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**HSBC SFH (France) S.A.**

**Statutory Auditors' Limited  
Review Report on condensed  
financial statements  
as of 30 June 2014**

Period from 1st January to 30 June 2014

HSBC SFH (France) S.A.

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## **HSBC SFH (France) S.A.**

Registered office : 15 rue Vernet 75008 Paris  
Share capital : €113 250 000

### **Statutory Auditors' Review Report on condensed financial statements as of 30 June 2014**

Period from 1st January to 30 June 2014

Dear Sir or Madam

In our quality of statutory auditors of HSBC SFH (France) S.A. and in answer to your request, we conducted a review of the balance sheet as of 30 June 2014, the income statement for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 30 June 2014, together with the Summary of Notes including summary of significant accounting policies and major events of the period ("the condensed financial statements"), which are attached to this report.

These condensed financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's President. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on these condensed financial statements based on our review.

We conducted our review in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. A review consists primarily of making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters and applying analytical procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with professional standards applicable in France 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.



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16 July 2014*

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying condensed financial statements as of June 30, 2014 and for the six-month period then ended are not prepared in conformity with the French accounting principles described in the notes attached to these financial statements.

Statutory auditors

Paris la Défense and Paris, 16 July 2014

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF 30 JUNE 2014**

**HSBC SFH France**

**S.A. with capital share of EUR 113,250,000**

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**HSBC SFH France****2014 BALANCE SHEET**

(in EUR)

ASSETS	30/06/14	31/12/13	Variations
Cash and balances at central banks	0	0	0
Treasury bills and money-market instruments	0	0	0
loans and advances to banks	4,426,783,427	4,423,025,982	3,757,445
loans and advances to customers	0	0	0
Bonds and other fixed-income securities	0	0	0
Equities and other variable-income securities	0	0	0
Equity investments and other securities held for long-term	0	0	0
Investments in affiliates	0	0	0
Intangible fixed assets	0	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	0	0	0
Other assets	93,842	180,934	-87,092
Prepayments and accrued income	15,324,229	16,997,046	-1,672,818
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,442,201,498</b>	<b>4,440,203,963</b>	<b>1,997,535</b>
Financing commitments given	0	0	0
Guarantee commitments given	0	0	0
Securities commitments given	0	0	0
Transactions involving forward financial instruments	0	0	0

# HSBC SFH France

## 2014 BALANCE SHEET

(in EUR)

LIABILITIES	30/06/14	31/12/13	Variations
Due to credit institutions	0	0	0
Customer accounts	0	0	0
Debt securities	4,302,238,339	4,299,447,818	2,790,521
Other liabilities	806,389	518,722	287,667
Accruals and deferred income	24,023,395	25,923,887	-1,900,492
Provisions	0	0	0
Subordinated debt	0	0	0
Reserve for general banking risks	0	0	0
Share capital	113,250,000	113,250,000	0
Additional paid-in capital	0	0	0
Merger premium	0	0	0
Reserves	66,060	40,169	25,891
Retained earnings	997,476	505,549	491,927
Net profit of the year	819,839	517,818	302,022
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4,442,201,498</b>	<b>4,440,203,963</b>	<b>1,997,535</b>
Financing commitments received	0	0	0
Guarantee commitments received	5,894,299,667	5,894,979,729	-680,062
Securities commitments received	0	0	0

**HSBC SFH France**

## NET INCOME 2014

(in EUR)

