# Blu A/S

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Skolegade 19C, 2., DK-2500 Valby

# Annual Report for 1 January - 31 December 2021

CVR No 28 29 68 19

The Annual Report was presented and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 7 /6 2022

Stuart Paul Jackson Chairman of the General Meeting

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# **Management's Statement**

The Executive Board and Board of Directors have today considered and adopted the Annual Report of Blu A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2021.

The Annual Report is prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view of the financial position at 31 December 2021 of the Company and of the results of the Company operations for 2021.

In our opinion, Management's Review includes a true and fair account of the matters addressed in the Review.

We recommend that the Annual Report be adopted at the Annual General Meeting.

Copenhagen, 7 June 2022

**Executive Board** 

Anne Brostrøm Storgaard

# **Board of Directors**

Stuart Paul Jackson Chairman Annette Rosbach

Daniela Nicoleta Matei

Anne Brostrøm Storgaard

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholder of Blu A/S

### Opinion

We have audited the Financial Statements of Blu A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2021, which comprise 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 financial position of the Company at 31 December 2021 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2021 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' 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 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 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.

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

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 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 Management's Review

Management is responsible for Management's Review.

Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover Management's Review, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

# **Independent Auditor's Report**

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read Management's Review and, in doing so, consider whether 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 Management's Review provides the information required under the Danish Financials Statements Act.

Based on the work we have performed, in our view, Management's Review 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 in Management's Review.

Copenhagen, 7 June 2022 **KPMG** Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab *CVR No 25 57 81 98* 

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# **Company Information**

The Company	Blu A/S Skolegade 19C, 2. DK-2500 Valby CVR No: 28 29 68 19 Financial period: 1 January - 31 December Municipality of reg. office: Valby
Board of Directors	Stuart Paul Jackson, Chairman Annette Rosbach Daniela Nicoleta Matei Anne Brostrøm Storgaard
Executive Board	Anne Brostrøm Storgaard
Auditors	KPMG Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab Dampfærgevej 28 DK-2100 Copenhagen

# **Financial Highlights**

Seen over a five-year period, the development of the Company is described by the following financial highlights:

	<u>2021</u> токк –	2020	2019	2018 токк	2017 ТDКК
Key figures					
Profit/loss					
Gross profit	78,681	82,023	80,449	60,121	48,365
Operating profit	15,050	21,444	20,084	19,798	10,129
Net financials	-555	-369	-234	-116	-52
Net profit for the year	11,488	16,525	15,298	15,212	7,879
Balance sheet					
Balance sheet total	130,480	95,674	105,501	64,129	53,446
Equity	89,322	77,834	61,309	46,011	30,799
Investment in property, plant and equipment	0	0	0	0	180
Number of employees	89	90	91	63	63
Ratios					
Return on capital employed	13.3%	21.0%	23.7%	33.7%	18.7%
Solvency ratio	68.5%	81.4%	58.1%	71.7%	57.6%
Return on equity	13.7%	23.8%	28.5%	39.6%	29.3%

The ratios have been prepared in accordance with the principles in note 12 Accounting policies in the Financial Statements.

# **Management's Review**

# **Key activities**

The objective of the Company is to develop and own concepts for production of television programmes and other related activities.

### Uncertainty regarding recognition or measurement

There is no material uncertainty regarding recognition or measurement.

# Development in the year

The income statement for 2021 shows a profit of TDKK 11,488 (2020: TDKK 16,525), and at 31 December 2021 the balance sheet of the Company shows equity of TDKK 89,322 (2020: TDKK 77,834).

Management consider the result as satisfactory and above the expectations for the year.

### The past year and follow-up on development expectations from last year

The result for the year is as expected and is considered to be satisfactory.

### **Exceptional circumstances**

No exceptional circumstances have affected recognition or measurement.

# Risks

The Company is not assessed to be exposed to any particular risks.

# **External environment**

The activities of the Company does not have material impact on the external environment. The Company make an effort to use scanning instead of printing to avoid unnecessary waste of paper resources.

# **Expectations for the future**

For the coming year we expect both gross profit and profit before tax to be slightly below 2021 levels. Gross profit is expected to be approx. TDKK 74,000 - 76,000 and profit before tax is expected to be in the level of TDKK 8,000 - 10,000.

### Subsequent events

No events materially affecting the assessment of the Annual Report have occurred after the balance sheet date.

