

Independent Auditors' Report

To the shareholder of JCS Finance Development Institution Altum

Report on audit of Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

Our Opinion on the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

We have audited consolidated and separate financial statements of JCS Finance Development Institution Altum ("the Company") and its subsidiaries (together - "the Group") included in the annual report contained in the file altum-2021-12-31-en.zip (SHA-256-checksum: AEF33BDDF3A84B65B50A239D54220DC6D7CD349A6FAF66FDA5D9AB30E3A112F2), which comprise:

- the consolidated and separate statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021,
- the consolidated and separate statement of comprehensive income for the year then ended,
- the consolidated and separate statement of changes in equity for the year then ended,
- the consolidated and separate statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and
- the notes to the consolidated and separate financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated and separate financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Group and the Company as at 31 December 2021, and of their financial performance and their cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

Basis for Opinion

In accordance with the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia we conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing adopted in the Republic of Latvia (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) and independence requirements included in the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the Republic of Latvia. We have also fulfilled our other professional ethics responsibilities and objectivity requirements in accordance with the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) and Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia.

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

Key Audit Matters

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

We have determined the matters described below to be the key audit matters to be communicated in our report.

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Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in the audit
Expected credit losses on loans and measurement of guarantees	
<p><i>Refer to Notes 2 (16), 13, 19 and 31 to the financial statements</i></p> <p>The assessment of loan loss provisions for loans provided to customers and valuation of financial guarantee contracts requires management to exercise a significant level of judgment, especially with regards to identifying impaired loans, quantifying amount of impairment and estimating the payments expected to be made under the financial guarantees. The level of uncertainty and level of subjectivity of judgments applied is still significant in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>To assess the amount of provisions for expected credit losses, the Company applies comprehensive statistical models with a number of input parameters obtained from internal and external sources. If necessary, historical input parameters are adjusted so they can be used for a more appropriate estimation of losses in the future.</p> <p>In accordance with the requirements of IFRS 9 <i>Financial Instruments</i>, the Company distinguishes three stages of impairment, with the criteria for classification to individual stages being based on an assessment of the objective evidence about the loans and debtors and subjective evaluation of other relevant information available to the Company.</p> <p>Financial guarantee contracts are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at a higher of (i) the amount of the loss allowance for the guaranteed exposure determined based on the expected loss model and (ii) the remaining unamortised balance of the amount initially recognised.</p> <p>As of 31 December 2021, the total impairment allowances for loans amount to EUR 18 143 thousand and the value of financial guarantee contracts reported in the statement of the financial position in line "Provisions" amounts to EUR 33 603 thousand.</p>	<p>Our procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <p>We assessed the appropriateness of the methodology used by the Company to identify impairment and quantify provisions for selected significant portfolios.</p> <p>We assessed the correctness of classification and recognition of credit losses for loans with payments deferred as a result of measures introduced to mitigate the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latvia.</p> <p>We tested the design and operating effectiveness of key controls which the Company's management has implemented in connection with the impairment assessment processes, including key controls for approval, recording and monitoring loans, input of contractual data and accuracy, completeness and approval of loss provisions.</p> <p>Our credit risk specialists assessed the appropriateness of management judgments regarding the determination of loan losses by considering the selection and application of appropriate models to the selected significant portfolios, and by comparing the inputs used in the Company's models to the actual level of losses experienced by the Company in the past.</p> <p>With regards to macroeconomic parameters, we reviewed the analysis prepared by the Company of the expected macroeconomic developments and related parameters used in the IFRS 9 models.</p> <p>On a sample of loans and guarantees, we evaluated the correctness of IFRS 9 staging and appropriateness of provisioning levels.</p> <p>For a sample of loans assessed on an individual basis, we examined the loan exposures and evaluated the Company's assessment of future recoveries, including the values of existing collaterals.</p> <p>The overall conclusion was supported by an analysis performed at an overall portfolio level using analytical methods to identify anomalies in classification of loans to IFRS 9 impairment stages and in the levels of loan loss provision.</p> <p>We considered the completeness and accuracy of disclosures related to expected credit losses on loans and measurement of guarantees.</p>

Accounting for investments in venture capital funds	
<p>Refer to Notes 2 (16), 17, 18 and 22 to the financial statements</p> <p>The Company has made investments in a number of venture capital funds ("the VCFs"). The Company assesses whether it has control or significant influence over the VCFs and accordingly classifies each investment as either a subsidiary, an associate or as other investment.</p> <p>In the separate financial statements, the investments in subsidiaries are accounted for using the equity method. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated in the consolidated financial statements. Investments in associates, in both separate and consolidated financial statements, are accounted for using the equity method, except for the specific investments designed as 'at fair value through profit and loss'. Other investments are accounted 'at fair value through profit and loss'.</p> <p>Due to specific and complex nature of arrangements related to investments into VCFs and their management, significant judgment is applied in classifying VCFs into one of the abovementioned categories and selecting the appropriate accounting treatment.</p> <p>The values of the investments in VCFs are primary determined using information about fair values of the underlying investments held by the VCFs ("the VCF Assets"). The VCF Assets represent a combination of debt and equity instruments that are rarely traded in an active and liquid market. Often, VCFs invest into start-up companies. Consequently, significant amount of judgment needs to be applied when determining the valuation of carrying amount of VCFs.</p> <p>As of 31 December 2021, the total value of investments in VCFs reported by the Company amounts to EUR 73 885 thousand.</p>	<p>Our procedures included, but were not limited to:</p> <p>We evaluated key judgments made by management when classifying investments in VCFs as subsidiaries, associates or other investments.</p> <p>For a sample of the VCFs, we reviewed the contractual terms of the agreements related to management of the VCFs to evaluate the level of control that the Company holds over the VCF.</p> <p>We obtained the calculations of net asset values of the VCFs and the available information about the fair values of the underlying VCF Assets.</p> <p>For a sample of the VCFs, we assessed appropriateness of the calculation of its net assets.</p> <p>We discussed with the responsible employees of the Company the performance of the VCFs and VCF Assets to understand their current performance and Company's expectations regarding the exit values for the VCF Assets.</p> <p>We assessed the relevance of adjustments made by the Company to the net asset values reported by the VCF's.</p> <p>We considered the completeness and accuracy of disclosures relating to investments in VCF's.</p>

