# **Corporate Governance Report**

#### Corporate governance

Corporate governance at Samhällsbyggnadsbolaget i Norden AB (publ) (hereinafter referred to as "SBB" or "the company") aims to ensure that rights and obligations are distributed among the company's bodies in accordance with applicable laws, rules and processes. An effective and transparent corporate governance gives the owners the opportunity to assert their interests vis-à-vis the company's management, at the same time as the division of responsibility between the management and the Board, but also otherwise within the company, is clear. An effective and transparent corporate governance results in decisions being made effectively, which enables SBB to act quickly when new business opportunities arises.

SBB is a Swedish public limited company whose ordinary shares of Class B and D are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm Large Cap and whose preference shares are listed on Nasdag Stockholm First North Premier. SBB has also issued bond loans that are listed on Nasdaq Stockholm. SBB's corporate governance is based on law, articles of association, Nasdaq Stockholm's rules for issuers, Nasdaq Stockholm's rules for First North (Nasdaq First North Growth Market - Rulebook), Nasdaq Stockholm's rules for issuers of interest-bearing financial instruments, and the rules and recommendations issued by relevant organizations. The Swedish Code of Corporate Governance (the "Code") shall be applied by all companies whose shares are trading on a regulated market. The Code is available at www.bolagsstyrning.se, where the Swedish corporate governance model is also described. This Corporate Governance Report is presented in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act and the Code and describes SBB's corporate governance during the 2020 financial year. This year's Corporate Governance Report strives to avoid repetition of information on what follows from applicable regulations and focuses on reporting on company-specific circumstances for SBB.

# **Annual General Meeting**

SBB's Annual General Meeting 2021 will take place on 5 May 2021 in Stockholm. Shareholders have the right to raise issues for discussion at the Annual General Meeting if the written request has been received by the Board by 9 March 2021 at the latest. The request is to be made to the Board of Directors. Contact information is available on the company's website, www.sbbnorden.se. SBB always strives for the Board, the management team, the nomination committee and the auditor to be present at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting is, according to the Swedish Companies Act, the company's highest decision-making body and it is at a General Meeting that shareholders have the right to make decisions regarding the company. Rules governing the Annual General Meeting are included in the Swedish Companies Act, the Code and Articles 7 - 9 of the Articles of Association. Apart from what is stipulated by law regarding a shareholder's right to participate in the Annual General Meeting, SBB's Articles of Association state that pre-notification to the Annual General Meeting shall take place no later than the date stated in the notice to the meeting. Notice of the Annual General Meeting is made by keeping the notice available on the company's website and being advertised in the Swedish Official Gazette. At the same time as the notice is given, an announcement is made in Dagens Nyheter. The General Meeting shall be held at the place where the Board has its registered office, i.e. Stockholm and the Annual General Meeting shall be held within six months from the end of the financial year. The company's financial year runs from 1 January to 31 December.

At SBB's Annual General Meeting 2020, among other things, a decision was made to authorize the Board of Directors, on one or more occasions for the period until the end of the next Annual General Meeting, with or without deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights, to make a decision on a new share issue of all share classes existing in the Articles of Association and warrants and/or convertibles with the right to subscribe/convert to all share classes in the Articles of Association. The number of stock and/or preference shares, warrants or convertibles that may be issued on the basis of the authorization shall not be limited in any other way than that which follows from the limits of the Articles of Association in force at any time concerning share capital and number of shares. This authorization was exercised by the Board four times in 2020 through the issue of a total of 44,533,762 new ordinary Class B shares and 73,361,929 new ordinary Class D shares. The Board's utilization of the authorization mainly includes a targeted raising of capital and reinvestments in connection with property acquisitions.

At the Annual General Meeting, a resolution was also passed to authorize the Board, for the period until the next Annual General Meeting, to decide

on acquisitions and transfers of ordinary shares of Class B and Class D in the company. Acquisitions may take place of a maximum number of shares, such that the company's own holdings do not at any time exceed 10 percent (10) of all shares in the company. The Board of Directors has not utilized this authorization.

