
Villum Fonden

Financial Statements for 2023 (52nd Financial Statements)

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Christian Gregersen



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Information about the Foundation

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Founded: 21 December 1971

Financial year: 1 January - 31 December

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Financial Highlights

(Amounts in DKK '000)	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
KEY FIGURES					
Profit/loss for the year	1,191,077	1,250,205	2,047,592	1,159,319	1,157,664
Grants for the year	1,348,733	1,298,300	1,843,353	1,002,328	1,283,194
Transfer to VELUX FONDEN	<u>200,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Other grants for the year*	1,148,733	1,048,300	1,493,353	752,328	1,083,194
Cancelled grants for the year	<u>58,003</u>	<u>2,101</u>	<u>16,261</u>	<u>12,046</u>	<u>48,572</u>
Other grants after cancellation	<u>1,090,730</u>	<u>1,046,199</u>	<u>1,477,092</u>	<u>740,282</u>	<u>1,034,622</u>
RATIOS*					
Grants:					
Number of applications received	1,183	792	941	1,096	1,043
Grants provided, Denmark	267	198	190	147	149
Grants provided, Greenland and abroad	<u>9</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>15</u>
Total grants provided	<u>276</u>	<u>214</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>160</u>	<u>164</u>
Amounts applied for	<u>4,057,658</u>	<u>4,505,740</u>	<u>4,098,041</u>	<u>6,468,533</u>	<u>4,844,471</u>
Grants:					
Denmark	1,048,127	957,049	1,376,486	670,491	882,843
Greenland and abroad	<u>100,606</u>	<u>91,251</u>	<u>116,867</u>	<u>81,837</u>	<u>200,351</u>
Total grants provided	<u>1,148,733</u>	<u>1,048,300</u>	<u>1,493,353</u>	<u>752,328</u>	<u>1,083,194</u>
Average grant	4,162	4,899	7,078	4,982	7,824
Number of grants:					
between 0-1 million	110	32	32	36	42
between 1-10 million	142	164	145	115	114
above 10 million	24	18	34	9	22
Expenses					
Indirect grant expenses	32,966	28,605	24,436	22,219	22,724
Administrative expenses	<u>48,836</u>	<u>44,939</u>	<u>43,786</u>	<u>43,056</u>	<u>37,071</u>
Total secretariat expenses	<u>81,802</u>	<u>73,544</u>	<u>68,222</u>	<u>65,275</u>	<u>59,795</u>
Indirect grant expenses	2.9%	2.7%	1.6%	3.0%	2.1%
in proportion to grants**					
Administrative expenses in proportion to grants**	<u>4.3%</u>	<u>4.3%</u>	<u>2.9%</u>	<u>5.7%</u>	<u>3.4%</u>
Administrative expenses in percentage terms**	<u>7.1%</u>	<u>7.0%</u>	<u>4.6%</u>	<u>8.7%</u>	<u>5.5%</u>

* Ratios have been calculated based on "Other grants for the year"

** The ratios are defined in accounting policies.

Review

Background

Villum Fonden is a non-profit foundation established by Villum Kann Rasmussen, MSc in Engineering, in 1971. The Foundation holds the majority of the share capital of VKR Holding A/S without, however, exercising control. In addition to its non-profit object, the Foundation ensures the financial basis of the continuance of VKR Holding A/S.

The Foundation acts within the framework set out by the Trust Deed, the rules of procedure of the Board of Directors and authorisation to Management as well as applicable law. The Foundation strives to live up to generally accepted foundation practice and foundation governance and addresses the Danish Recommendations on Foundation Governance prepared by the Committee on Foundation Governance. The Foundation's Statement of Governance Practices is available on its website, see:

<https://villumfonden.dk/da/article/retningslinjer-vi-foelger>

Grant areas and focus in 2023

With its broad, non-profit purpose, the Foundation supports research and communication within technical and natural sciences, social, environmental, artistic and cultural projects primarily in Denmark, but also abroad.

Every year, in cooperation with VELUX FONDEN, the Foundation prepares an annual report that provides insight into the many grants provided by the two foundations. The yearbook is available in print and is also available at the Foundation's website www.villumfonden.dk. The website also includes a database which allows users to search for and gain an overview of the grants broken down on grant areas.

Established procedures ensure that grants from Villum Fonden are provided in accordance with the Trust Deed. This is also ensured by both the legal adviser and the auditor of the Foundation. The procedures for example include external assessment of all large projects.

Economy and finances

The grant capacity of the Foundation is to a significant extent dependent on the dividend from VKR Holding A/S. Moreover, the Foundation has a significant holding of securities.

Grants excluding transfer to VELUX FONDEN represented DKK 1,148.7 million (2022: DKK 1,048.3 million). The Foundation's provisions for later use decreased from DKK 802.6 million in 2022 to DKK 662.9 million in 2023.

Asset management

The capital of the Foundation is invested in accordance with the Danish executive order on investments and the consent of the Danish Civil Affairs Agency and is managed on a long-term basis with a medium risk profile. The investment policy and asset management of the Foundation are further described on its website, see above.

ESG Reporting

Villum Fonden and VELUX FONDEN are both working actively at fostering a sustainable social development through targeted distribution of philanthropic foundation grants and responsible, sustainable investments.

