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## Deloitte ehf. leadership message

Welcome to Deloitte<sup>1</sup> Iceland Audit Transparency Report for the year ended May 31, 2023. This report sets out the practices and processes that are currently employed by Deloitte ehf. in accordance with Act no. 94/2019 on Auditors and auditing and EU regulation no. 537/2014.

In our role as auditors, we are committed to independence, ethics, and integrity in all we do – led by our purpose to make an impact that matters for our clients, our people, and our community.

We aspire to participate in the shaping of our profession, investing in technology, innovation, and continual learning. Our multidisciplinary model is also an important contributor on this journey, providing access to specialists across functions which enables us to deliver a depth and breadth of expertise. Our people bring diverse backgrounds, knowledge and skillsets that allows us to deliver the highest quality audits as one seamless global network.

The nature of audit continues to evolve. Clients, investors, and other stakeholders are calling for greater insight into corporate performance, extending beyond financial reporting. Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) will arguably be the defining topic over the next years. There is a growing interest for companies to address the impact of climate change and to integrate ESG initiatives into all aspects of the business. We believe Deloitte is well-positioned to respond to it, both in terms of our own footprint and in supporting our clients through our engagements and collaborations.

We are proud of the role we play in serving the public interest and we'll continue to set standards of excellence for our profession.



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Sincerely,

Thorsteinn Petur Gudjonsson, CEO Deloitte Iceland

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Throughout this report, the terms "Deloitte, we, us, and our" refer to one or more of one or more of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited, its network of member firms, and their related entities. For more information about the Deloitte network, please see page 3 or About the network (deloitte.com).

### Deloitte network

#### Deloitte Iceland: legal structure and ownership<sup>2</sup>

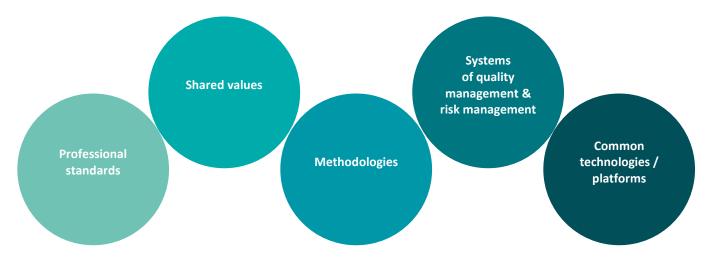
Deloitte Iceland is a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Iceland. Deloitte ehf.<sup>3</sup> is referred to throughout this report as "Deloitte Iceland", and Deloitte NSE LLP is referred to throughout this report as "Deloitte NSE".

In June 2016, Deloitte Iceland entered into a closer cooperation with the other Nordic countries through the

establishment of a Nordic cooperation firm, Deloitte Nordic. With effect from 1 June 2017, Deloitte ehf. became the Icelandic affiliate of Deloitte North West Europe (NWE) LLP, a member firm of the Deloitte network and, with effect from 1 June 2019, Deloitte NWE LLP was renamed Deloitte North and South Europe (NSE) LLP. As of 15 December 2020, Deloitte NSE No2 CLG, a legal entity under Irish law, became the majority shareholder of Deloitte Iceland. Deloitte NSE No2 CLG is a subsidiary of Deloitte NSE LLP.

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"Deloitte" is the brand under which approximately 457,000 dedicated professionals and practitioners in independent firms throughout the world collaborate to provide audit and assurance, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax, and related services to select clients. These firms are members of DTTL. DTTL, these member firms and each of their respective related entities form the Deloitte organization. Each DTTL member firm and/or its related entities provides services in particular geographic areas and is subject to the laws and professional regulations of the particular country or countries in which it operates. Each DTTL member firm is structured in accordance with national laws, regulations, customary practice, and other

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Deloitte ehf. is a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Iceland and is wholly owned by its members (which comprise the Icelandic equity partners, and Deloitte NSE LLP and Deloitte NSE No2 CLG).

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#### Deloitte Iceland: governance – leadership in action

Deloitte Iceland operates as a corporation owned by a partnership, D&T sf., with 31 partner as of 31 May 2023, established under Icelandic law, with registered office at Smaratorg 3, 201 Kopavogur and registration number 521098-2449, Deloitte NSE, a limited liability partnership, established under UK law, with registered office at 2 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BC, United Kingdom, registration number OC417204 and Deloitte NSE No2 CLG, established under Irish law, with registered address at 29 Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2, D02AY28, Ireland, registration number 641303.

Deloitte Iceland Board of Directors and Audit & Assurance Leader are responsible for the governance and oversight of the Audit & Assurance practice. Specific responsibilities include confirming admission of partners, confirming the allocation of units and earnings to partners and other matters according to local legislation.

At the Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors are elected. The following are the members of the Deloitte Iceland Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Committee as of May 31, 2023.

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Bjorgvin Ingi Olafsson, board member

Signy Magnusdottir, board member

Holmgrimur Bjarnason, reserve board member

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Palina Arnadottir, Risk & Reputational Leader

Ingvi Bjorn Bergmann, Audit & Assurance Leader

Birna Maria Sigurdardottir, Risk Advisory Leader

Lovisa Anna Finnbjornsdottir, Financial Advisory and Consulting Leader

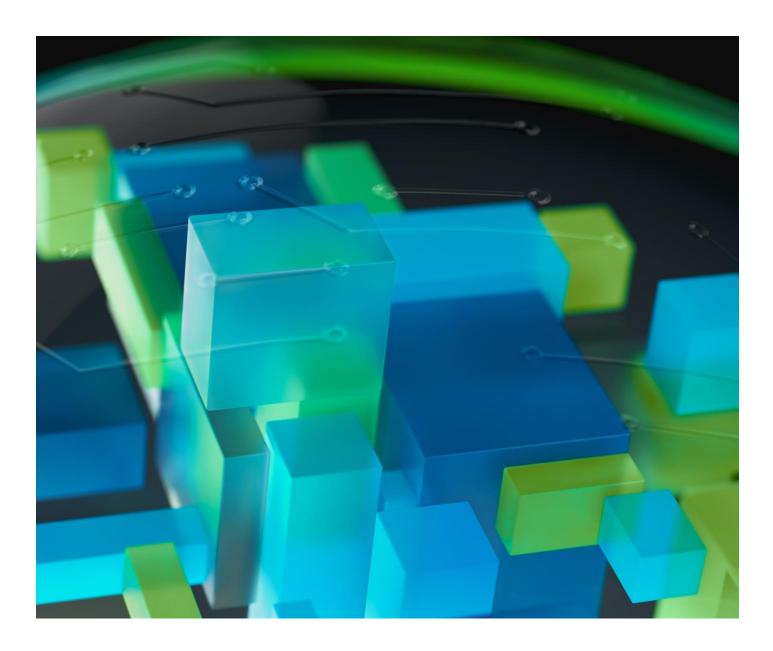
Sunna Dora Einarsdottir, Business Process Solutions Leader

Ingvi Bjorn Bergmann, Audit & Assurance Business Leader, is appointed by Deloitte Iceland CEO, as are all other business leaders. Ingvi Björn Bergmann and senior management develop and implement the strategy for the Audit & Assurance practice, including related policies and procedures. In all of their activities, Deloitte Iceland senior leaders are responsible for the overarching objective of audit quality, including compliance with applicable professional standards and regulatory requirements. Deloitte Iceland strategy is developed in alignment with the overall strategic direction established for the Deloitte network.

