

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

(in CHF 1 000)

	Notes	31.03.2021	31.12.2020
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents		3 914	6 816
Receivables from brokers		–	1 521
Securities	4	4 278 768	3 954 659
Other assets		235	139
		4 282 917	3 963 135
Total assets		4 282 917	3 963 135
Current liabilities			
Short-term borrowings from banks	5	350 000	63 000
Payables to brokers		8 455	6 576
Other short-term liabilities		5 683	5 709
Tax liabilities		326	303
		364 464	75 588
Total liabilities		364 464	75 588
Shareholders' equity			
Share capital	6	11 080	11 080
Treasury shares	6	–	(8 241)
Retained earnings		3 907 373	3 884 708
		3 918 453	3 887 547
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		4 282 917	3 963 135
Net asset value per share in CHF		70.75	70.30

The notes are an integral part of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of BB Biotech AG on April 20, 2021.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in CHF 1 000)

	Notes	01.01.–31.03.2021	01.01.–31.03.2020
Operating income			
Net gains from securities	4	235 555	–
Dividend income		–	243
Foreign exchange gains		207	38
Other income		3	3
		235 765	284
Operating expenses			
Net losses from securities	4	–	(746 726)
Finance expenses		(43)	(225)
Administrative expenses	7	(13 078)	(9 685)
Other expenses		(1 677)	(1 585)
		(14 798)	(758 221)
Profit/(loss) before tax	8	220 967	(757 937)
Income taxes		(19)	(17)
Profit/(loss) for the period		220 948	(757 954)
Total comprehensive profit/(loss) for the period		220 948	(757 954)
Earnings/(loss) per share in CHF		3.99	(13.68)
Diluted earnings/(loss) per share in CHF		3.99	(13.68)

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

(in CHF 1 000)

	Share capital	Treasury shares	Retained earnings	Total
Balances at January 1, 2020	11 080	–	3 381 893	3 392 973
Dividend	–	–	(188 360)	(188 360)
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	(757 954)	(757 954)
Balances at March 31, 2020	11 080	–	2 435 579	2 446 659

Balances at January 1, 2021	11 080	(8 241)	3 884 708	3 887 547
Dividend	–	–	(199 440)	(199 440)
Trade with treasury shares (incl. change in balance)	–	8 241	1 157	9 398
Total comprehensive income for the period	–	–	220 948	220 948
Balances at March 31, 2021	11 080	–	3 907 373	3 918 453

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW

(in CHF 1 000)

	Notes	01.01.–31.03.2021	01.01.–31.03.2020
Cash flows from operating activities			
Proceeds from sales of securities	4	199 408	162 314
Purchase of securities	4	(284 562)	(168 120)
Dividend receipts		–	243
Payments for services		(14 870)	(12 274)
Income taxes paid		–	(45)
Total cash flows from operating activities		(100 024)	(17 882)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Dividend		(199 440)	(188 360)
Proceeds from sales of treasury shares	6	9 398	–
Borrowing of bank loans	5	287 000	187 000
Interest payments		(43)	(225)
Total cash flows from financing activities		96 915	(1 585)
Foreign exchange difference		207	38
Change in cash and cash equivalents		(2 902)	(19 429)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		6 816	30 707
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period		3 914	11 278

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SELECTED EXPLANATORY NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. The Company and its principal activity

BB Biotech AG (the Company) is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange, in the «Prime Standard Segment» of the German Exchange as well as in the «Star Segment» of the Italian Exchange and has its registered office in Schaffhausen, Schwertstrasse 6. Its principal activity is to invest in companies active in the biotechnology industry for the purpose of capital appreciation. The investments are held through its wholly owned subsidiaries.

Company	Capital in CHF 1 000	Capital and voting interest in %
Biotech Focus N.V., Curaçao	11	100
Biotech Growth N.V., Curaçao	11	100
Biotech Invest N.V., Curaçao	11	100
Biotech Target N.V., Curaçao	11	100

2. Accounting policies

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements of the Company and its subsidiary companies (the Group) have been prepared in accordance with International Accounting Standards (IAS) 34 «Interim Financial Reporting,» as well as the provisions of the rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange for Investment Companies and should be read in conjunction with the consolidated annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020. The preparation of the condensed consolidated interim financial statements requires management to make assumptions and estimates that have an impact on the balance sheet values and items of the statement of comprehensive income in the current financial period. In certain circumstances, the actual values may diverge from these estimates.