At the same time, sustainability is prioritised in the day-to-day operation of the Foundations' domicile at Tobaksvejen 10 in Søborg, where the Foundations in recent years have been working steadily at ensuring responsible and environmentally friendly operations, both in terms of climate and energy, but also in terms of employee conditions and responsible foundation governance. Sustainable management is also a focal point at the property at Maskinvej 4, which is partly leased to VKR Holding A/S and contains the Villum Window Collection. In 2021, the Foundations also acquired Tobaksvejen 8, which was subsequently amalgamated with Tobaksvejen 10 and Maskinvej 4.

This report presents an overview of the sustainability initiatives implemented in the operation of the Foundations' domicile and Maskinvej 4 in relation to the environment and climate, social aspects and governance. As Tobaksvejen 8 is currently undeveloped, no further reference will be made to it in this report. The report does not include the sustainability of foundation grants and investments.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUNDATIONS' PROPERTIES				
Location	Ownership	Area	Activities	Employees
Tobaksvejen 10 DK-2860 Søborg	Jointly owned by Villum Fonden and VELUX FONDEN	2,158 square metres	Domicile of the Foundations. Joint management of the activities of Villum Fonden and VELUX FONDEN.	67
Maskinvej 4 DK-2860 Søborg	Jointly owned by Villum Fonden and VELUX FONDEN	2,439 square metres	80% of the property is leased to VKR Holding A/S and used as a museum, while the remaining 20% consists of meeting rooms used by the Foundations.	N/A

Sustainability work by the Foundations

Sustainability policy and strategy of the Foundations

The Foundations' strategic work on sustainability is carried out by a cross-sectoral sustainability team. The team has been appointed by Management and consists of representatives from the grant areas and administrative functions of the Foundations.

The Foundations' commitment to sustainability is embedded in a policy and strategy introduced in 2021. The sustainability policy establishes the framework for the work with sustainability in the day-to-day operations of the domicile.

The target areas and objectives of the Foundations in terms of sustainability are described in the sustainability strategy, which covers the period up to 2025. The strategy is focused on six key areas: Energy, resources, canteen, diversity, local area and transport. Each of these areas is underpinned by overarching principles and targets, which include calculated CO2 equivalents.

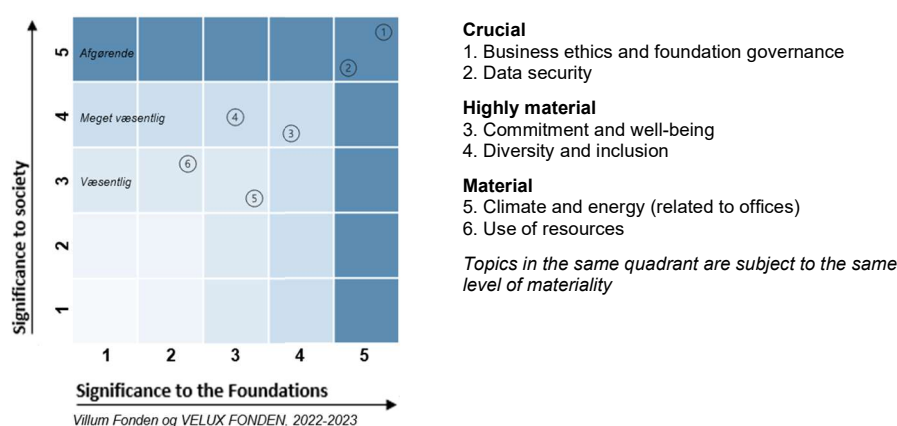
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In 2023, as planned, the Foundations carried out a mid-term review of the sustainability strategy for the period 2020-2025. The review resulted in a proposal for a new strategy for the period from 2023 to 2027. The finalisation and adoption of the new strategy are, however, not expected to take place until the end of 2024 at the earliest. This is because the Foundations will temporarily vacate Tobaksvejen 10 for most of 2024 due to conversion and refurbishment of the building and outdoor areas. Thus, the new strategy will take into account the changes to the facilities resulting from the refurbishment. At the same time, the Foundations will have the opportunity to adjust the current objectives from a broader perspective and explore opportunities for improvements and extensions of the data base.

ESG materiality assessment

The ESG materiality analysis of the Foundations identifies the environmental, social and governance-related factors relevant to the Foundations' operations. Subsequently, these factors are given a priority based on their significance to the core activities of the Foundations and society at large.

ESG materiality analysis



As the Foundations' focus on the priority areas of the ESG parameters remains unchanged, it has been deemed unnecessary to adjust the most recent materiality assessment completed in 2022. As the assessment shows, the areas of business ethics and foundation governance as well as data security are still considered *crucial* to the Foundations and the surrounding society alike. Next are commitment and well-being as well as diversity and inclusion, which the Foundations consider to be *highly material* to the Foundations and society. Use of resources, climate and energy are specifically related to the Foundations' offices and should, therefore, not be considered broadly, for example in relation to the Foundations' grants or investments. For this reason, they are considered to be *material* to the Foundations and society.