INCOME STATEMENT	30/06/14	31/12/13	30/06/13
Interest and similar income	54,334,358	85,114,821	36,624,407
Interest and similar expense	-53,616,068	-84,811,109	-36,716,929
Commission income	735,183	1,077,811	444,452
Commission expense	0	0	0
Gains or losses on trading account securities	11,982	-13,605	-19,128
Other banking income (charges)	0	0	0
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>1,465,454</b>	<b>1,367,918</b>	<b>332,802</b>
General operating expenses	-240,883	-590,623	-256,100
<b>GROSS OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>1,224,571</b>	<b>777,296</b>	<b>76,701</b>
<b>OPERATING PROFIT</b>	<b>1,224,571</b>	<b>777,296</b>	<b>76,701</b>
<b>NET OPERATING PROFIT BEFORE TAX</b>	<b>1,224,571</b>	<b>777,296</b>	<b>76,701</b>
Exceptional items	0	0	0
Income tax	-404,732	-259,478	-24,184
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>819,839</b>	<b>517,818</b>	<b>52,517</b>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

There is no significant event on the first half year 2014.

### 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### 2.1 Accounting principles

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles:

- Going concern,
- Consistency of accounting methods from one financial year to the other,
- Accruals basis of accounting,
- Compliance with the general rules for the preparation and presentation of annual financial statements.

The financial statements at 30 June 2014 and their notes have been prepared and presented in accordance with the amended regulation 2000.03 of the Accounting Rules Committee, the instructions in force of the Banking Commission and the generally accepted accounting principles in the French banking industry.

On the 1st of January 2005, the Hervet Participations has been integrated to tax consolidation group of HSBC BANK PLC PARIS BRANCH. On the 20th of June 2008, the Combined General Meeting of shareholders decided to change the name of "Hervet Participations" to "HSBC Covered Bonds (France)". On the 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2011, the Combined General Meeting of shareholders decided to change the name of "HSBC Covered Bonds (France)" to "HSBC SFH (France)". The Company's business purpose is set out in the Article 2 of the Articles of Incorporation updated on the 28 April 2014, which stipulates:

"In accordance with laws and regulations applicable to Housing Finance Companies, the Company's business purpose is to consent and / or finance Home loans and hold corporate securities (the "Corporate business purpose").

I - Home loans made and / or funded by the Company are loans, in whole or part of , to finance a residential property located in France or in another member state of the European Union or in another state part of the Agreement on the European Economic Area or in a state benefiting from the highest level of quality of credit issued by an external rating agency credit recognized by the banking supervisor's (Autorité de Contrôle Prudentiel - ACP) and secured by (a) a mortgage or a related guarantee at least equivalent, or (b) a bond granted by a credit institution or an insurance company ("Home loans").



[.../...]

To finance the operations mentioned in I. above, the Company may issue housing finance bonds benefiting from the privilege defined in Article L. 513-11 of the Monetary and Financial Code and raise other sources, even by issuing financial instruments or debt securities, on the basis of foreign law (including debt securities registered under German law (Nammensschuldverschreibung) whose contract or document for public information (within the meaning of Article L. 412-1 of the Code) or equivalent document required for admission on foreign regulated markets mentioned that privilege."

## **2.2 – Changes in accounting policies**

No change in accounting method on the first half year 2014.

## **2.3 - Valuation principles and methods**

### **2.3.1 ACCRUED INTERESTS RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE**

Accrued interests receivable and payable are recorded in the balance sheet in a related creditor (respectively debtor) account.

### **2.3.2 LOANS AND ADVANCES TO BANKS**

It should be noted that the origination and management fees are spread on a straight-line basis throughout the term of the loan.

Cash standing at the credit of the bank accounts may be invested with term deposits, agreed with HSBC France.

The fixed term deposits are booked for their acquisition values.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related accounts.

On the 20th of January 2010, the Company granted a loan of EUR 1.5 billion to HSBC France, with a seven-year term, paying an interest rate of 3.375%.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

On the 7th of April 2010, the Company granted two new loans to HSBC France of respectively, CHF 200 million, with a maturity of five years and five months, paying an interest rate of 1.75% for the first one, and a maturity of eight years and five months, paying an interest rate of 2.375% for the second one.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

On the 24th of December 2010, the Company granted a fourth loan of CHF 200 million to HSBC France, with a maturity of eight years and four months, paying an interest rate of 2.00%.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

Then, on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2013, the Company granted a fifth loan of EUR 1.25 billion to HSBC France, with a maturity of ten years and six months, paying an interest rate of 2.00 %.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

Lastly, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2013, the Company granted a sixth loan of EUR 1 billion to HSBC France, with a maturity of seven years, paying an interest of 1.875 %.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

The CHF claims as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, were translated into euro, in the balance sheet, at the official exchange rate on the reporting date.

