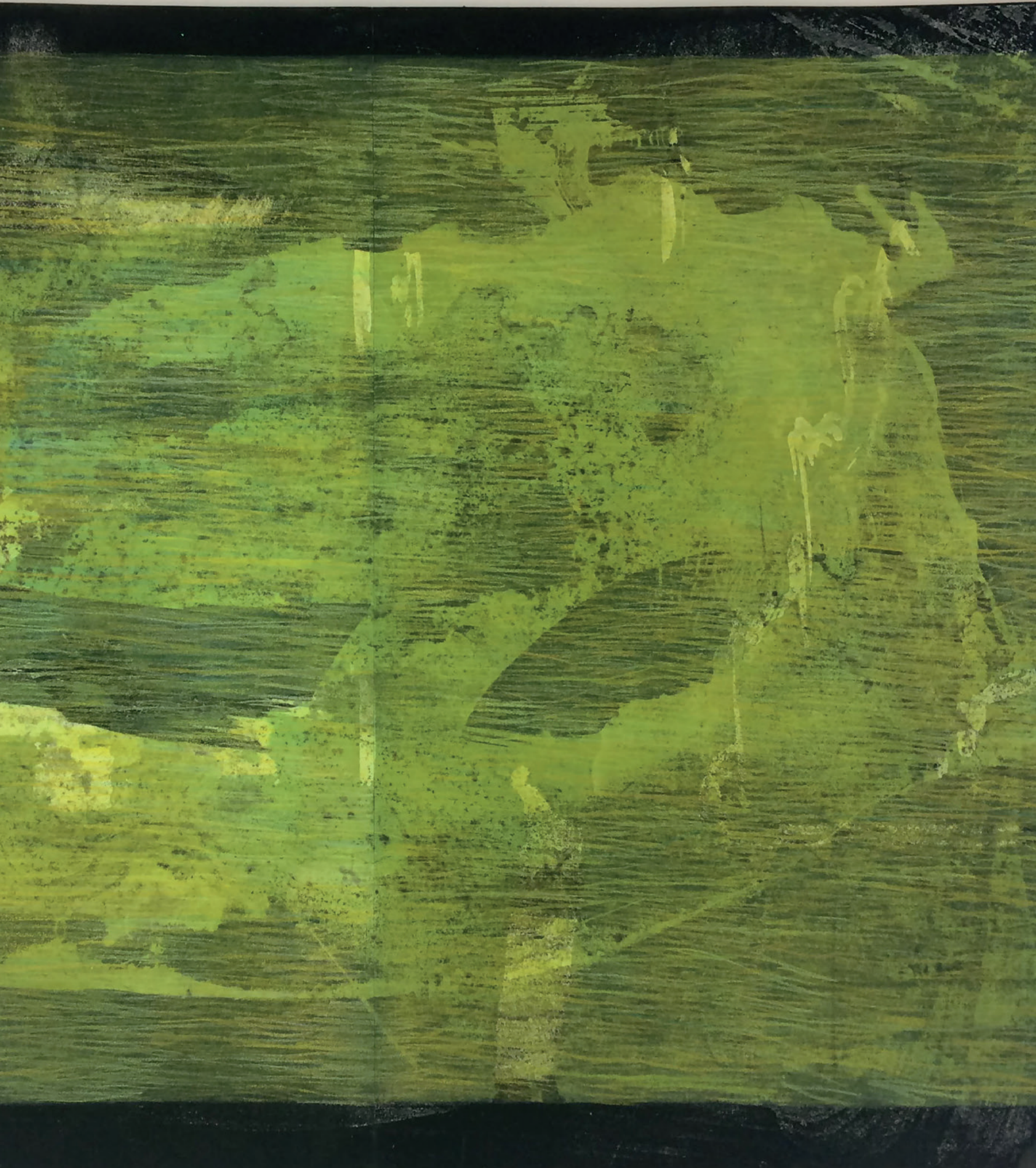


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## Auditor's Report on Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. and subsidiaries

(Together with the consolidated annual accounts and consolidated directors' report of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. for the year ended 31 December 2021)

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## **Independent Auditor's Report on the Consolidated Annual Accounts**

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To the Shareholders of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A.

### **REPORT ON THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated annual accounts of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. (the "Parent") and subsidiaries (together the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet at 31 December 2021, and the consolidated income statement, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and consolidated notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated annual accounts give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the consolidated equity and consolidated financial position of the Group at 31 December 2021 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (IFRS-EU) and other provisions of the financial reporting framework applicable in Spain.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with prevailing legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Annual Accounts section of our report.

We are independent of the Group in accordance with the ethical requirements, including those regarding independence, that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated annual accounts pursuant to the legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain. We have not provided any non-audit services, nor have any situations or circumstances arisen which, under the aforementioned regulations, have affected the required independence such that this has been compromised.

