

GB-A Regulatory audit report managers of collective assets 2023 Version 08/2023

General information				
Applicable to financial years beginning on or after 1 January	y 2023.			
Name of the institution				
FI.InstitutName				
Place of domicile				
FINMA license				
Asset manager				
FINMA supervisory category				
Zulassung.Aufsichtskategorie				
Audit firm				
PG.InstitutName				
Recipients of the report				
Contact person				
Given name, surname				
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Telephone	E-mail			
Framework conditions governing the audit				
1. Framework conditions governing the addit				
This section lists the framework conditions for the audit purs	suant to margin no. 64 FINMA Circular 2013/3.			
a) General framework of the audit				
Audit scope / mandate				
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Beginning of the reporting period	End of the reporting period			
g or and reperting 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 ther
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O Valuation specialists O Legal specialists			
Other	٦		
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e) Confirmation that the wo	ork was performed in accord	ance with the audit points de	efined by FINMA
The audit firm confirms that to Yes O No The audit points defined by FINMA a	the work was performed in accordance to be applied to the following audit ering rules, 2) Market behaviour and m	ordance with the audit points of areas – provided the audit strategy in	lefined by FINMA.
f) Periods during which the	e audit procedures were perf	ormed	
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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 entity

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	
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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 at institutional and product level, 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 Audit report of the prior period



The audit firm confirms that the audit report of the prior period was discussed at a meeting of the body re	esponsible for
governance, supervision and control and that minutes were taken.	

O Yes O No

4.8 Overall assessment of the audit firm

4.8.1 Guarantee of irreproachable business conduct and good reputation

Based on the audit procedures performed, the audit did not reveal any findings that would call into question the guarantee of irreproachable business conduct by the institution and persons responsible for administration and management and the good reputation of those persons responsible for administration and management as well as qualified participants.

O Yes O No

The influence of the qualified participants is not detrimental to a prudent and solid business activity.

O Yes O No

4.8.2 Licensing and approval requirements

The audit did not reveal any findings that would affect the ongoing compliance with the licensing and approval requirements. The notices of reservation listed under 4.1 with a deadline do not call into question compliance with the 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 institution

5.1 Business activities and structure of client base

The audit firm describes the key business areas of the supervised institution, the relevant customer segments and the location of the head office.

Business areas
Customer segments
Location of the head office
5.2 Group structure and participations/relationships with 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



Relations	hips and dependencies with other companies or stakeholders
5.3 Opera	ational and organisational structure
and comn	firm shows the organisation of the body responsible for governance, supervision and control (committees nissions) and the management board and expresses an opinion on the allocation and completion of the and irrevocable duties.
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Organisat	ion 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
	firm presents major changes at the supervised institution, especially regarding owners, management bodies, model, relationships with other companies and strategic orientation.
managem changes i	n, major changes to administered or managed collective investment schemes and/or individual asset the mandates as well as other operational areas are commented. This can, for example, comprise major in corresponding assets, the launch of investment funds in new asset categories or the discontinuation of all areas or asset categories.
Are there O Yes C	any major changes at the supervised institution? No
5.5 Futur	e challenges
	firm provides a future-oriented outlook for key, especially regulatory, changes that will affect the supervised and possible impact its business activity, as well as an indication of the measures planned or initiated.
No.	Area
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No.	Area
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	Description



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

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 Corporate Governance	
6.1.1 Internal audit	
Audit area	Audit field
Corporate Governance	Internal audit
Explanation	
The audit firm comments on major negative audit results the supervised institution. Material weaknesses identified from the audit firm in the reporting year are to be summar	by internal audit impacting audit fields without intervention
Net risk Intervention in the reporting y	/ear
The institution has an internal audit unit and/or is covered by the internal audit unit of the group.	
Internal audit has adequate resources.	
Only answer if the institution has its own internal audit unit. Not necessary if the Group internal audit unit covers the institution.	ı
Internal audit has the required professional competence.	
Only answer if the institution has its own internal audit unit. Not necessary if the Group internal audit unit covers the institution.	•
The quality of the work by internal audit is adequate.	
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Internal audit has identified no material weaknesses in the institution.	
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	ıres



