

# Annual Report 2025

Including a report of activities as referred to in Chapter 7 of the Trust Conditions

# Introduction

The past year the board of Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank (“STAK AAB”) - in accordance with its Articles of Association and Trust Conditions – further prepared for the possible occurrence of exceptional circumstances and maintained contact with stakeholders. Three board meetings, one Annual General Meeting of Depositary Receipt Holders (“AGM”) and one Extraordinary General Meeting of Depositary Receipt Holders (“EGM”) were held in 2025. In addition, STAK AAB also organized a so called “Dry Run” in 2025 in which possible exceptional circumstances were discussed by its board and its advisors.

In 2025, Stichting Administratiekantoor Beheer Financiële Instellingen (“NLFI”) - the foundation that holds shares in ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (“ABN AMRO”) on behalf of the State of the Netherlands (“the State”) – transferred in five tranches shares in ABN AMRO to STAK AAB. STAK AAB issued depositary receipts to NLFI equal to the number of shares it received from NLFI. In 2025 also a withdrawal of depositary receipts took place, as ABN AMRO repurchased own shares and depositary receipts and subsequently withdrew these.

Supported by a small, professional team of advisers, STAK AAB carried out its activities last year in constructive consultation with ABN AMRO, NLFI and other stakeholders. The collaboration worked well and the board is grateful to all concerned for their efforts.

Chapter 7 of the Trust Conditions states that STAK AAB will issue an annual report to the holders of depositary receipts on its activities during the past year. This annual report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025.

Amsterdam, 12 March 2026

The board

**Marc van Gelder**, Chair

**Yvonne van Rooij**, Vice-Chair

**Cilian Jansen Verplanke**, Secretary

**Kees Peijster**, Treasurer

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# 1. General

## < 1.1 About STAK AAB

STAK AAB is an independent foundation formed for the purpose of receiving shares in ABN AMRO and issuing depositary receipts for these shares. STAK AAB was founded by ABN AMRO on 20 July 2015 in consultation with the Dutch Minister of Finance and NLFi, at that time under the name Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Group. The objectives, powers, tasks, rights and obligations of STAK AAB are set out in its Articles of Association and Trust Conditions (see [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org)). STAK AAB safeguards the interests of the depositary receipt holders as far as possible and will to the best of its ability resist influences that could threaten the independence, continuity or identity of ABN AMRO. In the event of a threat to this independence, continuity or identity, the interests of ABN AMRO have first priority. STAK AAB also devotes continual attention to the interests of other stakeholders such as the customers, depositors, deposit holders, shareholders and employees of ABN AMRO, and to the public interest.

Under normal circumstances, STAK AAB's primary concern is to protect the interests of depositary receipt Holders, take into account the interests of ABN AMRO, other stakeholders and the interests of the public at large. Under normal circumstances, STAK AAB automatically grants a power of attorney to depositary receipt holders on each occasion to vote at the (Extraordinary) General Meeting of Shareholders ("(E)GMS") of ABN AMRO. In undesirable situations, as described in the Trust Conditions (article 3.2.5), STAK AAB may decide to exercise the voting rights on the shares itself and decide not to grant a power of attorney to depositary receipt holders, or to revoke or limit previously granted powers of attorney or decide not to comply with received voting instructions. It will take this decision independently and without reference to ABN AMRO and other potential stakeholders. If there are no grounds for the preparation or implementation of protective measures, STAK AAB will adopt a restrained approach in its role as shareholder.

Within the limits of its objectives, STAK AAB is independent and its board carries out its duties independently of ABN AMRO. This independence is laid down in article 3.5 of its Articles of Association and is safeguarded inter alia by the application of independence criteria for the appointment of STAK AAB board members. Following the incorporation of the Foundation, ABN AMRO has no further involvement in the composition of the board or the appointment of STAK AAB board members. STAK AAB has its own self-selected support and the board acts independently and is not bound by any instructions. The composition of the board must moreover be such that it is able to perform the duties and responsibilities as described in the Articles of Association and the Trust Conditions at any time.

Independence of STAK AAB is in accordance with its Articles of Association further ensured by a cost reimbursement agreement between STAK AAB and ABN AMRO in which it is stipulated that STAK AAB itself decides on which costs it needs to incur for the execution its duties. ABN AMRO is obliged to reimburse these costs.

The board members have also issued a declaration that they have abstained and will abstain from investing in ABN AMRO. This means that they will not take direct positions in depositary receipts, bonds or other existing or future securities or debt positions of ABN AMRO, with the exception of any positions that may be taken for the account of a board member by an asset manager on the basis of a discretionary asset management agreement (whereby the board member has no influence over the transactions that are effected).

## 2. Certificates

### 2.1 Depository receipt holders

The position of the depository receipt holders is laid down in the Articles of Association and the Trust Conditions of STAK AAB. The activities in relation to depository receipt holders, such as AGMs/EGMs and the distribution of dividend, have been placed with ABN AMRO to ensure that they are organised as well and effectively as possible. This has the benefit of short lines of communication and optimum coordination, for example between the AGM and the AGMS. The board ensures the independence of STAK AAB at all times. Under exceptional circumstances (see below) these activities may be performed by a different party. The procedures in relation to voting rights and distribution of shares and depository receipts are explained below.

#### Voting rights

The voting rights attached to the shares in ABN AMRO remain in the hands of STAK AAB. Under normal circumstances, STAK AAB grants the depository receipt holders a power of attorney to exercise the voting right associated with a share in each ballot at the (E)GMS of ABN AMRO. Depository receipt holders are entitled to attend the general meeting of shareholders of ABN AMRO and may exercise their voting right at their discretion. Depository receipt holders may also request other parties, including STAK AAB, to exercise their voting right on their behalf and may give voting instructions for this purpose to STAK AAB. Under normal circumstances, STAK AAB is obliged to follow these instructions.

Under certain circumstances as described in the Trust Conditions, the independence, continuity or identity of ABN AMRO may be at issue, for instance in the event of a hostile takeover bid or activities of shareholders that are or could be materially in conflict with the interests of ABN AMRO. In such exceptional circumstances, the board of STAK AAB may decide to limit the power of attorney to vote at the (E)GMS of ABN AMRO, to limit, exclude or revoke this power of attorney and not to follow the voting instructions given. In such cases STAK AAB will exercise the voting rights itself.