# The Share and Shareholders

The number of registered shares in the company on 31 December 2020 amounted to 1,509,394,951 divided into four classes of shares: 209,977,491 Class A shares, 1,119,504,867 Class B shares, 179,881,880 Class D shares and 30,713 preference shares. Ordinary Class A shares can be converted into ordinary Class B shares at the request of the holder. The ordinary Class D shares are entitled to five (5) times the total dividend on the ordinary Class A and the ordinary Class B shares, however, no more than SEK 2 (2) per share and year. The preference shares have the right and preference for dividend of SEK 35 per share and year with quarterly payment and are subject to redemption provisions. The ordinary Class A shares entitle the holder to one vote per share and the ordinary Class B shares, ordinary Class D shares and the preference shares entitle the holder to 1/10 vote per share. At year-end, the share capital was SEK 150,939,495.10 and the quota value per share was SEK 0.1. The largest shareholder is Ilija Batljan.

#### **Articles of Association**

SBB's Articles of Association, which were adopted at the Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2020, can be found in their entirety at www.sbbnorden. se. The Articles of Association stipulate that the company shall, directly or indirectly, own and manage properties and/or shares and carry out related activities. The Board has its registered office in Stockholm and shall consist of 3 - 10 members with no deputies. The Articles of Association do not contain any special provisions on the appointment and dismissal of Board members, or on the amendment of the Articles of Association.

#### **Nomination Committee**

At the Annual General Meeting of SBB on 27 April 2020, instructions for the Nomination Committee's work were adopted. The Nomination Committee, which shall consist of the Chairman of the Board and up to three representatives appointed by the three largest shareholders in the company as of 30 September 2020, has, according to the instructions, the task of preparing and submitting proposals to the Annual General Meeting for the Chairman of the Annual General Meeting, the election of the Chairman of the Board and other members of Board of Directors, Board remuneration divided between the chairman and other members and the principles for any remuneration for committee work, election and remuneration of the auditor and deputy auditor (if applicable) and decisions on principles for the appointment of a new Nomination Committee.

SBB's Nomination Committee for the Annual General Meeting 2021 consists of Mia Batljan (Ilija Batljan and Ilija Batljan Invest AB), Sven-Olof Johansson (Compactor Fastigheter AB), Rikard Svensson (AB Arvid Svensson) and Lennart Schuss (Chairman of the Board). Mia Batljan is Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Prior to the Annual General Meeting 2021, the Nomination Committee held one minuted meeting.

In its work, the Nomination Committee has to apply the diversity policy established by the Board. Point 4.1 of the Code forms the basis for this diversity policy. As a whole, the Board of SBB shall have suitable combined competence and experience for the work carried out for the work of the Board, and to be able to identify and understand the risks that the business entails and the regulations that regulate the activities carried out. When new Board members are elected, the suitability of the individual member must be examined in order to achieve a Board with a combined competence that is sufficient for an appropriate management of the company. The Board's composition shall be characterized by versatility and breadth of the chosen members' competence, experience, gender, age, education and professional background.

# **Board of Directors**

According to the Articles of Association, SBB's Board of Directors must consist of at least three and at most ten members with no deputies. At the Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2020, Lennart Schuss (Chairman of the Board), Ilija Batljan, Sven-Olof Johansson, Hans Runesten, Anne-Grete Ström-Erichsen, Ewa Swartz Grimaldi and Fredrik Svensson were re-elected to the Board of

Directors of the company. For information on the Board members and their assignments outside the Group and the holding of shares in SBB, see the section "Information about the Board members" below.

