# Corporate Governance Statement

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# Introduction

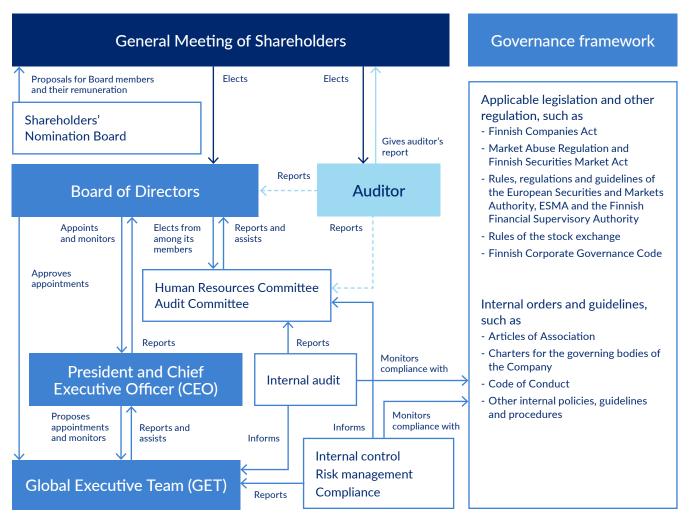
Huhtamäki Oyj (the Company) complies with the Finnish Corporate Governance Code (Code) adopted by the Securities Market Association. This Corporate Governance Statement complies with the Code effective from January 1, 2020. The Code is available in its entirety on the internet at <a href="www.cgfinland.en">www.cgfinland.en</a>. Huhtamäki Oyj is a support member of the Securities Market Association.

This separate Corporate Governance Statement has been issued and published in connection with the Directors' Report. The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company has reviewed the statement and it has been approved by the Board of Directors. The Auditor of the Company has reviewed that the statement has been issued and that the description of the main principles of internal control and risk management systems of the financial reporting process fully complies with the financial statements of the Company.

The Company's corporate governance comprises the General Meeting of Shareholders, the Shareholders' Nomination Board (Nomination Board), the Board of Directors (Board) and the Committees founded by it, the President and Chief Executive Officer (President and CEO) and the Global Executive Team (GET), laws and regulations applicable in countries where the Group operates as well as the Group's internal policies, guidelines and practices.

Updated information on the governance of the Company is available on the Company's website in section "Corporate Governance at Huhtamaki" (www.huhtamaki.com - Investors - Corporate Governance).

# Corporate governance structure



# Descriptions concerning corporate governance

# Shareholders' Nomination Board

Huhtamäki Oyj's Annual General Meeting of Shareholders (AGM) resolved on April 29, 2020 to establish a Shareholders' Nomination Board and to adopt the Charter of the Shareholders' Nomination Board. The Nomination Board was established until further notice. The Nomination Board is responsible for preparing proposals to the General Meeting for the election and remuneration of the members of the Board of Directors.

Each of the four largest shareholders of the Company determined annually on the basis of the shareholders' register on May 31 have a right to appoint one member to the Nomination Board. In addition, the Chair of the Board of Directors of the Company shall serve as an expert member of the Nomination Board. The representative of the largest shareholder will be the Chair of the Nomination Board, unless the Nomination Board decides otherwise. The term of office of the members of the Nomination Board ends annually after the new Nomination Board has been nominated.

The members of the Nomination Board are not entitled to any remuneration on the basis of their membership in the Nomination Board. The members' travel expenses are reimbursed in accordance with the Company's travel policy.

#### Tasks and duties of the Shareholders' Nomination Board

The tasks and duties of the Nomination Board are defined in the Charter of the Shareholders' Nomination Board. The Charter is available on the Company's website in section "Shareholders' Nomination Board" (<a href="https://www.huhtamaki.com">www.huhtamaki.com</a> – Investors – Corporate Governance – Shareholders' Nomination Board).

The tasks and duties of the Nomination Board include, among other things,

- preparing and presenting to the General Meeting proposals for:
- the remuneration and coverage of expenses of the members of the Board of Directors and the Board Committees
- the number of the members of the Board of Directors
- the election of the members of the Board of Directors, Chair and Vice-Chair
- seeking prospective successor candidates for the members of the Board of Directors
- participating in the development of the principles on diversity of the Board of Directors.

# The members and meetings of the Shareholders' Nomination Board

The following persons belonged to the Nomination Board on December 31, 2023:

# **Chair Dr. Susanna Pettersson**, appointed by The Finnish Cultural Foundation

Born 1966

Main occupation: CEO, The Finnish Cultural Foundation Education: Ph.D.

# **Mr. Markus Aho,** appointed by Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company

Born 1980

Main occupation: Chief Investment Officer, Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company

Education: M.Sc. (Tech.)

# Mr. Mikko Mursula, appointed by Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company

Born 1966

Main occupation: Deputy CEO, Investments, Ilmarinen Mutual Pension

Insurance Company **Education:** M. Sc. (Econ.)

# **Mr. Jukka Ala-Mello**, appointed by Holding Manutas Oy and Security Trading Oy

Born 1963

**Main occupation:** Managing Director, Holding Manutas Oy and Security Trading Oy

Education: M.Sc. (Econ.)

# Mr. Pekka Ala-Pietilä (Expert member)

Chair of the Board of Directors of Huhtamäki Oyj Curriculum vitae of Pekka Ala-Pietilä is available on page 5.

In 2023, the Nomination Board held seven (7) meetings. The average attendance of the members at the Nomination Board meetings was 100%.

# **Board of Directors**

# **Election and composition of the Board**

The Shareholders' Nomination Board shall prepare a proposal concerning the composition of the Board to be presented to the General Meeting of Shareholders. The General Meeting elects the Board members for the term of office expiring at the close of the AGM following the election, including the Chair and Vice-Chair. The Articles of Association of the Company do not contain any provisions on a special order of appointment of the Board members. Any shareholder of the Company may also make a proposal directly to the General Meeting in accordance with the Finnish Companies Act. If the President and CEO of the Company was elected to the Board, the President and CEO could however not be elected as the Chair of the Board.

When preparing its proposal concerning the composition of the Board, the Nomination Board shall take into account the independence requirements under the Code, the results of the annual performance assessment of the Board, the principles on diversity of the Board and other applicable rules and regulations. According to the Articles of Association of the Company the Board shall consist of a minimum of six and a maximum of nine members. There are no limitations as to the number of terms a person may be elected as Board member or as to the maximum age of a Board member. The Nomination Board may also consult an external expert in order to find and assess suitable candidates.