Deloitte Iceland Audit & Assurance Business Leader participates in Deloitte network groups that set and monitor quality standards, and from which a number of audit quality initiatives emanate in collaboration with the Risk & Reputational Leader.

## Our purpose and commitment: instilling trust and confidence

At Deloitte Iceland, our purpose is to make an impact that goes beyond the expected. For Audit & Assurance, this means constantly evolving audit and assurance processes, leveraging leading-edge technology, applying a diversity of skillsets, knowledge, and experience to deliver high-quality services. We take great pride in instilling confidence and trust in the capital markets and are committed to relentlessly raising the standards of quality and always acting with integrity, independence, and transparency. We are continuously building our capabilities to support the delivery of high-quality audits and other assurance engagements and making leading contributions to shaping the future of the audit profession.



# Deloitte Audit & Assurance: Our commitment to serving the public interest

#### A focus on audit quality

Deloitte's commitment to audit quality permeates everything we do. The independent audit is a central element of the corporate reporting ecosystem, in place to enhance the confidence and trust of investors and other stakeholders, as well as to promote the effective functioning of the capital markets. Deloitte is keenly aware of our obligation to deliver audit services that meet the challenges and complexities of the current environment, while complying with professional and regulatory standards. For the corporate reporting ecosystem to function as intended, it is vital that the auditor's role be executed effectively.

Deloitte is committed to doing more than simply meeting regulatory requirements and conforming to expectations. Deloitte is going beyond the expected to set the standard of excellence for the profession. In keeping with that objective, our commitment to audit quality is unequivocal.

#### **Deloitte Global leadership**

The Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Executive, which includes the Audit & Assurance Business Leaders from the member firms is led by Jean-Marc Mickeler, the Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Business Leader, whose responsibilities include defining and driving the Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance strategy, with a particular focus on:

- Driving key audit and assurance initiatives across the Deloitte network to accomplish quality outcomes.
- Leading transformational initiatives to innovate the way our audit and assurance engagements are executed to meet the evolving needs of our stakeholders.

#### **Entities Deloitte audits**

As part of Deloitte's Audit & Assurance commitment to supporting the capital markets, we are focused on auditing entities where it serves the public interest and where we have the capabilities to perform a quality audit

with objectivity and in compliance with applicable professional standards and laws and regulations, including those relating to ethics and independence.

The company we keep is a critical foundational aspect of our Audit & Assurance strategy and global shared values that guide our behavior to lead the way, serve with integrity, take care of each other, foster inclusion, and collaborate for measurable impact. The question we ask ourselves is: what type of entities do we, as a global network, want to be associated with? To answer this question, an audit and assurance risk appetite statement has been developed to serve as the foundation for the company we want to keep. The risk appetite statement can be used as a tool to promote robust discussion of risk, and as a basis upon which acceptance and continuance decisions can be debated and challenged effectively and credibly. The statement, as shown below sets the tone for our risk culture and aims to drive global consistency in the engagement acceptance and continuance decision making process:

"Deloitte's Audit & Assurance portfolio risk appetite underpins our purpose led agenda and reinforces our Principles of Business Conduct, which articulate the standards to which we hold ourselves, wherever in the world we live and work, in order to build and maintain a sustainable business for current and future generations.

Consistent with our commitment to purpose and to act in the public interest, we recognize that taking on a degree of risk is a natural consequence of doing business. In order to deliver high-quality audit and assurance services, we proactively identify and manage risk through our quality management processes, policies and procedures to make informed decisions aligned to our strategy and values.

We aspire to have a portfolio of clients that aligns with our shared values, respects our people, recognizes emerging issues and societal responsibilities, and is committed to providing transparency to stakeholders in the corporate reporting ecosystem. We endeavor to have a portfolio that does not include clients that lack integrity, engage in illegal activities, disregard the authenticity of financial accounting and reporting, or are unwilling to establish and maintain sufficient internal controls and related processes.

Deloitte Iceland has detailed policies and procedures in place for the acceptance of prospective clients, the continuance of existing engagements and the assessment of engagement risk. These policies and procedures are designed with the objective that Deloitte Iceland will only accept or continue with engagements where it:

- Is able to perform the engagement and has the capabilities, including time and resources, to do so.
- Can comply with all relevant professional standards and laws and regulations, including those relating to ethics and independence and conflicts of interest assessments and considerations.
- Considers the client's management team to act with integrity and in alignment with our shared values.

#### Fewer, stronger member firms

Within the Deloitte member firm structure, Deloitte Iceland is part of the Deloitte NSE member firm. As a locally registered and regulated audit firm in Iceland, we have decision-making authority regarding regulatory matters and professional obligations and maintain ultimate responsibility for the execution of audit and assurance services in accordance with professional standards and local laws and regulations. Deloitte Iceland is responsible for maintaining and operating an effective system of quality management to support the performance of high-quality audit and assurance engagements. As a member of a combined firm within the Deloitte network, we work in close cooperation with the other geographies in the Deloitte NSE member firm and benefit from additional oversight of quality, risk management, and monitoring activities. This structure fosters shared investment in audit innovation and resources as well as the sharing of leading practices across geographies, contributing to our collective aspirations of continuous improvement in audit quality.

At Deloitte, meeting expectations is where our Audit & Assurance services begin.

Our people's commitment to integrity, to serve the public interest, and to deliver high-quality assurance over the areas that matter most to our stakeholders is at the core of everything we do.

Our unwavering dedication to quality drives our sustained quality leadership position. We remain focused on excellence across people, process, and technology. Each of these core components helps us to deliver our vision for a better future, creating an impact that not only meets expectations but goes beyond them.

What does this look like? A constantly evolving audit and assurance practice, leveraging bright minds, effective processes, and world-class technologies from across our global organization while drawing on our years of experience. We deliver high-quality services in an efficient and effective way that upholds integrity, builds confidence, and drives value by focusing on what really matters.

Audit & Assurance transformation is an important shift across the network in the way Deloitte practitioners work and includes:

The Deloitte Way: standardization of audit processes supported by our lobal technology suite

Real-time audit quality monitoring

Enhanced talent model which includes learning, rewards and recognition, centers of excellence, and delivery centers

Agile deployment of technology solutions to respond to changing environments

#### Delivering audit excellence through process, people, and technology transformation<sup>4</sup>

With The Deloitte Way, Deloitte is bringing standardization, consistency, and efficiency to drive quality into the core of how our audits are executed: with

automation that improves routine tasks and analytics that support audit execution—yielding a deeper and more insightful view into the available data. As a result, we are improving the quality of the audits we deliver while also creating a richer talent experience for our people and clients, providing a streamlined, digital audit experience, that provides greater transparency and insights.

Innovation and technology enablement are an expectation in today's fast-changing business environment, and this expectation holds true for the audit profession as well. Today's complex business environment requires that the audit be dynamic, multidimensional, and insightful. There is a demand for real-time, relevant information, and we need to evolve our audits as the entities we audit innovate their businesses and processes. Leveraging evolving technology and data, a Deloitte audit delivers deeper insights to create more consistent and transparent audit and assurance for our stakeholders. Deloitte brings bright minds, effective processes, and world-class technologies from across the global organization to deliver an impact beyond expectations.

Deloitte Iceland auditors are enhancing the way they work by making more use of data-driven analytics, as well as cognitive and cloud-based technologies. This is due, in part, to the increased automation and effectiveness these provide, but also the need for Deloitte Iceland to stay abreast of technological advances used by the entities that we audit.