The condensed consolidated interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the consolidated annual financial statements. No new standards, interpretations and amendments to published standards, which are applicable to the Group and valid since January 1, 2021, have been applied in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

The following amended standards were approved, but will only be applicable for the Group prospectively and were not early adopted in these condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

- IAS 1 (amended, effective January 1, 2022) – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current
- IFRS 3 (amended, effective January 1, 2022) – Reference to the Conceptual Framework
- IAS 37 (amended, effective January 1, 2022) – Onerous Contracts – Cost of fulfilling a Contract
- Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020 (effective January 1, 2022) – IFRS 9, IFRS 16

The Group assessed the potential impact of the above-mentioned amended standards. Based on the analysis, the Group concludes that these amended standards have no material impact on the Group's accounting policies and overall results and financial position.

3. Financial risk management

Currency risk

The Group holds assets denominated in currencies other than the Swiss franc, the functional currency. It is therefore exposed to currency risk, as the value of the securities denominated in other currencies will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates. Depending on the market situation the Group could use foreign currency options and/or forward contracts to reduce the currency risk.

The following exchange rates have been used for the preparation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements:

Currency	31.03.2021	31.12.2020
USD	0.94360	0.88520
ANG	0.53011	0.49730
EUR	1.10698	1.08134
GBP	1.30070	1.21000

Fair values

The following table presents the Group's assets that are measured at fair value (in CHF 1 000):

31.03.2021	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Assets				
Securities				
– Shares	4 276 471	–	–	4 276 471
– Derivative instruments	–	–	2 297	2 297
Total assets	4 276 471	–	2 297	4 278 768
31.12.2020				
Assets				
Securities				
– Shares	3 952 504	–	–	3 952 504
– Derivative instruments	–	–	2 155	2 155
Total assets	3 952 504	–	2 155	3 954 659

The table below summarizes the transactions in level 3 instruments (in CHF 1 000):

	01.01.–31.03.2021	01.01.–31.03.2020
Opening balance	2 155	2 355
Purchases/Sales/Reclassification	–	–
Gains/(losses) included in net gain/loss from securities	142	(16)
Closing balance	2 297	2 339
Gains/(losses) on level 3 instruments included in net gain/loss from securities	142	(16)

The level 3 instrument was allocated as part of a corporate action in 2019. There were no transfers between level 1, 2 and 3 during the reporting period.

For assets and liabilities carried at amortised cost, their carrying values are a reasonable approximation of fair value.

4. Financial assets

Securities

Securities comprise the following:

Company	Number 31.12.2020	Change	Number 31.03.2021	Market price in original currency 31.03.2021	Valuation CHF mn 31.03.2021	Valuation CHF mn 31.12.2020
Ionis Pharmaceuticals	8 220 000	(53 038)	8 166 962	USD 44.96	346.5	411.4
Moderna	2 854 963	(154 963)	2 700 000	USD 130.95	333.6	264.0
Neurocrine Biosciences	3 035 000	(119 600)	2 915 400	USD 97.25	267.5	257.5
Argenx SE	921 332	9 206	930 538	USD 275.39	241.8	239.8
Incyte	2 900 000	(3 000)	2 897 000	USD 81.27	222.2	223.3
Agios Pharmaceuticals	4 158 902	336 090	4 494 992	USD 51.64	219.0	159.5
Alexion Pharmaceuticals	1 294 428	–	1 294 428	USD 152.91	186.8	179.0
Vertex Pharmaceuticals	900 000	–	900 000	USD 214.89	182.5	188.3
Fate Therapeutics	2 030 000	131 336	2 161 336	USD 82.45	168.2	163.4
Macrogenics	4 815 564	255 000	5 070 564	USD 31.85	152.4	97.4
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals	1 155 000	(25 000)	1 130 000	USD 141.19	150.5	132.9
Radius Health	7 455 714	–	7 455 714	USD 20.86	146.8	117.9
Biogen	537 000	–	537 000	USD 279.75	141.8	116.4
Arvinas	2 176 903	(120 000)	2 056 903	USD 66.10	128.3	163.7
Sage Therapeutics	1 540 104	235 000	1 775 104	USD 74.85	125.4	117.9
Halozyme Therapeutics	3 970 000	(1 033 034)	2 936 966	USD 41.69	115.5	150.1
Intra-Cellular Therapies	3 538 419	–	3 538 419	USD 33.93	113.3	99.6
Crispr Therapeutics	900 884	68 700	969 584	USD 121.85	111.5	122.1
Esperion Therapeutics	3 947 964	–	3 947 964	USD 28.05	104.5	90.9
Scholar Rock Holding	2 255 651	(155 526)	2 100 125	USD 50.66	100.4	96.9
Myovant Sciences	4 757 039	390 000	5 147 039	USD 20.58	100.0	116.3
Molecular Templates	6 380 331	1 735 774	8 116 105	USD 12.62	96.6	53.0
Generation Bio Co.	2 333 180	60 000	2 393 180	USD 28.46	64.3	58.6
Relay Therapeutics	1 409 357	521 987	1 931 344	USD 34.57	63.0	51.8
Exelixis	2 835 000	–	2 835 000	USD 22.59	60.4	50.4
Black Diamond Therapeutics	1 390 000	840 000	2 230 000	USD 24.26	51.0	39.4
Essa Pharma	–	1 825 814	1 825 814	USD 29.05	50.0	–
Nektar Therapeutics	2 620 676	–	2 620 676	USD 20.00	49.5	39.4
Revolution Medicines	–	1 007 770	1 007 770	USD 45.88	43.6	–
Beam Therapeutics	396 821	170 000	566 821	USD 80.04	42.8	28.7
Mersana Therapeutics	1 885 000	875 000	2 760 000	USD 16.18	42.1	44.4
Kezar Life Sciences	4 533 148	–	4 533 148	USD 5.96	25.5	20.9
Homology Medicines	1 737 122	–	1 737 122	USD 9.41	15.4	17.4
Wave Life Sciences	2 602 858	–	2 602 858	USD 5.61	13.8	18.1
Voyager Therapeutics	2 680 283	(2 680 283)	–	USD n.a	–	17.0
Cidara Therapeutics	2 822 495	(2 822 495)	–	USD n.a	–	5.0
Total shares					4 276.5	3 952.5
Alder Biopharmaceuticals – Contingent Value Right	2 766 008	–	2 766 008	USD 0.88	2.3	2.2

Bristol-Myers Squibb – Contingent Value Right	800 000	(800 000)	–	USD	n.a	–	–
Total derivative instruments						2.3	2.2
Total securities						4 278.8	3 954.7

The changes in value of securities at fair value through profit or loss by investment category are as follows (in CHF 1 000):

	Listed shares	Unlisted shares	Derivative instruments	Total
Opening balance as at 01.01.2020 at fair values	3 518 985	–	4 685	3 523 670
Purchases	699 570	–	–	699 570
Sales	(1 010 092)	–	–	(1 010 092)
Net gains/(losses) from securities	744 042	–	(2 531)	741 511
<i>Realized gains</i>	364 618	–	–	364 618
<i>Realized losses</i>	(83 963)	–	–	(83 963)
<i>Unrealized gains</i>	882 536	–	–	882 536
<i>Unrealized losses</i>	(419 149)	–	(2 531)	(421 680)
Closing balance as at 31.12.2020 at fair values	3 952 504	–	2 155	3 954 659
Opening balance as at 01.01.2021 at fair values	3 952 504	–	2 155	3 954 659
Purchases	286 441	–	–	286 441
Sales	(197 887)	–	–	(197 887)
Net gains/(losses) from securities	235 413	–	142	235 555
<i>Realized gains</i>	32 920	–	–	32 920
<i>Realized losses</i>	(1 530)	–	(2 330)	(3 860)
<i>Unrealized gains</i>	388 672	–	142	388 814
<i>Unrealized losses</i>	(184 649)	–	2 330	(182 319)
Closing balance as at 31.03.2021 at fair values	4 276 471	–	2 297	4 278 768

5. Short-term borrowings from banks

At March 31, 2021, a CHF 350 mn short-term loan is outstanding with interest payable at 0.40% p.a. (December 31, 2020: CHF 63 mn at 0.40% p.a.).

6. Shareholders' equity

The share capital of the Company consists of 55.4 mn fully paid registered shares (December 31, 2020: 55.4 mn) with a par value of CHF 0.20 each (December 31, 2020: CHF 0.20).