The Board of Directors shall safeguard the shareholders' long term interests and bear the utmost responsibility for the company's organization and the management of the company's affairs. The Board of Directors has established rules of procedure for the Board and an instruction for the CEO. In addition, the Board has also decided on a number of comprehensive policies, guidelines and instructions for the company's operations. This includes, among other things, the finance policy, information policy, insider policy, IT policy, policy for related party transactions, instructions for financial reporting, whistleblower policy and ethical guidelines for the company's conduct (code of conduct). All these internal governance documents are processed at least once a year and are updated on an ongoing basis to comply with laws and when otherwise needed.

According to the Code, a majority of the Board members elected by the AGM must be independent in relation to the company and the company's management. At least two of these must also be independent in relation to the company's major shareholders. The company's Board of directors has been deemed to meet the requirements for independence, since six of the seven members elected by the AGM are independent in relation to the company and Group management. The company's CEO, Ilija Batljan, has not been deemed to be independent in relation to the company and the company management. Five out of seven members have been deemed to meet the requirement for independence in relation to major shareholders.

#### Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board is elected at the Annual General Meeting and leads the work in the Board of Directors. The Chairman of the Board must ensure that the work of the Board is carried out efficiently, that the Board fulfils its duties and that the Board's decisions are executed by the company and the management. The Chairman shall ensure that the Board receives the information and the documentation required to make well-founded decisions. At the Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2020, Lennart Schuss was re-elected as Chairman of the Board.

# Board of Directors work in 2020

During 2020, the company's Board of Directors held 68 meetings, of which one constituting meeting. On the agenda for each ordinary Board meeting, there are a number of standing items: The CEO's review of operations, acquisitions, divestments, investments, organization development and financial reporting. During 2020, the Board decided on several major acquisitions, divestments, investments, financing and refinancing. The Board of Directors also decided on the issue of ordinary Class B and Class D shares in accordance with the authorization from the General Meeting.

Name	Elected year	Year of birth	Independ- ence of company/ manage- ment	Independ- ence of major sharehold- ers	Attend- ance at Board meetings
Lennart Schuss	2017	1952	Yes	Yes	68/68
Ilija Batljan	2017	1967	No	No	68/68
Sven-Olof Johansson	2017	1945	Yes	Yes	68/68
Hans Runesten	2014	1956	Yes	Yes	68/68
Fredrik Svensson	2018	1961	Yes	No	66/68
Eva Swartz Grimaldi	2017	1956	Yes	Yes	65/68
Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen	2017	1949	Yes	Yes	63/68

# Evaluation of the Board of Directors and the CEO

Once a year, the Chairman of the Board initiates an evaluation of the work of the Board in accordance with the Board's rules of procedure. The 2020 evaluation has been carried out so that each Board member answered a questionnaire. The Chairman of the Board also had certain individual contacts with the Board members. The purpose of the evaluation is to get an idea of the Board members' views on how the work of the Board is conducted and what measures can be implemented to streamline the work of the Board. The intention is also to get an idea of what kind of issues the Board considers should be prioritized and in which areas it may require further experience and competence on the Board. The result of the evaluation has been reported within the Board and has been presented to the Nomination Committee.

#### Committees

The Board of Directors had three committees at the end of the year: an Audit Committee, a Remuneration Committee and a Sustainability Committee. The members of the committees are appointed for one year at a time at the statutory Board meeting and the work and the authority of the committees are governed by the annual committee instructions.

The committees have a preparatory and acting role. The issues that have been discussed at committee meetings are recorded and reported at the next Board meeting.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee works according to an annual agenda and its task is to monitor the company's financial reporting and the effectiveness of the company's internal control and risk management. The Audit Committee also keeps itself informed of the audit of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts. The committee shall also review and monitor the auditor's independence and impartiality and in particular follow up if the auditor provides the company with services other than auditing services. The committee also supports proposals for the AGM's decision on the election of auditors.

