



Zurich, February 16, 2023

To the shareholders of DKSH Holding Ltd.

Dear Shareholders,

The Board of Directors is pleased to invite you to the 90th Ordinary General Meeting of DKSH Holding Ltd.:

Date

Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (CET) (Admission from 09:00 a.m.) (CET)

Venue

Lake Side Bellerivestrasse 170 8008 Zurich Switzerland

Agenda and Motions

1. Approval of the Financial Statements of DKSH Holding Ltd. and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements of the DKSH Group for the Financial Year 2022

Motion of the Board of Directors: Approval of the Financial Statements of DKSH Holding Ltd. and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements of the DKSH Group for the financial year 2022.

Explanation of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 2 items 3 and 4 of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) and § 8 lit. c and d of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for approving the Financial Statements and the Group Consolidated Financial Statements. The approval of the Financial Statements is a prerequisite for the resolution on the appropriation of available earnings, in particular the determination of the dividend.

2. Appropriation of available earnings as per balance sheet 2022 and declaration of dividend

Total available earn- ings	CHF	839,961,827
Profit after tax	CHF	257,140,730
Retained earnings as of December 31, 2022	CHF	582,821,097
Merger gain	CHF	11,455,081
Release of legal re- serves for treasury shares	CHF	5,047,014
Retained earnings brought forward	CHF	566,319,002

Motion of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors proposes the following distribution of dividends from the available earnings 20221:

Ordinary dividend	CHF	(139,645,050)
Balance to be carried forward	CHF	700,316,777

If this proposal is approved, the gross dividend (before deduction of the Swiss withholding tax of 35%) will amount to CHF 2.15 per share. Subject to the approval of the shareholders, the distribution is expected to be made as from March 22, 2023, onwards. The record date is March 21, 2023. The shares will be traded ex-dividend as of March 20, 2023. The last trading day with entitlement to receive the dividend is March 17, 2023.

¹No dividend will be declared on own shares held by DKSH Holding Ltd.

Explanation of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 2 item 4 of the CO and § 8 lit. d of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for approving the appropriation of available earnings, in particular the determination of the dividend.

3. Discharge from liability of the members of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee for the Financial Year 2022

Motion of the Board of Directors: Granting of discharge from liability to each member of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee for the financial year 2022.

Explanation of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 2 item 7 of the CO and § 8 lit. f of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for granting of discharge to the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

4. Revision of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd.

Motion of the Board of Directors: Revision of the Articles of Association in accordance with the proposed amendments as set out in the Annex to this invitation. The proposed amendments to the Articles of Association are grouped by topic and are submitted to the Ordinary General Meeting for approval under six different agenda items (agenda items 4.1-4.6).

Explanation of the Board of Directors: In the summer of 2020, the Swiss Parliament adopted the new provisions of the revised corporate law, which subject to certain transitional provisions - entered into force on January 1, 2023. Swiss corporations are obliged to adapt their articles of association to the new corporate law by the end of 2024 at the latest. Under the following agenda items 4.1-4.6, the Board of Directors proposes various amendments to the Articles of Association. The primary purpose of these amendments is the implementation of the adjustments required under the new corporate law and to introduce a conditional capital. In addition, the amendments should allow the company to make use of the flexibility offered by the new corporate law and modernize the Articles of Association in their entirety. Finally, the proposed revision should bring the Articles of Association in line with the market standards applicable in Switzerland

Explanations of the most important amendments to the Articles of Association proposed by the Board of Directors can be found below under the respective agenda item. A comparison of the current and the proposed Articles of Association is included in the Annex to this invitation

4.1 Purpose of the Company

Motion of the Board of Directors: Introduction of the following provision in the Articles of Association: § 2 para. 4 (wording of the proposed new provision as set out in the Annex to this invitation).

Explanation of the Board of Directors: Sustainability is already an important corporate value of DKSH Holding Ltd. To reflect this in the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors proposes amending the Articles of Association accordingly.

4.2 Introduction of a conditional capital

Motion of the Board of Directors: Introduction of the following paragraph in the Articles of Association: § 3ter (wording of the proposed new paragraph as set out in the Annex to this invitation). Explanation of the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors proposes the introduction of a conditional capital for financing, acquisitions and other purposes (§ 3ter), which serves the optimization of the company's capital structure. Under the conditional capital, the company may issue financial instruments, such as convertible notes, or similar instruments with share conversion mechanism. These financial instruments may be used for the acquisition of companies, part(s) of companies or participations, for the acquisition of products, intellectual property or licenses or for investment projects. With the introduction of a conditional share capital, the Board of Directors would be authorized to increase the company's issued share capital in an amount corresponding to a maximum of 4.6% of the share capital (i.e., 3,000,000 shares).

4.3 Shares and capital structure

Motion of the Board of Directors: Amendment of the following provisions of the Articles of Association: § 4 para. 3, § 5 para. 1, § 6 (wording of the proposed amendments as set out in the Annex to this invitation).

Explanations of the Board of Directors:
The Board of Directors proposes to

clarify in § 4 par. 3 that shareholders may at any time request a written confirmation of the registered shares held by them as reflected in the share register, but that they have no right to request the issuance of a certified security. An obligation of the company to issue certified securities would cause significant administrative expenses.

4.4 Restriction on transferabilityMotion of the Board of Directors:

Amendment of the following provisions of the Articles of Association: § 5 para. 3 and 4 (wording of the proposed amendments as set out in the Annex to this invitation).

