

To the General Meeting of  
Flughafen Zürich AG, Kloten

Zurich, 7 March 2019

## Statutory auditor's report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements



### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Flughafen Zürich AG and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the consolidated statement of income, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion the consolidated financial statements (pages 64 to 128) give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2018, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and comply with Swiss law.



### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law, International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and Swiss Auditing Standards. Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, as well as the IESBA Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, 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.



### Key audit matters

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

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond

to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

### **Provision for formal expropriations**

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**Area of focus** As of 31 December 2018, Flughafen Zürich AG recognized a provision for formal expropriations amounting to CHF 275.2 million.

Under Article 36a of the Civil Aviation Act (CAA) and the Federal Expropriation Act in connection with Articles 679 and 684 of the Swiss Civil Code (CC), Flughafen Zürich AG must bear the cost for formal expropriations. Measuring this provision involves significant management assumptions and estimates. These assumptions and estimates involve judgment and are based on information available at the reporting date and affect the amounts recognized for the provision significantly. There is a risk that actual results which are largely beyond the Company's influence may differ from these estimates and assumptions and may result in material adjustments to the amounts recognized for the provision. Possible effects on the nature and scope of the business activities and thus on the balance sheet, the income statement and the statement of cash flows of Flughafen Zürich AG cannot be conclusively determined at present.

Further information regarding the provision for formal expropriations are included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements under note 19.

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**Our audit response** We mainly performed the following audit procedures:

- Sample-based review whether controls were documented before cash distribution as well as the analysis of the effects of these payments on the estimate of total costs
- Analysis of semi-annual noise reports submitted to the Group's management and the Board of Directors as well as evaluation of consequential questions
- Inspection whether current total cost estimates are adjusted upon decisions by the court of final appeal

On the basis of our audit procedures, we have no objections regarding recognition and measurement of the provision for formal expropriations.

## Property, plant and equipment

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**Area of focus** Property, plant and equipment used for operations (assets in use) and assets under construction for operating activities together comprise 60% of total assets. In 2018, investments in property, plant and equipment amounted to CHF 194.7 million. Therefore, based on the absolute size, this item is significant for the balance sheet of Flughafen Zürich AG.

The large number of different, partly very long-lived assets, the high transaction volume and the different expected useful lives as well as transfers between asset categories contain inherent risks regarding existence and valuation.

Furthermore, there is a risk that existing, long-lived assets will be replaced by new assets without eliminating the residual value of the out-of-use assets. Additionally, there are risks regarding valuation, delayed recognition of depreciation charges as well as in determining the adequate useful life.

Further information regarding property, plant and equipment is included in the notes to the consolidated financial statements under note 9.

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**Our audit response** We mainly performed the following audit procedures:

- Evaluation of design, implementation and effectiveness of controls embedded in the procurement and capital expenditure process and of controls securing existence of property, plant and equipment on a sample basis
- Assessment of the adequacy of useful lives assigned to single assets and alignment towards useful lives according to the internal manual
- Evaluation of the assessment on existence of impairment triggers and discussion of resulting questions with the Controlling and Accounting department

On the basis of our audit procedures, we have no objections regarding the existence and valuation of property, plant and equipment.

### Other matter

The consolidated financial statements of Flughafen Zürich AG for the year ended 31 December 2018 were audited by another statutory auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on 26 February 2018.



### **Other information in the annual report**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises all information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements, the stand-alone financial statements, remuneration report and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information in the annual report and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information in the annual report and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, 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.



### **Responsibility of the Board of Directors for the consolidated financial statements**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS and the provisions of Swiss law, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board of Directors 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 the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, 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 Swiss law, ISAs and Swiss Auditing Standards 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 financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements is located at the website of EXPERTsuisse: <http://www.expertsuisse.ch/en/audit-report-for-public-companies>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



**Report on other legal and regulatory requirements**

In accordance with article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and the Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

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