

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 2019 Annual Report. The report has been reviewed by the company's auditors.

Corporate governance, including remuneration, pages 46–55.

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. Information regarding remuneration and remuneration issues and Essity's internal control are also included here. Essity applies the

Swedish Code of Corporate Governance without any deviations (www.corporategovernanceboard.se).

Risk management, pages 34–39

Essity's processes to identify and manage risks are part of the Group's strategy work and are pursued at a local and Group-wide level. The section dealing with risk management describes the most significant risks and procedures used to eliminate or limit these risks.

Sustainability

Essity's sustainability work is an integral part of the company's business model. The company's sustainability report forms part of the Board of Directors' Report. The sustainability work helps reduce risks and costs, strengthen competitiveness, attract new employees and investors, and contributes toward a more sustainable world.

Governance at Essity

1. General shareholder meeting

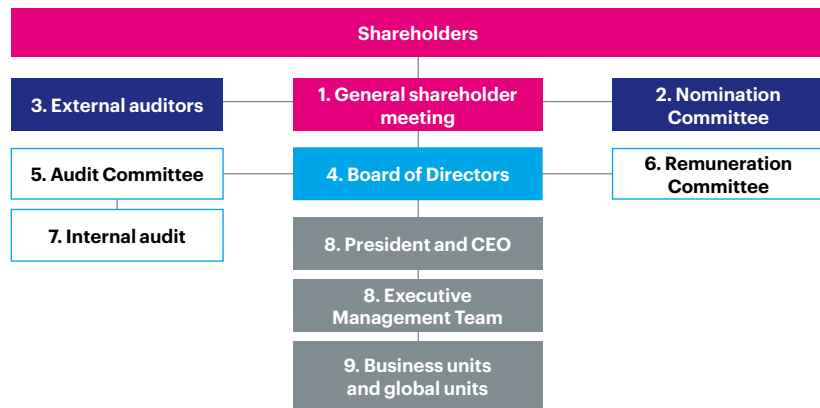
The general shareholder meeting is Essity's highest decision-making body, which all of the company's shareholders are entitled to attend, to have a matter considered and to vote for all shares held by the shareholder. The company's Board of Directors and auditor are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). The AGM also resolves on the remuneration of the Board members and determines guidelines for the remuneration of senior executives. 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 relating to voting rights in respect of shares used by shareholders at the general shareholders meeting. Essity holds no treasury shares.

2. 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.

3. External auditors

The company's auditor is elected at the Annual General Meeting and is responsible for reviewing Essity's annual report and



consolidated financial statements and the Board's and President's administration. The auditor submits an audit report from this review.

The audit is performed in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act, International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and generally accepted auditing principles in Sweden.

4. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors 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, including the management team, and by issuing guidelines and reporting from internal control. The Board approves strategies and targets, and decides on major investments, acquisitions and divestments of operations, among other matters.

The Board of Directors comprises nine members elected by the shareholders at the 2019 AGM. 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. The general shareholder meeting has not delegated to the Board to resolve to issue new shares or to repurchase own shares.

Chairman of the Board

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.

5. 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 report and consolidated financial statements and where applicable 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.

6. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee drafts the Board's motions on issues relating to remuneration principles, remuneration and other terms and conditions of employment for the President and is authorized to make decisions in these matters for the company's other senior executives. The Committee monitors and assesses programs for variable remuneration, the application of the AGM's resolution on guidelines for remuneration of senior executives and the applicable remuneration structure and remuneration levels in the Group.

7. 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 reports to the Audit Committee and the Board in relation to internal audit issues. The internal auditors are geographically located throughout the world where Essity conducts operations. The internal audit examines, among other aspects, Essity's internal processes for sales, sourcing, financial reporting, IT systems, information security, HR issues, sustainability, various types of projects and compliance with Essity's internal rules,

including the company's Code of Conduct. The internal audit also provides investigations and consultancy services in connection with internal control matters and risk management.