Explanations of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors intends to limit the misuse of securities lending and similar legal transactions for the purpose of influencing the votes and elections at the General Meeting. Therefore, it proposes including the new basis for the refusal of the regis-tration of a shareholder in the share register with voting rights as set forth in the new Art. 685d para. 2 CO into the Articles of Association (§ 5 para. 3).

4.5 Shareholders' Rights, General Meeting and Announcements

Motion of the Board of Directors: Amendment and introduction, respectively, of the following provisions of the Articles of Association: § 8 lit. e, f, i and j, § 9 para. 3, § 10 para. 3 and 5, § 11a, § 12 para. 2 and 4, § 13 para. 7 item 2, § 14 para. 1, § 35, § 36 para. 2 and 3, § 37 para. 2 (wording of the proposed amendments and new provisions as set out in the Annex to this invitation) (partially consequential changes of paragraph numbering).

Explanations of the Board of Directors: The new corporate law has expanded the powers of the General Meeting. § 8 has to be revised to adjust the wording to the new law.

The new corporate law further strengthens the minority rights of shareholders. For example, the thresholds for the right to convene an extraordinary general meeting and the right to request the inclusion of items to the agenda have been lowered from 10% to 5% and from CHF 1 million to 0.5% of the share capital or votes, respectively. In addition, pursuant to the new corporate law shareholders, who may request the inclusion of an item on

the agenda, may also request the inclusion of a proposal to an agenda item in the invitation to the General Meeting. These amendments lead to changes in § 9 para. 3.

The corporate law has been liberalized with a view to allowing electronic means of communication. In the future, corporations may also communicate with their shareholders, and make documents available to the shareholders, by electronic means. To allow the company to make use of this new flexibility, the Board of Directors proposes various amendments to the Articles of Association (§ 10 para. 5 and § 37 para. 2).

The new corporate law explicitly states that general meetings may be held at different locations or as hybrid events (i.e., as general meeting with a physical venue, in which shareholders who are not on site may exercise their rights electronically directly at the meeting). These new possibilities are to be reflected in the Articles of Association (§ 11a para. 2). Furthermore, the Board of Directors proposes to introduce the legal basis for purely virtual general meetings without a physical meeting place. Even though the Board of Directors does currently not intend to hold

general meetings in this form, it proposes the implementation of the necessary legal basis in the Articles of Association in order to be able to react to changed circumstances (§ 11a para. 3). In any case, the Board of Directors will ensure that shareholders may exercise all their rights electronically at the meeting itself.

In accordance with the wording of the new corporate law, resolutions at the General Meeting shall now be based on the "votes represented" and no longer on the "votes cast" (§ 14 para. 1).

4.6 Board of Directors, Remuneration and External Mandates

Motion of the Board of Directors: Amendment and introduction, respectively, of the following provisions of the Articles of Association: § 18 para. 3, § 22 lit. h, j and k, § 23 para. 3 and 4, § 24 para. 1, § 28 para. 2, 7 and 8, § 30 para. 1 (wording of the proposed amendments and new provisions as set out in the Annex to this invitation).

Explanations of the Board of Directors: Similar to the powers of the General Meeting, the powers of the Board of Directors have also been slightly expanded under the new corporate law. § 22 is to be amended accordingly. In connection with the incorporation of the Swiss Federal Ordinance Against Excessive Compensation in Public Corporations into the Swiss Code of Obligations, certain changes were made that need to be reflected in the Articles of Association (see § 24 para. 1, § 28 para. 2, 7 and 8, and § 30 para. 1). When adjusting the compensation provisions, the opportunity should be taken to reduce the maximum number of mandates permitted for members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee (§ 24 para. 1 and § 30 para. 1).

In addition, the numbering of certain paragraphs is updated.

5. Approval of the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee

5.1 Compensation of the Board of Directors

Motion of the Board of Directors: Approval of the maximum aggregate amount of the compensation of the Board of Directors for the term of office until the next Ordinary General Meeting in the amount of CHF 2,800,000.

Explanation of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 3 item 4 and Art. 735 para. 1 CO as well as § 8 lit. e of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for approving the aggregate amount of compensation of the Board of Directors.

The present motion corresponds to the motion of the Board of Directors at the last Ordinary General Meeting. The maximum aggregate amount of the compensation of the members of the Board of Directors for the term of office until the next Ordinary General Meeting shall consist of a fixed base compensation, applicable committee fees and social security contributions. The Board of Directors determines the compensation effectively payable to the individual members of the Board of Directors. The latter is published in the annual compensation report of the respective financial year. In the financial year 2022, the total amount effectively paid to the members of the Board of Directors was CHF 2.267,000. For further details regarding the compensation of the Board of Directors, please refer to the Compensation Report 2022.

5.2 Compensation of the Executive Committee

Motion of the Board of Directors: Approval of the maximum aggregate amount of the compensation of the Executive Committee for the financial year 2024 in the amount of CHF 19,500,000.

Explanation of the Board of Directors:
According to Art. 698 para. 3 item 4 and Art. 735 para. 1 CO as well as § 8 lit. e of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for approving the total amount of the compensation of the Executive Committee.