Reporting on Other Information

The management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- the Management Report which is included in the accompanying Annual Report,
- the Statement on Management's Responsibilities which is included in the accompanying Annual Report,
- the Statement of Corporate Governance which is included in of the accompanying Annual Report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information included in the Annual Report, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon, except as described in the *Other reporting responsibilities in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia related to Other information* section of our report.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed and in light of the knowledge and understanding of the Group and their environment obtained in the course of our audit, we 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.

Other reporting responsibilities in accordance with the legislation of the Republic of Latvia related to other information

In addition, in accordance with the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia with respect to the Management Report, our responsibility is to consider whether the Management Report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'Law On the Annual Reports and Consolidated Annual Reports' of the Republic of Latvia.

Based solely on the work required to be undertaken in the course of our audit, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Management Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Management Report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the 'Law On the Annual Reports and Consolidated Annual Reports' of the Republic of Latvia.

In accordance with the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia with respect to the Statement of Corporate Governance, our responsibility is to consider whether the Statement of Corporate Governance includes the information required in section 56.1, section 1, clauses 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9, as well as article 56.2, section 2, clauses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Financial Instruments Market Law.

In our opinion, the Statement of Corporate Governance includes the information required in section 56.1, section 1, clauses 3, 4, 6, 8, and 9, as well as article 56.2, section 2, clauses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Financial Instruments Market Law.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated and separate financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated and separate financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated and separate financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group'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 management either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Group's financial reporting process.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of the Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated and separate financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' 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 ISAs 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 consolidated and separate financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated and separate financial statements, 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 Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's 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 Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated and separate financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated and separate financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated and separate financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves a fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence and objectivity, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated and separate financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

Other reporting responsibilities and confirmations required by the legislation of the Republic of Latvia and the European Union when providing audit services to public interest entities

We were first appointed as auditors on 8 December 2020. This is our second year of appointment as auditors.

We confirm that:

- our audit opinion is consistent with the additional report presented to the Audit committee of the Company;
- as referred to in the paragraph 37.6 of the Law on Audit Services of the Republic of Latvia we have not provided to the Group and the Company the prohibited non-audit services (NASs) referred to of EU Regulation (EU) No 537/2014. We also remained independent of the audited entity in conducting the audit.

The responsible certified auditor on the audit resulting in this independent auditors' report is Inguna Stasa.

Report on Compliance with the ESEF Regulation

We have conducted a reasonable assurance engagement on the verification of compliance of the Group financial statements included in the consolidated annual report with the provisions of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (the "ESEF Regulation") that apply to the financial statements.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for ESEF report

The management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in compliance with the ESEF Regulation. Inter alia, the management is responsible for:

- The design, implementation and maintenance of the internal control relevant for the application of the requirements of the ESEF Regulation;
- The preparation of all financial statements included in the consolidated annual report in the valid XHTML format; and
- The selection and use of XBRL mark-ups in line with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

Auditor's Responsibilities

Our task is to express a conclusion whether the financial statements included in the consolidated annual report are, in all material respects, in compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation, based on the audit evidence obtained. Our reasonable assurance engagement was conducted in accordance with the *International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised) Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* (hereinafter "ISAE 3000").

The nature, timing and scope of the selected procedures depend on the auditor's judgment. A reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance; however, it is not a guarantee that the examination conducted in accordance with the above standard will always detect a potentially existing material non-compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

As part of our work, we performed the following procedures:

- We obtained an understanding of the requirements of the ESEF Regulation;
- We obtained an understanding of the Company's internal control relevant for the application of the requirements of the ESEF Regulation;
- We identified and evaluated risks of material non-compliance with the ESEF Regulation, whether due to fraud or error; and
- Based on this, we designed and performed procedures responsive to those risks and aimed at obtaining a reasonable assurance for the purposes of expressing our conclusion.

The aim of our procedures was to assess whether

- The financial statements included in the consolidated annual report were prepared in the valid XHTML format;
- The data in the consolidated financial statements were marked up where required by the ESEF Regulation and all mark-ups meet the following requirements:
 - XBRL mark-up language was used;
 - The elements of the core taxonomy specified in the ESEF Regulation with the closest accounting meaning were used, unless an extension taxonomy element was created in compliance with the ESEF Regulation; and
 - The mark-ups comply with the common rules for mark-ups pursuant to the ESEF Regulation.

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

Conclusion

In our opinion, financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 included in the consolidated annual report are, in all material respects, in compliance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

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