8. President and Executive Management Team

Essity's President and CEO is responsible for and manages the day-to-day administration of the Group and follows the Board's guidelines and instructions. The President and CEO is supported by the Executive Management Team, see pages 54–55, the work of which is led by the President. The Executive Management Team comprises the President, four Group Function Senior Vice Presidents, four Business Unit Presidents and the Presidents of the three global units. 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.

9. Business units and global units:

Business units:

- Consumer Goods, which offers consumer tissue, baby care and feminine care in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.
- Health and Medical Solutions, which offers incontinence products in Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa and medical solutions in Asia, Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa.
- Latin America, which offers consumer tissue, baby care, incontinence products, medical solutions, feminine care and professional hygiene in Latin America.
- Professional Hygiene, which offers professional hygiene in Europe, North America, the Middle East and Africa.

Global units:

- Global Brand, Innovation and Sustainability has global responsibility for customer and consumer brands, innovation and sustainability and public affairs.
- Global Manufacturing has global responsibility for production and technology concerning all product categories with the exception of medical solutions.
- Global Operational Services has global responsibility for sourcing, logistics, business services, IT and digitalization.

Essity's business units and global units adhere to the principle of distinct decentralization of responsibility and authority. The business units and the global units have a delegated responsibility for managing and developing their respective operations through established objectives and strategies, a process that is also centrally coordi-

nated. The business units are responsible for their operating results, capital and cash flow. The business and earnings position is followed up by the entire Executive Management Team on a monthly basis. Each quarter, business review meetings are conducted during which the management of each business unit personally meets with the President and the CFO. These meetings function as a complement to the daily monitoring of operations. Through working procedures and terms of reference, a number of issues of material significance are placed under the control of the CEO and the company's Board of Directors. Essity reports its operations according to three business areas: Personal Care, Consumer Tissue and Professional Hygiene.

Rules and regulations

Certain internal rules and regulations

- Articles of Association
- Working procedures of the Board of Directors, including instructions for the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee
- Terms of reference issued by the Board to the President
- Code of Conduct
- Policy documents and instructions (in areas such as finance, human resources, 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 rules for issuers
- Swedish Code of Corporate Governance

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 board or any other authority or self-regulating body for violations of the rules concerning the stock market.

More detailed information about Essity's corporate governance is available on www.essity.com

- Articles of Association
- Swedish Code of Corporate Governance
- Information from the Nomination Committee ahead of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (composition, proposals and work)
- Other information ahead of the 2020 Annual General Meeting (notice, Board proposal for guidelines for remuneration of senior executives, information about routines for notifying attendance at the Meeting, etc.).

Activities during the year

Annual General Meeting

Essity held its AGM in Stockholm on Thursday, April 4, 2019.

The AGM elected the company's Board of Directors. Moreover, guidelines for determining the salary and other remuneration of the President and other senior executives were adopted, see page 50 and Note C2 on pages 80–81.

Nomination Committee

Under the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, a company listed on Nasdaq Stockholm shall have a nomination committee, the purpose of which is to make 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 2017 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 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 composition of the next Nomination Committee is 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 independence of Board members, as well as the requirement of diversity and breadth with the endeavor to achieve an even gender distribution and that the selection shall be based on expertise and experience relevant to Essity.

Composition of the Nomination Committee for the 2020 AGM

The composition of the Nomination Committee for the 2020 AGM is as follows:

- Helena Stjernholm, AB Industrivärden, Chairman of the Nomination Committee
- Jonas Jølle, Norges Bank Investment Management
- Stefan Nilsson, Handelsbanken Pension Funds and others
- Anders Oscarsson, AMF and AMF Fonder
- Pär Boman, Chairman of the Board, Essity

All shareholders have had an opportunity to submit proposals to the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee's proposal for the 2020 AGM is presented in the notice convening the AGM available on Essity's website www.essity.com. The 2020 AGM will be held on Thursday, April 2, see page 8.

The Nomination Committee was convened on two occasions prior to the 2020 AGM. The Chairman of the Board presented the Board evaluation and provided the Nomination Committee with information regarding Board and committee work during the year. When preparing proposals for the Board for the 2020 AGM, particular attention has been paid to the issues of diversity and an even gender distribution, and the Nomination Committee thus applied Item 4.1 of the Swedish Corporate Governance Code as its diversity policy. The aim was to retain gender balance on both the Board and the Board's committees. 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

Essity's Board of Directors comprises nine members elected by the AGM.

