

# Report of the Audit Board

# Report of the Audit Board to the General Meeting of Shareholders

As statutory auditors, we have audited the accounting records and the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes/pages 94 to 131) of Swiss National Bank for the year ended 31 December 2004.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Bank Council. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We confirm that we meet the legal requirements concerning professional qualification and independence.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with auditing standards promulgated by the Swiss profession, which require that an audit be planned and performed to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. We have examined on a test basis evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We have also assessed the accounting principles used, significant estimates made and the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the accounting records and financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with the Swiss GAAP FER. We should, however, point out the particular features (explained in the notes to the accounts) of accounting methods used by the Swiss National Bank as Switzerland's central bank and note-issuing institution.

We further confirm that the books of account and the annual financial statements as well as the proposals for the appropriation of the annual profit comply with the provisions of the National Bank Act and the Swiss Code of Obligations.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

**PricewaterhouseCoopers AG**

**Peter Ochsner      Yvonne Staub**

Zurich, 25 February 2005