

Banka Kombëtare Tregtare sh.a.

**Independent Auditors' Review Report
and
Condensed Consolidated Interim
Financial Information
as at and for the three-month period ended
31 March 2023**

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REPORT ON REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Banka Kombëtare Tregtare Sh.a

Introduction

We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position of Banka Kombëtare Tregtare sh.a. (hereafter referred as the “Bank” or the “Group”) as of 31 March 2023 and the related condensed consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity and condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the quarterly period then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the condensed consolidated interim financial information in accordance with the IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the condensed consolidated interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, ‘Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity’. A review of interim financial information consists of making enquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

The Bank has treated its share capital issues in United States Dollar (USD) as a monetary item in the condensed consolidated interim financial information and recognized the revaluation differences for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2023 within net profits in the condensed consolidated interim statement of profit or loss and other comprehensive income.

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This treatment is not in accordance with International Accounting Standard (IAS) 21 “The effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates” which requires share capital to be treated as a non-monetary item and carried at the exchange rate of the date of the transaction. Had the Bank treated its share capital in accordance with IAS 21 requirements, the share capital as at 31 March 2023 would have been increased by USD 24,131,683, retained earnings would have been decreased by USD 15,514,840 and the net profit would have been decreased by USD 8,616,843 for the quarterly period ended 31 March 2023. Nevertheless, this would not have affected the total shareholder’s equity.

Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion section of our report, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed consolidated interim financial information does not give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Bank as at 31 March 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the quarterly period then ended in accordance with the IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting.



August 11th, 2023

Teit Gjini
Statutory Auditor

Banka Kombetare Tregtare sh.a.

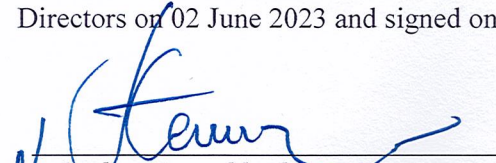
Condensed consolidated Interim statement of financial position as at 31 March 2023

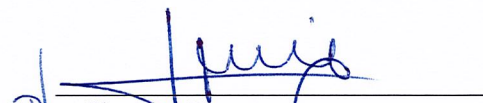
(amounts in USD)

	<u>31 March 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Assets		
Cash and balances with Central Bank	462,717,990	537,491,661
Placement and balances with banks	498,322,733	473,902,012
Investment securities	2,814,461,107	2,911,791,378
Loans to banks	166,168,616	145,894,324
Loans to customers	1,465,594,355	1,383,681,949
Investment in associates	1,095,299	1,090,943
Property and equipment	34,872,384	42,260,800
Intangible assets	8,985,089	7,434,937
Right of use asset	14,674,227	14,838,905
Deferred tax assets	12,288,688	12,918,087
Other assets	57,831,603	56,677,071
Total assets	<u>5,537,012,091</u>	<u>5,587,982,067</u>
Liabilities and shareholder's equity		
Liabilities		
Customer deposits	4,692,899,068	4,591,435,866
Due to banks and financial institutions	167,808,706	305,784,334
Due to third parties	8,925,665	4,294,958
Accruals and other liabilities	74,220,484	77,855,311
Lease Liability	14,227,802	14,449,939
Subordinated debt	52,253,442	50,319,179
Total liabilities	<u>5,010,335,167</u>	<u>5,044,139,587</u>
Shareholder's equity		
Share capital	300,000,000	300,000,000
Legal reserve	65,800,625	60,093,852
Translation reserve	728,094	4,182,671
Fair value reserve and impairment of FVOCI	(21,912,396)	(28,093,813)
Retained earnings	182,060,601	207,659,770
Total shareholder's equity	<u>526,676,924</u>	<u>543,842,480</u>
Total liabilities and shareholder's equity	<u>5,537,012,091</u>	<u>5,587,982,067</u>

The condensed consolidated interim statement of financial position is to be read in conjunction with the notes set out in pages 6 to 9 that form part of the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

The condensed consolidated interim financial information was authorised for release by the Board of Directors on 02 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:


Seyhan Pencabligil
CEO and Board Member


Skënder Eminic
Head of Finance Group

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income for the three-month period ended 31 March 2023

(amounts in USD)