Governance

Managing the Foundations in accordance with their object and by safeguarding their interests is a cornerstone of the Foundations' work. The Foundations maintain high standards of integrity, decency and respect for the surrounding community, at management level and in day-to-day operations alike. This is crucial to ensuring the sustainability of the Foundations, while at the same time contributing to building public trust in both the Foundations and the foundation sector.

Foundation governance

The Foundations wish to meet both their own and the external environment's requirements with respect to accountability and openness of the Foundations' organisation and activities. Consequently, the Foundations have chosen to adopt and report annually on the Danish Business Authority's Recommendations on Foundation Governance to promote openness and transparency about the Foundations' governance.

Moreover, the Foundations have endorsed the Philanthropy Europe Association's principles of good practice and the Danish Code of Conduct for Research Integrity. Last, but not least, the Foundations have implemented the Open Access policy for public sector research funds and foundations in the standards anticipated observed by grant holders.

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Business ethics

The Foundations find it essential to be a responsible and reliable partner to the grant recipients and other parties with whom the Foundations cooperate. In this respect, the Foundations are making an effort to ensure that issues and risks associated with compliance and business ethics are identified and dealt with effectively.

An important focus area of the Foundations in terms of business ethics is conflicts of interest and impartiality. The Foundations have adopted a policy, Principles of impartiality, which sets out the guidelines for how to avoid impartiality issues and conflicts of interest and how to deal with such should they arise. Principles of impartiality apply to the Foundations' Boards of Directors, working groups, experts and employees. In 2024, the Foundations plan to conduct training in the impartiality policy for selected target groups.

Another important compliance area is awareness of the third parties with whom the Foundations engage. Risk-based due diligence processes help ensure that the Foundations do not engage with persons or organisations that may entail societal and/or reputational or legal risks. This applies not least in relation to money laundering and terrorist financing. In 2023, the Foundations have taken steps towards expanding their due diligence processes in the grant areas. The new processes will be implemented during 2024.

The Foundations have had a whistleblower scheme in place since 2018, which represents a secure channel through which employees, business partners and others may report suspicions of illegal acts. The scheme is operated by a third party, and a procedure for handling reports has been adopted.

Data security

As reflected by the materiality assessment, data security is a priority target area of the Foundations. They have implemented an IT security compliance programme to help ensure safe storage and processing of data. The Foundations collect and process personal data as part of their activities, in particular in connection with grant activities. To ensure compliance with personal data legislation, the Foundations have a GDPR compliance programme in place, which is maintained and updated on an ongoing basis.

BUSINESS ETHICS AND COMPLIANCE

Objectives	Activities completed in 2023	Activities planned for 2024
At least 97% of the target group is to complete compliance training (IT security).	IT security training of all employees in 2023. Completion rate: 100%. Framework for due diligence investigation developed.	IT security training of all employees in 2024. Framework for due diligence investigation of the Foundations' grant areas to be implemented in 2024. Selected target groups to be trained in the Foundations' Principles of impartiality.

Social matters

The Foundations' work with social aspects revolves around creating a working environment in which employees thrive, are committed and feel motivated. The Foundations are focused on being an attractive workplace and make every effort to develop the framework further to the effect that they do not merely promote professional development and cooperation, but also ensure a healthy working environment for the employees.

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Commitment and well-being

Every two years, the Foundations carry out an employee satisfaction survey. The most recent survey was conducted in November 2022, and, on a scale of 0-100, it showed an overall score of 78. This is a slight decrease compared to 2020, when the score was 80, but the result for 2022 remains within the range and high level of 75-80, which constitutes the Foundations’ goal. Continuous follow-ups on the survey have been made, for example with the help of external consultants. A new survey is scheduled for November 2024.

In addition, the Foundations carry out statutory health and safety risk assessments every other year, most recently in 2023. The result from 2023 shows, among other findings, a high level of satisfaction in terms of the option of working from home, and a high level of satisfaction with the physical working environment, although the office temperatures draw various comments. The overall satisfaction with the psychological working environment is slightly lower, but still high at 75%.

In 2023, sickness absence decreased from a total of 413 days in 2022 to 364 days in 2023, corresponding to average sickness absence per employee of 5.6 days. Adjusted for a single person’s long-term absence due to illness, the average sickness absence is 4.5 days per employee. The absence rate constituted 2.57% (including long-term absence due to illness), which is lower than the most recently calculated national average for private enterprises and organisations of 3.62% (2022 figures have been used as 2023 data has yet to be published by Statistics Denmark). This means that, in 2023, the Foundations reached their sickness absence target of being below the national average.

COMMITMENT AND WELL-BEING

Objectives	Activities completed in 2023	Activities planned for 2024
Employee satisfaction is maintained at 75-80 on a scale of 0-100.	An HR partner has been hired to help strengthen efforts within commitment and well-being.	Residential course focused on cooperation and code of conduct and communication.
Keeping sickness absence below the national average for private enterprises and organisations according to Statistics Denmark (absence rate) (2022: 3.62%).		Increased focus on well-being and prevention of stress.

Diversity and inclusion

Since different living conditions, experience, preferences and competencies provide different perspectives and, thus, a broader and more solid basis for carrying out the Foundations’ activities for the benefit of society, it is the intention of the Foundations to promote diversity and inclusion.

