

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 14 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE No. 39 OF JANUARY 27, 2010 AND ARTICLE 10 OF THE EU REGULATION 537/2014

To the Shareholders of  
Geox S.p.A.

### REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Geox S.p.A. and its subsidiaries (the "Group"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at December 31, 2021, and the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at December 31, 2021, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of national regulations issued pursuant to art. 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/05.

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of Geox S.p.A. (the "Company") in accordance with the ethical requirements applicable under Italian law to the audit of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Key Audit Matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

**Conjunctural situation and its effects on impairment tests**

**Description of the key audit matter**

As noted in the paragraph “Covid-19 impacts” of the Explanatory Notes, the persistence of the Covid-19 pandemic affected the Group's performance even in 2021, especially in the first part of the year, in which the frequent suspension of non-essential commercial activities in many countries have led to the temporary closure of the stores managed by the Group and its customers. The progress of the vaccination campaigns has allowed the progressive relaxation of the restrictions, functional to the recovery of the full operation of the Group's distribution network in the second half, with limited interruptions in some countries only at the end of the year for the recovery of the infections, and encouraged the progressive improvement of the results.

In view of the positive evolution of the contingent situation, during 2021, even in a context of uncertainty linked to the virus's resurgence in the winter period, the Directors formalized their forecasts of business evolution in the 2022-2024 Strategic Business Plan (hereinafter “Strategic Business Plan”). Which was approved by the Board of Directors on December 1, 2021, as indicated in Note 6 of the Explanatory Notes.

With regard to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, the Directors indicate in the paragraph “Significant subsequent events after December 31, 2021” that they consider this event “*non-adjusting*”. In the same paragraph they describe, for information purposes, the results of sensitivity analysis carried out with reference to *the impairment test*, highlighting the underlying predictive uncertainties of these analysis.

In view of the significance of the effects of Covid-19 on the Group's business, the subjectivity of the estimates relating to the determination of cash flows of the cash generating units (CGU) to be verified and the key variables of the impairment test model, as well as the multiplicity and unpredictability of the factors that can influence the performance of the market in which the Group operates in the current context, we have considered the impairment test a key audit matter of the Group's consolidated Financial Statement Audit.

**Audit procedures performed**

As part of our audit we have, among others, carried out the following procedures, also with the support of experts:

- discussion with management in order to obtain information elements deemed useful in the circumstances regarding the structure of the impairment tests and of the Strategic Business Plan elaborated;
- reasonableness analysis of the main assumptions adopted by the Directors for the elaboration of the Strategic Business Plan, including financial provision sources and cash flow forecasts, also by external data analysis, such as forecasts of the future trend of macroeconomic and sector data;

- examination of the methods used by the management for determining the value of use of the CGU and analysis of the methods and assumptions used by the management for the development of impairment tests;
- understanding of the relevant controls carried out by the management of the Group in the impairment tests preparation process;
- assessment of the reasonableness of discount rates (WACC) and long-term growth rates (g-rates), by appropriate identification and observation of external sources usually used in practice and relevant data relating to the main comparables;
- verification of the mathematical accuracy of the model used for the determination value in use of the CGU;
- verification of the correct determination of the carrying amount of invested capital related to the CGU;
- verification of the sensitivity analysis prepared by the management.

Finally, we examined the adequacy of the information provided by the Group on impairment tests in Note 6 and, with reference to the potential future impact of tensions between Russia and Ukraine, in paragraph “Significant subsequent events after December 31, 2021”, and its compliance with the requirements of the applicable accounting standards.

### ***Evaluation of inventories related to previous collections***

**Description of the key audit matter**

As disclosed in *Note 17. Inventories*, the net value of inventories at the end of the year amounted to Euro 240,320 thousand. Inventories are accounted for net of a provision of Euro 27,053 thousand, considered appropriate by the Directors for the purposes of a prudent valuation of finished products from previous collections and raw materials no longer used. The provision has been accounted for in order to reflect the expected realizable value of inventories, on the basis of the Group estimates determined on the quantity of goods sold at a discount in the past, on the possibility of relocation of some products in the 2022 regular collections and on potential sales of such products through directly operated outlets.

In consideration of the materiality of the amount of inventories recorded in the financial statements, together with the relevance of the discretionary component inherent in the estimative nature of the provision, we deem that the valuation of the recoverable value of the inventories from previous collections and the related process of determining the provision is a key area for the audit of the Group’s consolidated financial statements.

**Audit procedures performed**

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- understanding of the relevant procedures and controls adopted by the Management for the purpose of identifying and determining the correct assessment of the recoverable value of the inventories from previous collections;

- analysis of the reasonableness of the methods and assumptions used by the Management to identify the recoverable value of the inventories from previous collections;
- check of the completeness and accuracy of the database used by the Management for the calculation of the inventory write-down provision and check of its mathematical accuracy;
- comparison between the estimate of the inventory write-down provision recorded in the previous period with respect to what was subsequently observed and analysis of the nature of any difference, also in order to corroborate the effectiveness of the management estimate processes, even taking into account the peculiarities of the conjunctural situation;
- comparative analysis, in a historical series, for each collection and consequent independent development of estimates on the assessment of the recoverable value of inventories by analyzing the sales prices applied by the Group.

Finally, we have examined the completeness and the compliance of the information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements compared to the requirements of the applicable accounting standards.