Each limitation, exclusion or revocation of the power of attorney and non-compliance with voting instructions may last for a maximum of two years. STAK AAB will in such circumstances act primarily in the interests of ABN AMRO. It will also devote attention at all times to the interests of other stakeholders such as customers, depositors, deposit holders, shareholders and employees of ABN AMRO and the public interest.

#### Distributions on shares and depository receipts

On 23 April 2025 the GMS of ABN AMRO approved the final dividend concerning 2024 amounting to € 625 million (€ 0.75 per share). On 23 May 2025 the payout took place.

In accordance with the clause in the Trust Conditions (article 3.3.1), STAK AAB passed on the final dividend allocated to the depository receipt holders directly to the depository receipt holders without charging any fees or commission. Together with the interim dividend of € 500 million (€ 0.60 per share) that was paid out in September 2024, the total gross dividend for the year 2024 amounted to € 1.125 billion (€ 1.35 per share).

On 9 September 2025 an interim dividend of € 449 million (€ 0.54 per share) was paid out by ABN AMRO concerning 2025. STAK AAB – in accordance with the clause in the Trust Condition (article 3.3.1) – passed on this payment allocated to the depository receipt holders directly to the depository receipt holders without charging any fees or commission.

For 2025 ABN AMRO proposes a final dividend of € 0.70 per share. This is equal to € 576 million based on the number of outstanding shares in 2025. This dividend payment shall take place on 22 May 2026 provided that the GMS of ABN AMRO approves the proposed final dividend payment on 22 April 2026.

Next to this, ABN AMRO proposes to do an additional dividend payment of € 250 million (€ 0.30 per share) based on the number of outstanding shares in 2025. This payment shall also take place on 22 May 2026 subject to the approval of the GMS of ABN AMRO on 22 April 2026. Together with the interim dividend of € 450 million (€ 0.54 per share) paid on 9 September 2025, the total gross dividend for 2025 will then amount to € 1.271 billion (€ 1.54 per share). The table below shows the gross dividend per share distributed since the first issue of depositary receipts in 2015.

*Dividend distributed by STAK AAB per depositary receipt since the first issue of depositary receipts.*

| Year | Interim dividend | Final dividend | Extra dividend | Total dividend |
|------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2015 | € –              | € 0.44         | € –            | € 0.44         |
| 2016 | € 0.40           | € 0.44         | € –            | € 0.84         |
| 2017 | € 0.65           | € 0.80         | € –            | € 1.45         |
| 2018 | € 0.65           | € 0.80         | € –            | € 1.45         |
| 2019 | € 0.60           | € 0.68         | € –            | € 1.28         |
| 2020 | € –              | € –            | € –            | € –            |
| 2021 | € –              | € 0.61         | € –            | € 0.61         |
| 2022 | € 0.32           | € 0.67         | € –            | € 0.99         |
| 2023 | € 0.62           | € 0.89         | € –            | € 1.51         |
| 2024 | € 0.60           | € 0.75         | € –            | € 1.35         |
| 2025 | € 0.54           | € 0.70 *)      | € 0.30 *)      | € 1.54 *)      |

\*) Please see explanation above.

## 2.2 Meeting of depositary receipt holders

A meeting of depositary receipt holders is held at least once a year. This AGM takes place no later than two weeks prior to the GMS of ABN AMRO. The AGM is convened by STAK AAB and is held in Amsterdam. In addition, STAK AAB may convene a meeting of depositary receipt holders whenever it deems that there is reason to do so, for example to gauge the views of depositary receipt holders. A meeting of depositary receipt holders will also be convened at the request of one or more depositary receipt holders who collectively represent at least three per cent (3%) of the total number of depositary receipts, subject to clear statement of the items to be discussed (see article 4.1.2 of the Trust Conditions). Each depositary receipt holder is entitled to attend the meeting of depositary receipt holders provided that the registration is done in a timely manner and in writing before the meeting. The board members of STAK AAB, the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO are also entitled to attend the meeting. The Chair of STAK AAB will decide regarding attendance at the meeting by (other) third parties.

### General Meeting of Depositary Receipt Holders (AGM)

The AGM of STAK AAB was held on 8 April 2025 in Amsterdam. The matters discussed and explained by the board at the AGM included the following:

- the agenda of the GMS of ABN AMRO dated 23 April 2025; and
- the 2024 annual report of STAK AAB.

No voting took place during the AGM. The minutes of the EGM are available at [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org).

## Extraordinary General Meeting of Depository Receipt Holders (EGM)

In 2025 one EGM of STAK AAB took place. The EGM was held on 27 August 2025. The matters discussed and explained by the board at the EGM included the following:

- the agenda of the EGMS of ABN AMRO dated 11 September 2025.

No voting took place during the EGMS. The minutes of the EGMS are available via [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org).

### Power of attorney

In accordance with article 3.2.2 of the Trust Conditions of STAK AAB, the board granted in 2025 powers of attorney to all depository receipt holders of ABN AMRO to exercise the voting rights associated with the shares in the capital of ABN AMRO, with the exclusion of STAK AAB, at the GMS of ABN AMRO on 23 April 2025 and the EGMS of ABN AMRO on 11 September 2025, without prejudice to the powers assigned to STAK AAB in article 3.2.5 of the Trust Conditions. Under these powers of attorney, depository receipt holders were able to exercise the voting rights at all aforementioned meetings for the number of shares corresponding to the number of depository receipts held by the depository receipt holder in question on the registration date. The board of STAK AAB received no voting instructions from depository receipt holders for the GMS of 23 April 2025 and the EGMS of 11 September 2025.

## 2.3 Number of depository receipts in relation to number of shares issued

In 2025 NLFI transferred in five tranches shares in ABN AMRO to STAK AAB. STAK AAB issued depository receipts to NLFI equal to the number of shares it received from NLFI. In 2025 also a withdrawal of depository receipts took place, as ABN AMRO repurchased own shares and depository receipts and subsequently withdrew these.

