# GroupM Denmark A/S

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# Annual Report for 1 January - 31 December 2016

CVR No 30 24 07 82

The Annual Report was presented and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 27/6 2017

Lars Petersen Chairman

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## **Management's Statement**

The Executive Board and Board of Directors have today considered and adopted the Annual Report of GroupM Denmark A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2016.

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 2016 of the Company and of the results of the Company operations for 2016.

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, 8 June 2017

#### **Executive Board**

Jonas Von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen CEO

#### **Board of Directors**

Jens Storkfelt Chairman Jonas Von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen Paw Daniel Munoz Saxgren

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholder of GroupM Denmark A/S

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of GroupM Denmark A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2016, 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 2016 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2016 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 requirements. 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.

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### 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 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.

## **Independent Auditor's Report**

#### 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.

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, 8 June 2017 **Deloitte** Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab *CVR No 33 96 35 56* 

Kim Takata Mücke State Authorised Public Accountant Morten Jarlbo State Authorised Public Accountant

## **Company Information**

**The Company** GroupM Denmark A/S

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CVR No: 30 24 07 82

Financial period: 1 January - 31 December Municipality of reg. office: Copenhagen

**Board of Directors** Jens Storkfelt, Chairman

Jonas Von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen

Paw Daniel Munoz Saxgren

**Executive Board** Jonas Von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen

**Auditors** Deloitte

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# **Financial Highlights**

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

-	2016 TDKK	2015 TDKK	2014 TDKK	2013 TDKK	2012 TDKK
Key figures					
Profit/loss					
Gross profit/loss	61.908	56.849	52.014	37.867	31.669
Operating profit/loss	2.856	278	5.016	5.434	6.264
Net financials	9	-524	-803	119	-560
Net profit/loss for the year	2.103	-215	3.171	4.051	4.992
Balance sheet					
Balance sheet total	106.022	78.741	118.220	65.127	48.966
Equity	11.855	9.752	9.967	6.796	7.745
Investment in property, plant and equipment	1.582	292	3.938	239	263
Ratios					
Solvency ratio	11,2%	12,4%	8,4%	10,4%	15,8%
Return on equity	19,5%	-2,2%	37,8%	55,7%	95,1%

The ratios have been prepared in accordance with the recommendations and guidelines issued by the Danish Society of Financial Analysts 2015. For definitions, see under accounting policies.

## **Management's Review**

#### **Key activities**

The primary activities are to provide services within administration and accounting as well as development of special qualifications within media purchases.

The Entity is part of the WPP Group.

#### Development in the year

The income statement of the Company for 2016 shows a profit of TDKK 2,103, and at 31 December 2016 the balance sheet of the Company shows equity of TDKK 11,855.

The financial performance is satisfactory. The Entity's gross profit has increased by 9%, primarily because of investments in new skills and more staff resources, and in aggregate staff costs have increased by 5%.

Management believes that also considering the period after the balance sheet date the income statement and balance sheet with accompanying notes contain all significant information needed to evaluate the past year and the Entity's financial position at year-end.

#### Particular risks

No unusual risks are associated with the Entity's business. The business conditions of the market and the external environment as a whole have not changed significantly.

#### **Outlook**

The Entity expects 2017 to develop positively, with a similar level of growth in investments to maintain the leading position in the data and technology driven communications market.

#### **Intellectual capital resources**

A substantial part of Entity's business hinges on the existence of certain staff resources and tools which have been further developed throughout the year, both in terms of value-based management and with respect to processes and structures for the knowlegde-based work.

#### Uncertainty relating to recognition and measurement

Recognition and measurement in the Annual Report have not been subject to any uncertainty.

#### **Unusual events**

The financial position at 31 December 2016 of the Company and the results of the activities of the Company for the financial year for 2016 have not been affected by any unusual events.

# **Management's Review**

## **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	2016	2015
		TDKK	TDKK
Gross profit/loss		61.908	56.849
Staff expenses  Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and	1	-57.398	-54.696
property, plant and equipment	2	-1.654	-1.875
Profit/loss before financial income and expenses		2.856	278
Financial income	3	253	695
Financial expenses	4	-244	-1.219
Profit/loss before tax		2.865	-246
Tax on profit/loss for the year	5	-762	31
Net profit/loss for the year	_	2.103	-215

