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To the General Meeting of Flughafen Zürich AG, Kloten

Zurich, 7 March 2024

# Report of the statutory auditor

# Report on the audit of the financial statements



#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Flughafen Zürich AG (the Company), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements (pages 215 to 225) comply with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation.



# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and 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.



#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the 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 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 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 financial statements.



## Valuation and existence of Property, plant and equipment

#### Risk

As of 31 December 2023 Property, plant and equipment used for operations (assets in use) and assets under construction for operating activities together comprise 55% of total assets. In 2023, investments in property, plant and equipment amounted to CHF 211 million. Due to its size, this position is significant for the balance sheet of Flughafen Zürich AG.

The large number of different, partly very long-lived, assets, the high volume of capital expenditure and maintenance expenditure contain inherent risks regarding the existence and valuation of property, plant and equipment.

# Our audit response

We mainly performed the following audit procedures:

- Evaluation of design, implementation and effectiveness of controls embedded in the capital expenditure process and of controls securing existence and valuation of property, plant and equipment.
- Assessment of the capitalization of expenditure in assets under construction and reconciliation of capitalized expenditure to the invoices received based on samples.
- Examination of transfers from assets under construction to assets in use based on the evaluation of effectiveness of internal controls and selected project completion protocols based on samples
- Evaluation of management's assessment of impairment indicators.

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





#### Other information

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

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

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, 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.



### Board of Directors' responsibilities for the financial statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control 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.



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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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 and 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 these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on EXPERTsuisse's website at: https://www.expertsuisse.ch/en/audit-report. This description forms an integral part of our report.



# Report on other legal and regulatory requirements



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

We further confirm that the proposed appropriation of available earnings and the proposed repayment of legal capital reserve comply with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation. We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

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