On 9 January 2025 NLFI transferred 22,500,000 shares to STAK AAB. This tranche represented at that time approximately 2.7% of the total share capital of ABN AMRO. This transfer reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to rounded 35.3%.

On 17 March 2025 NLFI transferred 21,000,000 shares to STAK AAB. This tranche represented at that time approximately 2.5% of the total share capital of ABN AMRO. This transfer reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to rounded 32.8%.

On 22 May 2025 NLFI transferred 18,804,857 shares to STAK AAB. This tranche represented at that time approximately 2.3% of the total share capital of ABN AMRO. This transfer reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to rounded 30.5%.

On 8 September 2025 NLFI transferred 24,991,450 shares to STAK AAB. This tranche represented at that time approximately 3% of the total share capital of ABN AMRO. This transfer reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to rounded 27.5%.

On 19 November 2025 a withdrawal of own depositary receipts and shares by ABN AMRO took place. Before the withdrawal there were 603,960,203 depositary receipts. After the withdrawal 597,116,328 outstanding depositary receipts remained. These depositary receipts are traded on the stock exchange of Euronext Amsterdam. Thus, in 2025 a total of 6,843,875 depositary receipts were withdrawn. The proportion of the total share capital of ABN AMRO for which STAK AAB had issued depositary receipts remained virtually unchanged at rounded 72.5% at the withdrawal date due to the parallel withdrawal of own shares by ABN AMRO.

*Overview of the withdrawal of depositary receipts from November 2015 up to and including 31 December 2025.*

| With-drawal | Year | Month    | Withdrawn depositary receipts | Outstanding depositary receipts after withdrawal | Percentage share capital for which depositary receipts have been issued after withdrawal |
|-------------|------|----------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1           | 2022 | August   | 21,281,501                    | 449,658,500                                      | 50.1 %   |
| 2           | 2023 | August   | 16,005,199                    | 433,653,301                                      | 50.1 %   |
| 3           | 2024 | July     | 19,516,088                    | 486,599,479                                      | 58.4 %   |
| 4           | 2025 | November | 6,843,875                     | 597,116,328                                      | 72.5 %   |

On 8 December 2025 NLFI transferred 19,038,232 shares to STAK AAB. This tranche represented at that time approximately 2.3% of the total share capital of ABN AMRO. This transfer reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to rounded 25.2%.

On 31 December 2025 the total number of outstanding depositary receipts amounted to 616,154,560. The previous 11 tranches were issued in November 2015, November 2016, June 2017, September 2017, December 2017, September 2023, November 2023, March 2024, May 2024, July 2024 and October 2024.

*Overview of the issuance of depositary receipts from November 2015 up to and including 31 December 2025.*

| Tranche | Year | Month     | Number      | Percentage | Cumulative |
|---------|------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 1       | 2015 | November  | 216,200,000 | 23.0 %     | 23.0 %     |
| 2       | 2016 | November  | 65,000,000  | 6.9 %      | 29.9 %     |
| 3       | 2017 | June      | 65,000,000  | 6.9 %      | 36.8 %     |
| 4       | 2017 | September | 65,000,000  | 6.9 %      | 43.7 %     |
| 5       | 2017 | December  | 59,740,001  | 6.4 %      | 50.1 %     |
| 6       | 2023 | September | 3,462,266   | 0.4 %      | 50.5 %     |
| 7       | 2023 | November  | 25,000,000  | 2.9 %      | 53.4 %     |
| 8       | 2024 | March     | 24,500,000  | 2.8 %      | 56.2 %     |
| 9       | 2024 | May       | 19,500,000  | 2.3 %      | 58.5 %     |
| 10      | 2024 | July      | 9,064,417   | 1.1 %      | 59.5 %     |
| 11      | 2024 | October   | 21,000,000  | 2.5 %      | 62.0 %     |
| 12      | 2025 | January   | 22,500,000  | 2.7 %      | 64.7 %     |
| 13      | 2025 | March     | 21,000,000  | 2.5 %      | 67.2 %     |
| 14      | 2025 | May       | 18,804,857  | 2.3 %      | 69.5 %     |
| 15      | 2025 | September | 24,991,450  | 3.0 %      | 72.5 %     |
| 16      | 2025 | December  | 19,038,232  | 2.3 %      | 74.8 %     |

## 2.4 Shares issued in relation to shares held by NLFI

On 31 December 2025, ABN AMRO had two shareholders, NLFI and STAK AAB. NLFI held approximately 25.2% of the shares and STAK AAB approximately 74.8%. The total economic interest of NLFI in ABN AMRO on 31 December 2025 may have been higher due to depositary receipts that NLFI may have held on that date. Whether NLFI held depositary receipts on 31 December 2025, and if so, how many is not known to STAK AAB due to the fact that NLFI at that time was in the sales process and was selling depositary receipts in accordance with the trading plan as published on the website of NLFI on 9 September 2025.

Regarding depositary receipts held by NLFI, NLFI has issued a statement waiving the rights to attend and vote at meetings of depositary receipt holders attached to those depositary receipts. This does not apply to the right to vote attached to those depositary receipts in meetings of shareholders of ABN AMRO. The depositary receipts, like the other depositary receipts issued, are listed at the stock exchange of Euronext Amsterdam.

## 3. Activities

### 3.1 Board activities 2025

The board of STAK AAB met three times in 2025. Various items were discussed in these meetings. Among other things the preparation for and reporting on the AGM and the EGM. And also, the preparation for and attendance at the GMS and EGMS of ABN AMRO.

The board in 2025 further prepared for the possible occurrence of exceptional circumstances by further studying the numerical indicators that are relevant for the position of ABN AMRO and by devoting attention to the way in which the public interest should be taken into account in exceptional circumstances. In 2025 also a so called “Dry Run” took place in which possible exceptional circumstances were discussed by its board and its advisors.

Furthermore, the board of STAK AAB periodically met with the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board of ABN AMRO on a variety of topics. During these meetings the board - inter alia - received an explanation on the aforementioned numerical indicators from the CFO of ABN AMRO. The board also consulted with, the Ministry of Finance and Raad van Medewerkers (Council of Employees) of ABN AMRO.