Deloitte is committed to the continued investment in emerging technologies and diversity of thought that enables the delivery of enhanced quality, insights, and value to our clients and the markets. Deloitte's global audit platforms, Deloitte Omnia and Deloitte Levvia, demonstrate our commitment to delivering digital, highquality audits of all sizes and levels of complexity. Deloitte Omnia is our cloud-based, end-to-end audit delivery platform for larger and complex audits, while Deloitte Levvia delivers a streamlined, right-sized digital audit experience for low risk and less complex entities. Development, enhancement, and deployment of both platforms will continue over the next few years. Deloitte is also developing and implementing innovative global data and analytics solutions, and our integrated suite of enabling innovation technologies which are all connected in the cloud.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For more information about Deloitte audit innovation, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u> and <u>Audit innovation</u> and <u>Audit & Assurance: the Deloitte way</u> pages on Deloitte.com.

#### **Auditing in disruptive times**

In the wake of tremendous global disruption marked by public health, political, and social uncertainties over the past few years, the profession, along with all corporate reporting ecosystem stakeholders, has been affected. Deloitte's response to the uncertainties and disruptions has included efforts to continue advancing the profession, while prioritizing the wellbeing of its people.

Particularly in the current environment, a sharpened awareness regarding the heightened risk of fraud, the presence of emerging or evolving risk factors, and the need for effective internal control environments remains critical. Although the existing accounting frameworks have provisions for uncertainties, financial statement users and regulators should continue to expect a higher degree of market and economic volatility in the near term.

Deloitte has consistently welcomed public statements and guidance issued by regulators that recognize uncertainties and emphasize the importance of high-quality, forward-looking corporate disclosures. Greater transparency benefits the public, just as raising awareness about these issues, especially when all corporate reporting ecosystem stakeholders participate. More clarity about the unique and complementary responsibilities of management, audit committees, entities, auditors, regulators, and other stakeholders enables the investing public to hold accountable theses parties in a way that effectively serves the public interest.

The value of high-quality audit and assurance services is not diminished in the midst of global unrest. Rather, investors and other stakeholders continue to call for professional services based on independence and objectivity-based principles and practices to engender trust and inspire confidence in the capital markets – and Deloitte is committed to leading the way.

Deloitte Iceland's commitment to serving the public interest – especially as it relates to behaving according to the highest standards of ethics, integrity, independence, and transparency is steadfast. Deloitte is keenly aware of the gravity of responsibility that comes with meeting professional obligations and discharging its role as auditors within the corporate reporting ecosystem globally. The following principles remain at the forefront and are continuously reinforced with Audit & Assurance practitioners:

- Exercise professional skepticism and due professional care.
- Critically evaluate the quality of audit evidence obtained and determine whether it is sufficient and appropriate to address relevant risks.
- Make well-reasoned professional judgments supported by clear documentation.
- Foster a culture of excellence and consultation.
- Demonstrate commitment to integrity and ethical behavior, including compliance with regulatory and professional obligations.
- Stay connected and support one another.

#### Multidisciplinary model (MDM)

Deloitte's robust multidisciplinary business model comprises audit and assurance, tax, consulting, and risk and financial advisory practices and is an important contributor to the organization's ability to deliver high-quality audit and assurance services. Specifically, the scope of corporate reporting has begun to expand and it is expected to transform drastically in the near future; Financial statements and corporate disclosures will continue to become more complex due to ESG considerations and other matters (cyber, AI, data privacy, etc.). In addition, as big data and other digital advances become routine, the demand for data analysts and IT specialists will grow accordingly.

The MDM remains foundational to Deloitte's cross-disciplinary services globally. Deloitte prides itself on having a deep bench of independent specialists who can be deployed around the world on engagements to provide subject matter expertise and new, insightful perspectives. Deloitte believes that the current MDM helps the organization deliver high-quality audits and assurance engagements in the public interest and reinforces the resilience of the audit and assurance practice. The strengths of the MDM include:

- The possibility to develop industry or thematic insights (e.g., climate, governance, corporate strategy, etc.) through multiple lenses, which enhances auditors' understanding of business risks relevant to conducting audits.
- The MDM enables access to functional specialists and industry experts who are independent, and who provide audit support helping to deliver high-quality audits. This will become more important as we move towards broader corporate reporting.
- The breadth of the MDM is attractive to candidates who may not want to limit their career options to providing audit and assurance services only.
- The scale of the MDM brings greater resilience to each Deloitte business line, including audit and assurance, allowing continued investment in technology, methodology, and process to support delivery of high-quality services.

Deloitte leadership recognizes that each Deloitte business line is important and critical to the organization's ability to deliver on its public interest responsibilities. Management's attention and investment allocation are not limited to the business lines with the highest growth rates.

Deloitte acknowledges the possibility and perception of conflicts of interest, and therefore has robust conflicts and independence policies and systems to help ensure that Deloitte's strategy is executed in alignment with regulatory and professional requirements. In some areas, Deloitte policies are more stringent than professional standards, laws, or regulations.

#### Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) reporting<sup>5</sup>

The foundations of business are changing rapidly – long-term resiliency and the ability to create enduring value is directly linked to alignment with the values and expectations of society. Market participants and other stakeholders are calling for greater insight into how organizations are building, protecting, and enhancing enterprise value over time, and are specifically demanding enhanced transparency around climate-related and broader ESG impacts and the dependencies of an entity's business model and strategy.

Specifically, Deloitte recognizes that climate change poses a risk to financial stability and impacts businesses in many sectors with increased disclosure and reporting expectations from various stakeholders.

Deloitte is taking strategic actions to educate our people on climate change and the potential impact on audited entities to support the execution of high-quality audits, thereby giving appropriate consideration to climate-related risks and opportunities. This includes the deployment of materials such as a climate learning curriculum, as well as a framework and related guidance to consider climate-related matters as part of the audit.

#### **Broader corporate reporting**

Traditional financial reporting is beginning to evolve into broader corporate reporting. To support this evolution, there are standard setting and rulemaking efforts regarding sustainability by the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) and others around the world.

These standards emphasize the need for better connectivity between financial and non-financial reporting and will help users of corporate disclosures better understand and compare information about entities. Further, these standards will enable greater transparency, consistency, and comparability globally, as well as shift the requirements for climate-related reporting from being voluntary to mandatory.

To be effective, the standards need to be adopted globally in a consistent manner to deliver corporate reporting which is comparable, based on the global baseline, and supplemented by local considerations where warranted. These standards will also need to be brought into regulation around the world, together with associated enforcement, monitoring, governance and controls, assurance, and training. The developments in standard-setting and rulemaking are intended not only to create

transparency and consistency in global baseline reporting, but also to make clear that information in financial reporting and information contained in sustainability reporting together are essential inputs to inform a stakeholder's view of an entity's value.

Therefore, there is a growing demand for companies to integrate climate-related and other ESG considerations into internal control policies and procedures, enhancing the maturity of systems, processes, and governance over climate-related and other ESG information. As a result, those charged with governance (e.g., audit committees, boards) are increasingly incorporating ESG considerations in their oversight responsibilities of an organization's management, its reporting, and their data-collection processes and controls.

