



# Transparency Report 2021

**Our relentless focus on quality**

KPMG Baltics, UAB

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# KPMG Values

Our Values represent what we believe in, and what's important to us as an organization. They guide our behaviors day-to-day, informing how we act, the decisions we make, and how we work with each other, our clients, companies that we audit, and all our stakeholders.

## Our Values are:

- **Integrity:** We do what is right.
- **Excellence:** We never stop learning and improving.
- **Courage:** We think and act boldly.
- **Together:** We respect each other and draw strength from our differences.
- **For Better:** We do what matters.

KPMG's Values express the organization's long-standing core beliefs, and in 2020 the language was updated to make them bolder, simpler and more memorable to help each of us bring them to life every day.

# Message from National Senior Partner

KPMG in Lithuania, through its offices in Vilnius and Klaipėda, provides a wide range of audit, tax and advisory services to private individuals, public and private companies and government organizations. The quality of our work and integrity of our people are paramount to everything we do.

KPMG provides its services in Lithuania through KPMG Baltics, UAB a registered audit firm. Reliable financial information is essential for capital markets and the auditor's role in ensuring the probity of such information is vital. It is for this reason that we believe that audit firms, entrusted with this responsibility, should be open about the quality and integrity measures that they adopt.

We are therefore pleased to present this Transparency Report for KPMG Baltics, UAB for the year ended 30 September 2021. We have included information about who we are, how we are organized, the structure of our audit quality framework and the procedures we have in place to enhance integrity and meet the quality standards expected of us.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rokas Kasperavičius', written in a cursive style.

Vilnius, 31 January 2022

This report complies with the requirements under Article 13 of the EU Audit Regulation and the Law on Audit of Financial Statements of the Republic of Lithuania.

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**Audit quality** is fundamental to maintaining public trust and is the key measure on which our professional reputation stands.

We define “audit quality” as the outcome when audits are executed consistently, in line with the requirements and intent of applicable professional standards, within a strong system of quality controls.

All of our related activities are undertaken in an environment of the utmost level of objectivity, independence, ethics and integrity.

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# Living our culture and Values

It's not just what we do at KPMG that matters: we also pay attention to how we do it. Our Values are our core beliefs, guiding and unifying our actions and behaviors. Shared across every level and in every country, jurisdiction and territory in which we operate, they are the foundation of our unique culture.

## Fostering the right culture, starting with tone at the top



KPMG global leadership, working with regional and member firm leadership, plays a critical role in establishing our commitment to quality and the highest standards of professional excellence. A culture based on accountability, quality, objectivity, independence, integrity and ethics is essential in an organization that carries out audits and other services on which stakeholders rely.

At KPMG Baltics, UAB we promote a culture in which consultation is encouraged and recognized as a strength. We communicate our commitment to clients, stakeholders, and society at large to earn the public's trust.

Our Values lie at the heart of the way we do things. To do the right thing, the right way, at the right time. Always. They drive our daily behaviours, guide our decisions, and shape our character. They form the foundation of a resilient culture ready to meet challenge with integrity, so we never lose sight of our principal responsibility to protect the public interest. And they propel us forward — through our work and the example we set — as we inspire confidence and empower change throughout the world.

Outlined in [KPMG's Global Code of Conduct](#) ("the Code") are the responsibilities all KPMG personnel have to each other, the public and our clients. It shows how our Values inspire our greatest aspirations and guide all of our behaviors and actions. It defines what it means to work at and be part of KPMG, as well as our individual and collective responsibilities.

Everyone at KPMG is held accountable to behave consistent with the Code and is required to confirm their compliance. All KPMG personnel are required to take annual training covering the Code. We are committed to holding ourselves accountable for behaving in a way that is consistent with the Code. Individuals are encouraged to speak up if they see something that makes them uncomfortable or is not in compliance with the Code, or our Values.

Moreover, everyone at KPMG is required to report any activity that could potentially be illegal or in violation of our Values, KPMG policies, applicable laws, regulations or professional standards.

To safeguard this principle of holding each other accountable, each KPMG firm is required to establish, communicate and maintain clearly defined channels to allow KPMG personnel and third parties to make inquiries about, raise concerns in relation to, provide feedback on, and notify, reportable matters, without fear of reprisal, in accordance with applicable law or regulation.

The KPMG International hotline is a further mechanism for KPMG personnel, clients and other third parties to confidentially report concerns they have relating to certain areas of activity by KPMG International, activities of KPMG firms or KPMG personnel.

All KPMG firms and personnel are prohibited from retaliating against individuals who have the courage to speak up in good faith. Retaliation is a serious violation of the Code, and any person who takes retaliatory action will be subject to their firm's disciplinary policy.

The Global People Survey provides KPMG Baltics, UAB leadership and KPMG International leadership with results related to upholding the KPMG Values. KPMG Baltics, UAB and KPMG International monitor the results and take appropriate actions to communicate and respond to any findings.

In addition to the controls outlined above, the Global People Survey provides KPMG International leadership with results related to upholding our Values.

## System of quality control

Tone at the top, leadership, and a clear set of Values and conduct are essential to set the framework for quality. However, these are required to be backed up by a system of quality control that holds us accountable to meet the highest professional standards.

KPMG continues to invest significantly in audit quality across the global organization. We are building on our sound audit quality foundations, both in terms of how we manage KPMG firms and how KPMG firms execute audit engagements.

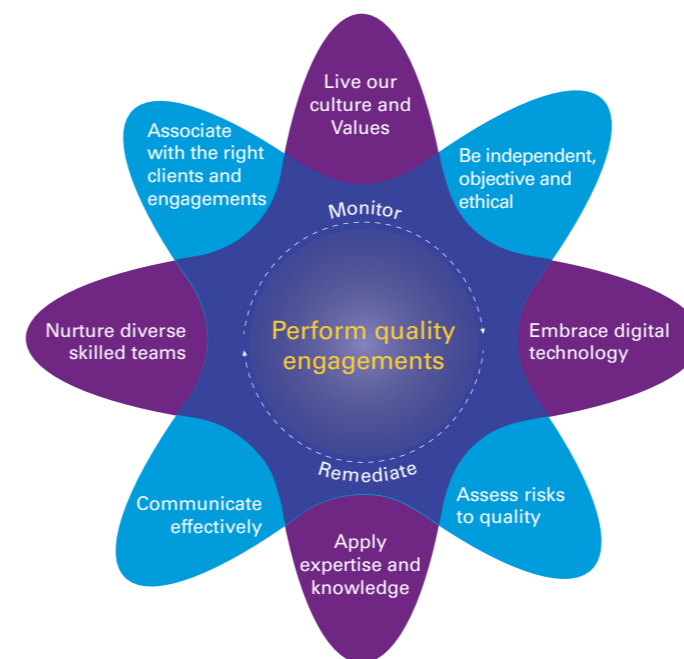
This means ongoing investment in the system of quality management, global monitoring of audit quality, enhanced support, and providing best-in class technology and tools for engagement teams.

KPMG's global audit quality program supports consistent deployment of investments to enhance and drive a common approach.

A robust and consistent system of quality control is essential to delivering quality services. KPMG International has quality control policies that apply to all KPMG firms. These are included in KPMG's Global Quality & Risk Management Manual (GQ&RM Manual), which applies to all KPMG personnel.

To adopt the new international standard on quality management (ISQM 1) which was approved by the IAASB and will be effective from December 2022, KPMGI initiated a program to redesign the network-wide requirements for member firms' systems of quality management. ISQM 1 requires each KPMG firm to design, implement and operate a system of quality management to consistently deliver quality audits, and to evaluate the effectiveness of the system on an annual basis.

As we prepare for ISQM 1, we have adopted a new Global Quality Framework to better outline how we deliver quality at KPMG, and how everyone at KPMG is accountable for its delivery. The principle of 'Perform quality engagements' sits at the core along with our commitment to continually monitor and remediate our processes as necessary.



The Global Quality Framework also meets the requirements of the current International Standards on Quality Control (ISQC 1), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and the International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), which apply to professional services firms that perform audits of financial statements.

While this Transparency Report summarizes KPMG's approach to audit quality, it may also be useful for stakeholders interested in member firms' Tax and Advisory services, as many KPMG quality control procedures and processes are cross-functional and apply equally to all services offered.

## Leadership responsibilities for quality and risk management



KPMG Baltics, UAB demonstrates commitment to quality, objectivity, independence, ethics and integrity, and communicates our focus on quality to clients, stakeholders, and society. Our leadership plays a critical role in setting the right tone and leading by example - demonstrating an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professional excellence and championing and supporting major initiatives.

Our leadership team is committed to building a culture based on quality, objectivity, independence, integrity and ethics, demonstrated through their actions - written and video communications, presentations to teams and one-to-one discussions.

KPMG Baltics, UAB is required to seek input from the chair of the relevant Global Steering Group or his/her delegate on the performance of certain leaders within KPMG Baltics, UAB whose role most closely aligns with the activities of the Global Steering Group. Input is sought as part of the annual performance process and is based on an assessment of the leader's performance, which includes matters of public interest, audit quality and risk management activities.

The following individuals have leadership responsibilities for quality and risk management at KPMG Baltics, UAB.

### Senior Partner

In accordance with the principles in ISQC 1, our Senior Partner Rokas Kasperavičius has assumed ultimate responsibility for KPMG Baltic's system of quality control. Details of some of the measures that he and the Management team taken to ensure that a culture of quality prevails within KPMG Baltics UAB are set out in section *Performing quality engagements*.

## Risk Management Partner

Risk Management Partner (RMP), is responsible for the direction and execution of risk, compliance, and quality control in KPMG Baltics, UAB. The RMP has a direct reporting line to the Senior Partner. The RMP consults with the appointed Area Quality and Risk Management Leaders.

The RMP is supported by a team of partners and professionals in each of the functions.

## Ethics and Independence Partner (EIP)

The Ethics and Independence Partner has primary responsibility for the direction and execution of ethics and independence policies and procedures in KPMG Baltics, UAB and reports on ethics and independence issues to the Senior Partner.

