# Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S

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**Annual report for 2018** 

The annual report was presented and adopted at the annual general meeting of the Company on 29 March 2019

Florian Peterl

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# Statement by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

The Board of Directors and the Executive Board have today discussed and approved the annual report of Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2018.

The annual report has been prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

It is our opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the Company's assets, liabilities and financial position at 31 December 2018 and of the result of the Company's operations for the year 1 January - 31 December 2018.

In our opinion, the Management's review includes a fair review of the development in the Company's operations and financial matters, of the results for the year and of the Company's financial position.

We recommend that the annual report be approved at the annual general meeting.

Copenhagen, 29 March 2019

**Executive Board** 

Michael Kanzleiter

CEO

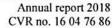
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CFO

Board of Directors

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## Independent auditor's report

# Independent auditor's report

#### To the shareholders of Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2018 comprising income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including 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 Company's assets, liabilities and financial position at 31 December 2018 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January – 31 December 2018 in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the 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 our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these rules and requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance as to 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 in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements may 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 financial statement users made 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 company financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that



# Independent auditor's report

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 Company'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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the financial statements, including the disclosures, 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's review

Management is responsible for the Management's review.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the Management's review, 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's review and, in doing so, consider whether the Management's review is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained during the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, it is our responsibility to consider whether the Management's review provides the information required under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

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

Copenhagen, 29 March 2019

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1 January - 31 December

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Bernd Barth, Chairman

Björn Hauber Michael Kanzleiter

**Executive Board** 

Michael Kanzleiter, CEO

Florian Peterl, CFO

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General meeting

The annual general meeting is held on 29 March 2019

Key figures		2017 DKKm	2016 DKKm	2015 DKKm	2014 DKKm
Profit/loss					
Revenue	451	383	309	274	269
Operating profit	88	71	82	61	58
Net profit for the year	68	55	64	51	51
Balance sheet					
Investment in property, plant and					
equipment	698	751	441	291	270
Total assets	5,106	4,539	4,195	3,615	3,081
Equity	243	227	235	222	223
Ratios					
Net profit ratio	19.5%	18.6%	26.4%	22.2%	21.6%
Return on assets	1.8%	1.6%	2.1%	1.8%	2.0%
Solvency ratio	4.8%	5.0%	5.6%	6.1%	7.2%
Return on equity	29.1%	24.0%	28.1%	23.0%	23.2%
Average number of employees	21	11	8	8	7

Reference for calculation of Ratios is made to definitions and terms under accounting policies.

### Operating review

#### **Principal activities**

The Company's principal activities comprise credit granting in the form of financing and leasing of new and used Mercedes-Benz cars, vans and trucks as well as other makes of vehicles marketed by Mercedes-Benz authorised dealers.

#### Development in activities and financial position

Operating profit amounted to DKK 87.7 million (2017: DKK 71.1 million), which is an increase in comparison to last year's result and in line with last year's outlook. The increase of the profit can mainly be attributed to higher portfolio volume.

The Danish market environment improved during 2018. Credit reserves for bad and doubtful debts were lower in 2018 compared to 2017. The cost of risk and write-offs are higher compared to last year. Still, the portfolio quality is sound which is a result of a tight debt recovery process, and a consistent underwriting policy during the last years. Refinancing costs were fairly stable throughout the year.

New business increased further in 2018, and the Company's total assets increased to DKK 5.1 billion (2017: DKK 4.5 billion).

#### Capital resources

At 31 December 2018, the Company's equity amounted to DKK 242.9 million (31 December 2017: DKK 226.6 million) corresponding to a solvency ratio of 4.8% (31 December 2017: 5.0%). Management considers the Company's capital resources to be satisfactory.

#### Outlook

Significant improvements in market conditions were observed in 2018. The Company has made investments to further improve processes and systems. This will further enhance the Company's value propositions towards costumers.

Supported by the strong forecasted sales of Mercedes-Benz vehicles on the Danish market, the Company's assets are planned to increase further in 2019. A higher profit is expected in 2019 compared to 2018.

### Operating review

#### Special risks

The Company's risks primarily include credit risks, market risks and liquidity risks.