Deloitte understands that given the increased risks associated with climate change, it is important for climate-related factors to be properly incorporated into corporate reporting. Today some stakeholder's expectations may not be met by financial statements prepared in accordance with current accounting frameworks. As corporate reporting continues to evolve and stakeholders accommodate and adapt to market shifts and public sentiment, it is important to allow for appropriate due process in order to develop robust standards applied consistently across the globe and to drive reporting that is responsive to the growing asks of investors and other stakeholders.

Deloitte remains committed to engaging in meaningful and transparent conversations with investors, standard-setters, regulators, and other relevant stakeholders. We also look forward to supporting reduced standard and regulatory fragmentation and to greater market confidence as consistency in standards is realized globally.

Iceland is part of the European Economic Area (EEA) and as such will be required to adopt new EU sustainability regulation, including the EU Taxonomy, Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). The two former ones entered into force on June 1st, 2023, with reporting for the financial year 2023 required. CSRD is expected to be adopted in Iceland in 2024, requiring reporting for that year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For more information about Deloitte's alignment with ESG, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u>.

#### **Assurance**

With the increased focus and scrutiny of ESG reporting also comes the increased need for confidence over the quality of disclosures and increasing calls for assurance requirements. Individual jurisdictions, such as the European Union and the United States, are moving to introduce or strengthen regulation around sustainability reporting. Assurance requirements are increasingly becoming mandatory.

Providing assurance on ESG information should be expected to follow a professional framework including competence, independence, a system of quality management, and be subject to oversight and inspection as well as professional liability mechanisms to ensure that credible assurance is delivered to the market.

Below are specific actions that Deloitte is undertaking to support execution of high-quality assurance that appropriately address ESG voluntary reporting and regulatory requirements:

 Engaging in shaping the capital market infrastructure for sustainability reporting tied to enterprise value through collaboration on climate and ESG standard setting reporting, and assurance initiatives, such as the IFRS Foundation, the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board, and the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants.

- Actively participating in various global platforms such as the World Economic Forum and the 2022 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27).
- Deployment of enhanced guidance to deliver limited and reasonable ESG assurance through Deloitte's global sustainability assurance methodology. Building capacity through global and localized learning focused on ESG.
- Developing technology-enabled tools, including a tool to evaluate a company's sustainability disclosures against common ESG standards.
- Strengthening voluntary carbon markets by helping corporates invest in high quality carbon credits and by advising carbon project developers on how to create verified and registered high quality carbon credits.

Deloitte supports the continued collaboration of all participants in the corporate reporting ecosystem, working together to develop and implement common standards upon which to measure, disclose, and ultimately assure ESG information.

#### **Deloitte's commitment**

Further, to help the world achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement<sup>6</sup>, Deloitte has launched <u>WorldClimate</u>, a strategy to drive responsible climate choices within the Deloitte network and beyond.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The <u>Paris Agreement</u> is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 parties at the United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris, France, on December 12, 2015 and was entered into force on November 4, 2016. Per the UN, its overarching goal is to hold the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

#### Shaping the future of the audit profession

The provision of relevant and reliable financial and, increasingly, non-financial information is critical to both the capital markets and broader society. Policy makers, regulators, investors, company directors, audit committees, and auditors all have an important role so that users of corporate information have a clear and robust picture of uncertainties and risks in a company's business model to help support their informed decision making.

Uncertainty and complexity are set to remain a central theme over the coming years, driven by heightened global challenges and the rapid advancement of technology.

Deloitte is committed to establishing a meaningful vision for the future of the profession which addresses the shifting needs of society.

We are continually innovating to address the challenges of efficiency and effectiveness through technology, data, and ways of working. In parallel, the role of audit and assurance in the corporate reporting ecosystem, its responsibility to act in the public interest, and its evolving contribution to societal value remains at the forefront of our work in this area. Through proactive engagement with a range of stakeholders, we seek to understand today's rapidly developing issues faced by society (e.g., ESG, cyber, AI, data privacy, etc.) and the role that audit and assurance can play in responding and driving change for the better.

We strive to engage with these parties, both formally and informally, to share, offer, and debate ideas that foster our collective ambition to ensure the ongoing and growing relevance of audit and assurance to the capital markets.

## Professional development and performance management

Deloitte's culture of excellence and the design of learning programs place people at the forefront<sup>7</sup>. Deloitte practitioners are technically proficient with high levels of ethics, integrity, professional skepticism, and objectivity, applying their judgment and experience with passion and commitment. We are continuously enhancing our skillsets, knowledge, and experience to go beyond the expected and deliver meaningful impact.

Deloitte is committed to delivering an unrivalled talent experience, developing practitioners, and furthering their careers by creating a life-long learning environment—advancing audit education, skillsets, and flexible career options that appeal to auditors of today and tomorrow.

Deloitte practitioners bring diverse backgrounds, knowledge, and skills that enhance capabilities as an organization in delivering the highest quality audits. We support and empower our people to achieve their full potential by valuing and demonstrating diversity, equity, inclusion, and wellbeing. In addition, operational discipline, effective management of the business, and our singular approach to doing audits known as The Deloitte Way provide global consistency to our audits.

Deloitte recognizes and rewards its Audit & Assurance practitioners and professionals and makes meaningful investments in their futures.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> For more information about Deloitte's commitment to its people, please refer to <u>Audit & Assurance People page</u> on Deloitte.com.

#### **Learning and development initiatives**

Deloitte's transformed approach to audit delivery is changing the audit experience for practitioners. Audit teams are empowered by advanced tools and technologies and more extensive use of data and analytics within a guided workflow to execute the end-to-end audit. For Deloitte practitioners, this means focusing on how the engagement is planned, executed, and managed consistently across the globe using our innovative techniques and capabilities. It also offers opportunities to enhance their technical and professional skillsets and competencies. For example, the following skills remain as important as ever – enhanced data analytics, project management, critical thinking, communication, professional judgment, and the application of accounting and auditing principles to work more effectively and deliver high-quality engagements. As capabilities and skillsets are enhanced, we build greater confidence and become ever-better evaluators of risk.

Deloitte has made substantial investments in talent and learning strategies and transformed the technical audit curriculum to build the refreshed skillsets and proficiency required by level:

- At the core, Deloitte has a single, global mandatory audit technical learning curriculum, tailored for learners by level, using a dynamic blend of live instructor-led, digital on-demand courses, and on-thejob activities.
- All client service practitioners are required to follow
  the firm's learning requirements for their roles and
  complete at least 20 hours of continuing professional
  education (CPE) each year and at least 120 hours over
  a cyclical three-year period to ensure both compliance
  with regulatory standards and Deloitte internal
  policies. This is achieved through structured, formal
  learning programs, such as internal or external
  courses, seminars, or e-learning covering all areas of
  the competency model (e.g., shared competencies,
  function-specific technical competencies, and
  competencies in areas of specialization).
- All client service practitioners have clearly defined role expectations and global Talent Standards which outline the capabilities that are required of practitioners at each level.

Deloitte has also established specific learning opportunities for specialists working on audit engagements to support their knowledge and understanding of the audit process. In addition, our assurance learning offering is being expanded to respond to emerging business needs.

The objective of the Deloitte Iceland professional development program is to help partners and practitioners maintain and enhance their professional competence and ensure consistency of audit execution. To supplement on-the-job development, Deloitte Iceland provides formal continuing professional development programs in relevant subject areas consistent with the Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance Curriculum.

