

Independent Limited Assurance Report to John Lewis Partnership plc

KPMG LLP ('KPMG' or 'we') were engaged by John Lewis Partnership plc ('John Lewis Partnership') to provide limited assurance over the Selected Information described below for the 53 weeks ended 30 January 2021.

Our conclusion

Based on the work we have performed and the evidence we have obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information has not been properly prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

This conclusion is to be read in the context of the remainder of this report, in particular the inherent limitations explained below and this report's intended use.

Selected Information

The scope of our work includes only the information included within the Directors' report – Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting section on pages 113 to 116 ('the Report') of the Annual Report and Accounts of John Lewis Partnership for the 53 weeks ended 30 January 2021 marked with the symbol * ('the Selected Information'). The Selection Information consists of Global GHG emission data Scope 1 emissions (tonnes CO₂e), Global GHG emission data Scope 2 market based emissions (tonnes CO₂e), Global GHG emission data Scope 2 location based emissions (tonnes CO₂e), and Global GHG emission data Scope 3 emissions (tonnes CO₂e).

We have not performed any work, and do not express any conclusion, over any other information that may be displayed in the Report or elsewhere on John Lewis Partnership's website for the current year or for previous periods unless otherwise indicated.

Reporting Criteria

The Reporting Criteria we used to form our judgements are:

- Basis of reporting for externally assured corporate responsibility data 2020/21 as set out at <https://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/csr/reporting/climate-reporting.html> for the Selected Information marked with the symbol *.

We note that as permitted by the UK company law that governs the disclosure of this information, and as disclosed on page 114, the Selected Information amounts included for 53 weeks ended 30 January 2021 and comparatives for 52 weeks ended 25 January 2020 represent the amounts for the calendar years ended 31 December 2020 and 31 December 2019, respectively.

The Selected Information needs to be read together with the Reporting Criteria.

Inherent limitations

The nature of non-financial information; the absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw; and the methods and precision used to determine non-financial information, allow for different, but acceptable evaluation and measurement techniques and can result in materially different measurements, affecting comparability between entities and over time.

Directors' responsibilities

The Directors of John Lewis Partnership are responsible for:

- designing, implementing and maintaining internal controls relevant to the preparation and presentation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error;
- selecting and/or developing objective Reporting Criteria;
- measuring and reporting the Selected Information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria; and
- the contents and statements contained within the Report and the Reporting Criteria.

Our responsibilities

Our responsibility is to plan and perform our work to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information has been prepared in accordance with the Reporting Criteria and to report to John Lewis Partnership in the form of an independent limited assurance conclusion based on the work performed and the evidence obtained.

Assurance standards applied

We performed our work in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (UK) 3000 – 'Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information' ('ISAE (UK) 3000'), issued by the Financial Reporting Council, and in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3410 – 'Assurance Engagements on Greenhouse Gas Statements' ('ISAE 3410'), issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

The work performed in a limited assurance engagement varies in nature and timing from, and is less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. Consequently, the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance engagement is substantially lower than the assurance that would have been obtained had a reasonable assurance engagement been performed.

Independence, professional standards and quality control

We comply with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants and we apply International Standard on Quality Control (UK) 1, 'Quality Control for Firms

that Perform Audits and Reviews of Financial Statements, and Other Assurance and Related Services Engagements'. Accordingly, we maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements and professional standards (including independence, and other requirements founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour) as well as applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Summary of work performed

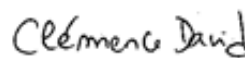
Considering the level of assurance and our assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the Selected Information, whether due to fraud or error, our work included, but was not restricted to:

- assessing the appropriateness of the Reporting Criteria for the Selected Information;
- conducting interviews with John Lewis Partnership management to understand the key processes, systems and controls in place over the preparation of the Selected Information;
- examining a selection of the internal process documentation which explains the processes, systems and controls in place over the preparation of the Selected Information;
- agreeing a selection of the underlying data which supports the Selected Information to corresponding source documentation;
- reperforming a selection of the carbon conversion factor calculations, other unit conversion factor calculations and manual calculations performed over the Selected Information;
- agreeing the relevant prior period and baseline data to previously reported data where these were used in the calculation of the Selected Information, including re-performing the calculation;
- performing analytical review procedures over the aggregated Selected Information, including a comparison to the prior period's amounts having due regard to changes in business volume and the business portfolio; and
- reading the Report and narrative accompanying the Selected Information with regard to the Reporting Criteria, and for consistency with our findings.

This report's intended use

This assurance report is made solely to John Lewis Partnership in accordance with the terms of the engagement contract between us. Those terms permit disclosure to other parties, solely for the purpose of John Lewis Partnership showing that it has obtained an independent assurance report in connection with the Selected Information.

We have not considered the interest of any other party in the Selected Information. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than John Lewis Partnership for our work, for this assurance report or for the conclusions we have reached.



Clemence David
for and on behalf of KPMG LLP
Chartered Accountants
London
21 April 2021

The maintenance and integrity of John Lewis Partnership's website is the responsibility of the Directors of John Lewis Partnership; the work carried out by us does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, we accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the reported Selected Information, Reporting Criteria or Report when presented on John Lewis Partnership's website.