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## Report of the Supervisory Board

During 2022, the Supervisory Board ('Board') consisted of three members: Mr B. de Vries (chairman), Mr R. G. Verburgt and Ms M. F. M. van den Berg. The chairman of the Board holds informal monthly consultations with Annexum Beheer B.V. ("Manager"). During the reporting period, the Board met six times in the presence of the Manager.

The Board is guided by the interests of the company, whilst taking the relevant interests of the stakeholders into account. It also considers the social aspects of doing business that are relevant to the company. In its supervisory role, the Board focuses on achieving the company's objectives, the proper execution of risk management, and the reporting process of the investments.

Until December of 2022, NBZ's business strategy was to make long-term investments in seagoing vessels and to regularly pay dividends in cash or in newly issued shares.

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on 9 June 2022, the evaluation of a three-year business plan as established at the Extraordinary General Shareholders Meeting on 15 October 2019 was on the agenda. This three-year plan focused on clear growth objectives leading to a more sizable fund in 2022 (total assets USD 18-20 million) and thus a lower cost ratio plus a sustainable improved profit per share. At a later stage, further growth acceleration was targeted with a second listing on the Norwegian stock exchange

Although the total assets of NBZ increased to approximately USD 10 million during the above-mentioned three-year period, resulting in a slightly lower cost ratio, the targets set three years previously were not achieved. Despite this observation, it was approved during the Shareholders Meeting in June 2022, to make one last attempt to move towards the desired growth. Zuyderzee Capital B.V. ("Zuyderzee") was therefore contracted as a consultant, initially for a period of 6 months, after which an evaluation would take place.

After these six months, at the end of 2022, the Supervisory Board and the Management re-evaluated the situation. Together with Zuyderzee, various business models were discussed with shipowners, investors and other possible partners. These attempts did not provide sufficient grounds for further growth opportunities and they decided to discuss their findings in an informal meeting with the shareholders.

At this informal shareholders meeting, the following conclusions were drawn:

- The strong performance of the fund, together with approximately USD 4 million new capital, had resulted in a 120% increase of investment capacity to a fund size of approximately USD 10 million.
- During these three years, NBZ benefitted from its positioning in the main shipping markets, initially during the Covid pandemic when container and dry cargo markets improved substantially, followed by the upturn in the tanker market soon after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

- At the same time, NBZ was unable to successfully put NBZ in the spotlight for investors (equity and bond market), shipowners (asset-for-shares structures) and other possible partners. One of the difficulties in this respect was the fact that, as the only shipping-related share in the Amsterdam Stock Exchange, NBZ is unique in its type. Being one of the smallest funds makes it very difficult to attract the interest of the capital markets community.
- Last but not least, because of NBZ's small size, all the main banks removed NBZ from the trading list.

The above led to the conclusion that a further growth path to a total asset base of at least USD 18-20 million would not be impossible but would realistically take at least three to five years to achieve.

In view of the expected return on portfolio within a normalised market (12-14% return scenario) on the income side, and on the expenses side, increased management costs at competitive terms plus increased operating costs (accountants, administration etc.), the Manager and the Supervisory Board jointly decided to change the fund strategy from a growth objective into a winding up scenario.

The main goal for the coming period is to generate the highest sales price for the participations. Taking a balanced time schedule into account with a focus on adequate sales at the right time, a maximum sales period of 12-18 months was agreed for the total portfolio sale, ending in the third quarter of 2024. In this way, the importance of shareholders is optimally guaranteed. Shareholders were informed about this plan at an informal shareholders meeting (informative meeting) on 14 February 2023.

On the one hand, the Management Board and the Supervisory Board regret having to explain that, despite all the efforts, this ending scenario will now become reality. On the other hand, this scenario has been frequently discussed with shareholders and is considered a logical consequence of intensive discussions, analyses, and agreements on clear objectives in the past. In addition, we are experiencing the difficulties of growing a small shipping fund listed in the Netherlands, and we feel that we cannot ignore these lessons learned.

In view of the above, we can conclude that the decision in 2019 to give the fund 3 years to grow was very beneficial for the shareholders. The intrinsic value per share at 31 December 2019 was USD 8.79 and at 31 December 2022 USD 9.40. The profit per share over 2022 was USD 2.38 and the return on average investment portfolio over 2023 amounted to 33%. During these three years USD 2.6 million was distributed in cash and stock to the shareholders.

#### Liquidation process

Following the strategic decision to wind up the company, the participations in the vessel-owning entities will be sold. Once all the assets have been sold, the shareholders will be formally requested to vote to dissolve the company.

The process of selling the participations will be executed by the manager, under the supervision of the Supervisory Board. This will ensure that the interests of the shareholders are optimally served. The objective of the manager is to generate the highest possible return per share. In order to achieve this objective, the management has opted for a gradual sale scenario, which must in principle be completed no later than 2024. During the liquidation process, regular cash distribution to shareholders will be executed based on cashflow statements.

#### Investment portfolio

The Supervisory Board has discussed the current market situation extensively with the Manager, as well as the current value of the individual investments at the end of each quarter and in particular, as at 30 June and 31 December 2022. The valuation of the investments in the Norwegian and Dutch markets has been discussed at length. When discussing the current market situation and the individual investments, the strategy regarding the sale of investments is also discussed.

#### New investments in 2022

- On 28 April 2022, NBZ increased its shareholding in Brasgas IS from 18% to 33% for an acquisition price of USD 418,000. Brasgas is the owner of the gas carrier, the MT Kempton, which is on a bareboat charter to Transgas Shipping Lines SAC, Peru.
- On 13 October 2022, NBZ bought a 2.5% interest in United Overseas Products AS, for an acquisition price of USD 600,000. This company is the owner of two medium range product tankers the MT UOG Oslo (46,100 dwt) and the MT UOS Sparta (50,000 dwt). The MT UOG Oslo is time chartered out for 2 years and the MT UOG Sparta is operated by United Overseas Group in the spot market.

#### Divestments in 2022

- The bulk carrier MS AS Elbia (owned by Nordic Handysize III AS, in which NBZ holds 3%) and the MPP vessel, the MS Vectis Falcon, were sold.
- Forest Wave Group related companies exercised their call option on 50% of NBZ's 11.8% participation in the MS FWN Bonafide, the MS FWN Splendide, the MS FWN Rapide and the MS FWN Solide. NBZ generated a 13% annual return (IR) on this investment.

#### B-Gas NGC Ltd

- In January 2022, North Sea Gas AS, owner of the MT Gas Master and the MT Gas Mariner, merged with B-Gas Maud Ltd (owner of the MT Gas Maud) and Bergshav Shipping Ltd (owner of the MT Gas Margrethe, the MT Gas Neptune and the MT Gas Venus). The new company owning the six LPG carriers is called B-Gas NGC Ltd. NBZ has a 1.75% share in the new company.

The above movements in the NBZ portfolio are in line with NBZ's objective in 2022 to invest in various shipping markets. With eleven investments in twenty-four ships (seven investments concern multiple ships), NBZ was active in seven market segments as at 31 December 2022.

### Dry cargo market and the container market

The main index in the bulk market (Baltic Dry Index – BDI) fell from 2,217 at the beginning of the year to 1,515 at the end of December 2022. Until the summer, the index was in line with the previous year, after which the situation changed completely. A changing economic climate in general and particularly in China, the main factor in the bulk market, was the key reason for a downturn in the dry cargo market. The total volume of dry bulk cargo transported fell 2.2% in 2022 compared to 2021.

The multipurpose market (MPP) did very well during 2022. As this vessel type can also carry containers, some decrease might be expected during 2023 due to the sharp decline in the container market. The first quarter of 2023 showed a modest decline but considering the low orderbook plus the fast-growing offshore wind market, we expect a relatively good market for this vessel type for the years to come. Maritime Strategies International, one of the leading shipping research companies, expects new building deliveries to be broadly offset by the same capacity scrapped for the next three years, before deliveries gather pace from 2026. NBZ has participations in seven MPP vessels owned by three different entities: Super Greenship, Forest Wave and Momentum.

The container trade fell by 8.5% during 2022. The first half of 2022 was still very good, reaching an all-time high level in April. After the summer, the container market struggled following the weak economic backdrop, rising inflation and ‘cost of living crisis’ in many economies which impacted consumer activity. Furthermore, on the supply side, lower port congestion, one of the main drivers of the extreme market upturn, pushed the market further downwards. On the supply side, tonnage volume increased by 4%, caused mainly by new deliveries because scrapping was almost zero. During the first quarter of 2023, the market further decreased to a level just above the pre-Covid period. The forecast for the years to come is not positive, with overcapacity being inevitable with an orderbook above 25%.

At the end of 2022, the NBZ investments in the dry cargo and container market can be divided into:

- One handysize bulk carrier, 35,000 dwt, owned by Nordic Handysize III AS (MS AS Elenia). Ownership NBZ: 3%.
- Two multipurpose vessels (each 8,690 dwt) owned by Super Greenship B.V. (MS Vectis Harrier and MS Vectis Osprey). Ownership NBZ: 5.6%.
- Four multipurpose vessels (each 10,500 dwt) partly owned by Forest Wave Navigation related limited partnerships (MS FWN Bonafide, MS FWN Splendide, MS FWN Rapide and MS FWN Solide). Ownership NBZ: 5.9%.
- One multipurpose vessel (10,000 dwt), the MS Momentum, partly owned by private investors and by Forest Wave Navigation related limited partnerships. Ownership NBZ: 15%.
- Container vessels. NBZ has a participation in the large feeder segment via a 3.5% ownership in Thor Dahl Shipping AS (MS Thorswind and MS Thorstar). The Thorstar is on a long-term charter. The charter contract of the Thorswind is due for renewal in March 2023. Ownership NBZ: 3.5%



## Tanker market

NBZ's investments in the tanker market are spread over the crude oil tanker market, the product tanker market, the chemical tanker market and the gas tanker market. The situation on the tanker market is clearly different from that on the dry cargo market. The dry cargo market declined after the Russian invasion, while the tanker market, and in particular the product and chemical tanker market, improved strongly. The conflict in Ukraine has had a broad impact on these markets which have benefited most from shifting trade patterns following international sanctions against Russia and subsequent increase in the distance of oil transport (increase in ton miles). The market for gas vessels smaller than 8,000 m<sup>3</sup> (NBZ: Brasgas IS and B-Gas NGC Ltd) was relatively stable in 2022.

In 'normal' market conditions, global oil production is the main driver of the tanker market. Oil production returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2022, around 100 million barrels per day. Further growth in oil production is partly related to the global economy. After a setback in 2022, the forecasts for the Chinese economy are reasonably positive, with analysts predicting that the Chinese economy will mainly grow in the second half of 2023.

In view of the above developments, there is every reason to be cautiously optimistic about the tanker market for the next 1-3 years, also considering the fact that the tanker orderbook is historically low at around 4% and in particular the vessel types of NBZ's shareholdings, the suezmax market (3% order book), the medium range tanker market (5% orderbook) and the smaller chemical tanker market, less than 10,000 dwt (2% orderbook). The entire process from negotiating new orders to delivery of the completed ship normally takes at least 2 years.

At the end of 2022, the NBZ investments in the tanker markets can be divided into:

- Two product tankers, the MT UOG Oslo (46,100) and the MT UOG Sparta (50,000 dwt), owned by United Overseas Products AS. NBZ ownership: 2.5%
- Two crude oil tankers both of 165,000 dwt, the MT Antarctic and the MT Arctic, owned by Partankers XVII AS. NBZ ownership: 3%.
- One product tanker of 73,000 dwt, the MT Eagle, owned by UACC Bergshav Tanker II AS. NBZ ownership: 6.5%.
- Two chemical tankers, both of 5,800 dwt, the MTs Azra-S and Ozden-S, owned by RF Tankers AS. NBZ ownership: 7%.
- Six LPG tankers of 3,200-5,000 dwt, the MT Gas Master, the MT Gas Mariner, the MT Gas Margrethe, the MT Gas Neptune and the MT Gas Venus. The vessels are owned by B-Gas NGC Ltd. NBZ ownership: 1.75%.
- One LPG tanker of 5,000 dwt, the MT Kempton, owned by Brasgas IS. NBZ ownership: 33%.

The chairman of the Board is Mr B. de Vries, and the two members of the Board are Ms M. F. M. van den Berg and Mr R. G. Verburgt.

B. de Vries (male, born 1958, Dutch) is a financial advisor and chairman of the Board. He holds several other non-executive board positions, among others in three housing associations and a position within Vallianz Holdings Ltd. His expertise lies in shipping investment and banking. He was appointed to the Board in 2006 and became chairman in 2014.

R. G. Verburgt (male, born 1959, Dutch) is also a director and indirect shareholder of Perseverance Bulk Carriers B.V., owner of a 24% interest in NBZ as at 31 December 2021, with many years of experience as a director and part owner of seagoing vessels. R. G. Verburgt is the CEO of Alliance Tanker Management Cooperatief U.A.

M. F. M. van den Berg (female, born 1978, Dutch) is an interim manager, advisor and trainer in the field of legal advice, risk and compliance. Currently she works at Erasmus MC, Rotterdam. Previously, she was head of operations at Argenta Bank Nederland where one of her responsibilities involved compliance. She is also Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of Qurin Diagnostics, which is developing a chip that can detect cancer in urine at an early stage using nanotechnology. Her focus areas in this position are business operations, governance, compliance and legal affairs.

With respect to Ms van den Berg, Mr de Vries and Mr Verburgt, they operate independently and have no connection whatsoever with the Manager. Ms van den Berg and Mr de Vries are not shareholders in the fund, while Mr Verburgt has (with partners) an indirect interest of 24% in the fund (see previous paragraph). Mr de Vries, Mr Verburgt and Ms van den Berg attended all the meetings of the Board. In the opinion of the Board, the requirements for independence as referred to in the best practice provision (BPP) 2.1.7 to 2.1.9 have been met.

Mr De Vries was appointed for a period of one year at the General Meeting of Shareholders on 2022. At this meeting, an evaluation took place based on a properly substantiated proposal, which was also discussed in the Board. In order to ensure continuity during liquidation phase, it is proposed to re-elect Mr De Vries for a term of two years.

The Supervisory Board periodically checks the composition of the Board with respect to the available competencies.

Due to the limited size of the organisation, a separate control/audit function is not possible. To minimise the associated risks, the administration is outsourced to a third party which independently prepares the reports. This worked well in 2022.

The Board discusses the findings of the external auditor regarding the internal control environment with the Board of Directors and the external auditor.

The General Meeting of Shareholders was held on 9 June 2022. During this meeting, the 2021 annual accounts were approved, and the Board was granted discharge. The Manager plays an important role in this process. The Supervisory Board notes that the management of NBZ N.V. by Annexum Beheer B.V. during 2022 was conducted to its full satisfaction and the management of NBZ N.V. looks forward to continuing the collaboration with Annexum Beheer B.V. in 2023.

The supervisory board would like to thank Annexum Beheer B.V. in the persons of Huib Boissevain, Focko Nauta, Martijn Steenhuis and Sander Kroodsma for their contribution in 2022 and the on-going support for the company during the liquidation phase. Since September 2012, NBZ has been a closed-end fund, whereby new share capital can only be raised through share issues. The share price is determined on the stock exchange (Euronext) based on supply and demand. The price is quoted in euros. The market for the NBZ share was illiquid in 2022; trading volumes are limited.

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 27 of the Articles of Association, the Manager prepared the 2022 annual accounts and discussed them with the Supervisory Board. During the discussion of the draft annual accounts for 2022, the Supervisory Board considered the valuation of all relevant balance sheet positions, including the investments already discussed.



We hereby present to you the annual report of the Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen NV. The annual report includes the report of the Manager and the annual accounts for the financial year 2022. An unqualified auditor's report was issued by Deloitte Accountants B.V. We advise you to adopt the annual accounts in accordance with the proposal.

We also inform you that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 29 of the Articles of Association, the Board has approved the decision of the Manager with regard to the appropriation of the result, as included in the financial statements.

Amsterdam, 28 April 2023

The Supervisory Board,

B. de Vries (Chairman)

R. G. Verburgt

M. F. M. van den Berg

# Management Report 2022

## Introduction

Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. (NBZ) was incorporated on 16 March 2005. The company has its registered office in Rotterdam and has had its office at Strawinskylaan 485 in Amsterdam since 1 January 2017. The company is registered with the Chamber of Commerce, number 24375220. NBZ's shares (in euros) have been listed on the Euronext since 15 November 2011. At the end of 2022, 996,671 shares or participations had been issued.

Until December of 2022, the objective of the NBZ was to create a diversified portfolio with investments in various types of seagoing vessels with long-term employment in different markets. Furthermore, each investment must comply with the investment guidelines stated in the Prospectus. NBZ aims for a dividend yield of 7% to 10%.

NBZ N.V. is managed by Annexum Beheer B.V., from which Focko Nauta is responsible for the day-to-day management of the investment portfolio.

The Supervisory Board consists of two male members and one female member. NBZ strives for a balanced division between male and female members.

## Annual General Meeting of Shareholders: approval of financial statements and discharge of Management and Supervisory Board

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on 9 June 2022, the shareholders approved the 2021 financial statements and granted discharge from liability to the Management Board (the Manager) and the Supervisory Board.

## Summary 2022

The year 2022 can be summarised as follows:

- The tanker market substantially improved as from the end of the second quarter 2022 due to the ton-miles increase from sanctioning (Russian invasion) plus demand growth in the US and Europe.
- The container market and the dry cargo market decreased as a result of a changing economic climate and lower port congestion.
- Two vessels partly owned by NBZ were sold or partly sold (one bulk carrier and one MPP vessel) and one participation in two product tankers was purchased. Furthermore, the shareholding in one gas carrier, the MT Kempton, was increased from 18% to 33%.
- A thorough analysis of the future perspective of NBZ was discussed at the General Meeting of Shareholders on 9 June 2022, resulting in clear growth targets being set for ultimo 2022 and Zuyderzee Capital being contracted as advisor.
- At the end of 2022, the management and the supervisory board jointly concluded that despite all the efforts, the necessary growth had not materialised. In view of the expected unwillingness of investors to invest in NBZ via the Amsterdam Stock Exchange in the coming years, it was decided to start the liquidation process of NBZ in 2023.
- An all-time high result for NBZ, generating 22% return on net asset value and 33% on average investment portfolio.

Informative shareholders meeting on 14 February 2023:

- On 14 February 2023, the NBZ shareholders were informed of the liquidation plan at an informal shareholders meeting.