# Income Statement 1 January - 31 December

	Note	2021 ТDКК	2020 ТDКК
Gross profit		78,681	82,023
Staff expenses Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1	-63,631 0	-60,526 53
Profit before financial income and expenses		15,050	21,444
Financial income		45	14
Financial expenses		-600	-383
Profit before tax		14,495	21,075
Tax on profit for the year	2	-3,007	-4,550
Net profit for the year		11,488	16,525

# **Balance Sheet 31 December**

# Assets

	Note	2021	2020 токк
		IDKK	IDKK
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment	-	0	0
Property, plant and equipment	3	0	0
Investments in subsidiaries	4	1,402	1,402
Fixed asset investments	-	1,402	1,402
Fixed assets		1,402	1,402
Trade receivables		61,104	21,818
Contract work in progress	5	243	29,927
Receivables from group enterprises		52,479	30,189
Other receivables		7,520	1,974
Deferred tax asset	6	245	364
Prepayments	7	253	237
Receivables	-	121,844	84,509
Cash at bank and in hand	-	7,234	9,763
Currents assets		129,078	94,272
Assets		130,480	95,674

# **Balance Sheet 31 December**

# Liabilities and equity

	Note	2021	2020
		TDKK	TDKK
Share capital	8	2,000	2,000
Retained earnings	_	87,322	75,834
Equity	_	89,322	77,834
Trade payables		13,190	992
Contract work in progress, liabilities	5	20,834	7,518
Payables to group enterprises		1,494	648
Corporation tax		1,693	4,715
Other payables		3,432	3,967
Deferred income	-	515	0
Short-term debt	_	41,158	17,840
Debt	-	41,158	17,840
Liabilities and equity	_	130,480	95,674
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# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

		Retained	
	Share capital	earnings	Total
	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK
Equity at 1 January	2,000	75,834	77,834
Net profit for the year	0	11,488	11,488
Equity at 31 December	2,000	87,322	89,322

			2020 TDKK
1	Staff expenses	IDAN	IDAK
	Wages and salaries	60,361	57,751
	Pensions	693	395
	Other social security expenses	632	519
	Other staff expenses	1,945	1,861
		63,631	60,526
	Average number of employees	89	90

Remuneration to the Executive Board has not been disclosed in accordance with section 98 B(3) of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

#### 2 Tax on profit for the year

119	18
-305	-183
3,193	4,715
	-305

#### Property, plant and equipment 3

Cost at 1 January Cost at 31 December	<u> </u>
Impairment losses and depreciation at 1 January	6,840
Impairment losses and depreciation at 31 December	6,840
Carrying amount at 31 December	0

	Carrying amount at 31 December	1,402	1,402
	Cost at 1 January	1,402	1,402
4	Investments in subsidiaries	ТДКК	TDKK
		2021	2020

Investments in subsidiaries are specified as follows:

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	Place of		Votes and		Net profit/loss
Name	registered office	Share capital	ownership	Equity	for the year
FremantleMedia Sverige	Stockholm,				
AB	Sverige	100	100%	11,828	3,019
Contract work in pro	ogress				
Selling price of work in pro	gress			18,080	39,855

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Payments received on account	-38,671	-17,446
	-20,591	22,409
Recognised in the balance sheet as follows:		
Contract work in progress recognised in assets	243	29,927
Prepayments received recognised in debt	-20,834	-7,518
	-20,591	22,409

6	Deferred tax asset	<u>2021</u> ТDКК	2020 TDKK
	Deferred tax asset at 1 January	364	382
	Amounts recognised in the income statement for the year	-119	-18
	Deferred tax asset at 31 December	245	364
	Property, plant and equipment	-245	-364
	Transferred to deferred tax asset	245	364
		0	0

Deferred tax has been provided at 22% corresponding to the expected current tax rate.

### Deferred tax asset

Calculated tax asset	245	364
Carrying amount	245	364

### 7 Prepayments

Prepayments consist of prepaid expenses concerning rent, insurance premiums, subscriptions and interest as well.

### 8 Equity

The share capital consists of 2,000 shares of a nominal value of TDKK 1. No shares carry any special rights.

There have been no changes in the share capital during the last 5 years.

