Corporate governance

The task of corporate governance is to ensure the company’s commitments to all of its stakeholders: shareholders, customers, suppliers, creditors, society and employees. It must be structured in a way that supports the company’s long-term strategy, market presence and competitiveness. Corporate governance shall be reliable, clear, simple and business-oriented. This Corporate Governance Report forms part of the Board of Directors’ Report for Essity’s 2022 Annual and Sustainability Report. The report has been reviewed by the company’s auditors.

Corporate governance, pages 62–71
This section describes applicable regulatory rules and regulations for the Group’s corporate governance and the company’s management structure and organization. It details the Board of Directors’ responsibilities and its work during the year. It also contains a description of Essity’s internal control with regard to financial reporting. Essity applies the Swedish Corporate Governance Code without any deviations (www.corporategovernanceboard.se).

Risk management, pages 40–48
Essity’s processes to identify and manage risks are part of the Group’s strategy work and are pursued at a local and central level. These sections dealing with risk management describe the most significant risks and measures taken to eliminate or limit these risks.

Sustainability, pages 50–61 and 138–147
Essity’s sustainability work is an integral part of the company’s business model. The company’s statutory sustainability report forms part of the Board of Directors’ Report. Sustainability work contributes to a sustainable and circular society, reduces risks, strengthens competitiveness, and attracts new employees and investors.

Governance at Essity

1. Shares and shareholders
Essity has engaged Euroclear Sweden AB to maintain the company’s shareholders’ register. On December 31, 2022, Essity had 111,241 shareholders. The five largest shareholders in terms of voting rights on this date were AB Industrivärden (29.6%), Norges Bank Investment Management (6.8%), AMF Försäkring och Fonder (6.6%), Swedbank Robur Funds (2.8%) and MFS Investment Management (2.8%). Essity has two listed classes of shares: Class A and Class B shares. Every Class A share represents ten votes while every Class B share represents one vote. There are no other restrictions to voting rights in respect of shares used by shareholders at the general shareholders meeting. The two share classes carry the same entitlement to the company’s assets and profits. Furthermore, according to the Articles of Association, owners of Class A shares are entitled to request conversion of their Class A shares to Class B shares. The 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) authorized the Board of Directors, for the period until the 2023 AGM, to decide on the repurchase of Class B Essity shares. Essity has not utilized this share repurchase mandate and holds no treasury shares.

2. General shareholder meeting
The general shareholder meeting is Essity’s highest decision-making body, which all of the company’s shareholders are entitled to attend, to have a matter considered and to vote for all shares held by the shareholder. The company’s Board of Directors and auditor are elected at the AGM. The AGM also resolves on the remuneration of the Board members, determines guidelines for the remuneration of senior executives and approves the Board’s annual remuneration report.

3. Nomination Committee
Shareholders appoint members of the Nomination Committee at the AGM, or stipulate how the members shall be appointed. The Nomination Committee represents the company’s shareholders. A majority of the members shall be independent of the company and corporate management. The President and other members of corporate management may not be a member of the Nomination Committee. The main duty of the Nomination Committee is to prepare and present proposals for the AGM’s resolutions with respect to election and remuneration matters.

4. External auditors
Essity’s auditor is elected at the AGM and is responsible for reviewing the company’s Annual and Sustainability Report and consolidated financial statements and the Board’s and President’s administration. The auditor conducts a limited review of the company’s sustainability report and corporate governance report as well as the company’s half-year report. The auditor submits an audit report from this review. The auditor also submits a statement concerning compliance with the company’s guidelines for remuneration of senior executives. The audit is performed in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act, International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing principles in Sweden.

5. Board of Directors
The Board of Directors is elected by the shareholders at the AGM and has overall responsibility for the Company’s organization and administration. This responsibility is fulfilled, inter alia, through regular monitoring of the business and by ensuring the appropriateness of the organization and the management.

More detailed information about Essity’s corporate governance is available on www.essity.com
• Articles of Association
• Swedish Corporate Governance Code
• Information from the Nomination Committee ahead of the 2023 Annual General Meeting (composition, proposals and work)
• Other information ahead of the 2023 AGM (notice, remuneration report and information about routines for notifying attendance at the AGM, etc.)
team, and by issuing guidelines and reporting from the internal audit. The Board approves strategies and targets, and decides on major investments, acquisitions and divestments of operations, among other matters. Furthermore, the Board annually prepares a report on the remuneration that has been paid or is pending payment in accordance with the remuneration guidelines decided by the AGM. The Board of Directors comprises ten members with no deputies. According to the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors is to consist of not less than three and not more than twelve members elected by the AGM. The Board of Directors also includes three employee representatives with deputies, who are appointed by the respective employee organizations under Swedish law.