The maximum aggregate amount of the compensation encompasses the compensation of the members of the Executive Committee, i.e., in total 12 persons. The maximum aggregate amount of the compensation of the members of the Executive Committee for the financial year 2024 will consist of a fixed compensation (including social security contributions), a short-term performance-based compensation and a long-term performance-based compensation in the form of Performance Share Units ("PSUs"). which will entitle the members of the Executive Committee to receive, after the expiry of a vesting period of three years and subject to the achievement of certain performance objectives, from 0 up to a maximum of 1.5 shares of DKSH Holding Ltd. for each PSU.

Therefore, the maximum aggregate amount of the compensation of the Executive Committee submitted to the shareholders' vote is normally higher than the amount of compensation that will be effectively paid out to the members of the Executive Committee based on the performance achieved. The amount effectively paid out or granted will be disclosed in the compensation report of the respective financial year. In 2022, the total amount of compensation paid out or granted to the Executive Committee was CHF 15,882,000, well within the maximum aggregate amount of compensation approved for the Executive Committee by the 2021 Ordinary General Meeting of CHF 18,500,000. Further details on the compensation of the Executive Committee for the financial year 2022 can be found in the Compensation Report 2022.

6. Elections of the members of the Board of Directors, re-election of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and elections of the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

6.1 Re-elections of the current members of the Board of Directors and election of a new member of the Board of Directors Motions of the Board of Directors: Separate re-election of each of the following current members of the Board of Directors for a term of office until completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting:

- · Dr. Wolfgang Baier
- · Mr. Jack Clemons
- · Mr. Marco Gadola
- · Mr. Adrian T. Keller
- · Mr. Andreas W. Keller
- · Prof. Dr. Annette G. Köhler
- · Dr. Hans Christoph Tanner and
- · Ms. Eunice Zehnder-Lai

Election of the following new member of the Board of Directors for a term of office until completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting:

Mr. Gabriel Baertschi

Explanations of the Board of Directors: Mr. Gabriel Baertschi (Swiss, 1974) is Chairman of the Corporate Executive Board and CEO of Grünenthal GmbH, Germany. Mr. Baertschi has more than 20 years of international experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Prior to taking the position at Grünenthal, he worked for the AstraZeneca Group as Company President of Japan (2013 to 2016), as Company President of Ger-

many (2010 to 2012), as Company President of Thailand (2009 to 2010) and as General Manager of Vietnam and Indochina (2006 to 2009). Prior to his appointment to the Executive Committee, Mr. Baertschi held various strategic roles in international sales and marketing with the AstraZeneca Group. He holds a board position at MedXCell/ Cytea, a Swiss-French Biotech company focused on cell therapy. Mr. Baertschi holds a Master of Science in biology from the University of Neuchâtel. Switzerland. He also successfully completed the program "leading enterprise transformation" at Harvard Business School, USA.

According to Art. 698 para. 2 item 2 of the Swiss Code of Obligations and § 8 lit. b of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for the election of the members of the Board of Directors. The term of office of the members of the Board of Directors is limited by law to one year. The members of the Board of Directors are each (re-)elected individually. Further information on the current members of the Board of Directors proposed for re-election can be found in the Corporate Governance

Report 2022.

6.2 Re-election of the Chairman of the Board of Directors

Motion of the Board of Directors: Re-election of Mr. Marco Gadola as Chairman of the Board of Directors for a term of office until completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Explanations of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 3 item 1 and Art. 712 para. 1 CO as well as § 8 lit. b of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for the election of the Chairman of the Board of Directors. His term of office is limited by law to one year.

6.3 Elections of the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

Motions of the Board of Directors: a) Separate re-election of each of the following members of the Board of Directors as members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee for a term of office until completion of the

• Mr. Adrian T. Keller and

next Ordinary General Meeting:

• Ms. Eunice Zehnder-Lai

Dr. Hans Christoph Tanner will not

stand for re-election.

b) Election of Mr. Gabriel Baertschi as new member of the Nomination and Compensation Committee for a term of office until completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Explanations of the Board of Directors: According to Art. 698 para. 3 item 2 and Art. 733 para. 1 CO as well as § 8 lit. b of the Articles of Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is responsible for the election the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee. Their term of office is limited by law to one year. Only members of the Board of Directors may be elected.

7. Re-election of the Statutory Auditors

Motion of the Board of Directors: Re-election of Ernst & Young Ltd., Zurich, as Statutory Auditors of DKSH Holding Ltd. for the financial year 2023.

Explanations of the Board of Directors:
According to Art. 698 para. 2 item 2 of
the CO and § 8 lit. b of the Articles of
Association of DKSH Holding Ltd., the
General Meeting is responsible for
the election of the Statutory Auditors.
Ernst & Young Ltd., Zurich, has confirmed that it has the necessary inde-

pendence to carry out the mandate.

8. Re-election of the Independent Proxy

Motion of the Board of Directors: Re-election of Mr. Ernst A. Widmer, Zurich, as Independent Proxy for a term of office until completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

Explanations of the Board of Directors:
According to Art. 689c para. 1 and 698
para. 3 item 3 CO as well as § 8 lit. b
of the Articles of Association of DKSH
Holding Ltd., the General Meeting is
responsible for the election of the independent proxy. His term of office is
limited by law to one year. Mr. Ernst A.
Widmer has confirmed that he has the
necessary independence to exercise
the mandate.