According to the Code, the Audit Committee must consist of at least three members, of which the majority must be independent in relation to the company and Group management and at least one independent in relation to the company's major owners. The Audit Committee consists of the entire Board except Ilija Batljan whereby committee meetings were an integral part of the Board work.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee shall prepare matters regarding remuneration principles for the CEO and other senior executives as well as individual remuneration to the CEO in accordance with the remuneration principles. The principles include, among other things, the relationship between fixed and possible variable remuneration and the correlation between performance and remuneration, main conditions for any bonus and incentive program, as well as the main conditions for non-monetary benefits, pension, termination and severance pay. For the CEO, the Board of Directors as a whole sets the remuneration and other terms of employment. However, share-related incentive programmes for Group management are decided by the Annual General Meeting. The committee shall further assist the Board in monitoring the system by which the company complies with the law, stock exchange rules and the Code governing the disclosure of information relating to remuneration to the CEO and other senior executives, and to monitor and evaluate any ongoing and completed programmes for the year, variable remuneration for the CEO and other senior executives, the application of the guidelines for remuneration to the CEO and other senior executives that the Annual General Meeting resolves by law, as well as applicable remuneration structures and remuneration levels. The Remuneration Committee consists of the Board members Eva Swartz Grimaldi (Chairman) and Lennart Schuss who are deemed to be independent in relation to the company and Group management. In 2020, the Remuneration Committee held four meetings. The members of the committee were present at all meetings. At the meetings, among other things, the company's guidelines for remuneration of senior executives and remuneration levels for the CEO and other senior executives have been addressed.

At SBB's 2020 Annual General Meeting, guidelines for remuneration of senior executives were adopted. The Board of Directors shall prepare proposals on new guidelines when a need arises for substantial changes to the guidelines although at least once every four years. The guidelines cover Board members, the CEO and vice presidents, as well as other individuals in Group management. The Board deems it to be critical to a successful implementation of the company's business strategy and the safeguarding of the company's long-term interests, including its sustainability, the company's ability to recruit and retain senior executives with expertise and capacity to achieve set goals. For this, it is required that the company can offer competitive overall remuneration that motivates senior executives to do their utmost. Variable remuneration covered by these guidelines shall be based on criteria that aim to promote the company's business strategy and long-term interests, including its sustainability. The remuneration and other terms of employment of senior executives shall be market based. The remuneration is comprised of basic salary, variable remuneration, pension and certain other benefits. In addition to this - and independent of these guidelines, the General Meeting can resolve to implement share- or shareprice-based remuneration. The guidelines do not cover remuneration that is decided by the General Meeting. The size of remuneration paid for 2020 and information on current incentive programmes is presented by Note 8.

# **Sustainability Committee**

The Sustainability Committee is responsible for reviewing and monitoring the continuity and progress of work on sustainability objectives, management of sustainability risks, and compliance with the Sustainability Code and with the Code of Conduct.

The Sustainability Committee consists of Sven-Olof Johansson as the chairman, and Eva Swartz Grimaldi, and Mats Andersson, former CEO of the Fourth Swedish National Pension Fund and a pioneer within sustainable investments, is on the committee as an external member.

#### Information about the Board of Directors

Lennart Schuss, born 1952

Chairman of the Board

Chairman of the Board of the company since 2017 and member of the Remuneration Committee. Chairman of the Board of the Group since 2016. *Education:* B.A. in Economics, Stockholm School of Economics.

*Other assignments:* Advisor to Genesta Property Funds and Chairman of the Swedish Society of Friends of the Weizmann Institute of Science. Lennart is co-founder of Gimmel Fastigheter, Catella Corporate Finance, ESWÖ & Partner Fund Commission and Stockholm Fund Commission.

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings): 20,253,334 Class B ordinary shares and 380,000 Class D ordinary shares. Independent in relation to the company, Group management and the company's principal shareholders.

# Ilija Batljan, born 1967

Member of the Board and CEO

Board member and CEO of the Company since 2017. Founder of the company, CEO and Board assignments within the Group since 2016. *Education:* Ph.D. in demography and planning for elderly care, Stockholm University. Bachelor of Economics, Stockholm University.