#### **Board members**

The AGM 2023 elected the following nine individuals to the Board:



Mr. Pekka Ala-Pietilä. Chair

Born 1957, Finnish citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 24, 2012

**Board Committees:** Member of the Human Resources Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

**Education**: M.Sc. (Econ); D.Sc. (Econ) h.c. and D.Sc. (Tech)

Primary working experience: Blyk Services Ltd., Co-founder and CEO (2006–2011); Nokia Corporation, several different roles (1984–2005), last positions as President (1999–2005), Member of the Group Executive Board (1992–2005) and Nokia Mobile Phones, President (1992–1998)

Key positions of trust: HERE Technologies, Chairman of the Supervisory Board (2021–); Sanoma Corporation, Chairman of the Board (2016–) and Board member (2014–2016); Climate Leadership Coalition, Board member (2021–); SAP SE, Supervisory Board member (2002–2021); European Commission High-Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence, Chair (2018–2020); Finland's Artificial Intelligence Programme, Chair (2017–2019); Netcompany A/S, Chairman of the Board (2017–2019); Pöyry PLC, Board member (2006–2017); Solidium Oy, Chairman of the Board (2011–2015)



Ms. Kerttu Tuomas, Vice-Chair

Born 1957, Finnish citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 27, 2017

**Board Committees:** Member of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: B.Sc. (Econ)

Primary working experience: KONE Corporation, Executive Vice President, Human Resources and member of the Executive Board (2002–2017); Elcoteq Network Corporation, Group Vice President, Human Resources (2000–2002); MasterFoods Oy (Mars), Personnel & Organization Manager (1994–1999); Mercuri Urval, Consultant (1987–1993)

Key positions of trust: YIT Corporation, Board member (2022–); Medix Biochemica Group Oy, Board member (2018–); Finnish National Opera and Ballet, Board member (2016–); Kemira Oyj, Vice-Chairman of the Board (2014–2021) and Board member (2010–2014)



## Ms. Mercedes Alonso

Born 1966, Spanish and Swiss citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 27, 2022

Board committees: Member of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: M.Sc. (Chem)

Primary working experience: Neste Corporation, Executive Vice President, Renewable Polymers and Chemicals, and a member of the Executive Committee (2019–2023); LyondellBasell, Marketing Director, Advanced Polymer Solutions, Europe (2019); Schulman, several different roles (2013–2019), Managing Director, Engineered Composites Europe (2016–2019) and Global Director, Corporate Marketing (2013–2016); Dow Chemical, several different roles (1991–2013), latest as Global Business Excellence Leader, Advanced Materials, Europe (2010–2013), Product Marketing Director and Global Product Director; Dow Elastomers, EMEA (2005–2010), European Commercial Development Program Director (2002–2005) and Product Marketing & New Business Development Manager, EMEA (2000–2002)

Key positions of trust: OQ Chemicals, Member of the Shareholders' Committee and Chair of the Remuneration Committee (2023–); Sustainability Advisory Forum, Chair (2022–2023); The European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC), Member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee (2020–2023)



Mr. Doug Baillie

Born 1955, U.K. citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 21, 2016

**Board Committees:** Chair of the Human Resources Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

**Education:** BComm, Business Finance, Marketing & Business Administration

Primary working experience: Unilever Group, several different roles (1978–2016), last positions Chief Human Resources Officer and a member of the Executive Board (ULE) of Unilever Group (2008–2016), President, Western Europe (2008–2011), Chief Executive Officer & Group Vice President, South Asia, Hindustan Unilever (2006–2008) and Group Vice President, Africa, Middle East & Turkey (2004–2005)

Key positions of trust: Bharti Airtel, Board member (2023-); The Master Card Foundation, Board member (2015-); Leverhulme Trust, Board member (2015-); Little Sun Foundation, Board Member (2020-2022); Airtel Africa PLC. Board member (2019-2023)



Mr. William R. Barker

Born 1949, U.S. citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: March 24, 2010

**Board Committees:** Member of the Human Resources Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: MBA and B.Sc. (Chem. Eng.)

Primary working experience: Milacron LLC, Executive Vice President (2013–2014); Mold-Masters (2007) Limited, President and CEO (2010–2013); The Whitehawk Group LLC, CEO (2009–2010); Rexam PLC, Board member and Rexam Beverage Can, Group Executive Director (2005–2009); Rexam Beverage Can Americas, President & CEO (2001–2004); Textron, Inc., President, Textron Fastening Systems – Commercial Solutions (2000–2001); OEA Inc., President, OEA Automotive Safety Products (1998–2000); Bosal International N.V., President, Bosal North America (1995–1998); Gates Rubber Company, Vice President, Gates Power Drive Products, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Operations and other positions (1972–1995)

Key positions of trust: Davis-Standard, LLC, Board member (2022–); Shield Holdco LLC (holding company of Dynatect Manufacturing, Inc.), Chairman of the Board (2014–2019) and Board member (2014–); Shape Technologies Group, Inc., Chairman of the Board (2015–2019) and Board member (2015–2019); Leeds School of Business, University of Colorado, Board member (2008–2018); The Carlstar Group LLC, Board member (2014–2017); Mcron Acquisition Corporation (holding company of Milacron LLC), Board member (2013–2014); Mold-Masters (2007) Limited, Board member (2010–2013); Rexam PLC, Board member (2005–2009)



Ms. Anja Korhonen

Born 1953, Finnish citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 25, 2018

Board Committees: Chair of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: M.Sc. (Econ.)

Primary working experience: Nokia Corporation, several different roles (1996–2011), Senior Vice President, Corporate Controller (2006–2011), Vice President, Business Controller, Mobile Phones (2004–2006) and Senior Vice President, Business Controller, Mobile Phones (1996–2003); Hewlett-Packard, several different roles (1983–1996), including Nordic Controller and Finance & Admin Manager, Finland (1996) as well as other management and finance positions in Finland and abroad

**Key positions of trust:** Oriola Oyj, Board member (2014–2022); Outotec Oyj, Board member (2013–2020)



Ms. Pauline Lindwall

Born 1961, Swedish citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 27, 2023

**Board Committees:** Member of the Human Resources

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: M.Sc. (Econ.)

Primary working experience: Mondelēz International, Category Director Coffee, France and Southern Europe (2012–2015); Nestlé, several management positions (1984–2012) based in Asia and Europe, including Country Business Manager, Nestlé Nutrition in Germany and Austria (2008–2012), Country Business Manager, Nestlé Nutrition in Indonesia (2005–2008), Nordic Marketing Director, Nestlé Nordic in Denmark (2003–2005) and Head of Nestlé Innovation Out of Home Coffee in UK (2001–2003)

Key positions of trust: Cloetta Ab (publ.), Board member (2023-); EIT Food of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology, Supervisory Board member and a member of the Nomination and Remuneration Committee (2022-); Swedish Match AB (publ.), Board member and a member of the Remuneration Committee (2017–2023); Duni AB (publ.), Board member (2014–2023) and the Chair of the Remuneration Committee (2018–2023)



Mr. Pekka Vauramo

Born 1957, Finnish citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 27, 2023

**Board Committees:** Member of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Metso Corporation, President and CEO

Education: M.Sc. (Tech.) Mining Engineering

Primary working experience: Finnair Plc, President and CEO (2013–2018); Cargotec Corporation, several management positions (2007–2013); Sandvik AB, several management positions (1995–2007); Tamrock Corporation, several management positions (1985–1995)