Also the annual report, consisting of the board report and the financial statements for 2024, was adopted and the budget and annual plan for 2026 were formulated.

### 3.2 Outlook for 2026

On 7 April 2026 an AGM will be held in Amsterdam prior to the ABN AMRO GMS to be held on 22 April 2026, as prescribed in the Trust Conditions (article 4.1). The activities of the board in the first two quarters of 2026 will mainly be concerned with preparations for the AGM and the attendant relationship management with depositary receipt holders and NLFI, the GMS of ABN AMRO and the related activities. The annual report 2025, consisting of the board report and the financial statements for the year 2025, will also be prepared and adopted in the first quarter of 2026.

The agenda for 2026 includes in any case further preparations for exceptional circumstances, organizing a sequel to the “Dry Run” of 2025, in the fourth quarter of 2026 a budget for 2027 will be prepared and the reappointment of the board members Marc van Gelder and Cilian Jansen Verplanke for a third term.

The budget for 2026 has been established. ABN AMRO will cover the costs on the basis of the agreement on reimbursement of expenses concluded between STAK AAB and ABN AMRO. The remuneration policy for 2026 has been established in line with the policy in previous years.

## 4. Board

### < 4.1 Composition

Within the limits of its objectives, STAK AAB is independent and has a board that is independent of ABN AMRO. The first board of STAK AAB was appointed on its incorporation in July 2015. Thereafter, the board has appointed its own members without the need for approval or cooperation from ABN AMRO. In principle, members of the STAK AAB board are appointed for a term of four years. They may be reappointed, thereafter, for up to two additional terms.

The Articles of Association state that the board of STAK AAB consists of between three and five natural persons. In addition to the requirements set out in the Articles of Association, the board has formulated a profile description for board members (see [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org)). Among other things, this sets out the criteria to be met by board members and the size and composition of the board, taking account of the activities of STAK AAB and the desired expertise and background of board members.

In 2025 the board consisted of:

- Marc van Gelder, Chair, joined the board on 9 April 2018, second term
- Cilian Jansen Verplanke, Secretary, appointed on 9 April 2018, second term
- Yvonne van Rooij, Vice-Chair, joined the board on 5 January 2023, first term
- Kees Peijster, Treasurer, joined the board on 1 March 2023, first term

The CVs of the board members are available on [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org). A list of their additional activities may be found in the Appendix to this board report. The board members meet the personal requirements with respect to independence as set out in article 3.5 of the Articles of Association, and each of them has endorsed the board regulations.

### < 4.2 Governance

For its internal governance, the board will as far as possible comply with principles of governance generally accepted in the Netherlands including – to the extent applicable to STAK AAB – the principles of the current Dutch Corporate Governance Code. In the annual report, the board lists the potential risks associated with the activities of STAK AAB; STAK AAB has an external auditor for the audit of the financial statements, a profile description is in place for board members and the additional activities of the board members are included as an appendix in the annual report. With the present composition of the board, the appointment terms of the board members will be phased so that the retirement roster coincides with the “natural” retirement dates. The remuneration policy for the board is disclosed in the annual report. During the internal evaluation of the board members, the extension of the terms of office and change in the roles of the board members were discussed.

The board is aware of the fact that the objective of STAK AAB is not in line with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code, since STAK AAB can withdraw the power of attorney to vote from the depositary receipt holders as a protective measure. The explanatory notes for this deviation have to be provided by ABN AMRO, the founder of STAK AAB. ABN AMRO has included this explanation in its annual report.

## 4.3 Risk paragraph

The board is expected to be able to act quickly and effectively if exceptional circumstances appear or arise. To perform its duties properly, it is essential that the board has up-to-date and adequate information. The main direct information partners are the Executive Board, Supervisory Board and Employee Council of ABN AMRO. Other information partners are De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB), the European Central Bank (ECB), the board of NLF and the Dutch Minister/the Ministry of Finance. The board has made information arrangements with these stakeholders in relation to both normal circumstances and exceptional circumstances that may arise. The board considers that its own composition is adequate to enable it to function in normal circumstances. If exceptional circumstances should arise, the board considers that it will need to be able to call on specialist expertise.

The board is dependent on the services of other parties for the performance of a number of essential operational tasks, including the selected Listing Agent and institutions involved in the distribution of dividend. The primary risks in this regard lie with the executive institutions, but since ultimate responsibility rests with the board, there is also a derived risk for STAK AAB. The potential impact of these risks is considered to be significant.

Partly for this reason, the activities relating to depositary receipts and depositary receipt holders, such as the payment of dividend and convening meetings of depositary receipt holders, have been entrusted to ABN AMRO. The board has determined that no further measures are necessary in order to mitigate risks.

STAK AAB's financial obligations are covered by the cost reimbursement agreement concluded with ABN AMRO. This includes the costs of any engagement of additional and specialist independent advisers for STAK AAB in the event that exceptional circumstances should arise. In the opinion of the board, the above risks and other uncertainties did not arise during the year under review.

## 4.4 Remuneration policy

The Articles of Association of STAK AAB require the board to pursue a controlled remuneration policy (article 3.8). The fixed remuneration per board member for 2025 was set at € 24,630.88 exclusive of VAT per annum. The annual increase of the fixed remuneration is limited to the increase in the consumer price index published by CBS (Statistics Netherlands). The fixed remuneration is based on an estimated time spent of approximately 75 hours per year. An additional remuneration may be considered if the actual time spent exceeds this threshold of 75 hours per year. Also a reimbursement for minor office expenses and travel costs has been set at € 1,200 exclusive of VAT per annum per board member. To the extent that board members are obliged to pay VAT on the reimbursements received, they can charge that VAT to STAK AAB. The total remuneration for all four board members, including the reimbursement for minor office expenses and travel costs, amounted in 2025 to € 103,323.52 exclusive of VAT.

As per 1 January 2026 the board of STAK AAB applied an inflation adjustment of 3.3% to the fixed remuneration of its board members. The fixed remuneration per board member for 2026 after the inflation adjustment of 3,3% has been set at € 25,443.70 exclusive of VAT. The amount of the reimbursement for minor office expenses and travel costs remains unchanged in 2026 at € 1,200 exclusive of VAT per annum per board member.