Sincerely yours

DKSH Holding Ltd.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Marco Gadola

Chairman of the Board of Directors

Enclosures:

- Reply form (with envelope) and instruction form to the Independent Proxy
- Letter to shareholders

Organizational Notes

Documents

Registered shareholders will find enclosed the reply form (with envelope) including the instruction form for instructions to the Independent Proxy.

The Annual Report 2022 (including the Financial Statements, the Group Consolidated Financial Statements and the Compensation Report) as well as the reports of the Statutory Auditors have been available to shareholders for inspection at the Company's registered office since February 9, 2023. The Annual Report is also accessible on DKSH's website at https://www.dksh.com/global-en/home/investors/results-and-publications and may be downloaded.

Submission of agenda items

On January 6, 2023, DKSH Holding Ltd. published a notice in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce (Schweizerisches Handelsamtsblatt) inviting qualifying shareholders to submit their requests for the inclusion of individual items on the agenda by no later than January 31, 2023. No such requests were submitted.

Admission cards and voting rights

Shareholders who wish to attend the Ordinary General Meeting personally shall return the attached reply form in the enclosed envelope by Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at the latest to: DKSH Holding Ltd., c/o areg.ch AG, Fabrikstrasse 10, 4614 Haegendorf, Switzerland. Upon due return of the completed reply form, the admission and voting cards will be sent by mail. In order to determine the attendance correctly, any shareholder leaving the Ordinary General Meeting early or temporarily is requested to present the unused voting papers and admission card at the exit.

Shareholders registered in the share register of DKSH Holding Ltd. on March 7, 2023, at 5 p.m. (CET) are entitled to vote at the Ordinary General Meeting. The share register will be blocked for entries from March 8, 2023, until (and including) March 16, 2023. Shareholders who divest their shares during this period are no longer entitled to vote at the Ordinary General Meeting. In the event of a sale of part of the shares, the admission and voting cards sent must be exchanged at the entrance control before the Ordinary General Meeting.

Representation and proxy

Shareholders registered in the share register with voting rights may be represented by their legal representative, the independent proxy (Mr. Ernst A. Widmer, EAW Legal, Beethovenstrasse 5, CH-8002 Zurich) or, by way of written proxy, by a third party who does not have to be a shareholder. For the appointment of a proxy, shareholders shall use the enclosed reply form or the admission card. Any appointment of a proxy that is not duly signed will not be taken into account at the Ordinary General Meeting. Proxies used for the Ordinary General Meeting of March 16, 2023, may not be used for further General Meetings.

Electronic granting of power of attorney to the Independent Proxy and transmission of instructions:

Shareholders may give the Independent Proxy power of attorney and instructions electronically at https://dksh.netvote.ch by March 14, 2023, 12:00 noon (CET). Any amendments to such instructions provided electronically also have to be made at https://dksh.netvote.ch by March 14, 2023, 12:00 noon (CET). The respective login data (username and password) are provided on the attached reply form.

Speakers' Desk

Shareholders who wish to speak are requested to contact the speakers' desk (Wortmeldeschalter) before the Ordinary General Meeting.

Mobile phones

Please switch off your mobile phones during the Ordinary General Meeting.

Directions

The Lake Side is located at the Zürichhorn in Zürich.

By car: From Bellevue, please follow the Bellerivestrasse in the direction Utoquai and Rapperswil, Forch, Rüti.

Arrival by public transport: By tram Nos. 2 or 4 to Fröhlichstrasse, by Bus Nos. 912 or 916 to Chinagarten, and by ship to Casino Zürichhorn.

Annex

Current version Proposed version I. Corporate name, registered office, pur-I. Corporate name, registered office, purpose and duration of the Company pose and duration of the Company § 1 § 1 The Company The Company **DKSH Holding AG DKSH Holding AG DKSH Holding SA DKSH Holding SA** DKSH Holding Ltd. DKSH Holding Ltd. is a company limited by shares as defined in is a company limited by shares as defined in the Swiss Code of Obligations with its registhe Swiss Code of Obligations with its registered office in Zurich. tered office in Zurich. The duration of the Company is unlimitevd. The duration of the Company is unlimited. § 2 § 2 The purpose of the Company is to acquire par- The purpose of the Company is to acquire participations in companies of all kinds both in ticipations in companies of all kinds both in Switzerland and abroad. It may establish sub-Switzerland and abroad. It may establish subsidiaries and branch offices both in Switzersidiaries and branch offices both in Switzerland and abroad. land and abroad. The Company is authorized to acquire, mort-The Company is authorized to acquire, mortgage, use and sell properties and intellectual gage, use and sell properties and intellectual

property rights.

The Company may engage in all commercial, financial and other activities that are directly or indirectly related to its stated purpose, including granting loans and guarantees, accepting sureties and providing collateral.

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In pursuing its purpose, the Company strives to create long-term, sustainable value.

Proposed version

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§ 3bis

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of the new registered shares and the date on which dividend entitlement begins, as well as lay down the conditions for the allocation in accordance with the participation plan in a corresponding set of regulations.

The acquisition of registered shares through the exercise of subscription rights in accordance with the participation plan and the sub- dance with the participation plan and the subsequent transfer of the new registered shares are subject to transfer restrictions as set out in are subject to transfer restrictions as set out § 5 of these Articles of Association.

