

**Audit Report on the Financial Statements  
issued by an Independent Auditor**

**EBRO FOODS, S.A.  
Financial Statements and Management Report  
for the year ended  
December 31, 2017**

Translation of a report and financial statements originally issued in Spanish. In the event of discrepancy, the Spanish-language version prevails.

## **AUDIT REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ISSUED BY AN INDEPENDENT AUDITOR**

To the shareholders of Ebro Foods, S.A.:

### **Audit report on the financial statements**

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#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Ebro Foods, S.A. (the company), which comprise the balance sheet at December 31, 2017, the income statement, the statement of other comprehensive income, the statement of changes in equity, the cash flow statement, and the notes thereto, for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view, in all material respects, of the equity and financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2017, and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the applicable regulatory framework for financial information in Spain (identified in Note 3 to the accompanying financial statements) and, specifically, the accounting principles and policies contained therein.

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#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with prevailing audit regulations in Spain. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We are independent of the Company in accordance with the ethical requirements, including those related to independence, that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Spain as required by prevailing audit regulations. In this regard, we have not provided non-audit services nor have any situations or circumstances arisen that might have compromised our mandatory independence in a manner prohibited by the aforementioned requirements.

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 judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our audit opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### *Measurement of equity investments in group companies and associates*

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**Description** As shown on the accompanying balance sheet, the Company recognized 1,557,026 thousand euros related to investments in equity instruments of group companies and associates. At year end, management makes significant judgments to determine the existence of indications of impairment, and if necessary, estimates their recoverable amounts.

We considered this area to be a key audit matter, since the analyses conducted by management require making complex estimates and judgments regarding the future results of group companies and associates in which the Company holds investments.

The description of the balance, movements, and possible impairment loss recorded following management's recoverability analysis, are provided in Notes 4.3 and 8 to the accompanying financial statements.

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### Our response

In this regard, our audit procedures included:

- ▶ Reviewing the procedures established by the Company to evaluate the existence of indications of impairment, as well as those carried out to determine the recoverable amount of investments in group companies and associates.
- ▶ Obtaining calculations made by management, in collaboration with an independent expert, to value the cash-generating units (CGUs) pertaining to investments in group companies and associates at year end.
- ▶ Reviewing, in collaboration with our valuation experts, the reasonableness of the business assumptions and methodology for determining the impairment tests applied to investments in group companies and associates, when the discounted cash flow method was used.
- ▶ Reviewing the documentation supporting alternative analyses conducted by management when the equity of investees adjusted by unrealized capital gains existing at year end is used to substantiate recoverable amount.
- ▶ Checking the accuracy and integrity of disclosures included in the notes to the accompanying financial statements.

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**Other information: Management report**

Other information refers exclusively to the 2017 management report, the preparation of which is the responsibility of the parent company's directors and is not an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the management report. Our responsibility for the information contained in the management report is defined in prevailing audit regulations, which distinguish two levels of responsibility:

- a. A specific level applicable to the non-financial information statement, as well as certain information included in the Corporate Governance Report, as defined in article 35.2 b) of Law 22/2015 on auditing, which solely requires that we verify whether said information has been included in the consolidated management report and if not, disclose this fact.
- b. A general level applicable to the remaining information included in the management report, which requires us to evaluate and report on the consistency of said information in the financial statements, based on knowledge of the Company obtained during the audit, excluding information not obtained from evidence. Moreover, we are required to evaluate and report on whether the content and presentation of this part of the management report are in conformity with applicable regulations. If, based on the work carried out, we conclude that there are material misstatements, we are required to disclose them.

Based on the work performed, as described in the above paragraph, we have verified that the specific information referred to in paragraph a) above has been provided in the management report, and that the remaining the information contained therein is consistent with that provided in the 2017 consolidated financial statements and their content and presentation are in conformity with applicable regulations.

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**Responsibilities of Company's directors and the audit committee for the financial statements**

The Company's directors are responsible for preparing the accompanying financial statements so that they give a true and fair view of equity, the financial position, and results, accordance with the regulatory framework for financial information and control applicable to the entity in Spain

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the Company'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 has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The audit committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

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## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 audit regulations 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 financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with prevailing audit regulations in Spain, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ▶ Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 management company's internal control.
- ▶ Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- ▶ Conclude on the appropriateness of the director's 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements 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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- ▶ Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the audit committee of the Company 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.

We also provide the audit committee of the Company with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements, including those related to 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 with the audit committee of the Company, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements of the current period and 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**

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### **Additional report to the Company's audit committee**

The opinion expressed in this audit report is consistent with the additional report we issued to the audit committee on April 03, 2018.

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### **Term of engagement**

During the Ordinary General Shareholders' Meeting held on June 1, 2015, we were appointed auditors for a period of three years, commencing the year ended December 31, 2017.

Previously, we were appointed as auditors by the shareholders for three years and we have been carrying out the audit of the financial statements continuously since the year ended December 31, 2014.

ERNST & YOUNG, S.L.  
(Registered in Spain's Official Register of Auditors  
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(Signed on the original in Spanish)

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David Ruiz-Roso Moyano  
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April 3, 2018