To achieve a more inclusive corporate culture, it is the overall goal of the Foundations to have a staff mix which reflects the surrounding society.

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INFORMATION ON FOUNDATION STAFF				
Employment status	Age	Length of service	Gender distribution	Gender distribution, HR responsibility
55 full-time employees 9 part-time employees 1 flexi-job employee 2 student assistants	Average: 47 years	Average: 5 years	58% women 42% men	35% women 65% men

In 2023, the Foundations' working group on diversity and inclusion participated in a masterclass on the topic. Against this background, the Foundations will continue their work on establishing a framework for implementing the Foundations' diversity and inclusion principles, and illustrating this outside the organisation. Part of this effort will be translating the principles into concrete actions.

DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

Objectives	Activities completed in 2023	Activities planned for 2024
At least 40% of employees with HR responsibilities should represent the under-represented gender by 2030.	Monitoring of development with respect to maintaining the share of the under-represented gender in 2023 (35%).	Continued monitoring of development with respect to maintaining the share in accordance with the objective.
A minimum of 5% should hold flexi-job positions or other special arrangement jobs.	The possibilities of increasing the share of flexi-job positions from the current 1.54% were continuously assessed throughout 2023.	Continued assessment of opportunities related to flexi-job employment.

Environmental aspects

The most important environmental impact of the operation of the Foundations' domicile and Maskinvej 4 includes climate footprint, energy consumption as well as resource and waste management.

Climate and energy

As the Foundations' activities are mostly related to the office space of the domicile in Søborg, as well as combined offices and museum at Maskinvej 4, the CO2 footprint is relatively limited. The Foundations do, however, intend to contribute to international climate goals to the extent possible. This also applies to the administrative activities of the Foundations.

In line with the Foundations' sustainability strategy, the focal point is implementation of actions that will reduce the CO2 footprint. Since 2021, the Foundations have been working to realise the measures identified in the strategy and implemented additional initiatives.

The Foundations have, ahead of time, achieved the subgoal of the sustainability strategy with respect to having the domicile transition to district heating by 2022. This was achieved in December 2021, and during the autumn of 2022, Maskinvej 4 also transitioned to district heating. In 2022, another subgoal was met when the Foundations' domicile started buying exclusively green power.

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CLIMATE AND ENERGY

Objectives	Activities completed in 2023	Activities planned for 2024
<p>30-40% power consumption (kWh) reduction in 2025 compared to 2018.</p> <p>75% reduction in climate footprint from heat consumption (CO₂-e) in 2023 compared to 2018.</p>	<p>Mid-term evaluation of the Foundations' sustainability strategy 2020-2025, including climate and energy.</p>	<p>No activities are planned for 2024 as the domicile at Tobaksvejen 10 is being converted and refurbished.</p>

In addition to energy improvements, the sustainability strategy identified travel activities as an area in which the carbon footprint may be reduced significantly. To address this, the Foundations have implemented internal guidelines aimed at creating a more sustainable approach to meeting and travel practices by encouraging meetings and modes of transport which minimise CO₂ emissions. For example, electric taxis are encouraged as an environmentally friendly option, just as virtual meetings are considered when appropriate.

Resources

It is the Foundations' goal to minimise the resource consumption associated with the operation of the Foundations' domicile and Maskinvej 4. Therefore, work is constantly being performed with respect to reducing daily consumption and optimising recycling processes as well as encouraging purchases through certified suppliers.

The Foundations' canteen plays a key role in this sustainable approach by actively working for sustainability when it comes to choosing raw materials and resource consumption. This is achieved, for instance, by limiting the use of animal food and by reducing food waste through the optimisation of menu and process planning.

The Foundations adhere to national and municipal standards applicable to the sorting of waste. Since 2022, the sorting of waste has been extended to comprise 19 categories.

Data overview 2018-2023

The below data overview shows the Foundations' development on selected parameters related to environmental, social and governance aspects since 2018. As of 2022, the overview also includes data on environmental aspects relating to Maskinvej 4.

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KPI	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Goals
Governance							
Business ethics and compliance							
Completion of IT security compliance training (%)	-	-	-	100%	99.6	100%	At least 97% of the target group is to complete the compliance training.
Social matters							
Commitment and well-being							
Employee satisfaction (score) is measured every other year.	78	-	80	-	78	-	Maintain total employee satisfaction score of 75-80.
Sickness absence (days)	-	-	264	260	413	364	Keeping sickness absence below the national average for private enterprises and organisations according to Statistics Denmark (absence rate) (2022: 3.62%, 2023 figures will be available later in 2024).
Sickness absence per employee (days)	-	-	4.9	4.8	7.2	5.59	
Sickness absence (%)	-	-	2.23	2.18	3.29	2.57	
Diversity and inclusion							
Gender diversity among all employees (%)	-	-	-	46% (M) 54% (F)	48% (M) 52% (F)	42% (M) 58% (F)	At least 40% of employees with HR responsibilities should represent the under-represented gender by 2030.
Gender diversity among employees with managerial responsibilities (%)	-	-	-	-	58% (M) 42% (F)	65% (M) 35% (F)	
Inclusion (%)	-	-	-	2%	2%	1%	A minimum of 5% should hold flexi-job positions or other special arrangement jobs.
Environmental aspects							
Electricity							
Electricity consumption (1,000 kWm)	89.1	88.2	77.0	81.0	78.5	83.6	30-40% power consumption (1,000 kWh) reduction in 2025 compared to 2018.
- Tobaksvej 10 Maskinvej 4	-	36.5	36.4	32.9	46.7	47.1	