Key positions of trust: Nokian Tyres plc, Deputy Chairman of the Board (2021-) and Board member (2018–2021); China Office of Finnish Industries Oy, Board member (2022-); New Children's Hospital Foundation, Vice Chairman of the Board (2018-); Turku University Foundation, Board of Trustees member (2021–2023); National Defence University, Board member (2018–2023)



Mr. Ralf K. Wunderlich

Born 1966, German citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: July 1, 2018

**Board Committees:** Member of the Human Resources Committee

Main occupation: Senior Adviser, Independent Consultant and Operating Partner to private equity companies

Education: B.Sc. (Business Administration)

Primary working experience: Amcor Group, President and Managing Director, Flexibles, Asia Pacific and Member, Global Management Team (2010–2016); LINPAC Packaging Ltd, President and Managing Director, and Executive Director, LINPAC Group companies (2008–2009); Rio Tinto Alcan, several different roles (1993–2007), including President, Alcan Packaging Global Tobacco and Member, Alcan Packaging Executive Committee United States and United Kingdom (2005–2007) as well as other management positions in Germany, Italy, Malaysia and Singapore

Key positions of trust: Klöckner Pentaplast, Member of the Board of Managers (Non-Executive Director) (2023–); Shepherd Building Group, Board member (2021–); Essentra PLC, Board member (2017–); AptarGroup, Board member (2009–)

# **Changes in Board of Directors**

Mr. Heikki Takala and Ms. Sandra Turner have also acted as members of the Board of Directors in 2023. Their memberships ended at the AGM 2023 and their CV's are presented as they were on April 27, 2023.

## Mr. Heikki Takala

Born 1966, Finnish and Swiss citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 27, 2022

**Board Committees:** Member of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Various advisory roles for private equity and strategy consulting companies

Education: M.Sc. (Econ.)

Primary working experience: Amer Sports, President and CEO (2010–2020); Procter & Gamble, several different roles (1992–2010) based mostly in Geneva, Switzerland, including Managing Director, Global Commercial Operations, P&G Professional (2008–2010), Commercial Director, P&G Haircare Europe (2005–2008) and Director Market Strategy, P&G Food & Beverages Europe (2003–2005) as well as various leadership roles in the P&G Nordic Region (1992–2002)

Key positions of trust: The Quality Group, Executive Chairman (2022–); Paulig Group, Board member (2021–)

# Ms. Sandra Turner

Born 1952, U.K. citizen

Independent of the Company and significant shareholders

Starting date: April 20, 2011

**Board Committees:** Member of the Audit Committee

Main occupation: Miscellaneous positions of trust

Education: BA (Marketing) Honours

Primary working experience: Tesco PLC, several different roles in United Kingdom and Ireland (1987–2009), last position Commercial Director, Tesco Ireland Limited (2003–2009)

Key positions of trust: Greggs PLC, Board member (2014–); McBride PLC, Board member (2011–2020); Greene King PLC, Board member (2019); Berkhamsted School, Board of Governors, Vice-Chairman (2013–2021) and member (2011–2013); Carpetright PLC, Board member (2010–2019); Countrywide PLC, Board member (2013–2014): Northern Foods PLC. Board member (2010–2011)

# Diversity of the Board

The principles on diversity of the Board are defined in the Charter of the Shareholders' Nomination Board. According to the Charter of the Nomination Board, the Board must have sufficient expertise, competence and experience related to the Company's line of business. The composition of the Board shall reflect the requirements set by the Company's operations and development stage. The Board must specifically have sufficient collective knowledge and competence in:

- matters pertaining to the Company's line of business and its business operations
- management of an internationally operating public limited company of corresponding size
- group and financial management
- strategy as well as mergers and acquisitions
- internal control and risk management
- corporate governance.

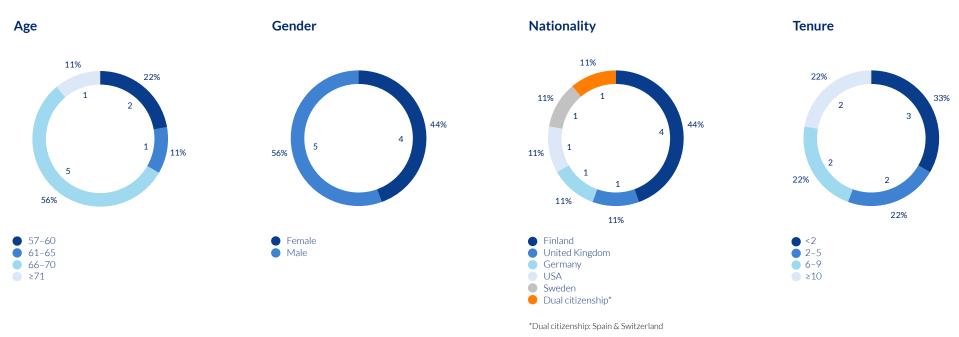
The selection of the members of the Board is based on candidates' background and competence to understand Huhtamaki's current and future markets, strategy, employees and customers, including a sound understanding of financials and business dynamic. The Board must as a whole have combined experience in different markets, geographies and important topics like digitalization and sustainability. The most important nomination criteria for the candidates of the Board are competency, knowledge, personal qualities and integrity. Both genders shall be represented in the Board. These principles on diversity are central to achieving objectives concerning the diversity and ensuring that the Board composition corresponds to the needs of Huhtamaki.

The objectives concerning the diversity of the Board have been achieved well. According to the Shareholders' Nomination Board, the composition of the Board comprises qualifications defined in the principles on diversity of the Charter of the Nomination Board, that

were valid at the time of the election of the Board members, in a balanced way. As regards diversity in terms of gender, both genders are represented in the Board in a well-balanced manner and both genders have been represented in the Board for a long time. Since 2009, two to four Board members have been female thus representing 25-44% of all Board members. At the AGM in 2023 nine members representing seven different nationalities were elected to the Board. Currently, the age structure of the Board members is 57-74 years and four Board members are female (44%) and five are male (56%). The Board members have international experience in different roles in global companies operating in the different businesses and geographical market areas that are important for the Group. Board members hold or have held management positions and positions of trust in both listed and unlisted companies. All Board members have a university level degree, mainly in technology or finance. More information on the educational and professional background of the Board members is available on pages 5-7.

### Diversity of the Board

Composition of the Board on December 31, 2023



In the view of the Nomination Board, the current composition of the Board ensures well both comprehensive knowledge of the Company and new insights. The Board strives to ensure that experienced Board members with longer history in the Company's Board and with wide

knowledge of the Company's various stages transfer their Company specific knowledge and expertise to the new members thereby ensuring that the knowledge stays in the Board also in the future.

