# WPP Holding Denmark A/S

Glentevej 61, DK-2400

# Annual Report for 1 January - 31 December 2021

CVR No 56 87 36 19

The Annual Report was presented and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the Company on 1 /7 2022

Martin Hviid Saxtorph 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 WPP Holding Denmark 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, 1 July 2022

#### **Executive Board**

Martin Hviid Saxtorph CEO

#### **Board of Directors**

Jonas von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen Chairman Jan William Werner

Martin Hviid Saxtorph

### **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Shareholder of WPP Holding Denmark A/S

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the Financial Statements of WPP Holding Denmark 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, 1 July 2022 **Deloitte** Statsautoriseret Revisionspartnerselskab *CVR No 33 96 35 56* 

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## **Company Information**

**The Company** WPP Holding Denmark A/S

Glentevej 61 DK-2400

CVR No: 56 87 36 19

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

**Board of Directors** Jonas von Barnekow Benzon Hemmingsen, Chairman

Jan William Werner Martin Hviid Saxtorph

**Executive Board** Martin Hviid Saxtorph

**Auditors** Deloitte

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### **Management's Review**

#### **Key activities**

The Company's primary activity consists of investments in subsidiaries and one associate.

In addition, the Company renders administrative services to group enterprises.

Furthermore, the Company is the administration company for the Danish WPP joint taxation.

The Company participates in and is the administrative company for the Danish WPP cash pool scheme.

#### Development in the year

The income statement of the Company for 2021 shows a profit of TDKK 40,875, and at 31 December 2021 the balance sheet of the Company shows equity of TDKK 104,541.

Profit for the year is considered satisfactory.

The Company has sufficient cash flow as well as an opportunity to obtain further liquidity from group companies.

#### Corporate responsibility

WPP Holding Denmark A/S is the administration company for all WPP plc's Danish activities including all Danish tax agreements and obligations. WPP's activities in Denmark have more than 1,200 employees.

#### Outlook

The Company expects a result for 2022 at the same level as for 2021.

#### **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	2020
		TDKK	TDKK
In a constitution of the contract of the contr	0	10.110	04.004
Income from investments in subsidiaries	2	42.142	21.921
Income from investments in associates	3	794	794
Other operating income		18.089	9.949
Other external expenses	-	-19.188	-10.132
Gross profit/loss		41.837	22.532
Staff expenses	1	-859	-791
Profit/loss before financial income and expenses		40.978	21.741
Other financial income	4	674	480
Other financial expenses	5	-1.318	-903
Profit/loss before tax	-	40.334	21.318
Tax on profit/loss for the year	6	541	349
Net profit/loss for the year	-	40.875	21.667
	-	-	
Distribution of profit			
Proposed distribution of profit			
Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method		42.142	29.691
Retained earnings		-1.267	-8.024
	-	40.875	21.667
	-		

## **Balance Sheet 31 December**

### Assets

	Note	2021	2020
		TDKK	TDKK
Investments in subsidiaries	7	145.379	103.237
Investments in associates	8	79.425	79.425
Fixed asset investments	-	224.804	182.662
Fixed assets	-	224.804	182.662
Receivables from group enterprises		496.192	457.332
Other receivables		2.476	1.960
Corporation tax	<u>-</u>	5.805	557
Receivables	-	504.473	459.849
Cash at bank and in hand	-	24.265	3.433
Currents assets	-	528.738	463.282
Assets	-	753.542	645.944

## **Balance Sheet 31 December**

## Liabilities and equity

	Note	2021	2020
		TDKK	TDKK
Share capital	9	986	986
Reserve for net revaluation under the equity method		113.918	71.776
Retained earnings	-	-10.363	-9.097
Equity	-	104.541	63.665
Trade payables		2.129	211
Payables to group enterprises		631.763	579.451
Payables to group enterprises relating to corporation tax		10.707	0
Other payables		4.402	2.617
Short-term debt	-	649.001	582.279
Debt	-	649.001	582.279
Liabilities and equity	-	753.542	645.944
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## **Statement of Changes in Equity**

		Reserve for net revaluation under the equity	Retained	T
	Share capital TDKK	method TDKK	earnings TDKK	Total TDKK
Equity at 1 January	986	71.776	-9.096	63.666
Net profit/loss for the year	0	42.142	-1.267	40.875
Equity at 31 December	986	113.918	-10.363	104.541

		2021	2020
1	Staff expenses	TDKK	TDKK
•	Starr expenses		
	Wages and salaries	859	791
		859	791
	Average number of employees	1 _	1
2	Income from investments in subsidiaries		
	Share of profits of subsidiaries	42.142	21.976
	Loss from sale of subsidiaries	0	-55
		42.142	21.921
3	Income from investments in associates		
	Dividend from associates	794	794
		794	794
4	Other financial income		
	Interest received from group enterprises	465	52
	Other financial income	209	428
		674	480
5	Other financial expenses		
	Interest paid to group enterprises	829	605
	Other financial expenses	345	177
	Exchange adjustments	144	121
		1.318	903