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KPI	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Goals
Heating							
CO2, scopes 1 & 2 (tonnes)*							75% reduction in climate footprint from heat consumption (CO2-e) in 2023 compared to 2018.
Tobaksvejen 10	49.6	50.6	45.90	39.7	-	-	
- Gas (tonnes)*	0	0	0	0	22.6	17.8	
- District heating (tonnes)*	-	63.6	62.7	65.5	76.3	-	
Maskinvej 4	0	0	0	0	4.7	22.0	
- Gas (tonnes)*							
District heating (tonnes)*							

* CO2 emissions are calculated using the CO2 calculator of the Danish Business Authority's Climate Compass.

Management's Statement

The Board of Directors and Management have today presented the Financial Statements of Villum Fonden for 2023.

The Financial Statements are prepared in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations and the financial reporting provisions of the Trust Deed.

In our opinion, the transactions comprised by the Financial Statements are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations, the Danish legislation on foundations and the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The account in Management's Review of the matters addressed by Management's Review complies with generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations.

Søborg, 19 March 2024

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of Villum Fonden and the Danish Commercial Foundations Supervisory Authority

Conclusion

In our opinion, the Financial Statements for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2023 have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations, the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations and the financial reporting provisions of the Trust Deed.

We have audited the Financial Statements of Villum Fonden for the financial year 1 January - 31 December 2023, which comprise income statement, balance sheet and notes, including summary of significant accounting policies ("the Financial Statements").

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark. Our responsibilities under those standards and requirements are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark. We have also fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Statement on Management's Review

Management is responsible for Management's Review.

Our opinion on the Financial Statements does not cover Management's Review, and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Financial Statements, our responsibility is to read Management's Review and, in doing so, consider whether Management's Review is materially inconsistent with the Financial Statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

Moreover, we considered whether Management's Review includes the disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations.

Based on the work we have performed, in our view, Management's Review is in accordance with the Financial Statements and has been prepared in accordance with the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations and the financial reporting provisions of the Trust Deed. We did not identify any material misstatement in Management's Review.

Independent Auditor's Report

Management's responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements which comply with generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations under the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations and the financial reporting provisions of the Trust Deed and for such internal control as Management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the Financial Statements, Management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements unless Management intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Financial Statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these Financial Statements.

As part of an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs and the additional requirements applicable in Denmark, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Financial Statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by Management and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by Management.

Independent Auditor's Report

- Conclude on the appropriateness of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the Financial Statements and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the Financial Statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and contents of the Financial Statements, including the disclosures, and whether the Financial Statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that gives a true and fair view.

We moreover communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Copenhagen, 19 March 2024

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Income Statement

	Note	2023 (DKK '000)	2022 (DKK '000)
Dividend from shares in VKR Holding A/S		900,640	900,640
Other share dividends and income from investments		289,789	569,894
Interest on bonds		68,639	37,021
Other financials		13,512	(55,599)
Capital gains and losses on securities in the unrestricted capital		299	(128,207)
Total income		<u>1,272,879</u>	<u>1,323,749</u>
Administrative and other expenses	2,3,4	67,350	62,719
Directors' remuneration	2	2,108	1,953
Legal adviser		1,297	1,440
Auditor	4	1,927	866
Expenses concerning asset management	4	9,120	6,566
Total secretariat expenses		<u>81,802</u>	<u>73,544</u>
Profit/loss before tax		1,191,077	1,250,205
Tax on profit/loss for the year		-	-
Profit/loss for the year		<u>1,191,077</u>	<u>1,250,205</u>
<i>Distribution of profit</i>			
Provisions for later use, beginning of year		802,571	888,565
Transferred taxable capital gains from restricted capital		-	-
Profit/loss for the year		<u>1,191,077</u>	<u>1,250,205</u>
Available for distribution		<u>1,993,648</u>	<u>2,138,770</u>
<i>Which is distributed as follows:</i>			
Grants for the year (including transfer to VELUX FONDEN)		1,348,733	1,298,300
Cancelled grants		(58,003)	(2,101)
Provisions for consolidation		40,000	40,000
Provisions for later use		<u>662,918</u>	<u>802,571</u>
Total distribution		<u>1,993,648</u>	<u>2,138,770</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 December