Essity’s Articles of Association contain no provisions regarding appointment or dismissal of Board members or amendments to the Articles.

Chairman of the Board
The Chairman of the Board is elected by the shareholders at the AGM. The Chairman of the Board leads the work of the Board and is responsible for ensuring that it is effectively organized and that work is efficiently conducted. This includes continuous monitoring by the Chairman of the company’s operations in close dialogue with the President and ensuring that other Board members receive information and decision data that will enable high-quality discussion and decisions by the Board. The Chairman leads the assessment of the Board’s and the President’s work. The Chairman also represents the company in ownership matters.

6. Audit Committee
The role of the Audit Committee is to monitor the company’s financial reporting and provide recommendations and proposals to ensure the reliability of reporting. With regard to the financial reporting, the Committee oversees the effectiveness of the company’s internal control, internal audit and risk management. The Audit Committee keeps itself continuously informed about the audit of the Annual and Sustainability Report and consolidated financial statements and about the conclusions of the quality control by the Swedish Inspectorate of Auditors concerning the company’s external auditor. The Committee receives and addresses the supplementary report to the audit report concerning the conducted audit that the auditor submits in accordance with the EU Audit Regulation. The Audit Committee informs the Board of its observations and the results of the audit. The Audit Committee also examines and monitors the impartiality and independence of the auditor. In respect to this, particular attention is paid to whether the auditor is providing the company with services other than auditing services. The Committee also assesses the work of the auditor and provides proposals to the company’s Nomination Committee concerning the appointment of auditor for the following mandate period. Members of the Audit Committee are not employed by the company and at least one member has accounting or auditing expertise.

8. Portfolio Development Committee
The Portfolio Development Committee is tasked with preparing the Board’s deliberations and resolutions in relation to general portfolio and acquisition issues and to prepare and propose strategies relating to such issues. When deemed appropriate, the Board may, to a certain extent, delegate decision-making power in these matters to the committee.

9. Internal audit
The internal audit assists the Group in improving and protecting the organization’s value through a risk-based, independent and objective assurance and consultancy services. The internal audit also reports to the Audit Committee and to the Board in relation to internal audit issues. The audit field encompasses both financial and operational aspects across all of Essity. The internal audit also provides investigations and consultancy services in connection with internal control matters and risk management.

10. President and Executive Management Team
Essity’s President and CEO is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Group and follows the Board’s guidelines and instructions. The President is supported by the Executive Management Team, see pages 70–71, the work of which is led by the President. The Executive Management Team comprises the President, five Group Function Senior Vice Presidents, four Business Unit Presidents and the Presidents of the three global units. The Executive Management Team holds regular meetings...
Rules and regulations

Certain internal rules and regulations

- Articles of Association
- Working procedures of the Board of Directors, including instructions for the Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee and Portfolio Development Committee, respectively.
- Terms of reference issued by the Board to the President
- Code of Conduct
- Policy documents and instructions (in areas such as finance, HR, sustainability, internal control, communication, pension and risk management as well as for specific issues, such as the processing of personal data, insider issues, conflicts of interest, competition law, corruption and diversity).

Certain external rules and regulations

- The Swedish Companies Act
- The Swedish Annual Accounts Act
- International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)
- EU Market Abuse Regulation (MAR)
- Nasdaq Stockholm’s rulebook for issuers
- Swedish Corporate Governance Code

Compliance with stock market regulations

Essity complies with rules that apply in Sweden for listed companies and was not sanctioned by Finansinspektionen, the stock exchange’s disciplinary committee or any other authority or self-regulating body for violations of the rules concerning the stock market.

during the year to discuss and coordinate matters such as the business areas’ economic development and budgets, important projects, strategy issues, sustainability issues and corporate culture. The Executive Management Team also has an advisory role for the President.

The working procedures for the Board of Directors and terms of reference issued by the Board of Directors to the President detail, for example, the division of work between the Board and President. In consultation with the Chairman and Secretary of the Board, the President prepares documentation and decision data for the Board’s work.