## 4.5 Costs and liquidity

The costs of the activities performed by STAK AAB are shown in the financial statements which are included in this annual report. The board is well aware that the costs of STAK AAB are borne entirely by ABN AMRO and therefore seeks to ensure that those costs are controlled as far as possible and limited wherever possible.

Based on the agreement on reimbursement of expenses concluded by STAK AAB with ABN AMRO, the total expenses for the past financial year of STAK AAB, amounting to € 267,475, were charged directly to ABN AMRO.

The activities of STAK AAB are funded fully by ABN AMRO. The conditions on which this funding is based are set out in the cost reimbursement agreement. The agreements made safeguard the liquidity position of STAK AAB. Among other things, it has been agreed that a liquidity buffer of at least € 300,000 will be provided to STAK AAB. The liquidity position of STAK AAB was adequate at year-end 2025.

Further details of the financial position of STAK AAB are shown in the 2025 financial statements.

## 4.6 External advice

The board was assisted in 2025 by a permanent and independent team of advisers for management and secretarial services, legal advice, communication advice and a Listing Agent. The activities in relation to depositary receipt holders, such as the meetings of depositary receipt holders and the distribution of dividend, the financial administration of STAK AAB and the maintenance of the STAK AAB website have been placed with ABN AMRO to ensure that these services are organised and executed well and effectively. Forvis Mazars N.V. acted as the external auditor of STAK AAB.

Amsterdam, 12 March 2026

The board

**Marc van Gelder**, Chair

**Cilian Jansen Verplanke**, Secretary

**Yvonne van Rooij**, Vice-Chair

**Kees Peijster**, Treasurer

# Appendix

## < Additional activities of board members STAK AAB in 2025

### **Marc van Gelder**

- Founder and CEO of Dennendonck Investments B.V.
- Chair of the Supervisory Board of Koninklijke Heijmans N.V.
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Action B.V.
- Chair of the Supervisory Board of JP Morgan European Discovery Trust PLC
- Chair of Stichting Continuïteit NN Group N.V.
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Stichting Kasteel Amerongen
- Board Member of the Netherlands-America Foundation
- Chair of the Supervisory Board of Incision B.V.
- Board Member and treasurer Christina Maria Stichting

### **Cilian Jansen Verplanke**

- Partner and co-founder of investment fund Karmijn Kapitaal
- Governor and treasurer of Stichting RC Oude Armen Kantoor
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Nederlands Philharmonisch Orkest / NKO
- Board Member Stichting Code-V

### **Kees Peijster**

- Consultant at COFRA AG
- Member of the Supervisory Board of Huisman Equipment B.V.
- Board Member of Stichting De Rode Olifant
- Board Member of Constanter AG
- Vice-Chair of the board of Stichting Koninklijk Concertgebouworkest

### **Yvonne van Rooij**

- Chair of the Supervisory Board of Philips Electronics Nederland B.V.
- Vice-Chair Supervisory Board of FUJIFILM Europe B.V.
- Vice-Chair Supervisory Board of Stichting 's Heeren Loo Zorggroep
- Chair of Supervisory Board of Stichting Raad voor Accreditatie
- Board Member of Stichting Continuïteit PostNL
- Founder, owner and director of Yvorooij B.V.

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

# 5. Statement of financial position

At 31 December 2025 (before profit appropriation)

|   | 2025     | 2024     |
|---|----------|----------|
|   | €        | €        |
| <b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>   |          |          |
| <b>Financial non-current assets</b>                                 |          |          |
| Shares in ABN AMRO Bank N.V. (7.3.1)                                | p.m.     | p.m.     |
|   |          | p.m.     |
|   |          | p.m.     |
| <b>Current assets</b>   |          |          |
| Cash and cash equivalents (7.3.2)                                   | 387,072  | 370,493  |
|   |          | 387,072  |
|   |          | 370,493  |
| <b>Current liabilities and accruals and deferred income (7.3.3)</b> |          |          |
|   | 387,072  | 370,493  |
| <b>Result of assets less current liabilities</b>                    |          |          |
|   |          | 0        |
|   |          | 0        |
| <b>Non-current liabilities</b>                                      |          |          |
| Depository receipts issued (7.3.1)                                  | p.m.     | p.m.     |
|   |          | p.m.     |
|   |          | p.m.     |
| <b>Equity (7.3.4)</b>   | 0        | 0        |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |

## 6. Statement of income and expense

|   | 2025           | 2024           |
|---|----------------|----------------|
|   | €              | €              |
| <b>INCOME</b>   |                |                |
| Reimbursement expenses for implementing objective (7.4.1) | 267,475        | 245,500        |
| <b>Total income</b>                                       | <b>267,475</b> | <b>245,500</b> |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>   |                |                |
| Board expenses (7.4.2)                                    | 125,020        | 121,212        |
| Board support (7.4.3)                                     | 114,358        | 99,395         |
| General management expenses (7.4.4)                       | 28,097         | 24,893         |
| <b>Total expenses</b>                                     | <b>267,475</b> | <b>245,500</b> |
| <b>Balance of income and expenditure</b>                  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       |

# 7. Notes

## 7.1 General

Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank ("STAK AAB") was incorporated on 20 July 2015. The Foundation's first financial year ended on 31 December 2015. The Articles of Association established on incorporation were amended on 24 April 2019. STAK AAB has its registered office in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, at Gustav Mahlerlaan 10 and is entered in the Chamber of Commerce register under number 63774356.