#### **Deloitte University**

Deloitte actively cultivates the collective knowledge and skills of Deloitte people globally through continued investment in Deloitte Universities (DU). These are state-of-the-art learning and development centers focused on Deloitte culture and founded in the principles of connectedness and leadership in a highly inclusive learning environment<sup>8</sup>. Last year, in-person programming returned to Deloitte Universities, providing opportunities for our people to reconnect with each other after several years of remote learning.

**Deloitte.** University

#### Audit & Assurance leadership appointments

Critical Audit & Assurance leadership roles are clearly defined. A role profile and key performance indicator framework provide a basis for consistent leadership appointments and evaluations across the Deloitte Audit & Assurance network and align member firm and Deloitte Global Audit & Assurance strategic objectives. Deloitte has introduced globally consistent standards for member firm Audit & Assurance leaders, including Audit & Assurance Business Leaders, Audit & Assurance Quality Leaders, and Audit & Assurance Risk Leaders through clearly defined roles, responsibilities, and expected success outcomes. These inform objective setting and evaluation processes and reinforce Deloitte's culture of quality and excellence. Robust monitoring of succession planning helps ensure Deloitte is developing and appointing the appropriate individuals with the capabilities to achieve these consistent standards.

#### Remuneration

Execution of high-quality audits is expected from all practitioners and is embedded across the Deloitte network. Audit quality is recognized through reward and

recognition programs and is built into performance standards at every level, against which practitioners' overall evaluations are measured.

In accordance with global policies, Deloitte Iceland's partners are evaluated on a yearly basis, and depending on the outcome of the evaluation, the remuneration of partners may increase or decrease. Specifically, partner evaluations take the following factors into account:

- **Quality:** Partners act in accordance with Deloitte's quality standards in all professional work.
- Clients: Partners manage client relation and contribute to enhancing Deloitte's brand.
- **Leadership:** Partners demonstrate behavior that reflects Deloitte's culture.
- Business: Partners develop Deloitte's long-term financial interest.
- **Stewardship:** Partners work across all functions and assume different roles.

#### Attraction and retention

The current environment for talent is extremely competitive and attraction and retention of our people is a strategic priority for Deloitte. We acknowledge the challenges our people are facing and recognize our part to re-establish the connections that so many have missed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Deloitte is focused on transforming the Audit & Assurance talent experience, including reimagining the ways of working to improve retention and further advance the diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI), and wellbeing of Deloitte people. We are looking at opportunities to collectively expand the talent experience. This focus on our people and retention of top talent enhances Deloitte's ability to deliver highquality audits.

Deloitte continues to receive recognition and awards across the globe for its commitment to delivering an unrivalled talent experience for its people <u>Awards and recognition</u> | Deloitte Global.

#### **Social Impact**

#### **Making an Impact Every Day**

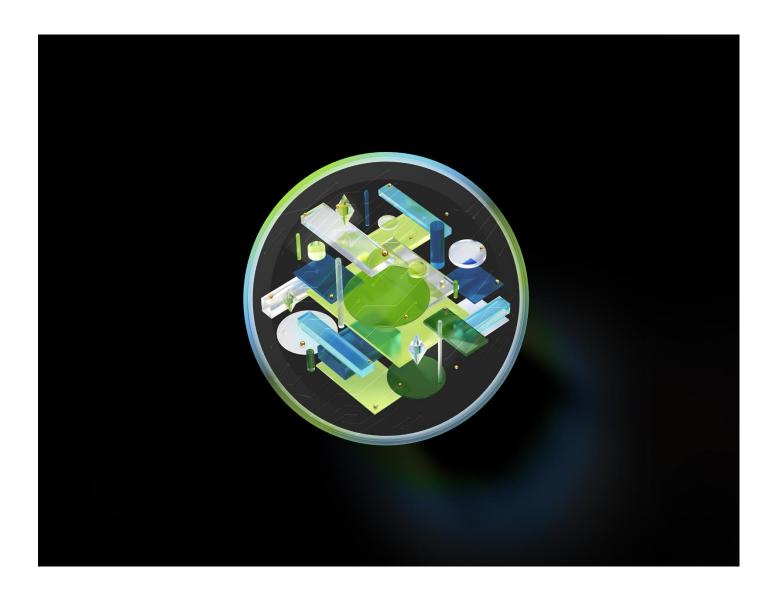
We believe human connection can help create innovative solutions and lasting impact on pressing issues of our time. By harnessing the collective power of Deloitte's network of people, clients, nonprofits, and communities, we aim to achieve lasting social impact for the greater good.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> For more information about Deloitte Universities, please refer to Deloitte <u>Global Impact Report</u>.

#### Deloitte's priority focus on audit quality

Deloitte's commitment to audit quality is central to everything we do. We consistently deliver on this commitment by instilling a culture of quality and excellence across the network, establishing business and financial priorities, and developing effective processes, tools, and technologies applied in the execution of audits. Deloitte's brand is defined by the high-quality audits delivered and by the unwavering commitment to continuous improvement of our systems of quality management. Making sure audit quality keeps pace with emerging economic, business, and regulatory conditions, as well as technological advances, is critical to the continual enhancement of Deloitte's role in protecting the public interest and supporting the effective functioning of the corporate reporting ecosystem.



#### Leadership commitment and tone at the top

Deloitte's culture of quality and excellence begins with strong tone from the top, starting with senior leadership through to the leaders in all our offices and audit and assurance engagements. Deloitte's focus on audit quality is evident through the direct involvement of leaders in initiatives emphasizing that quality is the highest priority for audit and assurance practitioners at all levels and consistent messaging that reinforces the importance placed on executing high-quality audit and assurance engagements. Deloitte's relentless pursuit of quality defines not just what we do, but who we are.

#### System of quality management (SQM)

Deloitte believes an effective system of quality management is crucial for the consistent performance of high-quality audit engagements and we continue to make significant investments in our people, processes, and technologies that underlie Deloitte's quality management processes.

Regulators and standard setters in Iceland and globally are also focused on driving further improvements in firms' system of quality management. In December 2020, the IAASB released its new, revised suite of quality management standards, including International Standard on Quality Management 1 (ISQM 1). Systems of quality management in compliance with ISQM 1 were required to be designed and implemented by December 15, 2022.

ISQM 1 introduced a risk-based approach to the SQM that require firms to respond to quality objectives and risks to our ability to execute high-quality audits in the following areas:

- The firm's risk assessment process;
- Governance and leadership;
- Relevant ethical requirements;
- Acceptance and continuance of client relationships and specific engagements;
- Engagement performance;
- Resources;
- · Information and communication; and
- The monitoring and remediation process.

The effective implementation of ISQM 1 has been and remains a key element of Deloitte's global audit quality strategy. Deloitte Iceland's ISQM 1 implementation activities were completed by December 15, 2022 building on the multi-year investments and commitment already delivered to go beyond the requirements of the existing professional standards.

As part of the implementation of ISQM 1, quality objectives, quality risks and responses were formalized and brought together in a globally consistent technology platform to facilitate the design and maintenance of the system, as well as the operation through tri-annual self-assessments by business process owners and reporting capabilities to support the required annual evaluation.

Deloitte Iceland continues to work with leaders across the firm, as well as the broader network, to further enhance our proactive approach to managing the quality of engagements performed – identifying and addressing risks to audit quality and driving continued advancements in quality management processes serves us well into the future as the environment within which we operate continues to evolve and become increasingly complex.

