

GB-A Regulatory audit report investment companies with variable capital (SICAV) 2023

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General information				
Applicable to financial years beginning on or after 1 Januar	ry 2023.			
Name of the institution				
<u>FI.InstitutName</u>				
Place of domicile				
FINMA license				
Investment company with variable capital (SICAV)				
FINMA supervisory category				
Zulassung.Aufsichtskategorie				
Audit firm				
PG.InstitutName				
Recipients of the report				
Contact person				
Given name, surname				
Telephone	E-mail			
1. Framework conditions governing the audit				
This section lists the framework for the audit pursuant to m	argin no. 64 FINMA Circular 2013/3.			
a) General framework of the audit				
Audit scope / mandate				
Beginning of the reporting period	End of the reporting period			
Execution of the audit				



b) Key management personnel involved in the audit

Function O Lead auditor O Person responsible for the mandate O Manager O Anti-money-laundering specialists O IT specialists O Tax specialists O Valuation specialists O Legal specialists O Other	Surname, given name	Function level O Partner O Director O Senior Manager O Manager O Other
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c) Extent of reliance on the work of third parties

Was there any reliance on the work of third parties?

O Yes O No

d) Confirmation of compliance with the audit strategy

The audit firm confirms compliance with the audit strategy.

O Yes O No

e) Confirmation that the work was performed in accordance with the audit points defined by FINMA

The audit firm confirms that the work was performed in accordance with the audit points defined by FINMA.

O Yes O No

The audit points defined by FINMA are to be applied to the following audit areas – provided the audit strategy includes an intervention in the reporting year: 1) Anti-money laundering rules, 2) Market behaviour and market conduct, 3) Conduct rules FinSA.

f) Period during which the audit procedures were performed

From -		Until	
Month of the audit period	Year of the audit period	Month of the audit period	Year of the audit period



Activity			
From		Until	
Month of the audit period	Year of the audit period	Month of the audit period	Year of the audit period

g) Difficulties during the audit

Did any difficulties arise during the audit?

O Yes O No

e.g. absence of decision makers, refusal to provide timely information or to provide information at all, incomplete / poor quality documentation by the supervised institution

h) Provision of information by the supervised institution

The audit firm confirms that the supervised institution provided all the required information in a timely manner and in the required quality.

O Yes O No

2. Independence of the audit firm

Audited	financial	year	

The audit firm confirms that it has complied with the independence requirements under the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Audit Oversight Act and Ordinance, the Financial Market Auditing Ordinance and the supplementary provisions on independence under FINMA Circular 2013/3 in the above-mentioned financial year.

O Yes O No

3. Additional mandates performed by the audit firm for the supervised institution

Did the audit firm provide additional services to the supervised institution during the regulatory audit reporting period that do not conflict with the independence rules?

O Yes O No

4. Summary of audit results / further audit findings / confirmations and overall assessment

Presentation of all notices of reservation and recommendations by the audit firm, incl. associated resolution and/or implementation deadlines and the respective measures pending or already taken by the supervised institution to rectify the notice of reservation or implement the recommendation (only those notices of reservation or recommendations need to be addressed for which the audit firm had planned own audit procedures according to the audit strategy).

Any instances of the supervised institution not agreeing to a notice of reservation or recommendation must be recorded. Repeated notices of reservation or recommendations must be specifically indicated.

State of implementation or resolution of notices of reservation and recommendations from the previous audit period.

The notices of reservation and recommendations must be classified as per margin no. 75.2ff of FINMA Circ. 2013/3 "Auditing".



4.1 Notices of reservation

For the period under review, we issue notices of reservation based on our audit procedures in accordance with the audit strategy.

O Yes O No

4.2 Recommendations

For the period under review, we make recommendations based on our audit procedures in accordance with the audit strategy.

O Yes O No

4.3 Notices of reservation in the prior year's report

Notices of reservation were issued in the prior year's report.

O Yes O No

4.4 Recommendations in the prior year's report

Recommendations were made in the prior year's report.