### Objective

The objective of STAK AAB is in accordance with article 1.2 of its Articles:

- a) *"to acquire for the purpose of administration (ten titel van beheer) and administer shares ("Shares") in the capital of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. a limited liability company with seat in Amsterdam (the "Company" or "ABN AMRO"), in exchange for registered depositary receipts ("Depositary Receipts"), and to exercise all rights attached to the Shares, including the voting rights and the right to receive distributions on the Shares subject to the obligation to pay these out on the Depositary Receipts;*
- b) *to promote the exchange of information between the Company on the one hand and the Company's Depositary Receipt holders and shareholders on the other hand;*
- c) *to promote the acquisition of voting instructions from Depositary Receipt holders, subject to the provisions of section 2:118a of the Dutch Civil Code, as well as to perform all activities which are incidental or may be conducive to all of the foregoing."*

STAK AAB shall exercise the rights attached to the shares in such a way as to ensure that the interests of the holders of shares of ABN AMRO Bank N.V. ("ABN AMRO") and of the enterprises maintained by ABN AMRO and the companies affiliated to it in a group are maintained and optimally safeguarded. STAK AAB shall deter any influence that could affect the independence, continuity or identity of ABN AMRO and of those enterprises to the maximum of its abilities.

In doing so, STAK AAB shall at all times take into account the legitimate interests of the customers, the depositors and deposit holders, the shareholders, the holders of depositary receipts issued with ABN AMRO's cooperation, the employees, and the society in which ABN AMRO carries out its activities.

For the performance of its activities, STAK AAB has undertaken to be bound by Trust Conditions. These Trust Conditions were established on 24 April 2019 and may be consulted - among other places - at [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org).

### Financial year

The financial year runs from 1 January up to and including 31 December.

## 7.2 Principles of valuation and determination of the result

### Applied standards

The financial statements of STAK AAB have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Guideline 640 "Not-for-Profit Organisations" issued by the Dutch Accounting Standards Board ("Guideline 640").

STAK AAB annually draws up a budget, however it does not use the budget as a control instrument for controlling its activities. References to the budget have therefore been left out.

## **General explanation**

Assets and liabilities are stated at nominal value, unless otherwise indicated. Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated at middle exchange rates on the closing date. All income and expenses are applied or charged to the result, taking account of transitory items on the closing date. Income and expenses resulting from transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the transaction date. Impairments are applied for the risk of non-recoverability of assets where necessary.

An asset is recognised in the statement of financial position when it is likely that the future economic benefits will accrue to STAK AAB and its value can be reliably established. A liability is included in the statement of financial position when it is likely that the settlement thereof will involve a financial outflow and the amount thereof can be reliably established.

Income is recognised in the statement of income and expense when an increase in the economic potential associated with an increase of an asset or a decrease of a liability has occurred, and the amount thereof can be reliably established. Expenses are recognised when a decrease of the economic potential associated with a decrease of an asset or an increase of a liability has occurred, and the amount thereof can be reliably established.

If due to a transaction all or almost all of the future economic benefits and all or almost all of the risks relating to an asset or a liability are transferred to a third party, the asset or liability is derecognised in the statement of financial position. Assets and liabilities are also no longer recognised in the statement of financial position from such time as the conditions of probability of future economic benefits and reliability of determining the value are no longer met.

## **Comparison with previous year**

The applies principles for valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result have not been changed compared to the previous year.

## **Estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the annual financial statements as set out in Guideline 640 requires the board to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the reported value of assets and liabilities and of income and expenses. The estimates and assumptions are based on past experience and other factors considered to be reasonable given the circumstances. The results of this form the basis for the opinion on the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities that cannot be easily obtained from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are continually assessed. Revisions to estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised. The financial effects of a revision are recognised in the period(s) to which the revision relates.

## **Netting off an asset and a liability**

A financial asset and a financial liability are netted off and recognised as a net amount in the statement of financial position if there is a statutory or contractual authorisation to settle the netted off asset and liability simultaneously and the intention is to settle the items in this manner. The interest income and expenses associated with the netted off financial assets and financial liabilities are also recognised on a net basis.

## Shares in ABN AMRO held and depositary receipts issued

Any future economic benefits associated with the shares in ABN AMRO held by STAK AAB will not accrue to STAK AAB, but to the holders of the depositary receipts issued by STAK AAB. The shares in ABN AMRO held by STAK AAB are thus not recognised as assets of STAK AAB in the financial statements. There is also no liability recognised in the financial statements for the depositary receipts for shares in ABN AMRO issued by STAK AAB, since STAK AAB has no economic liabilities with respect to the depositary receipt holders other than making the benefits associated with the shares in ABN AMRO available.

Gains received on shares in ABN AMRO held and payments made on depositary receipts issued for shares in ABN AMRO Bank are moreover not recognised in the statement of income and expense. This treatment of shares held, depositary receipts issued and the associated benefits and liabilities is in accordance with paragraph 524 et seq. of Reporting Guideline 640.

## < 7.3 Notes to the statement of financial position

### 7.3.1 Financial non-current assets – Shares in ABN AMRO / Non-current liabilities – Depositary receipts

On 19 November 2025 ABN AMRO has withdrawn 9,847,302 ordinary shares, of which were 6,843,875 depositary receipts of ordinary shares, after completion on 10 September 2025 of the share buyback program of € 250 million. As a result of the withdrawal the number of total outstanding ordinary shares became 823,201,264, each with a nominal value of € 1. After the withdrawal the total number of outstanding depositary receipts amounted to 597,116,328. The depositary receipts are traded on the stock exchange of Euronext Amsterdam.

In 2025 Stichting Administratiekantoor Beheer Financiële Instellingen (“NLFI”) transferred in five tranches shares to STAK AAB and STAK AAB issued depositary receipts for shares. On 9 January, 17 March, 22 May, 8 September and on 8 December 2025 NLFI transferred respectively 22,500,000, 21,000,000, 18,804,857, 24,991,450 and 19,038,232 shares to STAK AAB. These transfers reduced the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO to 25.2%. At the end of 2024 the stake of NLFI in ABN AMRO amounted to 38%.

The total number of outstanding depositary receipts amounted to 616,154,560 as per 31 December 2025.