### **Decision to wind up NBZ**

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## Investment result per share

The net result per share after tax, broken down into income, value adjustments and costs for the period 1 January 2017 up to and including 31 December 2022, is shown in the table below:

<i>x USD 1,000</i>	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Income (incl. changes in the value of investments)	3,031	2,289	461	542	747	577
Costs (incl. taxes)	-831	-580	-539	-750	-493	-365
Result after taxes	2,200	1,709	-78	-208	254	212
Number of outstanding participations at the end of the financial year	996,641	894,071	795,658	652,055	474,426	474,426
Net asset value in USD per participation at year-end	9.40	9.17	7.96	8.79	10.73	10.68
Dividend paid in USD per participation	1.72	0.53	0.24	0.36	0.48	0.48
Return to net asset value 1 year ago	21.30%	21.82%	-6.67%	-14.76%	5.01%	4.17%
Dividend yield relative to average net asset value	18.53%	6.19%	2.87%	3.69%	4.48%	4.49%
Difference from net asset value 1 year ago, taking into account dividends paid	1.95	1.74	-0.59	-1.58	0.54	0.45

NBZ's net result for 2022 amounted to USD 2.2 million, the highest result ever. The majority of the good result came from the strong MPP market.

The operating expenses were somewhat higher due to an increase in consultancy costs.

No research and development costs were incurred during the year under review.

In the period 2015–2020, NBZ always paid a quarterly dividend in cash – initially USD 0.05, but from the fourth quarter of 2015 up to and including the fourth quarter of 2019, a dividend of USD 0.12s has been paid out per quarter. As of 2020, the dividend has no longer been paid in cash as standard, unless the individual shareholder indicates that they wish to receive the dividend in cash. In addition, it was decided to pay dividends twice instead of four times a year. The dividend paid per share amounted to USD 1,72, generating an 18.5% yield over net asset value.

## Fleet composition and performance investments

NBZ started 2022 with ten investments in twenty vessels spread over seven market segments. At the end of 2022, NBZ participated in 24 vessels spread over the same 7 market segments as in 2021. There were the following changes in the investment portfolio during the reporting year 2022:

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%	Market segment	Dwt	Trading area	Vessels
47%	Multipurpose (MPP)	< 12.000	Worldwide	Vectis vessels (2x), FWN vessels (4x), Momentum
4%	Dry bulk handysize	> 12.000	Worldwide	AS Elenia
5%	Container-feeder	< 10.000	Worldwide	Thorswind, Thorstar (TDS)
7%	Crude tankers	> 100.000	Worldwide	Arctic, Antarctic
18%	Producten tanker	> 30.000	Worldwide	Eagle, UOG Oslo, UOG Sparta
5%	Chemical tankers	< 10.000	Caribbean	Ozden, Azra
15%	Gas tankers	< 10.000	Europe, US	6 x B-Gas-NGC, Kempton

Time charter contracts have been concluded for nine of the above vessels and bareboat charter contracts have been concluded for four vessels. NBZ closely monitors the relevant market segments and the contractual counterparts. This is important for the management of the current portfolio and for making investment and divestment decisions.

The above overview clearly shows how the NBZ portfolio is spread over the various market segments. NBZ is represented in the main market segments (dry cargo, containers and tankers).

## Size of the total shipping market

The entire dry bulk market above 10,000 dwt plus the whole multipurpose market comprises more than 15,000 vessels. The container market includes 5,700 vessels, 3,300 of which are feeders (100 –3,000 TEU). Worldwide there are approximately 8,200 tankers (oil and gas) of over 10,000 dwt and 9,000 tankers (oil and gas) of less than 10,000 dwt.

## Investments in the dry cargo market and the container market

NBZ's investments in the dry cargo market can be divided into:

1. Seven multipurpose deep-sea vessels, divided over three ownership structures:

- Super Greenship BV; the MS Vectis Harrier and the MS Vectis Osprey. The owner of these 8,690 dwt vessels is Super Greenship B.V., in which NBZ has a 5.6% interest. The Vectis Osprey is on time charter to UAL until June 2025 and the Vectis Harrier is on time charter until June 2024.



- Forest Wave; the MS FWN Bonafide, the MS FWN Splendide, the MS FWN Rapide and the MS FWN Solide. The owners of these 10,500 dwt vessels are four separate limited partnerships. The four vessels have time charter contracts with World Wave Logistics B.V. (part of the Forest Wave Group) until April–June 2023. NBZ’s interest in these limited partnerships amounts to 5.9%.

- Momentum CV: the MS Momentum (10,000 dwt, built in the Netherlands) is owned by Momentum C.V. Both vessels are on a two-year time charter until December 2024. Forest Wave Navigation arranges the commercial management from the office at Groningen. To limit the downside market risk, NBZ and the seller of the participation agreed a residual risk limitation during the first two years of operation. NBZ has an option to put the vessel up for sale in 2025. NBZ’s interest in this limited partnership amounts to 15%.

## 2. Two container feeders:

- Thor Dahl Shipping AS; MS Thorswind and the MS Thorstar. NBZ has a 3.52% participation in Thor Dahl Shipping AS, is indirectly owner of 25% of the MS Thorswind (2,200 TEU) and 34% of the MS Thorstar (2,800 TEU). The MS Thorswind is on a time charter for USD 20,000 a day until March 2023, and the MS Thorstar is on a time charter for USD 34,500 per day until November 2024.

## Sold in March 2023:

- Nordic Handysize III AS; the bulk carrier, the MS AS Elenia was sold in March 2023 for a price of Usd 13.1 million (gross). NBZ had a 3% ownership of Nordic Handysize III AS.

## Dry cargo market and the container market

The main index in the bulk market (Baltic Dry Index – BDI) fell from 2,217 at the beginning of the year to 1,515 at the end of December 2022. Until the summer, the index was in line with the previous year, after which the situation changed completely. A changing economic climate in general and particularly in China, the main factor in the bulk market, was the key reason for a downturn in the dry cargo market. The total volume of dry bulk cargo transported fell 2.2% in 2022 compared to 2021.

The multipurpose market (MPP) did very well during 2022. As this vessel type can also carry containers, some decrease might be expected during 2023 due to the sharp decline in the container market. The first quarter of 2023 showed a modest decline but considering the low orderbook plus the fast-growing offshore wind market, we expect a relatively good market for this vessel type for the years to come. Maritime Strategies International, one of the leading shipping research companies, expects new building deliveries to be broadly offset by the same capacity scrapped for the next three years, before deliveries gather pace from 2026. NBZ has participations in seven MPP vessels owned by three different entities: Super Greenship, Forest Wave and Momentum.

The container trade fell by 8.5% during 2022. The first half of 2022 was still very good, reaching an all-time high level in April. After the summer, the container market struggled following the weak economic backdrop, rising inflation and ‘cost of living crisis’ in many economies which impacted consumer activity. Furthermore, on the supply side, lower port congestion, one of the main drivers of the extreme market upturn, pushed the market further downwards. On the supply side, tonnage volume increased by 4%, caused mainly by new deliveries because scrapping was almost zero. During the first quarter of 2023, the market further decreased to a level just above the pre-Covid period. The forecast for the years to come is not positive as overcapacity is inevitable with an orderbook above 25%.

#### Investments in the tanker market

NBZ’s investments in the tanker market can be divided into:

- Partankers XVII IS; MT Antarctic and MT Arctic, two suezmax tankers of 165,000 dwt. Both vessels are on a five-year bareboat contract to Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd (NYSE listed) for a period of five years plus three-year options. NBZ owns 3% of the company owning these vessels.
- RF Tankers AS; MT Azra-S and the MT Ozden-S, two chemical tankers of 5,800 dwt. Both vessels are on a one-year time charter to Christiania Shipping AS from April-May 2022. NBZ has a 7% ownership in these two vessels.
- Brasgas IS; MT Kempton, a 5,000 dwt LPG carrier. This vessel is on a seven-year bareboat contract to Transgas, Peru, until December 2025. The bareboat contract includes a put option ore and a call option at the end of the bareboat contract. NBZ owns 33% of this vessel.
- B-Gas NGC Ltd; MT Gas Master, the MT Gas Mariner, MT Gas Maud, the MT Gas Margrethe, the MT Gas Neptune and the MT Gas Venus are all LPG carriers (3,200-5,000 dwt). These vessels are operated by B-Gas A/S, Copenhagen. As at the end of 2022, NBZ owns 1.75% of B-Gas NGC Ltd, the owner of these vessels.
- United Overseas Products AS; MT UOG Oslo (46,100 dwt) and the MT UOS Sparta (50,000 dwt), both vessels are MR product tankers. The MT UOG Oslo is time chartered out for 2 years and the MT UOG Sparta is operated by United Overseas Group in the spot market. NBZ has a 2.5% ownership in these two vessels.

#### Sold on 20 January 2023:

- UACC Bergshav II DIS; MT Eagle, a 73,000 dwt product tanker (MT Eagle). At the end of 2017, a five-year bareboat charter contract was concluded with United Arab Chemical Carriers (UACC). During 2021, UACC was acquired by United Overseas Group (UOG). The bareboat charterer, UOG, exercised the purchase option on 20 January 2023. NBZ generated a 14.6% annual return (IR) on this 5-year investment.

## Tanker market

NBZ's investments in the tanker market are spread over the crude oil tanker market, the product tanker market, the chemical tanker market and the gas tanker market. The situation on the tanker market is clearly different from that on the dry cargo market. The dry cargo market declined after the Russian invasion, while the tanker market, and in particular the product and chemical tanker market, improved strongly. The conflict in Ukraine has had a broad impact on these markets, which have benefited most from shifting trade patterns due to international sanctions against Russia, leading to an increase in the distance of oil transport (increase in ton miles). The market for smaller gas vessels smaller than 8,000 m<sup>3</sup> (NBZ: Brasgas IS and B-Gas NGC Ltd) was fairly stable in 2022.

In “normal” market conditions, global oil production is the main driver of the tanker market. Oil production will have returned to pre-pandemic levels in 2022, around 100 million barrels per day. Further growth in oil production is partly related to the global economy. After a setback in 2022, the forecasts for the Chinese economy are reasonably positive, with analysts predicting that the Chinese economy will mainly grow in the second half of 2023.

In view of the above developments, there is every reason to be cautiously optimistic about the tanker market for the next 1-3 years, also since the tanker orderbook is historically low at around 4% and in particular the vessel types of NBZ's shareholdings, the suezmax market (3% order book), the medium range tanker market (5% orderbook) and the smaller chemical tanker market, less than 10,000 dwt (2% orderbook). The entire process from negotiating new orders to delivery of the completed ship normally takes at least 2 years.

## Newbuilding market

Shipyards have been busy finishing orders in the container market and gas (LNG) market. The current orderbook in these markets is enormous with 28% (container vessels) and 50% (LNG carriers). Considering the market developments, analysts expect more new building orders in the tanker and bulk markets. Macroeconomic challenges, alternative fuel choices, price increases and available yard capacity might delay the process of new orders. Currently, 61% of tonnage ordered was alternative fuelled (2021: 34%).

## Valuation methodology

In December 2022, an assessment of the expected future cash flows and – insofar as possible – of the financial position of the shipping companies concerned was prepared, based on the information available for each individual investment. Although every effort was made to obtain a complete picture of the future cash flow, it remains uncertain by its nature. In the absence of usable market quotations, the net present value method is used for the valuation of the investments in loans and investments in participations in ships, whereby the future cash flows are estimated as accurately as possible.

When applying the aforementioned method, the expected future cash flows are discounted at a percentage that best reflects the risk profile of the investment at the time of valuation. This method was introduced during the 2009 financial year and further refined in the following years. NBZ has examined the current value of the investments on a quarterly basis and as often as circumstances have given rise to do so and revised them if necessary. Under all circumstances, this remains a top priority for the Manager. The risk factors associated with an investment in NBZ units are described in the prospectus of December 2019.

### NBZ investments 2005–2022

Since its inception, NBZ has invested in forty-seven different vessels:

- Investments that generated a profit were investments in the following eighteen motor vessels:

Gas Pioneer, Adnan, Halil, Venere, Tapatio, Cable Innovator, Wincanton, Lesley, Svetlana, Michelle, Henrietta, Thorsky, Caribe Ilse, Caribe Cristina, Caribe Maria, Vectis Eagle, Vectis Falcon and AS Elbia

- Investments that generated a loss were investments in the following five motor vessels:

Star I, Rayben Star, Atagun, Merwesingel and Merweplein

- The current investments as at 31 December 2022 are in the following twenty-four motor vessels:

Eagle, AS Elenia, Gas Master, Gas Mariner, Gas Maud, Gas Margrethe, Gas Neptune, Gas Venus Thorswind, Thorstar, Azra-S, Ozden-S, Vectis Harrier, Vectis Osprey, Kempton, FWN Bonafide, FWN Splendide, FWN Rapide, FWN Solide, Arctic, Antarctic, Momentum, UOG Oslo and UOG Sparta

All current investments are performing within the agreed margins.

### **Sustainability**

Sea-going transport is responsible for 2.5% of the global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Initially, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) took responsibility in launching their strategy for reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>, setting goals on reducing the average carbon intensity of 40% by 2030 and 70% by 2050 compared to 2008 levels. The industry's total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are to be reduced by 50% by 2050.

The above strategy has been criticised by International Organisations such as the European Union (Green Deal), supporting a climate neutral policy as from 2050. It is not unlikely that the upcoming IMO meeting (summer 2023) will set more ambitious targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Across 2022, 61% of tonnage ordered (35% by number) was alternative fuelled (source: World fleet register and Clarksons Research). Over half of the tonnage ordered was LNG dual fuel, 7% was methanol and 1.2% included battery hybrid. For NBZ with its focus on second-hand tonnage, the new regulation for existing vessels, the Energy Efficient Existing Ship Index (EEXI), became effective from 1 January 2023. This is a one-off requirement that requires existing ships to modify their design (or implement an alternative measure) to reach a required level of technical efficiency.

The IMO also adopted (also effective as from 1 January 2023) the Carbon Intensity Indicator (CII) regulation, a mandatory regulation which imposes annual targets on ships for reducing their operational emissions. Each year from 2023, every ship must calculate and report its Carbon Intensity Indicator. The first reporting period is from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023. By early 2024, the ship should therefore have reported their first CII rating for 2023, which will be verified and reported to the ship's administration. This will be compared to the required annual operational CII and each ship will then be given a rating from A to E. The reporting will be recorded in the Ship's Energy Efficiency Management Plan (SEEMP). Each ship must achieve a C rating or above. If a ship gets a D rating for three consecutive years, or if the ship gets an E rating, it will need to include an approved corrective action plan as part of its SEEMP to demonstrate how it will achieve a C rating or above as a prerequisite to receiving its Annual Statement of Compliance. This will need to be kept on board along with the other certificates.

One of the ways to apply the above regulation is to reduce the speed of the vessel. This will have some impact on the total fleet capacity and may accelerate the scrapping of old tonnage in the long term.

NBZ does not have a specific sustainability objective and therefore reports in accordance with Article 6 SFDR.

### **Events after the balance sheet date**

The Charterer of the MT Eagle (owned by UACC Bergshav II DIS) exercised his purchase option and the vessel was sold and delivered in January 2023, for a sales price of USD 20 million (acquisition price in 2019 was USD 25.5 million). NBZ generated a 14.6% annual return (IR) on this 5 years investment.

The MS AS Elenia (owned by Nordic Handysize III AS) was sold in March 2023 for a price of USD 13.1 million (gross). Nordic Handysize III AS acquired the vessel in 2017 for USD 10.6 million. NBZ had an ownership of 3% Nordic Handysize III AS. NBZ generated an annual return of 19% (IR) on this 5 years investment.

### **Dividend**

The manager proposes to the shareholders' meeting the balance of the profit for the financial year in the amount of USD 2,200,000 and the dividend paid in the amount of USD 1.11 to add to the equity per 31 December 2022 plus an amount of USD 2.35 to be distributed to the shareholders in February 2023.

### **Statement of business operations**

#### **General**

In accordance with Article 121 of the Decree on the Supervision of the Conduct of Financial Undertakings (Besluit Gedragstoezicht financiële ondernemingen – Bgfo), as Manager of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen NV (NBZ), it is our responsibility to declare that NBZ has a description of the structure of its business operations pursuant to the Act on the financial supervision and the related requirements, and that this operational management operated effectively and in accordance with the description during the 2022 financial year. The business operations are geared to the size of the organisation and in line with the requirements set by, or pursuant to, the law. Such a structure cannot provide absolute assurance that misstatements will never occur but is designed to obtain a reasonable degree of assurance about the effectiveness of the internal controls concerning the risks related to the activities of the investment fund. The assessment of the functioning and effectiveness of the business operations is the responsibility of the Manager.

#### **Activities during the fiscal year 2022**

The set-up of the administrative organisation and internal control (now referred to as 'business management') is reviewed annually and, if necessary, brought back into line with the legislation. This is reported by Annexum, which is assisted in the execution of this task by Bentacera B.V. Relevant risks have been identified and associated internal controls have been defined. In practice, the assessment of the effectiveness and the functioning of the operational management is given substance in several ways. We are periodically informed by means of recordings of activities performed based on work instructions. These work instructions are based on the process descriptions and the control measures contained therein. Because the members of the Manager's

management board frequently participate in the business operations themselves, we also rely on our own experience. In addition, there is an incident and complaints procedure. No relevant findings emerged from this in the context of the reporting in this annual report.

#### Reporting operational structure

During the 2022 financial year, we assessed the various aspects of the operational structure. During our work, we did not make any observations on which basis it should be concluded that the description of the business structure as referred to in Article 115y of the Bgfo did not meet the requirements described in the Bgfo and related regulations. Nor was it noticed that the internal control measures did not function effectively and in accordance with the description.

Based on the above, as Manager for NBZ, we declare that we have a description of the business operations as referred to in Article 121 of the Bgfo which meets the requirements of the Bgfo and we declare with a reasonable degree of certainty that the business operations during 2022 functioned effectively and in accordance with the description.

#### **True and fair view statement, Article 5:25c-2c Wft**

The management of NBZ declares that, to the best of its knowledge:

- The 2022 annual accounts give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position as at 31 December 2022 and the result for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.
- The Manager's report gives a true and fair view of the situation as at 31 December 2022, the state of affairs during the reporting period 1 January to 31 December 2022 and that the report describes the material risks that the company is exposed to.

