärden, there normally are several considerations regarding the valuation that require conclusion in order to ensure a fair valuation in accordance with IFRS.

## HOW OUR AUDIT ADRESSED THE KEY AUDIT MATTER

We have tested and evaluated the design and effectiveness of Industrivärden's controls for pricing and monitoring of pricing of its financial instruments.

For listed instruments, we evaluated Industrivärden's controls for obtaining prices from external sources and we have performed our own tests though comparing prices used to external sources.

For unlisted instruments, we have evaluated the models used and the market data that Industrivärden has used for valuation purposes. We have also performed our own tests of fair values of unlisted instruments by comparing data used to independent sources.

## Other information than the annual accounts and consolidated accounts

This document also contains other information than the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts. Other information consists of pages 1–31 and 62–70 of this document and does not include the annual accounts, the consolidated accounts or our auditors' opinion. The Board of Directors and the CEO are responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the annual accounts and consolidated accounts does not cover this other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion regarding this other information.

In connection with our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, our responsibility is to read the information identified above and consider whether the information is materially inconsistent with the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. In this procedure we also take into account our knowledge otherwise obtained in the audit and assess whether the information otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If we, based on the work performed concerning this information, conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the CEO

The Board of Directors and the CEO are responsible for the preparation of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and that they give a fair presentation in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and, concerning the consolidated accounts, in accordance with IFRS as adopted by the EU. The Board of Directors and the CEO

are also responsible for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts and consolidated accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, The Board of Directors and the CEO are responsible for the assessment of the company's and the group's ability to continue as a going concern. They disclose, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting. The going concern basis of accounting is however not applied if the Board of Directors and the CEO intend to liquidate the company, to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The audit committee shall, without prejudice to the Board of Directors' responsibilities and tasks in general, among other things monitor the company's financial reporting.

## Auditor's responsibility

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts and consolidated accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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 annual accounts and consolidated accounts.

A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts is available on Revisorsinspektionen's website: https://www. revisorsinspektionen.se/rn/showdocument/documents/ rev\_dok/revisors\_ansvar.pdf. This description is part of the auditor's report.

## REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS **Opinions**

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts, we have also audited the administration of the Board of Directors and the CEO of AB Industrivärden (publ) for the year 2018 and the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss.

We recommend to the general meeting of shareholders that the profit be appropriated in accordance with the proposal in the statutory administration report and that the members of the Board of Directors and the CEO be discharged from liability for the financial year.

### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities section. We are independent of the parent company and the group in accordance with professional ethics for accountants in Sweden and have otherwise fulfilled our 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 opinions.

## Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the CEO

The Board of Directors is responsible for the proposal for appropriations of the company's profit or loss. At the proposal of a dividend, this includes an assessment of whether the dividend is justifiable considering the requirements which the company's and the group's type of operations, size and risks place on the size of the parent company's and the group's equity, consolidation requirements, liquidity and position in general.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the company's organization and the administration of the company's affairs. This includes among other things continuous assessment of the company's and the group's financial situation and ensuring that the company's organization is designed so that the accounting, management of assets and the company's financial affairs otherwise are controlled in a reassuring manner. The CEO shall manage the ongoing administration according to the Board of Directors' guidelines and instructions and among other matters take measures that are necessary to fulfill the company's accounting in accordance with law and handle the management of assets in a reassuring manner.

### Auditor's responsibility

Our objective concerning the audit of the administration, and thereby our opinion about discharge from liability, is to obtain audit evidence to assess with a reasonable degree of assurance whether any member of the Board of Directors or the CEO in any material respect;

- has undertaken any action or been guilty of any omission which can give rise to liability to the
- in any other way has acted in contravention of the Companies Act, the Annual Accounts Act or the Articles of Association.

Our objective concerning the audit of the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss, and thereby our opinion about this, is to assess with reasonable degree of assurance whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden will always detect actions or omissions that can give rise to liability to the company, or that the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss are not in accordance with the Companies Act.

A further description of our responsibility for the audit of the administration is available on Revisorsinspektionen's website: https://www.revisorsinspektionen.se/rn/showdocument/documents/rev\_dok/revisors\_ansvar.pdf. This description is part of the auditor's report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers AB, 113 97 Stockholm, was appointed auditor of AB Industrivärden (publ) by the general meeting of the shareholders on April 17, 2018 and has been the company's auditor since before 1994. According to the transition rules of the Audit Regulation (537/2014), PricewaterhouseCoopers AB can therefore not be reappointed after June 17, 2020.

Stockholm, February 15, 2019 PricewaterhouseCoopers AB

Magnus Svensson Henryson Authorized Public Accountant