## The Audit, Tax and Advisory functions – Function Heads

The three heads of the client service functions (Audit, Tax and Advisory) are accountable to the Senior Partner for the quality of service delivered in their respective functions. They are responsible for the execution of the risk management and quality assurance procedures for their specific functions within the framework set by the Risk Management Partner. These procedures make it clear that, at the engagement level, risk management and quality control is ultimately the responsibility of all professionals in the firm.

KPMG Baltics, UAB Head of Audit is responsible for the effective management and control of the Audit Function. This includes:

- setting a strong tone and culture supporting audit quality through communication, engagement support and commitment to the highest standards of professional excellence, including professional scepticism, objectivity, and ethics and integrity;
- developing and implementing an audit strategy which is aligned with KPMG Baltic's audit quality requirements; and
- working with the Risk Management Partner to monitor and address audit quality and risk matters as they relate to the Audit practice.

## Audit Leadership Team

The Audit Leadership Team of KPMG Baltics, UAB meets on a weekly basis. During the year, these meetings included regular discussions about current and emerging audit quality issues arising from external and internal quality review processes, queries being raised by engagement teams, root cause analysis procedures and other quality matters identified from a variety of sources. These were debated, other observations collected from client-facing teams were considered and actions agreed. Typically, most of these actions are short term, in which

case they are developed and communicated through the regular technical briefings issued to the whole Audit function of KPMG Baltics, UAB and also, if considered of sufficient magnitude, included in the next mandatory training.

For more complex issues (which might require amendments to KPMG's global audit methodology or audit tools) these will be raised with the KPMG International Global Audit groups for consideration and potential development of solutions by the KPMG Global Solutions Group (KGSG) and the International Standards Group (ISG). For more information about the KGSG and the ISG refer to section *Technical consultation and global resources* of the member firm transparency report.

## Clearly articulated strategy focused on quality, consistency, trust and growth

### Our business



KPMG Baltics, UAB is a professional services firm that delivers Audit, Tax and Advisory services.

We operate out of 2 offices across Lithuania and had an average of 4 partners and 157 employees in the year to 30 September 2021 (2020: 157).

Our audit services in Lithuania are delivered through KPMG Baltics, UAB. Full details of the services offered by KPMG Baltics, UAB can be found on our website [home.kpmg/LT](http://home.kpmg/LT).

### Our strategy

KPMG strategy is set by KPMG International and then implemented in all KPMG network. In Lithuania, the KPMG strategy is implemented by KPMG Baltics, UAB where the supervision is implemented by the National Senior Partner of KPMG Baltics, UAB. The strategy demonstrates firm commitment to quality and trust. Our focus is to invest significantly in priorities that form part of a multi-year collective strategy implementation that is taking place across the global organization.

## Defined accountabilities, roles and responsibilities, including for leadership

### Legal structure and ownership from 1 October 2020

Effective 1 October 2020, KPMG Baltics, UAB, and all other KPMG firms entered into new membership and associated documents, the key impact of which is that all KPMG member firms in the KPMG global organization became members in, or have other legal connections to, KPMG International Limited, an English private company limited by guarantee. KPMG International Limited acts as the coordinating entity for the overall benefit of the KPMG member firms. It does not provide professional services to clients. Professional services to clients are exclusively provided by member firms.

Further detail on the revised legal and governance arrangements for the KPMG global organization from 1 October 2020 can be found in section 'Governance and leadership' of the 2021 KPMG International Transparency Report.

KPMG International Limited and the KPMG member firms are not a global partnership, single firm, multinational corporation, joint venture, or in a principal or agent relationship or partnership with each other. No member firm has any authority to obligate or bind KPMG International Limited, any of its related entities or any other member firm vis-à-vis third parties, nor does KPMG International Limited or any of its related entities have any such authority to obligate or bind any member firm. KPMG Baltics, UAB, is part of the KPMG global organization of professional services firms providing Audit, Tax, and Advisory services to a wide variety of public and private sector organizations. The KPMG organization structure is designed to support consistency of service quality and adherence to agreed Values wherever its member firms operate.

KPMG Baltics, UAB is a Lithuanian Limited Liability Company, with its registered head office in Vilnius and a branch in Klaipėda. As of 1 October 2020, the shares of KPMG Baltics, UAB were purchased by Swedish entity KPMG AB. KPMG Baltics, UAB is governed by Lithuanian legislation.

## Name, ownership and legal relationships

KPMG is the registered trademark of KPMG International and is the name by which the member firms are commonly known. The rights of member firms to use the KPMG name and marks are contained within agreements with KPMG International.

Member firms throughout the world are generally locally owned and managed. Each member firm is responsible for its own obligations and liabilities. KPMG International and other member firms are not responsible for a member firm's obligations or liabilities.

Member firms may consist of more than one separate legal entity. If this is the case, each separate legal entity will be responsible only for its own obligations and liabilities, unless it has expressly agreed otherwise.

## Responsibilities and obligations of member firms

Pursuant to their membership agreements with KPMG International, member firms are required to comply with the policies, procedures and regulations of KPMG International, including quality standards governing how we operate and provide services to clients to compete effectively. This includes having a firm structure that ensures continuity and stability and being able to adopt global and regional strategies, share resources (incoming and outgoing), service multinational clients, manage risk, and deploy global methodologies and tools.

Each member firm takes responsibility for its management and the quality of its work.

Member firms commit itself to a common set of KPMG Values.

KPMG International's activities are funded by an annual payment paid to it by member firms. The basis for calculating such amounts is approved by the Global Board and consistently applied to the member firms. A firm's status as a KPMG member firm and its participation in the KPMG organization may be terminated if, among other things, it has not complied with the policies, procedures and regulations set by KPMG International or any of its other obligations owed to KPMG International.

## Overseen using robust governance structures Governance structure

For the financial year ending 30 September 2021 the principal governance and oversight body of KPMG Baltics, UAB was the Board, which provided leadership to the organization and was responsible for the long-term growth and sustainability setting our strategy and overseeing its implementation, monitoring performance against our business plan and protecting and enhancing the KPMG brand.

As at 30 September 2021, the Board consisted of 3 Board members chaired by Bjoern Roland Hallin, representative from sole shareholder of KPMG Baltics, UAB.

A schedule of matters to be monitored regularly by the Board includes matters of fundamental importance to the company such as its commitment to quality, operating and financial performance, annual business plans and budgets, new business proposals (considered individually), marketing, technology development, recruitment and retention, remuneration and risk management policies.

Appointments to the Board were made by the Shareholder. The members of the Board of KPMG Baltics, UAB as at and for the year ended 30 September 2021 were:

- Bjoern Roland Hallin, Chairman
- Patrik Bo Roland Anderbro
- Lars Johan Dyrefors

As of 18 October 2021 the Board was dissolved and the principal functions of the Board are continued by the Management Team of KPMG Baltics, UAB that is responsible for executing the strategy set by the shareholders of KPMG Baltics, UAB. This includes having the authority and ability to provide operational leadership to manage the day-by-day activities of KPMG Baltics, UAB.

The Management Team members are appointed by the National Senior Partner.

# Applying expertise and knowledge

We are committed to continue to build on our technical expertise and knowledge recognizing its fundamental role in delivering quality audits.

## Methodology aligned with professional standards, laws and regulations

### Bringing consistency through our methodology



Our audit methodology, tools and guidance enable a consistent approach to planning, performing and documenting audit procedures over key accounting processes:

- globally consistent and fully compliant with the applicable standards, including International Standards on Auditing (ISA), Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and the American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) and are supplemented to comply with local auditing standards and regulatory or statutory requirements by KPMG firms
- inclusive of KPMG methodology interpretations that drive consistency in areas where the applicable standards are not prescriptive in the approach to be followed
- centered on identifying risk, focusing on risks of material misstatements and the necessary audit response
- made available to all KPMG audit professionals and required to be used, where necessary
- applied even where local auditing standards may be less demanding than the ISAs focused on the international assurance methodology and the alignment of assurance products in response to growth of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG reporting).

The KPMG audit methodology is set out in the KPMG Audit Manual (for use with eAudit) and the KPMG Audit Execution Guide (for use with the KPMG Clara workflow) and includes KPMG interpretation of how to apply ISAs, which we believe enhance audit quality. The methodology emphasizes applying appropriate professional scepticism in the execution of audit procedures and requires

compliance with relevant ethical requirements, including independence.

Enhancements to the audit methodology, guidance and tools are made regularly to maintain compliance with standards and address emerging auditing areas of focus and audit quality results (internal and external). For example, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many businesses are experiencing significant financial uncertainty. We have issued guidance to our auditors on conducting audit procedures in a remote-working environment, raising awareness of key audit risks such as going concern and impairments and provided reminders of the importance of exercising professional scepticism taking appropriate actions if information is identified that is unexpected or unusual and may be indicative of potential management bias, a fraud risk or fraud.

KPMG firms may add local requirements and/or guidance to the KPMG Audit Manual and the KPMG Audit Execution Guide to comply with additional local professional, legal, or regulatory requirements.

## Deep technical expertise and knowledge

### Access to specialist networks



Specialist expertise is an increasingly important part of the modern audit. KPMG Baltics, UAB engagement teams have access to a network of KPMG specialists – either within their firm or in other KPMG firms. These specialists receive the training they need to ensure they have the competencies, capabilities and objectivity to appropriately fulfil their role on our audits. They also receive a global annual update on global quality performance issues. The need for specialists to be assigned to an audit engagement in areas such as information technology, tax, treasury, actuarial, forensic and valuations is considered as part of the audit engagement acceptance and continuance process, as well as during the planning and conduct of the engagement.

## KPMG's commitment to audit quality during the COVID-19 pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced us all to think differently, we continue to respond to and embrace this challenge.

Since the start of the pandemic we have maintained an online COVID-19 | Financial reporting resource center to assist companies and other stakeholders understand potential accounting and disclosure implications.

KPMG International has issued extensive guidance to assist teams in addressing the various accounting, financial reporting and audit related matters arising from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic including going concern, asset impairments, valuations and related disclosures, materiality, risk assessment, group audits, inventory, subsequent events and audit evidence of communications with Those Charged With Governance. Additionally, KPMG International has issued specific guidance for remote working environments which addresses how teams work together, communications with management and the design and performance of audit procedures.

KPMG's guidance has been continually updated throughout the pandemic as other significant auditing, accounting and reporting issues have been identified.