Amsterdam, 28 April 2023  
The Manager



# Corporate Governance report

## Introduction

NBZ is a Dutch public limited company listed on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam. NBZ has an Executive Board (the Manager) and an independent Supervisory Board (a two-tier structure). The highest body of the Company is the General Meeting of Shareholders, which is convened at least once a year. The General Meeting of Shareholders appoints both the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board. Among other things, the Executive Board and Supervisory Board are responsible for corporate governance at NBZ. Corporate governance refers to good entrepreneurship, which involves transparent actions with proper supervision, as well as accountability for the supervision conducted. NBZ aims to inform investors as transparently as possible about developments within NBZ in its financial information.

On 1 July 2017, in accordance with the resolution of the Special Meeting of Shareholders on 1 December 2016, Annexum Beheer B.V. formally took over the management of NBZ N.V. from NBZ Management B.V. after approval by the AFM (Financial Markets Authority Netherlands).

In addition to legislation, the main source for corporate governance is the Dutch Corporate Governance Code. This chapter outlines the corporate governance structure of the Company.

## Corporate Governance Code

As a listed company, NBZ applies the Dutch Corporate Governance Code 2016 ('the Code'). In 2017, the regulations of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board were updated to reflect the Code (which replaced the 2008 Dutch Corporate Governance Code as of 8 December 2016). Due to various reasons, some elements of the Code are not applicable. The reasons are explained in more detail.<sup>1</sup>

## Executive Board

The Executive Board (the Manager) is charged with managing the Company, which means, among other things, that the Executive Board is responsible for the strategy with the associated risk profile, realisation of the Company's objectives, the development of the results and the social aspects of entrepreneurship relevant to the Company. The Executive Board is accountable for the above to both the Supervisory Board and the General Meeting of Shareholders.

The Executive Board determines the vision, strategy and goals. The Executive Board is also responsible for implementing the strategy. In discharging its duties, the Executive Board is guided by the interests of the Company, weighing the interests of those involved in the Company. The Executive Board is responsible for compliance with all relevant laws and regulations, for managing the risks associated with the business activities and for the financing of the Company (applicable when entering into financing for investments). The Executive Board reports on this to and discusses the internal risk management and control systems with the Supervisory Board.

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<sup>1</sup> The following best practice provisions are not applied, as NBZ does not have an internal audit function, Supervisory Board regulations, delegated Supervisory Board member, temporary Board position Supervisory Board member, company Secretary, Executive Committee remuneration, certified shares, institutional investors or a one-tier board structure: 1.3.1 through 1.3.5, 2.1.3, 2.3.8 through 2.3.10, 3.1.3, 3.2.1, 4.3.5, 4.3.6, 4.4, 4.4.1 through 4.4.8, 5.1, 5.1.1 through 5.1.5.

The Executive Board is responsible for the quality and completeness of publicly disclosed financial reports. The Supervisory Board ensures that the Executive Board fulfils this responsibility adequately.

The Executive Board is responsible for the transparent governance of the Company. The objective of transparent governance is that all stakeholders have a clear understanding of the Company's decisions and decision-making processes.

The members of the Executive Board are appointed by the General Meeting on the recommendation of the Supervisory Board. The General Meeting determines the number of members of the Executive Board. Members of the Executive Board may be suspended or dismissed by the General Meeting.

The Executive Board currently consists of one statutory director, Annexum Beheer B.V., appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. Annexum Beheer B.V. is represented by two natural persons. Annexum has a special focus on compliance. The Manager's duties are described in the Management Agreement and set out in the 2020 Prospectus of 22 January 2020.

The remuneration of the Executive Board is based on the provisions in the Management Agreement (given the size of the Company, there is no remuneration committee).

The preparation of the Management Agreement was based on the aspects referred to in Art. 3.1.2. of the Code:

- i. the objectives for the strategy to implement long-term value creation, as referred to in best practice provision 1.1.1;
- ii. scenario analyses conducted in advance;
- iv. the share price development;
- v. an appropriate ratio of the variable portion of remuneration to the fixed portion.

The variable part of the remuneration is linked to predefined and measurable performance criteria, predominantly of a long-term nature. Given the size of the organisation, the other items set out in this article of the Code are not applicable to NBZ. This concerns iii (no other employees employed), vi and vii (no options and shares granted).

No personnel are employed, therefore no severance agreements apply.

The management fee to be paid to Annexum Beheer B.V. has been set at 2% of the assets invested by the Company with a minimum of actual management costs plus fee to cover personnel-related costs of 34,050 EUR. At the General Meeting of Shareholders, 9 June 2022 it was decided to as from 1 January 2022 increase the minimum amount to be paid to Annexum Beheer B.V. from EUR 34,050 to EUR 52,500. A performance fee may be paid to the manager if the dividend yield in the financial year exceeds eight percent. Key elements of the Management Agreement are posted on the website.

The Executive Board focussed on achieving the objectives of the Company and its affiliated enterprise and weighing the relevant interests of stakeholders to this end. The Report of the Executive Board (Management Report) sets out this long-term vision and strategy for its realisation.

In case of a potential or actual direct or indirect personal interest of a member of the Executive Board that conflicts with the interest of NBZ, the relevant member immediately informs the Chair of the Supervisory Board and other members of the Executive Board, providing all relevant information, including relevant information concerning the relevant Member's spouse, registered partner or other life companion, foster child, relative by blood or marriage up to the second degree. A member of the Executive Board will not participate in any deliberations and decision-making on a subject or transaction in which he/she has an (in)direct personal conflict of interest with NBZ. If all members of the Executive Board have an (in)direct personal interest that conflicts with the interest of NBZ and therefore no management decision can be made, the decision will be made by the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board must give its prior approval to any decisions by the Executive Board that relate to entering into transactions involving conflicts of interest that are of material significance to NBZ and/or the member of the Executive Board concerned. Such transactions are published in the Manager's report, disclosing the conflict of interest. Transactions involving conflicting interests of members of the Executive Board or Supervisory Board are agreed at market conditions.

Until December of 2022, the Executive Board establishes values for the Company and its affiliated company that contribute to a culture focused on long-term value creation and discusses them with the Supervisory Board. The Executive Board is responsible for embedding and maintaining the values in the Company and the associated business. This includes focal points such as:

- i. the strategy and business model;
- ii. the environment in which the Company operates; and
- iii. the existing culture within the Company and whether it is desirable to make changes to it.

The Executive Board encourages behaviour that is consistent with the values and promotes these values by serving a role model for others.

The Executive Board must establish a code of conduct and monitor its internal realisation and compliance. The Executive Board informs the Supervisory Board of its findings and observations regarding realisation and compliance. This code of conduct has not yet been established.

The Company Secretary ensures that proper procedures are followed and that actions are taken in accordance with the Executive Board's legal and statutory obligations. In 2022, compliance with this policy was maintained.

## **Supervisory Board**

The main task of the Supervisory Board is to supervise the policy of the Executive Board and the general course of events in the Company (and its subsidiaries) and to assist the Executive Board with advice. In fulfilling its tasks, the Supervisory Board is guided by the interests of the Company, taking into consideration the relevant interests of the Company's stakeholders. In this context, the Supervisory Board also considers the social aspects of business relevant to the Company.

In fulfilling its tasks, the Supervisory Board focuses on the wind up of the Company and the associated business and takes into account the relevant interests of the Company's stakeholders. The Executive Board provides the Supervisory Board with all information and resources necessary for the proper performance of its duties in due time and order. If the Supervisory Board and/or a member of the Supervisory Board considers it necessary, it may obtain information from the Executive Board, the external auditor, and/or (other) officers and external advisors.

In its supervision, the Supervisory Board focuses on achieving the Company's objectives. The Supervisory Board regularly discusses the strategy, the implementation of the strategy and the related key risks. In the report of the Supervisory Board, it accounts for the manner in which the Supervisory Board was involved in the creation and supervision of the implementation of the strategy. Finally, the Supervisory Board is involved in reviewing and ratifying the Management Agreement between the Company and the Manager.

The responsibilities, task and working method of the Supervisory Board are laid down in the articles of association of NBZ. The Board members have joint responsibility for the proper performance of its duties. The members of the Supervisory Board may adopt independent positions in relation to the Executive Board. Members of the Supervisory Board perform their duties without a mandate and independently of any interest in the fund. At least once annually, the Supervisory Board discusses the performance of the Executive Board, the performance of the individual members of the Executive Board and its own performance. This also includes the issue of whether there is skill gap and/or a need for training or education. In 2022, based on the outcome of the discussions, no further action was required. The Supervisory Board consists of at least one member and had three members in 2022. In 2022, there was no commissioner with a specific task or temporary position. The Board does not use a support secretary. Supervisory Board periodically reviews the composition of the Board, particularly in the context of diversity, heterogeneity and the competencies, qualities and expertise present, in order to be able to meet the requirements of the Governance and Supervision Act even better. The Supervisory Board appoints a Chair from among its members.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for deciding how to deal with (potential) conflicting interests of the Executive Board, Supervisory Board members and the external auditor in relation to the Company. Pursuant to the Financial Supervision Act and on the basis of IFRS, transactions between the Company and related parties are reported in the financial statements under the Note 'Related parties'. This includes transactions involving the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board members, as well as transactions involving one or more related parties. This will include the extent to which the transactions were completed at market conditions.

The members of the Supervisory Board are appointed by the General Meeting, at the recommendation of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board has prepared a profile of its size and composition, taking into account the nature and activities of the Company and the preferred expertise and background of its members. The Supervisory Board aims for a mixed composition, including with regard to gender and age. The profile is reviewed every three years to check it is still current and accurate. Proposals to the General Meeting of Shareholders for appointment or reappointment are fully substantiated. In the case of a reappointment, the candidate's performance in the capacity of Supervisory Board member is taken into account. A commissioner is appointed for a period of four years and may be reappointed. There is no maximum period. A resolution of the General Meeting of Shareholders to dismiss or suspend a Supervisory Board member may be passed with a simple majority vote at a meeting. The operating procedures of the Supervisory Board are laid down in the Company's Articles of Association. All members of the Supervisory Board are independent within the meaning of the Code.

Currently, the Supervisory Board consists of the following individuals:

- B. de Vries (male), Chair: born 1958, on the Supervisory Board since 2005. In addition to being the CEO of Finamar B.V., several other advisory positions. Re-electable in 2023.

- R.G. Verburgt (male), member, born 1959, on the Supervisory Board since 2020. Chief Executive Officer Alliance Tanker Management Cooperative U.A. as well as various advisory positions. Re-electable in 2024.
- M.F.M. van den Berg (female), member, born 1978, on the Supervisory Board since 2021. Interim manager, advisor and trainer in the field of legal advice, risk and compliance. She is also Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board of Qurin Diagnostics. Re-electable in 2025.

The members of both the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board must obtain the consent of the Supervisory Board for any new Supervisory Board members or other relevant positions. The General Meeting determines the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board. The remuneration is set out in the 2020 Prospectus, section 'Key data investment performance, cost structure and forecasts'. This remuneration and the underlying considerations reflect the time commitment and responsibilities of the position and take into account the objectives with:

- i. the objectives for the strategy to implement long-term value creation, as referred to in the provision relating to best practice in the Code, Art. 1.1.1;
- ii. scenario analyses conducted in advance;
- iii. the share price development;

No variable remuneration component was included. Given the size of the organisation, the other points set out in this article of the Code are not applicable to NBZ.

The Supervisory Board is convened whenever a member of the Supervisory Board or the Executive Board deems it necessary. The Supervisory Board met six times during the year under review in the presence of the Manager. All Supervisory Board members were present at all meetings. The Company has not established an internal audit department. No regulations have yet been prepared with regard to the Supervisory Board. A Board evaluation is included in the report of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board discusses the findings of the external auditor regarding the Company's internal control environment with the Executive Board and the external auditor.

The Supervisory Board oversees the internal control structure and procedures and the assessment of risks facing the Company and its associates, and is responsible for approving investments. This is done on a regular basis in the Supervisory Board meeting and additionally as and when there is reason to do so. Risks that are addressed include: strategic risks, operational risks, compliance, reporting risks and, more specifically, credit risks, liquidity risks, interest rate risks, price risks, currency risks and risks related to financial instruments. The report of the Executive Board addressed the risks the Company faces and how these are managed. During the financial year, there was no reason to doubt that the systems and procedures operate in accordance with their intended purposes. The Chair of the Supervisory Board ensures that action is taken in accordance with the Code 2016, Art. 2.3.6.

The Chair of the Supervisory Board is the main contact representing the Board to the management, Supervisory Board members and shareholders regarding the performance of management and Supervisory Board members. The Vice President serves as a point of contact for individual commissioners and management regarding the performance of the President.

All Supervisory Board members must complete an induction program tailored to their position. At a minimum, this induction program covers general financial, social and legal matters, the Company's financial reporting, the specific aspects that are characteristic of the Company concerned and its business activities, the culture and – if applicable – the relationship with the employee participation body and the responsibilities of a Supervisory Board member.

A member of the Supervisory Board immediately reports any potential conflict of interest in relation to NBZ to the Chair of the Executive Board. If it concerns the Chair, the President should report to the Vice President without delay. The relevant member provides all relevant information, including information relevant to the situation concerning his/her spouse, registered partner or other life partner, foster child and relatives by blood or marriage up to the second degree. A member of the Supervisory Board does not participate in the deliberations and decision making on a subject or transaction in which he/she has a conflict of interest with NBZ. No cases of conflicting interests of members of the Supervisory Board occurred during the reporting year. Additional positions of members of the Supervisory Board require the approval of the Executive Board.

The Executive Board and the Supervisory Board are each responsible for promoting openness and accountability within and between their respective Boards.

### **Diversity Policy**

The Supervisory Board currently consists of two male members and one female member. NBZ strives for a balanced distribution between male and female members, according art.2.166 and 276 BW. Taken into account the decision to wind up the company in 2024, it is the intention to maintain the current Supervisory Board until the final dissolution of the company.

### **Takeover situations**

If a takeover bid for the shares or share certificates in the Company is prepared, in the event of a private bid for a business unit or an investee the value of which exceeds the threshold referred to in Section 2:107a, paragraph 1(c), of the Netherlands Civil Code, and/or in the event of any other radical change in the structure of the Company, the Executive Board ensures that the Supervisory Board is closely involved in the takeover process and/or the change in the structure at an early stage.

If a takeover bid has been announced or issued for the shares or share certificates of the Company and the Executive Board receives a request from a third competing bidder to inspect the Company's records, the Executive Board discusses such a request with the Supervisory Board without delay.

If a private bid for a business unit or an investee the value of which exceeds the limit referred to in Section 2:107a(1)(c) of the Dutch Civil Code has been disclosed, the Executive Board of the Company publicly discloses its position on the bid and the reasons for this position as soon as possible.

In the event of an acquisition situation, the Executive Board and Supervisory Board prioritise the interests of the Company and the associated business activities.



## **Committees of the Supervisory Board**

Due to the limited size, diversity and complexity of the issues to be addressed, the Supervisory Board has not established a Risk and Audit Committee and a Remuneration and Nomination Committee. In addition, there are no Executive Committee and Selection and Appointment Committee that deal with the selection, nomination and appointment of Executive Board and Supervisory Board members.

## **External auditor**

The external auditor is appointed by the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Board ensures that the external auditor receives all information necessary for the performance of its work in good time. The Board gives the external auditor an opportunity to respond to the information provided. The external auditor reports to the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board with regard to the review completed. After the review and audit, the auditor provides an opinion on the NBZ's annual financial statements, assessing the true and fair view these provide of the Company. The General Meeting of Shareholders is authorised to enquire with the auditor about its opinion on the reliability of the financial statements. The external auditor is authorised to speak about this matter at the Shareholders' meeting.

The external auditor attends the Supervisory Board meetings at which the external auditor's report on the audit of the financial statements is discussed. The auditor is available for the General Meeting during which the adoption of the financial statements is considered. The external auditor informs the Chair of the Supervisory Board without delay if he/she discovers or suspects any wrongdoing or irregularity in the performance of audit duties. Deloitte Accountants B.V. is the external auditor as from the financial year 2019. Due to the lack of an audit committee, no meeting between the external auditor and the Supervisory Board took place in 2022 without the presence of the Manager.

## **General Meeting of Shareholders**

Shareholders' meetings are convened by the Executive Board or by the Supervisory Board. The Executive Board is required to convene a General Meeting within six weeks of receiving a request in writing to this effect by shareholders jointly representing at least 10% of the issued share capital, stating the subjects to be discussed. The regular annual meeting was held on 9 June 2022. The following were discussed at this meeting of shareholders: the annual report, adoption of the financial statements, appropriation of profit, discharge of the Executive and Supervisory Boards from liability, and other agenda items. Agenda items for this meeting will be communicated to shareholders in advance via the website.

The Chair of the General Meeting is responsible for ensuring the proper meeting order in order to facilitate meaningful discussion at the meeting.

If a shareholder has had an item placed on the agenda, he/she explains it at the meeting and, if necessary, answers questions about it. A shareholder exercises the right to put an item on the agenda subject to consultation with the Executive Board. If one or more shareholders intend to request that an item be put on the agenda that may lead to a change in the Company's strategy, for example the resignation of one or more members of the Executive Board or Supervisory Board, the Executive Board is given the opportunity to invoke a reasonable period in which to respond (the response time). The possibility of invoking the response time also applies to an intention as referred to above

to seek judicial authorisation to convene a General Meeting on the basis of Article 2:110 of the Dutch Civil Code. The relevant shareholder respects the response time invoked by the management, as referred to in best practice provision of the Code, Art. 4.1.7. If the Executive Board invokes a response time, it is a reasonable period not to exceed 180 days from the time the Executive Board is informed by one or more shareholders of the intention to put an item on the agenda until the day of the General Meeting at which the item is to be discussed. The Executive Board uses the response time for further consideration and constructive consultation, at least with the relevant shareholder(s), and explores the alternatives. At the end of the response time, the Executive Board reports on this consultation and exploration to the General Meeting. The Supervisory Board oversees this. The response time is invoked only once per General Meeting and does not apply with respect to a matter for which a response time has been previously invoked. It also does not apply when a shareholder holds at least three-quarters of the issued capital as a result of a successful public offer.

A shareholder votes at his or her discretion. A shareholder who uses third-party voting advice is expected to form his/her own opinion on the voting policy or voting advice provided by that adviser.