O Yes O No

4.5 Material weaknesses from additional mandates/services

Have any material weaknesses been identified in the context of additional mandates/services according to chapter 3?

O Yes O No

4.6 Material weaknesses raised by third parties

Have any material weaknesses been raised by third parties (including internal audit) that were not considered by the audit firm as notices of reservation or recommendation in connection with audit procedures in accordance with the audit areas in the audit strategy?

O Yes O No

4.7 Confirmations of the audit firm

4.7.1 FINMA recommendations and rulings

The audit firm records its audit opinion on compliance with the recommendations and legally binding FINMA rulings in force during the reporting period, stating the audit depth applied.

The audit firm will only respond to legally binding rulings in connection with the approval of the institution or collective investment schemes if they contain explicit provisions, which must be audited.

Comments on the implementation of FINMA recommendations in the context of supervisory reviews / deep dives are also dealt with in this section.

Are there any legally binding rulings containing explicit provisions which must be audited?

O Yes O No

Are there any legally binding FINMA recommendations?

O Yes O No

4.7.2 Real estate transactions with related parties

The audit firm confirms for real estate transactions in the reporting period with related persons:



The special requirements according to Art. 32a CISO have been complied with.	The real estate transactions with related persons were disclosed in the annual report of he collective investment scheme in accordance with Art. 32a para. 4 CISO.
4.7.3 Audit report of the prior period	
The audit firm confirms that the audit report of the prior period governance, supervision and control and that minutes were O Yes O No	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
4.8 Overall assessment of the audit firm	
4.8.1 Guarantee of irreproachable business conduct and go	ood reputation
Based on the audit procedures performed, the audit did not guarantee of irreproachable business conduct by the institu management and the good reputation of those persons respualified participants. O Yes O No	tion and persons responsible for administration and
The influence of the company shareholders and qualified pabusiness activity. O Yes O No	articipants is not detrimental to a prudent and solid
4.8.2 Licensing and approval requirements	
The audit did not reveal any findings that would affect the or requirements. The notices of reservation listed under 4.1 will authorisation requirements as a whole. O Yes O No	
There are no measures required on the part of FINMA O Yes O No	
5. Important information on the audited institut	tion
5.1 Business activities and structure of client base	
The audit firm describes the key business areas of the supellocation of the head office.	ervised institution, the relevant customer segments and the
Business areas	
Customer segments	
Location of the head office	
5.2 Group structure and participations/relationships wit	th other firms



The audit firm describes the structure of the group, the qualified participants and key relationships and dependencies with other companies or stakeholders (economically significant contracts, group-internal cooperation etc.)
Structure of the group
Qualified participants
Relationships and dependencies with other companies or stakeholders
5.3 Operational and organisational structure
The audit firm shows the organisation of the body responsible for governance, supervision and control (committees and commissions) and the management board and expresses an opinion on the allocation and completion of the imposed and irrevocable duties.
Organisation of the body responsible for governance, supervision and control as well as the management board
Allocation and completion of the imposed and irrevocable duties
5.4 Major changes at the supervised institution
The audit firm presents major changes at the supervised institution, especially regarding owners, management bodies, business model, relationships with other companies and strategic orientation.
Have there been any major changes at the supervised institution? O Yes O No
5.5 Future challenges
The audit firm provides a future-oriented outlook for key, especially regulatory, changes that will affect the supervised institution and possible impact its business activity, as well as an indication of the measures planned or initiated.
Description



6. Audit firm's confirmations and summary of the audit procedures performed

By saying "Yes" or "No", the audit firm establishes its audit opinion on the audit points addressed. Where individual audit points are not applicable ("N/A"), this is explained. The statements to be made by the audit firm relate in each case to the ongoing compliance with the requirements mentioned.

If the audit firm answers an audit point with "Yes", it is not necessary to explain how the audit firm arrived at this assessment.