Other assignments: Chairman of Ilija Batljan Invest AB, Health Runner AB and Cryptzone Group AB (previously listed on First North).

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

109,053,868 ordinary Class A shares, 18,632,874 ordinary Class B shares and 530,000 ordinary Class D shares. Not independent in relation to the company and Group management. Is the company's largest owner.

# Sven-Olof Johansson, born 1945

Board Member

Board member of the company since 2017.

*Education:* Master in political science from Stockholm University and Stockholm School of Economics.

Other assignments: Founder and Managing Director of FastPartner AB (publ), Chairman of the Board and Managing Director of Compactor Fastigheter AB and Board member of Autoropa Aktiebolag and STC Interfinans AB.

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

22,315,456 ordinary Class A shares and 29,481,315 ordinary Class B shares. Independent in relation to the company and Group management. Independent in relation to the company's principal shareholders.

# Hans Runesten, born 1956

Board Member

Board member of the company since 2017.

Education: Master of Business Administration, Stockholm University.

Other assignments: Chairman of the Board of Effnetplattformen AB (publ).

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

5.200.258 ordinary Class B shares. Independent in relation to the company

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# Eva Swartz Grimaldi, born 1956

Board Member

Board member of the company since 2017. Chairman of the Remuneration Committee.

*Education:* Bachelor's Degree in Languages (Italian, Spanish and French) as well as from Kulturvetarlinjen.

Other assignments: Chairman of Doberman AB, Apotea AB and Norstedt publishing team and Board member of Stockholm University, Stockholm Concert Hall, Forget Foundation and Royal Patriotic Society.

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

932,128 ordinary Class B shares. Independent in relation to the company, Group management and the company's principal shareholders.

#### Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen, born 1949

Board Member

Board member of the company since 2017.

*Education:* B.A. in Computer Science from Bergen Technical School (Western Norway University of Applied Sciences), computer science studies at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology 1980-1981.

Other assignments: Senior Advisor at Rud Pedersen Public Affairs Norway. Chairman of the Board of DIps ASA, Bergen Havn AS, Tankesmien Agenda and the Norwegian Atlantic Committee. Board Member of Kongsberg Gruppen ASA, Carte Blanche and The Norwegian National Company of Contemporary Dance.

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

0. Independent in relation to the company, Group management and the company's principal shareholders.

#### Fredrik Svensson, born 1961

**Board Member** 

Board member of the company since 2018.

Education: MBA from Linköping University.

Other assignments: Board member of Balder AB. Chairman of the Board of Arvid Svensson Invest AB. CEO of Aktiebolaget Arvid Svensson.

Shareholding in the company (including any related holdings):

31,809,742 Class A shares and 33,043,281 Class B shares. Independent in relation to the company and Group management. Dependent in relation to the company's principal shareholders.

Information on the company's major shareholders is presented on page 11.

### **Remuneration of the Board of Directors**

At the 2020 Annual General Meeting, it was resolved that Board fees shall be payable in an amount of SEK 1,950,000, of which the Chairman receives SEK 450,000 and the other members elected by the General Meeting, who are not employed in the company receive SEK 300,000 each. For committee work on the Remuneration Committee, a total fee of SEK 40,000 is payable, to be divided as SEK 20,000 per member. For committee work on the Sustainability Committee, a total fee of SEK 60,000 is payable, to be divided as SEK 20,000 per member. For the Audit Committee, which consists of Board members, the fee for participation is included in the ordinary Board fee.