The General Meeting of Shareholders may pass a resolution to deprive a nomination for the appointment of an Executive or Supervisory Board member of its binding character and/or a resolution to dismiss an Executive or Supervisory Board member by an absolute majority of the votes cast. This majority may be subject to the requirement that it represents a specified proportion of the issued capital, and this proportion cannot exceed one third. If this portion is not represented at the meeting, but an absolute majority of the votes cast supports the resolution to remove the binding nature of the nomination or to dismiss, the resolution may be passed at a new meeting to be convened by an absolute majority of votes, regardless of the portion of the capital represented at that meeting.

The Company has no financing preference shares.

Institutional investors (pension funds, insurers, investment institutions, asset managers) annually post their policy on the exercise of voting rights for shares they hold in listed companies, in any event on their website.

Institutional investors annually post a report on the implementation of their policy on exercising voting rights during the relevant financial year, on their website and/or in their management report. In addition, they report at least quarterly on their website whether and how they voted as shareholders at General Meetings. This report is posted on the institutional investor's website.

Shareholders are entitled to cast one vote for each ordinary share they hold, and they may vote by proxy if they prefer. Resolutions of the General Meeting of Shareholders are passed by a simple majority of the votes cast, unless the law or the Articles of Association require a different majority. There is no procedure for remote or advance voting.

If the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board do not provide the General Meeting with all the information requested by invoking an overriding interest of the Company, they are required to substantiate their reasons. The Company defines an outline policy on bilateral contacts with shareholders that is posted on its website.

Analyst meetings, analyst presentations, presentations to (institutional) investors and press conferences are announced in advance via the Company's website and press releases. Analyst meetings and presentations to investors do not take place shortly before the publication of regular financial information. All shareholders can follow these meetings and presentations simultaneously by webcasting, telephone or other means. The presentations will be posted on the Company's website after the meetings.

The Company posts and updates information relevant to shareholders that it is required to publish or file under the applicable Company and securities legislation on a dedicated section of the Company's website.

Contacts between the Executive Board on the one hand and the press and financial analysts on the other are handled and structured carefully and in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Company does not take any actions that affect the independence of analysts from the Company and vice versa.

In the Executive Board's Report, the management provides an overview of all outstanding or potentially deployable safeguards against takeover of control of the Company, indicating the circumstances and by whom such safeguards are expected to be activated.

Executive and Supervisory Board members who are nominated for appointment are present at the General Meeting voting on their nomination.

The minutes of the General Meeting of Shareholders are adopted and signed by the Chair and the minute taker. This must be done within 3 months of closing the meeting. The minutes are posted on the Company's website. The Executive and Supervisory Boards provide the General Meeting of Shareholders with all requested information, unless this would be contrary to an overriding interest of the Company.

# Remuneration report

The following is an explanation of how the remuneration policy approved by the General Meeting was implemented during the last financial year (2022).

## Structure and remuneration policy

NBZ's current remuneration policy was adopted at the Special General Meeting of Shareholders convened on 1 December 2016 and 15 October 2019. At the General Meeting of Shareholders on 9 June 2022 the remuneration of Annexum Beheer B.V. and FinShip B.V. and Toutatis Tax Management B.V. was adjusted. The remuneration policy is published on the Company's website, including in the issue prospectus/registration document of 2 December 2019. Remuneration is also disclosed in the annual financial statements.

As a result of the implementation of the EU 'Shareholder Engagement' Directive into Dutch law as of 1 December 2019, the remuneration policy will be determined every four years in the General Meeting of Shareholders. The Supervisory Board drafts this policy and the General Meeting of Shareholders adopts it.

## Management fee

Under the Management Agreement between NBZ and the Manager, the Manager is entitled to an annual management fee of 2% of the assets invested by NBZ, with a minimum of actual management costs, plus a 34,050 EUR fee to cover personnel-related costs (excluding VAT). At the General Meeting of Shareholders, 9 June 2022 it was decided to as from 1 January 2022 increase the minimum amount to be paid to Annexum Beheer B.V. from EUR 34,050 to EUR 52,500. Furthermore, under the Management Agreement, the Manager is entitled to an annual 15% performance fee if the dividend yield in the financial year exceeds 8% (excluding VAT). In case of unilateral termination of the Management Agreement by NBZ, the Manager is entitled to a termination fee, subject to exceptions.

Pursuant to agreement between the Manager, NBZ and FinShip BV (F.H. Nauta), FinShip is entitled to:

- an annual 34,050 EUR fee (ex VAT) (USD 38,590), payable to FinShip B.V., excluding the annual result-dependent increase as decided at the Special General Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 October 2019;
- an annual 18,000 USD fee (ex VAT) payable by NBZ N.V.;

Above two annual fees were at the General Meeting of Shareholders on 9 June 2022 replaced by one annual fee of 60,000 EUR (excluding VAT).

- a success-related guidance fee of 2% on the amount that NBZ invests or reinvests (excluding VAT). This fee is payable by NBZ N.V. and is spread evenly over the life of the investment.

Pursuant to the agreement between the Manager and Toutatis Tax Management B.V. (M. T. Steenhuis), Toutatis is entitled to:

an annual 11,350 EUR fee (ex VAT), payable by NBZ N.V., excluding the annual result-dependent increase as decided at the Special General Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 October 2019. The annual fee of 11,350 EUR (excluding VAT) was at the General Meeting of Shareholders on 9 June 2022 replaced by one annual fee of 18,000 EUR (excluding VAT).

In 2022, the above management fees amounts to USD 264,000. An extra 132,000 USD was related to the issuance of new NBZ shares to key personnel, as follows:

- H.W. Boissevain 5.000 shares
- F.H. Nauta: 12.500 shares
- M. Steenhuis: 5.000 shares

#### Remuneration of the Supervisory Board

The meeting sets the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board members receive the following remuneration:

- the Chair: 15,000 USD per year; and the members: 11,000 USD per year, excluding the annual result-dependent increase as decided at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 10 June 2020;
- travel expenses are reimbursed.

In 2022, remuneration and allowances to the Supervisory Board amount to 37,000 USD.

#### Special compensation in case of liquidation of the company

At the General Meeting of Shareholders of 9 June 2022 it was decided to, in case of a liquidation of NBZ N.V., grant a success related compensation to Annexum Beheer B.V. (including FinShip B.V. and Toutatis Tax Management B.V.) equal to 15% of the difference between 75% of the last reported value of the investments (based on audited accounts of 2022) and the realized net sales value of these investments.

## Mitigating risks

### Operational, financial, compliance and tax risks

NBZ monitors the risks to which it is exposed: operational risks, financial risks and compliance risks. The strategic and operational risks mainly relate to the shipping sector, fleet composition and, due to the market situation, a strong focus on negative market developments as well as on ship owner and tax-related risks. The financial risks concern credit, interest, currency, price and liquidity risks.

NBZ employs various means to manage these risks. Fixed procedures are followed for the periodic preparation of quarterly and annual financial statements based on the accounting policies applied. The Supervisory Board discusses the findings of the external auditor regarding the annual reporting and control environment with the Executive Board.

The specific risks of the fleet are described in more detail in the section ‘Developments composition fleet and performance investments’.

NBZ monitors the main risks related to the tax position. For cost reasons and because NBZ aims to simplify its legal structure, the subsidiaries in Cyprus and Norway, as well as the feeder funds, have been dissolved.

NBZ regularly verifies compliance with tax regulations.

### Financial instruments and risks

#### Financial instruments

NBZ invests mainly in loans to and participations in shipping companies that own vessels. The investments are defined as financial instruments, and these have specific risks, such as credit, liquidity and market risk. Market risk can be classed as interest rate, price and currency risk. Below, these risks are set out in further detail.

#### Credit risk

NBZ aims to minimise the risks associated with potential non-compliance by its counterparties. NBZ enters into transactions with carefully selected parties and requires collateral when providing investments and financing. During the erratic and extreme developments in the shipping industry in recent years, it has become apparent that despite this selection, several shipping companies have run into financial difficulties. The note ‘Developments composition fleet and performance investments’ details the current state of affairs in this area. NBZ has a concentration risk in the shipping sector, which is inherent to its activities.

#### Liquidity risk

To limit liquidity risks, NBZ spreads the maturity and cash flows of its investments. The liquidity as at 31 December 2022 is USD 1,539,000, well within internally set policies. Cash and cash equivalents are held with ING Bank (Aa3 Moody's). NBZ issued private notes among private investors. At the end of 2021, an amount of USD 725,000 was placed among these private investors. The private notes were fully repaid in 2022. The solvency and liquidity as at 31 December 2022 is a solid basis and liquidity risks are considered to be limited.



### **Interest rate risk**

Given NBZ's policy of investing in a fleet or financing ships in the medium term, financing with a similar term (preferably equal to the contractual term and principal of the investment) is also used for this purpose. NBZ indirectly makes use of variable interest-bearing loans taken by the Norwegian investees that own the relevant vessels. During 2021 NBZ started the issuance of private notes with a coupon of 6% per annum and a term of four years. At the end of 2021, USD 725,000 was placed among private investors. The private notes were fully repaid in 2022.

### **Price risk**

NBZ invests in both ships and financing for ships. If NBZ is a lessor of a vessel, the Company may run a price risk for the (residual) value of the vessel. NBZ's policy is to hedge this value as much as possible in contracts with the shipping companies (for example, by establishing selling rights at a fixed price with the shipping company, put option). Within the range of the minimum price of these selling rights and the market value of the vessel, the Company runs a price risk.

### **Currency exchange risk**

The Company reports in US dollars, the dominant currency in the shipping industry. Investments, equity and liabilities are denominated in US dollars. The Company is exposed to a limited currency risk on cash held in Euros and on operating liabilities (creditors) in Euros related to the business operations in a Euro-based environment. This risk is not material. NBZ shares are traded on the stock exchange in Euros.

### **Determination of fair value**

Vessel participations have no publicly available market information. However, information is available on transactions in the assets of the holdings in ships, as this information is made available by the manager of the SPVs on request. Apart from NBZ's purchase of the 2,5% share in United Overseas Products II AS (owner of MT UOG Oslo and MT UOG Sparta), NBZ purchased 15% of Brasgas IS. These two transactions are considered market transactions.

### ***Changes measurement level***

As at 31 December 2022, the shareholding in Brasgas IS and United Overseas Products AS are measured at Level 3 based on recent market transactions (3RT).

### ***Level 3 measurement based on recent market transactions***

For participations in the above companies, the above transactions are used as a basis for determining fair value with adjustments for interest, dividends paid and capital repayment if necessary. This takes into account any subsequent events after the transaction date that may give cause for derogation from this policy. The fair value hierarchy is explained in note 10.

### ***Level 3 measurement based on DCF method***

The measurements of the shares held in the companies UACC Bergshav II DIS, B-Gas NGC Ltd, Nordic Handysize III AS, Thor Dahl Shipping AS, RF Tankers AS, Super Greenship BV, Partankers XVII IS, Momentum CV and the shares held in the four Forest Wave CV's are measured on the basis of Level 3 measurement, applying the DCF method at the end of December 2022. NBZ tests the

risk premium in its investment decision, where the risk factors as set out in the investment policies are taken into account. The diversity of investments and uncertainties explain the range of risk premiums applied by NBZ to determine the fair value of the investments based on the following details:

Measurement method	Income approach, present value method
Cash flow horizon	2022 through 2027
Risk-free interest rate	2% - 4%
Risk premium applied	5% - 8%

*Risk-free interest rate & applied risk premium*

The risk-free interest rate is based on the US government bond rate that corresponds to the average term of the investment. The risk premium is a result of several input variables that are based on the market risk of the maritime sector, economic state of the specific sub-sector, maturity of the investment, marketability of the investment, financing structure of the investment and individual mark-ups and/or mark-downs. The risk-free rate and the applied risk premium together constitute the discount rate of the estimated or fixed future cash flows associated with the investment. All variables and input data required to create the (individual) discount rate and methodology are reviewed at least annually, most recently as at 31 December 2022.

*Credit risk*

Credit risk of the shipping company is factored into the measurement in the applied risk premium. For investments with less certain future cash flows, NBZ requires a higher risk premium at the time of investment. During the term of the investments, the performance of the investment is evaluated and the risk premium applied to determine fair value is adjusted as necessary. Most of the vessels are leased on the basis of hull or time charter contracts, so the fund is exposed to occupancy risk of the vessels to a limited extent.

*Quantitative impact analysis*

The two main parameters applied in the measurement model are estimated sales value of the underlying vessels at the end of the investment period, and the discount rate applied. In determining the estimated sales value at the end of the investment period, the estimated sales value as at 31 December 2022 is used as a basis. For this purpose, NBZ uses references from an external specialist. Then, based on the remaining term of the relevant investment, an estimate is made of the sales value at the end of the investment term. This takes into account agreements on selling prices at the end of the term (e.g. put and call options). If no such agreements have been made, depreciation is applied until the end of the remaining term of the investment.

Impact change estimated sales price as at 31/12/2022 on total value of assets		
Change in estimated sales price	deviation measurement of	% change in value of assets
-30%	-1,365	-16%
-15%	-689	-8%
15%	1,070	13%
30%	1,788	21%

Regarding the impact of a change in the applied discount rate on the total value of the assets, please refer to the table below.

Change in discount rate	deviation measurement of assets	% change in value of assets
-4%	512	7%
-2%	249	4%
2%	-237	-3%
4%	-448	-6%

As mentioned above, an external specialist advises on the sales value as at the closing date of each financial year of the vessels in which NBZ invests. This external specialist is also consulted when buying and selling investments. In addition, this external specialist is called in throughout the year when changes in market conditions require advice.

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## Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December (before profit appropriation)

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	31 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2021
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Participations in ships	(1) <u>-</u>	<u>6,046</u>
	-	6,046
<b>Current assets</b>		
Participations in ships	(1) 8,336	2,756
Other receivables	(2) 44	54
Cash and cash equivalents	(3) <u>1,539</u>	<u>327</u>
	9,919	3,137
	<b><u>9,919</u></b>	<b><u>9,183</u></b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Group equity</b>		
Paid-up and called-up capital	(4) 1,064	1,013
Share premium general	15,533	15,508
Share premium shares A	-	-
Revaluation reserve	921	3,320
Currency translation reserve	-	-
General reserve	-10,350	-13,354
Profit for the year	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,709</u>
	9,368	8,196
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Bond loan	(5) <u>-</u>	<u>725</u>
	-	725
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>		
Other liabilities	(6) <u>551</u>	<u>262</u>
	551	262
	<b><u>9,919</u></b>	<b><u>9,183</u></b>

The notes on pages 39 to 70 are an integral part of the financial statements.

## Consolidated statement of profit or loss and of comprehensive income

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	January 1 to December 31	
	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
Other income	11	6
Alteration in valuations on participations in ships	(1) 3,020	2,290
Results from investments in joint ventures	-	-7
	<u>3,031</u>	<u>2,289</u>
<b>Other results</b>		
Transaction and investment costs	-68	-84
Interest	-49	-25
Currency results	5	-8
	<u>-112</u>	<u>-117</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Management fees	(11) -396	-99
Expenses feeder funds	-	1
Other operating expenses	(12) <u>-323</u>	<u>-365</u>
	-719	-463
<b>Result before taxes</b>	2,200	1,709
Corporate income tax	(13) <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Result of the year</b>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,709</u>
Attributable to shareholders	2,200	1,709
Basic Earnings per share (x USD 1)	(14) 2.38	2.12
Dividend per share (x USD 1)	1.72	0.53

No statement of comprehensive income is presented as there were no OCI items in the current and prior years.

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## Consolidated statement of changes in equity

	Shares A	Paid-up and called-up capital	Share premium general	Share premium shares A	Revaluation reserve	Currency translation reserve	General reserve	Profit for the year	Total
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>									
	Amount								
<b>Position as of 1 January 2021</b>	<b>795,658</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-11,096</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>6,335</b>
Stock dividend	35,832	42	-122	80	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue	99,428	112	-	478	-	-	-	-	590
Repurchase of shares	-36,847	-43	-120	-	-	-	-	-	-163
Currency change in share capital	-	-76	-	-	-	-	76	-	-
Mutation in revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	1,974	-	-1,974	-	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	275	-	275
Transfer	-	-	6,798	-6,798	-	7	-7	-	-
Appropriation of profit prior year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-78	78	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,709	1,709
<b>Position as of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>894,071</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>15,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-13,354</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>8,196</b>
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>									
	Amount								
<b>Position as of 1 January 2022</b>	<b>894,071</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>15,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-13,354</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>8,196</b>
Stock dividend	80,100	83	-83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue	22,500	24	108	-	-	-	-	-	132
Currency change in share capital	-	-56	-	-	-	-	56	-	-
Mutation in revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-2,399	-	2,399	-	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	-	1,160
Appropriation of profit prior year	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,709	-1,709	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	2,200
<b>Position as of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>996,671</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>15,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-10,350</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>9,368</b>

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## Consolidated statement of cash flows

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	January 1 to December 31	
	2022	2021
Result from ordinary activities before taxes	2,200	1,709
Adjustments for:		
Alterations in valuation on participations in ships	(1) -3,020	-2,290
Interest costs	49	25
Change in working capital and others	426	139
<b>Cashflow from operating activities</b>	<b>-345</b>	<b>-417</b>
Refunds from participations in ships	(1) 4,504	1,263
Investments in participations in ships	(1) -1,018	-1,765
<b>Cashflow from investment activities</b>	<b>3,486</b>	<b>-502</b>
Repurchase shares	-	-163
Receipts from issues of shares	-	590
Dividends paid out	(4) -1,160	-275
Receipts from bond loans	-	725
Repayment of bond loans	-725	-
Interest paid	-49	-25
<b>Cashflow from financing activities</b>	<b>-1,934</b>	<b>852</b>
Foreign exchange result and translation differences on cash and cash equivalents	5	-8
<b>Connection to cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Increase/(decrease) cash and cash equivalents	1,212	-75
Balance cash and cash equivalents as at 1 January	327	402
<b>Balance cash and cash equivalents as at 31 December</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>327</b>

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## General notes

### Incorporation, objective and activities

Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. (hereafter NBZ) was incorporated on 16 March 2005 in the Netherlands. On 14 November 2011, the company was converted from B.V. to N.V. The company has its registered office in Rotterdam and has its actual office in Amsterdam, Strawinskylaan 485 with effect from 1 January 2017. The company is registered with the Chamber of Commerce under number 24375220.

On 12 September 2012, NBZ was converted from an investment institution with an open-end structure into an investment institution with a closed-end structure. Potential expansion of capital will take place through the issuance of new shares and no longer through a continuous issuance as under an open-end structure. The provisions regarding the closed-end structure are set out in the supplement of 12 September 2012 to the Prospectus 2011.