KPMG is a technology-enabled organization, with technical accounting and auditing resources, guidance and audit platforms and tools all available electronically, which greatly enable the conversion to a remote working environment.

Enhanced communication has been increasingly important to everyone during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have leveraged our investments in technology to provide KPMG firms with regular communications, including virtual meetings to share best practices and guidance. In addition, we have enhanced our listening strategy to include specific COVID-19 pulse surveys to allow us to hear from our people in real time and shape our response accordingly.

### Quality and risk management manual

KPMG International has quality control policies that apply to all member firms. These are included in KPMG's Global Quality & Risk Management Manual (GQRMM) which applies to all KPMG personnel. KPMG Baltics, UAB is required to establish and maintain a system of quality control and design, implement, and test the operating effectiveness of quality controls.

# Embracing digital technology

At KPMG, we are committed to serving the public interest and create value through continuous innovation. By leveraging leading technologies, we are transforming the audit experience for our professionals and our clients – enabling us to provide an even higher quality audit by increasing our ability to focus on the issues that matter through the data and insights it provides.

### Intelligent, standards-driven audit workflow



All KPMG Baltics UAB professionals are expected to adhere to KPMG International and KPMG Baltics UAB policies and procedures, including independence policies, and are provided with a range of tools and guidance to support them in meeting these expectations. The KPMG Baltics, UAB policies and procedures set for audit engagements incorporate the relevant requirements of accounting, auditing, ethical and quality control standards, and other relevant laws and regulations.

### Evolving our audit workflow

We recognize that to deliver quality audits, we need to continually evolve and develop our technology solutions to keep pace with today's digital world.

That is why KPMG embarked on a process of reimagining our audit platform, workflow and methodology to provide enhanced consistency and support to our audit engagement teams, deliver detailed insights, and future-proof our systems for the expected continued development of new technologies such as robotic process automation, machine learning and cognitive technologies.

The release of the KPMG Clara workflow and revised audit methodology is an important milestone in KPMG's journey to innovate, digitalize and transform the audit. It is a significant investment that underlines our commitment to audit quality, consistency and innovation.

KPMG Clara is our smart and intuitive technology platform that is driving globally consistent audit execution. As a fully integrated, scalable, cloud-based platform, it enables the enhanced audit methodology through a data-enabled workflow.

The platform integrates new and emerging technologies, with advanced capabilities that leverage data science, audit automation, and data visualization.

The digital audit is increasingly integral to how KPMG member firms perform quality audits and interact with their clients. Policies and guidance are in place to establish and maintain appropriate processes and controls regarding the development, evaluation and testing, deployment and support of technology in our audits.

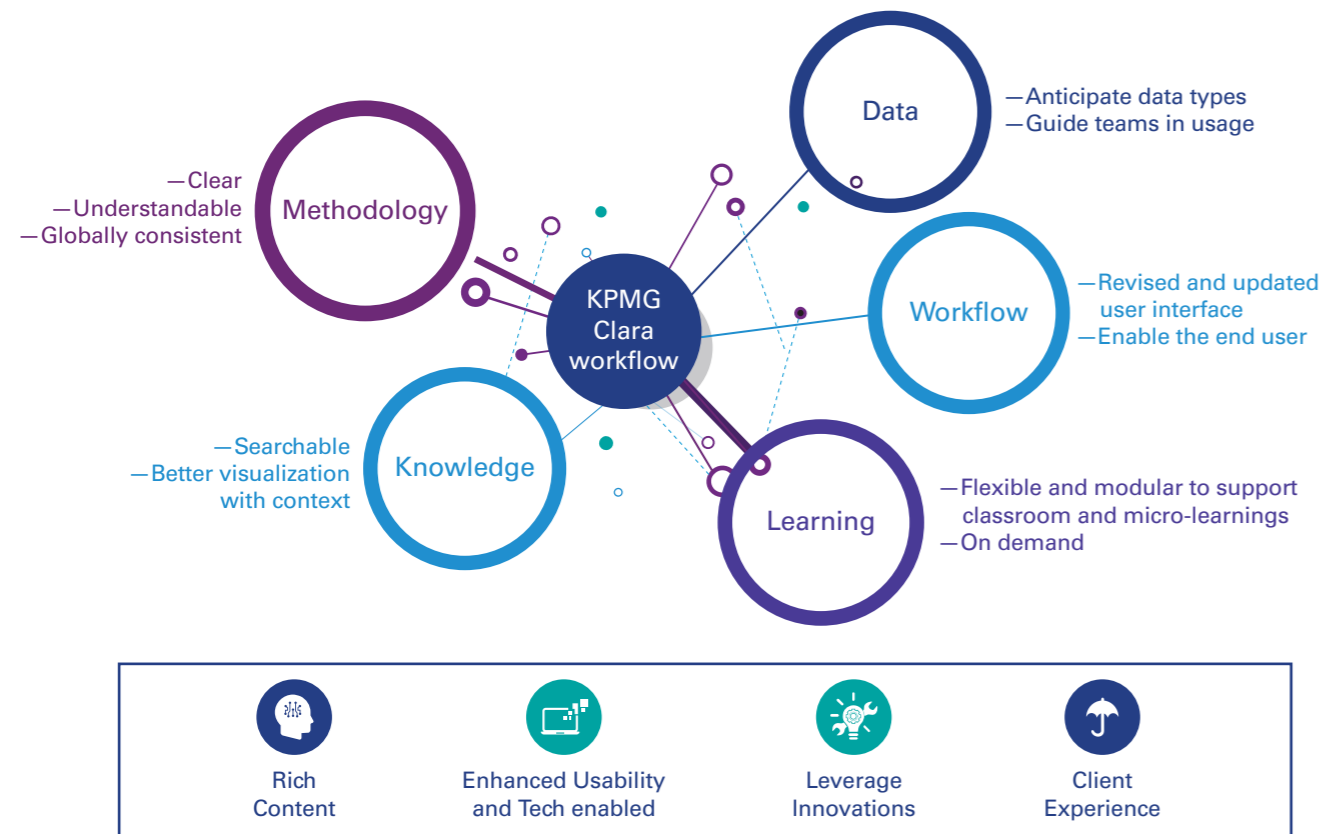
KPMG Clara is helping auditors see meaningful patterns across a business, whether conducting risk assessment, tracing transactions through a complex revenue process, or simply adding up the accounts. Examples of current capabilities include:

- enable the analysis of account balances and journal entry data
- automate 'period on period' balances comparison and 'time series' evolution information
- enable the analysis of sub-ledger, transactional data over certain business processes and accounts.

### Our vision of the future

KPMG Clara was developed to be KPMG's foundational technology platform to deliver audit quality. It delivers this by being the base technology delivering new capabilities in a globally consistent way, enabling the audit workflows and a fully digital experience for our audit professionals.

The KPMG Clara platform evolves as technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain and cognitive capabilities transform how audits are delivered.



### KPMG Clara workflow

We are replacing eAudit with a new workflow and revised audit methodology embedded into the KPMG Clara smart audit platform. Phased full deployment of KPMG Clara workflow commenced globally in 2020 with planned completion of full global transition for the 2022 fiscal period-end audits.

The web-enabled KPMG Clara workflow guides audit teams through a series of steps in a logical sequence aligned to the applicable professional auditing standards with a clear display of information, visuals, and guidance available, and with embedded advanced digital audit and project management capabilities. The workflow and revised audit methodology are scalable – adjusting the requirements to the size and complexity of the audit engagement. KPMG Clara workflow significantly enhances the execution of an audit by KPMG professionals and clearly drives audit quality and global consistency.

Using data mining and tracking of relevant engagement level data indicators, the KPMG Clara workflow can also facilitate monitoring of audit execution at the engagement level.

We continue to enhance the KPMG Clara smart audit platform to accommodate accelerating security demands, integrate existing audit applications into a single platform, and develop new capabilities to digitize additional audit processes.

### Client confidentiality, information security, and data privacy

The importance of maintaining client confidentiality is emphasized through a variety of mechanisms including the KPMG Global Code of Conduct,

We have policies on information security, confidentiality, personal information and data privacy. We have a document retention policy concerning the retention period for audit documentation and other records relevant to an engagement in accordance with the relevant IESBA requirements as well as other applicable laws, regulations, and professional standards.

We provide training on confidentiality, information protection and data privacy requirements to all KPMG Baltics, UAB personnel annually.

# Nurturing diverse skilled teams

Our people make the real difference and are instrumental in shaping the future of audit at KPMG. We put quality and integrity at the core of our audit practice. Our auditors have diverse skills and capabilities to address complex problems..

### Recruiting appropriately qualified and skilled people, including specialists, with diversity of perspective and experience

One of the key drivers of quality is ensuring that KPMG professionals have the appropriate skills and experience, motivation and purpose, to deliver high quality audits. This requires the right recruitment, development, reward, promotion, retention and assignment of professionals.

### Recruitment

KPMG Baltics, UAB has invested in understanding how we can attract the talent we need across the organization in the future. This requires the right recruitment, development, reward, promotion and assignment of professionals. This includes building an extraordinary people experience for all current and prospective partners and employees.

Our recruitment strategy is focused on drawing entry-level talent from a broad talent base, including relationships with established universities, colleges and business schools.

All candidates submit an application and are employed following a variety of selection processes, which may include application screening, competency-based interviews, psychometric and ability testing, and qualification/ reference checks. These leverage fair and job-related criteria to ensure that candidates possess the appropriate skills and experience to perform competently, are suitable and best placed for their roles.

Where individuals are recruited for senior grades, a formal independence discussion is conducted with them by the Ethics and Independence Partner or a delegate. KPMG Baltics, UAB does not accept any confidential information belonging to the candidate's former firm/employer.

### Inclusion, Diversity & Equity programs

KPMG Baltics, UAB is committed building a diverse and equitable firm that is inclusive to all.

Inclusion, diversity and equity (IDE) is core to our very existence – helping us build great teams with diverse views that represent the world we live in. It leads to better decision making, drives greater creativity and innovation, and encourages us to stand up, live our Values, and do what is right.

For more about Inclusion & Diversity at KPMG read [here](#).