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

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## Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated annual accounts of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated annual accounts as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Recoverable amount of investments in Group companies and associates See notes 4 e) and 10 to the consolidated annual accounts

Key audit matter	How the matter was addressed in our audit
<p>The Group holds investments in associates amounting to Euros 2,476 million at 31 December 2021, which are accounted for using the equity method.</p> <p>There is a risk that the carrying amount associated with the net investment in the associate may exceed the recoverable amount, in particular in those entities whose listed price is lower than the carrying amount on the Group's consolidated balance sheet.</p> <p>At each reporting date the Group assesses the possible existence of impairment of the aforementioned investments and, where applicable, it estimates their recoverable amount and determines the need to recognise the corresponding impairment of investments.</p> <p>The recoverable amount of the investment is determined taking into consideration its value in use, by applying valuation techniques that require management's judgement and the use of assumptions and estimates.</p> <p>Due to the uncertainty and judgement associated with these estimates, as well as the significance of the carrying amount of the investments in associates, we have considered their measurement to be a key audit matter.</p>	<p>Our audit procedures included the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- We assessed the design and implementation of the key controls relating to the processes of identifying possible evidence of impairment and estimating the recoverable amount of investments in associates.</li><li>- We assessed the criteria used by management in this respect. To this end, we contrasted the information on the share prices of the investments in associates used for this assessment.</li><li>- We evaluated the reasonableness of the methodology and assumptions used when estimating the recoverable amount, with the involvement of our valuation specialists.</li><li>- We contrasted the information contained in the pricing model with estimates and prospects of future growth of the industry to which the associates belong, based on external sources of information.</li><li>- We evaluated the sensitivity of the estimated recoverable amount to changes in the relevant assumptions and judgements, such as the future cash flows, the discount rate and the expected future growth rate, for the purpose of assessing its impact on the valuation.</li><li>- Lastly, we assessed whether the disclosures in the consolidated annual accounts meet the requirements of the financial reporting framework applicable to the Group.</li></ul>



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## **Other Information: Consolidated Directors' Report**

Other information solely comprises the 2021 consolidated directors' report, the preparation of which is the responsibility of the Parent's Directors and which does not form an integral part of the consolidated annual accounts.

Our audit opinion on the consolidated annual accounts does not encompass the consolidated directors' report. Our responsibility regarding the information contained in the consolidated directors' report is defined in the legislation regulating the audit of accounts, as follows:

- a) Determine, solely, whether the consolidated non-financial information statement and certain information included in the Annual Corporate Governance Report and the Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration, as specified in the Spanish Audit Law, have been provided in the manner stipulated in the applicable legislation, and if not, to report on this matter.
- b) Assess and report on the consistency of the rest of the information included in the consolidated directors' report with the consolidated annual accounts, based on knowledge of the Group obtained during the audit of the aforementioned consolidated annual accounts. Also, assess and report on whether the content and presentation of this part of the consolidated directors' report are in accordance with applicable legislation. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there are material misstatements, we are required to report them.

Based on the work carried out, as described above, we have observed that the information mentioned in section a) above has been provided in the manner stipulated in the applicable legislation, that the rest of the information contained in the consolidated directors' report is consistent with that disclosed in the consolidated annual accounts for 2021, and that the content and presentation of the report are in accordance with applicable legislation.

## **Directors' and Audit Committee's Responsibility for the Consolidated Annual Accounts**

The Parent's Directors are responsible for the preparation of the accompanying consolidated annual accounts in such a way that they give a true and fair view of the consolidated equity, consolidated financial position and consolidated financial performance of the Group in accordance with IFRS-EU and other provisions of the financial reporting framework applicable to the Group in Spain, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated annual accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated annual accounts, the Parent's Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Directors either intend to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Parent's audit committee is responsible for overseeing the preparation and presentation of the consolidated annual accounts.





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### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Annual Accounts**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated annual accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with prevailing legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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 consolidated annual accounts.

As part of an audit in accordance with prevailing legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated annual accounts, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain 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 override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Parent's Directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Parent's Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated annual accounts or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated annual accounts, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated annual accounts represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves a true and fair view.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated annual accounts. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

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

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We also provide the Parent's audit committee with a statement that we have complied with the applicable ethical requirements, including those regarding independence, and to communicate with them all matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated to the audit committee of the Parent, we determine those that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated annual accounts of the current period and which are therefore the key audit matters.

We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter.

## REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

### European Single Electronic Format

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We have examined the digital files of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. and its subsidiaries for 2021 in European Single Electronic Format (ESEF), which comprise the XHTML file that includes the consolidated annual accounts for the aforementioned year and the XBRL files tagged by the Parent, which will form part of the annual financial report.

The Directors of Corporación Financiera Alba, S.A. are responsible for the presentation of the 2021 annual financial report in accordance with the format and mark-up requirements stipulated in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 (hereinafter the "ESEF Regulation"). In this regard, they have incorporated the Annual Corporate Governance Report and the Annual Report on Directors' Remuneration by means of a reference thereto in the consolidated directors' report.

Our responsibility consists of examining the digital files prepared by the Directors of the Parent, in accordance with prevailing legislation regulating the audit of accounts in Spain. This legislation requires that we plan and perform our audit procedures to determine whether the content of the consolidated annual accounts included in the aforementioned digital files fully corresponds to the consolidated annual accounts we have audited, and whether the consolidated annual accounts and the aforementioned files have been formatted and marked up, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.

In our opinion, the digital files examined fully correspond to the audited consolidated annual accounts, and these are presented and marked up, in all material respects, in accordance with the requirements of the ESEF Regulation.



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## **REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

### **Additional Report to the Audit Committee of the Parent**

The opinion expressed in this report is consistent with our additional report to the Parent's audit committee dated 29 April 2022.

### **Contract Period**

We were appointed as auditor of the Group by the shareholders at the ordinary general meeting on 18 June 2020 for a period of three years, from the year commenced 1 January 2020.

Previously, we had been appointed for a period of three years, by consensus of the shareholders at their general meeting, and have been auditing the annual accounts since the year ended 31 December 2017.

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*(Signed on original in Spanish)*

Borja Guinea López

On the Spanish Official Register of Auditors ("ROAC") with No. 16210

29 April 2022