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1 – Introduction

The purpose of this document is to fulfil the regulatory requirements in “Kapitalkravsforskriften” chapter IX (Pillar III) by providing the Safe Deposit Group’s (the “Group”) financial information to the public. The report covers Safe Deposit Holding ASA (“SDH”) and Safe Deposit Bank of Norway AS (“SDBN”).

The information presented is based on consolidated financial figures from 31.12.2018 and will be updated on an annual basis. The Group conducts ICAAP and ILAAP analyses on an annual basis to assess the Group’s risk situation, capital adequacy and capital targets.

The Group uses the standard approach for credit risk and basic approach for operational risk to calculate the capital requirements in Pillar I according to the standard method developed by the government. In addition, the Bank assesses the need for additional capital in an ICAAP/ILAAP-process (Pillar 2).

The Group consists of Safe Deposit Holding ASA and its fully owned subsidiary Safe Deposit Bank of Norway AS. The companies are fully consolidated for both accounting purposes and for capital requirement purposes.

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2 - Regulatory Capital

The capital base, which consists of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital, lays the foundation for the comparison between the real CET1 capital ratio and the required amount stated by the Tier 1 capital requirement.

	SDH Group Q4 2018 (TNOK)	SDBN Q4 2018 (TNOK)
Capital instruments qualifying as core Tier 1 capital	104 001	99 090
Retained earnings carry over	-58 468	-54 970
(-) Other intangible assets	-4 376	-4 376
Capital base	41 157	39 744

The table below illustrates Core Equity Tier 1 (CET 1), Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital.

	SDH Group (consolidated)		SDBN	
	31.12.2018	31.12.2017	31.12.2018	31.12.2017
Development in capital requirements (internal estimates)				
CET 1 capital	41 157	55 566	39 744	44 563
Tier 1 capital	41 157	55 566	39 744	44 563
Total liable capital	41 157	55 566	39 744	44 563
Capital ratio ¹	1418.0 %	725,9 %	1537.9 %	642,0 %

¹ All liable capital in the company is CET 1 capital.

3 - Capital requirements

This chapter provides an overview of the capital requirements for the SDH Group and SDBN. All numbers, line-ups, and referrals relate to 31.12.2018 unless otherwise stated.

As of December 31st, 2018, the capital conservation buffer requirement is 2.5 percent, the systemic risk requirement is 3.0 percent and countercyclical buffer is 2.0 percent. These requirements are additional to the requirement of 4.5 percent CET1 capital, so that the overall minimum requirement on CET1 capital is 12.0 percent.

Pillar 1 capital requirement in percentage = Total Capital requirement / (credit risk exposure+ market risk exposure + operational risk exposure)

3.1 Basis for calculations

Basis for calculation	SDH Group Consolidated Q4 2018 (TNOK)	SDBN Q4 2018 (TNOK)
Institutions	2 229	1 911
Other commitments	20	20
Total credit risk exposure	2 249	1 931
Basis for calculation for operational risk (OpR)	653	653
Overall basis of calculation	2 902	2 584

3 - Capital requirements

3.2 Pillar 1 capital requirements

	Percent	SDH Group Consolidated (TNOK)	SDBN (TNOK)
Minimum requirement	4,5%	131	116
Capital conservation buffer	2,5%	72	65
Systemic risk buffer	3,0%	87	78
Countercyclical buffer	2,0%	58	52
Capital Requirement CET 1	12,0%	348	310
Hybrid capital	1,5 %	44	39
Capital Requirement Tier 1	13,5 %	392	349
Additional capital requirements	2,0 %	58	52
Total Capital Requirement	15,5 %	450	401

The Group's Common Equity Tier 1 capital at 31 December 2018 was TNOK 41 157 and the basis for calculation of the capital requirements was TNOK 2 902, which gives a CET1 capital ratio of 1418,0 % on a consolidated basis. SDBN's Common Equity Tier 1 capital at 31 December 2018 end was TNOK 37 744 and that the basis for calculation of the capital requirements were TNOK 2 584, which gives a CET1 capital ratio of 1537,9 % on a stand-alone basis.