### Reward and promotion

#### Reward

KPMG has compensation and promotion policies that are informed by market data, clear, simple, fair and linked to the performance review process. This helps our partners and employees understand what is expected of them and what they can expect to receive in return. The connection between performance and reward is achieved during calibration/moderation meetings where relative performance across a peer group is discussed and used to inform reward decisions. Reward decisions are based on consideration of both individual and firm performance.

The extent to which our people feel their performance has been reflected in their reward is measured through the annual Global People Survey, with action plans developed as required.

#### Promotion

The results of performance evaluations directly affect the promotion and remuneration of partners and employees and, in some cases, their continued association with KPMG.



## Assigning an appropriately qualified team



KPMG Baltics, UAB has procedures in place to assign engagement partners and other professionals to a specific engagement on the basis of his or her skill sets, relevant professional and industry experience, and the nature of the assignment or engagement. Function heads are responsible for the partner assignment process. Key considerations include partner experience, and capacity, based on an annual partner portfolio review, to perform the engagement in view of the size, complexity and risk profile of the engagement and the type of support to be provided (i.e., the engagement team composition and specialist involvement).

Audit engagement partners are required to be satisfied that their engagement teams have appropriate competencies, training and capabilities, including time, to perform audit engagements in accordance with our audit methodology, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. This may include involving specialists from our own firm, other KPMG member firms or external experts.

When considering the appropriate competence and capabilities expected of the engagement team as a whole, the engagement partner's considerations may include the following:

- an understanding of, and practical experience with, audit engagements of a similar nature and complexity through appropriate training and participation
- an understanding of professional standards and legal and regulatory standards requirements
- appropriate technical skills, including those related to relevant information technology and specialized areas of accounting or auditing
- knowledge of relevant industries in which the client operates
- ability to apply professional judgment,
- an understanding of KPMG's quality control policies and procedures; and
- Quality Performance Review (QPR) results and results of regulatory inspections.

## Investing in data-centric skills, including data mining, analysis and visualization



KPMG is strategically investing in our talent pipeline by partnering with world-class institutions to sustain our strong leadership, while also looking forward to cultivating the skills and

capabilities that will be needed in the future. We are recruiting and training professionals who specialize in software, cloud capabilities and artificial intelligence and who can bring leading technology capabilities to our smart audit platform. We provide training on a wide range of technologies to ensure that field professionals not only meet the highest professional standards but are also upskilled in new technology. With this approach we are bringing together the right people with the right skills and the right technology to perform exceptional audits.

## Focused learning and development on technical expertise, professional acumen and leadership skills



### Commitment to technical excellence and quality service delivery

We provide all professionals with the technical training and support they need to perform their roles. This includes access to internal networks of specialists and professional practice departments (DPP), for consultation. Where the right resource is not available within KPMG Baltics, UAB, the firm accesses a network of highly skilled KPMG professionals in other KPMG firms.

At the same time audit policies require all KPMG audit professionals to have the appropriate knowledge and experience for their assigned engagements.

### Lifetime learning strategy

#### Formal training

Annual training priorities for development and delivery are identified by the Audit Learning and Development steering groups at global, regional and where applicable, KPMG firm level.

Mandatory learning requirements for audit professionals across the KPMG organization are established annually. Training is delivered using a blend of learning approaches and performance support.

#### Mentoring and on the job training

Learning is not confined to single approach — rich learning experiences are available when needed through coaching and just in time learning, available at the click of a mouse and aligned with job specific role profiles and learning paths.

Mentoring and on-the-job experience play key roles in developing the personal qualities important for a successful career in auditing, including professional judgment, technical excellence and instinct.

We support a coaching culture throughout KPMG as part of enabling KPMG professionals to achieve their full potential and that every team member is responsible for building the capacity of the team, coaching other team members and sharing experiences.

## Licensing and mandatory requirements for IFRS® Standards and U.S. GAAP engagements

### Licensing

All KPMG Baltics, UAB professionals are required to comply with applicable professional license rules and satisfy the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements in the jurisdiction where they practice. KPMG International policies and procedures are designed to facilitate compliance with license requirements. We are responsible for ensuring that audit professionals working on engagements have appropriate audit, accounting and industry knowledge and experience in the local predominant financial reporting frameworks – Business Accounting Standards of the Republic of Lithuania and IFRS Standards (as adopted by EU).

### Mandatory requirements – IFRS Standards and U.S. GAAP engagements

In addition, KPMG has specific requirements for partners, managers and Engagement Quality Control (EQC) reviewers working on IFRS Standards engagements in countries where IFRS Standards are not the predominant financial reporting framework.

Similar policies apply to engagements performed outside the U.S. to report on financial statements or financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP and/or audited in accordance with U.S. auditing standards, including reporting on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over financial reporting (ICOFR). These require that at a minimum, all partners, managers, and, if appointed, the EQC reviewers (and for engagements conducted in accordance with US GAAP and/or US auditing standards engagements, the engagement partner, engagement manager, engagement in-charge and, if appointed the EQCR reviewers) assigned to the engagement have completed relevant training and that the engagement team, collectively, have sufficient experience to perform the engagement or have implemented appropriate safeguards to address any shortfalls.

## Recognizing quality



### Personal development

KPMG Baltics, UAB approach to performance development, 'Open Performance Development' is built around the Everyone a Leader performance principles, and includes:

- Global role profiles (including role profiles specific to audit quality accountabilities and responsibilities);
- a goal library (including audit quality content); and
- standardized review forms (with provision for audit quality ratings).

Open Performance Development is linked to the KPMG Values and designed to articulate what is required for success — both individually and collectively. We know that by being clear and consistent about the behaviors we expect and rewarding those who demonstrate them, we will continue to drive a relentless focus on audit quality.

At the same time, KPMG is driving a shift in our performance-driven culture, supported by and enacted through leading technology that allows us to embed audit quality into the assessment of performance and the decisions around reward as well as drive consistency across the global organization.

KPMG Baltics, UAB considers quality and compliance metrics in assessing the overall evaluation, promotion and remuneration of partners and directors and managers. These evaluations are conducted by performance managers and partners who are in a position to assess performance.

# Associating with the right clients and engagements

Rigorous global client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies are vital to being able to provide high-quality professional services.

## Following the client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies



KPMG's client and engagement acceptance and continuance policies, and processes are designed to identify and evaluate potential risks prior to accepting or continuing a client relationship or performing a specific engagement.

KPMG firms are required to evaluate whether to accept or continue a client relationship or perform a specific engagement. Where client/engagement acceptance (or continuance) decisions pose significant risks, additional approvals are required.

## Accepting appropriate clients and engagements



### Client evaluation

KPMG Baltics, UAB undertakes an evaluation of every prospective client. This involves obtaining sufficient information about the prospective client, its key management and significant beneficial owners and then properly analyzing the information to be able to make an informed acceptance decision. This evaluation includes an assessment of the client's risk profile and obtaining background information on the client, its key management, directors and owners. If necessary, we obtain additional information required to satisfy our local legal and/or regulatory requirements.

### Engagement evaluation

Each prospective engagement is also evaluated to identify potential risks in relation to the engagement. A range of factors are considered as part of this evaluation including potential independence and conflict of interest issues (using Sentinel™ KPMG's conflicts and independence checking system), intended purpose and use of engagement deliverables, public perception, whether the services would be unethical or inconsistent with our Values, as well

as factors specific to the type of engagement. For audit services, these include the competence of the client's financial management team and the skills and experience of KPMG professionals assigned to staff the engagement. The evaluation is made in consultation with other senior KPMG Baltics, UAB personnel and includes review by quality and risk management leadership as required.

Where audit services are to be provided for the first time, the prospective engagement team is required to perform additional independence evaluation procedures, including a review of any non-audit services provided to the client and of other relevant business, financial and personal relationships.

Similar independence evaluations are performed when an existing audit client becomes a public interest entity or additional independence restrictions apply following a change in the circumstances of the client.

Depending on the overall risk assessment of the prospective client and engagement, additional safeguards may be introduced to help mitigate the identified risks. Any potential independence or conflict of interest issues are required to be documented and resolved prior to acceptance.

A prospective client or engagement will be declined if a potential independence or conflict issue cannot be resolved satisfactorily in accordance with professional standards and our policies, or if there are other risk issues that cannot be appropriately mitigated.

### Continuance process

KPMG Baltics, UAB undertakes an annual re-evaluation of all its audit clients. The re-evaluation identifies any issues in relation to continuing association and any mitigating procedures that need to be put in place (this may include the assignment of additional professionals such as an Engagement Quality Control (EQC) reviewer or the need to involve additional specialists on the audit).

Recurring or long running non-audit engagements are also subject to periodic re-evaluation. In addition, clients and engagements are required to be re-evaluated if there is an indication that there may be a change in the risk profile, and as part of the continuous independence evaluation process, engagement teams are required to identify if there have been any changes to previously identified threats or if there are new threats to independence. The threats are then evaluated and, if not at an acceptable level, are eliminated or appropriate safeguards are applied to reduce the threats to an acceptable level.

### Withdrawal process

Where KPMG Baltics, UAB comes to a preliminary conclusion that indicates that we should withdraw from an engagement or client relationship, we consult internally and identify any required legal, professional and regulatory responsibilities. We also communicate as required with those charged with governance and any other appropriate authority.

### Managed portfolio of clients

KPMG Baltics, UAB leadership appoints engagement partners and who have the appropriate competence, capabilities, time and authority to perform the role for each engagement.

They review each audit partner's client portfolio in individual discussions with the audit partner. The reviews consider the industry, nature and risk of the client portfolio as a whole along with the competence, capabilities and capacity of the partner and wider team to deliver a quality audit for every client.

# Being independent and ethical

Auditor independence is a cornerstone of international professional standards and regulatory requirements.

## Acting with integrity and living our Values



KPMG International's detailed independence policies and procedures incorporate the IESBA Code of Ethics. These are set out in KPMG's GQRMM, which applies to all KPMG firms. Automated tools, which are required to be used for every prospective engagement to identify potential independence and conflict of interest issues, facilitate compliance with these requirements.

These policies are supplemented by other policies and processes to ensure compliance with the standards issued by Lithuanian Chamber of Auditors and the Authority of Audit, Accounting, Property Valuation and Insolvency Management. These policies and processes cover areas such as firm independence (covering, for example, treasury and procurement functions), personal independence, firm financial relationships, employment relationships, partner rotation and approval of audit and non-audit services.

