

## Independent Auditor's Report on the Annual Report of the Board of Directors



### CONVENIENCE TRANSLATION INTO ENGLISH OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN TURKISH

To the General Assembly of Ziraat Katılım Bankası A.Ş.

#### **1. Qualified Opinion**

We have audited the annual report of Ziraat Katılım Bankası A.Ş. (the "Bank"), and its subsidiaries subject to consolidation (collectively referred as the "Group") for the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024.

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial information and the analysis made by the Board of Directors by using the information included in the audited consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements regarding the Group's and the Bank's position in the Board of Directors' Annual Report are consistent and presented fairly, in all material respects, with the audited full set consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements and with the information obtained in the course of independent audit.

#### **2. Basis for Qualified Opinion**

As expressed in the auditor's report dated 14 February 2025 on the Group's and the Bank's full set consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements for the period 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024; the free provision amounting to TRY 500.000 thousand, which was fully provided in prior years outside of the requirements of BRS Accounting and Financial Reporting Legislation, was reversed in the current year by the Group and Bank management, as of 31 December 2024. Had this free provision not been accounted for in prior years and not been reversed in the current year, net profit and prior periods' profit would have decreased by TRY 500.000 thousand and increased by TRY 500.000 thousand respectively for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Our independent audit was conducted in accordance with the Independent Standards on Auditing that are part of the Turkish Standards on Auditing (the "TSA") issued by the Public Oversight Accounting and Auditing Standards Authority ("POA") and the scope of "Regulation on Independent Audit of Banks" published on the Official Gazette No.29314 dated 2 April 2015. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities in the Audit of the Board of Directors' Annual Report section of our report. We hereby declare that we are independent of the Group and the Bank in accordance with the Ethical Rules for Independent Auditors (including Independence Standards) (the "Ethical Rules") and the ethical requirements regarding independent audit in regulations issued by POA that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Ethical Rules and regulations. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained during the independent audit provides a sufficient and appropriate basis for our qualified opinion.

#### **3. Our Audit Opinion on the Full Set Consolidated and Unconsolidated Financial Statements**

We expressed a qualified opinion in the auditor's reports dated 14 February 2025 on the Group's and the Bank's full set consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements for the period 1 January 2024-31 December 2024.

**4. Board of Director's Responsibility for the Annual Report**

The Bank management's responsibilities related to the annual report according to Articles 514 and 516 of Turkish Commercial Code ("TCC") No. 6102 and "Regulation on Principles and Procedures Regarding Preparation and Promulgation of Annual Reports by Banks" published in Official Gazette No.26333 dated 1 November 2006 are as follows:

- a) to prepare the annual report within the first three months following the balance sheet date and present it to the general assembly;
- b) to prepare the annual report to reflect the Bank's operations in that year and the financial position in a true, complete, straightforward, fair and proper manner in all respects. In this report financial position is assessed in accordance with the financial statements. Also in the report, developments and possible risks which the Group may encounter are clearly indicated. The assessments of the Board of Directors in regards to these matters are also included in the report.
- c) to include the matters below in the annual report:
  - events of particular importance that occurred in the Bank after the operating year,
  - the Bank's research and development activities,
  - financial benefits such as salaries, bonuses, premiums and allowances, travel, accommodation and representation expenses, benefits in cash and in kind, insurance and similar guarantees paid to members of the Board of Directors and senior management.

When preparing the annual report, the Board of Directors considers secondary legislation arrangements enacted by the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency, Ministry of Trade and other relevant institutions.

**5. Independent Auditor's Responsibility in the Audit of the Annual Report**

Our aim is to express an opinion and issue a report comprising our opinion within the framework of TCC, Communiqué and "Regulation on Independent Audit of Banks" published on the Official Gazette No.29314 dated 2 April 2015 provisions regarding whether or not the financial information and the analysis made by the Board of Directors by using the information included in the audited financial statements in the annual report are consistent and presented fairly with the audited consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements of the Group and the Bank and with the information we obtained in the course of independent audit.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the TSAs. These standards require that ethical requirements are complied with and that the independent audit is planned and performed in a way to obtain reasonable assurance of whether or not the financial information and the analysis made by the Board of Directors by using the information included in the audited financial statements in the annual report are consistent and presented fairly with the audited consolidated and unconsolidated financial statements and with the information obtained in the course of audit.

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Serbest Muhasebeci Mali Müşavirlik A.Ş.



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Independent Auditor

Istanbul, 27 March 2025