	Note	Restricted capital (DKK '000)	Unrestricted capital (DKK '000)	2023 total (DKK '000)	2022 total (DKK '000)
Assets					
B shares in VKR Holding A/S	5	90,000	0	90,000	90,000
The VELUX Window Collection	6	1	0	1	1
Properties	7	39,116	0	39,116	36,160
Associates, etc.	8	1,490,966	0	1,490,966	1,458,906
Investments in real assets	9	657,955	332,216	990,171	966,818
Listed shares		3,205,721	740,272	3,945,993	3,920,424
Bonds, etc.	9	2,193,607	3,294,930	5,488,537	5,089,233
Bank deposit		235,841	55,323	291,164	118,867
Accrued interest		0	24,171	24,171	15,872
Balance		19,087	(19,087)	0	0
Other assets	10	<u>15,083</u>	<u>113,969</u>	<u>129,052</u>	<u>242,479</u>
Total assets		<u>7,947,377</u>	<u>4,541,794</u>	<u>12,489,171</u>	<u>11,938,760</u>
Equity and liabilities					
Amounts granted, not paid		0	3,591,609	3,591,609	3,407,323
Payables, etc		0	17,797	17,797	19,162
Provisions for later use		0	662,918	662,918	802,571
Capital gains, not realised		0	269,470	269,470	52,327
Equity	1	<u>7,947,377</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,947,377</u>	<u>7,657,377</u>
Total equity and liabilities		<u>7,947,377</u>	<u>4,541,794</u>	<u>12,489,171</u>	<u>11,938,760</u>

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	2023 (DKK '000)	2022 (DKK '000)
Note 1 – Equity		
<i>Restricted capital</i>		
Balance at 1 January	6,904,858	6,972,331
Realised capital gains and losses on bonds, net	(39,194)	(113,293)
Realised capital gains and losses on shares, net	(61,052)	19,773
Realised capital gains and losses on real assets, net	14,133	42,824
Realised capital gains and losses on forward exchange contracts	11,597	(56,391)
Amortisation, depreciation and impairment losses	(386)	(386)
Consolidation	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
Balance at 31 December before unrealised capital gains and losses	<u>6,869,956</u>	<u>6,904,858</u>
Unrealised capital gains and losses, bonds, net	(62,801)	(169,247)
Unrealised capital gains and losses, shares, net	1,117,175	839,830
Unrealised capital gains and losses, real assets, net	15,964	62,712
Unrealised capital gains and losses, forward exchange contracts	<u>7,083</u>	<u>19,224</u>
Unrealised capital gains and losses, restricted foundation funds	<u>1,077,421</u>	<u>752,519</u>
Total balance at 31 December	<u><u>7,947,377</u></u>	<u><u>7,657,377</u></u>

Note 2 – Directors' remuneration

In addition to a regular board fee, the board members receive a fee for participating in task group and committee work. For 2023, the board fee, exclusive of task group and committee work fees, amounted to DKK 2,108k (2022: DKK 1,953k). The total remuneration may be specified as follows:

	Board fee (DKK '000)	Task group and committee work fees (DKK '000)	Total	2022
Jens V. Kann-Rasmussen (Chair)*	-	-	-	-
Eva Zeuthen Bentsen (Vice-chair)	560	146	706	525
Anja Boisen	335	170	505	485
Jørgen Tang-Jensen	335	214	549	550
Christian Søndergaard Jensen	335	150	485	465
Connie Hedegaard	335	155	490	-
Kristian H. Kann-Rasmussen (observer)	115	-	115	110
Steen Riisgaard (former Vice-chair)	93	-	93	618
Total	<u>2,108</u>	<u>835</u>	<u>2,943</u>	<u>2,753</u>

*Mr Jens V. Kann-Rasmussen, Chair, has waived board, group and committee work fees.

Note 3 – Remuneration to Management

Management remuneration (Executive Director and Chief Investment Officer) is included in "Administrative and other expenses" and may be specified as follows:

	2023 (DKK '000)	2022 (DKK '000)
Lars Hansen	3,391	3,072
Fredrik Skoglund*	<u>2,586</u>	<u>1,017</u>
	<u>5,977</u>	<u>4,089</u>

*Villum Fonden and VELUX FONDEN share the same Chief Investment Officer whose remuneration is distributed by 75% and 25%, respectively, as reflected above. The 2022 remuneration applies from the Chief Investment Officer's appointment on 1 August 2022.

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	2023 (DKK '000)	2022 (DKK '000)
Note 4 – Fee to auditors		
Audit	224	272
Non-audit services	<u>1,703</u>	<u>594</u>
	<u>1,927</u>	<u>866</u>

Non-audit services included in “Fee, asset management” and “Administrative and other expenses”	81	68
Audit and other services included in supervision of grants	<u>124</u>	<u>240</u>
	<u>205</u>	<u>308</u>

Note 5 – VKR Holding A/S

The Foundation holds B shares in VKR Holding A/S corresponding to some 82% of the total share capital. Due to different share classes (A and B shares), the Foundation does not have control of VKR Holding A/S. The Foundation's share of equity of VKR Holding A/S amounts to DKK 24,420 million according to the latest Financial Statements at 31 December 2023. (2022: DKK 21,316 million).

Note 6 – The VELUX Window Collection

The VELUX Window Collection which comprises windows, fittings, etc. from the models and designs used over the years was gifted by VKR Holding A/S to the restricted capital of the Foundation on 16 April 1985. The Collection is recognised at sentimental value.

