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#### GFK Danmark A/S

Kay Fiskers Plads 9, 6. 2300 København S CVR No. 13639582

#### Annual report 2023

The Annual General Meeting adopted the annual report on 17.06.2024

Anis Panduro Zouzou Chairman of the General Meeting

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## **Entity details**

#### Entity

GFK Danmark A/S Kay Fiskers Plads 9, 6. 2300 København S

Business Registration No.: 13639582 Registered office: København Financial year: 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023

#### **Board of Directors**

Anne Charlotte Hessel Anis Panduro Zouzou Maria Teresa Mazur

**Executive Board** Anis Panduro Zouzou

#### **Auditors**

EY Godkendt Revisionspartnerselskab Dirch Passers Allé 36 2000 Frederiksberg CVR No.: 30700228

## **Statement by Management**

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board have today considered and approved the annual report of GFK Danmark A/S for the financial year 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023.

The annual report is presented in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position at 31.12.2023 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023.

We believe that the management commentary contains a fair review of the affairs and conditions referred to therein.

We recommend the annual report for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

København, 17.06.2024

**Executive Board** 

Anis Panduro Zouzou

**Board of Directors** 

**Anne Charlotte Hessel** 

Anis Panduro Zouzou

Maria Teresa Mazur

## Independent auditor's report

#### To the shareholders of GFK Danmark A/S

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of GFK Danmark A/S for the financial year 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023, which comprise the income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Entity's financial position at 31.12.2023 and of the results of its operations for the financial year 01.01.2023 - 31.12.2023 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements" section of this auditor's report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional ethical requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Management's responsibilities for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act, and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and for using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements unless Management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark 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 conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of 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 Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements, and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity'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 Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures in the notes, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We communicate with those charged with governance 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.

#### Statement on the management commentary

Management is responsible for the management commentary.

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

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the management commentary and, in doing so, consider whether the management commentary is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the management commentary provides the information required by relevant law and regulations.

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that the management commentary is in accordance with the financial statements and has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. We did not identify any material misstatement of the management commentary.

København, 17.06.2024

#### EY Godkendt Revisionspartnerselskab

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#### Allan Nørgaard

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### Management commentary

#### **Primary activities**

GfK Danmark A/S conducts market analysis based on a consumer panel in order to advise grocery stores and manufacturers on the purchasing behaviour and habits of the Nordic consumers. In addition, GfK Danmark A/S measures sales development and trends, in the Nordic market, in the consumer electronic and durable industry among the leading manufacturers and retailers via an advanced retail tracking panel based on Point of Sales (POS) data.

On 11 July 2023 Nielsen IQ (NIQ) and GfK SE announced the completion of their combination which resulted in Advent International Corporation becoming the major shareholder of GfK SE and thereby the GfK Group.

During the year, GfK Danmark A/S sold it's consumer panel business by means of an Asset Purchase Agreement to Consumer Panel Denmark GfK APS. On 9th January 2024 this company was then sold to YouGov Plc as part of a wider divestment of GfK's European Consumer Panel Services business. The divestment addressed competition concerns by the European Commission and was a condition for the combination of NIQ and GfK.

#### **Development in activities and finances**

The company's income statement for 2023 shows a result of DKK. 11,196,950 (2022: DKK. 6,300,894), and the company's equity at 31.12.2023 DKK 14,396,950 (2022: DKK. 9,500,894).

#### Management expects earnings in 2024:

We expect to reach same level of earnings as in 2023.

#### **Knowledge resources:**

As GfK Danmark A/S' services are based on the Group's focus on providing knowledge-based insights, GfK Danmark A/S has a strong focus on attracting, retaining and developing the company's employees and documenting and developing the company's statistical methods.

#### Events after the balance sheet date

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date to this date, which would influence the evaluation of this annual report.

## **Income statement for 2023**

		2023	2022
	Notes	DKK	DKK
Revenue		90,725,384	87,407,260
Other operating income		5,724,973	0
Cost of sales		(43,198,356)	(37,263,408)
Other external expenses		(5,075,741)	(4,660,531)
Gross profit/loss		48,176,260	45,483,321
Staff costs	1	(33,357,629)	(36,225,714)
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses	2	(280,366)	(315,983)
Other operating expenses		(5,260)	0
Operating profit/loss		14,533,005	8,941,624
Other financial income	3	186,865	75,199
Other financial expenses	4	(367,425)	(928,888)
Profit/loss before tax		14,352,445	8,087,935
Tax on profit/loss for the year	5	(3,155,495)	(1,787,041)
Profit/loss for the year		11,196,950	6,300,894
Proposed distribution of profit and loss:			
Ordinary dividend for the financial year		11,196,950	6,300,894
Proposed distribution of profit and loss		11,196,950	6,300,894