### 9 Distribution of profit

Retained earnings	11,488	16,525
	11,488	16,525

10	Contingent assets, liabilities and other financia		2021	2020 ТDКК
	Contingent liabilities			
	Rental agreements and leases		1,180	1,192
11	The company is jointly taxed with the Danish companies in the Bertelsmann SE & Co. KGaA Group. The total amount of corporation tax payable is disclosed in the Annual Report of Arvato Finance A/S, which is the management company of the joint taxation purposes. The joint taxation also covers withholding taxes in the form of dividend tax, royalty tax and interest tax. The Danish companies are jointly and individually liable for the joint taxation. Any subsequent adjustments to the income taxes and withholding taxes may lead to a larger liability. The tax for the individual companies is allocated in full on the basis of the expected taxable income.			
		Basis		
	Controlling interest			
		Fremantle Nordic Holdin 1, Stephen Street London W1T 1AL England	igs Limited	
	Other related parties			
		FremantleMedia Sverige Heliosgatan 11 120 30 Stockholm Sweden	≥ AB	

### **11 Related parties** (continued)

### Transactions

During the year, the Company had the following transactions with its ultimate Parent Company and its subsidiaries:

Sales to group entities DKK 300k (2020: 125k).

Costs from group entities DKK 9,227k (2020: 11,227k).

The Company has receivables and debt with other group companies. The balances are disclosed separately in the balance sheet.

### Ownership

The following shareholder is recorded in the Company's register of shareholders as holding at least 5% of the votes or at least 5% of the share capital:

Fremantle Nordic Holdings Limited 1, Stephen Street London, W1T 1AL England

### **Consolidated Financial Statements**

The Company is included in the Group Annual Report of RTL Group SA and ultimately in Bertelmann SE & Co. KGaA.

The Group Annual Report of RTL Group SA may be obtained at the following address: RTL Group SA 45, Bd Pierre Frieden L-1543 Luxembourg Luxembourg

# **12** Accounting Policies

The Annual Report of Blu A/S for 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to medium-sized enterprises of reporting class C.

The accounting policies applied remain unchanged from last year.

Reclassification of comparative figures Minor reclassifications have been made in individual items in the balance sheet, including in the specification in the notes. This has not affected the result and equity of this year and last year and has been made solely to ensure the comparability of the individual items in the financial statements.

The Financial Statements for 2021 are presented in TDKK.

# **Consolidated financial statements**

With reference to section 112 of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the consolidated financial statements of RTL Group SA., the Company has not prepared consolidated financial statements.

# **Cash flow statement**

With reference to section 86(4) of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the cash flow statement included in the consolidated financial statements of RTL Group SA., the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement.

# **Recognition and measurement**

Revenues are recognised in the income statement as earned. Furthermore, value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value or amortised cost are recognised. Moreover, all expenses incurred to achieve the earnings for the year are recognised in the income statement, including depreciation, amortisation, impairment losses and provisions as well as reversals due to changed accounting estimates of amounts that have previously been recognised in the income statement.

Assets are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits attributable to the asset will flow to the Company, and the value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow out of the Company, and the value of the liability can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities are initially measured at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are measured as described for each item below.

# 12 Accounting Policies (continued)

# Leases

Leases are considered operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are recognised in the income statement on a straight-line basis over the lease term.

# **Translation policies**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the dates of transaction. Exchange differences arising due to differences between the transaction date rates and the rates at the dates of payment are recognised in financial income and expenses in the income statement. Where foreign exchange transactions are considered hedging of future cash flows, the value adjustments are recognised directly in equity.

Receivables, payables and other monetary items in foreign currencies that have not been settled at the balance sheet date are translated at the exchange rates at the balance sheet date. Any differences between the exchange rates at the balance sheet date and the rates at the time when the receivable or the debt arose are recognised in financial income and expenses in the income statement.

Fixed assets acquired in foreign currencies are measured at the transaction date rates.

# **Income Statement**

# Revenue

Revenue is recognized in the income statement when the sale is considered effected and the delivery has been made before year and when the sales price has been determined and payment has been received or may with reasonable certainty is expected to be received. Revenue is recognized exclusive of VAT and net of discounts relating to sales.

Contract work in progress (construction contracts) is recognised at the rate of completion, which means that revenue equals the selling price of the work completed for the year (percentage-of-completion method). This method is applied when total revenues and expenses in respect of the contract and the stage of completion at the balance sheet date can be measured reliably, and it is probable that the economic benefits, including payments, will flow to the Company.

# Other external expenses

Other external expenses comprise expenses for premises, sales and distribution as well as office expenses, etc.

