



Auditor's Report
Individual Annual
Accounts

AUDIT REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Translation of a report and annual accounts originally issued in Spanish. In the event of discrepancy, the Spanish-language version prevails.

To the shareholders of EBRO FOODS, S.A.:

Audit report in the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of EBRO FOODS, S.A. (the “Company”), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2023, the income statement, the statement of changes in equity, the statement of cash flows, and the notes thereto for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the equity and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework for financial reporting (identified in Note 2 to the accompanying financial statements) and, in particular, the accounting principles and policies set forth therein.

Basis of the opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with prevailing audit regulations in Spain. Our responsibilities under those 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 ethical requirements, including those related to independence, that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Spain as required by prevailing audit regulations. In this regard, we have not provided non-audit services nor have any situations or circumstances arisen that might have compromised our mandatory independence in a manner prohibited by the aforementioned regulations.

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 audit opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Measurement of equity investments in group companies and associates

Description At 31 December 2023, the Company recorded investments in group companies and associates amounting to 1,870,508 thousand euros in “Non-current investments in group companies and associates - Equity instruments” on the balance sheet.

Company management assesses, at least at the end of each reporting period, whether there are indications of impairment and writes down these investments whenever there is objective evidence that the carrying amount of the investment is no longer recoverable, recognizing an impairment loss for the amount of the difference between carrying amount and recoverable amount.

Since determining the recoverable amount requires the use of estimates, for which management must make complex judgments to establish the assumptions underlying those estimates (particularly those related to future profit and loss generated by its group companies and associates), and due to the significance of the amounts involved, we determined this to be a key audit matter.

Information on the applicable measurement standards and the related disclosures are provided in notes 4 g, 4 h, and 8 to the accompanying financial statements.

Our response

Our audit procedures related to this matter included:

- ▶ Understanding the process designed by management to identify whether there are indications of impairment and to determine the recoverable amount of the investments in group companies and associates, as well as assessing the design and implementation of the relevant controls in place in that process.
- ▶ Obtaining and analysing the calculations made by the independent expert engaged by management to value each cash-generating unit (CGU) pertaining to the investments in group companies and associates at year end, assessing the competence, capacity, and objectivity of the expert for the purpose of using their work as audit evidence.
- ▶ Reviewing the methodology used to determine the recoverable amount, with the involvement of our valuation specialists, paying special attention to the methodology’s mathematical coherence and the reasonableness of the cash flow projections of each material CGU, discount rates, and long-term growth rates when the recoverable amount was determined using the expected discounted cash flows from these companies.
- ▶ Reviewing the documentation supporting alternative analyses conducted by management when the latter is used to substantiate the recoverable amount, as well as the equity of investees adjusted by unrealized capital gains existing at the valuation date.
- ▶ Reviewing the disclosures made in the notes to the financial statements, assessing whether they are in conformity with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Other information: Management report

Other information refers exclusively to the 2023 management report, the preparation of which is the responsibility of the Company's directors and is not an integral part of the financial statements.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the management report. Our responsibility for the management report, in conformity with prevailing audit regulations in Spain, entails:

- a. Checking only that the non-financial statement and certain information included in the Corporate Governance Report and in the Board Remuneration Report, to which the Audit Law refers, was provided as stipulated by applicable regulations and, if not, disclose this fact.
- b. Assessing and reporting on the consistency of the remaining information included in the management report with the financial statements, based on the knowledge of the Company obtained during the audit, in addition to evaluating and reporting on whether the content and presentation of this part of the management report are in conformity with applicable regulations. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there are material misstatements, we are required to report that fact.

Based on the work performed, as described above, we have verified that the information referred to in a) above has been provided as stipulated by applicable regulations and that the remaining information contained in the management report is consistent with that provided in the 2023 financial statements and its content and presentation are in conformity with applicable regulations.

Responsibilities of the directors and the audit committee for the financial statements

The directors are responsible for the preparation of the accompanying financial statements so that they give a true and fair value of the equity and financial position and the results of the Company, in accordance with the regulatory financial reporting framework applicable to the Company in Spain, identified in Note 2 to the accompanying financial statements, and for such internal control as they determine 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 directors are 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 directors either intend to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The audit committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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 the financial statement auditing standards prevailing in Spain 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.

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

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the 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 management company's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the use by the directors 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. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the 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 auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the audit committee of the Company 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 the audit committee of the Company with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements, including those related to independence, and to communicate with them all matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the audit committee of the Company, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter.

Report on other legally stipulated disclosures requirements

European single electronic format

We have examined the digital file of the European single electronic format (ESEF) of EBRO FOODS, S.A. for the 2023 financial year, consisting of an XHTML file containing the financial statements for the year, which will form part of the annual financial report.

The directors of Ebro Foods, S.A. are responsible for submitting the annual financial report for the 2023 financial year in accordance with the formatting requirements established by Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815, of 17 December 2018 (the "ESEF Regulation").

Our responsibility consists of examining the digital file prepared by the Company's directors in accordance with prevailing audit regulations in Spain. These standards require that we plan and perform our audit procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the contents of the financial statements included in the aforementioned digital file correspond in their entirety to those of the financial statements that we have audited, and whether the financial statements and the aforementioned file have been formatted, in all material respects, in accordance with the ESEF Regulation.

In our opinion, the digital file examined corresponds in its entirety to the audited financial statements, which are presented, in all material respects, in accordance with the ESEF Regulation.

Additional report to the Audit committee

The opinion expressed in this audit report is consistent with the additional report we issued to the Ebro Foods audit committee on 5 April 2024.

Term of engagement

During the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting held on 6 June 2023, we were appointed auditors for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Previously, we were appointed auditors by the shareholders in general meeting for three years and we have been carrying out the audit of the financial statements continuously since the year ended 31 December 2014.

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5 April 2024