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CVR no. 31 15 98 30

# Annual report for 2023

Adopted at the annual general meeting on 17 May 2024

chairman of the general meeting

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## Statement by management on the annual report

The management has today discussed and approved the annual report of KIRKBI Invest A/S for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2023.

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 company's financial position at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2023.

In our opinion, management's review includes a fair presentation of the matters covered therein.

Management recommends that the annual report should be approved by the shareholder at the annual general meeting.

Billund, 29 April 2024

#### **Executive management**

Søren Thorup Sørensen

#### **Board of directors**

Thomas Kirk Kristiansen chairman Kenni Foldager

Søren Thorup Sørensen

# Independent auditor's report

#### To the shareholder of KIRKBI Invest A/S

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of KIRKBI Invest A/S for the financial year 1 January -31 December 2023, which comprise a summary of significant accounting policies, income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes. The financial statements are prepared under the Danish Financial Statements Act.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the company's financial position at 31 December 2023 and of the results of the company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 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 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 and 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 the 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.

# Independent auditor's report

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.

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 Financial Statements Act.

Based on the work we have performed, we conclude that 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 of management's review.

Aarhus, 29 April 2024

Deloitte Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab CVR no. 33 96 35 56

Thomas Rosquist Andersen State Authorised Public Accountant mne31482 Søren Marquart Alsen State Authorised Public Accountant mne40040

# Company details

The company	KIRKBI Invest A/S Koldingvej 2 7190 Billund	
	CVR no.:	31 15 98 30
	Reporting period:	1 January - 31 December 2023
	Domicile:	Billund
Board of directors	Thomas Kirk Kristian: Kenni Foldager Søren Thorup Søren:	
Executive management	Søren Thorup Søren:	sen
Auditors	Deloitte Statsautoriseret Rev Værkmestergade 2 8000 Aarhus	risionspartnerselskab
Consolidated financial statements		luded in the consolidated financial arent company KIRKBI A/S, Billund.

# Financial highlights

	2023 m.DKK	2022 m.DKK	2021 m.DKK	2020 m.DKK	2019 m.DKK
Key figures					
Income statement Return on investment portfolio Profit/loss from operating activities Net financials Profit/loss for the year	2,281 1,979 -390 -1,129	-4,409 -4,690 70 -1,338	13,841 13,574 -5 11,871	-1,113 -1,389 -263 -3,172	8,367 8,038 -43 8,730
<b>Balance sheet</b> Balance sheet total Investment in property, plant and equipment Equity	106,581 542 65,883	112,545 767 67,703	110,809 172 70,576	81,554 230 55,536	90,464 225 70,957
<b>Financial ratios</b> Solvency ratio Return on equity Average number of full-time employees	61.8% -1.7% 16	60.2% -1.9% 15	63.7% 18.8% 17	68.1% -5.0% 20	78.4% 24.6% 20

For definitions, see accounting policies.

## **Management's review**

#### **Business review**

The company's objective is to engage in investment activities.

The company's assets consist primarily of a broad investment portfolio consisting of long-term equity, listed equities, bonds, real estate, Private Equity funds and other activities based on a long-term investment horizon. In addition, it comprises a 47.5 % ownership of Merlin Entertainments and ownership of BrainPOP Inc.

#### **Financial review**

KIRKBI Invest A/S' financial result is mainly influenced by the return from investment activities where focus is on long-term value creation. The return from the investment portfolio amounted to DKK 2.3 billion in 2023 compared to a loss of DKK 4.4 billion in 2022.

2023 was the first full financial year for BrainPOP following the investment last year. Since the acquisition the topline growth has been significantly lower than assumed in the business case, negatively impacted by a challenged market for education and learning products to school districts in the US among others due to reductions in public funding. As a consequence of the lower growth and projected profitability KIRKBI Invest A/S has at year-end 2023 written-down goodwill of DKK 2.7 billion reported under "Income from investments in group enterprises".