# **CEO** and senior executives

The CEO is appointed by the Board and is responsible for the day-to-day management of the company and the Group's operations in accordance with the Board's instructions and regulations. The division of responsibilities between the CEO and the Board of Directors is stated in the Board's rules of procedure and the CEO's instructions drawn up by the Board. The CEO acts as the chair of the management team and makes decisions in consultation with the others in the management team. This consists, in addition to Ilija Batljan (CEO), of seven people: Krister Karlsson (Deputy CEO, Property Development), Lars Thagesson (Deputy CEO and COO), Eva-Lotta Stridh (CFO), Rosel Ragnarsson (Finance Director), Oscar Lekander (Business Development), Annika Ekström (Real Estate Director) and Viktor Manel (Manager, Sveafastigheter).

# Auditor

The company's financial accounting records and bookkeeping, as well as the administration of the Board and management, are reviewed and audited by the company's auditor. At the Annual General Meeting on 27 April 2020, the registered auditing firm Ernst & Young AB was re-elected and Ingemar Rindstig was elected as auditor for the period until the Annual General Meeting 2021. Mikael Ikonen, Authorized Public Accountant, has been appointed as the Auditor-in-Charge from Ernst & Young AB. The auditors' task is to examine the company's and the Group's annual accounts and accounts, as well as the Board's and the CEO's management of the company and the Group.

The auditors must report to the Audit Committee on significant errors in the accounting and suspicions of irregularities. The auditors must report to the company's Board of directors at least one to two times a year, normally in conjunction with the annual report, about their observations during the audit of the company and its assessment of the company's internal control. The auditors also participate at the Annual General Meeting to present the audit report that describes the audit work and observations made. In addition to the audit assignment, Ernst & Young was hired for additional services in 2020, accounting issues, but also issues related to the issue of shares and change of list. Such services have always and only been provided to the extent that

is consistent with the rules of the Auditing Act and FAR's professional ethics rules regarding the auditor's impartiality and independence.

# Internal control of financial reporting and risk management

SBB's internal control of financial reporting is designed to manage risks and ensure high reliability in the processes regarding the preparation of the financial reports and to ensure that applicable accounting requirements and other requirements for SBB as a listed company are complied with. The Board is responsible for the internal control of the company regarding financial reporting. SBB follows the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) framework to evaluate a company's internal control over financial reporting, the Internal Control - Integrated Framework, which consists of the following five components: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication and follow-up.

#### Control environment

Distribution and delegation of responsibility have been documented and communicated in internal documents governing the Board and the company

- The Board's Rules of Procedure
- Instruction to the CEO
- Delegation scheme
- Authorization scheme
- Other internal control documents (for example, financial manual)

All internal control documents are regularly updated when changes are made to, for example, legislation, accounting standards or listing requirements and when otherwise needed.

#### Risk assessment

In accordance with the rules of procedure, the Board of Directors, as well as the Audit Committee, review the company's internal control once a year. Identification is made of the risks that are assessed and measures are set to reduce these risks. The auditor is invited to report on his/her internal control report at a Board meeting and to the Audit Committee. The significant risks identified by SBB are errors in accounting and valuation of properties, credit risks, refinancing risks, interest rate risks, tax and VAT, and the risk of fraud, loss or misappropriation of assets.

# **Control activities**

Since the company's financial system is structured so that the conclusion of agreements and payment of invoices, etc. must comply with the decision paths, company signatures and authorizations stated in the internal control documents, there is basically a control structure to counteract and prevent the risks that the company has identified. In addition to these control structures, a number of control activities are carried out to further detect and correct errors and deviations. Such control activities consist of follow-up at various levels in the organization, such as follow-up and reconciliation in the Board of Directors made decisions, review and comparison of profit items, account reconciliation, approval and reporting of business transactions with the finance department.

# Communication

SBB has built up an organization to ensure that financial reporting is correct and effective. The internal control documents clarify who is responsible for what and the daily interaction between the concerned people means that relevant information and communication reaches all parties concerned. The management regularly receives financial information about the company and its subsidiaries regarding the development of letting and other management, review and follow-up of ongoing and future investments and liquidity planning. The Board is informed by the management team regarding risk management, internal control and financial reporting. The company's information policy ensures that all information provided externally and internally becomes correct and is given at any suitable time. All employees at SBB have, at various reviews, been involved in influencing the design of relevant internal policies and guidelines and have thus been directly involved in the preparation of these internal control documents.