The main activities of NBZ consists of the use of capital raised to invest in ships, in accordance with the investment policy of NBZ. NBZ thus offers private individuals and legal entities the opportunity to participate in its risk-bearing capital, which the company invests in existing seagoing vessels through single ship companies and loans.

For a detailed explanation of the investment policy, reference is made to the Prospectus 2011, dated 15 November 2011, the Prospectus 2016, dated 15 April 2016, the Prospectus 2019, dated 2 December 2019 and the Prospectus 2020, dated 22 January 2020. An overview of the investments of NBZ is included in the notes to the balance sheet.

The consolidated financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 include NBZ and its subsidiaries. The management has prepared the consolidated financial statements and released them for publication on 28 April 2023. The consolidated financial statements for the financial year ending on 31 December 2022 have been approved by the Supervisory Board on 19 April 2023 and will be submitted for adoption to the shareholders on 15 June 2023.

### Going concern

On 14 February 2023, the NBZ shareholders were informed of the plan to sell the company's assets to eventually cease operations and liquidate the fund at an informal shareholders meeting. Following this strategic decision to ultimately wind up the company, the participations in the vessel-owning entities will be sold in cash. This sales process is expected to take 12-18 months. In this sales process, which involves achieving a maximum return for the portfolio as a whole on a non-distressed basis in the interest of the shareholders, strategic considerations regarding timing and the possible sale of several participations in one go (package deal) play a role. It should be noted that the buying and selling market of the participations is a limited liquid market and it cannot be guaranteed that the last published book value will be generated in the buying and selling market.

The fund has no external financing, a positive working capital position with a cash position of USD 1,539,000, limited liabilities and a equity position of USD 9,368,000. Therefore there are sufficient funds available to unwind the fund.

Based on the current state of affairs including the plan to sell the company's assets, it is justified that the financial reporting is prepared on a going concern basis applying similar accounting principles as last year. Management concluded that there are no material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon NBZ to continue as a going concern.

### **Listing on Euronext Amsterdam**

As of 15 November 2011, the company's A shares are listed on Euronext Amsterdam. Trading takes place on the basis of daily rates. The ISIN code of the A shares is NL0010228730.

### **Basis of consolidation**

Participating interests over which NBZ has control and the right to variable returns from the participating interest as well as the ability to influence the size of the income from the participating interest are consolidated. Participating interests are fully included in the consolidated statements from the date on which the aforementioned conditions are first met until the date on which these conditions are no longer met. The full consolidation method has been applied.

Intercompany transactions, receivables, debts and unrealized results on transactions between group companies are eliminated in the consolidation. The accounting policies of participating interests have been adjusted, insofar as necessary, to the accounting policies of NBZ.

These financial statements include the financial information of NBZ and its wholly-owned subsidiaries:

<i>Name of subsidiary</i>	<i>Activities (in which investments are made)</i>	<i>Place of business</i>
Venere Scheepvaart B.V.	Investment in Momentum CV	Rotterdam, Netherlands

During 2021 multiple subsidiaries were liquidated. R. Star Management B.V. is included in the consolidation of the comparative figures up to and including 22 September 2021. NBZ CO-MAN COMP.1 B.V. is included in the consolidation of the comparative figures up to and including 28 September 2021. SPVNautilus B.V. is included in the consolidation of the comparative figures up to and including 25 October 2021. NBZ Norway AS is included in the consolidation of the comparative figures up to and including 25 October 2021.

Participations over which NBZ does not have significant control are not consolidated. From the moment that NBZ loses its control over a subsidiary, the relevant participation is no longer consolidated. The result realized on disposal of the interest in the investee is calculated as the difference between (i) the sum of the fair value of the compensation received and the fair value of any retained interest and (ii) the previous carrying amount of the assets (including goodwill), less liabilities of the subsidiary and any minority interests. Any amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income related to that subsidiary are accounted for as if NBZ had directly disposed of the related assets or liabilities of the subsidiary (i.e., reclassified to profit or loss or to another category of equity transferred as required/allowed by applicable IFRS standards). The fair value of any investment held in the former subsidiary at the date control is lost is considered to be the fair value on initial recognition for subsequent accounting under IFRS 9 if applicable, or the cost on initial recognition of an investment in an associate or a joint venture.

## **Accounting principles**

The consolidated financial statement is drawn up in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) approved by the European Union and also complies with the legal provisions of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. The provisions under the “Wet of het financieel toezicht” (Wft) have also been included in the annual accounts, insofar as they apply to the fund.

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the basis of historical cost prices, with the exception of the participations in ships. Income and expenses are allocated to the year to which they relate. The financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the going concern principle.

The financial statements are presented in units of one thousand US dollars unless stated otherwise.

## **Use of estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS involves using estimates and assumptions in the valuation of assets and liabilities and in the preparation of the notes to the assets and liabilities as at the balance sheet date as well as in the items in the profit and loss account for the reporting period. Although these estimates are based on current market information, knowledge, and experience of the manager at the time of preparing the financial statements, actual results may ultimately differ. It is therefore possible that the results will deviate from the assumptions during the coming financial year, which may affect the carrying amount of the assets or liabilities concerned. Determination of the fair value of investments is performed on the basis of cash flow analyses in order to arrive at an adequate valuation, these analyses contain estimates (see notes 1, 2 and 8). In addition, the manager makes estimates for the collectability of receivables, the loan loss provision (see note 4) and the expected results for the purpose of determining deferred tax receivables (see note 14).

## **Accounting policies for the valuation of assets and liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet**

### **Financial Instruments - IFRS 9**

A financial asset or financial liability is considered to be held to be traded:

- (a) it is acquired or entered into principally for the purpose of selling or repurchasing it in the short term; or
- (b) on initial recognition, is part of a portfolio of identified financial instruments that are managed together and for which there is evidence of a recent current pattern of short-term profit-making.

A financial asset held for trading is initially measured at fair value, with all transaction costs recognized directly in the income statement. The subsequent measurement relates to fair value through profit or loss.

A financial asset is measured at amortized cost if it is held within a business model whose purpose is to hold financial assets to receive contractual cash flows and which are only payments of principal and interest. These financial assets are initially valued at fair value plus directly attributable additional costs of acquisition or issue. The subsequent valuation concerns amortized cost.

The company does not apply hedge accounting.

#### **Loans issued**

Granted long-term loans, other than loans that qualify as investments, are valued at amortized cost. The manager assesses annually whether there has been a change in credit risk and any provision is calculated and accounted for.

#### **Investments in participations in ships**

Investments in participations in ships are valued at fair value, the movements in fair value are credited or charged to the result. The investments have no frequent market valuation. Transaction costs are recognized as an expense in the profit and loss account on initial valuation. The fair value of the investments is determined using the income approach, based on the calculation of the present value of the future expected cash flows of the investments. Depending on the available information, the fair value may also be based on market transactions. In determining the present value, the cash flows are evaluated by the manager on each balance sheet date. For the valuation, a discount rate is applied that is tailored to the risk profile of the investment. The risk profile includes estimates and assumptions regarding the situation and developments in the shipping sector and if applicable, processes the relevant sub-markets. NBZ bases the assumptions on its experience and expectations of the shipping market.

For the cash flows from investments, NBZ assesses when and to what extent the cash flows will be received based on the aforementioned situation and developments in the relevant shipping sectors. The risk-free discount rate is based on USD risk-free yield curves. Risk premiums depend on the estimates of the risk profile. NBZ includes in these estimates the contractual revenues that the shipping company generates (time charter revenues less operating expenses), any subordination of its (mortgage) rights, the condition of the ship (collateral), the expected residual value and other relevant factors for the specific asset (investment). The valuation considers the uncertainty regarding the receipt of the cash flow and the risk premium in the discount rate. If recent market quotations are available for comparable investments (which have been established in an active market), the determined fair values are tested against this market information. Specific considerations in the valuation of the investments are set out in the notes to these investments.

Unrealized changes in the fair value of the investments are presented separately in equity under the revaluation reserve (in accordance with Article 390 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code). The revaluation reserve will not show a negative position for each individual investment, negative positions are charged to the result. The revaluation reserve concerns the allocation of the free reserves for unrealized revaluations of the participations. If necessary, deferred taxes have been considered. Given the tax position of NBZ, this effect is nil.

#### **Receivables and other receivables**

Receivables and other receivables are initially recognized at fair value, increased by any costs associated with entering into the receivable. Subsequent valuation is at amortized cost based on the effective interest method less a credit provision for future bad debts, if deemed necessary. Receivables with a term of less than one year are not discounted unless the time value is significant.

#### **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are bank balances. Due to its short-term nature, the nominal value is equal to the fair value.

### **Long-term liabilities**

Long-term liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any costs associated with incurring the liability. After initial recognition, interest-bearing debt is stated at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

### **Creditors and other liabilities**

Creditors and other liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any costs associated with incurring the liability. After initial recognition, interest-bearing debt is stated at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Liabilities with a maturity of less than one year are not discounted unless the time value is significant.

### **Offsetting**

Items of similar assets and liabilities are netted per counterparty if there is a contractual and statutory right to set off, if there is an intention to set off and the receivables and debts to be set off have corresponding terms.

## **Accounting policies for the consolidated statement of profit or loss and of comprehensive income**

### **Income from loans and participations in ships**

Income from loans and participations in ships includes the interest income from the loans granted and the value changes in the fair value of participations in ships.

### **Interest income**

Interest income on receivables and loans are accounted for using the effective interest method.

### **Results of investments in joint ventures**

Under results from investments in joint ventures, the share of NBZ in the result of the joint venture is included based on the equity method and the valuation principles of NBZ.

### **Interest expenses**

The interest expense on liabilities and debts is accounted for using the effective interest method.

### **Other costs**

Other costs are allocated to the year to which they relate.

### **Corporate income tax**

All NBZ group companies are subject to Dutch corporate income tax. For some participations the tonnage tax regime is applicable. Therefore the result from those participations is taxed according to the tonnage tax regime.

### **Foreign currency transactions and currency conversion**

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in US dollars, the company's functional currency. NBZ uses the US dollar as a functional and presentation currency because the US dollar is the main currency for shipping financing.

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted to the functional currency at the exchange rate on the transaction date. Non-monetary assets and liabilities, if any, are translated at the exchange rate on the trade date. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. Currency results arising from the settlement of such transactions are recognized in the profit and loss account under other financial income and expenses.

If the functional currency of subsidiaries deviates from the US dollar, the exchange differences resulting from conversion are recognized under exchange rate differences (NBZ Norway) in equity. The cumulative exchange rate difference is credited or charged to the result on any sale of a subsidiary.

The exchange rate of 1 USD per balance sheet date amounts to 0.93926 USD or 1 EUR = 1.06467 USD (31 December 2021: 1 USD = 0.88230 EUR or 1 EUR = 1.13340 USD )

### **Accounting policies for the consolidated cash flow statement**

The cash flow statement has been prepared using the indirect method. The cash in the cash flow statement consists of cash and cash equivalents.

Cash flows from investing activities include cash flows for investments. Interest income and expenses directly related to this have been allocated to the investing activities. The cash flows from financing activities include the cash flows with investors and providers of loan capital (only for the receipt and payment of principal amounts).

### **Related parties**

The following can be distinguished as related parties of NBZ: subsidiaries, joint ventures, shareholders with significant influence, the manager (Annexum Beheer B.V.), key management personnel (F.N. Nauta and M.T. Steenhuis) and its parent company and the supervisory board.

#### **Stichting Beleggingsrekeningen NBZ**

At year-end 2022, 36,469 A shares of the company were held by Stichting Beleggingsrekeningen NBZ. Stichting Beleggingsrekeningen NBZ issues participations to investors for these shares (year-end 2021: 44,436 participations).

#### **Annexum Beheer B.V.**

Regarding the management of NBZ, the companies and Annexum Beheer B.V. concluded a management agreement (see notes to the management fee). In this agreement, among other things, the work to be performed is agreed, such as:

- performing general management tasks;
- organizing share issues, approaching and negotiating with potential investors;
- preparing to make and manage investments;
- maintaining contacts with all parties involved (investors and regulators);
- preparing and distributing financial reports etc.

## Related party transactions

The receivables, liabilities and transactions are explained below:

### Receivables and liabilities

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Receivables	Liabilities	Receivables	Liabilities
	2022	2022	2021	2021
Stichting Beleggingsrekeningen NBZ	38	-	42	-
Svetlana B.V.	-	-	-	1
Annexum B.V.	-	162	-	10
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>11</b>

### Transactions

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Charged costs		Managementfee		Shares	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
Annexum B.V.	163	155	186	40	29	-
FinShip B.V.	-	-	58	44	74	-
Toutatis Tax Management B.V.	-	-	20	15	29	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>-</b>

### Management fee

The management fee to be paid to Annexum Beheer B.V. has been set at 2% of the assets invested by the Company with a minimum of actual management costs plus fee to cover personnel-related costs of 34,050 EUR. At the General Meeting of Shareholders, 9 June 2022 it was decided to as from 1 January 2022 increase the minimum amount to be paid to Annexum Beheer B.V. from EUR 34,050 to EUR 52,500. A performance fee may be paid to the manager if the dividend yield in the financial year exceeds eight percent. The Special General Meeting of Shareholders held on 15 October 2019 resolved to provide for a result-dependent annual increase in the fee to the Manager, equal to 1/3 of the percentage increase in the investment portfolio, all up to a maximum portfolio size of 20 million USD.

## Principles of segmentation

Our segment reporting is based on the various shipping markets NBZ was active. The following tables detail the segments results for the year and the comparative year.



## 2022 Segment information

<i>(x USD 1,000)</i>	Crude	Product tanker	Chemical	Gas	Container	Handy	MPP	Other	Total
<b>Income</b>									
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	11
Alteration in valuations on participations in ships	163	307	50	113	-46	166	2,267	-	3,020
Results from investments in joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>163</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>-46</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>2,267</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3,031</u>
<b>Other results</b>									
Transaction and investment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-68	-68
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-49	-49
Currency results	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-112</u>	<u>-112</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>									
Management fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-396	-396
Expenses feeder funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-323	-323
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-719</u>	<u>-719</u>
<b>Result before taxes</b>	163	307	50	113	-46	166	2,267	-820	2,200
Corporate income tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Result of the year</b>	<u>163</u>	<u>307</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>-46</u>	<u>166</u>	<u>2,267</u>	<u>-820</u>	<u>2,200</u>

## 2021 Segment information

<i>(x USD 1,000)</i>	Crude	Product tanker	Chemical	Gas	Container	Handy	MPP	Other	Total
<b>Income</b>									
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Alteration in valuations on participations in ships	41	72	2	71	631	302	1,171	-	2,290
Results from investments in joint ventures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-7	-7
	<u>41</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>1,171</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>2,289</u>
<b>Other results</b>									
Transaction and investment costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-84	-84
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-25	-25
Currency results	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8	-8
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-117</u>	<u>-117</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>									
Management fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-99	-99
Expenses feeder funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other operating expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-365	-365
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-463</u>	<u>-463</u>
<b>Result before taxes</b>	41	72	2	71	631	302	1,171	-581	1,709
Corporate income tax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Result of the year</b>	<u>41</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>631</u>	<u>302</u>	<u>1,171</u>	<u>-581</u>	<u>1,709</u>

The information assessed by the chief operating decision maker (CODM) (Annexum Beheer B.V.) is the same as the information reported in the financial statements of NBZ.

### Portfolio Turnover Rate (Non-IFRS Financial Measures)

The portfolio turnover rate (PTR) indicates the turnover rate of the portfolio. The PTR does not apply to investment funds that exclusively invest in real estate on the basis of Article 123.2 BGfo. NBZ invests exclusively in ships and thereby provides loans/financial instruments to finance ships. From an informative point of view, it has been decided to include the PTR calculation because NBZ's investments have a relationship with real estate. The results of the PTR calculation may provide less information than about real estate.

The prescribed formula for calculating the PTR is: [(purchases of securities + sales of securities) -/(subscription of units + redemptions of units)] / the average net asset value of the company.

For NBZ, securities purchases mean the investment in a ship as well as the issuance of loans. This includes the part of the investment that is financed with loan capital. Securities sales also include redemptions on loans granted by NBZ.

The average net asset value of the company is calculated by: the sum of the net asset value of all observations / the number of observations. The observations are made on 31 December of the previous financial year, 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December. The observations on 31 December of the previous financial year and of the current financial year are each weighted at 0.5; the other observations are weighted 1.0.

Based on the aforementioned calculation, the PTR will be 60% in 2022 (2021: 44%). In this calculation, gross investment is used (before deduction of bank financing), and any repayments of loans granted by shipping companies are not defined as securities sales in this formula.

## Notes to the consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account

### 1. Participations in ships

Movements in investments in participations in ships can be specified as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Henrietta	Eagle II	North Sea Gas	Nordic Handysize	Parchem III	Thor Dahl	RF Tankers	Brasgas Super Greenship	Forest Wave	Partankers	Momentum	United Overseas	Total
As of 1 January 2021	192	473	596	354	603	372	538	402	1,201	1,279	-	-	6,010
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	546	1,194	1,765
Disposals (sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	-203	-	-	-45	-261	-343	-	-	-377	-	-34	-	-1,263
Change in fair value	11	72	-62	302	43	631	-52	133	228	934	41	9	2,290
<b>As of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>8,802</b>
<i>Classification as of 31 December 2021</i>													
listed as long-term	-	-	410	-	-	-	484	353	1,052	2,213	434	1,100	6,046
listed as short-term	-	545	124	611	385	660	27	182	-	-	119	103	2,756
<b>As of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>535</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>2,213</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>1,203</b>	<b>8,802</b>
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	418	-	-	-	-	1,018
Disposals (sales)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds	-	-	-126	-454	-386	-177	-140	-255	-410	-1,557	-96	-903	-4,504
Change in fair value	-	292	1	166	1	-46	49	112	306	1,083	163	878	3,020
<b>As of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>8,336</b>
<i>Classification as of 31 December 2022</i>													
listed as long-term	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
listed as short-term	-	837	409	323	-	437	420	810	948	1,739	620	1,178	8,336
<b>As of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,739</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>1,178</b>	<b>8,336</b>

The risk profile of the participations in ships mainly consists of a decrease in the value of the participations because of economic conditions in shipping. The short-term part will be sold or redeemed in line with the wind up scenario of the company.