Merlin Entertainments, the operator of among others the LEGOLAND Parks and LEGO Discovery Centres, where KIRKBI Invest A/S owns 47.5 %, reported growth in number of visitors of 12 % and revenue of 6 %. The underlying result for the year was slightly negative, impacted by higher interest costs following the increase in market interest rates. KIRKBI Invest A/S' share of net result was a loss of DKK 1.2 billion, impacted by write-down of assets in the LEGOLAND® Parks in New York and Korea as well as costs incurred as part of Merlin's refinancing of part of their debt. The net loss is reported under "Income from investments in associates".

Due to the write-downs of assets in BrainPOP and Merlin Entertainments totaling DKK 3.6 billion, the financial year 2023 showed a net loss of DKK 1.1 billion (net loss of DKK 1.3 billion in 2022). The result for the year was lower than the expectations for 2023, disclosed in the annual report for 2022.

The company's balance sheet end of 2023 showed total assets of DKK 106.6 billion and total equity of DKK 65.9 billion, corresponding to a solvency ratio of 62 %.

#### Significant events occurring after the end of the financial year

No events have occurred after the balance sheet date which could significantly affect the company's financial position.

## **Management's review**

#### **Expectations for 2024**

KIRKBI Invest A/S is a long-term investor, and a one-year view on the investment activities is highly dependent on the development in the financial markets. A normalised investment return for KIRKBI Invest A/S would be an investment return around 5 % of the investment portfolio.

Merlin Entertainments expects growth in 2024 in both number of visitors, revenue and underlying earnings. Further, the net result is expected to improve supported by positive effect on interest costs from the refinancing finalized in the beginning of 2024.

BrainPOP expects single digit growth in Annual Recurring Revenue (ARR) in 2024, while profitability is expected to decline following full-year effect from new hirings made in 2023.

#### **Risks and uncertainties**

KIRKBI Invest A/S' risks primarily relate to the development within the global financial markets where KIRKBI Invest A/S has a significant exposure of investments as well as the market for family entertainment where Merlin Entertainments operates and education/learning where BrainPOP operates.

#### Knowledge resources

In 2023, the company employed 16 FTEs, which is an increase of 1 FTE compared to 2022. The company's employees are a key resource. As part of the overall corporate strategy, employees and management work together to continuously ensure job satisfaction and a strong working environment.

#### Corporate responsibility

Reference is made to the management's review of the ultimate parent company KIRKBI A/S in the section "Sustainability". The KIRKBI A/S annual report 2023 is published on the website: www.kirkbi.com/about/annual-reports/.

#### **Diversity policy**

KIRKBI Invest A/S has the ambition to have a balanced composition of the gender in the board of directors. The target is at least one female and one male board member provided that such person has the right qualifications for the directorship. The current board of directors consist of three men, which is not living up to the ambition. The target is expected to be fulfilled within the next couple of years.

No gender target has been set for other management levels due to the relatively low number of employees.

# Management's review

#### Statement of policy for data ethics

Reference is made to the management's review of the ultimate parent company KIRKBI A/S in the section "People & Operations". The KIRKBI A/S annual report 2023 is published on the website: www.kirkbi.com/about/annual-reports/.

# Accounting policies

The annual report of KIRKBI Invest A/S for 2023 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to large enterprises of reporting class C.

The accounting policies applied are consistent with those of last year.

The annual report is presented in Danish kroner.

Pursuant to sections §112,1 of the Danish Financial Statements Act, the company has not prepared consolidated financial statements. The financial statements of KIRKBI Invest A/S and its group enterprises are included in the consolidated financial statements of KIRKBI A/S.

#### **Income statement**

#### Return on investment portfolio

Return on investment portfolio includes interest and dividends from securities and rental income as well as realised and unrealised value adjustments of the investment portfolio.

#### Other external expenses

Other external expenses include expenses related to the various activities.

Fee to auditors appointed at the general meeting is included in a note in the Annual Report of the parent company KIRKBI A/S.