# Internal control

As has been explained above, a continuous process takes place on an ongoing basis at all levels of the organization. The Board regularly evaluates the information provided by the company management and the auditors.

In addition, the company's auditor reports directly to the Board of directors their observations from the audit and its assessment of the internal control. Of particular importance is the Board's monitoring of the development of the internal control and to ensure that measures are taken regarding any deficiencies and proposals that emerge.

# Evaluation of the need for a separate internal function

No internal audit function is currently established within SBB. The Board has examined the issue and assessed that existing structures for follow-up and evaluation provide a satisfactory basis. All in all, this means that it is not considered justified to have a special unit for internal audit. The decision is reviewed annually.

# **Deviations relating to the Code**

As mentioned, the code is based on the principle "follow or explain". This means that a company that applies the Code may deviate from individual rules, but must then give an explanation where reasons for the deviation are reported. SBB followed the Code in 2020 without deviations.

#### Allocation of earnings

The Board proposes the following distribution of profits to the Annual General Meeting:

#### At the Annual General Meeting the following earnings are available for distribution:

Profit brought forward  Profit for the year  3  The following allocation is proposed:  Dividend ordinary Class A and B shareholders (SEK 1.00/share)  Dividend ordinary Class D shareholders (SEK 2.00/share)	8.270.422.243
Profit brought forward Profit for the year  The following allocation is proposed:  Dividend ordinary Class A and B shareholders (SEK 1.00/ share)	36,581,176,125
Profit brought forward Profit for the year  The following allocation is proposed:  Dividend ordinary Class A and B shareholders (SEK 1.00/	359,763,760
Profit for the year  3	1,329,482,358
Profit for the year	
Profit brought forward	88,270,422,243
	75,462,360
•	-1,181,441,272
Share premium reserve 3	39,376,401,155

# Statement by the Board of Directors regarding the proposed dividend

The Board of Directors is hereby given the following opinion in accordance with Chapter 18, Section 4 of the Swedish Companies Act (2005: 551). Below is the Board's justification for the proposed profit distribution being in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 17, §§ 2 and 3 of the Swedish Companies Act.

The nature and scope of the operations are stated in the Articles of Association and the annual report. The business that is conducted in the company does not entail risks beyond what is or may be assumed to occur in the industry or the risks that are generally associated with conducting business activities. The financial position of the company and the Group as of 31 December 2020 is stated in the annual report. The principles applied for the valuation of assets, provisions and liabilities can be found in the notes on p. 72-97 in the annual report.

It is clear from the proposed distribution of profits that the Board of Directors propose a dividend of SEK 1 per ordinary Class A and B share, equivalent to SEK 1,329,482,358, and SEK 2 per ordinary Class D share, equivalent to SEK 359,763,760. In total, the proposed dividend amounts to SEK 1,689,246,118, which represents 4 percent of the Parent Company's equity and 3 percent of the Group's equity. The Group's equity ratio was 43 percent on 31 December 2020. Distributable funds in the Parent Company as of 31 December 2020 amounted to SEK 38,270,422,243.

The proposed dividend does not jeopardize the investments planned or the fulfilment of other obligations. The company's financial assessment does not give rise to any other assessment than that the company can continue its operations and that the company can be expected to fulfil its obligations in the short and long term. With reference to the above and what has otherwise come to the Board's knowledge, the Board's assessment is that a comprehensive assessment of the company's and the Group's financial position means that the dividend proposal is justifiable according to Chapter 17, § 3, § 2 and 3 of the Swedish Companies Act, with reference to the requirements of the business. nature, scope and risks impose the size of the company's equity and the company's and the Group's consolidation needs, liquidity and position in general.