In the case of weaknesses or if an audit point was answered with "No", the audit firm provides a meaningful explanation. In the case of judgements based on facts established by Internal Audit or third parties, a corresponding disclosure is made.

The main audit procedures that form the basis for the audit firm's confirmation must be described (list).

6.1 Cornerate Governance	
6.1 Corporate Governance6.1.1 Independence of SICAV and	d custodian bank
Audit area	Audit field
Corporate Governance	Independence of SICAV and custodian bank
Explanation	
The audit firm assesses the personal, fun Any tasks delegated to the custodian ban the activities associated with the custodia	nctional and spatial separation between the SICAV and custodian bank. nk by the SICAV need to be assessed in terms of their independence from bank function.
Net risk Intervention	in the reporting year
The independence of the SICAV and custensured.	stodian bank is
The confirmations are based on the following	ing audit procedures
6.1.2 Internal audit	
Audit area	Audit field
Corporate Governance	Internal audit
Explanation	
	ive audit results by internal audit and the measures taken in response by nesses identified by internal audit impacting audit fields without intervention are to be summarised in chapter 4.6.
Net risk Intervention	in the reporting year
The institution has an internal audit unit a covered by the internal audit unit of the gr	



Internal audit has adequat	e resources.			
Only answer if the institution has it necessary if the Group internal aud				
Internal audit has the requ	ired professional competence.			
Only answer if the institution has it necessary if the Group internal aud				
The quality of the work by	internal audit is adequate.			
Only answer if the institution has it necessary if the Group internal aud				
Internal audit has identified the institution.	d no material weaknesses in			
The confirmations are base	d on the following audit proced	lure	es	
6.2 Internal organisat	ion			
6.2.1 Internal organis	ation and internal contro	ol :	system	
Audit area			Audit field	
		' ا	Internal organisation and internal control system	
Explanation				
	e adequacy of the corporate go		ernance by checking the structure of the balance nciple of "checks & balances").	
For an externally managed the supervision function by	d SICAV it assesses the corpor the board of directors of the S	ate 3IC	e governance with regard to the adequate execution of CAV.	
If the SICAV has a sustain adequate.	ability context the audit firm as	ses	esses whether the respective internal organisation is	
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting	ye	ear	
Corporate governance is a	nnronriate	$\overline{}$		
Corporate governance is a	приорпате.	L		
There is adequate separate responsible for governance and operational managem	e, supervision and control			
The members of the body supervision and control as management have the req qualifications.				
The internal organisation is taking into account the nat business activities.	s appropriately structured ure and extent of the			



There is an effective separa making (asset management settlement) and administrati collective investment scheme	t), execution (trading and on for the management of		
The internal control system taking into account the natu business activities.	is appropriately designed re and scope of the		
The institution complies with and organisational regulation			
The authorised institution had and directives and keeps it			
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ures	
6.2.2 Information techn	nology		
Audit area		Audit field	
Internal organisation		Information technology	
Explanation			
infrastructure (hardware/sof Management (BCM). The audit firm names the re	tware), IT strategy and IT organically strategy and IT org	n of the IT structure. This incluantisation as well as IT security anagement, fund administration (CRM), compliance and	and Business Continuity on, individual asset
	nts taking account of the nature and e		
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting	year	
IT is appropriately designed nature and extent of the bus			
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ıres	
6.2.3 Risk managemen	ıt		
Audit area		Audit field	
Internal organisation		Risk management	
Explanation			
If the SICAV has a sustaina within risk management.	bility context the audit firm ass	sesses whether sustainability r	isks are adequately covered
		sons ("client data") – e.g. in co sational measures in place to p	

Considering the core principles as per Annex 3 FINMA Circ. 2008/21 Operational risks – banks.



Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year
The risk management function is appropriately designed taking into account the nature and extent of the business activities.	
The risk management is functionally and hierarchically segregated from the operational business units.	
The risk management function has adequate professional competence and time resources.	
The risk management of the SICAV is adequate.	
The identification, measurement and control of liquidity risks and other material risks of the SICAV are carried out appropriately.	
The risk management in relation to operational risks is carried out appropriately.	
The risk management in relation to the confidentiality of client data is carried out appropriately.	
Risk reporting to the executive management and the body responsible for governance, supervision and control is appropriate.	
Additionally for real estate SICAV's:	
There is adequate risk management for construction projects.	
The confirmations are based on the following audit proced	ures
6.2.4 Compliance	
Audit area	Audit field
Internal organisation	Compliance
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year
The compliance function is appropriately designed taking into account the nature and extent of the business activities.	
The compliance function is functionally and hierarchically segregated from the operational business units.	



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Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	/ear
The investment decision pro designed taking into account the business activities.	cess is appropriately t the nature and extent of	
The investment decision process corresponds to the legal and contractual documents approved by FINMA.		
Investment decisions are only delegated to, and executed by, parties that have the required authorisation (Art. 36 para. 3 CISA).		
Investment decisions by autleffectively monitored.	norised third parties are	
The involvement of investme investment decision process		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ires
6.2.7 Compliance with	investment guidelines	
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Compliance with investment guidelines
Explanation		
If the SICAV has a sustainable exclusions) are supervised a		sesses if the sustainability criteria and/or restrictions (e.g.
	npliance with investment restri ent schemes and individual as	ctions and the remediation of investment breaches for sset management.
	remediate the breaches. It a	active investment breaches during the reporting year and llso assesses whether passive investment breaches were
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	vear ear
The organisational and open monitoring investment restriction investment breaches is approximately a	ctions and remediating	
Investments correspond to le contractual investment restri		
The monitoring of investment regulations and/or restrictions is appropriate.		
The measures taken to remediate investment breaches were appropriate and in the interest of the investor.		



The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	ıres
6.2.8 Valuation and NAV calculation	
Audit area	Audit field
Internal organisation	Valuation and NAV calculation
Explanation	
The audit firm takes a position regarding any material valuerer remediated and the appropriateness of the measure	
Net risk Intervention in the reporting y	/ear
Internal directives and processes to value investments, calculate net asset values and issue and redemption prices are appropriate.	
Determination of the market value as per Art. 88 CISA is correct and complies with legal and regulatory provisions.	
Additionally for real estate SICAV's:	
The regulations regarding the valuation of properties, building land as well as construction projects and their inspection according to Art. 92 to 94 CISO resp. Art. 86 CISO-FINMA have been adhered to.	
The independence of the valuation expert according to Art. 64 para. 2 let. b CISA is guaranteed.	
The SICAV performs an appropriate and documented plausibility test of the valuation results.	
The SICAV used the valuation results of the independent expert in the annual accounts without modifying them (Art. 93 para. 4 CISO).	
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	ıres
6.2.9 Duties in relation to derivative transaction	ons
Audit area	Audit field
Internal organisation	Duties in relation to derivative transactions
Net risk Intervention in the reporting y	/ear



Internal directives and methods/processes relating to the settlement via a central counterparty are appropriate and were applied effectively (for audit depth "audit").		
Internal directives and methods/processes relating to notification duties to a trade repository are appropriate and were applied effectively (for audit depth "audit").		
Internal directives and meth risk-mitigation obligations at applied effectively (for audit	e appropriate and were	
Internal directives and methods/processes relating to the obligation to trade via trading venues and organised trading systems are appropriate and were applied effectively (for audit depth "audit").		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ires
6.2.10 Notification obli	gations (institution and	product level)
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Notification obligations (institution and product level)
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	vear ear
The SICAV complied with the notification obligations.	ne provisions relating to	
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ires
6.2.11 Offering of finar	icial instruments FinSA	
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Offering of financial instruments FinSA
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	vear .
The provisions for the offering are complied with.	ng of financial instruments	
There are appropriate processes and controls when appointing third parties for the provision of financial services.		
Advertising for financial instruments is clearly indicated as such.		