The Partner-in-Charge of the Global Independence Group is supported by a core team of specialists to help ensure that robust and consistent independence policies and procedures are in place at KPMG firms, and that tools are available to help the firms and their personnel to comply with these requirements.

KPMG Baltics, UAB has a designated Ethics and Independence Partner (EIP) who has primary responsibility for the direction and execution of ethics and independence policies and procedures in KPMG Baltics UAB. The EIP is responsible for communicating and implementing KPMG International policies and procedures and ensuring that local independence policies and procedures are established and effectively implemented when they are more stringent than the KPMG International requirements. The EIP fulfils this responsibility through:

- implementing/monitoring the ethics and independence quality control process and structure within the firm;
- approving/appointing partners responsible for ethics and independence within the firm;

- overseeing the processes related to the evaluation of specific independence threats in connection with clients and prospective clients;
- participating in the development and delivery of training materials;
- implementing procedures to address non-compliance; and
- overseeing the disciplinary process for ethics and independence matters.

Amendments to KPMG International's ethics and independence policies are included in regular quality and risk communications with all KPMG firms. KPMG firms are required to implement changes as specified in the communications, and this is checked through the internal monitoring programs described in section *Internal monitoring and compliance programs*.

KPMG Baltics UAB partners and employees are required to consult with the EIP on certain matters as defined in the GQRMM. The EIP may also be required to consult with the Global Independence Group, depending upon the facts and circumstances.

## Maintaining an objective, independent and ethical mindset, in line with our code of conduct and policies



### Personal financial independence

KPMG International policies require that KPMG firms and KPMG professionals are free from prohibited financial interests in, and prohibited financial relationships with, KPMG firm assurance and audit clients (by definition, 'audit client' includes its related entities or affiliates), their management, directors, and, where required, significant owners. All KPMG partners — irrespective of their firm or function — are generally prohibited from owning securities of any audit client of any KPMG firm.

KPMG firms use a web-based independence compliance system (KICS) to assist KPMG professionals in complying with personal independence investment policies. This system contains an inventory of publicly available investments and provides a tracking mechanism for required users to report acquisitions and disposals of their financial interests. The system facilitates monitoring by identifying and reporting impermissible investments and other non-compliant activity (i.e., late reporting of an investment acquisition).

All partners and manager grade and above client-facing employees are required to use the KICS system prior to entering into an investment to identify whether they are permitted to do so. They are also required to maintain a record of all of their investments in publicly traded entities in KICS, which automatically notifies them if any investment subsequently becomes restricted. Newly restricted investments are required to be disposed of within 5 business days of the notification. KPMG monitors partner and manager compliance with this requirement as part of our program of independence compliance audits of professionals. The Global Independence Group provides guidance and required procedures relating to the audit and inspection by KPMG firms of personal compliance with KPMG's independence policies. This includes sample criteria including the minimum number of professionals to be audited annually.

### Employment relationships

Any KPMG Baltics, UAB professional providing services to an audit client irrespective of function is required to notify the Ethics and Independence Partner if they intend to enter into employment negotiations with that audit client. For partners, this requirement extends to any audit client of any KPMG firm that is a public interest entity.

Former members of the audit team or former partners of KPMG Baltics, UAB are prohibited from joining an audit client in certain roles unless they have disengaged from all significant connections to KPMG Baltics, UAB, including payments which are not fixed and predetermined and/or would be material to KPMG Baltics, UAB, and ceased participating in KPMG Baltics, UAB business and professional activities.

Key audit partners and members of the chain of command for an audit client that is a public interest entity are subject to time restrictions (referred to 'cooling-off' periods) that preclude them from joining that client in certain roles until a defined period of time has passed.

An assurance team member is also required to notify the EIP when they enter into employment negotiations with the assurance client during the course of the engagement. Former assurance team members or former partners of KPMG Baltics, UAB who join an assurance client in certain roles cannot continue to participate in KPMG Baltics UAB's business or professional activities.

We communicate and monitor requirements in relation to employment and partnership of KPMG Baltics, UAB professionals by audit and assurance clients.

### Firm financial independence

KPMG firms are required to also be free from prohibited interests in, and prohibited relationships with, audit clients, their management, directors and, where required, significant owners.

In common with other KPMG firms, KPMG Baltics, UAB uses KICS to record its own, direct and material indirect investments in listed entities and funds (or similar investment vehicles) as well as in non-listed entities or funds. This includes investments held in associated pension, and employee benefit plans.

Additionally, KPMG Baltics, UAB is required to record in KICS all borrowing and capital financing relationships, as well as custodial, trust and brokerage accounts that hold firm assets.

On an annual basis, KPMG Baltics, UAB confirms compliance with independence requirements as part of the Risk Compliance Program.

### Business relationships/suppliers

KPMG Baltics, UAB has policies and procedures in place that are designed to ensure its business relationships with audit and assurance clients are maintained in accordance with the IESBA Code of Ethics and other applicable independence requirements, such as those promulgated by the SEC.

### Business acquisitions, admissions and investments (if applicable)

If KPMG Baltics UAB is in the process of considering the acquisition of, or investment in, a business, it is required to perform sufficient due diligence procedures on the prospective target to identify and address any potential independence and risk management issues prior to closing the transaction. Specific consultations with the Global Independence Group and Global Quality & Risk Management are required to enable independence and other issues to be addressed when integrating the business into KPMG Baltics UAB and the wider global organization.

## Independence clearance process

In addition to the standard acceptance evaluation performed for every engagement, which includes an evaluation of independence, KPMG Baltics, UAB follows specific procedures to identify and evaluate threats to independence related to prospective audit clients that are public interest entities; these procedures, also referred to as ‘the independence clearance process, are required to be completed prior to accepting an audit engagement for these entities.

## Independence training and confirmations

All KPMG Baltics, UAB partners and client service professionals, as well as certain other individuals, are required to complete independence training that is appropriate to their grade and function upon joining KPMG Baltics, UAB and on an annual basis thereafter.

New partners and client facing employees who are required to complete this training are required to do so by the earlier of (a) thirty days after joining KPMG Baltics, UAB, or (b) before providing any services to, or becoming a member of the chain of command for, any audit client

We also provide all partners and employees with annual training on:

- the Global Code of Conduct and ethical behavior, including KPMG’s anti-bribery policies, compliance with laws, regulations, and professional standards; and
- reporting suspected or actual non-compliance with laws, regulations, professional standards, and KPMG’s policies.

New partners and employees are required to complete this training within three months of joining KPMG Baltics, UAB.

All KPMG partners and employees are required to sign, upon joining KPMG Baltics, UAB and thereafter, an annual confirmation stating that they have remained in compliance with applicable ethics and independence policies

## Non-audit services

All KPMG firms are required, at a minimum, to comply with the IESBA Code of Ethics and applicable laws and regulations related to the scope of services that can be provided to audit clients.

In addition to identifying potential conflicts of interest, Sentinel™ facilitates compliance with independence requirements. Certain information on all prospective engagements, including detailed service descriptions, deliverables and estimated fees are required to be entered into Sentinel™ as part of the engagement acceptance

process. When the engagement is for an audit client, an evaluation of potential independence threats and safeguards is also required to be included in the Sentinel™ submission.

Lead audit engagement partners (LAEPs) are required to maintain group structures for their publicly traded and certain other audit clients including their related entities or affiliates in Sentinel™. They are also responsible for identifying and evaluating any independence threats that may arise from the provision of a proposed non-audit service and the safeguards available to address those threats. For entities for which group structures are maintained, Sentinel enables LAEPs to review and request revision, approve, or deny, any proposed service for those entities worldwide. For approved proposed services, Sentinel designates a timeframe during which the approval remains valid. Upon expiration of the established timeframe, the services are required to be complete or be re-evaluated for permissibility; otherwise, the services are required to be exited.

KPMG Baltics, UAB is required to establish and maintain a process to review and approve all new and modified services that are developed by KPMG Baltics, UAB. KPMG Baltics, UAB’s EIP is involved in the review of potential independence issues related to these new or modified services.

KPMG global independence policies prohibit KPMG firm audit partners from being evaluated on, or compensated based on, their success in selling non-assurance services to their audit clients.

## Fee dependency

KPMG International’s policies recognize that self-interest or intimidation threats may arise when the total fees from an audit client represent a large proportion of the total fees of the KPMG firm expressing the audit opinion. These policies require firms to consult with their Area Quality & Risk Management Leader where it is expected that total fees from an audit client will exceed 10% of the annual fee income of the member firm for two consecutive years. In addition if the total fees from a public interest entity audit client and its related entities were to represent more than 10% of the total fees received by a particular member firm for two consecutive years these policies further require that:

- This be disclosed to those charged with governance at the audit client; and
- A partner from another KPMG member firm be appointed as the engagement quality control (EQC) reviewer.

No audit client accounted for more than 10 percent of the total fees received by KPMG Baltics, UAB over the last two years.

## Resolving conflicts of interest

Conflicts of interest can arise in situations where KPMG partners or employees have a personal connection with the client which may interfere, or be perceived to interfere, with their ability to remain objective, or where they are personally in possession of confidential information relating to another party to a transaction. Consultation with the Risk Management Partner (RMP) or the Ethics and Independence Partner (EIP) is required in these situations.

KPMG International policies are also in place to prohibit KPMG personnel from offering or accepting inducements, including gifts and hospitality to or from audit clients, unless the value is trivial and inconsequential, is not prohibited by relevant law or regulation and is not deemed to have been offered with the intent to improperly influence the behavior of the recipient or which would cast doubt on the individual’s or the member firm’s integrity, independence, objectivity or judgment.

All KPMG firms and personnel are responsible for identifying and managing conflicts of interest, which are circumstances or situations that have, or may be perceived to have an impact on a firm’s and/or its partners’ or employees’ ability to be objective or otherwise act without bias.

All KPMG firms are required to use Sentinel™ for potential conflict identification so that these can be addressed in accordance with legal and professional requirements.

KPMG Baltics, UAB has a risk management resources who is/are responsible for reviewing any identified potential conflict and working with the affected member firms to resolve the conflict, the outcome of which is required to be documented.

