

## **Statement on inspection at Sydbank A/S (anti-money laundering area)**

### **Introduction**

The Danish Financial Supervisory Authority (FSA) conducted an inspection at Sydbank A/S (the bank) in June 2023. The inspection involved a review of the anti-money laundering area. The inspection covered the bank's organisation and risk management, the management of tasks by the anti-money laundering officer and the processes of risk assessment and policies. Moreover the inspection covered the bank's internal controls, including the controls of the first, second and third lines of defence.

### **Risk assessment and summary**

The bank is a major Danish bank and has been designated as a SIFI. The bank has 59 branches in Denmark and has activities abroad with three branches in Northern Germany.

The bank's banking activities and wide selection of product offerings include ordinary deposit accounts to retail clients, complex financial products to investors, full-service banking solutions to businesses of all sizes as well as asset management and investments. Moreover trade finance and private banking services are offered.

The Danish FSA has assessed that the bank's inherent risk of being used for money laundering or terrorist financing is high compared to the average of financial undertakings in Denmark. In its assessment the Danish FSA attached particular importance to the bank's financial product offerings, including corporate banking, trade finance, private banking which all entail a risk of money laundering and the fact that the bank has several correspondent partners, which also entails risks of money laundering and terrorist financing.

The inspection did not give rise to FSA reactions.

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