The MS AS Elenia (owned by Nordic Handysize III AS) was sold in March 2023 for a price of USD 13.1 million (gross). Nordic Handysize III AS acquired the vessel in 2017 for USD 10.6 million. NBZ had an ownership of 3% Nordic Handysize III AS. NBZ generated an annual return of 19% (IR) on this 5 years investment.

NBZ's investments as of 31 December 2022 include the following participations:

1. MT Eagle. The MT Eagle is a long-range product tanker of 74,000 dwt, built in China and delivered in 2009. The Charterer of this vessel, that was owned by UACC Bergshav II DIS, exercised his purchase option and the vessel was sold and delivered in January 2023, for a sales price of USD 20 million (acquisition price in 2019 was USD 25.5 million). NBZ's ownership of UACC Bergshav II DIS amounted to 6.5% NBZ generated a 14.6% annual return (IR) on this 5 years investment. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 837,000.
2. MT Gas Master, the MT Gas Mariner, MT Gas Maud, the MT Gas Margrethe, the MT Gas Neptune and the MT Gas Venus are all LPG carriers (3,200-5,000 dwt). The vessels are commercially operated by B-Gas A/S, Copenhagen on medium-term contracts within the northwest European area. NBZ owns 1.75% of B-Gas NGC Ltd, the owner of these vessels. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2017. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 409,000.
3. MS Elenia. The MS Elenia is an handysize bulk carrier of 35,000 dwt, built in Korea and delivered in 2011. Nordic Handysize III AS was the owner of the aforementioned the vessel. Originally, Nordic Handysize III AS owned two sister vessels, the MS Elbia and the MS Elenia, both acquired in 2018 for USD 10.6 mln each. The MS Elbia was sold in 2022 for USD 16.7 mln and the MS Elenia was sold in March 2023 for USD 13.1 mln. NBZ generated an annual return of 19% (IR) on this 5 years investment. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 323,000.
4. Thor Dahl Shipping AS. In 2017, NBZ obtained an ownership of 3% in Thor Dahl Container DIS, owner of the MS Thorsky and the MS Thorswind, both 2,169 TEU container vessels built in Germany and delivered in 1999. At the end of 2019, the investment was restructured whereby the two vessels were swapped for an ownership of 3.5% in Thor Dahl Shipping AS (TDS). Besides the Thorsky and the Thorswind, TDS owns a 34% participation in the MS Thorstar, a 2,800 TEU vessel, built in 2003. In June 2021 TDS sold the MS Thorsky and the MS Thorswind to a Norwegian entity (TDS Containerships VI AS) and took an interest of 25% in this company. Soon afterwards, TDS Containerships VI AS sold the MS Thorsky. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 9 October, 2018. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 437,000.
5. MT Azra-S and MT Ozden-S. The MT Azra-S and the MT Ozden-S are chemical tankers of 5,800 dwt, built in Turkey and delivered in 2006/07. NBZ is 7% owner of RF Tanker AS, the owner of the vessels. Both vessels are on a 1 year TC to Christiania Shipping AS as from April-May 2022. Start date of investment by NBZ: 2 July, 2019. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 420,000

6. MT Kempton. The MT Kempton is an LPG carrier of 5,000 dwt, built in Japan and delivered in 2000. NBZ increased its ownership in Brasgas IS, owner of the vessel, during 2022 from 18% to 33%. The vessel is on bareboat contract until 2025 to Transgas Shipping Lines SAC, Peru. The bareboat agreement includes a put and a call option at the end of the contract period. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 29 November 2019. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 810,000.
7. MS Vectis Harrier, MS Vectis Osprey (Vectis vessels). The Vectis vessels are multipurpose (MPP) geared (2 x 80t) vessels of 8,600 dwt, built in the Netherlands and delivered in 2012. NBZ owns 5.6% of Super Greenship BV, the owner of the vessels. The Vectis Osprey is on time charter to UAL until June 2025 and the Vectis Harrier is on time charter to UAL until June 2024. Carisbrooke is the manager of the vessels. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 17 December 2019. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 948,000.
8. MS FWN Bonafide, MS FWN Rapide, MS FWN Solide, MS FWN Splendide (FWN vessels). The FWN vessels are multipurpose (MPP) geared (2 x 80t) vessels of 10,500 dwt, built in the Netherlands and delivered in 2006. The ownership in 2022 decreased from 11.9% to 5.9% after the Forest Wave Group exercised their purchase option on 50% of the shares. NBZ generated a 13% annual (IR) return on these shares sold. The vessels are on time charter to Forest Wave until October 2024. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 26 March 2020. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 1,739,000.
9. MT Arctic and MT Antarctic. The MT Antarctic and the MT Arctic are suezmax tankers of 165,000 dwt each. NBZ owns 3% of Partankers XVII AS, the owner of the two vessels. Both vessels are bareboat chartered to Tsakos Energy Navigation Ltd (listed on NYSE) for a period of five years (plus three options of one year). Start date of the investment by NBZ: 17 June 2021. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 620,000.
10. MS Momentum. The MS Momentum is a multipurpose (MPP) geared (2 x 80t cranes) vessel of 10,500 dwt, built in the Netherlands in 2010. NBZ owns as limited partner 15% of Momentum CV, the owner of the vessel. Part of the investment (USD 590K) was paid in newly issued NBZ shares. Forest Wave Navigation is the commercial manager. To limit the downside risk, NBZ and the seller of the participation came to an agreement regarding the limitation of the downside risk for NBZ during the first two years of operation. NBZ has an option to put the vessel up for sale in 2025. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 6 December 2021. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 1,178,000.
11. MT UOG Oslo and MT UOG Sparta. The MT UOG Oslo (40,100 dwt) and the MT UOG Sparta (50,000 dwt) are medium range product tankers owned by United Overseas Products AS in which NBZ acquired an ownership of 2.5%. The MT UOG Oslo is time chartered out for 2 years and the MT UOG Sparta is operated by United Overseas Group in the spot market. Start date of the investment by NBZ: 13 October 2022. Exposure of NBZ as at 31 December 2022: USD 615,000.

#### Determination of fair value

Vessel participations have no publicly available market information. However, information is available on transactions in the assets of the holdings in ships, as this information is made available by the manager of the SPVs on request. Apart from NBZ's purchase of the 2,50% share in United

Overseas Products AS, owner of two tankers, there was one market transaction of an entity in which NBZ participated during 2022, namely in Brasgas IS.

***Changes measurement level***

As at 31 December 2022, the shareholding in Brasgas IS, and United Overseas Products AS are measured at Level 3 based on recent market transactions (3RT).

***Level 3 measurement based on recent market transactions***

For participations in the above companies, the above transactions are used as a basis for determining fair value with adjustments for interest, dividends paid and capital repayment if necessary. This takes into account any subsequent events after the transaction date that may give cause for derogation from this policy. The fair value hierarchy is explained in note 10.

***Level 3 measurement based on DCF method***

The measurements of the shares held in the companies UACC Bergshav II DIS, B-Gas NGC Ltd., Nordic Handysize III AS, Thor Dahl Shipping AS, RF Tankers AS, Super Greenship BV, Partankers XVII IS, Momentum CV and the shares held in the four Forest Wave CV's are measured on the basis of Level 3 measurement, applying the DCF method at the end of December 2022. NBZ tests the risk premium in its investment decision, where the risk factors as set out in the investment policies are taken into account. The diversity of investments and uncertainties explain the range of risk premiums applied by NBZ to determine the fair value of the investments based on the following details:

Measurement method	Income approach, present value method
Cash flow horizon	2022 through 2027
Risk-free interest rate	3% - 5%
Risk premium applied	5% - 8%

***Risk-free interest rate & applied risk premium***

The risk-free interest rate is based on the US government bond rate that corresponds to the average term of the investment. The risk premium is a result of several input variables that are based on the market risk of the maritime sector, economic state of the specific sub-sector, maturity of the investment, marketability of the investment, financing structure of the investment and individual mark-ups and/or mark-downs. The risk-free rate and the applied risk premium together constitute the discount rate of the estimated or fixed future cash flows associated with the investment. All variables and input data required to create the (individual) discount rate and methodology are reviewed at least annually, most recently as at 31 December 2022.

***Credit risk***

Credit risk of the shipping company is factored into the measurement in the applied risk premium. For investments with less certain future cash flows, NBZ requires a higher risk premium at the time of investment. During the term of the investments, the performance of the investment is evaluated and the risk premium applied to determine fair value is adjusted as necessary. Most of the vessels are leased on the basis of hull or time charter contracts, so the fund is exposed to occupancy risk of the vessels to a limited extent.

### Quantitative impact analysis

The two main parameters applied in the measurement model are estimated sales value of the underlying vessels at the end of the investment period, and the discount rate applied. In determining the estimated sales value at the end of the investment period, the estimated sales value as at 31 December 2022 is used as a basis. For this purpose, NBZ uses references from an external specialist. Then, based on the remaining term of the relevant investment, an estimate is made of the sales value at the end of the investment term. This takes into account agreements on selling prices at the end of the term (e.g. put and call options). If no such agreements have been made, depreciation is applied until the end of the remaining term of the investment.

Impact change estimated sales price as at 31/12/2022 on total value of assets		
Change in estimated sales price	deviation measurement of	% change in value of assets
-30%	-1,365	-16%
-15%	-689	-8%
15%	1,070	13%
30%	1,788	21%

Regarding the impact of a change in the applied discount rate on the total value of the assets, please refer to the table below.

Change in discount rate	deviation measurement of assets	% change in value of assets
-4%	512	7%
-2%	249	4%
2%	-237	-3%
4%	-448	-6%

As mentioned above, an external specialist advises on the sales value as at the closing date of each financial year of the vessels in which NBZ invests. This external specialist is also consulted when buying and selling investments. In addition, this external specialist is called in throughout the year when changes in market conditions require advice.

## 2. Other receivables

(x USD 1.000)	2022	2021
Receivables from related parties	38	42
Accruals	-	4
VAT receivable	6	8
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>54</b>

The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value is nil.



### 3. Cash and cash equivalents

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Current account Banks (USD)	1,373	105
Current account banks (EUR)	166	222
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>327</b>

The cash and cash equivalents are at the free disposal of NBZ. The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value is nil.

### 4. Group equity

#### Share capital

As of 31 December 2022, the authorized capital amounts to 2.5 million EUR divided into 70 million shares with a nominal value of 1 EUR per share.

#### Conversion

Given that the shares are issued in EUR and the functional currency of NBZ is USD, a price result is calculated periodically on the issued shares. For the 2022 financial year, the movement within equity as a result of the exchange rate result amounts to 56,000 USD (2021: 76,000 USD).

The movement overview of shareholders' equity provides a reconciliation of the movement in the number of issued and fully paid up shares. A 1.72 USD dividend was paid per share for the financial year (2021 dividend: 0.53 USD).

For a more detailed explanation of the management of the capital of NBZ, of which equity capital is a part, reference is made to the note "Capital risk management". NBZ has no specific obligation to comply with capital requirements of supervisors or comparable bodies.

#### Share issue

In 2022 a total of 22.500 shares were issued apart from stock dividend issues (80.100 shares) as compensation to the management (H.W. Boissevain, F.H. Nauta, M.T. Steenhuis). H.W. Boissevain is statutory director of Annexum Beheer B.V. the statutory director of NBZ. F.H. Nauta and M.T. Steenhuis don't have any legal decision power as they are no part of the statutory directors or the supervisory board.

The movement of the share capital can be specified as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Shares A	Paid-up and called-up capital	Shares premium
As of 1 January	894,071	1,013	15,508
Stock dividend	80,100	83	-83
Share issue	22,500	24	108
Currency change in share capital	-	-56	-
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>996,671</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>15,533</b>

### Share premium

The share premium reserve consists of the capital raised from the issue of shares insofar as these exceed the nominal amount of these shares. Shares are issued in euros, with transactions being converted to the functional currency based on the exchange rate on the transaction date.

### Revaluation reserve

The revaluation reserve concerns the allocation of the free reserves for the revaluation of the participations. If necessary, deferred taxes have been taken into account. Given the tax position of NBZ, this effect is nil.

	<b>2022</b>
As of 1 January	3,320,000
<i>Movement:</i>	
Revaluation participations in ships	3,020,000
Release of realized revaluations	<u>-5,419,000</u>
	<u>-2,399,000</u>
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<u>921,000</u>

### General reserve

The general reserve component of equity contains the accumulated results over the previous years.

## 5. Long term liabilities

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
As of 1 January	725	-
Bonds issued	-	725
Repayment	<u>-725</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>725</u>

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Classification		
Long-term loans	-	725
Short-term loans	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>725</u>

The bonds issue referred to an issuance of 29 first tranche notes to subscribers with a principal value of USD 25,000 per note, totalling an issuance of USD 725,000. This amount was redeemable on 11 June 2025. Interest accrued on the outstanding amount at a simple rate of 6% per year on the basis of a 365-day year payable on redemption. The outstanding bonds were repaid in full in 2022.

24 of the first tranche notes were issued to a related party. Ithaca Holding B.V. owned approximately 6% of the shares of NBZ.

## 6. Other liabilities

The other liabilities can be specified as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Accounting costs	146	108
Trade payables	146	84
Interest payable	-	20
Dividend tax	-	32
Manager	162	10
Other	97	8
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>262</b>

The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value is nil.

## 7. Arrangements and commitments not shown in the balance

### Fiscal unity

During 2021 multiple subsidiaries were liquidated. R. Star Management B.V. is included in the consolidation within the comparative figures up to and including 22 September 2021. NBZ CO-MAN COMP.1 B.V. is included in the consolidation within the comparative figures up to and including 28 September 2021. SPVNautilus B.V. is included in the consolidation within the comparative figures up to and including 25 October 2021. NBZ Norway AS is included in the consolidation within the comparative figures up to and including 25 October 2021. Each company (NBZ and Venere Scheepvaart B.V.) in the fiscal unity is liable for corporate tax obligations.

### Called-up capital obligation for participations in

The investment in Bragas IS is subject to a possible obligation pursuant to an uncalled capital obligation of USD 907,500 as per 31 December 2023. Until the sale of the MT Eagle in January 2023, NBZ had an the uncalled capital obligation of USD 260,000 because of its 6.5% ownership in UACC Bergshav II DIS, the company that owned the vessel.

## 8. Financial risks

Financial risks are involved in investing in general, as well as in investing for the purpose of financing ocean-going vessels. Potential investors in investments in NBZ are requested to take due note of the fact that the value of the investments of the Company can and is expected to fluctuate. As a result, the net asset value of NBZ and therefore the net asset value of the investments in NBZ will be subject to fluctuation. There is a possibility that the value of the investment will increase; however, it is also possible that the investment will generate little or no income and that the shareholders' investment will be wholly or partly lost in the event of an unfavourable price trend. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

The various risks associated with an investment in investments in NBZ are described in more detail below. The manager of NBZ monitors the risks on the basis of, among other things, a periodic assessment of the quality of the individual investments, market data, reports from the owner of the vessel or the borrower, and periodic reports from the advisors and other service providers. The various risks to which an investment in NBZ is subject are also described in the 2011 Prospectus of NBZ, dated November 15, 2011, the 2016 Prospectus, dated April 15, 2016 and the prospectus dated January 22, 2020.

The main risks relating to the investments of NBZ as well as to the financial liabilities and therefore significant risks to the net asset value of NBZ are summarized below.

The financial risks of NBZ consist of credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

### **Credit risk**

NBZ has exposure to credit risk on its investments and financings due to the fact that borrowers (in this case shipping companies) are partly or entirely unable to meet their obligations. NBZ requires securities when providing investments and financing. NBZ pursues an active policy to limit credit risk. For investments, a check is made as to whether the following criteria are sufficiently present:

- Reliable and strong other party;
- Additional securities or guarantees;
- Reliable cash flows of the investments from the moment of investment;
- Clarity about termination of NBZ involvement (for example, by entering into a call and put option at the end of the desired term);
- Maximum investment per vessel is USD 10 million with funds from NBZ. In addition, additional financing with borrowed capital is possible;
- Operational risks of the vessel (rental income, operational cost overruns or, for example, insurance) should preferably be covered in advance by the user of the vessel.

For the extent of the specific investments, reference is made to the notes "Investments in loans", note "Participations in ships" and note "Investments in joint ventures".

NBZ aims to spread its investments over various parties in order to limit its credit risk. The investments in participations in ships include interests in four different parties.

Cash and cash equivalents (totalling USD 1,539,000) consist of USD 1,373,000 in bank balances held at ING Bank. The ING bank has a rating of Aa3 (Moody's October 6th, 2021).

The credit risk per counterparty is weighted per investment and incorporated into NBZ's valuation models to the best of our knowledge in relation to the most recent market developments.

By only operating in the shipping market, NBZ has a concentration risk in this market. This risk is inherent to the investment strategy of NBZ.

### **Credit risk IFRS 9**

The financial instruments subject to the ECL model within IFRS 9 are: loans U/G, other receivables and cash and cash equivalents. On the 31st of December 2022, the total of these instruments amounted to USD 1.6 million (maximum credit exposure), with a credit provision of nil (31 December 2021: total of USD 0.4 million with a credit provision of nil). These instruments contain a market inherent concentration of credit risk, none of the instruments are impaired and no write-downs have been made in the period.

The remaining receivables are expected to be received within three months or less. An amount is considered in "default" if it has not been received 90 days after it is due.

Since, besides loans u/g only other receivables and cash are affected by the IFRS 9 ECL model, the company has used practical applications for this. The credit provision is based on the lifetime ECL. For other receivables, the provisions matrix based on the simplified approach was used and for cash and cash equivalents, the 'low credit risk exemption' was used.

The 12-month ECL model was used for expected credit losses on loans receivable. The loans did not initially increase significantly in credit risk after issuance. The possible foreclosure of the collateral is taken into account when determining the expected credit loss. The increase can be offset by the increase in the value of the collateral. The expected credit loss of loans u/g is fully compensated by the possible foreclosure of the collateral. The company is exposed to credit risk on participations in ships. This category of financial instruments is not subject to the impairment requirements of IFRS 9, as they are measured at fair value through profit or loss.

### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the fund has insufficient liquidity to meet its payment obligations. At year-end 2022, the fund mainly has payment obligations from operating costs and interest costs related to the outstanding notes. The future outgoing (contractual) cash flows are shown below.

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>More than one year</b>	<b>Under one year</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2022</b>			
Other liabilities	-	551	551
Total	-	551	551
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>More than one year</b>	<b>Under one year</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2021</b>			
Bond loan	725	-	725
Other liabilities	-	262	262
Total	-	262	987

In addition to the other current liabilities, there is also “uncalled capital” which can pose a liquidity risk when this capital is called up. This is further explained in note 9.

