

## Independent auditor's report to the general meeting of Gimv NV for the year ended 31 March 2018

As required by law and the Company's articles of association, we report to you as statutory auditor of Gimv NV (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (together the "Group"). This report includes our opinion on the consolidated statement of the financial position as at 31 March 2018, the consolidated statement of the realized and unrealized results, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended 31 March 2018 and the disclosures (all elements together the "Consolidated Financial Statements") and includes as well our report on other legal and regulatory requirements. These two reports are considered as one report and are inseparable.

We have been appointed as statutory auditor by the shareholders meeting of 29 June 2016, in accordance with the proposition by the Board of Directors following recommendation of the Audit Committee. Our mandate expires at the shareholders meeting that will deliberate on the annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2019. We have been performing the audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Group since before 1998.

### Report on the audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Unqualified opinion

We have audited the Consolidated Financial Statements of Gimv NV, which consists of the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 March 2018, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the year ended 31 March 2018 and the disclosures, which shows a consolidated balance sheet total of € 1.356.502 in thousands and of which the consolidated income statement shows a profit for the year of € 116.764 in thousands.

In our opinion the Consolidated Financial Statements of the Group give a true and fair view of the consolidated net equity and financial position as at 31 March 2018, as well as its consolidated results and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union ("IFRS") and with applicable legal and regulatory requirements in Belgium.

#### Basis for the unqualified opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ("ISAs"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Our responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements" section of our report.

We have complied with all ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements in Belgium, including those with respect of independence.

We have obtained from the Board of Directors and the officials of the Company the explanations and information necessary for the performance of our audit and we believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the current reporting period.



These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and consequently we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### **Valuation of the investment portfolio**

#### *Description of the key audit matter and the audit risk*

The Group invests in different investments, which are valued, in line with the requirements of IFRS 10 "Consolidated financial statements", at fair value in the consolidated balance sheet under the heading "Financial assets at fair value through profit and loss" for an amount of € 835.056 in thousands. These represent 62 % of the consolidated balance sheet.

Due to the absence of direct observable market data, some of these investments are valued through methods using unobservable inputs, which can have a significant effect on the fair value. These unobservable inputs are also partly based on assumptions as well as estimates made by management. The use of a different valuation method and/or changes to the underlying assumptions could lead to significant deviations in the fair value. The resulting disclosures are complex and the quality is dependent on the quality of the underlying data.

#### *Summary of the performed audit procedures*

Specific areas of audit focus include the valuation of the investments where unobservable inputs are used.

With regards to the above mentioned key audit matter, we performed additional procedures on areas with an increased risk of subjectivity and high level of estimation in the valuation process. These procedures included, amongst others:

- the involvement of valuation specialists of our firm in order to assess:
  - o the reasonableness of the assumptions and estimates applied by management, where the applied multiple, which is highly dependent on the type of activity and industry of the investment, was assessed;
  - o the compliance of the valuation methods applied by management with the "International Private Equity and Valuation guidelines" and with IFRS;

- analysis and discussion of the valuation methods applied;
- reconciliation the source data used with audited data;
- review of potential impairment indicators by analyzing the performance of the investments by means of a comparison between the actual annual performance with the previous period as well as the budget of the period; and
- assessment of the contents and completeness of the disclosures provided in note 7.14 with the requirements made by IFRS 7 "Financial Instruments: Disclosures" and IFRS 13 "Fair value measurement".

### **Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS and with applicable legal and regulatory requirements in Belgium as well as internal controls relevant to the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, and provide, if applicable, information on matters impacting going concern. The Board of Directors should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting, unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease business operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Consolidated Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, to express an opinion on these Consolidated Financial Statements based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with the ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and 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 Financial Statements.

As part of an audit, in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and we maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also perform the following tasks:

- ▶ identification and assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Consolidated Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, the planning and execution of audit procedures to respond to these risks and obtain audit evidence which is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting material misstatements is larger when these misstatements are due to fraud, since fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- ▶ obtaining insight in the system of internal controls that are relevant for the audit and with the objective 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;
- ▶ evaluating the selected and applied accounting policies, and evaluating the reasonability of the accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Board of Directors as well as the underlying information given by the Board of Directors;
- ▶ conclude on the appropriateness of Board of Director's use of the going-concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to event or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company or 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 Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company or Group to cease to continue as a going-concern; and

- ▶ evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the Consolidated Financial Statements, and of whether these financial statements reflect the underlying transactions and events in a true and fair view.

We communicate with the Audit Committee within the Board of Directors 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.

Because we are ultimately responsible for the opinion, we are also responsible for directing, supervising and performing the audits of the subsidiaries. In this respect we have determined the nature and extent of the audit procedures to be carried out for group entities.

We provide the Audit Committee within the Board of Directors with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the Audit Committee within the Board of Directors, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our report, unless the law or regulations prohibit this.



## Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

### Responsibilities of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and the content of the Board of Directors' report and other information included in the annual report.

### Responsibilities of the auditor

In the context of our mandate and in accordance with the additional standard to the ISA's applicable in Belgium, it is our responsibility to verify, in all material respects, the Board of Directors' report and other information included in the annual report, as well as to report on these matters.

### Aspects relating to Board of Directors' report and other information included in the annual report

In our opinion, after carrying out specific procedures on the Board of Directors' report, the Board of Directors' report is consistent with the Consolidated Financial Statements and has been prepared in accordance with article 119 of the Belgian Company Code.

In the context of our audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements, we are also responsible to consider whether, based on the information that we became aware of during the performance of our audit, the Board of Directors' report and other information included in the annual report, being:

- ▶ chapter 2 "Results and key figures";
- ▶ chapter 5 "Risk factors"; en
- ▶ chapter 6 "Corporate governance statement"

contain any material inconsistencies or contains information that is inaccurate or otherwise misleading. In light of the work performed, we do not need to report any material inconsistencies. In addition, we do not express any form of assurance regarding the individual elements included in the annual report.

### Independence matters

Our auditor's office and our network have not performed any services that are not compatible with the statutory audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and have remained independent of the Company during the course of our mandate.

The fees related to additional services which are compatible with the statutory audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements as referred to in article 134 of the Belgian Company Code were duly itemized and valued in the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

### Other communications

This report is consistent with our supplementary declaration to the Audit Committee as specified in article 11 of the regulation (EU) nr. 537/2014.

Antwerp, 22 May 2018

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