Escalation and dispute resolution procedures are in place for situations in which agreement cannot be reached on how to manage a conflict. If a potential conflict issue cannot be appropriately mitigated, the engagement is declined or terminated.

## Independence breaches

All KPMG Baltics, UAB personnel are required to report an independence breach as soon as they become aware of it to the EIP. In the event of failure to comply with our independence policies, whether identified in the compliance review, self-declared or otherwise, professionals are subject to an independence disciplinary policy. All breaches of independence requirements of the IESBA Code or other external independence requirements are required to be reported to those charged with governance as soon as possible except where alternative

timing for less significant breaches has been agreed to with those charged with governance.

KPMG Baltics, UAB has a documented and communicated disciplinary policy in relation to breaches of independence policies incorporating incremental sanctions reflecting the seriousness of any violations.

Matters arising are factored into our promotion and compensation decisions and, in the case of engagement leaders and managers, are reflected in their individual quality and risk metrics.

## Partner and firm rotation

### Partner rotation

KPMG International partner rotation policies are consistent with the requirements of the IESBA Code of Ethics and require all member firms to comply with any stricter applicable rotation requirements.

KPMG Baltics, UAB partners are subject to periodic rotation of their responsibilities for audit clients under applicable laws, regulations, independence rules and KPMG International policy. These requirements place limits on the number of consecutive years that partners in certain roles may provide audit services to a client, followed by a “time-out” period during which time these partners may not:

- participate in the audit;
- provide quality control for the audit;
- consult with the engagement team or the client regarding technical or industry-specific issues;
- in any way influence the outcome of the audit;
- lead or coordinate professional services at the client;
- oversee the relationship of the firm with the audit client; or
- have any other significant or frequent interaction with senior management or those charged with governance at the client.

As to the Law on Audit of Financial Statements of the Republic of Lithuania, an audit engagement leader shall not be a part of an audit team on all public interest entities for more than 5 consecutive years and take 3 years “time-out” period.

KPMG Baltics, UAB monitors the rotation of audit engagement leaders (and any other key roles, such as the engagement partner, the engagement quality control reviewer and any other key audit partner role, where there is a rotation requirement) and develops transition plans to enable allocation of partners with the necessary competence and capability to deliver a consistent quality of service to clients.

## Zero tolerance of bribery and corruption



Compliance with laws, regulations and standards is a key aspect for everyone at KPMG Baltics, UAB. We have zero tolerance of bribery and corruption.

We prohibit involvement in any type of bribery — even if such conduct is legal or permitted under applicable law or local practice. We also do not tolerate bribery by third parties, including by our clients, suppliers or public officials. KPMG International requires KPMG firms to have appropriate internal controls in place to mitigate the risk of involvement in bribery by the firm and its partners and employees.

All KPMG firm partners and employees are required to take training covering compliance with laws, regulations and professional standards relating to anti-bribery and corruption, including the reporting of suspected or actual non-compliance.

Further information on KPMG International anti-bribery and corruption policies can be found on the anti-bribery and corruption site.

# Performing quality engagements

How an audit is conducted is as important as the result. KPMG Baltics, UAB partners and employees are expected to demonstrate certain key behaviors and follow certain policies and procedures in the performance of effective and efficient audits.

## Consulting where necessary



### Encouraging a culture of consultation

KPMG encourages a strong culture of consultation that supports engagement teams at KPMG firms throughout their decision-making processes and is a fundamental contributor to audit quality. KPMG Baltics, UAB promotes a culture in which consultation is recognized as a strength and that encourages all KPMG professionals to consult on difficult or contentious matters.

To help with this, firms are required to have established protocols for consultation and documentation of significant accounting and auditing matters, including procedures to facilitate resolution of differences of opinion on engagement issues. In addition, the GORMM includes mandatory consultation requirements on certain matters.

### Technical consultation and global resources

Technical auditing and accounting support is available to member firms through the Global Audit Methodology Group (GAMG), KPMG Global Solutions Group (KGSG) the ISG and the PCAOB Standards Group (PSG).

### Global Audit Methodology Group (GAMG)

KPMG's audit methodology is developed and maintained by the Global Audit Methodology Group (GAMG). The GAMG develops our audit methodology based on the requirements of the applicable auditing standards – International Standards on Auditing, PCAOB and AICPA.

### KPMG Global Solutions Group (KGSG)

The KGSG is responsible for the envisioning, development and deployment of global audit solutions, including new technology and automation innovations.

The KGSG and GAMG work collaboratively to support member firms through collaboration, innovation and technology. We have made significant investment in our audit methodology and tools with the core focus

of improving audit quality, global consistency and standardization.

With locations, in each of the three KPMG regions (Americas, EMA and ASPAC), the KGSG and GAMG teams comprise professionals with backgrounds in audit, IT, data science, mathematics, statistics, and more from around the world who bring diverse experiences and innovative ways of thinking to further evolve KPMG's audit capabilities.

### International Standards Group (ISG)

The ISG works with Global IFRS Standards topic teams with geographic representation from around the world and the IFRS Standards Panel and ISA Panel to promote consistency of interpretation of IFRS Standards and auditing requirements between member firms, identify emerging issues, and develop global guidance on a timely basis.

### PCAOB Standards Group (PSG)

The PCAOB Standards Group (PSG) comprises a dedicated group of professionals with background in PCAOB auditing standards who promote consistency of interpretation of PCAOB auditing standards in KPMG firms' audits of non-US components of US companies and of foreign private issuers and non-US components of SEC issuers, as defined by SEC regulations. The PSG also provides input into the development of training for auditors who work on PCAOB audit engagements and, where practicable, facilitates delivery of such training.

### Member firm professional practice resource

Member firms provide consultation support on auditing and technical accounting matters to their audit professionals through professional practice resources (referred to as Department of Professional Practice or DPP). This resource also assists engagement teams where there are differences of opinion either within teams or with the EQC reviewer. Unresolved differences are required to follow a prescribed escalation protocol for final resolution. KPMG's International Standards Group and PCAOB Standards Group and PCAOB Standards Group are also available for consultation support when required.

## Critically assessing audit evidence, using professional judgment and skepticism



On all KPMG audits, the nature and extent of the audit evidence we gather is responsive to the assessed risks. We consider all audit evidence obtained during the course of the audit including contradictory or inconsistent audit evidence. Each team member is required to exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit engagements. Professional skepticism involves a questioning mind and alertness to contradictory or inconsistencies in the audit evidence. Professional judgement encompasses the need to be aware of and alert to biases that may pose threats to good judgements.

## Direct, coach, supervise and review



### Embedding ongoing mentoring, supervision and review

To invest in the building of skills and capabilities of KPMG professionals, KPMG Baltics, UAB promotes a continuous learning environment and supports a coaching culture.

Ongoing mentoring, coaching and supervision during an audit involves:

- engagement partner participation in planning discussions;
- tracking the progress of the audit engagement;
- considering the competence and capabilities of the individual members of the engagement team, including whether they have sufficient time to carry out their work, whether they understand their instructions, and whether the work is being carried out in accordance with the planned approach to the engagement;
- helping engagement team members address any significant matters that arise during the audit and modifying the planned approach appropriately; and
- identifying matters for consultation with more experienced team members during the engagement.

A key part of effective mentoring and supervision is timely review of the work performed so that significant matters are promptly identified, discussed and addressed.

## Engagement quality control (EQC) reviews

The EQC review is an important part of KPMG's framework for quality. An EQC reviewer is required to be appointed for audits, including any related review(s) of interim financial information, of all listed entities, non-listed entities with a high public profile, engagements that require an EQC review under applicable laws or regulations, and other engagements as designated by the Risk Management Partner or country Head of Audit.

An EQC review provides reasonable assurance that the team has appropriately identified significant risks, including fraud risks, and has designed and executed audit procedures to address them.

EQC reviewers are required to meet training and experience criteria to perform a quality control review for a particular engagement. Reviewers are independent of the engagement team and audit client and have the appropriate experience and knowledge to perform an objective review of the more critical decisions and judgments made by the engagement team and the appropriateness of the financial statements.

The audit is completed only when the EQC reviewer is satisfied that all significant questions raised have been resolved, though the engagement partner is ultimately responsible for the resolution of accounting and auditing matters.

We continually seeking to strengthen and improve the role that the EQC review plays in member firm audits and have taken a number of actions to reinforce this, including issuing best practice guidance, incorporating specific review requirements into our audit workflow, and developing policies relating to recognition, nomination and development of EQC reviewers.

## Appropriately support and document conclusions



### Reporting

Auditing standards and the regulations of Lithuanian Chamber of Auditors largely dictate the format and content of the auditors' report that includes an opinion on the fair presentation of the client's financial statements in all material respects. Experienced engagement partners form all audit opinions based on the audit performed.

In preparing auditors' reports, engagement partners have access to extensive reporting guidance and technical support through consultations with our DPP, especially where there are significant matters to be reported to users of the auditors' report, either as a qualification to the audit report or through the inclusion of an 'emphasis of matter' paragraph, as well as key audit matters to be communicated).

## Engagement documentation

KPMG Baltics, UAB audit documentation is completed and assembled according to the timeline established by the firm policy and auditing standards and we have implemented administrative, technical and physical safeguards to protect the confidentiality and integrity of client and firm information. . KPMG International recently adopted policies to apply to all KPMG firms to reduce the time period allowed to assemble audit documentation, which is significantly less than required by the applicable auditing standards.

# Assessing risks to quality



Through the Global Audit Quality Council and the Global Quality & Risk Management Steering Group (GQRMSG), KPMG International reviews the results of the quality monitoring programs, reviews firm root causes and planned remedial actions and develops additional global remediation actions as required.

Global remediation are aimed at actions around culture and behavior across the global organization and at driving consistent engagement team performance within KPMG firms.

# Communicating effectively

We recognize that another important contributor to upholding audit quality is to obtain and act upon feedback from key stakeholders.

## Provide insights, and maintain open and honest two-way communication



At KPMG Baltics, UAB we stress the importance of keeping those charged with governance informed of issues arising throughout the audit through guidance and supporting resources.

We achieve this through a combination of reports and presentations, attendance at audit committee or board meetings, and, when appropriate, ongoing informal discussions with management and members of the audit committee.