§ 3bis

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[no provision]

§ 3ter

The share capital may be increased in an amount not to exceed CHF 300,000 through the issuance of up to 3,000,000 fully paid-in registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each through the exercise or mandatory exercise of conversion, option, subscription or other rights to acquire shares or through obligations to acquire shares, which were granted to or imposed on shareholders or third parties alone or in connection with bonds, notes, options, warrants or other securities or contractual obligations of the Company or any of its group companies (hereinafter collectively the Financial Instruments).

The subscription rights of shareholders shall be excluded upon the exercise of any Financial Instruments in connection with the issuance of shares. The then current owners of such Financial Instruments shall be entitled to acquire the new shares issued upon the exercise of any Financial Instruments. The main conditions of the Financial Instruments shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

The declaration of acquisition of the shares based on this paragraph 3ter shall refer to this paragraph 3ter and be made in a form that allows proof by text. A waiver of the right to acquire shares based on this paragraph 3ter may also occur informally or by lapse of time; this also applies to the waiver of the exercise and forfeiture of this right.

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The Board of Directors shall be authorized to restrict or withdraw advance subscription rights of shareholders in connection with the issuance of Financial Instruments by the Company or one of its group companies and allocate such rights to third parties, the Company or any of its group companies if the Financial Instruments are issued for the acquisition of companies, part(s) of companies or participations, for the acquisition of products, intellectual property or licenses by or for investment projects of the Company or any of its group companies, or for the financing or refinancing of any of such transactions through a placement of shares.

If the advance subscription rights are neither granted directly nor indirectly by the Board of Directors, the following shall apply:

a) the respective Financial Instruments are issued at the relevant market conditions; and b) the Financial Instruments may be converted, exchanged or exercised during a maximum period of 15 years from the date of the relevant issuance or entry.

The direct or indirect acquisition of shares based on this § 3ter and any subsequent transfer of such shares shall be subject to the restrictions of § 5 of these articles of association.

Proposed version

§ 4

in the form of individual certificates, global certificates or, in the case of uncertificated registered shares, as uncertificated securities (as defined in the Swiss Code of Obligations) Swiss Federal Intermediated Securities Act). Subject to statutory provisions, the Company is free to convert its shares issued in one of these forms into a different form at any time and without the approval of the shareholders. It shall bear the costs of any such conversion.

Shares issued by the Company in the form of individual certificates or global certificates bear the signature of at least one member of the Board of Directors. This may be applied in the form of a facsimile signature.

Shareholders are not entitled to have shares issued in a given form converted into a different form. However, any shareholder may at any time ask the Company to issue a certificate the certification of the membership in a sesetting out the registered shares held by the shareholder according to the share register.

The transfer, and pledging as collateral, of intermediated securities that have shares of the Company as their underlying assets requires the involvement of the custodian at which the shareholder holds their securities account.

The General Meeting is authorized to convert registered shares into bearer shares and vice versa through an amendment to the Articles of Association.

§ 4

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§ 5

a share register containing the owners, usufructuaries and any parties holding restricted real rights over the shares, where this gives rise to voting rights, together with names and addresses. The Company must be notified of any change of address. Entry in the share reqister is subject to the provision of proof that the shares were acquired in accordance with formal requirements and the Articles of Association.

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Upon request, acquirers of registered shares count.

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The Company records the registered shares in The Company or a third party appointed by it records the registered shares in a share register containing the owners, usufructuaries and any parties holding restricted real rights over the shares, where this gives rise to voting rights, together with names and contact informationaddresses. The Company must be notified of any change of contact information. Communications from the Company shall be deemed to have been validly made if sent to the last registered contact information in the share register.addresses Entry in the share register is subject to the provision of proof that the shares were acquired in accordance with formal requirements and the Articles of Association.

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Upon request, acquirers of registered shares shall be entered in the share register as share- shall be entered in the share register as shareholders with voting rights if they expressly de-holders with voting rights if they expressly declare that they have acquired these registered clare that they have acquired these registered shares in their own name and for their own ac-shares in their own name and for their own account-and that there is no agreement on the redemption of the relevant shares and that they bear the economic risk associated with the registered shares.

The Board of Directors may enter individuals who do not expressly declare in their application for entry that they hold the shares for their own account (nominees) in the share reg-plication for entry that they hold the sharesister as shareholders with voting rights up to a maximum of 3% of the registered share capital.

The Board of Directors may enter a nominee who holds more than 3% of the registered share capital in the share register as a shareholder with voting rights if the nominee in question provides the Company with the names, addresses and shareholdings of the 0.5% or more of the registered share capital. The Board of Directors may conclude agreesuch as representation of shareholders and voting rights.

The Board of Directors may, after questioning a shareholder or nominee who is entered in the share register, remove their entry with retroactive effect as of the date of their entry if this was made on the basis of incorrect information. The person in question must be informed of their removal immediately.

Legal entities and partnerships with legal personality that are connected by means of individuals or legal entities and partnerships that act in a coordinated manner with a view to circumventing the restrictions on entry in the share register, are viewed as a single person in respect of this provision.

Proposed version

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Legal entities and partnerships with legal personality that are connected by means of shared management in terms of capital or vot-shared management in terms of capital or voting rights, or in any similar manner, along with ing rights, or in any similar manner, along with individuals or legal entities and partnerships that act in a coordinated manner with a view to circumventing the restrictions on entry in the share register, are viewed as a single person in respect of this provision.