## Balance sheet at 31.12.2023

#### Assets

		2023	2022
	Notes	DKK	DKK
Goodwill		0	0
Intangible assets	6	0	0
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment		146,999	509,220
Leasehold improvements		105,093	175,160
Property, plant and equipment	7	252,092	684,380
Deposits		1,161,379	826,025
Financial assets	8	1,161,379	826,025
Fixed assets		1,413,471	1,510,405
Trade receivables		949,657	2,700,111
Receivables from group enterprises		3,556,522	8,093,164
Deferred tax		373,776	1,623,271
Income tax receivable		0	955,006
Prepayments		846,909	265,728
Receivables		5,726,864	13,637,280
Cash		17,931,559	13,834,767
Current assets		23,658,423	27,472,047
Assets		25,071,894	28,982,452

#### **Equity and liabilities**

		2023	2022
	Notes	DKK	DKK
Contributed capital		1,100,000	1,100,000
Retained earnings		2,100,000	2,100,000
Proposed dividend		11,196,950	6,300,894
Equity		14,396,950	9,500,894
Other payables		3,241,540	3,193,759
Non-current liabilities other than provisions	9	3,241,540	3,193,759
Trade payables		1,754,642	816,398
Payables to group enterprises		2,547,698	5,390,954
Income tax payable		82,000	C
Other payables	10	2,458,712	7,151,349
Deferred income		590,352	2,929,098
Current liabilities other than provisions		7,433,404	16,287,799
Liabilities other than provisions		10,674,944	19,481,558
Equity and liabilities		25,071,894	28,982,452

Unrecognised rental and lease commitments

# Statement of changes in equity for 2023

	Contributed	Retained	Proposed	
	capital	earnings	dividend	Total
	DKK	DKK	DKK	DKK
Equity beginning of year	1,100,000	2,100,000	6,300,894	9,500,894
Ordinary dividend paid	0	0	(6,300,894)	(6,300,894)
Profit/loss for the year	0	0	11,196,950	11,196,950
Equity end of year	1,100,000	2,100,000	11,196,950	14,396,950

## Notes

#### 1 Staff costs

	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Wages and salaries	31,355,354	34,380,715
Pension costs	1,544,632	1,307,618
Other social security costs	457,643	537,381
	33,357,629	36,225,714
Average number of full-time employees	56	61
2 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses		
	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	280,366	315,983
	280,366	315,983
3 Other financial income		
	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Other interest income	113,078	0
Exchange rate adjustments	69,978	75,199
Other financial income	3,809	0
	186,865	75,199
4 Other financial expenses		
	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Other interest expenses	115,733	152,234
Exchange rate adjustments	233,421	627,235
Other financial expenses	18,271	149,419
	367,425	928,888
5 Tax on profit/loss for the year		
	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Current tax	1,906,000	1,929,994
Change in deferred tax	1,249,495	(142,953)
	3,155,495	1,787,041

#### 6 Intangible assets

	Goodwill
	DKK
Cost beginning of year	1,935,920
Cost end of year	1,935,920
Amortisation for the year	(1,935,920)
Amortisation and impairment losses end of year	(1,935,920)
Carrying amount end of year	0

#### 7 Property, plant and equipment

	Other fixtures and fittings, tools and	Leasehold
	equipment ir DKK	nprovements DKK
Cost beginning of year	2,707,710	385,336
Additions	116,452	0
Disposals	(1,727,881)	(5)
Cost end of year	1,096,281	385,331
Depreciation and impairment losses beginning of year	(2,198,480)	(210,176)
Depreciation for the year	(210,304)	(70,062)
Reversal regarding disposals	1,459,502	0
Depreciation and impairment losses end of year	(949,282)	(280,238)
Carrying amount end of year	146,999	105,093

#### 8 Financial assets

	Deposits
	DKK
Cost beginning of year	826,025
Additions	335,354
Cost end of year	1,161,379
Carrying amount end of year	1,161,379

#### 9 Non-current liabilities other than provisions

Due afte	r
more than 12	2 Outstanding
month	s after 5 years
202	3 2023
DK	K DKK
Other payables 3,241,54	0 3,241,540
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Other payables consists of frozen Holiday pay obligation.

#### 10 Other payables

2023	2022
DKK	DKK
510,050	98,907
106,437	2,101,137
906,633	2,204,420
935,592	2,746,885
2,458,712	7,151,349
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#### 11 Unrecognised rental and lease commitments

	2023	2022
	DKK	DKK
Liabilities under rental or lease agreements until maturity in total	2,543,874	4,259,378

## **Accounting policies**

#### **Reporting class**

This annual report has been presented in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act governing reporting class B enterprises with addition of a few provisions for reporting class C.

The accounting policies applied to these financial statements are consistent with those applied last year.

#### **Recognition and measurement**

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable as a result of a prior event that future economic benefits will flow to the Entity, and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when the Entity has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a prior event, and it is probable that future economic benefits will flow out of the Entity, and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

On initial recognition, assets and liabilities are measured at cost. Measurement subsequent to initial recognition is effected as described below for each financial statement item.