# **Balance Sheet 31 December**

## **Assets**

	Note	2016	2015
		TDKK	TDKK
Acquired patents	_	168	549
Intangible assets	6	168	549
Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment		1.772	899
Leasehold improvements	_	1.504	2.068
Property, plant and equipment	7 _	3.276	2.967
Other receivables	_	1.145	734
Fixed asset investments	8 _	1.145	734
Fixed assets	_	4.589	4.250
Trade receivables		16.511	21.568
Receivables from group enterprises		77.266	48.928
Other receivables		1.050	277
Deferred tax asset		327	470
Corporation tax		4.071	2.132
Prepayments	_	2.201	1.112
Receivables	_	101.426	74.487
Cash at bank and in hand	_	7	4
Currents assets	_	101.433	74.491
Assets	_	106.022	78.741

# **Balance Sheet 31 December**

# Liabilities and equity

	Note	2016 TDKK	2015 TDKK
Share capital		500	500
Retained earnings		11.355	9.252
Equity	9	11.855	9.752
Prepayments received from customers		90	680
Trade payables		22.152	21.554
Payables to group enterprises		54.274	28.977
Other payables	11	17.651	17.778
Short-term debt		94.167	68.989
Debt		94.167	68.989
Liabilities and equity		106.022	78.741
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# **Statement of Changes in Equity**

		Retained	
	Share capital	Share capital earnings	
	TDKK	TDKK	TDKK
Equity at 1 January	500	9.252	9.752
Net profit/loss for the year	0	2.103	2.103
Equity at 31 December	500	11.355	11.855

		2016	2015
1	Staff expenses	TDKK	TDKK
	Wages and salaries	53.926	51.335
	Pensions	2.745	2.614
	Other social security expenses	570	578
	Other staff expenses	157	169
		57.398	54.696
	Average number of employees	87	83

Referring to section 98b(3) of the Danish Financial Statements Act, information about the Executive Board remuneration is not disclosed. No remuneration has been paid to the Company's Board of Directors.

The Executive Board and senior officers at GroupM Denmark A/S are participating in the WPP Group's share option programme. The programme has been entered with WPP Plc. and GroupM Denmark A/S is not impacted financially.

# 2 Depreciation, amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment

	Amortisation of intangible assets	381	854
	Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1.273	1.021
		1.654	1.875
3	Financial income		
	Interest received from group enterprises	0	291
	Other financial income	2	0
	Exchange gains	251	404
		253	695

		2016	2015
_		TDKK	TDKK
4	Financial expenses		
	Interest paid to group enterprises	0	302
	Other financial expenses	70	50
	Exchange adjustments, expenses	174	867
		244	1.219
		2016	2015
5	Tax on profit/loss for the year	TDKK	TDKK
	Current tax for the year	717	-31
	Deferred tax for the year	143	0
	Adjustment of tax concerning previous years	-98	0
		762	-31
6	Intangible assets		
			Acquired pa-
			tents
			TDKK
	Cost at 1 January		15.007
	Cost at 31 December		15.007
	Impairment losses and amortisation at 1 January		14.458
	Amortisation for the year		381
	Impairment losses and amortisation at 31 December		14.839
	Carrying amount at 31 December		168

## 7 Property, plant and equipment

	Other fixtures and fittings,	
	tools and	Leasehold
	equipment	improvements
	TDKK	TDKK
Cost at 1 January	5.302	3.989
Additions for the year	1.553	29
Cost at 31 December	6.855	4.018
Impairment losses and depreciation at 1 January	4.403	1.921
Depreciation for the year	680	593
Impairment losses and depreciation at 31 December	5.083	2.514
Carrying amount at 31 December	1.772	1.504

#### 8 Fixed asset investments

	Other receiv-
	TDKK
Cost at 1 January	734
Additions for the year	411
Cost at 31 December	1.145
Impairment losses at 1 January	0
Impairment losses at 31 December	0
Carrying amount at 31 December	1.145

#### 9 Equity

The share capital consists of 500 shares of a nominal value of DKK 1,000. No shares carry any special rights.

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

		2016	2015
10	Distribution of profit	TDKK	TDKK
	Retained earnings	2.103	-215
		2.103	-215
11	Other payables		
	Value added tax etc	615	1.475
	Wages and salaries, personal income taxes, social security costs, etc	2.609	1.995
	Holiday pay obligation	7.636	6.210
	Other debt	6.791	8.098
		17.651	17.778

#### 12 Contingent assets, liabilities and other financial obligations

#### **Contingent liabilities**

Commitments under rental agreements or leases until expiry

6.681

5.658

A bank guarantee of DKK 2,625 thousand has been provided regarding rental obligations.

The Company has provided a guarantee of DKK 750 thousand in favor of the Company's banker. The guarantee is provided towards the Sequrity Fund of the Danish Association of Advertising and Relationship Agencies in order to compensate the Company's obligations in relation to owners of papers and magazines, and a specified group of Danish owners, respectively.