Note 7 – Properties

Owner-occupied property, Tobaksvejen 10

Cost at 1 January	31,237	30,283
Additions for the year	<u>3,342</u>	<u>954</u>
Cost at 31 December	<u>34,579</u>	<u>31,237</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 1 January	(4,232)	(3,951)
Depreciation for the year	<u>(281)</u>	<u>(281)</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 31 December	<u>(4,513)</u>	<u>(4,232)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 December	<u>30,066</u>	<u>27,005</u>

Museum building, Maskinvej 4

Cost at 1 January	7,000	7,000
Additions for the year	0	0
Cost at 31 December	<u>7,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 1 January	(420)	(315)
Depreciation for the year	<u>(105)</u>	<u>(105)</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 31 December	<u>(525)</u>	<u>(420)</u>
Carrying amount at 31 December	<u>6,475</u>	<u>6,580</u>

Tobaksvejen 8 (under reconstruction)

Cost at 1 January	2,575	2,575
Additions for the year	0	0
Cost at 31 December	<u>2,575</u>	<u>2,575</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 1 January	0	0
Depreciation for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation and impairment losses at 31 December	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Carrying amount at 31 December	<u>2,575</u>	<u>2,575</u>

Total carrying amount at 31 December	<u>39,116</u>	<u>36,160</u>
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The properties are owned in equal joint ownership with VELUX FONDEN. The above note reflects the value of Villum Fonden's ownership interest.

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Note 8 – Associates

Villum Fonden (the Foundation) holds 50% of the A shares with voting rights (VELUX FONDEN holds the remaining 50%) and 82.8% (2022: 82.8%) of the B shares (without voting rights) in VV Private Equity Holding ApS (VELUX FONDEN holds the remaining 17.2%). The registered office of the company is situated at Tobaksvejen 10, DK-2860 Søborg. The company's total nominal share capital amounts to DKK 63.4 million. The net profit was DKK 15.9 million for 2023 (2022: a negative DKK 18.4 million), and equity at 31 December 2023 constituted DKK 1,634.7 million (2022: DKK 1,618.9 million) of which the share of Villum Fonden constituted a negative DKK 13.1 million and DKK 1,347.4 million, respectively, in 2023 (2022: a negative DKK 18.1 million and DKK 1,334.4 million, respectively).

The VV Private Equity Holding ApS Group has committed to investing in private equity funds at an additional amount of DKK 695.7 million. (2022: DKK 876.5 million). Payment of the amount will be made under a cash-call principle.

Note 9 – Alternative investments

As part of its asset management, the Foundation invests in real assets (properties, infrastructure, etc.) unlisted debt funds as well as private equity funds, typically organised as limited partnerships and similar structures (level 3 of the fair value hierarchy). For this type of investment, fair value is not measured on the basis of observations in an active market, but on the basis of information about the fair value from the private equity funds.

When making new investments in private equity funds, the Foundation receives information of the private equity funds' overall valuation principles, which are accepted once the Foundation chooses to invest in a private equity fund. The fair value of the Foundation's investments in private equity funds is based on most recent monthly, quarterly and annual statements received.

The valuation of all investments is based on non-observable inputs. Recognition is based on the formalised valuation reporting process implemented by the private equity fund. Detailed information on valuation model data and underlying assumptions is not received.

The Foundation has committed to investing in such private equity funds at an additional amount of DKK 1,490.8 million (2022: DKK 1,943.6 million), including commitments in associates. Payment of the amount will be made under a cash-call principle.

Note 10 – Other assets and liabilities

Other assets and liabilities include the principal of forward exchange contracts entered into with the Foundation's bank and totalling USD 105.6 million (DKK 974.5 million) with a fair value of DKK 19.3 million at 31 December 2023 (2022: USD 144.5 million, corresponding to DKK 1,045.6 million with a fair value of DKK 39.1 million). The forward exchange contracts were effective until 17 January 2024. Realised forward exchange contracts for the year constituted DKK 11.6 million (2022: a negative DKK 56.3 million) and have been recognised in "Other financials" in the income statement, and in "Realised capital gains and losses, forward exchange contracts" in the restricted capital.

Note 11 – Contingent assets, liabilities and other financial obligations

Contingent liabilities

	2023 (DKK '000)
<i>Rental and lease obligations</i>	
Within 1 year	402
Between 1 and 5 years	72
After 5 years	<u>0</u>
	<u>474</u>

The Foundation has provided a guarantee of DKK 16.2 million (2022: DKK 16.2 million). No claims have been made under the guarantee.

The Foundation is jointly and severally liable for partnerships owned in equal joint ownership with VELUX FONDEN.

Besides the commitments referred to in note 9, the Foundation had no other contingent liabilities at 31 December 2023.

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Note 12 – Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The Financial Statements of Villum Fonden have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applying to foundations, the Danish Act on Foundations and Certain Associations as well as the financial reporting provisions of the Trust Deed.

The accounting policies remain unchanged compared to last year.

The Financial Statements for 2023 are presented in Danish kroner.

Recognition and measurement

As a general rule, income is recognised in the income statement as earned, including value adjustments of financial assets and liabilities. The accounting policies for each item in the income statement describe the recognition procedure in detail.

Moreover, all expenses are recognised in the income statement. Depreciation and impairment of the properties of the Foundation are recognised directly in the restricted capital.