	Three-month period ended 31 March 2023	Three-month period ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 December 2022
Interest			
Interest income	53,602,838	39,894,694	172,784,025
Interest expense	(10,827,182)	(5,771,464)	(29,597,962)
Net interest margin	42,775,656	34,123,230	143,186,063
Non-interest income, net			
Fees and commissions, net	7,648,461	6,274,665	29,130,738
Foreign exchange revaluation, net	(3,051,627)	2,454,712	(2,795,117)
Foreign exchange trading activities income, net	556,159	936,671	2,111,244
Securities trading gain, net	(5,703,883)	7,190,001	53,476,297
Other (expense)/income, net	3,480,734	15,159,128	5,833,191
Total non-interest income, net	2,929,844	32,015,177	87,756,353
Operating expenses			
Personnel expenses	(7,942,709)	(6,374,092)	(27,683,420)
Administrative expenses	(10,203,212)	(9,496,123)	(43,817,673)
Depreciation and amortization	(2,483,588)	(2,436,715)	(9,378,577)
Total operating expenses	(20,629,509)	(18,306,930)	(80,879,670)
Impairment of loans	977,798	(291,758)	7,284,287
Impairment of other financial instruments	(4,445,468)	(8,397,962)	(36,098,059)
Profit before taxes	21,608,321	39,141,757	121,248,974
Income tax	(2,964,582)	(4,796,535)	(15,933,697)
Net profit for the period	18,643,739	34,345,222	105,315,277
Foreign currency translation differences	(3,454,577)	1,915,882	6,540,795
Net change in fair value reserves and impairment of FVOCI	6,181,417	(76,981,107)	(72,636,653)
Other comprehensive income for the period, net of income tax	2,726,840	(75,065,225)	(66,095,858)
Total comprehensive income for the period	21,370,579	(40,720,003)	39,219,419

The condensed consolidated interim statement of comprehensive income is to be read in conjunction with the notes set out in pages 6 to 9 that form part of the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity for the three-month period ended 31 March 2023

(amounts in USD)

	Share Capital	Legal reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve and impairment of FVTOCI	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 31 December 2021	300,000,000	52,315,511	(2,358,124)	44,542,840	161,467,079	555,967,306
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity						
Contributions by and distributions to owners						
Creation of legal reserve	-	7,863,766	-	-	(7,863,766)	-
Adjustment for translation of legal reserve	-	(9,175,483)	-	-	-	(9,175,483)
Appropriation of year 2021 translation difference	-	-	-	-	(2,358,124)	(2,358,124)
Adjustment of retained earnings with March 2022 exchange rate	-	-	-	-	4,407,528	4,407,528
Total transactions with owners recorded in equity	-	(1,311,717)	-	-	(5,814,362)	(7,126,079)
Comprehensive income for the period						
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	34,345,222	34,345,222
Other comprehensive income / (expense), net of income tax						
Net change in fair value reserve	-	-	-	(82,765,754)	-	(82,765,754)
Net change in impairment of FVOCI	-	-	-	5,784,647	-	5,784,647
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	1,915,882	-	-	1,915,882
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	1,915,882	(76,981,107)	-	(75,065,225)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	-	1,915,882	(76,981,107)	34,345,222	(40,720,003)
Balance as at 31 March 2022	300,000,000	51,003,794	(442,242)	(32,438,267)	189,997,939	508,121,224

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of changes in equity for the three-month period ended 31 March 2023

(amounts in USD)

	Share Capital	Legal reserve	Translation reserve	Fair value reserve and impairment of FVTOCI	Retained earnings	Total
Balance as at 31 December 2022	300,000,000	60,093,852	4,182,671	(28,093,813)	207,659,770	543,842,480
Transactions with owners recorded directly in equity						
Contributions by and distributions to owners						
Creation of legal reserve	-	3,906,700	-	-	(3,906,700)	-
Dividend payable	-	-	-	-	(50,000,000)	(50,000,000)
Adjustment for translation of legal reserve	-	1,800,073	-	-	(1,800,073)	-
Appropriation of year 2022 translation difference	-	-	-	-	4,182,671	4,182,671
Adjustment of retained earnings with March 2023 exchange rate	-	-	-	-	7,281,194	7,281,194
<i>Total transactions with owners recorded in equity</i>	-	<i>5,706,773</i>	-	-	<i>(44,242,908)</i>	<i>(38,536,135)</i>
Comprehensive income for the period						
Net profit for the period	-	-	-	-	18,643,739	18,643,739
Other comprehensive income / (expense), net of income tax						
Net change in fair value reserve	-	-	-	4,863,216	-	4,863,216
Net change in impairment of FVOCI	-	-	-	1,318,201	-	1,318,201
Foreign currency translation differences	-	-	(3,454,577)	-	-	(3,454,577)
Total other comprehensive income	-	-	(3,454,577)	6,181,417	-	2,726,840
<i>Total comprehensive income for the year</i>	-	-	<i>(3,454,577)</i>	<i>6,181,417</i>	<i>18,643,739</i>	<i>21,370,579</i>
Balance as at 31 March 2023	300,000,000	65,800,625	728,094	(21,912,396)	182,060,601	526,676,924