### Market risk

Market risk can be divided into interest rate, price and currency risk.

### Interest risk

NBZ is exposed to risk due to changes in interest rates that may lead to a higher or lower valuation of investments in loans or participations in ships. The valuation of the investments is determined on the basis of present value calculations of NBZ. Changes in the market interest rate have no consequences for the loans u/g as these have a fixed interest rate and cost price valuation is applied.

Changes in the market interest rate lead to changes in the value of the investments. Market factors are used as much as possible in NBZ's valuation models. For the investments, a one percent increase in interest rates results in a decrease in the value of the investments of USD 0.1 million (2021: USD 0.1 million). A one percent decrease in interest rates leads to an increase in the value of the investments in loans of USD 0.1 million (2021: USD 0.1 million). This assumes that only the risk-free interest rate changes and all other factors remain the same. This effect does not apply to issued loans valued at amortized cost.

### Pricing risk

Price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial instruments will fluctuate as a result of changes in market prices (other than through credit and/or interest rate risk). NBZ may be exposed to price risk for its investments in participations in ships and on the residual value of its financial lease. In the event that the price of the investments increases by 10%, this has an effect on the valuation of USD 0.5 million (2021: USD 0.5 million), assuming that all other factors (including interest) remain the same.

### Currency risk

The Company reports in US dollars, the dominant currency in the shipping industry. Investments, equity and liabilities are denominated in US dollars. The Company is exposed to a limited currency risk on cash held in Euros and on operating liabilities (creditors) in Euros related to the business operations in a Euro-based environment. This risk is not material. NBZ shares are traded on the stock exchange in Euros.

### Fair value

#### Fair value loans

The fair value of the loans is consistent with the book value.

#### Fair value hierarchy

The fair value of financial assets and liabilities requiring disclosure at the level of the fair value is as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022			2021		
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Fair value hierarchy	Carrying amount	Fair value	Fair value hierarchy
Assets						
Participation in ships	6,910	6,910	3DCF	6,432	6,432	3DCF
Participation in ships	1,426	1,426	3RT	2,370	2,370	3RT
	<u>8,336</u>	<u>8,336</u>		<u>8,802</u>	<u>8,802</u>	

As at 31 December 2022, the shareholding in Brasgas IS and United Overseas Products II AS are measured at Level 3 based on recent market transactions (3RT). The measurements of the shares held in the company's UACC Bergshav II DIS, North Sea Gas AS, Nordic Handysize III AS, Thor Dahl Shipping AS, RF Tankers AS, Super Greenship BV, Partankers XVII IS, Momentum CV and the shares held in the four Forest Wave CV's are measured on the basis of Level 3 measurement, applying the DCF method at the end of December 2022.

The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Fair value is based on available prices from active markets.
- Level 2: Fair value is derived from publicly available market information.
- Level 3: The following variants were used:

- o RT: Fair value is derived from recent market transactions.

- o DCF: The fair value is derived from valuation models based on the discounted cash flow method in which one or more significant input factors are based on internal data.

NBZ values loans u/g at amortized cost price and the investments in participations in ships at fair value.

For the valuation methods and the associated fair value level, please refer to the valuation principles and the specific notes on financial assets and liabilities.

### ***Statement of changes in investments on level 3***

The total statement of movements of loans u/g and investments in ships in level 3 of the fair value hierarchy (both RT and DCF) is as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
As of 1 January	8,802	6,010
Purchases	1,018	1,765
Repayments and Divestments	-4,504	-1,263
Mutation fair value	3,020	2,290
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>8,336</b>	<b>8,802</b>

## **9. Subsequent events**

- The MT Eagle, the only vessel owned by UACC Bergshav II DIS was sold and delivered to buyers in January 2023. UACC Bergshav II DIS will be desolved.
- The MS Elbia, the only vessel owned by Nordic Handysize III AS was sold and delivered to buyers in March 2023. Nordic Handysize III AS will be desolved.
- Liquidation NBZ N.V. On 14 February 2023, the NBZ shareholders were informed of the liquidation plan at an informal shareholders meeting. Following this strategic decision to wind up the company, the participations in the vessel-owning entities will be sold. Once all the assets have been sold, the shareholders will be formally requested to vote to dissolve the company. The process of selling the participations will be executed by the manager, under the supervision of the Supervisory Board. This will ensure that the interests of the shareholders are optimally served. The objective of the manager is to generate the highest possible return per share. In order to achieve this objective, the management has opted for a gradual sale scenario, which must in principle be completed no later than 2024. During the liquidation process, capital repayments to shareholders will be executed based on cashflow statements.

## **10. Transaction and investment costs**

Costs incurred on the investment of the participations in ships are recognized directly in the profit and loss account.

## **11. Management fee**

Below the management fee, in accordance with IAS 24, charged by Annexum Beheer B.V. is specified. The management fee to be reimbursed is set at 2% of the capital invested by the company with a minimum of the actual costs of management plus a fee of € 52,500.



The management fee can be specified as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Fixed fee Annexum	56	40
Performance fee Annexum	130	-
Costs Finship	58	44
Costs Toutatis Tax Management	20	15
Bonus shares	132	-
	<u>396</u>	<u>99</u>

## 12. Operating expenses

The breakdown of other operating costs is:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Accounting costs	75	101
Remuneration of the supervisory board	37	36
AFM/DNB supervisory costs	18	23
Listing costs AEX, listing agency, etc	28	27
Administrative costs (and tax consultancy costs)	133	108
Costs SGG/ IQEQ	24	26
Other costs	8	44
	<u>323</u>	<u>365</u>

### Total expense ratio (Non-IFRS Financial Measures)

In the previous section of this note an overview of the costs incurred during the reporting period was provided. In accordance with art. 123.1L BGfo the company must provide insight into the level of costs related to the average net asset value. This ratio is referred to as the “Total expense ratio”(TER). The TER for the financial year amount to 7.42% (2021: 7.91%)

The TER is calculated as follows: total costs dividend by the average net asset value of NBZ.

- Total costs include the costs charged to the result as well as directly to shareholders' equity in the reporting period. The average net asset value of the investment institution is calculated as the sum of the net asset values divided by the number of observations.
- For NBZ, the average net asset values is based on the figures as at 31 December 2021, 31 March 2022, 30 June 2022, 30 September 2022 and 31 December 2022 is weighted in the ratio 0.5: 1: 1: 1: 0.5 . The average of the net asset value of the company for the 2022 financial year is USD 9,164,250 (2021: USD 6,917,625).

## 13. Corporate income tax

### Corporate income tax expense or income

The company, together with its subsidiary Venere Scheepvaart B.V. form a fiscal unity for corporate income tax in the Netherlands. The corporate income tax shown below relates to NBZ Norway AS. The corporate income tax can be specified as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Corporate income tax based on nominal rate	-	-
Addition to or withdrawal of deferred taxes	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The reconciliation between the commercial corporate income tax expense and the actual corporate income tax expense is as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Result before taxes	2,200	1,709
Tax exempt under participation exemption	-271	-227
Correction for tonnage tax regime	-2,000	-938
Fiscal result	-71	142
Deferred taxable income	-	-
Loss compensation	71	-142
Taxable amount	-	-
Dutch tax rate	25.00%	25.00%
Tax expense (income)	-	-
Effect NBZ Norway	-	-
Settled against compensable losses	-	-
Corporate tax expense/(income)	-	-
Effective tax burden NBZ	0.0%	0.0%

NBZ made an analysis of the impact of the commercial income of USD 2,200k on the fiscal position. The income has been divided into two categories:

- Tax exempt under the participation exemption (271k);
- Taxable income to be determined by application of the tonnage tax regime (2,000k);

No deferred tax liability is recognized with regard to the deferred income, as NBZ has compensable losses available to an amount of approximately 2,0M at year end. These losses will no longer evaporate due to new tax rules. No tax asset is recognized for these losses.

#### Deferred tax assets

NBZ has a deferred tax asset which relates to tax-deductible losses to be set off in the future with positive fiscal results. Future realization depends on raising new capital and making new investments. The manager periodically reassesses the valuation of the losses that can be carried forward. The valuation of tax-deductible losses is not yet under consideration. First the company must provide proof that it is able to realize positive fiscal results for several years. Non-recurring taxable profits were realized in the financial years 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021.

The following tax deductible losses are not valued in the balance sheet:

<i>(x USD million)</i>			
<b>Deadline for loss compensation 2022</b>	<b>Compensable loss</b>	<b>Deadline for loss compensation 2021</b>	<b>Compensable loss</b>
Infinite	2.0	Infinite	1.8

The specification of the tax deductible losses is based on the 2020 corporate income tax return. The 2021 corporate income tax return is still being prepared when the annual accounts are drawn up. The effect of the 2021 and 2022 taxable results on these carry-forward losses has been incorporated herein based on estimates.

#### 14. Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing net income attributable to equity holders of the company by the weighted average number of outstanding shares. In 2022, the weighted average number of outstanding shares is 924,366 (2021: 806,316).

There is no difference in the basic earnings per share or the diluted earnings per share. As there are no diluted shared outstanding.

#### 15. Capital Risk Management

NBZ defines its capital as its group equity. NBZ manages its capital to achieve an optimal return on its invested capital within the defined objective of the fund, which is to invest in seagoing vessels in various market segments. NBZ aims for a dividend yield of 7% to 10%. To achieve this return, NBZ invests in financing for and participations in existing seagoing vessels. In addition, NBZ aims to obtain collateral for these investments. By investing in existing ships, the construction risk of ships is avoided. NBZ invests in ships if they meet the defined investment strategy of the fund.

Depending on the investment options, NBZ finances its investments exclusively through equity or through a combination of debt and equity. The composition of this can change periodically, making it difficult to compare capital ratios for equity and debt for different years. NBZ does not strive for a standard for financing with loan capital. Due to the limited comparability of these ratios, they are not disclosed.

The capital structure as at 31 December is shown in the table below:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Group equity	9,368	8,196
Total equity	9,368	8,196

#### 16. Remuneration Supervisory Board

<i>x USD 1,-</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Mr. B. de Vries	14,950	15,665
R. Verburgt	11,048	10,205
M.F.M. van den Berg	11,002	10,366
	<b>37,000</b>	<b>36,236</b>
Travel expenses	-	-
Total	<b>37,000</b>	<b>36,236</b>

No loans, advances, guarantees or options have been granted to members of the Supervisory Board. Mr R. G. Verburgt is also a director and indirect shareholder of Perseverance Bulk Carriers B.V. owner of an interest in NBZ of 19.6% as at 31 December 2021. The members do not hold any shares or participations in NBZ.

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## Company balance sheet as at 31 December (before profit appropriation)

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>31 Dec 2022</b>	<b>31 Dec 2021</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Investments in group companies	2,164	1,104
Other financial investements	-	3,832
	(17) <u>2,164</u>	<u>4,936</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Other financial investements	(17) 6,597	2,756
Other receivables	(18) 43	1,165
Cash and cash equivalents	(19) <u>1,539</u>	<u>326</u>
	8,179	4,247
	<u><b>10,343</b></u>	<u><b>9,183</b></u>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Group equity</b>		
	(20)	
Paid-up and called-up capital	1,064	1,013
Share premium general	15,533	15,508
Share premium shares A	-	-
Revaluation reserve	921	3,320
Currency translation reserve	-	-
General reserve	-10,350	-13,354
Profit for the year	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,709</u>
	9,368	8,196
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Bond loan	<u>-</u>	<u>725</u>
	-	725
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>		
Other liabilities	(21) <u>975</u>	<u>262</u>
	975	262
	<u><b>10,343</b></u>	<u><b>9,183</b></u>

## Company statement of profit or loss

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	1 January to 31 December	
	2022	2021
<b>Income</b>		
Results from investments in joint ventures	1	-7
Other income	10	7
	<u>11</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Other results</b>		
Participations in ships	(17) 1,938	1,309
	<u>1,938</u>	<u>1,309</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Management fees	-396	-99
Transaction and investment costs	-68	-86
Interest expenses	-27	-42
Currency result	5	-8
Other operating expenses	-323	-344
	<u>-809</u>	<u>-579</u>
<b>Results before taxes</b>	1,140	730
Corporate income tax	-	-
	<u>1,140</u>	<u>730</u>
Result of group companies	(17) 1,060	979
<b>Result of the year</b>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,709</u>

## General notes

### Accounting policies for the valuation of assets and liabilities and determination of the result

The company financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, whereby use is made of the option under Article 2:362 paragraph 8 of the Dutch Civil Code to apply the IFRS principles as applied in the consolidated financial statements.

The principles for the valuation of assets and liabilities and the method for determining the result are the same as those included in the notes to the consolidated balance sheet and profit and loss account, with the exception of participating interests. Participations are valued according to the net asset value method.

### Notes to the company balance sheet

#### 17. Participating interest, investments and loans

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>Group companies</b>	<b>Loans</b>	<b>Participation in ships</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>As of 1 January 2021</b>	3,268	-	3,467	6,735
At: investment in participations Partankers	-	-	546	546
At: investment in participations Momentum	-	-	1,194	1,194
At: acquisition participations of NBZ Norway	-	-	1,336	1,336
Off: dividend received from participations	-	-	-1,265	-1,265
At: change in value of participations in ships	-	-	1,310	1,310
Off: result form investment in joint ventures	-7	-	-	-7
At: result of participations	979	-	-	979
Off: disinvestments	-3,136	-	-	-3,136
<b>As of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,588</b>	<b>7,692</b>
At: investment in participations Bragas IS	-	-	418	418
At: acquisition participations of United Overseas	-	-	600	600
Off: dividend received from participations	-	-	-2,947	-2,947
At: change in value of participations in ships	-	-	1,938	1,938
At: result of participations	1,060	-	-	1,060
Off: disinvestments	-	-	-	-
<b>As of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,597</b>	<b>8,761</b>
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>			<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Classification:				
Long-term share of participations			-	3,832
Short-term share of participations			6,597	2,756
<b>As of 31 December</b>			<b>6,597</b>	<b>6,588</b>

A specification of the group companies is shown below:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>Venere Scheepvaart B.V.</b>	<b>R. Star Management B.V.</b>	<b>NBZ CO-MAN COMP.1 B.V.</b>
As of 1 January 2021	189	62	-
Disinvestments	-	-65	-
Result of participations	915	3	-
<b>As of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Disinvestments	-	-	-
Result of participations	1,060	-	-
<b>As of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>2,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>SPV Nautilus B.V.</b>	<b>NBZ Noway AS</b>	<b>Svetlana B.V.</b>
As of 1 January 2021	953	2,057	7
Disinvestments	-965	-2,106	-
Results from investments in joint ventures	-	-	-7
Result of participations	12	49	-
<b>As of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Disinvestments	-	-	-
Results from investments in joint ventures	-	-	-
Result of participations	-	-	-
<b>As of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## 18. Other receivables

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Receivables from related parties	37	1,152
VAT receivable	6	8
Other receivables	-	5
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,165</b>

The difference between the carrying amount and the fair value is nil.

## 19. Cash and cash equivalents

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current account Banks (USD)	1,373	105
Current account Banks (EUR)	166	221
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>326</b>

The cash and cash equivalents are at the free disposal of the company.



## 20. Equity

For the explanation of shareholders' equity, reference is made to the notes on shareholders' equity in the consolidated financial statements.

	Shares A	Paid-up and called-up capital	Share premium general	Share premium shares A	Revaluation reserve	Currency translation reserve	General reserve	Profit for the year	Total
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Amount								
<b>Position as of 1 January 2021</b>	<b>795,658</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>8,952</b>	<b>6,240</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>-7</b>	<b>-11,096</b>	<b>-78</b>	<b>6,335</b>
Stock dividend	35,832	42	-122	80	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue	99,428	112	-	478	-	-	-	-	590
Repurchase of shares	-36,847	-43	-120	-	-	-	-	-	-163
Currency change in share capital	-	-76	-	-	-	-	76	-	-
Mutation in revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	1,974	-	-1,974	-	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	275	-	275
Transfer	-	-	6,798	-6,798	-	7	-7	-	-
Appropriation of profit prior year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-78	78	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,709	1,709
<b>Position as of 31 December 2021</b>	<b>894,071</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>15,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-13,354</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>8,196</b>
<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	Amount								
<b>Position as of 1 January 2022</b>	<b>894,071</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>15,508</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,320</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-13,354</b>	<b>1,709</b>	<b>8,196</b>
Stock dividend	80,100	83	-83	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share issue	22,500	24	108	-	-	-	-	-	132
Currency change in share capital	-	-56	-	-	-	-	56	-	-
Mutation in revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	-2,399	-	2,399	-	-
Dividend	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,160	-	1,160
Appropriation of profit prior year	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,709	-1,709	-
Profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,200	2,200
<b>Position as of 31 December 2022</b>	<b>996,671</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>15,533</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>921</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-10,350</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>9,368</b>

The currency translation reserve has been released in 2021 as a result of the fact that there are no longer any participations with a currency other than US dollar.

## Dividend

During the year under review, based on the results for the first three quarters of the year, a dividend of USD 1.72 per share was paid.

## Comparative overview of net asset value

The development of the net asset value over the past three years (ex art. 122.1c Bgfo) is as follows:

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>31 December 2022</b>	<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>31 December 2020</b>
Equity	9,367,658	8,195,717	6,335,495
Net asset value per participation	9.40	9.17	7.96
Number of participations	996,641	894,071	795,658

## 21. Current liabilities

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Accounting costs	146	108
Liabilities to related parties	424	1
Other	404	153
<b>As of 31 December</b>	<b>974</b>	<b>262</b>

On the current account debt with other group companies 1.66% interest is calculated. The interest relates to a basic rate of 1.5% plus the average three-month LIBOR rate.

## 22. Arrangements and commitments not shown in the balance sheet

The company heads a fiscal unity for Dutch corporate income tax and a value added tax and is therefore jointly and severally liable for the tax debt of the fiscal units as a whole.

Reference is made to the notes to the consolidated balance sheet for the arrangements and commitments not shown in the balance sheet.

## 23. Personnel

NBZ did not employ any staff in 2022 and 2021. The work was performed by the manager Annexum Beheer B.V.

## 24. Auditor fees

The fees charged to the results of NBZ and its subsidiaries in 2022 for audit costs of the external auditor Deloitte (2021: Deloitte), as defined in Article 1.1 of the 1.1 van de ‘Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties’ (Wta).