# Gross profit

With reference to section 32 of the Danish Financial Statements Act, gross profit is calculated as a summary of revenue, cost related directly to film production and other external expenses.

# 12 Accounting Policies (continued)

# Staff expenses

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

# Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses

Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses comprise amortisation, depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment.

### Income from investments in subsidiaries

Dividends from subsidiaries are recognised as income in the income statement when adopted at the General Meeting of the subsidiary. However, dividends relating to earnings in the subsidiary before it was acquired by the Parent Company are set off against the cost of the subsidiary.

# Financial income and expenses

Financial income and expenses are recognised in the income statement at the amounts relating to the financial year.

# Tax on profit for the year

Tax for the year consists of current tax for the year and changes in deferred tax for the year. The tax attributable to the profit for the year is recognised in the income statement, whereas the tax attributable to equity transactions is recognised directly in equity.

The Company is jointly taxed with other Danish companies in the group. The tax effect of the joint taxation is allocated to enterprises in proportion to their taxable income.

# **Balance Sheet**

# Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and less any accumulated impairment losses.

Cost comprises the cost of acquisition and expenses directly related to the acquisition up until the time when the asset is ready for use.

Depreciation based on cost reduced by any residual value is calculated on a straight-line basis over the expected useful lives of the assets, which are:

Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment 3-10 years

# 12 Accounting Policies (continued)

The fixed assets' residual values are determined at nil.

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

Gains and losses on the disposal of property, plant and equipment are stated as the difference between the selling price less selling costs and the carrying amount at the date of disposal. Gains and losses are recognised in the income statement as other operating income or other operating expenses, respectively.

### Impairment of fixed assets

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and investments in subsidiaries are reviewed on an annual basis to determine whether there is any indication of impairment other than that expressed by amortisation and depreciation.

If so, the asset is written down to its lower recoverable amount.

### Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are measured at cost. Where cost exceeds the recoverable amount, writedown is made to this lower value.

# Receivables

Receivables are measured in the balance sheet at the lower of amortised cost and net realisable value, which corresponds to nominal value less provisions for bad debts.

### **Contract work in progress**

Contract work in progress is measured at selling price of the work performed. The selling price is measured on the basis of the stage of completion at the balance sheet date and the estimated total income from the individual work in progress. The stage of completion and the recognition in the income statement is determined by the delivery-date of production tapes and the risk transition.

Where it is probable that total contract expenses will exceed total revenues from a contract, the expected loss is recognized as an expense in the income statement. Where the selling price cannot be measured reliably, the selling price is measured at the lower of expenses incurred and net realizable value.

# 12 Accounting Policies (continued)

The value of the individual contracts in progress fewer payments received on account is classified as receivables if the amounts are positive and as payables if the amounts are negative.

Expenses relating to sales work and the winning of contracts are recognised in the income statement as incurred.

# Prepayments

Prepayments comprise prepaid expenses concerning rent, insurance premiums, subscriptions and interest.

### Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Deferred income tax is measured using the balance sheet liability method in respect of temporary differences arising between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts for financial reporting purposes on the basis of the intended use of the asset and settlement of the liability, respectively.

Deferred tax assets are measured at the value at which the asset is expected to be realised, either by elimination in tax on future earnings or by set-off against deferred tax liabilities within the same legal tax entity.

Deferred tax is measured on the basis of the tax rules and tax rates that will be effective under the legislation at the balance sheet date when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax. Any changes in deferred tax due to changes to tax rates are recognised in the income statement or in equity if the deferred tax relates to items recognised in equity.

### Current tax receivables and liabilities

Current tax liabilities and receivables are recognised in the balance sheet as the expected taxable income for the year adjusted for tax on taxable incomes for prior years and tax paid on account. Extra payments and repayment under the on-account taxation scheme are recognised in the income statement in financial income and expenses.

# **Financial debts**

Debts are measured at amortised cost, substantially corresponding to nominal value.

### **Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises payments received in respect of income in subsequent years.

**12** Accounting Policies (continued)

# **Financial Highlights**

**Explanation of financial ratios** 

Solvency ratio

Return on capital employed

Equity at year end x 100 Total assets at year end

(Operating profit+ Financial income) x 100 Avg. assets

Return on equity

 $\frac{\text{Profit/loss for the year x 100}}{\text{Avg. equity}}$