11. Business units and global units

Essity has four business units:
- Consumer Goods Americas
- Consumer Goods EMEA
- Professional Hygiene
- Health & Medical

Furthermore, Essity has three global units:
- Global Brand, Innovation & Sustainability
- Global Supply Chain
- Global Digital & Business Services

These have Group-wide responsibility for matters within their respective fields of responsibility, and coordinate with the corresponding functions in the respective business area or global unit.

Activities during the year

Annual General Meeting

Essity held its AGM in Stockholm on Thursday, March 24, 2022. The meeting was carried out solely via advance voting (postal voting) in accordance with temporary legislation.

The AGM elected the company’s Board of Directors. Furthermore, guidelines for remuneration of the President and other senior executives were adopted, see Note C2 on pages 99–101. The Meeting also approved the Board’s remuneration report for 2021.

Nomination Committee

The Nomination Committee of Essity is tasked with making proposals to the AGM in respect of the election of the Chairman of the Meeting, Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board and auditor, remuneration of each Board Member (divided between the Chairman of the Board and other Board Members), remuneration of the auditor and, where applicable, proposals for amendments to the instruction for the Nomination Committee. At the 2020 AGM, the following instructions to the Nomination Committee were adopted to apply until further notice:

“The Nomination Committee is to comprise representatives of the four largest shareholders, who express a wish to take part in the Nomination Committee, in terms of voting rights as per the shareholders’ register maintained by the company on the final banking day of August, as well as the Chairman of the Board, who also convenes the first meeting of the Nomination Committee.

The member representing the largest shareholder in terms of votes is to be appointed as Chairman of the Nomination Committee. The Chairman of the Board shall not be Chairman of the Nomination Committee. If necessary, due to subsequent ownership changes, the Nomination Committee is entitled to call on one or two additional members from among the next largest shareholders in terms of voting rights. The total number of members shall be not more than seven. In the event that a member steps down from the Nomination Committee before the task is completed and the Nomination Committee decides it would be beneficial for a replacement to be appointed, such a replacement is to be appointed by the same shareholder or, if this shareholder is no longer among the largest shareholders in terms of voting rights, by the next largest shareholder in terms of voting rights. Changes to the composition of the Nomination Committee are to be disclosed immediately.

The composition of the Nomination Committee is to be announced by Essity no later than
Chairman of the Board presented the Board on six occasions prior to the 2023 AGM. The Wednesday, March 29, see page 10. www.essity.com. The 2023 AGM will be held on the 2023 AGM is presented in the notice con-

submit proposals to the Nomination Commit-

evaluation and provided the Nomination Com-

six months prior to the AGM. No remuneration is to be paid to the members of the Nomination Committee. Any expenses incurred during the work of the Nomination Committee are to be paid by Essity. The mandate period of the Nomination Committee extends until the composit-

disclosed. The Nomination Committee is to submit proposals relating to the Chairman of the Meeting, the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board, Board fees for the Chairman of the Board and each of the other Board members, including remuneration for committee work, the company’s auditor and auditor’s fees and, to the extent deemed necessary, proposals for amendments to this instruction.”

In its work, the Nomination Committee is to consider the rules that apply to the inde-

doctor and composition of the

Board of Directors

Essity’s Board of Directors comprises ten members elected by the AGM. Ewa Björling, Pär Boman, Annemarie Gardshol, Magnus Groth, Björn Gulden, Torbjörn Lööf, Bert Nordberg, Louise Svanberg, Lars Rebib Sørensen and Barbara Milian Thoralfsson were elected as Board members in 2022. Pär Boman was elected as the Chairman of the Board.

The independence of Board members is considered the rules that apply to the inde-

All shareholders have had an opportunity to submit proposals to the Nomination Commit-

The Nomination Committee was convened on six occasions prior to the 2023 AGM. The Chairman of the Board presented the Board evaluation and provided the Nomination Com-

item 4.1 of the Swedish Corporate Governance Code as its diversity policy. When preparing its proposal for the election of auditors, the Nomination Committee also gave consideration to the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

Board of Directors and composition of the

Board of Directors

Nomination Committee for the 2023 AGM

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the company’s major shareholders. All of the AGM-elected Board members have experience and a good understanding of the requirements incumbent upon a listed company. Four of the Board members are women, corresponding to 40% of the total number of AGM-elected Board members. The employees have appointed Susanna Lind, Örjan Svensson and Niclas Thulin as representatives to the Board for the period until and including the 2023 AGM, and their deputies Niklas Engdahl, Martin Ericsson and Andreas Larsson.

