



## Assurance statement on third-party verification of sustainability information

Unique identification no. **4153803937**

TÜV SÜD INDIA (hereinafter TÜV SÜD) has been engaged by Axis Bank Ltd to perform a limited assurance verification as defined by International Standards on Assurance Engagements (ISAE 3000) of sustainability information in the SUSTAINABILITY REPORT of Axis Bank Limited (hereinafter “Company”) for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023. The verification was carried out according to the steps and methods described below.

### Scope of the verification

The third-party verification was conducted to obtain limited assurance about whether the sustainability information is prepared with accordance to the reporting criteria of the 2021 Sustainability Reporting Standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (hereinafter “Reporting Criteria”). following selected sustainability disclosures are included in the scope of the assurance engagement:

Option “full report” for reporting year Apr 1, 2022 – Mar 31, 2023

- the following selective disclosures on sustainability in the Sustainability Report, published at (<https://www.axisbank.com/>)
- GRI 302: Energy– 302-1, 302-2, 302-3, 302-4;
- GRI 303: Water – 303-5;
- GRI 305: Emissions– 305-1, 305-2, 305-4, 305-5;
- GRI 306: Effluents and Waste –306-2, 306-3, 306-4;
- GRI 401: Employment– 401-1, 401-2, 401-3;
- GRI 404: Training and Education – 404-1, 404-2, 404-3;
- GRI 405: Diversity and Equal Opportunity – 405-1, 405-2;
- GRI 406: Non-discrimination– 406-1;
- GRI 413: Local Communities– 413-1, 413-2;
- GRI 418: Customer Privacy– 418-1;

Other than as described in the preceding paragraph, which sets out the scope of our engagement, we did not perform assurance procedures on the remaining information included in the sustainability reporting, and accordingly, we do not express a conclusion on this information. It was not part of our engagement to review product- or service-related information, references to external information sources, expert opinions and future-related statements in the Report.

### Responsibility of the Company

The legal representatives of the Company are responsible for the preparation of the sustainability information in accordance with the Reporting Criteria. This responsibility includes in particular the selection and use of appropriate methods for sustainability reporting, the collection



and compilation of information and the making of appropriate assumptions or, where appropriate, the making of appropriate estimates. Furthermore, the legal representatives are responsible for necessary internal controls to enable the preparation of a sustainability report that is free of material - intentional or unintentional - erroneous information.

### **Verification methodology and procedures performed**

The verification engagement has been planned and performed in accordance with the verification methodology developed by the TÜV SÜD Group which is based upon the ISO 17029 and ISAE 3000. The applied level of assurance was “limited assurance”. Because the level of assurance obtained in a limited assurance, the engagement is lower than in a reasonable assurance engagement, the procedures the verification team performs in a limited assurance engagement vary in nature and timing from, and are less in extent than for, a reasonable assurance engagement. A limited assurance engagement consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of the Sustainability Report and applying analytical and other limited assurance procedures.

The verification was based on a systematic and evidence-based assurance process limited as stated above. The selection of assurance procedures is subject to the auditor’s own judgment.

The procedures included amongst others:

- Inquiries of personnel who are responsible for the stakeholder engagement und materiality analysis to understand the reporting boundaries.
- Evaluation of the design and implementation of the systems and processes for compiling, analysing, and aggregating sustainability information as well as for internal controls
- Inquiries of company’s representatives responsible for collecting, preparing and consolidating sustainability information and performing internal controls
- Analytical procedures and inspection of sustainability information as reported at group level by all locations.
- Assessment of local data collection and management procedures and control mechanisms through a sample survey at Mumbai corporate office.

### **Conclusion**

On the basis of the assessment procedures carried out from 01.05.2023 to 24.05.2023, TÜV SÜD has not become aware of any facts that lead to the conclusion that the selected sustainability information has not been prepared, in all material aspects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

### **Limitations**

The assurance process was subject to the following limitations:

- The subject matter information covered by the engagement are described in the “scope of the engagement”. Assurance of further information included in the sustainability reporting was not performed. Accordingly, TÜV SÜD do not express a conclusion on this information.
- Financial data were only considered to the extent to check the compliance with the economic indicators provided by the GRI Standards and were drawn directly from independently audited financial accounts. TÜV SÜD did not perform any further assurance procedures on data, which were subject of the annual financial audit.
- The assurance scope excluded forward-looking statements, product- or service-related information, external information sources and expert opinions.

### **Use of this Statement**

The Company must reproduce the TÜV SÜD statement and possible attachments in full and without omissions, changes, or additions.



This statement is by the scope of the engagement solely intended to inform the Company as to the results of the mandated assessment. TÜV SÜD has not considered the interest of any other party in the selected sustainability information, this assurance report or the conclusions TÜV SÜD has reached. Therefore, nothing in the engagement or this statement provides third parties with any rights or claims whatsoever.

### **Independence and competence of the verifier**

TÜV SÜD INDIA is an independent certification and testing organization and member of the international TÜV SÜD Group, with accreditations also in the areas of social responsibility and environmental protection. The assurance team was assembled based on the knowledge, experience and qualification of the auditors. TÜV SÜD INDIA hereby declares that there is no conflict of interest with the Company.

Place, Date

8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Gurugram (Haryana)

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**Prosenjit Mitra**

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(Business Line - Verification, Validation & Audit)

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**Shashank Chaudhary**

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