3 - Capital requirements

3.3 Pillar 2 capital requirements

The ICAAP analysis shows that the Group has a capital base (Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital) of 41,2 MNOK, which is above the ICAAP capital target (1,15 MNOK) and above the legal minimum requirement.

31.12.2018	%	Required amount SDH Group (TNOK)	Required amount SDBN (TNOK)	Percent aggregated (%)
Total capital requirement Pillar 1		450	401	15,5
Pillar 2 Operational risk	24,1/27,1	700	700	
Sum Pillar 1 + 2		1 150	1 101	39,6/42,6

31.12.2018	SDH Group	SDBN
Risk Wieghted Assets	TNOK 2 902	TNOK 2 584
Capital requirement	39,6 %	42,6 %
Actual capital ratios	1418,0 %	1537,9 %

4 - Governing and risk control

4.1 General

The SDH Group started operations in Q3 of 2016. The Group's Risk Management Strategy provides an effective risk management process that is appropriate to its size and risks.

The Risk Management Strategy describes the overall risk appetite for the Group, stipulates responsibilities for the risk management system, helps ensure adequate and systematic risk management and internal controls within the Group, in order to ensure that the risk profile of the Bank remains within the risk appetite level deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. The Group operates at a low level of aggregate risk. The Group's main risk categories, as outlined below, are operational risk, credit risk and business & strategic risks.

4.2 Credit and counterparty risks

The Group has no credit and counterparty risks related to loans or accounts receivable as SDBN receives its income as fixed fees based on the Clients' total deposit capacities in the Central Bank of Norway (Norges Bank) or Central Bank of Germany (Deutsche Bundesbank). Credit and counterparty risks are therefore only relevant to SDBN's own bank deposits. All own funds are to be deposited with SDBN's main bank (Handelsbanken) or European Central Banks. Credit risk is thus limited to the funds held with these counterparties.

Guidelines on how to manage these risks are set out in a separate credit and counterparty policy.

4.3 Market and currency risks

The Group will not hold any investments in financial instruments. Market risk relates mainly to either deposits in European Central Banks or the operating capital held at SDBN's housebank (Handelsbanken). The Group is not exposed to a material interest rate risk. Rate regulation clauses on Client deposits must be tied to the rate regulations from the Central Banks. The equity can only be invested on a floating rate (overnight rate) basis.

The Group was, as of ultimo 2018, exposed to currency risk as some of the Group's core suppliers operate in EUR. The Group's expected revenue is mainly in EUR. Nonetheless, whenever the Board considers the exposure to currency risk as high, the Group will implement mitigations towards currency risk. Risks related to deposits in Norges Bank, Deutsche Bundesbank or other banks are covered by the credit and counterparty risk policy.

4.4 Operational risk

SDH does not have any Clients as the Company's sole purpose is to be a Holding Company for SDBN, hence, the operational risk of the Group is associated with SDBN's operational risks, which are:

- Acceptance of adequate Clients
- Safeguarding of deposits and withdrawal transactions
- Operational stability / deposit liquidity – Client deposits available at all times
- Integrity and confidentiality of Client data

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The operating model gives rise to other operational risks:

- Key personnel risk – a limited number of staff means that the business is vulnerable to loss of key persons
- Extensive use of outsourced service providers (Dealt with in outsourcing policy)

Reputational risk:

As the Group's business model is based on Clients seeking a low risk placement for assets, it is sensitive to reputational risk. A prerequisite to avoid reputational risk would be operational stability. Operational risk management ensuring adequate control over internal processes, systems and human errors is therefore of vital importance to the overall achievement of business objectives.

Compliance risk:

Although the Group's operating model is relatively straight forward, the banking sector is subject to stringent regulatory requirements. However, given the Group's size and nature, the clear processes, procedures and the support the Bank receives from external advisors, the compliance risk is expected to be low.