The AGM-elected Board members have broad international experience from various cultural and geographic areas and wide-reaching expertise and experience of relevance to Essity’s areas of business and products. Accordingly, the Board has – with reference to the company’s business, stage of development and general situation – a suitable composition. In addition, the Board of Directors and its Audit Committee and Remuneration Committee have an even gender distribution.

Board activities

The Board was convened 11 times during the year. The Board has fixed working procedures that describe in detail which ordinary agenda items are to be addressed at the various Board meetings of the year. Recurring agenda items are finances, the market situation, sustainability issues, investments and adoption of the financial reports. The Board also establishes and evaluates the company’s overall targets and strategy and decides on significant internal rules. Another key task is to continuously monitor the internal control of the compliance of the company and its employees with relevant internal and external rules, and that the company has well-functioning procedures for market disclosures. On a regular basis throughout the year, the Board has also dealt with reports from the Audit and Remuneration Committees and reports on strategy, market, internal audit, internal control and financial operations. The company’s auditor regularly presents a report on its audit work and these issues are discussed by the Board. The Business Unit Presidents present their respective operations and current issues affecting them.

In 2022, in addition to customary Board work, the Board of Directors continued to maintain a strong focus on digitalization, portfolio-related issues and sustainability, and closely monitored developments in view of the situation in Ukraine and Russia. The Board also focused on strategy work during the autumn.

Evaluation of the Board’s work

The work of the Board, like that of the President and the Chairman, is evaluated annually using a systematic and structured process. The purpose of this work is to obtain a sound basis for the Board’s own development work and to pro-

The Nomination Committee was also informed of the results of the evaluation.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises Barbara Milian Thoralfsson (Chairman), Pär Boman and Ewa Björling. In 2022, the Audit Committee held nine meetings. In addition, members have also held meetings with internal audit, the auditors
and the CFO. In its monitoring of the financial reporting, the Committee dealt with relevant accounting issues, internal auditors’ reviews, auditing work, risk management, a review of various valuation matters, such as testing of impairment requirements for goodwill, and the preconditions for the year’s pension liability calculations. In addition, the Committee addressed issues relating to sustainability reporting. The Audit Committee also prepared a recommendation to be used by the Nomination Committee when deciding on its proposal to the AGM regarding the election of auditors.

Remuneration Committee
The Remuneration Committee comprises Pär Boman (Chairman), Bert Nordberg and Louise Svanberg. The Remuneration Committee held six meetings in 2022. Activities mainly concerned remuneration and other employment terms and conditions for senior executives, and current remuneration structures and remuneration levels in the Group. In addition, the Committee prepared the Board’s remuneration report relating to remuneration of senior executives.

Portfolio Development Committee
The Portfolio Development Committee consists of Bert Nordberg (Chairman), Pär Boman, Torbjörn Lööf and Lars Rebiën Sørensen. The Remuneration Committee held eight meetings in 2022. During 2022, the Committee held discussions with the President and parts of corporate management in relation to such issues as the company’s portfolio and acquisition strategy.

Internal audit
The basis of the work of the internal audit is a risk analysis based on external and internal information carried out in close dialogue with management teams at Essity. The risk evaluation forms the basis of an audit plan, which is presented to the Audit Committee together with the risk analysis. In 2022, 126 audit projects were performed and reported at meetings with the Audit Committee.

Work in 2022 involved follow-up of the units’ progress with process-based control, efficiency in internal governance and control, major investments, information security, sustainability and compliance with Essity’s policies.

External auditor
The 2022 AGM appointed the accounting firm of Ernst & Young AB as the company’s auditor for a mandate period of one year. The accounting firm notified the company that Hamish Mabon, Authorized Public Accountant, would be the auditor in charge. Hamish Mabon is also the auditor and has major assignments for SEB, Skanska AB and Assa Abloy AB. He owns no shares in the company.