Board of Directors and committees

Board of Directors	Elected	Depend-ence	Committees		Attendance ¹⁾		
			Audit	Remuner-ation	Board of Directors (9)	Audit Committee (6)	Remuneration Committee (3)
Ewa Björling	2016				9/9		
Pär Boman	2016	■	x	Chairman	9/9	6/6	3/3
Maija-Liisa Friman	2016				9/9		
Annemarie Gardshol	2016				8/9		
Magnus Groth	2016	■			9/9		
Bert Nordberg	2016		x	x	9/9	6/6	3/3
Louise Svanberg	2016			x	9/9		3/3
Lars Rebien Sørensen	2017				8/9		
Barbara Milian Thoralfsson	2016			Chairman	9/9	6/6	

¹⁾ Board meetings January 1–December 31, 2019.

■ = Dependent in relation to the company's major shareholder, AB Industrivärden.

■ = President of Essity, dependent in relation to the company and corporate management.

Composition of the largest shareholders, Nomination Committee at August 31, 2019 (share of votes)

	%
AB Industrivärden	29.9
Norges Bank Investment Management	6.9
Handelsbanken's foundations, etc.	3.8
AMF Insurance and Funds	3.3

Ewa Björling, Pär Boman, Majja-Liisa Friman, Annemarie Gardshol, Magnus Groth, Bert Nordberg, Louise Svanberg, Lars Rebién Sørensen and Barbara Milian Thoralfsson were elected as Board members in 2019. Pär Boman was elected as the Chairman of the Board.

The independence of Board members is presented in the table on page 48. Essity complies with the requirements of the Swedish Corporate Governance Code that stipulate that not more than one member elected by the AGM shall be a member of corporate management, that the majority of the members elected by the AGM shall be independent of the company and company management, and that not fewer than two of these shall also be independent of the company's major shareholders. All of the AGM-elected Board members have experience of the requirements incumbent upon a listed company. Five of the Board members are women, corresponding to 55% of the total number of AGM-elected Board members. The employees have appointed Susanna Naumanen, Örjan Svensson and Niclas Thulin as representatives to the Board for the period until the 2020 AGM, and their deputies Niklas Engdahl, Martin Ericsson and Andreas Larsson.

Board activities

In 2019, the Board was convened nine times. 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, 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 2019, the Board of Directors has — in addition to the customary work of the Board — focused on the integration of BSN medical and on issues within the scope of ongoing efficiency improvement and

profitability programs. During the autumn, the Board of Directors also focused on strategy work and issues in connection with the cost-savings program presented by the company on September 28, 2018, in light of the then prevailing market situation, raised raw material and energy costs and events in the business environment.

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 provide the Nomination Committee with decision data for its nomination work. External expertise was used. The evaluation took the form of an anonymous questionnaire and interviews as well as group and individual discussions. The evaluation covers such areas as the Board's methods of work, effectiveness, expertise and the year's work. The Board was provided with feedback after the results were compiled. The Nomination Committee was also informed of the results of the evaluation.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee comprises Chairman Barbara Milian Thoralfsson, Pär Boman and Bert Nordberg. The Audit Committee held six meetings during the year. In addition, members have also held meetings with internal audit, the auditors and the CFO, and held meetings with the auditors and CFOs of large partly-owned companies. In its monitoring of the financial reporting, the Committee dealt with relevant accounting issues, internal auditors' reviews, auditing work, a review of various measurement issues, such as testing of impairment requirements for goodwill, and the pre-conditions for the year's pension liability calculations. 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 Chairman Pär Boman, Bert Nordberg and Louise Svanberg. The Remuneration Committee held three meetings in 2019. 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 question, prior to the Board's decision, of guidelines for remuneration of

senior executives taking into account new legislative requirements.