Overview of the issuance / withdrawal of depositary receipts from November 2015 up to and including 31 December 2025.

| Year | Month     | Issuance /<br>Withdrawal | Outstanding<br>depository<br>receipts | Part share capital for<br>which depository receipts<br>have been issued |
|------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 2015 | November  | 216,200,000              | 216,200,000                           | 23.0 %  |
| 2016 | November  | 65,000,000               | 281,200,000                           | 29.9 %  |
| 2017 | June      | 65,000,000               | 346,200,000                           | 36.8 %  |
| 2017 | September | 65,000,000               | 411,200,000                           | 43.7 %  |
| 2017 | December  | 59,740,001               | 470,940,001                           | 50.1 %  |
| 2022 | August    | – 21,281,501             | 449,658,500                           | 50.1 % *)   |
| 2023 | August    | – 16,005,199             | 433,653,301                           | 50.1 % *)   |
| 2023 | September | 3,462,266                | 437,115,567                           | 50.5 %  |
| 2023 | November  | 25,000,000               | 462,115,567                           | 53.4 %  |
| 2024 | March     | 24,500,000               | 486,615,567                           | 56.2 %  |
| 2024 | May       | 19,500,000               | 506,115,567                           | 58.5 %  |
| 2024 | July      | – 19,516,088             | 486,599,479                           | 58.4 % *)   |
| 2024 | July      | 9,064,417                | 495,663,896                           | 59.5 %  |
| 2024 | October   | 21,000,000               | 516,663,896                           | 62.0 %  |
| 2025 | January   | 22,500,000               | 539,163,896                           | 64.7 %  |
| 2025 | March     | 21,000,000               | 560,163,896                           | 67.2 %  |
| 2025 | May       | 18,804,857               | 578,968,753                           | 69.5 %  |
| 2025 | September | 24,991,450               | 603,960,203                           | 72.5 %  |
| 2025 | November  | – 6,843,875              | 597,116,328                           | 72.5 % *)   |
| 2025 | December  | 19,038,232               | 616,154,560                           | 74.8 %  |

\*) The proportion of the total share capital of ABN AMRO for which STAK AAB has issued depository receipts remained (virtually) rounded unchanged due to the parallel withdrawal of own shares by ABN AMRO.

The ordinary shares in ABN AMRO are entitled to dividend. Each share represents one vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders (“GMS”) of ABN AMRO. On issuance of shares by the company, holders of ordinary shares have a pre-emptive right, unless this right is limited in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association of ABN AMRO. In accordance with article 3.3.1 of the Trust Conditions payments on depository receipts are received by STAK AAB and directly passed on to the depository receipt holders without charging any fees or commission.

On 23 April 2025 the GMS of ABN AMRO approved the final dividend concerning 2025 amounting to € 625 million (€ 0.75 per share). On 23 May 2025 the final dividend was paid out.

For 2025 ABN AMRO proposes a final dividend of € 0.70 per share. This is equal to € 576 million based on the number of outstanding shares at the end of 2025. This dividend payment shall take place on 22 May 2026 provided that the GMS of ABN AMRO approves the proposed final dividend payment on 22 April 2026. Next to this, ABN AMRO proposes to do an additional dividend payment of € 250 million (approximately € 0.30 per share) based on the number of outstanding shares in 2025. This payment shall also take place on 22 May 2026 subject to the approval of the GMS of ABN AMRO on 22 April 2026. Together with the interim dividend of € 450 million (€ 0.54 per share), paid on 9 September 2025, the total gross dividend for 2025 amounts to € 1,271 billion (€ 1.54 per share).

Overview of distributed dividend per share since the first issue of depositary receipts in 2025.

| Year | Interim dividend | Final dividend | Extra dividend | Total dividend |
|------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2015 | € –              | € 0,44         | € –            | € 0,44         |
| 2016 | € 0.40           | € 0.44         | € –            | € 0.84         |
| 2017 | € 0.65           | € 0.80         | € –            | € 1.45         |
| 2018 | € 0.65           | € 0.80         | € –            | € 1.45         |
| 2019 | € 0.60           | € 0.68         | € –            | € 1.28         |
| 2020 | € –              | € –            | € –            | € –            |
| 2021 | € –              | € 0.61         | € –            | € 0.61         |
| 2022 | € 0.32           | € 0.67         | € –            | € 0.99         |
| 2023 | € 0.62           | € 0.89         | € –            | € 1.51         |
| 2024 | € 0.60           | € 0.75         | € –            | € 1.35         |
| 2025 | € 0.54           | € 0.70 *)      | € 0.30 *)      | € 1.54 *)      |

\*) Please see explanation page 21.

The full conditions for the issuance of depositary receipts are set out in the Trust Conditions of STAK AAB. These conditions may be consulted at [www.stakaab.org](http://www.stakaab.org). Briefly stated, depositary receipt holders generally have similar economic rights to holders of ordinary shares in the capital of ABN AMRO. The Trust Conditions also state that cancellation of one or more depositary receipts is possible with the permission of ABN AMRO. Depositary receipt holders cannot demand cancellation of the depositary receipts they hold.

### 7.3.2 Cash and cash equivalents

|                          | 2025             | 2024             |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ABN AMRO current account | € <b>387,072</b> | € <b>370,493</b> |

Cash and cash equivalents are at the free disposal of STAK AAB.

In accordance with the agreement for reimbursement of expenses between STAK AAB and ABN AMRO dated 9 November 2015 and the supplemental agreement dated 4 June 2019, STAK AAB will at all times maintain a buffer of € 300,000 to cover unexpected costs as described in the Trust Conditions (article 3.2.5).

### 7.3.3 Current liabilities and accruals and deferred income

|   | 2025             | 2024             |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Legal expenses  | € 1,859          | € 0              |
| Corporate secretary expenses                            | € 6,588          | € 7,343          |
| Other expenses  | € 9,378          | € 26,429         |
| In advance received part of reimbursement from ABN AMRO | € 369,246        | € 336,721        |
|   | € <b>387,072</b> | € <b>370,493</b> |

### 7.3.4 Equity

No changes to the equity of STAK AAB occurred during the reporting year. The balance of equity was nil during the entire period under review.