# **Board expertise areas**

	Principal expertise areas	Independent of		Committee memberships in 2023	
Board member Name since		Company	Significant shareholders	Audit Committee	Human Resources Committee
2012	Digitalization, Emerging markets, Risk management	•	•		Member
2017	Human Resources, Emerging markets, Sustainability	•	•	Member	
2022	Sustainability, Emerging markets			Member	
2016	FMCG and retail, Sustainability, Human Resources, Emerging markets	•	•		Chair
2010	Packaging industry, Emerging markets				Member
2018	Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability	•	•	Chair	
2023	FMCG and retail, Emerging markets				Member
2023	Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability		•	Member	
2018	Packaging industry, Sustainability, Emerging markets	•	•		Member
	member since  2012  2017  2022  2016  2010  2018  2023  2023	member since Principal expertise areas  2012 Digitalization, Emerging markets, Risk management  2017 Human Resources, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2022 Sustainability, Emerging markets  2016 FMCG and retail, Sustainability, Human Resources, Emerging markets  2010 Packaging industry, Emerging markets  2018 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2023 FMCG and retail, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2018 Packaging industry, Sustainability,	Board member since Principal expertise areas Company  2012 Digitalization, Emerging markets, Risk management  2017 Human Resources, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2022 Sustainability, Emerging markets  2016 FMCG and retail, Sustainability, Human Resources, Emerging markets  2010 Packaging industry, Emerging markets  2010 Packaging industry, Emerging markets  2018 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2023 FMCG and retail, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2018 Packaging industry, Sustainability,	Board member since Principal expertise areas Company Significant shareholders  2012 Digitalization, Emerging markets, Risk management  2017 Human Resources, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2022 Sustainability, Emerging markets  2016 FMCG and retail, Sustainability, Human Resources, Emerging markets  2010 Packaging industry, Emerging markets  2018 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2023 FMCG and retail, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2028 Packaging industry, Sustainability,	Board member since Principal expertise areas  Company Significant shareholders  Audit Committee  2012 Digitalization, Emerging markets, Risk management  2017 Human Resources, Emerging markets, Sustainability  2022 Sustainability, Emerging markets  2016 FMCG and retail, Sustainability, Human Resources, Emerging markets  2010 Packaging industry, Emerging markets  2018 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2023 Finance and accounting, Risk management, Emerging markets  2024 Sustainability  2025 Packaging industry, Sustainability,  2028 Packaging industry, Sustainability,

All board members have experience in global business leadership and the table sets out the additional expertise areas of each Board member. The fact that an item is not highlighted for a Board member does not mean that such member does not possess expertise in that area.

# Independence of the Board members

All Board members are non-executive. The Board considers all Board members independent of the Company and independent of the significant shareholders of the Company. It was noted in the consideration that despite Pekka Ala-Pietilä and William R. Barker having served as directors for more than 10 consecutive years, the Board has determined no reasons justifying them to be considered dependent of the Company. The evaluation has been made based on the actual circumstances from both the perspective of the Company and the director in question.

# Shares owned by the Board members on December 31, 2023

Pekka Ala-Pietilä	3,250
Kerttu Tuomas	3,000
Mercedes Alonso	750
Doug Baillie	1,000
William R. Barker	1,000
Anja Korhonen	2,000
Pauline Lindwall	618
Pekka Vauramo	1,500
Ralf K. Wunderlich	19,850
Board total	32,968

The shareholdings include the Company's shares owned by the Board members and by any potential corporations over which a Board member exercises control. Board members do not own any shares in any other Group companies than the Company. Information on the remuneration of the Board members is available in the Remuneration Report for the Governing Bodies issued and published in connection with the Directors' Report and available on the Company's website in section "Remuneration" (www.huhtamaki.com - Investors - Corporate Governance - Remuneration).

# Responsibilities and duties of the Board

In addition to the powers vested in the Board by the Companies Act and the Articles of Association, the essential duties and working principles of the Board are defined in the Company's Charter of the Board of Directors.

The responsibilities and duties of the Board include, among other things,

- organizing the Company's management and operations including e.g.
- appointing and dismissing the President and CEO and approving the proposals by the President and CEO for GET members' appointments and dismissals
- deciding on the compensation of the President and CEO within the framework of the Remuneration Policy and of other GET members and annually reviewing the performance of the President and CEO and other GET members
- defining the Group's ethical values and methods of working including e.g. the approval of the Company's Code of Conduct
- deciding on related party transactions that are not part of the ordinary course of business of the Company or are not implemented under arms-length terms
- directing the Company's business and strategy including e.g.
- establishing strategic and financial targets as well as dividend policy and approving the strategic plans and budget as well as monitoring their implementation
- approving acquisitions and divestments as well as capital expenditure proposals exceeding EUR 10 million or proposals which are otherwise of material importance to the Group
- discussing and approving of financial statements, Directors' Report, interim reports, Corporate Governance Statement, Remuneration Policy and Remuneration Report for the Governing Bodies and Sustainability Report
- financial communication and outlook
- internal control and risk management and
- preparation of matters to be resolved by the AGM.

The Board conducts an annual evaluation of its own performance and working methods. The evaluation is regularly conducted by an independent external evaluator, but may also be conducted as an internal self-evaluation. In 2023, the evaluation was done as an internal self-evaluation.

In order to discharge its duties, the Board requires sufficient information on the structure, business operations and markets of the Group. Each Board member is provided with a monthly report on the financial situation and markets of the Group. In addition, if necessary, the Board is informed of all material events in the Group. New Board members are properly introduced to the operations of the Company with induction presentations and materials as well as visits to selected manufacturing units.

# **Board meetings**

The meetings of the Board are held at the Company's headquarters in Espoo or in other Group locations or in other places as decided by the Board. The Board may also hold its meetings by video or telephone and make decisions without convening a meeting. According to the Charter of the Board of Directors, it shall hold at least six regular meetings each year. In 2023, the Board held fourteen (14) meetings, five (5) of which were video or telephone meetings and three (3) were held without convening. The average attendance of the members at the Board meetings was 99%.

The President and CEO is usually attending all Board meetings. Other GET members are also invited to participate Board meetings depending on the matters to be deliberated in the respective meeting. The Auditor is participating annually in the meeting deliberating the financial statements. The Group General Counsel of the Company acts as the secretary of the Board.

# Board members' attendance at the Board meetings in 2023

	Attendance (%)	Meetings attended
Pekka Ala-Pietilä (Chair)	100	14/14
Kerttu Tuomas (Vice-Chair)	100	14/14
Mercedes Alonso	100	14/14
Doug Baillie	100	14/14
William R. Barker	93	13/14
Anja Korhonen	100	14/14
Pauline Lindwall*	100	12/12
Pekka Vauramo*	92	11/12
Ralf K. Wunderlich	100	14/14
Heikki Takala**	100	2/2
Sandra Turner**	100	2/2

<sup>\*</sup>Board member since April 27, 2023

# **Board Committees**

In order to focus on certain responsibilities, the Board may appoint Committees consisting of three to five Board members each. The Board also appoints the Chair of each Committee. Each Committee member shall have the qualifications required by the duties of the Committee.