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 analysis forms the basis of an audit plan, which is presented to the Audit Committee together with the risk analysis. In 2019, 114 audit projects were performed and reported at meetings with the Audit Committee.

Work in 2019 involved follow-up of the units' progress with process-based control, follow-up of the efficiency in internal governance and control, follow-up of major investments and restructuring programs, follow-up of sustainability, and follow-up of compliance with Essity's policies.

External auditor

The 2019 Annual General Meeting 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 for Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA, Skanska AB, AB Tetra Pak and Husqvarna AB, among other companies. He owns no shares in the company.

In accordance with its formal work plan, the Board met with the auditors at three scheduled Board meetings in 2019. 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 for concern or discussion 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 detailed discussion on the accounts take place without representatives of company management being present.

Remuneration, Management and Board of Directors

Guidelines

The 2019 AGM adopted guidelines for remuneration of senior executives that are based on a total remuneration package comprising a fixed salary, variable salary and other benefits, and a pension, see Note C2 on pages 80–81. Updated guidelines, adapted to the new legal provisions on remuneration to senior executives and changes in the Swedish Corporate Governance Code that took effect on January 1, 2020, have been proposed to the 2020 AGM, see pages 29–30.

Remuneration of the President and other senior executives

Remuneration of the President and other senior executives is presented in Note C2 on pages 80–81. Variable remuneration for the President, CFO and other senior executives was maximized to a total of 100% of the fixed salary for 2019. For two Business Unit Presidents, stationed in Latin America and the US, the maximum outcome is 110–130%.

Variable remuneration and strategic targets

Programs for variable remuneration are formulated to support the Group's strategic targets. The short-term program is individually adapted and based mainly on cash flow, EBITA margin and organic sales growth. The long-term program is based on the Essity share's long-term total shareholder return, whereby remuneration is linked to the performance of the company's B share, measured as the TSR (Total Shareholder Return) index compared with the MSCI Household Products Index, Consumer Staples, which contains competitors' shares over a three-year period, where the maximum outcome requires a 5% better outcome for the Essity share compared with the benchmark index during the multiannual period.

Payment of remuneration for achieving the long-term performance target is also associated with requirements for certain investments in the Essity share and multi-year ownership of the shares.

Remuneration of the Board

The total remuneration of the AGM-elected Board members amounted to SEK 9,010,000 in accordance with the AGM's resolution. See Note C3 on page 82 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 Board bears the overall responsibility for financial reporting and its working procedures regulate the internal division of work between the Board and its committees.

The Audit Committee has the important task of preparing the Board's work to assure the quality of financial reporting. This preparation work includes issues relating to internal control and regulation compliance, control of recognized values, estimations, assessments and other activities that may impact the quality of the financial reports. The Committee has charged the company's auditor with the task of specifically examining the degree of compliance in the company with the rules for internal control, both general and detailed.

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

For a number of years now, Essity has used a shared reporting system for financial reports. An increasing number of units within Essity are also introducing the same accounting system based on a common IT platform.

Accounting and reporting for several units are, to a certain extent, conducted in Shared Service Centers. Reporting is therefore more efficient and uniform.

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 issued, 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.

Risk management

With regard to financial reporting, the risk that material errors may be made when reporting the company's financial position and results is considered the primary risk. To minimize this risk, control documents have been established pertaining to accounting, procedures for annual accounts and follow-up of reported annual accounts. There is also a joint system for reporting annual accounts. Essity's Board of Directors and management assess the financial reporting from a risk perspective on an ongoing basis. To provide support for this assessment, the company's income statement and balance sheet items are compared with earlier reports, budgets and other planned figures. Control activities that are significant to financial reporting are carried out using the company's IT system. For further information, see the Risk and risk management section on pages 34–39.

Control activities and follow-up

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, complete and delivered in a timely manner. In addition, each business unit has a Finance Manager with responsibility for the individual business unit's financial statements. 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. The controls are adapted to the operational process and system structure of each unit. Accordingly, each unit prepares a record of the actual controls to be carried out in the unit in question. Control of these processes is assessed through self-evaluation followed up by an internal audit. In some cases, Essity has enlisted external help to validate these controls.