#### Credit risks

The decisive basis for decision for the Company's credit granting is the borrower's repayment ability. In order to further minimise the risk, the majority of the Company's credits are also hedged through underlying assets subject to restrictions on title. Significant fluctuations in the market prices of the underlying assets will therefore affect the Company's credit risk.

The Company's risk diversification is sound. This is a result of the fact that the Company has relatively few large-scale borrowers and the majority of customers have commitments including only one or a few cars.

#### Market risks

The Company's most significant market risks are interest rate and liquidity risk. For both risk areas, the Company is following the matched funded principle to minimise the exposure. The existing portfolio is analysed and the expected new volume is simulated on a monthly basis to determine the funding requirements.

The majority of the Company's loans and leases consist of lease agreements where the interest rate and lease payment, respectively, are adjusted in relation to the development of the short-term market rate. Similarly, the Company's refinancing consists of loan arrangements adjusted in relation to the development in the short-term market rate.

The Company is continuously matching the Company's loans and depreciation of leases to refinancing with similar terms. If funding cannot be raised with the required terms through external banks, funding is raised through Daimler AG Group.

#### Liquidity risks

Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S funds itself with external bank loans and Daimler group internal financing. The structure of the funding is done in a way to eliminate any liquidity risk. Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S runs a monthly Asset Liability Management analysis takes into account the run-off of the portfolio and the financial liabilities as well as non-interest bearing assets and liabilities. Based on those results as well as the new acquisitions in the Company's portfolios the funding is determined and executed.

## Operating review

#### Social responsibility

At Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark AS, we believe corporate social responsibility is an integral part of our identity as a global company. The Company is therefore participating as part of the Daimler Financial Services Group in multifaceted activities reflecting its social commitment. The global key focus areas are education and community advancement where Daimler Financial Services assists through donations, cash contributions and the development of sustainable programmes.

For example, for many years now, Daimler Financial Services helped company founders in numerous countries achieve lasting success. The company founders' innovative business ideas have been deserving of support and the entrepreneurs' courage and new ideas serve as the basis of a flourishing and dynamic economy. They create jobs and thereby give people security. Entrepreneurs have a positive impact on their environment, each in his or her own way - for example, in Mozambique, Scotland, and South Africa.

Consumer demand for individual mobility is growing worldwide. Daimler wants to continue to satisfy this demand as optimally as possible in the future, and this is only possible with concepts and products for sustainable mobility. Above all, this includes safe, fuel-efficient, and low-emission vehicles. One of our goals is to minimise our products' impact on the climate and the environment - from production and operation all the way to end-of-life vehicle recycling. On the "Road to Emission free Mobility," our focus is on innovative drive concepts supplemented by improved and alternative fuels. During the development phase, we optimise consumption of primary energy, the use of raw materials, and recyclability.

Besides these factors, our product strategy also focuses on vehicle safety. We are therefore employing a range of different safety technologies as we progress along the "Road to Accident-free Driving." A key role is played here by innovative assistance systems, which can prevent accidents. They are very effective in protecting the life and health of vehicle occupants and other road users. The consolidated group statement on the policy, cf. Article 99a of the Danish Financial Statements Act, can be found in Daimler's annual report 2018, p. 202 - 225 (link: https://www.daimler.com/investors/reports-news/).

#### Statutory statement regarding gender quotation in Management

In 2013, Mercedes-Benz Danmark Group set a target for Mercedes-Benz Finance Denmark A/S to have 1 female representative hired on the Board level by the end of 2018. However, this target was not achieved and at the current stage our Board still consists of 3 male representatives. Therefore, we have decided to continue the target and aim to have 1 female representative on the Board of Directors by 2022. The difficulty with completing our initial target was mostly related to industry conditions, in regards to gender diversity. We are dedicated to complete the new target within the defined timeframe.