Assets and liabilities are recognised in the balance sheet when it is probable that future economic benefits attributable to the asset or liability will flow to or out of the Foundation, and the value of the asset or liability can be measured reliably.

Assets and liabilities are initially measured at cost. Subsequently, assets and liabilities are measured as described for each item below.

Translation policies

DKK is used as presentation currency. All other currencies are regarded as foreign currencies.

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates at the dates of transaction. Exchange differences arising due to differences between the transaction date rates and the rates at the dates of payment are recognised in financial income and expenses in the income statement.

Income statement

Dividends

Dividends from shares and investment units are recognised as income in the income statement when received.

Interest

Interest on bank deposits and securities is recognised in the income statement and comprises receivable, undue interest calculated under the accruals concept.

Market value adjustments

Realised and unrealised capital gains and losses on securities and share of profit or loss from investments and real assets in the restricted capital are not recognised in the income statement, but are transferred to the restricted capital of the Foundation. In financial years with positive taxable income originating from such capital gains, it may be decided to transfer these gains, completely or partially, to the unrestricted capital.

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Investments in associates

Investments in associates are recognised and measured under the equity method.

The item "Associates, etc." in the balance sheet includes the proportionate ownership share of the net asset value of the enterprises calculated on the basis of the fair values of identifiable net assets at the time of acquisition.

Securities

The holding of B shares in VKR Holding A/S is recognised at the nominal value at the balance sheet date.

Listed shares and bonds are recognised at the listed market price at the balance sheet date.

Alternative investments recognised under "Investments in real assets" and "Bonds, etc.", include unlisted private equity funds measured at estimated fair value at the balance sheet date. Fair value is calculated on the basis of statements received from private equity funds, which recognise the underlying investments at fair value.

Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognised in the balance sheet at cost and are subsequently remeasured at their fair values. Positive and negative fair values of derivative financial instruments are classified as "Other assets" and "Payables, etc.", respectively.

Changes to the fair values of derivative financial instruments relating to assets in the unrestricted capital are recognised in the income statement.

Changes to the fair values of derivative financial instruments relating to assets in the restricted capital are recognised directly in the restricted capital.

Assets in the restricted capital

Assets – except for securities and equity investments as mentioned above – acquired with funds from the restricted capital are recognised at cost with deduction of accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

Cost comprises the cost of acquisition and expenses related to the acquisition.

Assets – except for securities as mentioned above – received as gifts to the restricted capital of the Foundation are recognised at sentimental value.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities

Tax legislation allows tax deduction of provisions for later distribution. This means that the Foundation may reduce any positive taxable income to zero by recognising a tax provision for later distribution in the statement of taxable income.

As the tax provision for later distribution is not recognised, a deferred tax liability may arise. The deferred tax liability is not recognised in the Annual Report as it is not considered probable that it will become subject to taxation due to Foundation's intention of continuing to distribute any income earned in accordance with the object of the Foundation. Such distributions are deductible from the Foundation's taxable income and will thus not result in a tax liability for the Foundation.

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Equity

The Foundation's restricted equity consists in part of original capital contributed by the founder, and in part of subsequent contributions in the form of gifts, inheritance donations and other contributions, the strengthening of the position of the Foundation by means of distribution of net profit, as well as market value adjustments of securities, etc. of the restricted assets.

The Foundation's available capital consists of provisions for future distribution in accordance with distribution of net profit.

Grants

Grants which, in accordance with the object of the Foundation, have been adopted in the financial year are deducted from the available capital through the distribution of profit.

Amounts granted, not paid

Grants which, in accordance with the object of the Foundation, have been adopted and announced to the recipient but not paid at the balance sheet date are deducted from the available capital through the distribution of profit and are recognised as a liability.

Financial ratios

The many grant areas of the Foundation deliberately apply different philanthropic approaches and have very different uses of internal and external resources depending on the procedures that the Foundation considers contribute the best to the implementation of the strategy of the individual area. The variations in the use of resources are seen, among other things, in connection with our dialogue with applicant environments, assessment of applications, evaluation of projects and programmes, project and strategy development as well as project follow-up. Therefore, several financial ratios are calculated for secretariat expenses.

Besides calculating the administrative expenses in percentage terms by dividing all secretariat expenses by the other grants of the Foundation, the Foundation has calculated two additional ratios for the Foundation's administrative expenses in percentage terms to illustrate the difference between expenses related to grant activities and general administrative expenses – i.e. expenses related to finance, communication, IT, management, etc. Indirect grant expenses comprise expenses for project development, experts, task groups as well as foundation advisers.

The ratios 'Indirect grant expenses in proportion to grants', 'Administrative expenses in proportion to grants' and 'Administrative expenses in percentage terms' are defined as follows:

Indirect grant expenses in proportion to grants

The ratio is calculated by dividing indirect grant expenses by "Other grants for the year".

Administrative expenses in proportion to grants

The ratio is calculated by dividing administrative expenses by "Other grants for the year".

Administrative expenses are calculated as "Secretariat expenses" with deduction of "Indirect grant expenses".

The allocation between administrative expenses and indirect grant expenses is subject to elements of estimation.

Administrative expenses in percentage terms

The ratio is calculated by dividing secretariat expenses in total by "Other grants for the year".