***Evaluation of the refund liability***

**Description of the key audit matter**

As disclosed in Note 29. Accounts Payables, the Group accounted for a refund liability for Euro 36,146 thousand on the basis of the potential returns and credit notes to be issued arising from the trade agreements signed with customers, in particular with the franchising ones. For the estimate of the provision, the Group has made certain assumptions based on the quantity of goods returned in the past and their estimated realizable value. The analysis also took into consideration the changed reference context in which the Group's customers operate as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

In consideration of the materiality of the amount and the discretionary component present in the estimate of the refund liability, we deem that the valuation of this item is a key area for the audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements.

**Audit procedures performed**

Our audit procedures included, among others, the following:

- understanding of the relevant procedures and controls adopted by the Management for the purpose of identifying and determining the correct valuation of the refund liability;
- check of the completeness and accuracy of the database used by the Management for the calculation of the refund liability and check of its mathematical accuracy;

- analysis, on a sample basis, of the commercial agreements in place in order to ascertain that the relative terms and conditions have been correctly considered by the Management to determine the refund liability;
- comparison between the estimate of the refund liability in the previous period compared to what was subsequently finalized and analysis of the nature of any difference, also in order to corroborate the effectiveness of the Management estimate processes, even taking into account the peculiarities of the conjunctural situation;
- analysis of the sales trend after year-end in order to obtain an indication of the adequacy of the estimates made by the Management.

Finally, we have examined the completeness and the compliance of the information disclosed in the notes to the financial statements compared to the requirements of the applicable accounting standards.

### **Responsibilities of the Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors for the Consolidated Financial Statements**

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and the requirements of national regulations issued pursuant to art. 9 of Italian Legislative Decree no. 38/05, and, within the terms established by law, for such internal control as the Directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Directors are responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they have identified the existence of the conditions for the liquidation of the Company or the termination of the business or have no realistic alternatives to such choices.

The Board of Statutory Auditors is responsible for overseeing, within the terms established by law, the Group's financial reporting process.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

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

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors.
- Conclude 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 Group'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 consolidated 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 Group to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as required by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence applicable in Italy, 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 those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditors' report.

**Other information communicated pursuant to art. 10 of the EU Regulation 537/2014**

The Shareholders' Meeting of Geox S.p.A. has appointed us on May 6, 2013 as auditors of the Company for the years from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2021.

We declare that we have not provided prohibited non-audit services referred to in art. 5 (1) of EU Regulation 537/2014 and that we have remained independent of the Company in conducting the audit.

We confirm that the opinion on the financial statements expressed in this report is consistent with the additional report to the Board of Statutory Auditors, in its role of Audit Committee, referred to in art. 11 of the said Regulation.

**REPORT ON OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS****Opinion on the compliance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815**

The Directors of Geox S.p.A. are responsible for the application of the provisions of the European Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 with regard to the regulatory technical standards on the specification of the single electronic reporting format (ESEF – European Single Electronic Format) (hereinafter referred to as the “Delegated Regulation”) to the consolidated financial statements, to be included in the annual financial report.

We have carried out the procedures set forth in the Auditing Standard (SA Italia) n. 700B in order to express an opinion on the compliance of the consolidated financial statements with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements have been prepared in XHTML format and have been marked up, in all material respects, in accordance with the provisions of the Delegated Regulation.

**Opinion pursuant to art. 14 paragraph 2 (e) of Legislative Decree 39/10 and art. 123-bis, paragraph 4, of Legislative Decree 58/98**

The Directors of Geox S.p.A. are responsible for the preparation of the report on operations and the report on corporate governance and the ownership structure of Geox Group as at December 31, 2021, including their consistency with the related consolidated financial statements and their compliance with the law.

We have carried out the procedures set forth in the Auditing Standard (SA Italia) n. 720B in order to express an opinion on the consistency of the report on operations and some specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and the ownership structure set forth in art. 123-bis, n. 4 of Legislative Decree 58/98, with the consolidated financial statements of Geox Group as at December 31, 2021 and on their compliance with the law, as well as to make a statement about any material misstatement.

In our opinion, the above-mentioned report on operations and some specific information contained in the report on corporate governance and the ownership structure are consistent with the consolidated financial statements of Geox Group as at December 31, 2021 and is prepared in accordance with the law.

With reference to the statement referred to in art. 14, paragraph 2 (e), of Legislative Decree 39/10, made on the basis of the knowledge and understanding of the entity and of the related context acquired during the audit, we have nothing to report.

**Statement pursuant to art. 4 of the Consob Regulation for the implementation of Legislative Decree 30 December 2016, no. 254**

The Directors of Geox S.p.A. are responsible for the preparation of the non-financial statement pursuant to Legislative Decree 30 December 2016, no. 254.

We verified the approval by the Directors of the non-financial statement.

Pursuant to art. 3, paragraph 10 of Legislative Decree 30 December 2016, no. 254, this statement is subject of a separate attestation issued by other auditor.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE S.p.A.

Signed by  
**Alessandro Boaro**  
Partner

Udine, Italy  
March 22, 2022

*As disclosed by the Directors, the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Geox S.p.A. constitute a non-official version which is not compliant with the provisions of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815. This independent auditor's report has been translated into the English language solely for the convenience of international readers. Accordingly, only the original text in Italian language is authoritative.*