Anticipated risks and losses that arise before the time of presentation of the annual report and that confirm or invalidate affairs and conditions existing at the balance sheet date are considered at recognition and measurement.

Income is recognised in the income statement when earned, whereas costs are recognised by the amounts attributable to this financial year.

#### **Foreign currency translation**

On initial recognition, foreign currency transactions are translated applying the exchange rate at the transaction date. Receivables, payables and other monetary items denominated in foreign currencies that have not been settled at the balance sheet date are translated using the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences that arise between the rate at the transaction date and the rate in effect at the payment date, or the rate at the balance sheet date, are recognised in the income statement as financial income or financial expenses. Property, plant and equipment, intangible assets, inventories and other non-monetary assets that have been purchased in foreign currencies are translated using historical rates.

#### **Income statement**

#### Revenue

Revenue from the sale of services is recognised in the income statement when delivery is made to the buyer. Revenue is recognised net of VAT, duties and sales discounts and is measured at fair value of the consideration fixed.

#### Other operating income

Other operating income comprises income of a secondary nature as viewed in relation to the Entity's primary activities, including profit from the sale of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, and salary refunds.

#### Cost of sales

Cost of sales comprises goods consumed in the financial year measured at cost, adjusted for normal inventory writedowns.

#### Other external expenses

Other external expenses include expenses relating to the Entity's ordinary activities, including expenses for premises, stationery and office supplies, marketing costs, etc. This item also includes writedowns of receivables recognised in current assets.

#### **Staff costs**

Staff costs comprise salaries and wages, and social security contributions, pension contributions, etc for entity staff.

#### Depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses

Depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses relating to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets comprise depreciation, amortisation and impairment losses for the financial year, and gains and losses from the sale of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment.

#### Other operating expenses

Other operating expenses comprise expenses of a secondary nature as viewed in relation to the Entity's primary activities, including loss from the sale of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment.

#### Other financial income

Other financial income comprises dividends etc received on other investments, interest income, including interest income on receivables from group enterprises, net capital or exchange gains on securities, payables and transactions in foreign currencies, amortisation of financial assets, and tax relief under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

#### Other financial expenses

Other financial expenses comprise interest expenses, including interest expenses on payables to group enterprises, net capital or exchange losses on securities, payables and transactions in foreign currencies, amortisation of financial liabilities, and tax surcharge under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

#### Tax on profit/loss for the year

Tax for the year, which consists of current tax for the year and changes in deferred tax, is recognised in the income statement by the portion attributable to the profit for the year and recognised directly in equity by the portion attributable to entries directly in equity.

#### **Balance sheet**

#### Goodwill

Goodwill is the positive difference between cost and fair value of assets and liabilities arising from acquisitions. Goodwill is amortised straight-line over its estimated useful life, which is fixed based on the experience gained by Management for each business area. Useful lives are reassessed annually. The amortisation periods used are 3 years.

Goodwill is written down to the lower of recoverable amount and carrying amount.

#### Property, plant and equipment

Land and buildings, plant and machinery, and other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Land is not depreciated.

Cost comprises the acquisition price, costs directly attributable to the acquisition and preparation costs of the asset until the time when it is ready to be put into operation.

The basis of depreciation is cost less estimated residual value after the end of useful life. Straight-line depreciation is made on the basis of the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

	Useful life
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	2-10 years
Leasehold improvements	3-5 years

For leasehold improvements and assets subject to finance leases, the depreciation period cannot exceed the contract period.

Estimated useful lives and residual values are reassessed annually.

Items of property, plant and equipment are written down to the lower of recoverable amount and carrying amount.

#### Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost, usually equalling nominal value less writedowns for bad and doubtful debts.

#### **Deferred tax**

Deferred tax is recognised on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax-based value of assets and liabilities, for which the tax-based value is calculated based on the planned use of each asset. However, no deferred tax is recognised for amortisation of goodwill disallowed for tax purposes and temporary differences arising at the date of acquisition that do not result from a business combination and that do not have any effect on profit or loss or on taxable income.

Deferred tax assets, including the tax base of tax loss carryforwards, are recognised in the balance sheet at their estimated realisable value, either as a set-off against deferred tax liabilities or as net tax assets.

#### Tax payable or receivable

Current tax payable or receivable is recognised in the balance sheet, stated as tax computed on this year's taxable income, adjusted for prepaid tax.

#### Prepayments

Prepayments comprise incurred costs relating to subsequent financial years. Prepayments are measured at cost.

#### Cash

Cash comprises cash in hand and bank deposits.

#### Dividend

Dividend is recognised as a liability at the time of adoption at the general meeting. Proposed dividend for the financial year is disclosed as a separate item in equity. Extraordinary dividend adopted in the financial year is recognised directly in equity when distributed and disclosed as a separate item in Management's proposal for distribution of profit/loss.

#### Other financial liabilities

Other financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost, which usually corresponds to nominal value.

#### **Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises income received for recognition in subsequent financial years. Deferred income is measured at cost.