Consistent with Deloitte's culture of continuous improvement and innovation, Deloitte Iceland's ISQM 1 implementation efforts have provided us the opportunity to challenge ourselves—examining those areas where we can further enhance and transform our system of quality management. Audit quality is always front and center, and robust audit quality monitoring processes play an integral role in our ability to continually improve.

The first annual evaluation of the systems of quality management are required to be performed within one year following December 15, 2022. Deloitte Iceland performed its first evaluation of its SQM as of end of May 2023.

#### Conclusion on the effectiveness of the system of quality management

Deloitte Iceland is responsible for designing, implementing, and operating a system of quality management (SQM) for audits or reviews of financial statements, or other assurance or related services engagements performed by the firm, that provides the firm with reasonable assurance that the objectives of the SQM are being achieved. The objectives are:

- The firm and its personnel fulfill their responsibilities in accordance with professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements, and conduct engagements in accordance with such standards and requirements; and
- Engagement reports issued by the firm or engagement partners are appropriate in the circumstances.
- Deloitte Iceland conducted its evaluation in accordance with the International Standard on Quality Management 1.

Deloitte Iceland concluded that the SQM provides the firm with reasonable assurance that objectives of the SQM are being achieved as of end of May 2023.

Reasonable assurance is obtained when the system of quality management reduces to an acceptably low level the risk that the objectives of the SQM are not achieved. Reasonable assurance is not an absolute level of assurance, because there are inherent limitations of a system of quality management.

#### Independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism

The execution of high-quality audits requires independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism. This means a continuous and tangible focus on Deloitte's critical role in serving the public interest, including creating a culture of quality where doing the right thing is of paramount importance. Deloitte consistently reinforces the important role of auditors as independent evaluators who must maintain a mindset of professional skepticism throughout the conduct of our work. This approach to the audit is reflected in Deloitte policies, methods, procedures, and learning, and is reinforced through quality management and accountability measures.

#### **Audit approach**

Deloitte's approach to performing a high-quality audit involves the use of an audit methodology, common across the Deloitte network, supplemented by audit tools for use by our practitioners to plan, perform, supervise, review, document, conclude, and communicate the results of each audit. Deloitte's audit approach is underpinned by professional standards, as well as requirements of applicable laws and regulations.

Deloitte's audit methodology is risk-based, focusing on the financial statement account balances, disclosures, and underlying assertions that have a reasonable possibility of being materially misstated. Our audit methodology is also dynamic – it evolves continuously to keep pace with the changing demands of investors, companies, and other stakeholders. It recognizes that advances in the availability and management of large data sets and in statistical science are relevant to continuing to enhance the quality of Deloitte audits.

#### Resources to support Deloitte practitioners in the execution of high-quality audits

The resources applied by Deloitte practitioners in the performance of their audits include the proprietary tools, guidance, materials, and practice aids used in conducting audits, which are available to all our practitioners in the Deloitte Global Technical Library, an extensive online library, and in our audit execution platforms (EMS and Deloitte Levvia). Deloitte regularly issues accounting and auditing guidance to our practitioners and communicates developments that should be factored into audit risk assessments and responses in order to maintain and drive quality audit execution.

#### Consultation

Quality and risk management considerations are integral to Deloitte's audit business and to the performance of audit engagements. That is why Deloitte views consultation as an essential, collaborative process—one that involves robust challenge and helps determine the most appropriate answers to complex questions. Deloitte has identified circumstances where consultation outside of the engagement team is required to demonstrate an appropriate level of professional judgment and the exercise of professional skepticism. Deloitte consultation policies require that conclusions are documented, understood, and implemented. Foundational to the effectiveness of the consultation process is Deloitte's investment in consultation resources who have the appropriate skills and expertise. In addition to formal consultations, whenever engagement partners and teams need additional information or perspectives, they are encouraged to seek assistance from others in the organization with specialized knowledge.



## External and internal audit quality monitoring

#### Monitoring of audit quality

A continued focus on audit quality is of paramount importance to the Deloitte brand. It is critical that a Deloitte audit is consistently executed and of high-quality, wherever in the world it is performed.

The objective of monitoring and remediation processes are to provide relevant, reliable, and timely information about the design, implementation, and operation of the system of quality management to leadership in order to enable appropriate and timely actions to be taken to respond to identified deficiencies. This includes the identification of deficiencies and good practices in the system of quality management and the assessment of the effectiveness of remedial actions in driving improvements in audit quality.

#### System of quality management (SQM) monitoring

SQM monitoring is an integral part of Deloitte Iceland's monitoring activities and considers relevant requirements in ISQM 1, as well as evaluating the design, implementation and operating effectiveness of responses that address the quality risks that have been identified for the firm.

Audit Quality Indicators (AQIs) are used in conjunction with other metrics to further assist Deloitte Iceland in developing and monitoring audit quality action plans and reporting on the progress in its audit quality journey.

#### Monitoring of in-process engagements

Continuous audit quality monitoring by Deloitte Iceland involves the proactive identification of audit issues on inprocess engagements in order to drive timely solutions and real time corrective actions. This is achieved through the following suite of activities:

 Deployment and monitoring of a series of core diagnostics, enabling engagement partners and teams, as well as Deloitte Iceland audit quality leader(s) to continuously monitor audit quality and take immediate action.

- A program of subject matter specific "health checks" to assist Deloitte Iceland audit quality leader(s) in assessing progress and identifying potential issues on in-process engagements.
- Inspections of in-process engagements which allows Deloitte Iceland to proactively identify and remediate any quality issues throughout the audit.
- Results of monitoring of in-process engagements are evaluated overall to determine whether additional communication and support is needed for audit engagement teams with respect to adherence to the audit methodology or updates thereto.

#### Inspections of completed engagements

Key components of inspections of completed engagements include:

- Risk-based engagement selection and consideration of all major industries served by Deloitte Iceland.
- Mandatory moderation panel to drive consistency in findings and engagement ratings.
- Network monitoring with external partners and deputies, independent of Deloitte Iceland, who drive global consistency by providing input and sharing best practices for monitoring programs.
- Identifying appropriate resources (from within Deloitte Iceland as well as from other Deloitte geographies) with the right experience and industry knowledge, including establishing central review teams.

#### **External inspections**

In addition to Deloitte Iceland's own monitoring of audit quality, we are subject to external monitoring by Iceland Certified Public Accountants and Auditing Oversight Board (ICPAAOB) at least every three years.

The latest inspection by the ICPAAOB was performed in November-December 2021 for both system og quality control and individual engagements. There were no findings regarding our system og quality control. For individual engagements we received few findings and recommendations and we have considered each of them and evaluated if action is needed to strengthen our procedures to improve our audit quality in the same process as for root cause analysis described below. The final report is dated September 9, 2022.

#### Root cause analysis and remediation

Continuous improvement is essential to Deloitte's culture of quality and excellence. Understanding why engagement level findings and SQM deficiencies occur is critical to being able to design effective remedial actions. When engagement level findings or SQM deficiencies are identified, whether through internal or external monitoring activities, actions are taken to identify gaps and develop appropriate remediation activities. Remediation is imperative to drive continuous improvement in audit quality and avoid future similar findings. An audit quality plan is prepared by Deloitte Iceland and provides for effective implementation and monitoring of key audit quality priorities.

## Independence, ethics, and additional disclosures

#### **Deloitte Global Independence**



Sets **independence policies and procedural expectations** based upon the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and, where applicable, the independence standards of the US Securities and Exchange Commission and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.



