# The Associated Press ApS

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Annual report 2017

Approved at the Company's annual general meeting on 31 May 2018

Chairman

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## Statement by the Board of Directors and the Executive Board

Today, the Board of Directors and the Executive Board have discussed and approved the annual report of The Associated Press ApS for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2017.

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 of the Company at 31 December 2017 and of the results of the Company's operations for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2017.

Further, in our opinion, the Management's review gives a fair review of the matters discussed in the Management's review.

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

Copenhagen, 31 May 2018 Executive Board:

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Board of Directors:

Jeremy Mark Carmel

Bridget Forrester

The general meeting has decided that the financial statements for the coming financial year will not be audited.

## Independent auditor's report on the compilation of financial statements

## To the general management of The Associated Press ApS

We have compiled the financial statements of The Associated Press ApS for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2017 based on the Company's bookkeeping and other information provided.

The financial statements comprise an income statement, balance sheet, statement of changes in equity and notes, including accounting policies.

We performed this compilation engagement in accordance with ISRS 4410 Compilation Engagements.

We have applied our expertise in accounting and financial reporting to assist you in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act. We have complied with relevant ethical requirements in the Danish act on approved auditors and audit firms and FSR - Danish Auditors' code of ethics, including principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care.

The financial statements and the accuracy and completeness of the information used to compile the financial statements are your responsibility.

Since a compilation engagement is not an assurance engagement, we are not required to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information you provided to us to compile the financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion on whether the financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Financial Statements Act.

Copenhagen, 31 May 2018

**ERNST & YOUNG** 

Godkendt Revisionspartnerselskab

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State Authorised Public Accountant

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## Management's review

#### Company details

Name

The Associated Press ApS

Address, Postal code, City

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CVR no.

58 16 03 18 Copenhagen

Registered office Financial year

1 January - 31 December

Board of Directors

Jeremy Mark Carmel

Bridget Forrester

**Executive Board** 

Bridget Forrester

Accountant

Ernst & Young Godkendt Revisionspartnerselskab

Osvald Helmuths Vej 4, P.O. Box 250, 2000 Frederiksberg,

Denmark

Bankers

Nordea

### Management's review

#### **Business review**

The Company's principal activities are to convey news and information.

#### Financial review

The income statement for 2017 shows a profit of DKK 23,605 against a profit of DKK 172,003 last year, and the balance sheet at 31 December 2017 shows equity of DKK 223,605. Management considers the Company's financial performance in the year satisfactory.

### Events after the balance sheet date

No events materially affecting the Company's financial position have occurred subsequent to the financial year-end.

### Income statement

| Note | DKK  | 2017                | 2016                |
|------|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2    | Gross margin<br>Staff costs                        | 568,446<br>-532,821 | 770,721<br>-539,051 |
|      | Profit before net financials<br>Financial expenses | 35,625<br>-5,289    | 231,670<br>-11,355  |
| 3    | Profit before tax Tax for the year                 | 30,336<br>-6,731    | 220,315<br>-48,312  |
|      | Profit for the year                                | 23,605              | 172,003             |
|      | Recommended appropriation of profit                |                     |                     |
|      | Proposed dividend recognised under equity          | 23,605              | 172,003             |
|      |  | 23,605              | 172,003             |

#### Balance sheet

| Note | DKK  | 2017              | 2016               |
|------|--|-------------------|--------------------|
|      | ASSETS<br>Non-fixed assets<br>Receivables                                      |                   |                    |
|      | Trade receivables  | 0                 | 492,759            |
|      | Receivables from group entities Other receivables                              | 353,121           | 271,465            |
|      | Prepayments  | 28,243<br>0       | 13,934<br>14,991   |
|      |  | 381,364           | 793,149            |
|      | Cash   | 15,944            | 42,538             |
|      | Total non-fixed assets   | 397,308           | 835,687            |
|      | TOTAL ASSETS   | 397,308           | 835,687            |
|      | EQUITY AND LIABILITIES Equity  |                   |                    |
| 4    | Share capital<br>Dividend proposed for the year                                | 200,000<br>23,605 | 200,000<br>172,003 |
|      | Total equity   | 223,605           | 372,003            |
|      | Liabilities other than provisions<br>Current liabilities other than provisions |                   |                    |
|      | Trade payables   | 31,141            | 2,059              |
|      | Income taxes payable   | 7,000             | 50,298             |
|      | Other payables   | 135,562           | 411,327            |
|      |  | 173,703           | 463,684            |
|      | Total liabilities other than provisions  | 173,703           | 463,684            |
|      | TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES   | 397,308           | 835,687            |
|      |  |                   |                    |

<sup>1</sup> Accounting policies5 Contractual obligations and contingencies, etc.6 Related parties

## Statement of changes in equity

| DKK  | Share capital     | Dividend<br>proposed for the<br>year | Total                         |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Equity at 1 January 2017<br>Transfer through appropriation of profit<br>Dividend distributed | 200,000<br>0<br>0 | 172,003<br>23,605<br>-172,003        | 372,003<br>23,605<br>-172,003 |
| Equity at 31 December 2017   | 200,000           | 23,605                               | 223,605                       |

#### Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Accounting policies

The annual report of The Associated Press ApS for 2017 has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Danish Financial Statements Act applying to reporting class B entities and elective choice of certain provisions applying to reporting class C entities.

The accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements are consistent with those of last year.

#### Reporting currency

The financial statements are presented in Danish kroner (DKK).

#### Foreign currency translation

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

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

#### Income statement

#### Revenue

Income from the rendering of services is recognised as revenue as the services are rendered, implying that revenue corresponds to the market value of the services rendered in the year.

Revenue is measured at the fair value of the agreed consideration excluding VAT and taxes charged on behalf of third parties. All discounts and rebates granted are recognised in revenue.

#### Gross margin

The items revenue, change in inventories of finished goods and work in progress, work performed for own account and capitalised, other operating income and external expenses have been aggregated into one item in the income statement called gross margin in accordance with section 32 of the Danish Financial Statements Act.

#### Other external expenses

Other external expenses include the year's expenses relating to the Company's core activities, including expenses relating to distribution, sale, advertising, administration, premises, bad debts, payments under operating leases, etc.

#### Staff costs

Staff costs include wages and salaries, including compensated absence and pension to the Company's employees, as well as other social security contributions, etc. The item is net of refunds from public authorities.

#### Tax

Tax for the year includes current tax on the year's expected taxable income and the year's deferred tax adjustments.

## Notes to the financial statements

#### 1 Accounting policies (continued)

#### Balance sheet

#### Receivables

Receivables are measured at amortised cost.

An impairment loss is recognised if there is objective evidence that a receivable or a group of receivables is impaired. If there is objective evidence that an individual receivable has been impaired, an impairment loss is recognised on an individual basis.

#### **Prepayments**

Prepayments recognised under "Assets" comprise prepaid expenses regarding subsequent financial reporting years.

#### Cash

Cash comprise cash and short term securities which are readily convertible into cash and subject only to minor risks of changes in value.

#### Equity

#### Proposed dividends

Dividend proposed for the year is recognised as a liability once adopted at the annual general meeting (declaration date). Dividends expected to be distributed for the financial year are presented as a separate item under "Equity".

#### Income taxes

Current tax payables and receivables are recognised in the balance sheet as the estimated income tax charge for the year, adjusted for prior-year taxes and tax paid on account.

Deferred tax is measured according to the liability method on all temporary differences between the carrying amount and the tax base of assets and liabilities. However, deferred tax is not recognised on temporary differences relating to goodwill which is not deductible for tax purposes and on office premises and other items where temporary differences, apart from business combinations, arise at the date of acquisition without affecting either profit/loss for the year or taxable income. Where alternative tax rules can be applied to determine the tax base, deferred tax is measured based on Management's intended use of the asset or settlement of the liability, respectively.

Deferred tax is measured according to the tax rules and at the tax rates applicable at the balance sheet date when the deferred tax is expected to crystallise as current tax. Deferred tax assets are recognised at the expected value of their utilisation; either as a set-off against tax on future income or as a set-off against deferred tax liabilities in the same legal tax entity. Changes in deferred tax due to changes in the tax rate are recognised in the income statement.

#### Other payables

Other payables are measured at net realisable value.

#### Notes to the financial statements

|   | DKK  | 2017                       | 2016                       |
|---|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 | Staff costs Wages/salaries Pensions Other social security costs                    | 488,753<br>39,088<br>4,980 | 498,040<br>39,153<br>1,858 |
|   |  | 532,821                    | 539,051                    |
|   | Average number of full-time employees  | 1                          | 1                          |
| 3 | Tax for the year Estimated tax charge for the year Tax adjustments, prior years    | 6,731<br>0                 | 48,363<br>-51              |
|   | rax adjustificatis, prior years  | 6,731                      | 48,312                     |
| 4 | Share capital  |                            |                            |
|   | Analysis of the share capital:   |                            |                            |
|   | 200 A shares of DKK 1,000.00 nominal value each                                    | 200,000                    | 200,000                    |
|   |  | 200,000                    | 200,000                    |
|   | The Company's share capital has remained DKK 200,000 over the pa                   | st 6 years.                |                            |
| 5 | Contractual obligations and contingencies, etc.                                    |                            |                            |
|   | Other financial obligations  |                            |                            |
|   | Other rent and lease liabilities:  |                            |                            |
|   | Rent and lease liabilities   | 29,712                     | 28,847                     |
|   | Rent and lease liabilities include a rent obligation concerning a contract months. | et which is intermina      | able for 6                 |

### 6 Related parties

Information about consolidated financial statements

| Parent               | Domicile  | Requisitioning of the parent company's consolidated financial statements |
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