Treasury shares

The Company can buy and sell treasury shares in accordance with the Company's articles of association and Swiss company law and in compliance with the listing rules of the SIX Swiss Exchange. During the period from January 1, 2021, to March 31, 2021, the Company has not purchased any treasury shares and 114 662 treasury shares were sold at an average price of CHF 81.96 to the amount of TCHF 9 398 (01.01.–31.03.2020: no transactions). As at March 31, 2021, the Company holds no treasury shares. (December 31, 2020: 114 662 shares). The treasury shares as at December 31, 2020, were treated as a deduction from the consolidated shareholders' equity using cost values of TCHF 8 240.

Share buyback 2nd line (bought for cancellation)

The Board of Directors has approved the repurchase of a maximum of 5 540 000 own registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 0.20 each. The share buy-back program will run from April 12, 2019, until April 11, 2022, at the latest. Until March 31, 2021, no shares had been repurchased under this share buy-back program. A repurchase would take place via second trading line for the purpose of a subsequent capital reduction.

7. Administrative expenses

(in CHF 1 000)

Administrative expenses comprise the following:

	01.01.–31.03.2021	01.01.–31.03.2020
Asset manager		
– Management fees (incl. VAT)	12 658	9 300
Personnel		
– Board of Directors remuneration	353	290
– Wages and salaries	47	64
– Social insurance contributions and duties	20	31
	13 078	9 685

The remuneration model of BB Biotech AG is determined by the Board of Directors.

Since 2014 the remuneration paid to the investment manager is based upon a 1.1% p.a. all-in fee on the average market capitalization without any additional fixed or performance-based elements of compensation. The compensation of the Board of Directors consists since 2014 of a fixed compensation.

8. Segment reporting

(in CHF 1 000)

The sole operating segment of the Group reflects the internal management structure and is evaluated on an overall basis. Revenue is derived by investing in a portfolio of companies active in the biotechnology industry for the purpose of capital appreciation. The following results correspond to the sole operating segment of investing in companies active in the biotechnology industry.

The geographical analysis of the profit/(loss) before tax is as follows – all income from financial assets are attributed to a country based on the domiciliation of the issuer of the instrument.

Profit/(loss) before tax	01.01.–31.03.2021	01.01.–31.03.2020
USA	266 236	(671 334)
Canada	8 942	–
Netherlands	1 456	(27 127)
Singapore	(4 354)	3 269
Curaçao	(13 374)	(10 069)
Switzerland	(13 628)	(15 307)
Great Britain	(24 311)	(37 369)
	220 967	(757 937)

9. Assets pledged

At March 31, 2021 the securities in the amount of CHF 4 278.8 mn (December 31, 2020: CHF 3 954.7 mn) are a collateral for a credit line of CHF 700 mn (December 31, 2020: CHF 700 mn). At March 31, 2021, a CHF 350 mn short-term loan is outstanding (December 31, 2020: CHF 63 mn).

10. Related party transactions

Detailed information regarding the remuneration model for the Board of Directors and the investment manager are mentioned under [note 7](#), «Administrative expenses».

11. Commitments, contingencies and other off-balance sheet transactions

The Group had no commitments or other off-balance sheet transactions open at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

The operations of the Group are affected by legislative, fiscal and regulatory developments for which provisions are made where deemed necessary. The Board of Directors concludes that as at March 31, 2021, no proceedings existed which could have any material effect on the financial position of the Group (December 31, 2020: none).

12. Significant shareholders

The Board of Directors is not aware of any major shareholder with a holding exceeding 3% of all votes as at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020.

13. Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to March 31, 2021, which would affect the condensed consolidated interim financial statements.

REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Introduction

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated interim financial statements (consolidated balance sheet, consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity, consolidated statement of cash flow and selected explanatory notes) of BB Biotech AG for the period ended 31 March 2021. The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these condensed consolidated interim financial statements in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 «Interim Financial Reporting» and article 14 of the Directive on Financial Reporting (DFR) of the SIX Swiss Exchange. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed consolidated interim financial statements based on our review.

Scope of Review

We conducted our review in accordance with Swiss Auditing Standard 910 and International Standard on Review Engagements 2410, «Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity». A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss Auditing Standards and International Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the condensed consolidated interim financial statements have not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with International Accounting Standard 34 «Interim Financial Reporting» and article 14 of the Directive on Financial Reporting (DFR) of the SIX Swiss Exchange.

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