

To the Management of
UBS Group AG, Zurich

Basel, 4 March 2021

Independent assurance report

We have undertaken a limited assurance engagement on the information disclosed as part of the sustainability reporting of UBS Group AG on the basis of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) for the period 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2020 (hereafter the “report”):

- ▶ Information in the “Sustainability Report 2020” (online at www.ubs.com/annualreporting as of 11 March 2021)

Limitations of the engagement

Our engagement was limited to the information listed above. We have not assessed the following information disclosed in the report:

- ▶ The financial information in scope of the statutory audit of the financial statements has not been additionally reviewed to obtain limited assurance. Our engagement was limited to the presentation of the information in line with the GRI requirements.
- ▶ Forward-looking statements.

Responsibility of UBS Group AG’s management

The management of UBS Group AG is responsible for the preparation of the report and the information contained therein in accordance with the applicable criteria. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of the report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Applicable criteria

We assessed the information in the sustainability reporting against the following criteria (hereafter “criteria”):

- ▶ GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards, Comprehensive Option

A summary of the standards is presented on the GRI homepage (online at <https://www.globalreporting.org/standards/gri-standards-download-center>). We believe that these criteria are a suitable basis for our review.

Independence and quality control

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), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Our responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a limited assurance conclusion on the information disclosed in the sustainability report based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 “Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information”, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. This standard requires that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the report is free from material misstatement.

In accordance with the engagement agreement, our duty of care for this engagement only extends to the management of UBS Group AG.

Based on risk and materiality consideration we have undertaken procedures to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment. This includes the assessment of the risks of material misstatements in the report with regard to the applicable criteria. The procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in scope than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had we performed a reasonable assurance engagement.

Summary of work performed

Our limited assurance procedures included, amongst others, the following work:

- ▶ Interviews with representatives of senior management and employees regarding the sustainability strategy and the materiality matrix
- ▶ Review of material topics against key issues raised in stakeholder dialogues, areas of performance covered in external media reports and sustainability reports of UBS’ peers
- ▶ Interviews with employees responsible for preparing the GRI-based sustainability reporting to assess the process of preparing the report, the reporting system, the data capture and compilation methods as well as internal controls to the extent relevant for a review of the report
- ▶ Interviews of employees in specialist departments responsible for the topics included in the „Sustainability Report 2020“
- ▶ Review of the documentation of the systems and processes for compiling, analyzing, and aggregating sustainability data and testing such documentation on a sample basis
- ▶ Analytical considerations, interviews and review of documents on a sample basis with respect to the compilation and reporting of quantitative data included in the report
- ▶ Review of the application of the GRI Sustainability Reporting Standards in accordance with the Comprehensive Option
- ▶ Evaluation of the overall view of sustainability information provided in the report

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

Our conclusion

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the report has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applicable criteria.

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