



## **Limited Assurance Report To the Board of Directors of Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.**

We have been engaged by Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. (the “Bank” or “Halkbank”) to perform an independent limited assurance engagement in respect of the Selected Information stated in the Bank’s CDP Water Security Report (“the 2022 CDP Water Security report”) for the year ended 31 December 2021 and listed below.

### **Selected Information**

The scope of the Selected Information for the year ended 31 December 2021, which is subject to our independent limited assurance work, set out on the section W1: Current State and “Appendix 1: Halkbank 2022 CDP Water Security Reporting Principles” is summarised below:

- Total water withdrawal in Turkey operations, including Head Office and Additional Service Buildings, Regional Coordination Offices, Branches and ATMs.

Our independent limited assurance work was with respect to the year ended 31 December 2021 information only and we have not performed any procedures with respect to earlier periods or any other elements, other than Selected Information included in the 2022 CDP Water Security report and, therefore, do not express any conclusion thereon.

### **Criteria**

The criteria used by the Bank to prepare the Selected Information is set out in section Appendix 1: Halkbank 2022 CDP Water Security Report - Reporting Principles (“Reporting Principles”).

### **The Bank’s Responsibility**

The Bank is responsible for the content of the 2022 CDP Water Security Report and the preparation of the Selected Information in accordance with the Reporting Principles. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation of Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.



### **Inherent Limitations**

Non-financial performance information is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information.

The absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw to evaluate and measure non-financial information allows for different, but acceptable, measures and measurement techniques and can affect comparability between entities. The precision of different measurement techniques may also vary. Furthermore, the nature and methods used to determine such information, as well as the measurement criteria and the precision thereof, may change over time. It is important to read the Selected Information in the context of the Reporting Principles.

In particular, the conversion of different energy measures and energy used to carbon emissions is based upon, inter alia, information and factors generated internally and/or derived by independent third parties as explained in the Reporting Principles. Our assurance work has not included examination of the derivation of those factors and other third-party information.

### **Our Independence and Quality Control**

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Our firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

### **Our Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to form a conclusion, based on limited assurance procedures, on whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information has not been properly prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Reporting Guidance. We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), "*Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*", and, in respect of greenhouse gas emissions, International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410, "*Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements*", issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement under ISAE 3000 and ISAE 3410. Consequently, the nature, timing and extent of procedures for gathering sufficient appropriate evidence are deliberately limited relative to a reasonable assurance engagement.

The procedures we performed were based on our professional judgment and included inquiries, observation of processes performed, inspection of documents, analytical procedures, evaluating the appropriateness of quantification methods and reporting policies, and agreeing or reconciling with underlying records.



Given the circumstances of the engagement, in performing the procedures listed above we:

- made inquiries of the persons responsible for the Selected Information;
- understood the process for collecting and reporting the Selected Information. This included analysing the key processes and controls for managing and reporting the Selected Information;
- evaluated the source data used to prepare the Selected Information and re-performed selected examples of calculation;
- performed limited substantive testing on a selective basis of the preparation and collation of the Selected Information prepared by the Bank.; and
- undertook analytical procedures over the reported data.

#### **Limited Assurance Conclusion**

Based on the procedures we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Bank's Selected Information for the year ended 31 December 2021, is not properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Principles.

This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared for the Board of Directors of the Bank as a body, to assist them in reporting Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş.'s performance and activities related to the Selected Information. We permit the disclosure of this report within the 2022 CDP Water Security Report for the year ended 31 December 2021, to enable the Board of Directors to demonstrate they have discharged their governance responsibilities by commissioning an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Board of Directors of Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. as a body and the Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. for our work or this report save where terms are expressly agreed and with our prior consent in writing.

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Partner

Istanbul, 22 July 2022

## **Annex 1: Halkbank 2022 CDP Water Security Report – Reporting Principles**

Reporting principles provides information on the data collection and regarding the water withdrawal included in Halkbank 2022 CDP Water Security Questionnaire (“the 2022 CDP Water Security Questionnaire”).

This reporting principles provides information on the data preparation, calculation principles and reporting methodologies of indicators within the scope of the limited assurance of the 2022 CDP Water Security Questionnaire. These indicators include the total water withdrawal. It is the responsibility of the Company’s management to ensure that appropriate procedures are in place to prepare the indicators mentioned above in line with, in all material respects, the Guidance.

The data included in this document is for fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, comprises only the relevant operations of Türkiye Halk Bankası A.Ş. (“the Company”) in Turkey operations including Head Office and Additional Service Buildings, Regional Coordination Offices, Branches and ATMs, that are the responsibility of the Company and excludes information about other locations or group companies.

### **General Reporting Principles**

In preparing this guidance document, consideration has been given to following principles:

- Preparation of Information – to highlight to users of the information the primary principles of relevance and reliability of information; and
- Preparation of the Report – to highlight the primary principles of comparability / consistency with other data including prior year and understandability / transparency providing clarity to users.

### **Scope of Reporting**

For FY21, the water withdrawal by source of the Company is included following data;

- Total water withdrawal in Turkey operations, including Head Office and Additional Service Buildings, Regional Coordination Offices, Branches and ATMs.

### **Data Preparation**

#### **Total Water Withdrawal:**

- The water withdrawal within the scope of other environmental performance data includes Total water withdrawal in Turkey operations, including Head Office and Additional Service Buildings, Regional Coordination Offices and Branches.

<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Value (m3)</b>
Total Water Withdrawal (m <sub>3</sub> )	This indicator reflects the total water consumption (volume – m <sub>3</sub> ) of the Bank during its operations, during the reporting period.	206,234.59

**Restatements**

The measuring and reporting of carbon emissions data inevitably involves a degree of estimation. Restatements are considered where there is a change in the data of greater than 5 percent at the Company level.