The confirmations are based on the following audit procede	ures
6.3 Minimum capital and capital adequacy red	quirements
Audit area	Audit field
Minimum capital and capital adequacy requirements	Minimum capital and capital adequacy requirements
Explanation	
up in full and must not be impaired by a loss carried forward. The audit firm provides in annex under "10.2 Documents eligible capital based on the numbers in the financial state.	to be submitted " the calculation of the required and ements (reference to the annual report may be made,
provided it contains the relevant information regarding red	· · · · ·
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year
Adequate processes and controls to monitor compliance with the minimum capital and the capital adequacy requirements are in place. The minimum capital requirements are complied with. The capital adequacy requirements are complied with. The prescribe capital is not is not lent to shareholders or persons closely related to them. The SICAV does not – neither directly nor indirectly – hold own shares (Art. 42 para. 2 CISA). The confirmations are based on the following audit procedure.	
6.4.1 Anti-money laundering provisions	
Audit area	Audit field
Code of conduct	Anti-money laundering provisions
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year
A General audit points:	
The design of the organisational measures for compliance with anti-money laundering rules is appropriate.	



The management of high-ris correct.	k business relationships is		
High-risk transactions are managed correctly.			
Notification duties and asset correctly.	freezes are performed		
B Identification:			
The opening of business relidentification of contracting prontrolling persons, benefici	party, determination of		Year of last intervention
C Complex structures:			
The management of busines complex structures is correct	ss relationships with t.		Year of last intervention
D Politically Exposed Person	ns (PEP):		
The management of busines correct.	ss relationships with PEP is		Year of last intervention
E Trade Finance & Sanctions:			
The management of trade ficorrect.	nance and sanctions is		Year of last intervention
F Virtual Assets / Virtual Ass	et Service Provider:	-	
Services in the context of Virtual Assets are provided correctly.			Year of last intervention
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedures		ıres	
References for supplements			
(refer to FINMA audit points)); mention other/additional aud	dits)	
6.4.2 Protection of inve	estors' interests CISA		
Audit area		Audit field	
Code of conduct		Protection of investors' interest	ests CISA
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	/ear	
The processes and controls to ensure the protection of investor's interests are appropriate.			
Investors' interests are upheld.			
Additionally for real estate SICAV's:			



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7. Additional audits

The audit firm summarises the results of additional audits. Any notices of reservation and recommendations are to be included in chapter 4.

Were additional audits carried out in accordance with the audit strategy?

O Yes O No

8. Additional comments

8.1 Events after the completion of the audit procedures

Are there any significant events that were identified in the period between the completion of the audit procedures and the submission of the audit report?

O Yes O No

8.2 Supplementary reports

Is there any supplementary reporting (e.g. management letter) with details of significant findings and recommendations?

O Yes O No

8.3 Additional comments or information from the audit firm

Are there any additional comments or information from the audit firm?

O Yes O No

9. Signatures/confirmation by the audit firm

The lead auditor together with another auditor with signatory powers sign the PDF-report (qualified electronic signature), which they submit as an attachment to the electronic survey via the FINMA survey platform.

If it is not possible to sign the report electronically in a qualified manner, it must be printed out, signed by hand an submitted to FINMA by post in addition to the electronic submission of the survey via the FINMA survey platform.

10. Annex

10.1 List of delegations

10.1.1 Activities delegated by the SICAV to a third party

Supplement to audit field 6.2.5 Delegation of tasks/outsourcing

Are there any activities delegated to a third party?

O Yes O No

10.2 Documents to be submitted

The following documents are to be submitted with the audit report:



□ a) Annual report including audited financial statements and auditor's report according to Art. 728a CO
□ b) Comprehensive report to the board of directors of the supervised institution according to Art. 728b para. 1 CO
(taking into account the additional information according to FINMA Cir. 2013/3 Appendix 20)
□ c) Group structure (organisational chart)
□ d) Organisational chart of the SICAV
□ e) Additional documents deemed relevant by the audit firm