For FY18, Mercedes-Benz Finance has less than 50 employees, therefore no policy has been prepared to other management levels, which is in accordance with 99b of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

# **Income statement**

	Note	2018 DKK'000	
Revenue	2	450,567	382,965
Cost relating to leases and purchase contracts, etc.	3	-76,400	-71,387
Other operating income		5,382	6,351
Other external costs		-25,843	-22,192
Gross profit		353,706	295,737
Staff expenses	4	-34,336	-31,279
Depreciation on property, plant and equipment		-231,637	-193,358
Operating profit		87,733	71,100
Tax on profit for the year	5	-19,312	-15,679
Profit for the year	6	68,421	55,421

# **Balance Sheet**

	Note	2018 DKK'000	2017 DKK'000
Assets			
Lease automobiles		1,356,257	1,178,483
Property, plant and equipment	7	1,356,257	1,178,483
Finance leases		2,229,817	2,072,515
Purchase contracts		458,131	494,156
Investments	8	2,687,948	2,566,671
Total non-current assets		4,044,205	3,745,154
Financing of inventories, distributors	9	840,647	602,702
Trade receivables		119,865	110,039
Receivables from group entities		79	0
Other receivables		11,990	2,107
Prepayments	10	88,876	78,736
Receivables		1,061,457	793,584
Total current assets		1,061,457	793,584
Total assets		5,105,662	4,538,738

# **Balance sheet**

	Note	2018	
Equity and liabilities			
Equity	11	57,500	57,500
Retained earnings	• •	117,019	113,674
Proposed dividend for the year		68,421	55,421
Total equity		242,940	226,595
Deferred tax	12	199,369	178,112
Total provisions		199,369	<u>178,112</u>
Bank loans and overdrafts	13	0	195,000
Loans from group enterprises	13	1,597,010	1,652,147
Non-current liabilities other than provisions		1,597,010	1,847,147
Bank loans and overdrafts	13	195,006	190,008
Trade payables		22,573	23,780
Amounts owed to group entities		155,073	249,266
Loans from group entities	13	2,520,625	1,687,696
Other payables		33,202	31,202
Deferred income	14	133,015	104,932
Tax payable		6,849	0
Current liabilities other than provisions		3,066,343	2,286,884
Total liabilities other than provisions		4,663,353	4,134,031
Total equity and liabilities		5,105,662	4,538,738
Contingent liabilities and securities	15		
Related parties	16		
Subsequent events	17		

# Statement of changes in equity

	Share Capital	Retained earnings	Proposed dividend for the year	Total
Equity Capital at 1 January 2018	57,500	113,674	55,421	226,595
Effect of implementing IFRS 9				
at 1 Jan. 2018	0	3,345	0	3,345
Dividend paid	0	0	-55,421	-55,421
Transferred; see the profit				
appropriation	0	0	68,421	68,421
Equity at 31 December 2018	57,500	117,019	68,421	242,940

#### **Notes**

## 1 Accounting policies

The annual report of Mercedes-Benz Finans Danmark A/S for 2018 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applying to reporting class C enterprises (large) under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

### Changes in accounting policies

With effect from 1 January 2018, the entity has chosen to rely on IFRS 9 Financial instruments as interpretation for the measurement of receivables and for hedging principles. IFRS 9 Financial instruments can be used to comply with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act within these areas without adopting the standard in its entirety.

Contrary to the former accounting policies which relied on IAS 39 for interpretation, IFRS 9 introduces the so-called "Expected loss" model. Accordingly, write-down of receivables is amended for accounting purposes. In accordance with IFRS 9, future expected losses must be recognised, whereas write-down in accordance with IAS 39 is not to be recognised before there is indication of losses (incurred loss). Recognition of future expected losses must be recognised already at initial recognition, i.e. from the moment when the entity either engages in borrowing activities or makes an investment/sale.

The amendments with regard to hedge accounting have the outcome that the entity's hedging activities have been reconciled to the entity's risk management objective and strategy. At the same time, hedging efficiency is calculated in a new manner.

The entity may rely on the following transitional provisions:

The Effect for IFRS 9 has caused a change in equity 1 January 2018 of DKK 3,345 thousand.

Apart from the above, the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those of last year. There has been reclassifications in the balance sheet. Comparative figures have been restated accordingly.

#### Foreign currency translation

On initial recognition, transactions denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the transaction date. Foreign exchange differences arising between the exchange rates at the transaction date and at the date of payment are recognised in the income statement as interest income or expense and similar items.