#### **Board Committees and their duties and responsibilities**

The Board currently has two Committees: the Human Resources Committee and the Audit Committee. The duties and responsibilities of the Committees are described in the charter for each Committee approved by the Board. The Committees assist the Board by preparing matters belonging to the competence of the Board. Each Committee regularly reports on its work to the Board. The Committees have no autonomous decision-making power and, thus, the Board passes its resolutions collectively. The entire Board remains responsible for the duties assigned to the Committees.

# The duties and responsibilities of the Board Committees

# **Human Resources Committee**

- To prepare, review and discuss development and implementation of people and organization strategy, talent management as well as other human resources matters and relating policies to be further deliberated by the Board
- To prepare the Remuneration Policy for the Governing Bodies and the Remuneration Report
- To prepare the appointment of the CEO and other GET members, including the terms and conditions as well as remuneration
- To review and assess the performance and remuneration of the CEO and other GET members and
- To review succession and contingency planning for the CEO and the GET including training development and talent management.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Board member until April 27, 2023

#### **Audit Committee**

- To monitor and assess Company's financial reporting system
- To monitor and assess the effectiveness and efficiency of the Company's internal control, internal audit and risk management systems
- To monitor and assess how agreements and other legal acts between the Company and its related parties meet the requirements of the ordinary course of business and arm's length terms
- To monitor and evaluate the independence of the statutory auditor, and in particular the provision of non-audit services
- To monitor the Company's auditing
- To prepare and make the recommendation to the Board for the election of the statutory auditor at the AGM and
- To review the financial statements, Directors' Report, interim reports, Corporate Governance Statement and Sustainability Report.

# The members and meetings of the Board Committees Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee shall meet at least twice a year. The following individuals have comprised the Human Resources Committee from the date of the AGM in 2023: Doug Baillie (Chair), Pekka Ala-Pietilä, William R. Barker, Pauline Lindwall and Ralf K. Wunderlich. In 2023, the Human Resources Committee held five (5) meetings. The average attendance of the members at the Human Resources Committee meetings was 100%.

# Members' attendance at the Human Resources Committee meetings in 2023

	Attendance (%)	Meetings attended
Doug Baillie (Chair)	100	5/5
Pekka Ala-Pietilä	100	5/5
William R. Barker	100	5/5
Pauline Lindwall*	100	3/3
Ralf K. Wunderlich	100	5/5
Mercedes Alonso**	100	2/2

<sup>\*</sup>Human Resources Committee member since April 27, 2023

#### **Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee members shall have sufficient expertise and experience with respect to the committee's area of responsibility and the mandatory tasks relating to auditing. At least one member shall have competence in accounting and/or auditing. The Audit Committee members shall not be involved in the day-to-day management of the Group. The majority of the members shall be independent of the Company and at least one member shall be independent of the Company's significant shareholders. In addition to the Audit Committee members, the CFO of the Company and when considered necessary also other members of the Company's management participate in the Committee's meetings. The Auditor participates regularly in the meetings.

The Audit Committee shall meet in accordance with the schedule determined by the Committee but at least four times a year. The following individuals have comprised the Audit Committee from the date of the AGM in 2023: Anja Korhonen (Chair), Mercedes Alonso, Kerttu Tuomas and Pekka Vauramo. In 2023, the Audit Committee held six (6) meetings. The average attendance of the members at the Audit Committee meetings was 100%.

#### Members' attendance at the Audit Committee meetings in 2023

	Attendance (%)	Meetings attended
Anja Korhonen (Chair)	100	6/6
Mercedes Alonso*	100	4/4
Kerttu Tuomas	100	6/6
Pekka Vauramo*	100	4/4
Heikki Takala**	100	2/2
Sandra Turner**	100	2/2

<sup>\*</sup>Audit Committee member since April 27, 2023

# **President and Chief Executive Officer**

The President and CEO manages the Group and its businesses. According to the Companies Act the President and CEO is in charge of the day-to-day management of the Company in accordance with the instructions and orders given by the Board and is responsible for ensuring that the book-keeping of the Company complies with the law and that the financial administration is arranged in a reliable manner. The President and CEO is responsible for the achievement of the goals, plans and objectives set by the Board. The President and CEO is the Chair of the GET.

Charles Héaulmé (born 1966), B.Sc. (Business Administration), has acted as the Group President and CEO of Huhtamaki as of April 26, 2019. Further information on the President and CEO Charles Héaulmé as well as his shareholding in the Company is available later in this statement in connection with information on other GET members.

Certain key conditions of the written Service Agreement between the Company and the President and CEO Charles Héaulmé, President and CEO's remuneration and information on the pension arrangement of the President and CEO are available in the Remuneration Report for Governing Bodies and published in connection with the Directors' Report and available on the Company's website in section "Remuneration" (<a href="www.huhtamaki.com">www.huhtamaki.com</a> - Investors - Corporate Governance - Remuneration).

# **Global Executive Team**

The GET supports the President and CEO in the management of the Group and its businesses. It addresses and follows the implementation of the Group strategy and overall financial performance as well as the fulfillment of significant projects and set targets. The GET has no formal status under company law. The GET consists of the President and CEO as the Chair and the executives approved by the Board. The GET members report to the President and CEO. Each GET member has a clear operational responsibility within a Global function or a business segment. The GET convenes at least once a month.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Human Resources Committee member until April 27, 2023

<sup>\*\*</sup>Audit Committee member until April 27, 2023

#### **GET** members

The following persons belonged to the GET on December 31, 2023:



# Mr. Charles Héaulmé

Born 1966, French citizen

Chair of the GET, President and Chief Executive Officer

GET member since: April 26, 2019

Joined the company: 2019

Education: B.Sc. (Business Administration)

Primary working experience: Tetra Pak (1999–2019), several different roles in Europe and Americas, latest positions as Executive Vice President, Tetra Pak Europe & Central Asia (2015–2019), Vice President South Europe (2012–2014), Managing Director Southern Cone (2010–2012), Managing Director Central America & Caribbean (2007–2010). Prior to Tetra Pak, several Finance leadership positions at Bosch Braking Systems (1996–1999); AlliedSignal Automotive (1993–1996); KPMG (1990–1993); BRGM Gabon (1988–1990)

**Key positions of trust:** Fedrigoni Group, Board member (2021–2022)



# Mr. Thomas Geust

Born 1973, Finnish citizen

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

GET member since: October 1, 2013

Joined the company: 2013

Education: M.Sc. (Econ)

Primary working experience: ABB Group (2004–2013), several different roles, last position as Group Vice President, Global Controller, Business Unit Marine & Cranes; Schneider Electric (2003–2004), Global Division Controller, Vice President, Control; Lexel Group (2000–2003), Production Controller; KPMG (1998–2000), Auditor