Supports firms, as needed, with their ongoing SQM monitoring activities and gives insights into global areas of focus. On a three-year cycle, performs **network monitoring activities** through its monitoring program, providing recommendations and observations for consideration as part of firms' Monitoring & Remediation activities. In-depth follow-up reviews are conducted as needed.



Provides firms with **technical independence expertise**, as required, which also informs potential enhancements to global policies, procedural expectations, tools, and practice support activities.



Delivers **global systems** to provide its people with entity information to support compliance with personal and professional independence requirements, including financial interests, scope of service and approvals.



Promotes **independence awareness** across the Deloitte network through active engagement with independence and business leadership groups, periodic communications and alerts, and development of guidance, learning, and instructions.

#### **Deloitte Iceland Independence**

Deloitte Iceland has quality responses that address quality objectives and quality risks as they relate to the relevant ethical requirements for independence. These responses include policies and procedures that are based on expectations set out in Deloitte Global Independence policies, and which are supplemented, as appropriate, to reflect additional national or regional requirements that may be more restrictive than Deloitte Global policies. Deloitte Iceland leadership reinforces the importance of compliance with independence and related quality management standards, thereby setting the appropriate tone at the top and instilling its importance into the professional values and culture of Deloitte Iceland. Strategies and procedures to communicate the importance of independence to partners, other practitioners, and support staff have been adopted, emphasizing each individual's responsibility to understand and meet the independence requirements. The Director of Independence is responsible for overseeing independence matters within Deloitte Iceland, including the design, implementation, operation, monitoring, and maintenance of the system of quality management related to independence.

As part of the firm's system of quality management, Deloitte Iceland has:

- Implemented responses to address quality objectives and quality risks it has identified for its key independence areas;
- Performed appropriate monitoring activities over its key independence areas; and
- Has appropriate independence governance in place.

The firm's key independence areas include:

- Client, engagement, and business relationships, including use of the independence business process tools, the Deloitte Entity Search and Compliance (DESC) system, and the Service Request Monitoring (SRM) application
- Firm and personal financial relationships, including the use of the Global Independence Monitoring System (GIMS)
- Employment and other relationships
- Independence confirmations
- Independence consultations
- Independence-related policies, communications, and learning
- Breaches of independence requirements
- Disciplinary measures for failures to adhere to applicable independence requirements

Global Independence conducted a review of compliance with policies and procedures in the key independence areas during the year 2021 and a report was issued on October 31, 2022.



#### **DESC**

**Deloitte Entity Search and Compliance** 

Global, searchable database containing specific entity information relevant in determining personal and professional independence restrictions.



#### SRM

Service Request Monitoring

Application integrated with DESC that provides a standard business process workflow for submitting and reviewing preapproval requests to provide services to and enter into business relationships with clients.



#### GIMS

Global Independence Monitoring System

Application that contains financial relationship data with relevant independence compliance indicators.

#### Long association requirements of audit partners and practitioners

The rotation requirements according to Act no. 94/2019 on Auditors and auditing state that the same individual auditor is not allowed to sign the auditor's report for a public interest entity for more than seven years. After those seven years the cooling off period is three years. As to the Act no. 94/2019 on Auditors and auditing, public interest entities have to change audit firms after 10 years, but can extend it to 20 years if a public tender process is conducted.

For audits of municipalities according to Act no. 138/2011 the same individual auditor is not allowed to sign the auditor's report for a municipality for more than seven years. After those seven years the cooling off period is two years.

In Deloitte Iceland, a leadership group monitors the staffing of the firm's public interest entities and ensures rotation of key members of the audit team in compliance with the requirements and without loss of important knowledge and experience.

#### **Ethics**

All Deloitte people are expected to act with integrity in accordance with high ethical standards as described in the Deloitte Global Principles of Business Conduct ("Global Code"). The Global Code is embedded into each member firm's Code of Conduct and defines the commitments that all Deloitte people make regarding ethical standards, as well as explaining each individual's responsibilities to their clients, colleagues, and society.

In addition to the Global Code, other foundational elements of Deloitte's ethics program include global policies, a program of training and communications, and established reporting channels supported by defined incident management protocols. For continuous improvement, regular program assessments and reviews are conducted, and feedback is collected from Deloitte people through an annual ethics survey.

Ethics at Deloitte is led by the Deloitte Global Chief Ethics Officer at the global level, and by member firm Ethics Officers at the local level, all of whom are experienced partners with direct access to the member firm's CEO and governing body. Deloitte Global and member firm ethics leaders work together to continually monitor risk and to reinforce compliance with the Global Code.

Deloitte Iceland maintains policies and procedures that build on the global policies and are designed to provide reasonable assurance that its people comply with relevant ethical requirements.

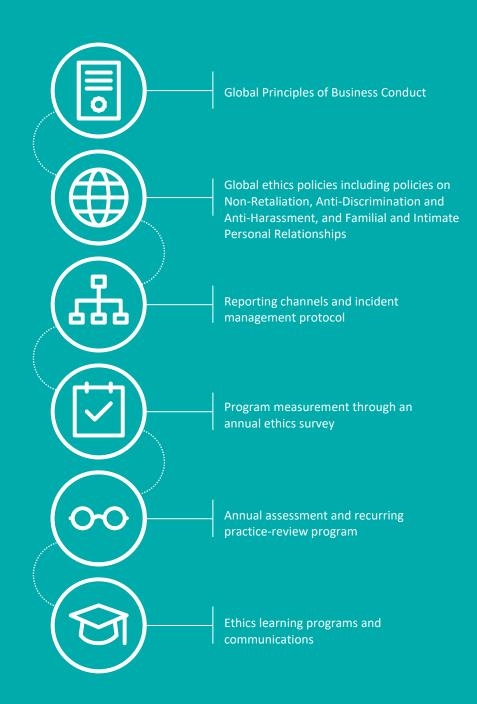
The ethical requirements for audit and related assurance services provided by Deloitte Iceland are in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants. Deloitte Iceland also complies with Deloitte Global policies and procedures, which align with the requirements and guidance set out in the international Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, a standard-setting body of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). When Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants are more restrictive than the Deloitte Global policies and procedures, Deloitte Iceland follows the applicable national requirements.

Deloitte Iceland reinforces its commitment to ethics and integrity through communication tools, learning programs, compliance processes, and measurement systems for all people. Learning includes targeted content for onboarding, manager and senior manager promotion, partner admission, independent contractors, and refresher programs every two years. Recent global training topics have included a focus on the importance of owning up to one's mistakes, navigating personal relationships in the workplace, and demonstrating respect, integrity and professionalism on social media, and courses have included a confirmation that professionals are aware that answers should not be shared with others and doing so would constitute a violation of the Global Code. In addition, Deloitte Iceland conducts ethics reviews for senior leaders and requires all partners, other practitioners, and support staff to confirm annually that they have read and comprehended the member firm's Code of Conduct and understand that it is their responsibility to comply with it.

#### **Deloitte Global Ethics**

Deloitte is committed to conducting business with honesty, distinctive quality, and high standards of professional behavior.