#### **Employee expenses**

Employee expenses include wages and salaries, pensions as well as other social security contributions, etc.

#### **Depreciation and impairment losses**

Depreciation and impairment losses comprise the year's depreciation and impairment of domicile properties and plant and equipment.

#### Other financial income and expenses

Financial income and expenses are recognised in the income statement by the amounts attributable to the financial year. Financial income and expenses consist of interest income and expenses as well as realised and unrealised gains and losses.

# Accounting policies

#### Income from investments in group enterprises and associates

Income from equity investments in group enterprises and associates allocated to the company's strategic portfolio comprises the proportionate share of profit/loss after tax and any adjustment of internal profit/loss and less amortisation of consolidated goodwill.

The accounting policy for income from group enterprises and associates allocated to the company's investment portfolio is described in the section "Investments in group enterprises and associates".

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

The company is subject to the Danish rules on compulsory joint taxation.

On payment of joint taxation contributions, the current Danish income tax is allocated between the jointly taxed entities in proportion to their taxable income. Entities with tax losses receive joint taxation contributions from entities that have been able to use tax losses to reduce their own taxable profits.

Tax for the year, which comprises the current tax charge for the year and changes in the deferred tax charge, is recognised in the income statement as regards the portion that relates to the profit/loss for the year and directly in equity as regards the portion that relates to entries directly in equity.

# **Balance sheet**

#### **Tangible assets**

Domicile properties, plant and equipment are recognised at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The depreciable amount is cost less the expected residual value at the end of the useful life. Land is not depreciated.

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

Straight-line depreciation is provided on the basis of the following estimated useful lives of the assets:

	Useful life
Domicile properties and installations	10-25 years
Plant and equipment	3-10 years

The useful lives and residual values are reassessed annually.

# Accounting policies

Gains or losses from the disposal of property, plant and equipment are recognised in the income statement as other operating income or other operating expenses, respectively.

#### Investment properties

Investment properties comprise investments in land and buildings with an objective of gaining a return on the invested capital in the form of regular operating income and/or capital gains on resale.

On acquisition, investment properties are recognised at cost, comprising the purchase price, including purchase costs. On subsequent recognition investment properties are valued at fair value by use of a return-based valuation model with expected cash flows based on the market rent and a rate of return for each property. The calculated valuation indicates the price to which the property can be traded on market terms between well-informed parties at the balance sheet date. The rate of return is, among other matters, determined based on location, type, the credit quality of tenants, terms of the lease and alternative applications.

#### Investments in group enterprises and associates

The company's investments in group enterprises and associates are allocated at the time of investment to the company's strategic portfolio or investment portfolio based on the strategy determined by management for each investment.

#### Strategic portfolio

Investments allocated to the strategic portfolio are recognised using the equity method at the proportionate ownership share of the enterprises' equity plus consolidated goodwill and less intercompany profits and negative goodwill. Goodwill is amortised on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life, which is determined on the basis of an assessment of the nature, earnings, market position of the acquired enterprise, the stability of the industry and dependence on key personnel, etc.

Investments in group enterprises and associates with a negative net asset value are recognised at DKK 0, and the carrying amount of any receivables from these entities is reduced to the extent that they are considered irrecoverable. If the parent company has a legal or constructive obligation to cover a deficit that exceeds the receivable, the balance is recognised under provisions.

#### Investment portfolio

Investments allocated to the investment portfolio are monitored and evaluated based on the development of fair value in accordance with the company's and the group's investment strategy. Accordingly, investments allocated to the investment portfolio are measured at fair value based on internationally accepted valuation methods, which may include earnings multiples and discounted cash flows.

# Accounting policies

#### Impairment of assets

The carrying amount of domicile properties, plant and equipment and investments in group enterprises and associates is tested for impairment, other than what is reflected through normal depreciation, on an annual basis.