### **2.3.3 AVAILABLE-FOR-SALE PORTFOLIO**

The certificates of deposit have been replaced by a fixed term deposit in February 2012.

### **2.3.4 DEBT REPRESENTED BY A SECURITY**

It should be noted that the issuance premiums of the covered bonds are spread on a straight-line basis from the date of issuance to the maturity date. Similarly, the issuing charges of the covered bonds are spread on a straight-line basis from the date of issuance to the maturity date.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2010, the Company issued bonds amounting to EUR 1.5 billion, with a seven-year maturity, with a coupon of 3.375% to be paid to the investors.

Accrued interests are recorded in the related account.

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The CHF claims as of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, were translated into euro, in the balance sheet, at the official exchange rate on the reporting date.

In accordance with regulation 2000.03 amended of the Accounting Rules Committee, the following information is provided:

Issuance premium remaining to be amortised as of 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2014:	EUR 6,403,757.91
Premium remaining to be amortised as of 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2014:	EUR 126,887.05
Issuing charges remaining to be amortised as of 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2014:	EUR 8,920,470.92

### **2.3.5 SUBORDINATED DEBT**

There is no subordinated loan agreed between the Company and HSBC France since 23 August 2013.

### **2.3.6 SHARE CAPITAL**

HSBC France owns 99.99% of HSBC SFH (France)' share capital.

The share capital stands at EUR 113,250,000, made up of 7,550,000 shares with a nominal value of EUR 15 each.

### **2.3.7 INTEREST AND SIMILAR INCOME**

The interest paid and received is recorded on an *accruals basis* in the profit and loss account.

Fees for granting a loan are treated as additional interest income and are spread on a straight-line basis over the effective term of the credit. For the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2014, the corresponding amount recognised in the profit and loss statement was EUR 2,241,397.05.

### **2.3.8 OFF-BALANCE SHEET ITEMS**

#### ***- Commitments***

Loans granted to HSBC France by HSBC SFH (France) are guaranteed by eligible housing loans granted by the retail branches of HSBC France.

The received guarantee recorded at 30 June 2014 (based upon the figures as at 31 May 2014) amounted to EUR 5,894,299,677. The final amount of the received guarantee (based upon the figures as at 30 June 2014 and available from the date of 10 July 2014) is 5,994,038,961 euros.

The housing credits that guarantee the loans granted by HSBC SFH (France) to HSBC France are financial guarantees whose characteristics are described in Articles L.211-38 and seq. of the Monetary and Financial Code.

### ***3 IDENTITY OF THE PARENT COMPANY USING THE GLOBAL CONSOLIDATION METHOD***

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### ***4 DISCLOSURE RELATING TO CREDIT RISK***

The sole counterparty of HSBC SFH (France) is HSBC France.

Loans granted by HSBC SFH (France) enable HSBC France to refinance itself.

### ***5 INFORMATION RELATING TO INTEREST AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE RISK***

The interest and currency risks of HSBC SFH (France) are limited, since the loans granted by HSBC SFH (France) to HSBC France are backed by the covered bond issues.

### ***6 EXPOSURE TO THE SOVEREIGN RISK***

The HSBC SFH (France) entity holds no financial assets with sovereign risk.

### ***7 INFORMATION ON RELATED PARTIES***

In accordance with the ANC 2010-04 recommendations, the list of transactions of HSBC SFH (France) with related parties is not subject to information in notes, as transactions are performed to normal market conditions.