## 7.4 Notes to the statement of income and expense

### 7.4.1 Reimbursement of expenses for implementing objective

|   | 2025             | 2024             |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Reimbursement from ABN AMRO                             | € 300,000        | € 300,000        |
| In advance received part of reimbursement from ABN AMRO | € 32,525         | € 54,500         |
|   | <u>€ 267,475</u> | <u>€ 245,500</u> |

STAK AAB has concluded an agreement for reimbursement of expenses with ABN AMRO. In this agreement, ABN AMRO undertakes to pay in advance expenses incurred and to be incurred by STAK AAB on written request. The total costs in the financial year of STAK AAB amount to € 267,475. This has been set off against the advance payment of € 300,000. Also, the financial administration of STAKAAB and the maintenance of the STAK AAB website have been placed with ABN AMRO. ABN AMRO provides these services free of charge to STAK AAB.

### 7.4.2 Board expenses

The board consisted of four members including the Chair during the year under review. The total remuneration paid to board members in 2025 amounted to € 125,020 inclusive of VAT. This amount can be specified as follows:

| Board member                | Fixed    | Expenses | VAT     | Sub-total        |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| Van Gelder, Chair           | € 24,631 | € 1,200  | € 5,424 | € 31,255         |
| Van Rooij, Vice-Chair       | € 24,631 | € 1,200  | € 5,424 | € 31,255         |
| Peijster, Treasurer         | € 24,631 | € 1,200  | € 5,424 | € 31,255         |
| Jansen Verplanke, Secretary | € 24,631 | € 1,200  | € 5,424 | € 31,255         |
|                             |          |          |         | <u>€ 125,020</u> |

### 7.4.3 Board support

|                              | 2025             | 2024            |
|------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Corporate secretary expenses | € 76,899         | € 69,969        |
| Consultancy fees             | € 5,621          | € 11,725        |
| Legal advice                 | € 31,838         | € 17,701        |
|                              | <u>€ 114,358</u> | <u>€ 99,395</u> |

#### 7.4.4 General administrative expenses

|                | 2025            | 2024            |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Audit fees     | € 19,282        | € 18,014        |
| Other expenses | € 8,815         | € 6,879         |
|                | € <b>28,097</b> | € <b>24,893</b> |

The line item "Audit fees" only concerns the costs regarding the audit of the annual accounts.

#### Appropriation of the result

There was no appropriation of the result of STAK AAB for the year under review, since the balance of income and expenses in 2025 was nil.

#### Events after closing date

On 11 February 2026 ABN AMRO announced an additional share buyback program. ABN AMRO intends to repurchase depositary receipts for shares and ordinary shares of ABN AMRO up to a maximum value of € 250 million. The execution of this program is subject to approval by the supervisory authority.

Amsterdam, 12 March 2026

The board

**Marc van Gelder**, Chair

**Cilian Jansen Verplanke**, Secretary

**Yvonne van Rooij**, Vice-Chair

**Kees Peijster**, Treasurer

# Other information

## Independent audit report

To the board of Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank

### < Statement regarding the 2025 financial statements included in the annual report

#### Our opinion

We have audited the 2025 financial statements of Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank, Amsterdam.

In our opinion, the financial statements included in this annual report give a true and fair view of the size and composition of the assets of Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank at 31 December 2025 and of the result for the year then ended in accordance with Dutch Annual Reporting Guideline RJ 640 “Not-for-Profit Organisations”.

The financial statements consist of:

1. the statement of financial position at 31 December 2025;
2. the statement of income and expenses for 2025; and
3. the notes with an overview of the accounting policies used for financial reporting and the other notes.

#### The basis for our opinion

We performed our audit according to Dutch law, including Dutch standards for auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the “Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements” section of our report.

We are independent of Stichting Administratiekantoor Continuïteit ABN AMRO Bank as required in the Regulation on the Independence of Auditors in the case of Assurance Engagements (“Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten” or “ViO”) and other independence regulations relevant to the engagement in the Netherlands. We have furthermore complied with the Dutch Code of Conduct and Professional Practice for Accountants Regulation (“Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants” or “VGBA”).

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## < Statement regarding other information included in the annual report

In addition to the financial statements and our audit report thereon, the annual report contains other information consisting of the board report and other data.

On the basis of the work performed as described below we are of the opinion that the other information:

- is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain any material misstatements;
- contains all information which is required on the basis of Title 9 Book 2 DCC.

We have read the other information and, on the basis of our knowledge and understanding obtained from the audit or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

With our procedures, we have complied with the requirements of Titel 9 Book 2 DCC and of Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

The board is responsible for the preparation of the board report in accordance with Titel 9 Book 2 DCC.

## < Description of responsibilities with respect to the financial statements

### Responsibilities of the board for the financial statements

The board is responsible for the preparation of and presentation of a true and fair view in the financial statements in accordance with Dutch Annual Reporting Guideline RJ 640 “Not for Profit Organisations” applying in the Netherlands. In this respect the board is responsible for such internal control measures as the board determines are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

When preparing the financial statements, the board must consider whether the Foundation is in a position to continue its activities as a going concern. Based on the aforementioned reporting standards, the board must prepare the financial statements on the basis of the going concern assumption unless the board intends to liquidate the foundation or discontinue its activities or if termination is the only realistic alternative.

The board must disclose in the financial statements any events and circumstances that could reasonably cast doubt on the foundation’s ability to continue its activities.

### Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our responsibility is to plan and perform an audit engagement in such a way as to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence on which to base our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not have detected all material errors and fraud.

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. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional critical throughout the audit, in accordance with Dutch standards on auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements.

Our audit included *inter alia*:

- identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining 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 overriding of internal control;
- obtaining an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to select audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control;
- evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and evaluating the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related notes made by the board in the financial statements;
- determining that the board's use of the going concern basis of accounting is acceptable and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists relating 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 audit report to the related notes in the financial statements or, if such notes are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause a foundation to cease to continue as a going concern;
- evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the notes; and
- evaluating whether the financial statements present a true and fair view of the underlying transactions and events.

We communicate with the board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant shortcomings in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also confirm to the board that we have complied with the relevant ethical provisions with regard to independence. We furthermore communicate with the board on all relationships and other matters that could reasonably affect our independence and the related measures designed to ensure our independence.

Rotterdam, 12 March 2025

**Forvis Mazars N.V.**

Original signed by drs J.A. van Muijlwijk-Duijzer RA



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