Where there is evidence of impairment, an impairment test is performed for each individual asset or group of assets, respectively. The carrying amount of impaired assets is reduced to the higher of the net selling price and the value in use (recoverable amount).

#### Receivables

Receivables are recognised at amortised cost.

An impairment loss is recognised if there is objective evidence that a receivable is impaired.

#### Other financial investments

Other securities and equity investments are recognised at the market value at the balance sheet date if they are listed, or at an estimated fair value if they are not.

#### Cash

Cash comprises cash at bank.

#### Income tax and deferred tax

Current tax liabilities and current tax receivables are recognised in the balance sheet as the estimated tax on the taxable income for the year, adjusted for tax on the taxable income for previous years and tax paid on account.

Deferred tax is recognised according to the liability method in respect of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and their tax base, calculated on the basis of the planned use of the asset and settlement of the liability, respectively. Deferred tax is recognised at net realisable value.

Deferred tax is recognised based on the tax regulations and tax rates that will be in effect, using the laws at the balance sheet date, when the deferred tax is estimated to be triggered.

#### Liabilities

Fixed-rate loans such as loans from credit institutions are recognised initially at the proceeds received less transaction expenses incurred. In subsequent periods, loans are recognised at amortised cost so that the difference between the proceeds and the nominal value is recognised in the Income Statement as an interest expense over the term of the loan.

# Accounting policies

Other liabilities are recognised at amortised cost which usually corresponds to the nominal value.

#### Foreign currency translation

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into DKK at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into DKK based on the exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet day. Realised and unrealised foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the income statement under financial income and expenses.

The results and financial position of group enterprises that have a functional currency different from the presentation currency are translated into the presentation currency as follows:

Assets and liabilities for each group enterprise are translated into DKK at the closing rate at the balance sheet date.

Income and expenses for each grup enterprise are translated at average exchange rates.

#### **Derivative financial instruments**

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value. Positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments are included in other receivables or other payables, respectively.

Changes in the fair value of derivative financial instruments classified as and complying with the requirements for hedging future transactions are recognised directly in equity. When the hedged transactions are realised, the accumulated changes are recognised as part of cost of the relevant financial statement items.

As for derivative financial instruments that do not qualify for hedge accounting, fair value adjustments are recognised in the income statement under return on investment portfolio.

# Cash flow statement

In accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act § 86,4 the company has decided not to include a cash flow statement.

# Accounting policies

# **Financial Highlights**

Definitions 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

# Income statement 1 January - 31 December

	Note	2023	2022
		m.DKK	m.DKK
Return on investment portfolio	1	2,281	-4,409
Other external expenses		-220	-198
Gross profit/loss		2,061	-4,607
Employee expenses	2	-15	-13
Depreciation and impairment losses		-67	-70
Profit/loss from operating activities		1,979	-4,690
Income from investments in group enterprises		-963	2,028
Income from investments in associates		-1,212	-50
Other financial income	3	61	142
Other financial expenses	4	-451	-72
Profit/loss before tax		-586	-2,642
Tax on profit/loss for the year	5	-543	1,304
Profit/loss for the year		-1,129	-1,338
Distribution of profit/loss	7		

# Balance sheet 31 December

	Note	2023	2022
		m.DKK	m.DKK
Assets			
Investment properties	8	3,378	3,035
Domicile properties	9	295	306
Plant and equipment	9	387	438
Tangible assets		4,060	3,779
Investments in group enterprises	10	19,471	22,200
Investments in associates	11	6,788	7,217
Receivables from group enterprises	12	2,496	2,092
Receivables from associates	12	265	2,981
Other long-term investments	12	34	0
Financial non-current assets		29,054	34,490
Total non-current assets		33,114	38,269
Receivables from group enterprises		548	524
Receivables from associates		981	9
Other receivables		1,312	2,120
Corporation tax		0	1,251
Receivables		2,841	3,904
Other financial investments		70,165	69,890
Securities		70,165	69,890
Cash		461	482
Total current assets		73,467	74,276
Total assets		106,581	112,545