§ 6

The obligation to submit a public purchase offer pursuant to Article 32 of the Swiss Federal Act on Stock Exchanges and Securities Trading only arises if the limit of 49% of voting tures and Market Conduct in Securities and rights is exceeded (opting-up).

Proposed version

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III. Governing bodies of the Company

§ 7

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- a) The General Meeting;
- b) The Board of Directors;
- c) The Executive Committee:
- d) The Statutory Auditors.

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The General Meeting

§ 8

The General Meeting of Shareholders is the supreme governing body of the Company. It has the following powers, which may not be assigned:

- a) Adopting and amendment of the Articles of Association:
- b) Election and dismissal of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee, the members of the Board of Directors. the Statutory Auditors and the Independent Shareholder Representative
- c) Approval of the Management Report, if nec- c) Approval of the Management Report, if necessary, and the group financial statements;
- d) Approval of the Annual Financial Statements d) Approval of the Annual Financial Statements and resolution on the appropriation of the net and resolution on the appropriation of the net profit shown in the balance sheet;

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[no provision]

[no provision]

- d)e) Approval of the maximum aggregate amounts of compensation of each of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee;
- f) Grant of discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee:

[no provision]

[no provision]

e)g) Resolutions on matters which by operation of law or according to the Articles of Association must be determined by the General Meeting.

- e) the determination of interim dividends and the approval of the interim financial statements required for this purpose; d)f) the resolution on the repayment of the statutory capital reserve;
- e)g) Approval of the maximum aggregate amounts of compensation of each of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee:
- h) Grant of discharge of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee:
- i) the delisting of the Company's equity securities;
- f)j) if applicable, the approval of the report on non-financial matters pursuant to article 964c of the Swiss Code of Obligations;
- g)k) Resolutions on matters which by operation of law or according to the Articles of Association must be determined by the General Meeting.

§ 9

The Ordinary General Meeting is held annually within six months of the close of the financial year.

Extraordinary General Meetings are held as necessary, especially in those cases required by law.

A General Meeting may also be requested by one or more shareholders who together represent a minimum of 10% of the Company's share capital. Shareholders who represent shares with a par value of CHF 1 million may submit a written request for an item to

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The Ordinary General Meeting is held annually within six months of the close of the financial year.

Extraordinary General Meetings are held as necessary, especially in those cases required by law.

A General Meeting may also be requested by one or more shareholders who together hold at least represent a minimum of 105% of the Company's share capital or votes. One or more Shareholders who together hold at least 0.5% of the Company's share capital or votes,

be added to the agenda. Such requests must be submitted to the Board of Directors a minimum of 45 days prior to the General Meeting, in writing and indicating the motions.

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represent shares with a par value of CHF 1 million may submit a written request for an item to be added to the agenda or a proposal relating to an agenda item. Such requests must be submitted to the Board of Directors a minimum of 45 days prior to the General Meeting. in writing and indicating the agenda item and the motions.

§ 10

The General Meeting is convened by the Board The General Meeting is convened by the of Directors, and if necessary by the Statutory Board of Directors, and if necessary by the Auditors.

General Meetings must be convened a minimum of 20 days prior to the date of the General Meeting in the form laid down in the Arti-

The notice of convocation must contain the agenda and the motions of the Board of Directors and any shareholders who requested a General Meeting or exercised their right to have an item added to the agenda.

Except for cases provided by law, resolutions may not be passed on motions concerning agenda items for which notification has not been duly provided. The cases provided for by law are excluded. Shareholders are not re-

guired to notify the Company in advance of any motion relating to items on the agenda or matters for which no resolution is required.

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Statutory Auditors.

General Meetings must be convened a minimum of 20 days prior to the date of the General Meeting in the form laid down in the Articles of Association for notices to shareholders. cles of Association for notices to shareholders.

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The Annual Report, the Auditors' Report and the Compensation Report must be made avail- the Compensation Report and, if applicable, able for inspection by shareholders at the Company's registered office no later than 20 days before the Ordinary General Meeting.

Proposed version

The Annual Report, the Auditors' Report and the report on non-financial matters pursuant to article 964c of the Swiss Code of Obligations shall must be made available to the shareholders for inspection by shareholders at the Company's registered office no later than 20 days before the Ordinary General Meeting.

§ 11

Only persons entered in the share register as shareholders with voting rights are authorized as shareholders with voting rights are authoto participate in the General Meeting.

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Persons entered in the share register as share- Persons entered in the share register as holders with voting rights may be represented shareholders with voting rights may be repreat the General Meeting by their legal representative, the Independent Shareholder Representative or a third party with written power Representative or a third party with written of attorney, who need not be a shareholder. Members of the Board of Directors and the Ex-holder. Members of the Board of Directors ecutive Committee may represent other share- and the Executive Committee may represent holders provided this does not constitute institutional representation. The Board of Directors decides upon the recognition of proxies.

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endar days after the General Meeting, stating the exact proportion of votes; each shareholder may request that the minutes be made available to him within 30 calendar days after

the General Meeting.

§ 13

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The General Meeting elects the Independent Shareholder Representative. Natural or legal persons or partnerships may be elected.

The term of office of the Independent Shareholder Representative ends with the closure of holder Representative ends with the clothe next Ordinary General Meeting. Re-election is possible.

If the Company does not have an Independent If the Company does not have an Independent may appoint one for the next or current General Meeting. Unless a shareholder expressly ies and voting instructions retain their validresentative.

auxiliary persons. He/she remains entirely responsible for performing his/her duties.

