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To the General Meeting of **UBS Group AG, Zurich** 

Basel, 9 March 2023

# Independent auditor's report related to the reduction of share capital



#### Opinion

We have conducted an audit in accordance with Art. 653m para. 1 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) to determine, based on the financial statements and the result of the notice to creditors, whether the claims of the creditors of UBS Group AG (the Company) are covered in full despite the proposed reduction of the share capital.

In our opinion, the claims of the creditors of the Company are covered in full, despite the proposed reduction of share capital.



## Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other 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 opinion.



### **Board of Directors' responsibilities**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and the execution of the share capital reduction in accordance with the legal provisions, and for such internal controls as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



#### **Board of Directors' proposal**

The Board of Directors proposes to reduce the share capital from CHF 346'208'772.20 currently

divided into 3'462'087'722 registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.10 each, by reducing the nominal value per share from CHF 0.10 to CHF 0.09252, or by a total of

CHF 25'896'416.16

resulting in a new share capital amount of

CHF 320'312'356.04

After the reduction, the share capital will be divided into 3'462'087'722 shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.09252 each.



#### **Auditor's responsibilities**

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the claims of the creditors are covered in full despite the reduction of the share capital, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with SA-CH 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 the proposal of the Board of Directors.

As part of an audit in accordance with SA-CH, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the proposal of the Board of Directors, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. 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.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.



Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

Ernst & Young Ltd

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#### **Enclosure**

Balance Sheet as of 31 December 2022 (before and after the reduction in share capital)

#### **Balance sheet of UBS Group AG**

In million	Before capital reductions as of 31 December 2022		Capital reduction – cancellation of shares		Total after cancellation of shares and before reduction of nominal value per share <sup>1</sup>		Capital reduction – reduction of nominal value per share		Total after capital reductions <sup>2</sup>	
	USD	CHF <sup>3</sup>	USD	CHF <sup>3</sup>	USD	CHF3	USD	CHF <sup>3</sup>	USD	CHF3
Assets										
Liquid assets	1,312	1,213			1,312	1,213			1,312	1,213
Marketable securities	106	98	**************		106	98	***************************************		106	98
Other short-term receivables	2,638	2,438			2,638	2,438			2,638	2,438
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	839	775			839	775			839	775
Total current assets	4,895	4,524			4,895	4,524			4,895	4,524
Investments in subsidiaries	41,199	38,080			41,199	38,080			41,199	38,080
of which: investment in UBS AG	40,889	37,793			40,889	37,793	*******************		40,889	37,793
Financial assets	62,975	58,207			62,975	58,207			62,975	58,207
Other non-current assets	336	310			336	310	•		336	310
Total non-current assets	104,509	96,597			104,509	96,597		all to the same	104,509	96,597
Total assets	109,404	101,121			109,404	101,121			109,404	101,121
of which: amounts due from subsidiaries	67,514	62,403			67,514	62,403			67,514	62,403
Liabilities										
Current interest-bearing liabilities	4,344	4,015			4,344	4,015			4,344	4,015
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2,084	1,927	***************************************		2,084	1,927	•••••••		2,084	1,927
Total short-term liabilities	6,429	5,942			6,429	5,942			6,429	5,942
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	61,682	57,012			61,682	57,012			61,682	57,012
Compensation-related long-term liabilities	3,201	2,959			3,201	2,959			3,201	2,959
Total long-term liabilities	64,883	59,971			64,883	59,971			64,883	59,971
Total liabilities	71,311	65,913			71,311	65,913			71,311	65,913
of which: amounts due to subsidiaries	2,614	2,416			2,614	2,416			2,614	2,416
Equity										
Share capital	359	352	(6)	(6)	353	346	(28)	(26)	325	320
General reserves	23,826	23,522	(554)	(511)	23,271	23,011	28	26	23,299	23,037
of which: statutory capital reserve	23,826	23,522	(554)	(511)	23,271	23,011	28	26	23,299	23,037
of which: capital contribution reserve	23,826	23,522	(554)	(511)	23,271	23,011	28	26	23,299	23,037
Voluntary earnings reserve	16,364	13,620	(554)	(511)	15,810	13,109			15,810	13,109
Treasury shares	(6,844)	(6,557)	1,115	1,028	(5,729)	(5,529)			(5,729)	(5,529)
of which: against capital contribution reserve	(2,525)	(2,407)	554	511	(1,971)	(1,896)	(1)	(1)	(1,972)	(1,897)
Net profit / (loss)	4,389	4,271			4,389	4,271			4,389	4,271
Equity attributable to shareholders	38,093	35,209	0	0	38,093	35,209	0	0	38,093	35,209
Total liabilities and equity	109,404	101,121	0	0	109,404	101,121	0	0	109,404	101,121

<sup>1</sup> Reflects the balance sheet of UBS Group AG as of 31 December 2022 as disclosed in the standalone financial statements after the effects of the capital reduction due to cancellation of 62,548,000 shares, per separate report, as proposed to the AGM on 5 April 2023. 2 Reflects the balance sheet of UBS Group AG as of 31 December 2022 as disclosed in the standalone financial statements after the effects of the capital reduction due to the cancellation of shares, per separate report, and a reduction of the share capital to a nominal value of CHF 0.09252 per share, as proposed to the AGM on 5 April 2023, in conjunction with the proposal to AGM to convert the share capital currency from the Swiss Franc to the US Dollar. 3 Disclosed in Swiss Francs as additional presentation currency. Amounts in Swiss Francs for shares repurchased under the 2021 share repurchase program may differ from the purchase price due to the applied method of converting US dollar to Swiss Francs for presentation purposes.