# Balance sheet 31 December

	Note	2023 m.DKK	2022 m.DKK
		m.dkk	m.DKK
Equity and liabilities			
Share capital		132	132
Revaluation reserve		1,060	0
Reserve for financial instruments		126	163
Retained earnings		64,565	67,408
Equity	13	65,883	67,703
Provision for deferred tax	14	180	224
Total provisions		180	224
Mortgage loans		214	234
Other payables		1,000	615
Total non-current liabilities	15	1,214	849
Short-term part of long-term debt	15	713	21
Banks		1,588	1,705
Trade payables		33	40
Payables to group enterprises Corporation tax		35,730 662	41,476 0
Other payables		578	527
Total current liabilities		39,304	43,769
Total liabilities		40,518	44,618
		<u>.</u>	<u> </u>
Total equity and liabilities		106,581	112,545
Contingent liabilities	16		
Assets charged and security	17		
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# Statement of changes in equity

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve m.DKK	Reserve for net revalua- tion under the equity method m.DKK	Reserve for financial instruments m.DKK	Retained earnings m.DKK	Total m.DKK
Equity at 1 January 2023	132	0	0	163	67,408	67,703
Fair value adjustments in equity from associates	0	1,060	0	0	-1,624	-564
Fair value adjustment of financial instruments	0	0	0	-37	0	-37
Capital adjustments in group enterprises and associates	0	0	-90	0	0	-90
Net profit/loss for the year	0	0	-2,175	0	1,046	-1,129
Dividends received from group enterprises and associates recognised at equity value	0	0	-1,788	0	1,788	0
Transfers, reserves	0	0	4,053	0	-4,053	0
Equity at 31 December 2023	132	1,060	0	126	64,565	65,883

	Share capital	Revaluation reserve	Reserve for net revalua- tion under the equity method	Reserve for financial instruments	Retained earnings	Total
	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK
Equity at 1 January 2022	132	815	0	-93	69,722	70,576
Fair value adjustments in equity from associates	0	-815	0	0	-872	-1,687
Fair value adjustment of financial instruments	0	0	0	256	0	256
Capital adjustments in group enterprises and associates	0	0	-104	0	0	-104
Net profit/loss for the year	0	0	1,978	0	-3,316	-1,338
Dividends received from group enterprises and associates recognised at equity value Transfers, reserves	0	0	-1,585 -289	0	1 <i>,</i> 585 289	0
			207			
Equity at 31 December 2022	132	0	0	163	67,408	67,703

# Notes

	2023	2022
	m.DKK	m.DKK
1 Return on investment portfolio		
Income from investments	1,295	1,117
Fair value adjustments	718	-5,672
Income from properties	154	126
Other income	114	20
Total return	2,281	-4,409

As investments are made across the globe, a segmentation of the return by geographical market would not be meaningful.

#### 2 Employee expenses

Wages and salaries Pensions	14 1	12 1
	15	13
Number of fulltime employees on average	16	15

According to section 98 B(3) of the Danish Financial Statements Act, renumeration to the management has not been disclosed.

# 3 Other financial income Interest received from group enterprises 0 20 Other financial income 61 122 61 142

# 4 Other financial expenses

Other financial expenses	<u> </u>	43
	451	/2

# Notes

		2023	2022
		m.DKK	m.DKK
5	Tax on profit/loss for the year		
	Current tax for the year	795	-1,155
	Deferred tax for the year	-44	-10
	Adjustment of tax concerning previous years	-208	-139
		543	-1,304

# 6 Fair value disclosure Investment properties

Unrealised fair value adjustments recognised in the income statement	-194	36
Investment properties measured at fair value at 31 December	3,378	3,035
Investments in associates		
Unrealised fair value adjustments recognised under equity	-564	-1,687
Investments in associates measured at fair value at 31 December	6,051	6,673
Derivative financial instruments		
Unrealised fair value adjustments recognised in the income statement	31	225
Unrealised fair value adjustments recognised under equity	-37	256
Derivative financial instruments measured at fair value at 31 December	5	77
Securities		
Unrealised fair value adjustments recognised in the income statement	-288	-7,181
Securities measured at fair value at 31 December	70,165	69,890

