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This statutory auditors' report includes information required by European regulations and French law, such as information about the appointment of the statutory auditors or verification of the information concerning the Group presented in the management report and other documents provided to shareholders.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

# **JCDecaux SA**

Year ended 31 December 2020

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# JCDecaux SA

Year ended 31 December 2020

# Statutory auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements

To the Annual General Meeting of JCDecaux SA,

# **Opinion**

In compliance with the engagement entrusted to us by your Annual General Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of JCDecaux SA for the year ended 31 December 2020.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2020 and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union.

The audit opinion expressed above is consistent with our report to the Audit Committee.

# **Basis for Opinion**

#### Audit Framework

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report.

#### Independence

We conducted our audit engagement in compliance with the independence requirements of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) and the French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors (Code de déontologie de la profession de commissaire aux comptes) for the period from 1 January 2020 to the date of our report, and specifically we did not provide any prohibited non-audit services referred to in Article 5(1) of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

We draw your attention to the following matters described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements:

- Note 1.11.4 "IFRS 16 Rent concessions in the context of the COVID-19 epidemic" to the consolidated financial statements, which describes the consequences of the application of the amendment to IFRS 16 relating to the accounting treatment of the rent concessions granted by lessors in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Notes 1.11.3 "Accounting treatment of leases under IFRS 16" and 1.11.5 "Impact of the application of IFRS IC on lease terms on the financial statements for 2019" which describes the impacts of the application of the IFRS IC interpretation of November 2019 concerning lease terms.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of these matters.

# Justification of Assessments – Key Audit Matters

Due to the global crisis related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the financial statements for this accounting period have been prepared and audited under special circumstances. Indeed, this crisis and the exceptional measures taken in the context of the health emergency have had numerous consequences for companies, particularly on their operations and their financing, and have led to greater uncertainties regarding their future prospects. These measures, such as travel restrictions and remote working, have also had an impact on companies' internal organization and on how audits are performed.

It is in this complex, evolving context that, in accordance with the requirements of Articles L. 823-9 and R. 823-7 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*) relating to the justification of our assessments, we inform you of the key audit matters relating to risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period, as well as how we addressed those risks.

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 we do not provide a separate opinion on specific items of the consolidated financial statements.

# Accounting treatment of leases

	As of 1 January 2019, the JCDecaux Group has applied IFRS 16 "Leases", according to
	which lessees use the same recognition model for all leases with the recognition of a
Risk identified	right-of-use asset and a lease liability. Under this standard, a contract is a lease, or
	contains a lease component, if it conveys the right to the lessee to control the use of an
	identified asset (mainly advertising space in the case of JCDecaux) for a period of time in

exchange for consideration. Contracts providing for substantive rights of substitution of advertising space are excluded from the standard.

The conditions of application of IFRS 16 are described in the note "Leases" to the consolidated financial statements. Thus, as at 31 December 2020, the right-of-use assets in your company's consolidated financial statements amount to €3,416.5m. Your Group opted for the application of the amendment to IFRS 16 published by the European Union on 9 October 2020, which specifies the methods of accounting for the COVID-19-related rent concessions granted by lessors.

We considered the accounting treatment of leases to be a key audit matter due to the number and importance of these contracts for your Group, the significant impact of this standard on the consolidated financial statements, the accounting methods chosen and the high level of judgment required by your Group's Management to determine the assumptions adopted (the substantive nature of the lessors' rights of substitution, the effective term of the leases including tacit renewal, and the determination of discount rates).

Our work notably consisted in:

- Familiarizing ourselves with the procedures set up by your Group to identify and account for leases;
- Assessing the relevance of the methods used to determine the main assumptions underlying the determination of the right-of-use assets and the lease liabilities;
- Assessing the relevance of the analyses performed by the JCDecaux Group on the substantive nature of the rights of substitution granted to lessors;
- Assessing whether the amendment to IFRS 16 of 9 October 2020 relating to the renegotiation of rents in connection with COVID-19 has been correctly applied;
- Testing the reliability of the information system dedicated to the management of the leases concerned by the application of IFRS 16 with the assistance of our experts;
- Comparing, through sampling:
  - the data entered in the information system to determine the assets and liabilities relating to leases, based on the underlying contractual documents;
  - the criteria taken into account by Management to determine the effective rental period used for tacit renewal contracts and the contracts including termination and renewal options;
  - the data used to determine the financing rates with the market data;
- Assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.
- Valuation of goodwill, other tangible and intangible assets, right-of-use assets and equity-accounted investments

As at 31 December 2020, the net carrying amount of goodwill, other tangible and intangible assets, right-of-use assets and equity-accounted investments was €7,197.2m.