The Independent Shareholder Representative is obliged to exercise the voting rights assigned to him/her by the shareholders in accordance with their instructions. If he/she does not receive any instructions, he/she abstains from voting.

The Board of Directors determines the procedure and the conditions for the assignment of proxies and instructions to Independent Shareholder Representatives in relation to a General Meeting.

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The Board of Directors shall ensure that the shareholders have the opportunity to issue to the Independent Shareholder Representative

- 1. voting instructions on any motion concerning agenda items included in the invitation; that have not been pre-announced and new agenda items pursuant to Art. 700, para 3, of the Swiss Code of Obligations;
- 3. proxies and instructions also electronically.

Proxies and instructions may only be given to the Independent Shareholder Representa-Board of Directors is authorized to waive the requirement for a qualified electronic signature either fully or partially.

The general or implied instruction of a shareholder to the Independent Shareholder Representative to vote in favour of the motions of the Board of Directors is permitted. This also applies to motions, which have not been pre-announced in the invitation of the General pre-announced in the invitation of the Gen-Meeting.

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§ 14

Unless stipulated otherwise by mandatory legal provisions, the General Meeting passes its resolutions and carries out its votes based on an absolute majority of the votes cast, whereby abstentions, blank and invalid votes are not deemed to be cast.

The Chairman determines whether votes are to be open, electronic or in writing, unless one to be open, electronic or in writing, unless one or more shareholders who together hold at least 5% of the votes represented request a written or electronic vote.

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The Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors consists of at least three members. The term of office of the members of the Board of Directors ends after completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting.

§ 16

The General Meeting elects the members of the Board of Directors individually. Re-election the Board of Directors individually. Re-elecis possible. The Board of Directors constitutes tion is possible. The Board of Directors constiitself subject to the provisions of these Articles tutes itself subject to the provisions of these of Association and mandatory legal provisions. Articles of Association and mandatory legal It appoints a secretary, who need not be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also establish committees.

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The term of office ends after completion of the The term of office ends after completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting concerned.

If the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors is vacant or if the Company does not have a Chairman of the Board of Directors, able to act and perform his/her duties for a new Chairman until the next Ordinary General Meeting.

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§ 18

The meeting procedure, quorum requirement The meeting procedure, quorum requirement and passing of resolutions by the Board of Directors are governed by the Company's Organizational Regulations.

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§ 19

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The Company or companies controlled by it may enter contracts with members of the Board of Directors as to their compensation for a fixed term of one year.

Proposed version

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Proposed version

§ 20

If the General Meeting rejects the proposal of the Board of Directors for the maximum aggregate compensation of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall decide on how to proceed. In particular, the Board of Directors may convene an Extraordinary General rectors may convene an Extraordinary Gen-Meeting for the purpose of submitting a new compensation proposal or determine compen- a new compensation proposal or determine sation for the current financial year on an interim basis subject to subsequent approval by the next Ordinary General Meeting. The Board of Directors may also split motions for approval by submitting motions concerning individual compensation elements, shorter time cerning individual compensation elements, periods or a smaller circle of persons.

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§ 21

The Board of Directors has ultimate responsibility for the management of the Company and sibility for the management of the Company the oversight of the Executive Committee. It represents the Company externally and deals with all matters that have not been assigned to governing bodies of the Company by law, these Articles of Association or regulations.

In accordance with the Organizational Regulations, the Board of Directors may delegate some or all of the executive management of the Company to a committee, individual members or third parties, who have to be natural

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§ 22

The Board of Directors has the following non-assignable and inalienable duties which: a) Overall management of the Company and issuance of required directives;

- b) Definition of the organizational structure:
- c) Establishment of principles for accounting, financial controlling and financial planning;
- d) Appointment and removal of the persons entrusted with executive management and representation of the Company, and determi-
- e) Oversight of the persons entrusted with executive management, specifically with regard to compliance with the law, these Articles of Association, regulations and directives;
- f) Preparation of the Annual Report;

nation of signatory authorities;

g) Preparation of the Compensation Report and the resolution on the maximum aggregate and the resolution on the maximum aggrecompensation for annual approval by the Gen- gate compensation for annual approval by eral Meeting separately for the Board of Direc- the General Meeting separately for the Board tors and Executive Committee pursuant to § 19 of Directors and Executive Committee pursuand § 28 of these Articles of Association:

[no provision]

- h) Preparation of the General Meeting and the hi) Preparation of the General Meeting and implementation of its resolutions;
- i) Notification of the courts in the event of overindehtedness:
- j) Resolutions on the determination of capital increases and respective amendments to the Articles of Association.

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- e) Oversight of the persons entrusted with executive management, specifically with regard to compliance with the law, these Articles of Association, regulations and directives;
- f) Preparation of the Annual Report;
- g) Preparation of the Compensation Report ant to § 19 and § 28 of these Articles of Association:
- g)h) if applicable, the preparation of the report on non-financial matters pursuant to article 964c of the Swiss Code of Obligations and other reports as required by law;
- the implementation of its resolutions;
- i)i) the submission of a petition for debt-restructuring moratorium and notification of the courts in the event of overindebtedness;
- i)k) Resolutions on the change of the share capital to the extent that such power is vested in the Board of Directors, the determination of capital changes, the preparation of the report on the capital increase, increases and the respective amendments to the Articles of Association.