# Notes

	2023	2022
	m.DKK	m.DKK
7 Distribution of profit/loss		
Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method	-2,175	1,978
Retained earnings	1,046	-3,316
	-1,129	-1,338

#### 8 Investment properties

	2023
	m.DKK
Cost at 1 January	2,312
Additions for the year	537
Cost at 31 December	2,849
Revaluations at 1 January	723
Revaluations for the year	-194
Revaluations at 31 December	529
Carrying amount at 31 December	3,378

Investment properties are recognised at fair value using yields of 4 - 9 % (2022: 4 - 9 %). If the yield in the calculations increases by 1 % point, the impact on profit before tax would be negative with DKK 382 million.

The properties are located in Jutland, mainly near Billund, and in Copenhagen and consist of office, retail, liberal professions, teaching institutions, land and residence tenancies.

There has been a minimal vacancy in the financial year.

# Notes

# 9 Tangible assets

	Domicile properties	Plant and equipment
	m.DKK	m.DKK
Cost at 1 January	487	871
Additions for the year	5	0
Cost at 31 December	492	871
Impairment losses and depreciation at 1 January	181	433
Depreciation for the year	16	51
Impairment losses and depreciation at 31 December	197	484
Carrying amount at 31 December	295	387

		2023	2022
		m.DKK	m.DKK
10	Investments in group enterprises		
	Cost at 1 January	23,416	16,485
	Additions for the year	877	6,969
	Disposals for the year	-633	-38
	Cost at 31 December	23,660	23,416
	Revaluations at 1 January	-1,216	-1,525
	Disposals for the year	-279	-155
	Net profit/loss for the year	-963	2,028
	Received dividend	-1,788	-1,585
	Other adjustments	57	21
	Revaluations at 31 December	-4,189	-1,216
	Carrying amount at 31 December	19,471	22,200

Goodwill included in carrying amount at 31 December	3,913	7,117

#### Notes

Total impairment for 2023 amounts to DKK 2,745 million and relates to impairment of goodwill from the acquisition of BrainPOP. The market for education and playful learning products to school districts in the US has been challenged by reduced public funding and hence KIRKBI Invest A/S has reviewed its original business case. Based on an updated 10-year business plan KIRKBI Invest A/S has recognized a goodwill impairment of DKK 2,745 million. The impairment test was performed based on unlevered free cash flow and applying a WACC of 12.5 % and terminal growth of 3 %. No impairment was identified in 2022.

Investments in group enterprises are specified as follows:

	Registered	Ownership
Name	office	interest
Group enterprises recognised at equity value:		
Adapture Renewables, Inc.	USA	100%
AKKCO2 by heart ApS	Denmark	100%
Elsenheimerstrasse Invest GmbH	Germany	100%
K & C Holding A/S	Denmark	100%
KIRKBI AG	Switzerland	100%
KIRKBI Anlæg A/S	Denmark	100%
KIRKBI Burbo Extension Holding UK Ltd.	UK	100%
KIRKBI Operationel Support ApS	Denmark	100%
KIRKBI Real Estate Investment A/S	Denmark	100%
KIRKBI Real Estate Investment GmbH	Germany	100%
LEGO Juris A/S	Denmark	100%
Light Brick A/S	Denmark	100%
LLJ Investco K.K.	Japan	100%
Mateo Holdco US, Inc./BrainPOP	USA	100%
Maxor 4 GmbH	Germany	94%
Mølholm-Klinikken Ejendom ApS	Denmark	100%
Neue Flora Invest A/S	Denmark	100%
o 55 GmbH	Germany	80%