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Condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows for the three-month period ended 31 March 2023
(amounts in USD)

	Three-month Period ended 31 March 2023	Three-month period ended 31 March 2022	Year ended 31 December 2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Profit before taxes	21,608,321	39,141,757	121,248,974
<i>Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:</i>			
Interest expense	10,827,182	5,771,464	29,597,962
Interest income	(53,602,838)	(39,894,694)	(172,784,025)
Depreciation and amortization	2,483,588	2,436,715	9,378,577
Gain on sale of property and equipment	(23,884)	-	(143,467)
Gain on sale of investment securities	5,703,883	(7,190,001)	(53,476,297)
Gain on sale of non-current assets	(169,711)	(28,965)	(348,875)
Gain on recovery of written-off loans to customers	(692,556)	(181,738)	(1,151,425)
Write-off of loans to customers	134,871	21,287	894,256
Write off of fixed assets and repossessed assets	12,845	-	14,061
Provision on other debtors	-	-	6,778,236
Reversal from other debtors	(40,931)	(59,254)	(1,142,328)
Movement in the fair value reserve and impairment of FVOCI	6,181,417	(76,981,107)	(72,636,653)
Dividend income from securities	-	(2,090,849)	(2,795,904)
Impairment of loans to customers	(977,798)	291,758	(7,284,287)
Impairment of other financial assets	4,445,468	8,397,962	36,098,059
Cash flows from operating profits before changes in operating assets and liabilities	(4,110,143)	(70,365,665)	(107,753,136)
(Increase)/decrease in operating assets:			
Restricted balances with central banks	9,943,377	(1,768,125)	(37,480,820)
Placements and balances with banks	18,792,992	(28,527,353)	(36,722,712)
Loans and advances to banks	(15,690,629)	(9,136,069)	(7,555,470)
Loans and advances to customers	(37,313,998)	(31,390,105)	(67,669,581)
Other assets	(3,704,749)	(13,615,894)	(38,996,619)
	(27,973,007)	(84,437,546)	(188,425,202)
Increase/(decrease) in operating liabilities:			
Customer deposits	(37,704,649)	(8,367,559)	402,222,496
Due to third parties	4,503,048	5,569,658	2,235,834
Accruals and other liabilities	(6,221,100)	13,041,541	(4,066,353)
	(39,422,701)	10,243,640	400,391,977
Dividend payment	(50,000,000)	(45,000,000)	(45,000,000)
Interest paid	(7,300,676)	(5,150,816)	(25,000,907)
Interest received	57,990,298	43,645,828	165,492,165
Income taxes paid	(3,344,030)	(10,194,809)	(15,307,100)
Net cash flows from operating activities	(74,160,259)	(161,259,368)	184,397,797
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchases of investment securities	124,281,763	(37,672,230)	(618,864,483)
Purchases of treasury bills	13,022,609	(6,806,013)	(112,063,026)
Investment in associates	28,071	(304,285)	(152,889)
Purchases of property and equipment	5,461,399	(1,083,156)	(5,735,824)
Proceeds from sale of investment securities	36,287,012	42,762,925	414,471,037
Proceeds from sale of treasury bills	3,731,981	3,636,656	30,745,318
Net cash flows used in investing activities	182,812,835	533,897	(291,599,867)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Proceeds from short term borrowings	(146,994,449)	(36,220,525)	(62,173,825)
Subordinated debt	(461,139)	197,902	20,789,259
Net cash from financing activities	(147,455,588)	(36,022,623)	(41,384,566)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(38,803,012)	(196,748,094)	(148,586,636)
Effects of exchange rate changes on the balance of cash held in foreign currencies / (Translation difference)	3,130,004	(2,643,045)	(1,239,942)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	573,035,990	722,862,568	722,862,568
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	537,362,982	523,471,429	573,035,990

The condensed consolidated interim statement of cash flows is to be read in conjunction with the notes set out in pages 6 to 9 that form part of the condensed consolidated interim financial information.