The role of audit committees is key in supporting quality auditing by overseeing the relationship between company and auditor and challenging what auditors do and how they do it.

## IFRS Standards Institute

KPMG's Global IFRS Standards Institute provides information and resources to help board and audit committee members, executives, management, stakeholders and government representatives gain insight and access thought leadership about the evolving global financial and sustainability reporting frameworks.

## Conduct and follow-up on the Global People Survey (GPS)



Only with engaged, talented people can KPMG deliver audits in line with our audit quality expectations. Annually KPMG Baltics, UAB personnel are invited to participate in KPMG's Global People Survey (GPS) to share their perception about their experience of working for KPMG. The GPS provides a measure of our people's engagement and insights into areas driving engagement. Results can be analysed by several factors, for example functional or geographic area, grade and gender to provide additional focus for action. Through the GPS, KPMG Baltics UAB gains additional insight on how we are faring on categories known to impact employee engagement. We also cover areas of focus which are directly relevant to audit quality; the survey includes specific audit quality related questions that all individuals who participated in an audit in the previous 12 months are asked to respond to, giving us a particular data set for audit quality related matters.

The survey also specifically provides KPMG Baltics, UAB leadership and KPMG global leadership with results related to quality and risk behaviors, audit quality, upholding the KPMG Values, employee and partner attitudes to quality, leadership and tone at the top.

KPMG Baltics, UAB participates in the GPS, monitors results and takes appropriate actions to communicate and respond to the findings of the survey. The results of the GPS are also aggregated for the entire global organization and are presented to the Global Board each year and appropriate follow-up actions agreed.

Audit specific analysis of GPS results is also undertaken, with a particular focus on audit quality. Results and key themes are presented to the Global Audit Steering Group on an annual basis for consideration of appropriate remedial action, if needed.

# Monitoring and remediation

Integrated quality monitoring and compliance programs enable KPMG firms to identify quality deficiencies, to perform root cause analysis and develop, implement and report remedial action plans, both in respect of individual audit engagements and the overall system of quality control.

## Rigorously monitor and measure quality at the local and global level



### Commitment to continuous improvement

KPMG commits to continually improve the quality, consistency and efficiency of KPMG audits. The quality monitoring and compliance programs are globally consistent in their approach across all member firms, including the nature and extent of testing and reporting. KPMG Baltics, UAB compares the results of its internal monitoring programs with the results of those of any external inspection programs and take appropriate action.

### Internal monitoring and compliance programs

KPMG Baltics, UAB monitoring programs are created by KPMG International and applied across KPMG firms. The programs evaluate both:

- engagement performance in compliance with the applicable standards, applicable laws and regulation and KPMG International key policies and procedures; and
- KPMG Baltics, UAB compliance with KPMG International key policies and procedures and the relevance, adequacy and effective operation of key quality control policies and procedures.

Our internal monitoring programs also contribute to the assessment of whether our system of quality control has been appropriately designed, effectively implemented, and operates effectively. These include Quality Performance Reviews (QPR) and Risk Compliance Programs (RCP), which are conducted annually across the Audit, Tax, and Advisory functions

The results and lessons from the integrated monitoring programs are communicated internally and appropriate action is taken at local, regional and global levels.

### Audit Quality Performance Reviews (QPRs)

The Audit QPR program assesses engagement level performance and identifies opportunities to improve engagement quality.

### Risk-based approach

Each engagement leader is reviewed at least once in a 3-year cycle. A risk-based approach is used to select engagements.

KPMG Baltics, UAB conducts the annual QPR program in accordance with KPMG International QPR instructions. The reviews are performed at KPMG Baltics, UAB level and are monitored regionally and globally. Firm Audit QPR reviews are overseen by a senior experienced lead reviewer independent from the firm.

### Reviewer selection, preparation and process

There are robust criteria for selection of reviewers. Review teams include senior experienced lead reviewers that are independent of the member under review.

Training is provided to review teams and others overseeing the process, with a focus on topics of concern identified by audit oversight regulators and the need to be as rigorous as external reviewers.

### Evaluations from Audit QPR

Consistent criteria are used to determine engagement ratings and member firm Audit practice evaluations.

Audit engagements selected for review are rated as 'Satisfactory', 'Performance Improvement Needed' or 'Unsatisfactory'.

### Reporting

Findings from the QPR program are disseminated to firm professionals through written communications, internal training tools, and periodic partner, manager and staff meetings.

These areas are also emphasized in subsequent inspection programs to gauge the extent of continuous improvement.

Lead Audit Engagement Partners (LAEPs) are notified of unsatisfactory ratings on their respective cross-border engagements. Additionally, LAEPs of parent companies/ head offices are notified where a subsidiary/affiliate of their client group is audited by a member firm where significant quality issues have been identified during the QPR.

### Risk Compliance Program (RCP)

KPMG International develops and maintains quality control policies and processes that apply to all KPMG firms. These policies and processes, and their related procedures, include the requirements of ISQC 1. During the annual RCP, we perform a robust assessment program consisting of documentation of quality controls and procedures, related compliance testing and reporting of exceptions, action plans and conclusions.

The objectives of the RCP are to:

- document, assess and monitor the extent of compliance of KPMG Baltics, UAB system of quality control with Global Quality & Risk Management (GQ&RM) policies and key legal and regulatory requirements; and
- provide the basis for KPMG Baltics, UAB to evaluate that the firm and its personnel comply with relevant professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Where deficiencies are identified, we are required to develop appropriate action plans and then monitor the status of each action item.

### Global Quality & Compliance Review (GQ&CR) program

Each KPMG firm is subject to a GQ&CR conducted by KPMG International's GQ&CR team, independent of the member firm, at various intervals based on identified risk criteria.

The GQ&CR team performing the reviews is independent of the firm and is objective and knowledgeable of GQ&RM policies. GQ&CRs assess compliance with selected KPMG International policies and procedures and share best practices among member firms. The GQ&CR provides an independent assessment of:

- a firm's commitment to quality and risk management (tone at the top) and the extent to which its overall structure, governance and financing support and reinforce this commitment;
- a firm's compliance with KPMGI policies and procedures; and
- the robustness with which the member firm performs its own compliance program (RCP).

KPMG Baltics, UAB develops action plans to respond to all GQ&CR findings that indicate improvement is required and agree these with the GQ&CR team. Our progress on action plans is monitored by the GQ&CR central team. Results are reported to the GQ&RM Steering Group and, where necessary, to appropriate KPMG International and regional leadership.

### Area Quality & Risk Management Leaders

The Global Head of Quality, Risk and Regulatory appoints Area Quality & Risk Management Leaders (ARLs) who serve a regular and ongoing monitoring function to assess the effectiveness of a member firm's efforts and processes to identify, manage and report significant risks that have the potential to damage the KPMG brand. Significant activities of the ARL, including member firm issues identified and related member firm response/remediation, are reported to GQ&RM leadership.

### Obtain, evaluate and act on stakeholder feedback

#### ☆☆☆☆ Regulators

☑☆☆ In Lithuania The Authority of Audit, Accounting, Property Valuation and Insolvency Management has been carrying out independent inspections for a number of years. They completed their work on the 2017-2019 inspection of the KPMG Baltics, UAB in 25th August 2021.

None of the external inspections have identified any issues that have a material impact on the conduct of our statutory audit business.

KPMG International has regular two-way communication with the International Forum of Independent Audit Regulators (IFIAR), principally through its Global Audit Quality Working Group (GAQ WG), to discuss thematic audit quality issues along with targeted strategies for improvement. We value the open, honest and transparent dialogue that IFIAR facilitates on global audit quality issues.

Every KPMG firm is expected to maintain professional and respectful relationships with regulators, including proactively engaging, responding to questions in a timely manner and taking appropriate remedial actions.



### Client feedback

We proactively seek feedback from clients through in-person conversations to monitor their satisfaction with services delivered. We endeavor to take this feedback and make dynamic changes at both the engagement level and firm level to meet clients' needs.

### Monitoring of complaints

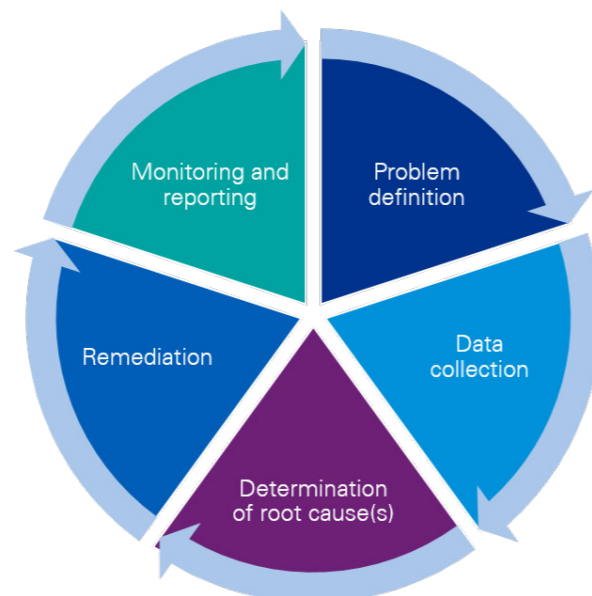
We have procedures in place for monitoring and addressing complaints received relating to the quality of our work. This is implemented through KPMG hotline tool.

### Perform root cause analysis



KPMG Baltics, UAB conducts Root Cause Analysis (RCA) in respect of audit quality issues.

The Global RCA 5 Step Principles are as follows:



It is the responsibility of all KPMG firms to perform RCA and thereby identify and subsequently develop appropriate remediation plans for the audit quality issues identified.

KPMG Baltics, UAB, Head of Audit is responsible for audit quality including the remediation of audit quality issues. The firm's Risk Management Partner monitors the remediation plan implementation.