### Deloitte

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Annual report audit	75	79
Total	75	79

## 25. Management Board and Supervisory Board Remuneration

### Remuneration Management Board (

The remuneration of the board in accordance with article 2:383 of the Dutch Civil Code amount to USD 215,000 (2021: USD 40,000).

### Remuneration Supervisory Board

We refer to the section remuneration supervisory board in the consolidated financial statements.

### Information on voting rights and conduct policies

The voting rights on the shares held by NBZ will be exercised, if necessary, in the interest of achieving the objective of NBZ, in accordance with its Articles of Association and the investment decision guidelines as stated in the Prospectus 2020, dated January 22, 2020.

### Total Personal Interest Manager

During the financial year, NBZ was managed by Annexum Beheer B.V.

## 26. Profit appropriation

### Proposal of profit apportion

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*x USD 1.000*

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Result 2022	2,200
Off: Interim dividend paid in relation to financial year 2022	-747
Added to the general reserve	<u>1,453</u>

## 27. Subsequent events

Reference is made to the note “Subsequent events” in the consolidated financial statements.

Amsterdam, 28 April 2023

Manager

Annexum Beheer B.V. - drs. H.W. Boissevain

Supervisory Board

mr. B. de Vries

R. Verburgt

M.F.M. van den Berg

## OTHER INFORMATION

### **Profit appropriation**

#### **Statutory provisions on profit distribution**

In accordance with article 29 of the articles of association, the management board determines, subject to the approval of the supervisory board, which part of the profit is reserved. The remaining profit is at the disposal of the general meeting of shareholders

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To: the shareholders and the supervisory board of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V.

### Report on the audit of the financial statements 2022 included in the annual accounts

#### Our opinion

We have audited the financial statements 2022 of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V., based in Rotterdam. The financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements and the company financial statements.

In our opinion:

- The accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. as at 31 December 2022, and of its result and its cash flows for 2022 in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU-IFRS) and with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.
- The accompanying company financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. as at 31 December 2022, and of its result for 2022 in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

The consolidated financial statements comprise:

1. The consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2022.
2. The following statements for 2022: the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statements of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows.
3. The notes comprising a summary of the significant accounting policies and other explanatory information material policy information.

The company financial statements comprise:

1. The company balance sheet as at 31 December 2022.
2. The company profit and loss account for 2022.
3. The notes comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information.

## **Basis for our opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the 'Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements' section of our report.

We are independent of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. in accordance with the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities, the Wet toezicht accountantsorganisaties (Wta, Audit firms supervision act), the Verordening inzake de onafhankelijkheid van accountants bij assurance-opdrachten (ViO, Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants, a regulation with respect to independence) and other relevant independence regulations in the Netherlands. Furthermore, we have complied with the Verordening gedrags- en beroepsregels accountants (VGBA, Dutch Code of Ethics).

We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Information in support of our opinion**

We designed our audit procedures in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon. The following information in support of our opinion was addressed in this context, and we do not provide a separate opinion or conclusion on these matters.

## **Materiality**

Based on our professional judgement we determined the materiality for the financial statements as a whole at USD 145.000. The materiality is based on 1,5% of total assets. We have also taken into account misstatements and/or possible misstatements that in our opinion are material for the users of the financial statements for qualitative reasons.

We agreed with the supervisory board that misstatements in excess of USD 7.250 which are identified during the audit, would be reported to them, as well as smaller misstatements that in our view must be reported on qualitative grounds.

## **Scope of the group audit**

Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. is at the head of a group of entities. The financial information of this group is included in the consolidated financial statements of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V.

Our group audit mainly focused on the Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. and the significant group entity Venere Scheepvaart B.V..

By performing the procedures mentioned above at group entities, together with additional procedures at group level, we have been able to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence about the group's financial information to provide an opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

## **Audit approach fraud risks**

We identified and assessed the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements due to fraud. During our audit we obtained an understanding of the entity and its environment and the components of the system of internal control, including the risk assessment process and management's process for responding

to the risks of fraud and monitoring the system of internal control and how the supervisory board exercises oversight, as well as the outcomes.

We evaluated the design and relevant aspects of the system of internal control and in particular the fraud risk assessment, as well as among others the code of conduct, whistle blower procedures and incident registration. We evaluated the design and the implementation of internal controls designed to mitigate fraud risks.

As part of our process of identifying fraud risks, we evaluated fraud risk factors with respect to financial reporting fraud, misappropriation of assets and bribery and corruption. We evaluated whether these factors indicate that a risk of material misstatement due fraud is present.

We identified the following fraud risk and performed the following specific procedures:

#### *Management override of controls*

We incorporated elements of unpredictability in our audit. We also considered the outcome of our other audit procedures and evaluated whether any findings were indicative of fraud or non-compliance.

We considered available information and made enquiries of relevant executives and the supervisory board.

We tested the appropriateness of journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in the preparation of the financial statements.

We evaluated whether the selection and application of accounting policies by the group as included in the financial statements, particularly those related to subjective measurements and complex transactions, may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

We evaluated whether the judgments and decisions made by management in making the accounting estimates included in the financial statements indicate a possible bias that may represent a risk of material misstatement due to fraud. Management insights, estimates and assumptions that might have a major impact on the financial statements are disclosed in paragraph "Use of estimates and assumptions" of the financial statements. We performed a retrospective review of management judgments and assumptions related to significant accounting estimates reflected in prior year financial statements. Valuation of the participations (including management bias to push the valuation downwards to have higher sales proceeds which could lead to higher management remuneration) is a significant area to our audit as the valuation is inherently judgmental in nature, due to the use of assumptions that are highly sensitive, any change in assumptions may have a significant effect on the outcome given the relative size of the participation balance. Reference is made to the section 'Our key audit matters'.

For significant transactions such as disposals and investments we evaluated whether the business rationale of the transactions suggests that they may have been entered into to engage in fraudulent financial reporting or to conceal misappropriation of assets.

This did not lead to indication for fraud potentially resulting in material misstatements.

#### **Audit approach compliance with laws and regulations**

We assessed the laws and regulations relevant to the Company through discussion with management, reading minutes. As a result of our risk assessment procedures, and while realizing that the effects from non-compliance could considerably vary, we considered the following laws and regulations: adherence to

(corporate) tax law and financial reporting regulations, the requirements under the International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union (EU-IFRS) and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code with a direct effect on the financial statements as an integrated part of our audit procedures, to the extent material for the related financial statements.

We obtained sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding provisions of those laws and regulations generally recognized to have a direct effect on the financial statements.

Apart from these, the Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. is subject to other laws and regulations where the consequences of non-compliance could have a material effect on amounts and/or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance, through imposing fines or litigation.

Our procedures are more limited with respect to these laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the determination of the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Compliance with these laws and regulations may be fundamental to the operating aspects of the business, to Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V.'s ability to continue its business, or to avoid material penalties (e.g., compliance with the terms of operating licenses and permits or compliance with environmental regulations) and therefore non-compliance with such laws and regulations may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our responsibility is limited to undertaking specified audit procedures to help identify non-compliance with those laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements. Our procedures are limited to (i) inquiry of management, the Supervisory Board, the Executive Board and others within Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V.'s as to whether the Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. is in compliance with such laws and regulations and (ii) inspecting correspondence, if any, with the relevant licensing or regulatory authorities to help identify non-compliance with those laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements.

Naturally, we remained alert to indications of (suspected) non-compliance throughout the audit.

Finally, we obtained written representations that all known instances of (suspected) fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations have been disclosed to us.

### **Audit approach going concern**

Management made a specific assessment of the company's ability to continue as a going concern and to continue its operations for at least the next 12 months as disclosed in paragraph 'going concern' in the financial statements. This assessment includes the decision of management to voluntarily sell the assets of the company in principle before the end of 2024.

We discussed and evaluated the assessment with management exercising professional judgment and maintaining professional skepticism. We considered whether management's going concern assessment, based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, contains all events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company'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.

Based on our procedures performed, we did not identify any reportable findings related to the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our independent auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause a company to cease to continue as a going concern.



## **Our key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements. We have communicated the key audit matters to the supervisory board. The key audit matters are not a comprehensive reflection of all matters discussed.

These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

### Valuation of participations

Key audit matter (note 1 in the consolidated financial statements):

The valuation of the participations and ships are the most important components of the financial statements. These participations are recorded at fair value, with fair value mutations being charged to the result for the year. There is no active market applicable. The fair value is determined based on significant estimates with subjective elements.

Management uses a 'discounted cashflow model', in which significant assumptions are key in determining the fair value valuation. The most important assumptions are the used discount rate and the appraisal value. Changes to these assumptions have a significant impact on the fair value.

How the key audit matter was addressed in the audit:

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- We have used internal valuation experts to challenge the used discount rate. Our procedures include evaluating if the used discount rate is reasonable within the branch in which Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. operates;
- We have used internal valuation experts to challenge if the external appraised values used in the discounted cashflow model are within the thresholds based on relevant market data (such as recent market transactions of similar ships);
- We have assessed and challenged the used data and assumptions in determining the sensitivity analysis, applying professional skepticism, to gain insight in the impact of changes to the significant assumptions used in the discounted cashflow model.
- We have performed a retrospective analyses on the expected cash flows used in the discounted cash flow model last year.
- We have agreed the purchases and disposals of participations during the year with underlying supporting evidence.
- We have assessed if the presentation of the participations (including sensitivity analysis) is in line with the applicable financial reporting standards;

### Conclusions

Based on above procedures we have concluded that the assumptions and estimates used by management to determine the valuation of the participations are within the acceptable thresholds. The presentation of the

participations is in line with the applicable financial reporting standards as also set out in paragraph "Going concern".

## **Report on the other information included in the annual accounts**

the annual accounts contains other information, in addition to the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

The other information consists of:

- Management Report 2022
- Report of the Supervisory Board
- Corporate Governance report
- Remuneration report
- Mitigating risks

Based on the following procedures performed, we conclude that the other information:

- Is consistent with the financial statements and does not contain material misstatements.
- Contains all the information regarding the management report and the other information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

We have read the other information. Based on our knowledge and understanding obtained through our audit of the financial statements or otherwise, we have considered whether the other information contains material misstatements.

By performing these procedures, we comply with the requirements of Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code and the Dutch Standard 720. The scope of the procedures performed is substantially less than the scope of those performed in our audit of the financial statements.

Management is responsible for the preparation of the other information, including the Management Board's Report in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, and the other information as required by Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

## **Report on other legal and regulatory requirements and ESEF**

### **Engagement**

We were engaged by the supervisory board as auditor of Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. on December 11, 2019, as of the audit for the year 2019 and have operated as statutory auditor ever since that financial year.

### **No prohibited non-audit services**

We have not provided prohibited non-audit services as referred to in Article 5(1) of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities.

## **European Single Electronic Format (ESEF)**

Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. has prepared its annual report in ESEF. The requirements for this are set out in the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format (hereinafter: the RTS on ESEF).

In our opinion, the annual report, prepared in XHTML format, including the (partly) marked-up consolidated financial statements, as included in the reporting package by Nederlandse Beleggingsmaatschappij voor Zeeschepen N.V. complies in all material respects with the RTS on ESEF.

Management is responsible for preparing the annual report including the financial statements in accordance with the RTS on ESEF, whereby management combines the various components into a single reporting package.

Our responsibility is to obtain reasonable assurance for our opinion whether the annual report in this reporting package complies with the RTS on ESEF.

We performed our examination in accordance with Dutch law, including Dutch Standard 3950N 'Assurance-opdrachten inzake het voldoen aan de criteria voor het opstellen van een digitaal verantwoordingsdocument' (assurance engagements relating to compliance with criteria for digital reporting).

Our examination included amongst others:

- Obtaining an understanding of the company's financial reporting process, including the preparation of the reporting package.
- Identifying and assessing the risks that the annual report does not comply in all material respects with the RTS on ESEF and designing and performing further assurance procedures responsive to those risks to provide a basis for our opinion, including:
  - obtaining the reporting package and performing validations to determine whether the reporting package containing the Inline XBRL instance and the XBRL extension taxonomy files has been prepared in accordance with the technical specifications as included in the RTS on ESEF;
  - examining the information related to the consolidated financial statements in the reporting package to determine whether all required mark-ups have been applied and whether these are in accordance with the RTS on ESEF.

## **Description of responsibilities regarding the financial statements**

### **Responsibilities of management and the supervisory board for the financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with EU-IFRS and Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore, management is responsible for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

As part of the preparation of the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern. Based on the financial reporting frameworks mentioned, management should prepare the financial statements using the going concern basis of accounting unless

management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Management should disclose events and circumstances that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern in the financial statements.

The supervisory board is responsible for overseeing the company's financial reporting process.

## **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objective is to plan and perform the audit assignment in a manner that allows us to obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence for our opinion.

Our audit has been performed with a high, but not absolute, level of assurance, which means we may not detect all material errors and fraud during our audit.

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. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our audit procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our opinion.

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional scepticism throughout the audit, in accordance with Dutch Standards on Auditing, ethical requirements and independence requirements. Our audit included among others:

- Identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designing and performing audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtaining 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.
- Obtaining 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 company's internal control.
- Evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Concluding on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting, and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company'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 company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluating the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures.
- Evaluating whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

Because we are ultimately responsible for the opinion, we are also responsible for directing, supervising and performing the group audit. In this respect we have determined the nature and extent of the audit procedures to be carried out for group entities. Decisive were the size and/or the risk profile of the group entities or operations. On this basis, we selected group entities for which an audit or review had to be carried out on the complete set of financial information or specific items.

We communicate with the supervisory board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant findings in internal control that we identified during our audit. In this respect we also submit an additional report to the audit committee in accordance with Article 11 of the EU Regulation on specific requirements regarding statutory audit of public-interest entities. The information included in this additional report is consistent with our audit opinion in this auditor's report.

We provide the supervisory board with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the supervisory board, we determine the key audit matters: those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial statements. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, not communicating the matter is in the public interest.

Amsterdam, April 28, 2023

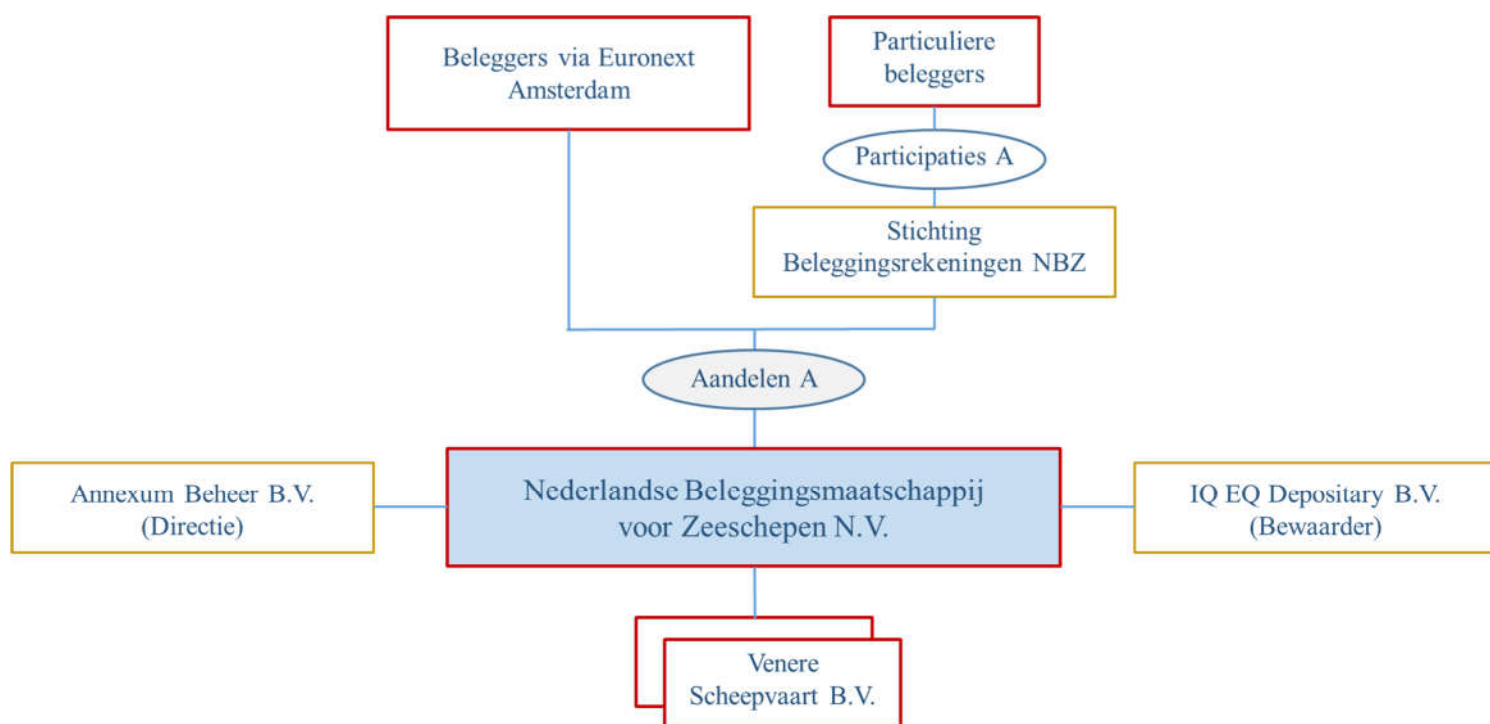
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Signed on the original: J. Holland

## Annex 1: Results per ship

<i>(x USD 1.000)</i>	2022	2021
Income		
Michelle	-	-7
Henrietta	-	11
North Sea Gas	1	-62
Nordic Handysize	166	302
Eagle II	292	72
Parchem III	1	43
Thor Dahl Container	-46	631
RF Ocean	49	-52
BrasGas	112	133
Super Greenship	306	228
Forest Wave	1,083	934
Partankers	163	41
Momentum	878	9
United Overseas	15	-
Other income	11	6
	<u>3,031</u>	<u>2,289</u>
<b>Other results</b>		
Transaction and investment costs	-68	-84
Exchange result	5	-8
Interest	-49	-25
	<u>-112</u>	<u>-117</u>
<b>Operating expenses and taxes</b>		
Management fee	-396	-99
Overhead costs	-323	-364
Corporate income tax NBZ N.V.	-	-
	<u>-719</u>	<u>-463</u>
<b>Total consolidated result after tax</b>	<u>2,200</u>	<u>1,709</u>

## Annex 2: Structure NBZ (2022)





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