Receivables and payables and other monetary items denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date. The difference between the exchange rates at the balance sheet date and at the date at which the receivable or payable arose or was recognised in the latest financial statements is recognised in the income statement as interest income or expense and similar items.

#### **Notes**

#### **Income Statement**

#### Revenue

Income for the year from leases and purchase contracts, etc., comprises interest income, fees, and service income, etc., from finance leases, purchase contracts, financing of inventories for distributors and lease payments from operating leases.

The revenue from the rental and leasing business results from operating leases and is recognized on a straight line basis over the periods of the contracts. In addition, sales revenue is generated at the end of lease contracts from the subsequent sale of the vehicles.

Revenue from receivables from financial services is recognized using the effective interest method. When loans are issued below market rates, related receivables are recognized at present value and revenue is reduced for the interest incentive granted. If subsidized leasing fees are agreed upon in connection with finance leases, revenue from the sale of a vehicle is reduced by the amount of the interest incentive granted.

Revenues are valued according to fair value of what has been received or will be received, with deductions for rebates.

### Costs relating to leases and purchase contracts etc.

Costs relating to leases and purchase contracts etc. comprise interest expense concerning financing of the portfolio, service costs as well as losses on contracts, etc.

Loan receivables are initially recorded in the balance sheet at acquisition value, i.e. the amount lent to the borrower including direct transaction costs. In subsequent periods, loan receivables are recorded at acquisition value less write-offs and provisions for credit losses. The amount recorded as credit losses consists of both stated credit losses during the year as well as provision for expected losses.

#### Other operating income

Gains and losses on the disposal of fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment are determined as the difference between the sales price less disposal costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. The gains and losses are recognized in the income statement as depreciation on property, plant and equipment.

#### Other external costs

Other external costs comprise costs for distribution and sales costs, costs for advertising, administrative expenses, costs of premises etc.

#### Staff expenses

Staff costs comprise wages and salaries, including holiday allowance, pension and other social security costs.

#### **Notes**

#### Tax on profit for the year

The Company is covered by the Danish rules on compulsory joint taxation of the Mercedes-Benz Group's Danish subsidiaries.

The parent company Mercedes-Benz Danmark A/S is the administrative company for the joint taxation and consequently settles all corporation tax payments with the tax authorities.

The current Danish corporation tax is allocated by settlement of joint taxation contribution between the jointly taxed companies in proportion to their taxable income. In this relation, companies with tax loss carry forwards receive joint taxation contribution from companies that have used these losses to reduce their own taxable profits.

Tax for the year comprises current tax, joint taxation contributions for the year and changes in deferred tax for the year - due to changes in the tax rate. The tax expense relating to the profit/loss for the year is recognised in the income statement, and the tax expense relating to amounts directly recognised in equity is recognised directly in equity.

#### **Balance Sheet**

### Property, plant and equipment

#### Fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment

Fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Cost comprises the purchase price and any costs directly attributable to the acquisition until the date when the asset is available for use.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to the anticipated scrap value over the expected useful lives of the assets of 3-5 years.

Depreciation is recognized in the income statement as depreciation on property, plant and equipment.

Fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment are written down to the recoverable amount if this is lower than the carrying amount.

#### Notes

#### Lease automobiles

Lease automobiles, which comprise operating lease contracts are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation.

Cost comprises the purchase price and any costs directly attributable to the acquisition until the date when the asset is available for use.

Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis to the anticipated scrap value over the term of the lease agreement.

The useful life and residual value are reassessed annually. Changes are treated as accounting estimates, and the effect on depreciation is recognised prospectively.

Depreciation is recognised in the income statement as cost relating to leases and purchase contracts, etc.

Lease automobiles are written down to the recoverable amount if this is lower than the carrying amount.

Gains and losses on the disposal of leasing automobiles are determined as the difference between the sales price less disposal costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. The gains and losses are recognized in the income statement as other operating income/other operation expenses.

#### Investments

#### Finance leases

Finance leases are recognised as a financial receivable from the lessee. At the conclusion of the contract, the receivable is measured at the cost of the underlying asset.

Lease payments are divided into interest and instalments according to the principle of annuities. Interest is recognized in the income statement whereas instalments reduce the amount owed by the lessee.