		2021	2020
6	Tax on profit/loss for the year	TDKK	TDKK
U	rax on pront/loss for the year		
	Current tax for the year	-541	-307
	Adjustment of tax concerning previous years	0	-42
		-541	-349
7	Investments in subsidiaries		
	Cost at 1 January	31.461	38.289
	Additions for the year	0	4.150
	Disposals for the year	0	-10.978
	Cost at 31 December	31.461	31.461
	Value adjustments at 1 January	71.776	46.083
	Disposals for the year	0	9.184
	Share of profit/loss for the year	42.142	21.976
	Dividend	0	-1.469
	Acquisition of shares from non-controlling interests, goodwill	0	-3.998
	Value adjustments at 31 December	113.918	71.776
	Carrying amount at 31 December	145.379	103.237

	Place of	Votes and
Name	registered office Share capital	ownership
Ogilvy Danmark A/S	Copenhagen A/S	100%
Mindshare A/S	Copenhagen A/S	100%
GroupM Denmark A/S	Copenhagen A/S	100%
Mediacom Danmark A/S (indirectly owned)	Copenhagen A/S	100%
Wavemaker A/S (indirectly owned)	Copenhagen A/S	100%

		2021	2020
8	Investments in associates	TDKK	TDKK
	Cost at 1 January	79.425	79.425
	Carrying amount at 31 December	79.425	79.425
	Investments in associates are specified as follows:		
	Name	Place of registered office	Votes and ownership

The Company owns 80% of the share capital of Hill & Knowlton Limited, London. Since the shares represent only 2% of the total voting rights, the Company is not considered a subsidiary but is only regarded as an associate. The investment is valued at cost.

London

In the event of liquidation of the associate, preference shares take precedence over other shares with the limitation that the amount to be obtained for the shares is not to exceed the face value of the shares and the unpaid accumulated dividend.

#### 9 Equity

The share capital consists of 986 shares of a nominal value of TDKK 1,000. No shares carry any special rights.

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

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

#### **Contingent liabilities**

Hill & Knowlton Limited

The group companies are jointly and severally liable for tax on the jointly taxed incomes etc of the Group. The total amount of corporation tax payable by the Group amounts to TDKK 0. Moreover, the group companies are jointly and severally liable for Danish withholding taxes by way of dividend tax, tax on royalty payments and tax on unearned income. Any subsequent adjustments of corporation taxes and withholding taxes may increase the Company's liability.

80%

#### 11 Related parties

#### **Transactions**

The Company renders administrative services and financing to and from group enterprises. 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 Jubilee Limited (smallest group)	18 Upper Ground, SE1 9GL, London, England
WPP Plc. (largest group)	Hilgrove Street, St Helier, JE1 1ES, Jersey, England

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

#### 12 Accounting Policies

The Annual Report of WPP Holding Denmark A/S for 2021 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to enterprises of reporting class B as well as selected rules applying to reporting class C.

The accounting policies applied remain unchanged from last year.

The Financial Statements for 2021 are presented in TDKK.

#### **Consolidated financial statements**

With reference to section 112(1) of the Danish Financial Statements Act and to the consolidated financial statements of WPP plc., the Company has not prepared consolidated financial statements.

#### **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.

#### 12 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.

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**

#### Other external expenses

Other external expenses comprise expenses for administration and IT services.

#### **Staff expenses**

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

#### Other operating income

Other operating income comprises fee from group companies for administrative and IT services rendered to Danish WPP companies.

#### Income from investments in subsidiaries and associates

Income from investments in associates comprises dividends etc received from the individual associates in the financial year.

The item "Income from investments in subsidiaries" in the income statement includes the proportionate share of the profit for the year.

#### 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/loss for the year

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

#### 12 Accounting Policies (continued)

Any changes in deferred tax due to changes to tax rates are recognised in the income statement.

The Company is jointly taxed with the other WPP entities in Denmark. The current Danish income tax is allocated among the jointly taxed Danish companies proportionally to their taxable income (full allocation with a refund concerning tax losses).

WPP Holding Denmark A/S is the administration company in Denmark.

#### **Balance Sheet**

#### Investments in subsidiaries and associates

Investments in associates are measured at cost. Where cost exceeds the recoverable amount, write-down is made to this lower value.

Investments in subsidiaries are recognised and measured under the equity method.

Subsidiaries with a negative net asset value are recognised at DKK o. Any legal or constructive obligation of the Parent Company to cover the negative balance of the enterprise is recognised in provisions.

#### 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.

#### 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.