AML risk:

The Group's AML processes and Client due diligence are very strict, supported by a state of the art IT system, which should imply low risk especially considering there are, and will be, few Clients in the Bank. The Group's core banking system restricts third-party payments, Client fund transfers are only allowed for predefined beneficiary accounts and there are deposit capacity limits. In addition, the Bank has implemented "No Cash Policy", meaning

the Group will under no circumstances accept deposits and withdrawals in the form of cash from Clients. The Group has a clear organisation and clear division of responsibilities of its work, including a money laundering manager. The internal guidelines for money laundering have been reviewed by PwC and approved by the BoD. The Group carries out a risk-based Client due diligence and ongoing follow-up, and, where applicable, investigate and report suspicious transactions to Økokrim. All documentation on AML are stored.

Model risk

There are two types of model risk, 1) Risk for underestimating using internal models to calculate the capital requirement, and 2) risk of loss as a result of development, implementation and incorrect use of models used in the Company's decision-making processes, e.g. Pricing of products, evaluation of financial instruments, monitoring of risk limits and target figures.

Model risk 1) is not applicable for the Group, as the Group is not using internal models for calculating the capital requirement. Regarding model risk 2), the Group has only one product with a simple pricing model. The Group has no financial instruments, and monitoring of the risk limits and target figures are done based on the nature and size of the institution, and does not imply additional risk.

Key personnel risk

The Group has currently five employees, hence the consequence of an employee resigning is inherently high. To mitigate this risk, all key employees have been signed on a 6 months' notice period.

In addition, the Group uses long-term outsourced competent advisors to reduce the key personnel risk.

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4.5 Liquidity risks

The Group is exposed to liquidity and financing risk as follows:

1. SDBN's business requires and ensures that Client deposits are highly liquid assets, as they are placed in overnight deposits with Norges Bank and Deutsche Bundesbank.
2. There is an inherent risk that SDBN does not have enough liquidity to fulfil its obligations with regards to operating expenses. In the case of low liquidity financing risks may arise.

SDBN is, according to FSA regulations, required to meet the LCR regulatory target relating to size and quality of the Bank's liquidity reserve. The Bank is required to meet the required target of 100% at all times. SDBN has per 31.12.2018 an LCR of 192 826 %, which exceeds the minimum requirement.

Guidelines on how to manage this risk are set out in the liquidity and financing risks policy.

4.6 Business and strategic risks

The Group, as all operating companies, will be exposed to business and strategic risk.

SDBN is a service bank that offers a new custody product to a defined and institutional market segment. The business is based servicing targeted Clients that have a need to diversify their liquidity portfolio from traditional banking products to lower risk liquidity asset alternatives. In the Euro-launch phase there are uncertainty and risks related to how SDBN will attract these Clients, and whether the targeted market is sufficiently large to be profitable.

Over time competitors may offer the same products as SDBN, thus increasing business risk.

Business and strategic risks need to be continuously monitored and managed. The annual strategy and ongoing risk management processes shall focus on these aspects.

Initially in the Euro-launch phase, the risk appetite is moderate, with a view to reduce this to a low level in the medium/long term.

4.7 Other risk categories

SDH will be exposed to ownership risk related to their shares in SDBN. Ownership risk will mainly be related to business operations in SDBN and is covered by other descriptions in this report. This will be monitored by the management and Board of Directors in SDH.

The Group is exposed to liquidity and financing risks. Risk exposure and risk tolerance is low due to the Group's business model requires and ensures that Client deposits are highly liquid assets, as they are placed in overnight deposits with Norges Bank and Deutsche Bundesbank. There is also an inherent risk that group companies do not have enough liquidity to fulfil their obligations with regards to operating expenses. SDH Group and SDBN have adequate capital for 2019 and beyond.

The Group has neither: leverage risk, pension risk, concentration risk, risk related to securitisation nor insurance risk. Systemic risk is inherently low given the Group's business model.

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