Key positions of trust: -



# Mr. Fredrik Davidsson

Born 1968, Swedish citizen

President, Fiber and Foodservice Europe-Asia-Oceania

GET member since: May 1, 2022

Joined the company: 2022

**Education:** Degree from Swedish National Defence

College

Primary working experience: Huhtamäki Oyj (2022–), Executive Vice President, Digital and Process Performance; Tetra Pak (2002–2022), various roles: Vice President Automation & Solutions (2021–2022); Vice President Services, Europe & Central Asia (2016–2021); Vice President, Development & Engineering (2012–2016); Director Project Management, Development & Engineering (2006–2012); Program Manager, Carton Ambient (2002–2006); Ericsson (2002–2002), Project Manager/Main Project Manager; Swedish Armed Forces (1990–2000), several different positions, latest as Major

**Key positions of trust:** European Paper Packaging Alliance (EPPA), Vice President (2023-)



# Mr. Marco Hilty

Born 1972, Swiss and U.S. citizen

President, Flexible Packaging

GET member since: September 1, 2021

Joined the company: 2021

Education: Ph.D. (Management)

Primary working experience: Rubicon Technologies LLC (2018–2021), Chief Commercial Officer; Amcor (2007–2018), various regional and global commercial, GM and R&D roles in Switzerland and the United States; latest position as Vice President and General Manager, Amcor Flexibles North America; Vice President Business Group Sales and Commercial Excellence; McKinsey & Company (2004–2007), Engagement Manager; Hilty Business Consulting (2000–2004), Owner

Key positions of trust: -



Ms. Ann O'Hara

Born 1970, U.S. citizen

President, North America

GET member since: January 1, 2021

Joined the company: 2020

Education: MBA, BSE (Chemical Engineering)

Primary working experience: Four Provinces Investments LLC (2019–2020), Managing Director; Global Products for the Intertek Group (2019), Executive Vice President; Amcor Limited (2008–2019), several different roles in Australia and USA, last position as Vice President and General Manager, Rigid Plastic Diversified Products; General Electric Company (2003–2008), several different roles, last position General Manager, HC Lifescience Service; McKinsey & Company (1999–2003), Engagement Manager; Procter & Gamble (1993–1997), Technical Services Manager, China and Product Development Engineer

**Key positions of trust:** Foodservice Packaging Institute, Board member (2021–)



# Ms. Marina Madanat

Born 1979, Finnish citizen

Executive Vice President, Strategy and Business Development

GET member since: January 1, 2020

Joined the company: 2018

Education: M.Sc. (Econ.), B.Sc. (Electrical Eng.)

Primary working experience: Huhtamäki Oyj (2018–), previous position as Vice President, Strategy; Bain & Company (2007–2018) in Stockholm, Sweden; Helsinki, Finland and Boston. USA

Key positions of trust: -



# Mr. Sami Pauni

Born 1974, Finnish citizen

Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Legal, Group General Counsel (interim role as Executive Vice President, Sustainability and Communications until December 31, 2023)

GET member since: February 12, 2015

Joined the company: 2006

Education: LL.M., EMBA

Primary working experience: Huhtamäki Oyj (2006 –), several different legal and corporate affairs roles, previous position as Group Vice President, Legal, and General Counsel: Roschier Attorneys Ltd. (2001–2006), Attorney

Key positions of trust: Plan International Finland, Board member (2023–); Rovio Pet Foods Oy, Board member (2023–); International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), member of the Finnish Committee (2020–); Securities Market Association, member of the Market Practice Board (2013–); Confederation of Finnish Industries EK, member of the Legal Affairs Committee (2013–)



Mr. Johan Rabe

Born 1969, Swedish citizen

Executive Vice President, Digital and Process Performance

GET member since: August 1, 2023

Joined the company: 2023

**Education:** Master of Business Administration, B.A. (Economics), B.S. (Business Administration)

Primary working experience: Huhtamäki Oyj (2023–), Oatly AB (2020–2022), Chief Supply Chain Officer; Tetra Pak (2004–2020), several positions, last position as Vice President, Sales Management, Tetra Pak, EMEA; Swedish Armed Forces (1995–2000), last position as Captain

Key positions of trust: Svenska Förpacknings- och Tidningsinsamlingen AB (FTI), Board member (2016–2018)



# Mr. Ingolf Thom

Born 1975, German citizen

Executive Vice President, Human Resources and Safety

GET member since: January 10, 2022

Joined the company: 2022

**Education: MBA** 

Primary working experience: K+S Group (2018–2021) Chief Human Resources Officer; The Dow Chemical Company (2001–2018), various leadership and change management roles in human resources in Europe, India, Asia-Pacific, and North America; latest position as Senior HR Director, Joint Integration Management Office, Dow DuPont Merger & Spins, USA

Key positions of trust: -

# Changes in the Global Executive Team

The following changes to the GET that take place during 2024 have been announced at the date of this statement:

Ms. Salla Ahonen (born 1972), M.Sc., has been appointed as Executive Vice President, Sustainability and Communications and a member of Global Executive Team as of January 1, 2024. Ms. Salla Ahonen joins Huhtamaki from Neste where she has served as Vice President, Sustainability. Neste is a leading producer of sustainable aviation fuel, renewable diesel and renewable feedstock solutions, headquartered in Finland. Prior to joining Neste in 2019 she served as Senior Advisor at Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK) in Brussels where she represented and promoted the interests of Finnish industry in relevant policy initiatives, with special focus on circular economy, producer responsibility, plastics strategy, research and innovation, digitalization and trade. She has also worked as Director, Sustainability and Environmental Policy at Microsoft, and prior to that at Nokia, where she was responsible for all environmental and sustainability related policies and influencing them in the EU. Ms. Salla Ahonen holds a Master of Science in Energy Engineering and Environmental Protection from the Helsinki University of Technology.

Mr. Sami Pauni, Executive Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Legal, Group General Counsel had an interim role as Executive Vice President, Sustainability and Communication in addition to his current role, until Ms. Salla Ahonen joined Huhtamaki on January 1, 2024. This arrangement was effective as of September 27, 2023.

Updated information on the GET members is available on the Company's website in section "Management" (www.huhtamaki.com - Investors - Corporate Governance - Management).

During 2023, Mr. Eric Le Lay has been a GET member until May 4, 2023 and Ms. Thomasine Kamerling has been a GET member until September 27, 2023.

# Mr. Eric Le Lay

Mr. Le Lay's CV is presented as it was on May 4, 2023.

Born 1962, French citizen

President, Fiber and Foodservice Europe-Asia-Oceania

GET member: March 12, 2008-May 4, 2023

Joined the company: 2008 Education: MBA. M.Sc. (Eng.)

Primary working experience: Huhtamäki Oyj (2008–), previous position as Executive Vice President, Foodservice Europe-Asia-Oceania; Amcor Limited (1997–2008), several different roles, last position as Managing Director, Chilled Foods, Amcor Flexible Europe; United Biscuits (1996–1997), Plant Manager; Johnson & Johnson International S.A. (1994–1996), Deputy Plant Manager; Kraft General Food France S.A. (1986–1994), various positions in operations and finance/controlling

**Key positions of trust:** European Paper Packaging Alliance (EPPA), President (2021–)

# Ms. Thomasine Kamerling

Ms. Thomasine Kamerling's CV is presented as it was on September 27, 2023.