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Explanatory notes as of and for the three-month period ended 31 March 2023

(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

1. General

Banka Kombetare Tregtare sh.a (the “Bank”) is a commercial bank offering a wide range of universal services. The Bank provides banking services to state- and privately-owned enterprises and to individuals in Albania and in Kosovo. The condensed consolidated interim financial statements comprise the bank in Albania and in Kosovo, BKT Pay and its associate Albania Leasing (together referred to as the “Bank” “BKT” or the “Group”).

2. Share capital

The Bank’s share capital is issued and maintained in United States Dollars (“USD”) as allowed by the legislation in Albania as well as by a special Law no.8634 between the Bank’s shareholders and the Republic of Albania on the Bank’s privatisation. Furthermore, the Operating Policy Guidelines of the Bank require that the share capital be hedged by USD assets and it is therefore treated as a monetary item, with the revaluation difference being taken to the profit and loss account together with the revaluation difference of the corresponding USD asset, which offset each other in a natural hedge.

Upon the Shareholder’s Decision dated 30 March 2023, the Bank created legal reserves of Lek 407,586 thousand (equivalent of USD 3,906,700) and decided to distribute Lek 5,216,500 thousand as dividends (equivalent of USD 50,000,000, using the exchange rate published by Bank of Albania as at 30 March 2023 - 104.33 Lek per USD), using part of the statutory net profit for the year ended December 31, 2022 and part of the net profit of the year 2021. The remaining part of the net profit of the year 2022 was kept as retained earnings. The dividend was paid in May 2023. Meanwhile, the suspended dividend payment during 2022 was paid in February 2023 following the respective Bank of Albania decision.

As at 31 March 2023 and 31 December 2022, the registered share capital was USD 300,000,000.3 divided into 24,291,498 shares with a nominal value of USD 12.35, while the shareholding structure was as follows:

	31 March 2023			31 December 2022		
	No. of shares	Total in USD	%	No. of shares	Total in USD	%
Calik Holding A.S.	24,291,498	300,000,000.3	100	24,291,498	300,000,000.3	100

3. Statement of compliance

These condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with IAS 34 “Interim Financial Reporting”. They do not include all the information required for full annual financial statements, and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements of the Bank as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

4. Functional and presentation currency

The financial statements are prepared in Albanian Lek “Lek” which is the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Bank operates (its functional currency). For reporting purposes these condensed consolidated interim financial statements are presented in USD which is the presentation currency.

The results and financial position of the Bank are translated in the presentation currency by translating (i) assets and liabilities at the closing rate at the date of that statement of financial position; and (ii) income and expenses at exchange rates at the dates of the transactions. All resulting exchange differences from the translation to the presentation currency are recognised in other comprehensive income.

The main exchange rates as at the end of each reporting period were as follows:

	31 March 2023	31 December 2022	30 March 2022
USD/LEK	103.96	107.05	109.28
EUR/LEK	113.21	114.23	121.62

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5. Significant accounting policies

The Interim Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies adopted in the Group's most recent annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

6. Estimates

The preparation of this condensed consolidated interim financial information requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Except as described in section below, in preparing this condensed consolidated interim financial information, the significant judgements made by management in applying the Bank's accounting policies and the key sources of estimation uncertainty were the same as those that applied to the financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

7. Financial risk management

During the three months ended 31 March 2023 the Bank's financial risk management objectives and policies are consistent with those disclosed in the financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2022.

8. Fair value of financial assets

The Bank's investment securities portfolio as at 31 March 2023 includes investment securities - measured at FVOCI amounting USD 975,409,531 (31 December 2022: USD 1,187,394,054); investment securities - measured at FVTPL amounting USD 3,671,984 (31 December 2022: USD 4,387,015) and investment securities - measured at amortised cost amounting USD 1,835,379,592 (31 December 2022: USD 1,720,010,309).

9. Impairment of financial assets

a) Impairment of financial assets measured at amortised cost

At each reporting date, the Bank assesses whether there is objective evidence that financial assets not carried at fair value through profit or loss are impaired.