In accordance with its formal work plan, the Board met with the auditor at three scheduled Board meetings in 2022. The auditor also attended each meeting of the Audit Committee. At these meetings, the auditor presented and received opinions on the focus and scope of the planned audit and delivered verbal audit and review reports. Furthermore, at the Board’s third scheduled autumn meeting, the auditor delivered an in-depth verbal report on the audit for the year. The working procedures specify a number of mandatory issues that must be addressed. These include matters of importance that have been a cause of discussion or concern during the audit, business routines and transactions where differences of opinion may exist regarding the choice of accounting methods. The auditor shall also disclose consultancy work conducted for Essity as well as other dependencies in relation to the company and its management. On each occasion, Board members have had an opportunity to ask the auditors questions. Certain parts of the discussion on the accounts take place without representatives of corporate management being present.

Remuneration, Management and Board of Directors

Guidelines
The 2022 AGM adopted new guidelines for remuneration of senior executives that are based on a total remuneration package comprising a fixed salary, variable compensation and other benefits, and pension, see Note C2 on pages 99–101.

Remuneration of the President and other senior executives
Remuneration of the President and other senior executives is presented in a separate remuneration report, which is available on the company’s website and on pages 157–158. Furthermore, remuneration of the President and other senior executives is described in Note C2 on pages 99–101.

Remuneration of the Board
The total remuneration of the AGM-elected Board members amounted to SEK 12,030,000 in accordance with the AGM’s resolution. See Note C3 on page 101 for further information.

Internal control and financial reporting
The Board’s responsibility for internal governance and control is regulated in the Swedish Companies Act, the Annual Accounts Act and the Swedish Corporate Governance Code. The Annual Accounts Act requires that the company, each year, describes its system for internal control and risk management with respect to financial reporting. The purpose of these requirements is to create an internal framework for governance and control to reduce the risk of error in the financial reporting. Essity’s processes for internal control of financial reporting is based on the model and principles developed for internal control and risk management.
Risks related to the financial reporting are evaluated and monitored by the Board via the Audit Committee, where an annual risk assessment is conducted. The risks that are identified and may result in material errors also form the basis for internal control activities that proactively manage these risks. Clear guidelines for accountability and the division of work also form a component of risk prevention efforts. Furthermore, measures are continuously taken to improve business processes and thus reduce risks.

Control environment
A good control environment requires clarity in relation to decision-making paths, powers and accountability, in addition to a corporate culture characterized by strong values and awareness among employees of their role in maintaining good internal control. The Board of Directors has the overall responsibility for ensuring effective internal control and has, inter alia, adopted Group-wide internal rules for the purpose of establishing a foundation for a good corporate culture and to assure the quality of the financial reporting. In this context, Essity’s Code of Conduct is an important steering document in issues concerning ethics, morality and regulatory compliance, and employees regularly receive information and training regarding the Code. Other significant steering documents for the control environment include the Finance Policy, Internal Control Policy, Communications Policy and Information Security Policy. Essity’s Financial Reporting Manual is particularly important for the Group’s financial reporting procedures as it contains a number of specific instructions and guidelines that are specially designed to ensure the quality of the financial reporting. Important steering documents are published in a separate database (Global Management System, GMS) that also contains a process for annual updates to the documents.

Risk assessment
Risks relate to material errors in the financial reporting that may arise, such as incomplete disclosures, valuation issues, the reporting process and correctness. Risks also include loss of assets, unduly favoring a third party and misappropriation.

Control activities
Significant instructions and guidelines related to financial reporting are prepared and updated regularly by the Group Function Finance and are easily accessible on the Group’s intranet. The Group Function Finance is responsible for ensuring compliance with instructions and guidelines. Process managers at various levels within Essity are responsible for carrying out the necessary control measures with respect to financial reporting. An important role is played by the business unit’s controller organizations, which are responsible for ensuring that financial reporting from each unit is correct and complete, and is conducted within the specified time. In addition, each business unit has a Finance Manager with responsibility for the individual business unit’s financial reporting. The company’s control activities are supported by the budgets prepared by each business unit and updated during the year through continuous forecasts. Essity has a standardized system of control measures involving processes that are significant to the company’s financial reporting. These measures include company-wide controls related to the Code of Conduct, process controls and IT controls. Self-assessments are carried out based on a selection of critical controls for the respective operations in order to assess the effectiveness of the internal control and governance.

Information and communication
Financial reporting to the Board
The Board’s working procedures stipulate which reports and information of a financial nature are to be submitted to the Board at each scheduled meeting. The President, together with the Chairman, ensures that the Board receives the reports required to enable the Board to continuously assess the company’s and Group’s financial position. Detailed instructions specifically outline the types of reports that the Board is to receive at each meeting.