6.2.1 Internal organisation and internal control system Audit area Audit field Internal organisation Internal organisation and internal control system **Explanation** The audit firm assesses the adequacy of the corporate governance by checking the structure of the balance between management and monitoring at the institution (principle of "checks & balances"). If the audit firm considers the professional qualifications of the individual members of the body responsible for governance, supervision and control and/or the executive management of the supervised institution to be inadequate, it must detail its reasons. If the institution manages collective investment schemes with a sustainability context the audit firm assesses whether the respective internal organisation is adequate. Net risk Intervention in the reporting year Corporate governance is appropriate. There is adequate separation between the body responsible for governance, supervision and control and operational management. The members of the body responsible for governance, supervision and control as well as the executive management have the required professional qualifications. The internal organisation is appropriately structured taking into account the nature and extent of the business activities. There is an effective separation between decisionmaking (asset management), execution (trading and settlement) and administration for the management of collective investment schemes. The internal control system is appropriately structured taking into account the nature and scope of the business activities. The institution complies with the articles of association and organisational regulations approved by FINMA. The authorised institution has an inventory of contracts and directives and keeps it up to date. The institution affiliated itself to an ombudsman. Only to be confirmed if the institution provides financial services according to FinSA, Art. 3 let. c) to private clients. The customer segmentation is appropriate as per Art. 4 FinSA.



The confirmations are based on the following audit procedures				
6.2.2 Information technology				
Audit area	Audit field			
Internal organisation	Information technology			
Explanation				
The audit firm assesses the appropriateness of the design infrastructure (hardware/software), IT strategy and IT organized Management (BCM). Moreover, it assesses the appropriate cyber risks.	anisation as well as IT security and Business Continuity			
The audit firm names the relevant systems for fund mana management, order processing, client relationship management.				
Considering banks' BCM requirements (recommendations by the Swiss B risks – banks" margin no. 135.6ff taking account of the nature and extent				
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year			
IT is appropriately designed taking into account the nature and extent of the business activities.				
The design of the processes and measures to detect and minimise cyber risks and report cyber attacks is appropriate with regard to the nature and scope of the business activities.				
As per FINMA Guidance 05/20 Duty to report cyber attacks.				
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	ures			
6.2.3 Risk management				
Audit area	Audit field			
Internal organisation	Risk management			
Explanation				
If the institution manages collective investment schemes whether sustainability risks are adequately covered within				
If the licence holder holds personal data on individual perasset management – the audit firm will assess the organis				
Considering the core principles as per Annex 3 FINMA Circ. 2008/21 Ope	rational risks – banks.			
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year			
The institution has regulated the principles of risk management and determined the risk tolerance.				



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 identification, measurement and control of liquidity risks and other material risks of managed collective investment schemes are carried out appropriately.		
The identification, measurement and control of the risks of pension fund management mandates are carried out appropriately.		
The identification, measurement and control of risks related to all other management mandates (e.g. individual asset management for private clients) are carried out appropriately.		
The risk management in relation to other business activities is 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.		
Adequate internal liquidity thresholds according to FinIO-FINMA art. 11 para. 5 have been defined.		
The requirements regarding periodic scenario analysis according to FinIO-FINMA art. 10 para. 1 have been complied with.		
Additionally for real estate funds:		
There is adequate risk management for construction projects.		
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	res	
6.2.4 Compliance		
Audit area	Audit field	
Internal organisation	Compliance	



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6.2.6 Investment decision process



Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Investment decision process
Explanation		
	ollective investment schemes we equately considered in the inve	with a sustainability context the audit firm assesses if the estment decision process.
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	ear
The investment decision prodesigned taking into account the business activities.		
The investment decision pro relevant legal and contractu		
Investment decisions in the management proceed in collegal investment guidelines is a corresponding contract.	mpliance with the specific (e.g. BVV2, provided there	
Investment decisions are or executed by, parties that ha authorisation (Art. 14 FinIA)	ve the required	
Investment decisions by aut effectively monitored.	horised third parties are	
The involvement of investme investment decision process		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	res
6.2.7 Compliance with	investment guidelines	
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Compliance with investment guidelines
Explanation		
sustainability criteria and/or The audit firm assesses con	restrictions (e.g. exclusions) and appliance with investment restrictions.	ctions and the remediation of investment breaches for
managed collective investm	ent schemes and individual as	set management.
	o remediate the breaches. It al	active investment breaches during the reporting year and so assesses whether passive investment breaches were
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	ear