**Deloitte's Global Principles of Business Conduct ("Global Code")** outlines Deloitte's ethical commitments as a network and expectations for Deloitte's approximately 457,000 people, giving a strong, principled foundation. The foundations of the network's ethics program is comprised of the following elements:



## Appendices

## Appendix A | EU EEA audit firms

#### Disclosure in accordance with Article 13.2 (b)(ii)-(iv) of the EU Audit Regulation

EU/EEA member state (Article 13.2 (b)(iii) EU Audit Regulation: the countries in which each audit firm that is a member of the network is qualified as a statutory auditor or has its registered office, central administration, or principal place of business)

Name of audit firms carrying out statutory audits in each member state (Article 13.2 (b)(ii) EU Audit Regulation: the name of each audit firm that is a member of the network)

EU/EEA member state <sup>9</sup>	Name of audit firms carrying out statutory audits in each member state <sup>10</sup>	
Austria	Deloitte Audit Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH	
Austria	Deloitte Niederösterreich Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH	
	Deloitte Oberösterreich Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH	
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	Deloitte Salzburg Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH	
	Deloitte Tirol Wirtschaftsprüfungs GmbH	
	Deloitte Wirtschaftsprüfung Styria GmbH	
Belgium	Deloitte Bedrijfsrevisoren/Réviseurs d'Entreprises BV/SRL	
Bulgaria	Deloitte Audit OOD	
Croatia	Deloitte d.o.o. za usluge revizije	
Cyprus	Deloitte Limited	
Czech Republic	Deloitte Audit s.r.o.	
	Deloitte Assurance s.r.o.	
Denmark	Deloitte Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab	
Estonia	AS Deloitte Audit Eesti	
Finland	Deloitte Oy	
France	Deloitte & Associés	
	Deloitte Marque & Gendrot	
	Deloitte Audit Holding	
	BEAS	
	Cisane	
	Constantin Associés	
	DB Consultant	
	ECA Audit	
	Opus 3.14 Audit et Conseil	
	Pierre-Henri Scacchi et Associés	
	Revi Conseil	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> EU transparency reporting requirement: the countries in which each audit firm that is a member of the network is qualified as a statutory auditor or has its registered office, central administration, or principal place of business.

 $<sup>^{10}</sup>$  EU transparency reporting requirement: the name of each audit firm that is a member of the network.

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EU/EEA member state <sup>9</sup> Name of audit firms carrying out statutory audits in each member state <sup>10</sup>		
Germany	Deloitte GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft	
	Deutsche Baurevision GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft	
	SüdTreu Süddeutsche Treuhand GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft	
Greece	Deloitte Certified Public Accountants S.A.	
Hungary	Deloitte Könyvvizsgáló és Tanácsadó Kft.	
Iceland	Deloitte ehf.	
Ireland	Deloitte Ireland LLP	
Italy	Deloitte & Touche S.p.A.	
Latvia	Deloitte Audits Latvia SIA	
Liechtenstein	Deloitte (Liechtenstein) AG	
Lithuania	Deloitte Lietuva UAB	
Luxembourg	Deloitte Audit	
Malta	Deloitte Audit Limited	
Netherlands	Deloitte Accountants B.V.	
Norway	Deloitte AS	
Poland	Deloitte Audyt spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością spółka komandytowa	
	Deloitte Audyt spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością	
	Deloitte Assurance spółka z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością	
Portugal	Deloitte & Associados, SROC S.A.	
Romania	Deloitte Audit SRL	
Slovakia	Deloitte Audit s.r.o.	
Slovenia	Deloitte Revizija d.o.o.	
Spain	Deloitte, S.L.	
Sweden	Deloitte AB	

#### Disclosure in accordance with Article 13.2 (b)(iv) of the EU Audit Regulation<sup>11</sup>

The total turnover achieved by the audit firms that are members of the network, resulting from the statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements:  $\leq 2.3$  billion<sup>12</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> EU transparency reporting requirement: the total turnover achieved by the audit firms that are members of the network, resulting from the statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Amount represents an estimate determined based upon best efforts to collect this data. Certain Deloitte audit firms registered to perform statutory audits in respective member states provide statutory audit services as well as other audit, assurance, and non-audit services. While Deloitte endeavored to collect specific statutory audit turnover for each EU/EEA Deloitte audit firm, in certain cases turnover from other services has been included. The turnover amounts included herein are as of 31 May 2023, except for a limited number of instances where a Deloitte audit firm has different financial year-end or has not finalized its reporting for such period. In these cases, turnover amounts are for the relevant financial year or preceding financial year. Where currency other than the Euro is used in the member state, the amount in Euros was translated using an average exchange rate in effect for the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023.

## Appendix B | Financial information

#### Disclosure in accordance with Article 13.2 (k)(i)-(iv) of the EU Audit Regulation

The breakdown of Deloitte ehf.'s turnover in the fiscal year ending May 31, 2023.

Turnover	ISK
Statutory audit (PIEs or PIE subsidiaries)	547.849.347
Statutory audit (non-PIEs or non-PIE subsidiaries)	1.697.341.850
Non-audit services (audited entities)	831.373.049
Non-audit services (other entities)	2.782.033.204
Total	5.858.597.450

## Appendix C | Public interest entities

#### Disclosure in accordance with Article 13.2 (f) of the EU Audit Regulation

Public Interest Entities Audited for Statutory Purposes by Deloitte ehf. in the fiscal year ending May 31, 2023.

Name	
AAM GLEQ3	Lífeyrissjóður Rangæinga
Alda Credit Fund slhf.	Lífeyrissjóður Vestmannaeyja
Alda Credit Fund II slhf.	Náttúruhamfaratrygging Íslands
Arion banki hf.	Norðurál Grundartangi ehf.
Brim hf.	REG 1 fagfjárfestasjóður
Eskja hf.	Samskip hf.
Fagfjárfestasjóðurinn ÍSH	Sparisjóður Höfðhverfinga ses.
Festi hf.	Sýn hf.
GAMMA: Méllon	Teya Iceland hf.
Gildi - lífeyrissjóður	TM líftryggingar hf.
HS veitur hf.	TM tryggingar hf.
Iceland Seafood International hf.	Útgerðarfélag Reykjavíkur hf.
Ísfélag Vestmannaeyja hf.	Veðskuld slhf.
Íslandshótel hf.	Veðskuldabréfasjóður ÍV
Íþaka fasteignir ehf.	Veðskuldabréfasjóðurinn Virðing
Jeratún ehf.	Vinnslustöðin hf.
Kvika banki hf.	Vísir hf.
Landsnet hf.	Vörður líftryggingar hf.
Landsvirkjun	Vörður tryggingar hf.
Lífeyrissjóður bankamanna	Þorbjörn hf.

## Appendix D | Offices in Iceland

#### Offices

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#### Endurskodun Vestfjarda ehf.

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## Appendix E | Board declaration

Deloitte Iceland transparency report is compiled in accordance with art. 13 of the EU regulation no. 537/2014, whereas it states that auditors and audit firms that are involved in auditing public interest entities shall annually publish on their website a transparency report.

The board and CEO of Deloitte Iceland confirm, based on their knowledge, that this transparency report entails the information required in accordance with art. 13 of the EU regulation no. 537/2014. In addition, the board and CEO of Deloitte Iceland confirm that Deloitte Iceland's internal quality control system, as it is described in this report, is effective and that applicable independence rules, as described in this report, have been adhered to.

Kopavogur, September 28, 2023

Jonas Gestur Jonasson, chairman

Thorsteinn Petur Gudjonsson, CEO

Bjorgvin Ingi Olafsson

Signy Magnusdottir

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