Internal reporting
Ahead of each interim report, the company’s finance department prepares detailed instructions regarding deadlines, changes to accounting principles and other circumstances of significance for reporting to ensure the quality of the financial statements. Furthermore, the company has a process and technical system support to limit the risk of price-sensitive information being leaked in conjunction with the submission of financial information ahead of the issue of interim reports.

Accounting and reporting for the majority of units is carried out by Essity’s Shared Service Center, which ensures efficient and uniform reporting.

External financial reporting
The quality of external financial reporting is guaranteed via a number of actions and procedures. The President is responsible for ensuring that all information communicated, such as press releases with financial content, presentation material for meetings with the media, owners and financial institutions, is correct and of a high quality. The responsibilities of the company’s auditors include reviewing accounting issues that are critical for the financial reporting and reporting their observations to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors. In addition to the audit of the annual accounts, a review of the half-year report and of the company’s administration and internal control is carried out.

Monitoring activities
Essity’s Board of Directors, through the Audit Committee, as well as the corporate management continuously assesses the effectiveness of the processes applied by the company with respect to the internal control of the financial reporting. Of particular importance to this assessment are the reports submitted by the internal audit and feedback from the company’s external auditor.

The company has a structured process within the scope of its day-to-day operations for monitoring significant observations from internal control or internal audit. Such observations and the status of measures taken to address these are regularly reported to corporate management and to the Audit Committee.

The results of the self-assessment in control activities are compiled in a list of activities that require resolution. The internal control and governance department lead these monitoring activities. To ensure the quality of the self-assessment, internal control conducts its own testing of control activities and reports the results to the units, the internal control and governance department, corporate management and the Audit Committee.

The external auditor also carries out testing of internal control and governance within the scope of its audit. The results are shared with corporate management, the internal control and governance department and the Audit Committee.
Board of Directors and Auditors

**Elected by the Annual General Meeting**

**Pär Boman** (1961)
Engineering and Business Administration degrees, Hon. D.B.
Chairman of the Board since 2016.
Chairman of the Board of Svenska Handelsbanken AB and Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA, Deputy Chairman of the Board of All Industriäventyr and member of the Board of Sjäniska AB. 2006–2015
President of Handelsbanken.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company and corporate management.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 5,000

**Ewa Björling** (1961)
Med. Dr. Sci. and Associate Professor from Karolinska Institutet.
Chairman of the Board of Xolaris AB. Member of the Board of Biogas AB and Nynas petroleum AB.
Former member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA, the Swedish National Insurance Office and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Former Chairman of SPBL (Svenska Petroleum och Bioädelmedelsinstitutet).
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 4,100

**Annemarie Gardshol** (1967)
MSc Eng.
Member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA, CEO of PostNord.
Former member of the Board of Etac AB, Bygghemma AB, Ortvius and Siemens.
Former President of PostNord Sverige, PostNord Strålsö Group AB and various management positions in Gambro AB and McKinley & Company.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 0

**Bjørn Gulden** (1965)
Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Administration and MBA in Finance and Marketing
President and CEO of Adidas. Member of the Board of Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co KGaA, Chairman of Salling Group.
Previously various positions at Puma, Deichmann, Helly Hansen, Adidas and Pandora. Previously member of the Boards of several companies, including Pandora, Elorves and Helly Hansen.
Elected: 2022
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

**Ewa Björling** (1961)
Med. Dr. Sci. and Associate Professor from Karolinska Institutet.
Chairman of the Board of Xolaris AB. Member of the Board of Biogas AB and Nynas petroleum AB.
Former member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA, the Swedish National Insurance Office and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA). Former Chairman of SPBL (Svenska Petroleum och Bioädelmedelsinstitutet).
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 4,100

**Torbjörn Lööf** (1965)
Technician
Member of the Board of AB BILkläder.
Elected: 2021
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 8,500

**Bert Nordberg** (1956)
Engineer
Chairman of the Board of Vestas Wind Systems A/S. Member of the Board of SAAB.
Previously held various management positions in Digital Equipment Corp. and Ericsson, President of Sony Mobile Communications AB 2009–2012. Former Chairman of the Boards of Sony Mobile Communications and TDC Group A/S and member of the Boards of Blackberry Ltd, Skistar AB, Axis AB and AB Electrolux.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 36,800