Proposed version

§ 23

The General Meeting elects the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee individually. The Compensation Committee tee individually. The Compensation Commitconsists of at least three members. Only mem- tee consists of at least three members. Only bers of the Board of Directors may be elected. members of the Board of Directors may be

ination and Compensation Committee ends Meeting concerned. Re-election is possible.

dinary General Meeting.

As to compensation, the Nomination and Com- As to compensation, the Nomination and pensation Committee has the following duties Compensation Committee has the following and responsibilities:

- Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the compensation policy, including the principles for performance-related compensation and the allocation of securities, conversion or option rights, entitlements or other financial instruments for the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee:
- Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the maximum aggregate compensation for the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee pursuant to § 19 and § 28 of these Articles of Association;

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The General Meeting elects the members of the Nomination and Compensation Commitelected.

The term of office of the members of the Nom- The term of office of the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee ends after completion of the next Ordinary General after completion of the next Ordinary General Meeting concerned. Re-election is possible.

If there are vacancies on the Nomination and If there are vacancies on the Nomination and Compensation Committee, the Board of Direc- Compensation Committee due to its members tors shall appoint substitutes until the next Or- not being capable of acting and holding office, the Board of Directors shall appoint substitutes until the next Ordinary General Meeting.

duties and responsibilities:

- Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the compensation policy, including the principles for performance-related compensation and the allocation of securities, conversion or option rights, entitlements or other financial instruments for the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee:
- Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the maximum aggregate compensation for the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee pursuant to § 19 and § 28 of these Articles of Association;

- · Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the specific design of the participation plans pursuant to § 28 of the Articles of Association:
- · Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the specific design of the employment contracts of the members of the Executive Committee and conditions for termination:
- Preparing proposals for submission to the Board of Directors on the individual compensation of the members of the Executive Committee within the scope of these Articles of Association and subject to approval by the General Meeting, including, but not limited to, the allocation and definition of compensation-relevant performance objectives and further conditions as well as the verification of the fulfilment of conditions or agreed objectives;
- · Preparing the draft of the annual Compensation Report for submission to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may specify these tasks The Board of Directors may specify these in further detail and assign further tasks to the Nomination and Compensation Committee, in particular in relation to the nomination of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and new members of the Board of Directors and nation of new members of the Board of Directors and Direc the Executive Committee.

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and Compensation Committee may also retain and Compensation Committee may also retain the support of independent third parties and remunerate them.

The Board of Directors appoints the Chairman The Board of Directors appoints the Chairman of the Nomination and Compensation Committee and adopts respective regulations.

§ 24

The members of the Board of Directors may hold a maximum of 15 additional mandates in the supreme governing or administrative bodies of legal entities which are required to be registered in the commercial register or in a comparable foreign register and which are not controlled by the Company or which do may hold more than 8 such mandates in other listed companies.

Mandates in separate legal entities under common control are deemed as one mandate. common control are deemed as one mandate. In the event that the maximum number of mandates is exceeded pursuant to this paragraph, the respective member of the Board of Directors must restore the lawful status within of Directors must restore the lawful status six months.

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The Executive Committee

§ 26

Committee, which assumes responsibility for the management of business operations and representation of the Company in accordance with the Organizational Regulations issued by the Board of Directors.

Proposed version

§ 24

The members of the Board of Directors may hold a maximum of 125 additional mandates in comparable functions at other enterprises with an economic purpose, the supreme governing or administrative bodies of legal entities which are required to be registered in the commercial register or in a comparable fornot control the Company whereby no member eign register-whereby mandates in companies and which are not controlled by the Company or which do not control the Company shall not count. whereby nNo member of the Board of Directors may hold more than 68 such mandates in other listed companies.

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The Executive Committee

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The Board of Directors appoints the Executive The Board of Directors appoints the Executive Committee, which assumes responsibility for the management of business operations and representation of the Company in accordance with the Organizational Regulations issued by the Board of Directors.

§ 27

The contracts of employment with the members of the Executive Committee may have a fixed or indefinite term. The maximum duration for fixed-term contracts and the maximum notice period for contracts of an indefinite term shall be 12 months.

§ 28

The members of the Executive Committee receive a compensation for their activities on be- ceive a compensation for their activities on half of the Company and its subsidiaries. The compensation may be paid out by the Company or one of its subsidiaries.

The maximum aggregate compensation for the members of the Executive Committee must be approved by the General Meeting on an annual basis prospectively for the respective next financial year. The Board of Directors pensation to the General Meeting for approval in relation to the same or different periods.

The total compensation for each member of the Executive Committee consists of fixed (incl. an expense allowance), short-term and long-term performance-related compensation long-term performance-related compensaelements, which are provided for in the shortterm and long-term compensation plans, of social, pension and fringe-benefits provided for by law and regulations as well as of retirement benefits outside of the occupational pen- of retirement benefits outside of the occupasion scheme.

Proposed version

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The Company and its subsidiaries may, to the extent permissible by law, compensate members of the Executive Committee for any disad- bers of the Executive Committee for any disvantages resulting from legal proceedings or settlements relating to their activities on behalf of the Company or subsidiaries, advance corresponding payments and take out corresponding insurance policies. Such payments are not deemed to be compensation, loans or credit.

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The provisions of this section are of a company-law nature and do not confer any individual claims.

The Statutory Auditors

The General Meeting appoints the Statutory Auditors.

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