Leases are measured at the balance due from the lessee. Provisions are made for losses according to an individual assessment.

Gains and losses from the disposal of the underlying assets are calculated as the difference between the selling price less distribution costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. Gains and losses are recognized in the income statement as revenue.

#### Purchase contracts

Purchase contracts are measured at the nominal value at the balance sheet date less provision for future expected losses.

#### Notes

#### Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost. Future expected losses are recognised.

#### **Prepayments**

Prepayments comprise costs incurred in connection with the conclusion of leases and purchase contracts as well as bonus to distributors. The costs are recognised in the income statement as interest is added to the contracts.

The item also comprises costs incurred concerning subsequent financial years.

#### Capital and reserves - dividends

Proposed dividends are recognised as a liability at the date when they are adopted at the annual general meeting (declaration date). The expected dividend payment for the year is disclosed as a separate item under equity.

#### Corporation tax and deferred tax

According to the joint taxation rules, the Company's liability towards the tax authorities is settled in line with payment of joint taxation contribution to the administrative company.

Joint taxation contribution payable and receivable is recognised separately in the balance sheet.

Deferred tax is measured using the balance sheet liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax base of assets and liabilities.

Deferred tax is measured according to the tax rules and at the tax rates applicable at the balance sheet date when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax.

### Liabilities other than provisions

Financial liabilities are recognised at the date of borrowing at the net proceeds received less transaction costs paid. In subsequent periods, the financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost, corresponding to the capitalised value using the effective interest rate. Accordingly, the difference between the proceeds and the nominal value is recognised in the income statement over the term of the loan. Other liabilities are measured at net realizable value.

#### **Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises payments received concerning the establishment of purchase contracts. The income is recognised in the income statement as interest payments are added to the contracts.

The item also comprises payments received concerning income in subsequent years.

#### **Notes**

#### **Cash Flow Statement**

Pursuant to section 86(4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act. The Company has not prepared a cash flow statement, as the Company is included in the consolidated financial statements of Daimler AG.

Average equity

#### **Financial ratios**

Return on equity:

The financial ratios stated in the survey of financial highlights have been calculated as follows:

Net profit ratio:  $\frac{\text{Profit / loss before tax x 100}}{\text{Revenue}}$ Return on assets:  $\frac{\text{Profit / loss before tax x 100}}{\text{Average operating assets}}$ Solvency ratio:  $\frac{\text{Equity at year end x 100}}{\text{Total equity and liabilities at year end}}$ 

### **Notes**

		2018	2017
120	<u>-</u> 1	DKK'000	DKK'000
2	Revenue		
	Operational leasing	317,632	259,412
	Financial leasing and loans	88,464	92,742
	Other income	44,471	30,811
		450,567	382,965
	Revenue is solely generated in Denmark.		
		2018 DKK'000	
3	Cost relating to leases and purchase contracts, etc.	DKK 000	DKK 000
	Operational leasing	7,879	4,826
	Financial leasing and loans expense	66,316	62,035
	Financial expenses from group entities	2,205	4,526
	. manotat enpenses nom group entities	76,400	71,387
		2018	2017
		DKK'000	DKK'000
4	Staff expenses		
	Wages and salaries	12,134	8,567
	Pensions	1,012	505
	Other social security costs	70	27
	Other staff costs	21,120	22,180
		34,336	31,279
	Average number of employees	21_	11
	Trouge named of employees		

Staff expenses include DKK 20,542 thousand in relation to salary recharges from Mercedes-Benz Finans Sverige AB. Wages to the Executive Board is included in the recharges and amounts to DKK 3,455 thousand. There has been no remuneration to the Company's board of directors.