**Louise Svanberg** (1958)
MSc Eng.
Member of the Boards of Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Boston and CERAS Health, New York. Chairman of the Swedes Worldwide organization. Previously held various management positions in EF Education First, including President 2002–2008 and Chairman of the Board of the 2008–2010. Former member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons,
Class B shares: 28,540

**Lars Rebien Sørensen** (1954)
BSc Forestry and MSc Econ.
Chairman of Axcel, Novo Holding A/S, Novo Nordisk Foundation and Ferring Pharmaceuticals. Member of the Boards of Jürgenfautz and Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.
Former Deputy-Chairman of the Board of Carlsberg A/S, President and CEO of Novo Nordisk 2000–2016.
Elected: 2017
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

Information regarding own shareholdings and those of related persons pertains to the situation on December 31, 2022.
Barbara Milian Thoralfsson (1959)
MBA, BA
Chairman of the Board of Exclusive Networks SA. Member of the Board of Hilti AG and Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA. Member of the Advisory Board Sparbank1 Markets. Former President of NetCom ASA 2001–2005 and President of MiljöForum Co AS 1995–2000. Former member of the Boards of Cable & Wireless Plc, AB Electrolux, G4S Plc, Orkla ASA, Tandberg ASA and Telenor ASA. Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 1,000

Magnus Groth (1963)
MBA and MSc ME
President and CEO of Essity.
Elected: 2016
Independent of Essity’s major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 76,000

Susanna Lind (1966)
Operator at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Falkenberg
Member of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO).
Appointed: 2019
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 120

Örjan Svensson (1963)
Senior Industrial Safety Representative at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Edet Bruk, Lilla Edet
Member of the Swedish Trade Union Confederation (LO).
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 112

Niklas Thulin (1976)
Senior IT Business Analyst at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Gothenburg
Member of the Council for Negotiation and Cooperation (PTK).
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 36

Deputies

Niklas Engdahl (1980)
Employed at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Lilla Edet.
Member of the Council for Negotiation and Cooperation (PTK).
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

Martin Ericsson (1968)
Employed at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Falkenberg.
Member of the Council for Negotiation and Cooperation (PTK).
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class A shares: 200, Class B shares: 200

Andreas Larsson (1989)
Employed at Essity Hygiene and Health AB, Gothenburg.
Member of the Council for Negotiation and Cooperation (PTK).
Appointed: 2018
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 2,120

Auditors

Ernst & Young AB
Senior Auditor:
Hamish Mabon, Authorized Public Accountant
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

Secretary to the Board

Mikael Schmidt (1960)
Master of Laws
Senior Vice President, Group Function Legal Affairs, General Counsel
Employed since 1992
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 31,000
Executive Management Team

**Magnus Groth** (1963)
President and CEO
MBA and MSc ME
Employed since: 2011
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 76,000

**Fredrik Rystedt** (1963)
CFO and Executive Vice President, Head of Group Function Finance
MSc Econ
Employed since: 2014
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 27,200

**Joséphine Edwall Björklund** (1964)
Senior Vice President, Group Function Communications
University Degree in Communications
Employed since: 2012
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 11,110

**Pablo Fuentes** (1973)
President, Professional Hygiene
MSc, MBA
Employed since: 2006
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 10,077

**Donato Giorgio** (1973)
President, Global Supply Chain
MSc Eng
Employed since: 2009
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 9,665

**Andres Gomez** (1977)
President, Consumer Goods Americas
MBA and MSc Eng
Employed since: 2021
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

**Ulrika Kolsrud** (1970)
President, Health & Medical
MSc Eng.
Employed since: 1995
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 8,553

**Mikael Schmidt** (1960)
Senior Vice President, Group Function Legal Affairs,
General Counsel and Secretary to the Board
Master of Laws
Employed since: 1992
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 31,000

Information regarding own shareholdings and those of related persons pertains to the situation on December 31, 2022.
Tuomas Yrjölä (1978)
President, Global Brand, Innovation and Sustainability
MSc Econ
Employed since: 2014
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 8,225

Sahil Tesfu (1982)
Senior Vice President Group Function Strategy & Business Development
MBA Business Administration
Employed since: 2021
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

Anna Sävinger Åslund (1969)
Senior Vice President, Group Function Human Resources
BSc Human Resources
Employed since: 2001
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 7,145

Volker Zöller (1967)
President, Consumer Goods EMEA
BSc BA
Employed since: 1994
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 11,946

To be appointed
President, Global Digital & Business Services