The organisational and operational structure for monitoring investment restrictions and remediating investment breaches is appropriate.		
Investments correspond to legal, fund contractual and contractual investment restrictions.		
The monitoring of investment regulations and/or restrictions is appropriate.		
The measures taken to reme were appropriate and in the		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit procedu	ures
6.2.8 Duties in relation Audit area	to derivative transaction	ons Audit field
Internal organisation		Duties in relation to derivative transactions
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	/ear
Internal directives and methor the settlement via a central cappropriate and were applied "audit").	counterparty are	
Internal directives and methon notification duties to a trade and were applied effectively	repository are appropriate	
Internal directives and methorisk-mitigation obligations are 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	ures
6.2.9 Notification obliga	ations (institution)	
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Notification obligations (institution)
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting y	/ear



The institution complied with the provisions relating to notification obligations.		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit proced	ures
6.2.10 Offering of finan	cial instruments FinSA	
Audit area		Audit field
Internal organisation		Offering of financial instruments FinSA
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting	year
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 proced	ures
6.3 Minimum capital an	d capital adequacy rec	quirements
Audit area		Audit field
Minimum capital and capital adequacy requirements		Minimum capital and capital adequacy requirements
Explanation		
The minimum capital accord carried forward or a current	ing to Art. 42 resp. 58 FinIO loss of the year.	must be paid up in full and must not be impaired by a loss
eligible capital based on the		to be submitted " the calculation of the required and ements (reference to the annual report may be made, quired and eligible capital).
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 minimum capital require		
The minimum capital require	ements are complied with.	



6.4 Rules of conduct

6.4.1 Anti-money laundering provisions Audit area Audit field Rules 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-risk business relationships is High-risk transactions are managed correctly. Notification duties and asset freezes are performed correctly. B Identification: Year of last intervention The opening of business relationships (incl. identification of contracting party, determination of controlling persons, beneficial owners) is correct. C Complex structures: Year of last intervention The management of business relationships with complex structures is correct. D Politically Exposed Persons (PEP): Year of last intervention The management of business relationships with PEP is correct. E Trade Finance & Sanctions: Year of last intervention The management of trade finance and sanctions is correct. F Virtual Assets / Virtual Asset Service Provider: Year of last intervention Services in the context of Virtual Assets are provided correctly. The confirmations are based on the following audit procedures



References	for	supp	lem	ents
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transactions are appropriate.

References for supplements		
(refer to FINMA audit points); mention other/additional au	dits)
6.4.2 Protection of inve	estors' interests CISA	
Audit area		Audit field
Rules of conduct		Protection of investors' interests CISA
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting	year
The processes and controls investors' interests are appr		
Investors' interests are upheld.		
For real estate funds:		
The appropriate directives a to ensure that borrowing tak conditions.		
The confirmations are based	on the following audit proced	ures
6.4.3 Conduct rules Fir	nSA	
Audit area		Audit field
Rules of conduct		Conduct rules FinSA
Net risk	Intervention in the reporting	year
The licence holder has written financial services provided wapplicable standards.		
The operational organisation related to the management, controlling and reporting of suitability risks in the management of financial instruments (portfolio management), portfolio-based investment advisory services, investment advisory services for individual transactions and execution-only transactions) is appropriate.		
The internal processes for compliance with conduct rules related to the management of financial instruments (portfolio management), portfolio-based investment advisory services for individual transactions and execution only		



The measures taken to provide training and further education in the management of financial instruments (portfolio management), portfolio-based investment advisory services, investment advisory services for individual transactions and execution-only transactions are appropriate.				
The involvement of third parties in the provision of financial services is carried out in a proper manner and the monitoring is conducted prudently.				
The FinSA rules of conduct are complied with.				
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedu	ures			
References for supplements				
(refer to FINMA audit points); mention other/additional aud	dits)			
6.4.4 Market conduct rules and market integri	ty			
Audit area	Audit field			
Rules of conduct	Market conduct rules and market integrity			
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	year			
The internal directives and methods/processes for the identification, measurement, management and monitoring of risks in the area of market conduct are appropriate.				
The rules of market conduct are complied with.				
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedures				
References for supplements				
(refer to FINMA audit points); mention other/additional aud	dits)			
6.4.5 Cross-border activities				
Audit area	Audit field			
Rules of conduct	Cross-border activities			
Net risk Intervention in the reporting	/ear			
The methods/processes for the identification, measurement, management and monitoring of cross-border risks are appropriate.				



The internal guidelines regarding cross-border activities are complied with.			
The confirmations are based on the following audit procedures			
References for supplements			
(refer to FINMA audit points); mention other/additional audits)			

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 manager of collective assets 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) Group structure (organisational chart)□ b) Organisational chart of the manager of collective assets
- □ c) Additional documents deemed relevant by the audit firm