The Company participates in a Danish joint taxation arrangement in which WPP Holding Denmark A/S serves as the administration company. According to the joint taxation provisions of the Danish Corporation Tax Act, the Company is, therefore, liable from the financial year 2013 for income taxes etc for the jointly taxed companies and from 1 July 2012 also for obligations, if any, relating to the withholding of tax on interest, royalties and dividend for the jointly taxed companies.

#### 13 Related parties

#### **Controlling interest**

WPP Holding Denmark A/S, Per Henrik Lings Allé 4, 7, 2100 Copenhagen Ø, Central Registration No 56873619 owns all the shares of the Entity and thus has control over the Entity.

#### **Transactions**

Transactions with related parties are conducted on market terms.

#### **Consolidated Financial Statements**

Name and registered office of the Parent preparing consolidated financial statements for the smallest and largest group:

 Name
 Place of registered office

 WPP plc.
 27 Farm Street, W17 5RJ, London, England.

The Group Annual Report of WPP plc. may be obtained at the following address: www.wppinvestor.com.

#### 14 Accounting Policies

The Annual Report of GroupM Denmark A/S for 2016 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.

The Financial Statements for 2016 are presented in TDKK.

#### 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 WPP plc., the Company has not prepared a cash flow statement.

#### **Recognition and measurement**

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.

Recognition and measurement take into account predictable losses and risks occurring before the presentation of the Annual Report which confirm or invalidate affairs and conditions existing at the balance sheet date.

#### Leases

All 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.

#### 14 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **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.

#### **Income Statement**

#### Gross profit/loss

With reference to section 32 of the Danish Financial Statements Act, revenue has not been disclosed in the Annual Report.

#### Revenue

Revenue from the sale of media and administrative and personnel services to group related, WPP-companies 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.

Consultancy services are included in revenue based on the stage of completion so that the revenue corresponds to the selling price of work performed in the financial year (the percentage-of-completion method).

#### Cost of sales

Cost of sales comprises consumed use of media to achieve the revenue for the year. Use of media includes received discounts, etc.

#### Other external expenses

Other external expenses include expenses for premises, stationery and office supplies, marketing costs and services provided by group related companies etc. This item also includes write-downs of receivables recognised in current assets.

#### 14 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Staff expenses**

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

#### Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses

Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses relating to intangible assets and property, plant and equipment comprise amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses for the financial year, calculated on the basis of the residual values and useful lives of the individual assets and impairment testing as well as gains and losses from the sale of intangible assets as well as property, plant and equipment.

#### Financial income and expenses

Other financial income comprises interest income, including interest income on receivables from group enterprises, net foreign exchange gains, as well as tax relief under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

Other financial expenses comprise interest expenses, including interest expenses on payables to group enterprises, net foreign exchange losses, as well as tax surcharge under the Danish Tax Prepayment Scheme etc.

#### Tax on profit/loss 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 the other WPP companies in Denmark. The tax effect of the joint taxation is allocated to enterprises in proportion to their taxable incomes.

#### 14 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### **Intangible assets**

Intellectual property rights acquired are measured at cost less accumulated amortisation. Amortisation is calculated over the expected useful period which are 3-5 years.

Intellectual property rights etc are written down to the lower of recoverable amount and carrying amount.

#### 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 5 years Leasehold improvements 3-5 years

Depreciation period and residual value are reassessed annually.

#### Impairment of fixed assets

The carrying amounts of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment 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.

#### Cash pool

The Company is part of a cash pool scheme with other Danish WPP companies. Consequently, a considerable portion of the Company's bank deposits and debt is included in receivables from and payables to group enterprises, respectively.

#### Receivables

Receivables are recognised in the balance sheet at amortised cost, which substantially corresponds to nominal value. Provisions for estimated bad debts are made.

#### **14 Accounting Policies** (continued)

#### **Contract work in progress**

Contract work in progress regarding service is measured at selling price of the work performed calculated on the basis of the stage of completion. The stage of completion is measured by the proportion that the contract expenses incurred to date bear to the estimated total contract expenses. Where it is probable that total contract expenses will exceed total revenues from a contract, the expected loss is recognised 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 realisable value.

Payments received on account are set off against the selling price. The individual contracts are classified as receivables when the net selling price is positive and as liabilities when the net selling price is 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.

#### 14 Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Financial debts

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

## **Financial Highlights**

#### **Explanation of financial ratios**

Solvency ratio Equity at year end x 100

Total assets at year end

Return on equity Net profit for the year x 100

Average equity