#### **Risk identified**

Our response

The JCDecaux Group performs impairment tests at the level of the cash-generating units (CGUs) corresponding to the operating entities for tangible and intangible assets and equity-accounted investments, and at the level of each group of CGUs for which the scope is determined either at the level where the operating segments and the

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geographical area meet, or based on specific CGU groups (Airports Sector, Pacific and France Roadside areas) for goodwill.

The impairment testing methods used by the JCDecaux Group are described in Note 1.10 to the consolidated financial statements.

These tests constitute a key audit matter due to their importance in the consolidated financial statements and the estimates and judgments required for their valuation. They use forecast data specific to each operating segment to determine the recoverable amount. This data includes Management's view of profitability prospects as well as assumptions concerning the contract renewal rates for the Street Furniture and Transport segments, and the long-term growth rate for the Billboard segment.

Our audit procedures notably consisted in:

- Familiarizing ourselves with the processes and analysis performed by the group for the purposes of these valuations;
- Reconciling the net book values of the assets subject to impairment tests with the accounts;
- Verifying, through sampling, the arithmetic accuracy of the model used to determine values in use;

# • Analyzing the reasonableness of the main assumptions used, based on discussion with the Finance Management and the Executive Board of your Group, and by comparison with the data used for previous impairment tests as well as the historical performance of the subsidiaries concerned;

- Assessing the reasonableness of the discount rate, long-term growth rate and renewal rate of the contracts;
- Performing sensitivity analyses on the main assumptions used;
- Assessing the appropriateness of the disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### Our response

# **Specific Verifications**

We have also performed, in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the specific verifications required by French laws and regulations of the information pertaining to the Group presented in the Executive Board's management report.

We attest that the consolidated non-financial statement provided for by Article L. 225-102-1 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) is included in the information pertaining to the Group presented in the management report, it being specified that, in accordance with the provisions of Article L. 823-10 of said Code, we have verified neither the fair presentation nor the consistency with the financial statements of the information contained in this statement. This information should be the subject of a report by an independent third party.

# **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

# ■ Format of presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report

In accordance with Article 222-3, III of the AMF General Regulation, the Company's management informed us of its decision to postpone the presentation of the consolidated financial statements in compliance with the European single electronic format as defined in the European Delegated Regulation No. 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 to years beginning on or after 1 January, 2021. Therefore, this report does not include a conclusion on the compliance with this format of the presentation of the consolidated financial statements intended to be included in the annual financial report mentioned in Article L. 451-1-2, I of the French Monetary and Financial Code (*Code monétaire et financier*).

#### Appointment of the Statutory Auditors

We were appointed as statutory auditors of JCDecaux SA by the annual general meeting held on 10 May 2006 for KPMG S.A., and on 20 June 2000 for ERNST & YOUNG et Autres.

As at 31 December 2020, KPMG S.A. was in its fifteenth year and ERNST & YOUNG et Autres in its twenty-first year of total uninterrupted engagement, including twenty years since the securities of the Company were admitted to trading on a regulated market.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is 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 it is expected to liquidate the Company or to cease operations.

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the financial reporting process and the effectiveness of internal control and risks management systems and where applicable, its internal audit, regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Executive Board.

# Statutory Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

#### Objectives and audit approach

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards 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 financial statements.

As specified in Article L. 823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code (*Code de commerce*), our statutory audit does not include assurance on the viability of the Company or the quality of management of the affairs of the Company.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the statutory auditor exercises professional judgment throughout the audit and furthermore:

- ▶ Identifies and assesses the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designs and performs audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtains audit evidence considered to be sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for his 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.
- Obtains 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 internal control.
- Evaluates the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management in the consolidated financial statements.
- Assesses the appropriateness of Management'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. This assessment is based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of his audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to continue as a going concern. If the statutory auditor concludes that a material uncertainty exists, there is a requirement to draw attention in the audit report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or inadequate, to modify the opinion expressed therein.
- ▶ Evaluates the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and assesses whether these statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Dobtains sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The statutory auditor is responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the audit of the consolidated financial statements and for the opinion expressed on these consolidated financial statements.

#### **■** Report to the Audit Committee

We submit to the Audit Committee a report which includes in particular a description of the scope of the audit and the audit program implemented, as well as the results of our audit. We also report significant deficiencies, if any, in internal control regarding the accounting and financial reporting procedures that we have identified.

Our report to the Audit Committee includes the risks of material misstatement that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and which are therefore the key audit matters that we are required to describe in this report.

We also provide the Audit Committee with the declaration provided for in Article 6 of Regulation (EU) No. 537/2014, confirming our independence within the meaning of the rules applicable in France as set out in particular in Articles L. 822-10 to L. 822-14 of the French Commercial Code (Code de commerce) and in the French Code of Ethics for Statutory Auditors (Code de déontologie de la profession de commissaire aux comptes). Where appropriate, we discuss with the Audit Committee the risks that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and the related safeguards.

# The Statutory Auditors

French original signed by:

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