Born 1972, Dutch citizen

Executive Vice President, Sustainability and Communications

GET member: March 1, 2020-September 27, 2023

Joined the company: 2020 Education: M.A. (HONS)

Primary working experience: Varanah Ventures (2019–2020), Head of Communications and Public Affairs; Viskumed (2019–2020), Head of Value Creation; Hoffman-La Roche Pharmaceuticals (2015–2019), several positions, latest Head of Communications & Public Affairs, Europe; General Electric Oil & Gas (2010–2013), General Manager and Director, Global Communications; APCO Worldwide (1996–2008), several positions, latest Managing Director, Africa (Public Affairs & Strategic Communications)

Key positions of trust: -

# Shares owned by the GET members on December 31, 2023

Charles Héaulmé	68,961
Thomas Geust	22,039
Fredrik Davidsson	1,590
Marco Hilty	2,493
Ann O'Hara	5,301
Marina Madanat	5,450
Sami Pauni	6,739
Johan Rabe	0
Ingolf Thom	1,485
GET total	114,058

The shareholdings include the Company's shares owned by the GET members and by any potential corporations over which a GET member exercises control. GET members do not own any shares in any other Group companies than the Company.

Information on the remuneration of the GET members is available on the Company's website in section "Remuneration" (<a href="www.huhtamaki.com">www.huhtamaki.com</a> - Investors - Corporate Governance - Remuneration).

# Descriptions of risk management systems, internal control procedures and internal audit function

# Overview of the risk management systems

# Principles of risk management

Risk management is an essential part of the internal control system of the Group and an active means to analyze and manage opportunities and threats related to the business strategy and operations. The Company has defined the principles applied in the organization of the risk management. The purpose of risk management is to identify potential events that may affect the achievement of the Group's objectives, either positively or negatively, in changing business environment. The purpose is to manage risks to a level that the Group is capable and prepared to accept, so that there is a reasonable assurance and predictability on the achievement of the Group's objectives. The risk management process of the Group is based on the Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) framework of Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

# Risk management process and responsibilities

Annual enterprise risk assessment process and follow-up of risk mitigation actions are essential elements of risk management at Huhtamaki. Specific scope risk assessments and property risk control program support Group's risk assessment process. Further, business continuity management, crisis management and insurance programs are complementing enterprise risk management.

Risks are assessed both on Group level and on business segment level. To systematize and facilitate the identification of risks, they are categorized as strategic, operational and financial risks. These categories are closely aligned with the strategic, operational, financial and compliance objectives of the Group. The enterprise risk assessment targets to improve risk management awareness and supports cross-functional and business unit risk management initiatives.

Huhtamaki Group Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Policy defines the objectives, scope and responsibilities of risk management. Compliance with the risk management policy assures timely identification and recording of risks and the application of relevant risk management measures to address these risks. More detailed risk management procedures are set forth in the Group's ERM framework and process guidelines.

The Global Executive Team is to ensure implementation of the Group Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Policy through allocating adequate resources as well as adopting and deploying risk management procedures. In addition, the GET reviews the Group's and the segments' risks and accepts the related risk levels, and the extent to which these risks have been properly identified, recognized, and addressed by the Group and the segments, for the approval of the Board.

The Board is to review Group's risks and to accept the risk levels for the Group, and the extent to which these risks have been properly identified, recognized and addressed by the Group, as well as to review the adequacy and appropriateness of risk management systems. The Audit Committee assists the Board by monitoring and assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the risk management systems.

The Global risk management function organizes, instructs, supports, supervises and monitors risk management activities on an ongoing basis. It reports results of the risk management process to the Audit Committee annually.

Leadership teams at global, segment and local levels are responsible for ensuring that risk management is appropriately implemented in their field of responsibility.

# Risk management focus

A description of the risks that are material to the Group as well as of the focus of the risk management processes in 2023 is available in the Directors' Report and on the Company's website in section "Risk management" (www.huhtamaki.com - Investors - Corporate Governance - Risk management).

# Overview of internal control

Successful business requires continuous development and monitoring of the Group's operations, processes and procedures. Internal control is an essential part of the corporate governance and management of the Group. The Company has defined the operating principles for internal control. The Board and the President and CEO are responsible for adequate internal control. The Audit Committee is monitoring the effectiveness and efficiency of the internal control systems and the correctness of the financial reporting.

Internal control is a process aiming at providing reasonable assurance on achievement of Group's strategic and financial objectives. The responsibility for arranging the internal controls belongs to the executive management of the Group and is being carried out by the whole organization. The aim of internal control is to ensure reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations as well as compliance with laws and regulations.

Control of financial reporting assures that financial statements are prepared in a reliable manner. The aim is also to ensure that all financial reports published and other financial information disclosed by the Company provide a fair view on the Group's financial situation. Control of operations is aiming to ensure effectiveness and efficiency of operations and achievement of the Group's strategic and financial objectives.

Control of compliance ensures that the Group follows applicable laws and regulations.

Foundation of all Group's activities lies with Huhtamaki values – Care, Dare, Deliver – forming the core of the culture and way of working as well as providing discipline and structure for the operations formalized in the Huhtamaki Code of Conduct, policies, instructions and guidelines. Allocation of authorities and responsibilities as well as segregation of duties allow efficient and proper decision-making procedures.

Group policies, standards and guidelines are deployed in the Group functions and in all business segments and business units. Policies, standards and guidelines on, e.g., financial, human resources, corporate responsibility, environmental, legal and compliance as well as risk management related matters have been issued in the Group. In addition to the Group policies, there are more specific local policies in the business segments and their business units.

# Reliability of financial reporting

The Global finance function and the network of business segment and business unit controllers are supporting and coordinating the financial management and financial control of operations in the Group. The Group's financial reporting guidelines and standards are applicable throughout the financial reporting process of the Group. The interpretation and application of accounting standards are centralized in the Global finance function which maintains the financial reporting guidelines and standards and takes care of communicating such throughout the Group. The Global finance function also supervises the compliance with such guidelines and standards. Supervision of reporting and budgeting processes is based on the Group's reporting standards which are determined and updated by the Global finance function. The reporting standards are uniformly applied in the whole Group and a unified Group reporting system is used.

# Effectiveness and efficiency of operations

The Group's strategic direction, objectives and related actions are deployed and communicated throughout the Group. Key performance indicators and annual targets are agreed, approved and communicated as part of the annual planning process. Achievements are followed monthly and quarterly in business review meetings that are held with line management in all business segments and business units.

Key operational performance indicators are monitored continuously. Key process controls aim at identifying risks as well as designing preventive and detective controls. Corrective actions are implemented and monitored by business segment and business unit management. These activities need to be in compliance with Group policies and standards. Internal controls related to quality, safety and environmental processes and procedures are audited both internally and by external service providers.