# Notes

			2018	2017
5	Tax on profit for the year		DKK'000	DKK'000
5			12,463	15,679
	Adjustment of deferred tax  Tax for the year		6,849	0
	Tax for the year		19,312	15,679
				13,073
			2018	2017
6	Profit appropriation		DKK'000	DKK'000
ŭ	Tront appropriation			
	Proposed dividend for the year		68,421	55,421
	Retained earnings		0	0
			68,421	55,421
7	December plant and againment			
7	Property, plant and equipment			
		Fixtures and		
		fittings, tools	Lease	
		and equipment	<u>automobiles</u>	Total
	DKK'000			
	Cost at 1 January 2018	2,846	1,495,258	1,498,104
	Additions during the year	0	697,778	697,778
	Disposals during the year	0	-429,414	-429,414
	Cost at 31 December 2018	2,846	1,763,622	1,766,468
	Depreciation at 1 January 2018	2,846	316,775	319,621
	Depreciation for the year	0	231,637	231,637
	Depreciation of disposed assets	0	-141,047	-141,047
	Depreciation at 31 December 2018	2,846	407,365	410,211
	Carrying amount at 31 December 2018	0	1,356,257	1,356,257
	Depreciated over	3-5 years	3-5 years	

#### **Notes**

#### 8 Investments

	Finance leases	Purchase contracts	Total
DKK'000			
Residual value at 1 January 2018	2,093,328	499,119	2,592,447
Additions for the year	1,516,753	111,840	1,628,593
Instalments and repayments	1,369,327	-151,364	-1,520,691
Residual value at 31 December 2018	2,240,754	459,595	2,700,349
Impairment and write downs at 1 January 2018	20,813	4,963	25,776
Adjustments for the year	9,876	-3,499	-13,375
Impairment and write downs at 31 December 2018	10,937	1,464	12,401
Carrying amount at 31 December 2018	2,229,817	458,131	2,687,948

Outstanding finance leases that fall due for payment within one year after the end of the financial year amounts to DKK 665,484 thousand. Outstanding purchase contracts that fall due for payment within one year after the end of the financial year amounts to DKK 284,607 thousand.

		2018	2017
		DKK'000	DKK'000
9	Financing of inventories, distributors		
	External distributors	840,647	602,702
		<u>840,647</u>	602,702

Financing of inventories, distributors, comprises financing of distributors' purchase of Mercedes-Benz automobiles. Financing is granted against security provided in automobiles.

10	Prepayments		2017 
	Accrual of dealer bonus	88,876	78,736
		<u>88,876</u>	<u>78,736</u>

#### 11 Equity

The equity consists of 57,500 shares of DKK 1,000 each. All shares carry equal voting rights. There have been no changes in the share capital within the last five years.

# Notes

		2018	2017
12	Deferred tax	DKK'000	DKK'000
	Deferred tax at 1 January	178,112	142,465
	Effect of implementing IFRS 9 at 1 January	943	0
	Reclassification to joint taxation receivable	7,851	19,968
	Adjustment for the year of deferred tax	12,463	15,679
		199,369	178,112
		2018	
13	Loans	DKK'000	DKK 000
	Loans raised to finance leases and purchase contracts, etc., fall due as f	ollows:	
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	Bank loans and overdrafts:		
	Within 1 year	195,006	190,008
	Between 1 and 5 years	0	195,000
	After 5 years	0	0
		195,006	385,008
	Loans from group enterprises:		
	Within 1 year	2,520,625	1,687,696
	Between 1 and 5 years	1,546,605	1,587,004
	After 5 years	50,405	65,143
		4,117,635	3,339,843
		2018	2017
		DKK'000	DKK'000
14	Deferred income Accrual of establishment income etc,	20.729	17.614
	Accrual of subsidies	20,738 1,060	17,614 1,612
	Deferred income from operating leases	98,960	85,706
	Accrual of vehicle tax and vehicle insurance	12,257	05,700
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			104,734

## Notes

## 15 Contingent liabilities and security

### **Contingent liabilities**

The Company is jointly taxed with the Danish group companies in Daimler group. As Group Company, the Company has joint and several unlimited liability for Danish corporation taxes within the joint taxation.

### Security

The Company's assets are not provided as security.

	2018	2017
	DKK'000	DKK'000
16 Related parties		
Sale of goods to group companies	318,674	222,908
Purchase of goods from group companies	-4,246,568	-3,520,895
Purchase of support services from group companies	-22,695	-23,871
Interests to group companies	-2,205	-4,526
Receivables from group entities	79	0
Payables to group entities	155,073	249,266
Loans from group entities	4,117,635	3,339,843

#### 17 Subsequent events

No significant subsequent events have occurred during 2019, that can affect the financial statements for 2018.