# Financial information

Revenue for the year ended 30 September 2021 is as follows and is unaudited at the date of this report:

Revenue	30 Sep 2021 EUR thousand
Statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements of public-interest entities and entities belonging to a group of undertakings whose parent undertaking is a public-interest entity	2 077
Statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements of other entities	2 449
<b>Total audit revenue</b>	<b>4 526</b>
Non-audit services to audit clients	523
Non-audit services to other clients	3 748
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>8 797</b>

# Partner remuneration



Partners are remunerated out of the distributable profits of KPMG Baltics, UAB and are personally responsible for funding pensions and other benefits. The Senior Partner monitors the allocation of profits between partners to ensure that a consistent approach is adopted, and that remuneration is determined by objectives set for each partner on a number of matters relevant to their role in the group. These include quality of work, performance in client service, growth in revenue and profitability,

leadership and living the values of the firm. Audit partner remuneration setting takes no account of the level of non-audit services provided to the partner's audit clients. The Senior Partner reports to the Chairman of the KPMG AB in respect of all remuneration allocations to partners in KPMG Baltics, UAB.

# Network arrangements

## Legal Structure



On 1 October 2020, KPMG Baltics, UAB and all other KPMG firms entered into new membership and associated documents, the key impact of which is that all KPMG member firms in the KPMG global organization became members in, or have other legal connections to, KPMG International Limited, an English private company limited by guarantee.

Since 1 October 2020, KPMG International Limited has been the coordinating entity for the overall benefit of the KPMG member firms. It does not provide professional services to clients. Professional services to clients are exclusively provided by member firms. Professional services to clients are exclusively provided by member firms.

KPMG is the registered trademark of KPMG International and is the name by which the member firms are commonly known. The rights of member firms to use the KPMG name and marks are contained within agreements with KPMG International.

Pursuant to their membership agreements with KPMG International, member firms are required to comply with KPMG International's policies, including quality standards governing how they operate and how they provide services to clients to compete effectively. This includes being professionally and financially stable; having an ownership, governance and management structure that ensures continuity and stability and long-term success; and being able to comply with policies issued by KPMG International, adopt global strategies, share resources (incoming and outgoing), service multi-national clients, manage risk, and deploy global methodologies and tools.

KPMG International Limited and the KPMG member firms are not a global partnership, single firm, multinational corporation, joint venture, or in a principal or agent relationship or partnership with each other. No member firm has any authority to obligate or bind KPMG International Limited, any of its related entities or any other member firm vis-à-vis third parties, nor does KPMG International Limited or any of its related entities have any such authority to obligate or bind any member firm.

Further detail on the revised legal and governance arrangements for the KPMG global organization from 1 October 2020 can be found in section 'Governance and leadership' of the 2021 KPMG International Transparency Report.

The name of each audit firm that is a member of the organization and the EU/EEA countries in which each firm is qualified as a statutory auditor or has its registered office, central administration or principal place of business are available on Appendix A1.

## Total turnover achieved by EU/EEA audit firms resulting from the statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements\*

Aggregated revenues generated by KPMG firms, from EU and EEA Member States resulting from the statutory audit of annual and consolidated financial statements was EUR 2.05 billion during the year ending 30 September 2021. The EU/EEA aggregated statutory audit revenue figures are presented to the best extent calculable and translated at the average exchange rate prevailing in the 12 months ended 30 September 2021.

## Responsibilities and obligations of member firms



Under agreements with KPMG International, member firms are required to comply with KPMG International's policies and regulations including quality standards governing how they operate and how they provide services to clients to compete effectively. This includes having a firm structure that ensures continuity and stability and being able to adopt global strategies, share resources (incoming and outgoing), service multinational clients, manage risk, and deploy global methodologies and tools.

Each KPMG firm takes responsibility for its management and the quality of its work. Member firms commit to a common set of KPMG Values (as set out in the Appendices to this document).

KPMG International's activities are funded by amounts paid by member firms. The basis for calculating such amounts is approved by the KPMG International Global Board and consistently applied to the firms. A firm's status as a KPMG member firm and its participation in the KPMG global organization may be terminated if, among other things, it has not complied with the policies set by KPMG International or any of its other obligations owed to KPMG International.

## Professional Indemnity Insurance

Insurance cover is maintained in respect of professional negligence claims. The cover provides a territorial coverage on a worldwide basis.

## Governance structure

The key governance and management bodies of KPMG International are the Global Council, the Global Board, and the Global Management Team. Further details on KPMG International's governance structure can be found in the 2021 [KPMG International Transparency Report](#).

\* The financial information set forth represents combined information of the separate KPMG firms from EU and EEA Member States that perform professional services for clients. The information is combined here solely for presentation purposes. KPMG International performs no services for clients nor, concomitantly, generates any client revenue.

# Statement by the National Senior Partner of KPMG Baltics, UAB on the effectiveness of quality controls and independence

The measures and procedures that serve as the basis for the system of quality control for KPMG Baltics, UAB outlined in this report aim to provide a reasonable degree of assurance that the statutory audits carried out by our firm complies with the applicable laws and regulations. Because of its inherent limitations, the system of quality controls is not intended to provide absolute assurance that non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations would be prevented or detected.

The National Senior Partner of KPMG Baltics, UAB has considered:

- the design and operation of the quality control systems as described in this report;
- the findings from the various compliance programs operated by our firm (including the KPMG International review programs as described in section *Internal monitoring and compliance programs* and our local compliance monitoring programs); and
- findings from regulatory inspections and subsequent follow up and/or remedial actions.

Taking all of this evidence together, the National Senior Partner of KPMG Baltics, UAB confirms with a reasonable level of assurance that the systems of quality control within our firm have operated effectively in the year to 30 September 2021.

Further, the National Senior Partner of KPMG Baltics, UAB confirms that an internal review of independence compliance within our firm has been conducted in the year to 30 September 2021.

Vilnius, 31 January 2022

**Rokas Kasperavičius**, National Senior Partner

# Appendix A1 List of audit firms located in EU and EEA countries

This is a list of KPMG audit firms as defined in Article 2(3) of EU Directive 2006/43/EC which are located in EU/EEA countries. It has been prepared solely for the purpose of compliance by KPMG member firms with Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities and repealing Commission Decision 2005/909/EC.

Location	Firm name
Austria	KPMG Austria GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft (Wien)
Austria	KPMG Alpen-Treuhand GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft (Wien)
Austria	KPMG Austria GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft (Linz)
Austria	KPMG Niederösterreich GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft
Belgium	KPMG Bedrijfsrevisoren/KPMG Réviseurs d'Entreprises
Bulgaria	KPMG Audit OOD
Croatia	KPMG Croatia d.o.o. za reviziju
Cyprus	KPMG
Cyprus	KPMG Limited
Czech Republic	KPMG Česká republika Audit, s.r.o.
Denmark	KPMG P/S
Estonia	KPMG Baltics OÜ
Finland	KPMG Oy Ab
Finland	KPMG Julkistarkastus Oy

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Location	Firm name
France	KPMG Associés S.A.
France	KPMG Audit Est S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit FS I S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit ID S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit IS S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Nord S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Ouest S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Paris et Centre S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Rhône Alpes Auvergne S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Sud-Est S.A.S.
France	KPMG Audit Sud-Ouest S.A.S.
France	KPMG Fiduciaire de France
France	KPMG SA
France	SALUSTRO REYDEL S.A.
Germany	KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft
Germany	KPMG Bayerische Treuhandgesellschaft Aktiengesellschaft Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft Steuerberatungsgesellschaft

Location	Firm name
Greece	KPMG Certified Auditors S.A.
Greece	KPMG Auditing A.E.
Hungary	KPMG Hungária Kft./KPMG Hungary Ltd.
Iceland	KPMG ehf.
Ireland	KPMG
Italy	KPMG S.p.A.
Italy	KPMG Audit S.p.A.
Latvia	KPMG Baltics SIA
Liechtenstein	KPMG (Liechtenstein) AG
Lithuania	'KPMG Baltics' UAB
Luxembourg	KPMG Luxembourg
Malta	KPMG

Location	Firm name
Netherlands	KPMG Accountants N.V.
Norway	KPMG Holding AS
Norway	KPMG AS
Poland	KPMG Audyt Services Sp z.o.o.
Poland	KPMG Audyt Sp. Z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością
Poland	KPMG Audyt Sp. Z ograniczoną odpowiedzialnością Spółka Komandytowa
Portugal	KPMG & Associados — Sociedade de Revisores Oficiais de Contas, S.A.
Romania	KPMG Audit SRL
Slovakia	KPMG Slovensko spol. s r.o.
Slovenia	KPMG Slovenija, podjetje za revidiranje, d.o.o.
Spain	KPMG Auditores, S.L.
Sweden	KPMG AB

# Appendix A2

## Public Interest Entities

The list of public interest entity audit clients for which KPMG Baltics, UAB has signed an audit opinion in the year ended 30 September 2021 is given below. The definition of public interest for this purpose is that given under the provisions of the Law on Audit of Financial Statements of the Republic of Lithuania.

All audit opinions for below specified public interest entities were issued in respect to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

### Entities listed on Vilnius Stock Exchange

Linus Agro Group AB  
 Invalda INVL AB  
 Klaipėdos Nafta AB  
 Šiaulių bankas AB

### Funds

Lords LB Baltic Fund III  
 Lords LB Private Equity Fund I  
 INVL Baltijos Fondas  
 INVL specialusis sudėtinis fondas  
 INVL sudėtinis fondas  
 INVL APDAIRUS  
 INVL DRAŠUS  
 INVL EXTREMO III 16+  
 INVL MEDIO III 47+  
 NVL STABILO III 58+  
 INVL pensijų turto išsaugojimo fondas  
 INVL pensija 1954-1960  
 INVL pensija 1961-1967  
 INVL pensija 1968-1974  
 INVL pensija 1975-1981  
 INVL pensija 1982-1988  
 INVL pensija 1989-1995  
 INVL pensija 1996-2002  
 Synergy Global Momentum Fund  
 Synergy Global Allocation Fund  
 Synergy European Bond Fund

### Fund managing companies

Lords LB Asset Management UAB  
 INVL Asset Management UAB

### Financial sector

Compensa Vienna Insurance Group UADB  
 SB draudimas GD UAB  
 PZU Lietuva gyvybės draudimas UAB  
 Lietuvos draudimas AB  
 PayRay UAB

### Government entities

Vilniaus šilumos tinklai AB  
 Lietuvos geležinkeliai AB  
 Klaipėdos valstybinio jūrų uosto direkcija, VĮ  
 Lietuvos oro uostai VĮ

### Financial brokerage firm

INVL Finasta FMĮ UAB

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