

# Auditor's report

To the annual meeting of the shareholders of Nordea Bank AB (publ)  
Corporate identity number 516406-0120

## Report on the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts

We have audited the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts of Nordea Bank AB (publ) for the year 2013. The annual accounts and the consolidated accounts of the company are included in the printed version of this document on pages 46–209.

### *Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director for the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts*

The Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the annual accounts in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Security Companies and for the fair presentation of the consolidated accounts in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the EU, and the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors and the Managing Director determine is necessary to enable the preparation of annual accounts and the consolidated accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these annual accounts and consolidated accounts based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts are free from material misstatements. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation and fair presentation of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts 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 company's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Board of Directors and the Managing Director, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### *Opinions*

In our opinion, the annual accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies, and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the parent company as of 31 December 2013 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies. The consolidated accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies, and present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the group as of 31 December 2013 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, as adopted by the EU, and the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies. **A Corporate Governance Report has been prepared. The Board of Director's report and the Corporate Governance Report are consistent with the other parts of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts.**

We therefore recommend that the annual meeting of shareholders adopt the income statement and balance sheet of the parent company and the group.

## Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

In addition to our audit of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts, we have also audited the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss and the administration of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director of Nordea Bank AB (publ) for the year 2013.

### *Responsibilities of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director*

The Board of Directors is responsible for the proposal for appropriations of the company's profit or loss, and the Board of Directors and the Managing Director are responsible for administration under the Companies Act and the Banking and Financing Business Act.

### *Auditor's responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express an opinion with reasonable assurance on the proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss and on the administration based on our audit. We conducted the audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden.

As a basis for our opinion on the Board of Directors' proposed appropriations of the company's profit or loss, we examined the Board of Directors' reasoned statement and a selection of supporting evidence in order to be able to assess whether the proposal is in accordance with the Companies Act.

As a basis for our opinion concerning discharge from liability, in addition to our audit of the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts, we examined significant

decisions, actions taken and circumstances of the company in order to determine whether any member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director is liable to the company. We also examined whether any member of the Board of Directors or the Managing Director has, in any other way, acted in contravention of the Companies Act, the Banking and Financing Business Act, the Annual Accounts Act of Credit Institutions and Securities Companies, or the Articles of Association.

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

#### Opinions

We recommend to the annual meeting of shareholders that the profit be appropriated in accordance with the proposal in the Board of Director's report and that the members of the Board of Directors and the Managing Director be discharged from liability for the financial year.

Stockholm, 6 February 2014

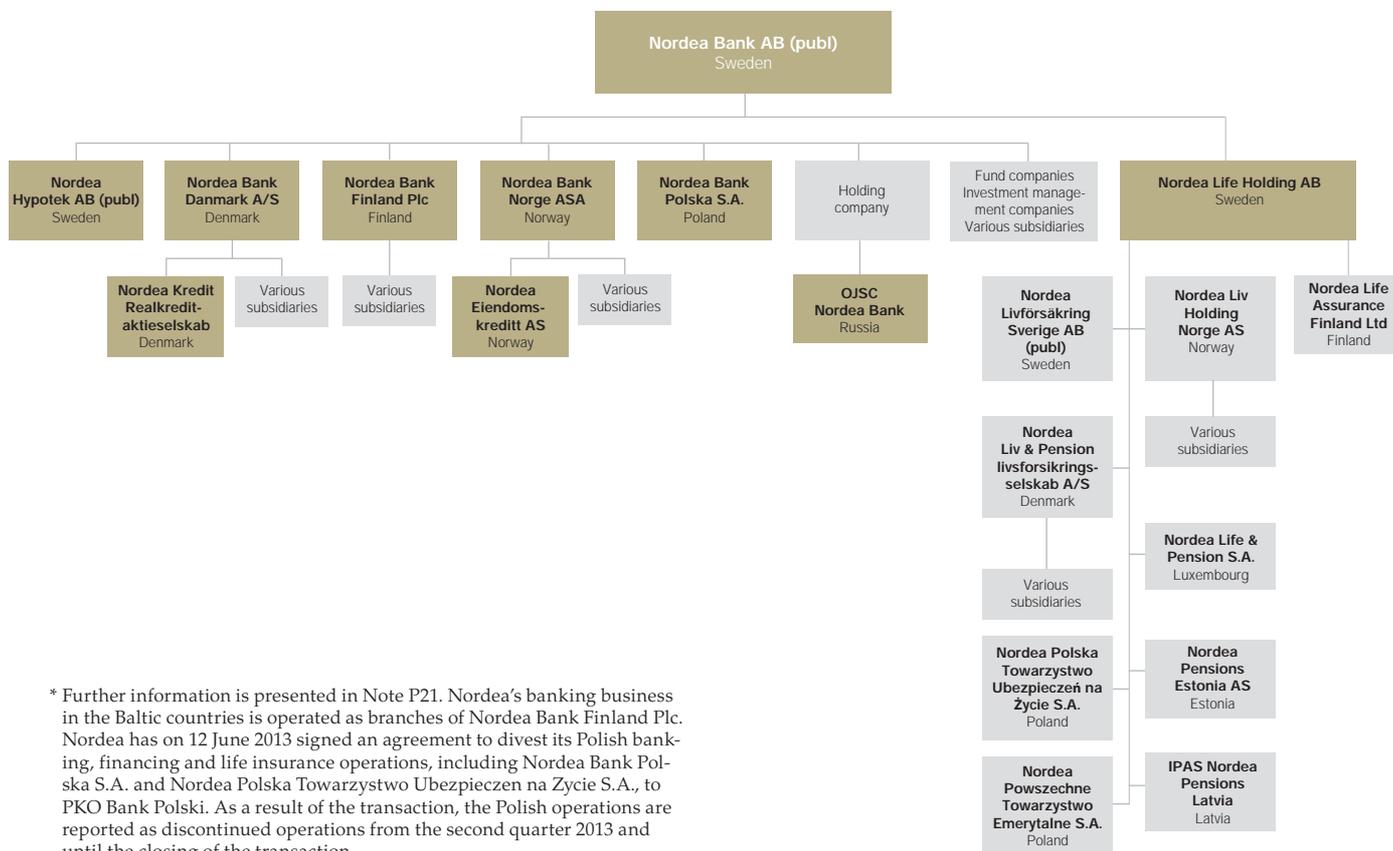
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Hans Åkervall

Authorised Public Accountant

## Legal structure

Main legal structure\*, as of 31 December 2013



\* Further information is presented in Note P21. Nordea's banking business in the Baltic countries is operated as branches of Nordea Bank Finland Plc. Nordea has on 12 June 2013 signed an agreement to divest its Polish banking, financing and life insurance operations, including Nordea Bank Polska S.A. and Nordea Polska Towarzystwo Ubezpieczeń na Życie S.A., to PKO Bank Polski. As a result of the transaction, the Polish operations are reported as discontinued operations from the second quarter 2013 and until the closing of the transaction.