# Notes

	2023	2022
	m.DKK	m.DKK
Investments in associates		
Cost at 1 January	12,992	13,090
Additions for the year	242	343
Disposals for the year	-1	-441
Cost at 31 December	13,233	12,992
Revaluations at 1 January	-5,775	-3,574
Disposals for the year	1	252
Net loss for the year	-1,212	-50
Received dividend	-71	-627
Fair value adjustment	-564	-1,687
Other adjustments	-147	-125
Equity investments with negative net asset value offset in		
receivables	1,323	36
Revaluations at 31 December	-6,445	-5,775
Carrying amount at 31 December	6,788	7,217

Investments in associates are specified as follows:

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Associates recognised at equity value:		
Anpartsselskabet af 7.11.2022	Denmark	33%
Motion JVco Limited/Merlin Entertainments	UK	47%
Shanghai LEGOLAND Co., Ltd.	China	26%
Associates recognised at fair value:		
Falck A/S	Denmark	28%
Golvvikken Newco AB	Sweden	49%
Neptune Topco S.á r.I.	Luxembourg	44%
Nilfisk Holding A/S	Denmark	20%

# Notes

#### 12 Receivables and other long-term investments

	Receivables from group enterprises m.DKK	Receivables from asso- ciates m.DKK	Other long- term investments m.DKK
Cost at 1 January	2,092	4,038	3
Additions for the year	831	0	34
Disposals for the year	-427	-3,773	0
Cost at 31 December	2,496	265	37
Impairment losses at 1 January	0	1,057	3
Reversals for the year of impairment losses	0	-1,057	0
Impairment losses at 31 December	0	0	3
Carrying amount at 31 December	2,496	265	34

#### 13 Equity

The share capital consists of 63,866,000 class A shares of DKK 1 and 68,134,000 class B shares of DKK 1 or multiples thereof.

The share capital has developed as follows:

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK	m.DKK
Share capital at 1					
January	132	132	132	132	126
Additions for the year	0	0	0	0	6
Share capital	132	132	132	132	132

		2023	2022
		m.DKK	m.DKK
14	Provision for deferred tax		
	Provision for deferred tax at 1 January	224	234
	Deferred tax recognised in income statement	-44	-10
	Provision for deferred tax at 31 December	180	224

#### Notes

#### 15 Non-current liabilities

	Debt at 1 January m.DKK	Debt at 31 December m.DKK	Instalment next year m.DKK	Debt outstanding after 5 years m.DKK
Mortgage loans	234	214	21	125
Other payables	615 <b>849</b>	1,000 1,214	692 713	<u> </u>

#### 16 Contingent liabilities

The company is part of a joint taxation arrangement in which the parent company, KIRKBI A/S is the management company. Therefore, the company is jointly and severally liable for tax in the group's joint taxation income, etc., including surcharges and interest. Also, the company is jointly and severally liable for Danish withholding taxes in the form of dividend tax, royalty tax and interest tax, including surcharges and interest, to which the jointly taxed entities are liable. Any subsequent changes in corporate income taxes and withholding taxes may imply that the company becomes liable to pay tax.

Contingent liabilities and legal commitments to participate in investment projects and other purchase obligations amount to a maximum of DKK 14,857 million (2022: DKK 14,111 million).

The company has provided payment guarentees of DKK 1,180 million (2022: DKK 299 million).

Other obligations amount to DKK 1,489 million (2022: DKK 0 million).

Apart from the above, there are no contingent liabilities at the balance sheet date.

#### 17 Assets charged and security

Security has been given in land, buildings and installations with a net carrying amount of DKK 1,404 million (2022: DKK 1,437 million) for the company's mortgage loans which amount to DKK 237 million (2022: DKK 258 million).

Apart from the above, there are no security provided or assets charged at the balance sheet date.

# Notes

# 18 Related parties

# **Controlling interest**

The parent company, KIRKBI A/S, Billund has a controlling interest.

#### Transactions

All transactions with related parties are made on market terms.