As at 31 March 2023, the impairment for loan losses was USD 57,502,685 (31 December 2022: USD 57,612,143) and the impairment for other financial assets was USD 16,736,466 (31 December 2022: USD 12,803,639).

b) Impairment of financial assets measured at FVOCI

Following the requirements of the standard "IFRS 9-Financial Instruments", impairment of FVOCI represents the impairment provision for debt securities measured at FVOCI recognised in other comprehensive income.

As at 31 March 2023, the impairment of FVOCI at USD 34,342,000 (31 December 2022: USD 33,023,800) was composed of available-for-sale securities impairment provision at USD 34,129,216 (31 December 2022: USD 32,847,021) and treasury bills available-for-sale impairment provision at USD 212,784 (31 December 2022: USD 176,779).

10. Seasonality of operations

The Bank's activity is not subject to seasonal fluctuations.

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11. Income tax

The Bank's effective tax rate for the three months ended 31 March 2023 was 13.72 per cent (for the three months ended 31 March 2022: 12.25 per cent), while the income tax rate in Albania is 15% and 10% for Kosovo.

12. Contingencies

In the normal course of business, the Bank is presented with legal claims and litigation; the Bank's management is of the opinion that no material losses will be incurred in relation to legal claims outstanding as at 31 March 2023.

13. Related party transactions

In accordance with IAS 24 "Related Party Disclosures", a related party is any party that has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial and operating decisions.

Identity of related parties

The Bank has related party relationships with its shareholders and affiliates, directors and executive officers. The Bank's sole shareholder is Calik Holding at 100% as at 31 March 2023. The ultimate controlling party is Mr. Ahmet Calik. Aktif Yatirim Bankasi A.S. ("AktifGroup"), Arkestate Investments, Kosovo Electricity Distribution and Supply Company J.S.C (KEDS) and Kosovo Electricity Supply Company J.S.C (KESCO) are controlled by Calik Holding. Albania Leasing sh.a represent an affiliate of the Group.

Balances and transactions with related parties

	<u>31 March 2023</u>	<u>31 December 2022</u>
Assets		
<i>Placement and balances with banks:</i>		
Current accounts with Aktifbank	63,989	112,198
Placements with Aktifbank	-	14,940,217
Investment Securities with Calik Holding	27,692,179	18,892,512
<i>Loans to customers:</i>		
Arkestate Investments	13,936,586	5,568,248
Total assets	<u>41,692,754</u>	<u>39,513,175</u>
Liabilities		
<i>Due to banks and financial institutions:</i>		
Borrowings from Aktifbank	15,014,253	15,080,244
<i>Customer deposits:</i>		
Albania Leasing	273,396	79,420
KEDS / KESCO	12,293,302	19,057,455
<i>Other Liabilities:</i>		
Dividend Payable to Calik Holding A.S.	50,000,000	50,000,000
Total liabilities	<u>77,580,951</u>	<u>84,217,119</u>

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(amounts in USD, unless otherwise stated)

13. Related party transactions (continued)

	Three months period ended 31 March 2023	Three months period ended 31 March 2022
Statement of comprehensive income		
<i>Interest income from:</i>		
Albania Leasing	-	6
Calik Holding	652,157	-
Arkestate Investments	131,395	-
<i>Interest expenses for:</i>		
Aktifbank	(33,635)	(4,566)
<i>Fees and commissions:</i>		
Account maintenance and lending fees from Albania Leasing	771	967
Account maintenance and lending fees from KEDS / KESCO	4,946	8,359
<i>Operating expenses:</i>		
Calik Holding	(172,767)	(87,144)
Net	582,867	(82,378)

Balances and transactions with directors and executive officers

The remuneration of directors and executive officers is included in personnel expenses and is detailed as follows:

	Three-month period ended 31 March 2023	Three-month period ended 31 March 2022
Directors	463,518	464,761
Executive officers	1,001,103	916,406
	1,464,621	1,381,167

The remuneration of directors and executive officers for the year ended 31 December 2022 was USD 4,353,166.

As at 31 March 2023, the total deposits of directors held with the Bank were USD 4,612,764 (31 December 2022: USD 4,495,731), while the outstanding loans granted to directors were USD 539,541 (31 December 2022: USD 540,572).

14. Subsequent events

There are no events subsequent to the reporting date that would require either adjustments or additional disclosures in the condensed consolidated interim financial information.