The Group is applying Lean Six Sigma and Total Productive Manufacturing programs to identify and implement continuous improvement projects.

# Compliance with laws and regulations

Group-wide policies, for example on anti-corruption, corporate governance, competition compliance, data privacy, trade sanctions compliance, information security, contracts and agreements, management of claims, disputes and proceedings as well as insider matters have been issued. Compliance with the policies is facilitated through communication and training. The Group has a Global compliance function. Internal audit also covers the compliance with policies.

# Overview of internal audit

The objective of the internal audit is to improve the effectiveness of supervising obligation of the Board. Internal audit aims at ensuring that the Group's operations are efficient, information is adequate and reliable and that set policies and procedures are properly followed by the organization.

The Group has an internal audit function, and in 2023 internal audit field work has been partially managed in cooperation with Deloitte Oy. The Code of Ethics and other standards and guidelines issued by the Institute of Internal Auditors are complied with in internal audit activities.

In 2023 internal audits have been conducted in various Group and business segment level processes as well as in business units on a monthly basis according to an approved annual internal audit plan.

Global internal audit function evaluates independently and systematically Group's management and governance systems as well as the effectiveness, efficiency and appropriateness of the Group's business processes and risk management. The internal audit function provides development recommendations for the aforementioned internal controls, systems and processes in the internal audit reports. The main purpose of these activities is to assure achievement of strategic and financial objectives of the Group.

The Audit Committee approves the annual internal audit plan. Audit engagements are included in the plan in accordance with the Group's strategic objectives, assessed risks, focus areas defined by the Board and the executive management of the Group on a rotation basis. The internal audit function reports to the Audit Committee. Additionally, the President and CEO, the CFO, the Group General Counsel, the Compliance Counsel, other representatives of relevant Global functions as well as the management of the business segment and business unit where the audit has been conducted are informed of the results of the audit. Achievement of actions related to internal audit recommendations are followed by segment management and internal auditor. Results of these internal audit follow-ups are reported to the Audit Committee.

Internal audit pre-material, documentation and data are collected before internal audit field work. During the field work further findings are recorded at site. Internal audit reports include key findings, conclusions and recommendations for control improvements. The management of the audit target prepares an action plan to mitigate risks and develop controls to improve recommended audit issues. The implementation of the action plans is followed up regularly by the line management and the Group internal audit manager.

# Other information

# Insider administration

# Legal framework

The Company follows the Regulation No. 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council (the Market Abuse Regulation), the Finnish Securities Markets Act and the thereto relating regulations and guidelines by the European Securities Markets Authority, the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority and Nasdaq Helsinki Ltd. In addition, the Group has an insider policy. Certain key provisions of the Company's insider policy have been described below. The insider policy clearly defines certain practices and decision-making procedures in order to ensure that insider administration in the Company is arranged in a consistent and reliable way.

# Assessment regarding inside information

The assessment whether certain information constitutes inside information is made by the President and CEO after consultation with the Group General Counsel. Similarly, the President and CEO also determines, after consultation with the Group General Counsel, whether the Company is to immediately disclose the information or whether conditions exist to delay the disclosure. The Company properly records any decisions to delay disclosure and the grounds for such decision, and follows set procedures as required by applicable laws and regulations.

#### Insider list

The Company maintains an insider list for recording the persons having inside information. The Company's employees and service providers who have access to inside information are entered into a relevant project-specific section of the insider list. The decision to establish such section is made by the President and CEO. The Company has decided not to establish a permanent insider section. Each person entered into a project-specific section is notified by e-mail of the entry, the duties entailed and the applicable sanctions. The person receiving such notification shall promptly confirm their acknowledgment of such notification in written form. The decision to terminate the project-specific section is made by the President and CEO after consultation with the Group General Counsel and persons entered into such list are notified by email of the termination of the project-specific section. Service providers may assume the task of maintaining insider lists of their employees as decided by the Company on a case-by-case basis.

# **Trading restrictions**

Insider dealing is always prohibited. In addition, there are trading restrictions imposed on certain managers and employees of the Company even when such parties do not hold any inside information.

The Company has defined the Board and the GET members as persons discharging managerial responsibilities in accordance with the Market Abuse Regulation. Such managers cannot, subject to the exceptions set out in the applicable regulations, conduct any transactions on their own account or for the account of a third party, directly or indirectly, relating to the Company's shares or debt instruments or to derivatives or other financial instruments linked to them during a closed period of 30 calendar days before the announcement of an interim report or a year-end report.

The Company also applies a specific recommendation not to trade to its employees who regularly receive information on the contents of the Company's interim and year-end reports before their publication due to the highly confidential nature of the unpublished financial information. Such restricted period commences 30 calendar days before the announcement of an interim report or a year-end report.

# Notification obligation

The persons discharging managerial responsibilities at the Company i.e. the Board and the GET members as well as their related parties must notify the Company and the Finnish Financial Supervisory Authority of the transactions conducted on their own account relating to the shares or debt instruments of the Company or to derivatives or other financial instruments linked thereto. The notification obligation applies to any transaction made once a total value of EUR 5,000 has been reached within a calendar year (calculated without netting). The Company has an obligation to publish the received notification through a stock exchange release.

# Related party transactions

The Company and its Board monitor and evaluate transactions between the Company and its related parties. The Company has defined principles and processes for identifying the Company's related parties and the transactions to be carried out with them as well as for evaluating and reporting the nature and terms of such transactions. In order to identify its related party transactions, the Company keeps record of the persons that are its related parties. The Audit Committee of the Board monitors the Company's related party transactions in accordance with the Company's reporting practices. Transactions between the Company and its related parties are typically part of the ordinary course of business of the Company and implemented under arms-length terms. Related party transactions that are not part of the ordinary course of business of the Company or are not implemented under arms-length terms require a decision by the Board. Board members cannot participate in deciding a related party transaction concerning themselves or their related parties in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Company has not concluded transactions with its related parties in 2023 that are material to the Company and that either deviate from the Company's normal business operations or are not made on market or market equivalent terms.

# **Audit**

The Company must have one Auditor, which is an accounting firm approved by the Auditor Oversight unit of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office. The AGM elects the Company's Auditor. The AGM 2023 elected the Authorized Public Accountant firm KPMG Oy Ab as the Company's Auditor. Mr. Henrik Holmbom, APA, has acted as the auditor with principal responsibility. Each subsidiary is subject to local auditing under the local regulations, which is conducted by representatives of the KPMG network in each country. KPMG Oy Ab has acted as the Company's Auditor since the AGM 2020. During the financial years 2010–2019 the Company's Auditor was the Authorized Public Accountant firm Ernst & Young Oy and auditors representing it.

#### Fees paid to the Auditor (MEUR)

	2023	2022
Auditing costs	3.2	2.9
Other consultancy not related to auditing*	0.2	0.8
Total	3.4	3.7

\*Such other consultancy services are subject to separate review and approval process concerning the provision of non-audit services by the Auditor and included e.g. advisory in connection with various tax, reporting and other local compliance matters.