Financial results are reported and examined regularly within the management teams of the operating units and communicated to Essity's management at monthly and quarterly meetings. Before reports are issued, results are analyzed to identify and eliminate any mistakes in the process until the year-end closing. For additional information, see the Internal audit section on page 49.

The Board follows up to ensure that the internal control and reporting to the Board functions through continuous reporting from the President and CFO and through reporting from the internal audit unit in the scope of the audit plan set annually. Internal audit also continuously reports its observations in this respect to the Audit Committee. Internal audit's tasks include following up compliance with the company's internal rules, and the results of this follow-up are reported to the Board through the Audit Committee.

Board of Directors and Auditors

Elected by the Annual General Meeting



Pär Boman (1961)
Engineering and Business Administration degrees
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 AB Industrivärden and member of the Board of Skanska 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: 3,000



Ewa Björling (1961)
Med. Dr. Sci. and Associate Professor from Karolinska Institutet.
Chairman of the Board of The Swedish Petroleum & Biofuels Institute (SPBI). Member of the boards of Biogaia AB, Bioarctic AB and Mobilaris AB. Former member of the Boards of the Swedish National Insurance Office, the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA.
Minister for Trade 2007–2014, and Minister for Nordic Cooperation 2010–2014. Previously Karolinska Institutet.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity's major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0



Maija-Liisa Friman (1952)
MSc Eng.
Partner of Boardman Oy.
Former Chairman of the Board of Helsinki Deaconess Institute and Ekokem. Vice Chairman of Neste Corporation, member of the Boards of TeliaSonera, Rautaruukki, Metso, Talvivaara Mining Company Plc, Finnair, Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA and Securities Market Association.
Former CEO of Aspocomp Group Plc 2004–2007 and President of Vattenfall Oy and Gyproc Oy.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity's major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0



Annemarie Gardshol (1967)
MSc Eng.
Member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA.
CEO of PostNord and President PostNord Sverige.
Former member of the Boards of Etac AB, Bygghemma AB, Ortivus and Semcon. Former President of PostNord Strålfors Group AB and various management positions in Gambro AB and McKinsey & Company.
Elected: 2016
Independent of the company, corporate management and Essity's major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 2,300



Bert Nordberg (1956)
Engineer
Chairman of the Board of Vestas Wind Systems A/S. Member of the Boards of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA and SAAB.
Previously held various management positions in Digital Equipment Corp. and Ericsson, President of Sony Mobile Communications AB 2009–2012. Former Chairman of the Board of Sony Mobile Communications 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: 16,800



Louise Svanberg (1958)
MSc Econ.
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 2008–2010. Former member of the Boards of Careers Australia Group Ltd and 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: 18,940



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

Appointed by the employees



Susanna Naumanen (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: 0



Barbara Milian Thoralfsson (1959)
MBA, BA
Member of the Board of Hilti AG, G4S Plc and Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA.
Former President of NetCom ASA 2001–2005 and President of Midelfart & Co AS 1995–2000. Former member of the Boards of Cable & Wireless Plc, AB Electrolux, 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: 0



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).
Former member of the Board of Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA.
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 112



Magnus Groth (1963)
MBA and MSc ME
President and CEO of Essity.
Former President and CEO of SCA 2015–2017, former President of SCA Consumer Goods Europe 2011–2015. President of Studsvik AB (publ) 2006–2011 and SVP of Vattenfall 2001–2005. Former member of the Board of Acando AB, Svenska Cellulosa Aktiebolaget SCA and Studsvik.
Elected: 2016
Independent of Essity's major shareholders.
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 48,900



Niclas Thulin (1976)
IT Specialist Collaboration & Workplace at Essity Hygiene & Health AB, Gothenburg
Member of the Council for Negotiation and Cooperation (PTK).
Appointed: 2017
Own shareholdings and those of related persons: 0

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: 1,420

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: 27,000

Information regarding own shareholdings and those of related persons pertains to the situation on December 31, 2019.

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: 48,900



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: 18,800



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: 9,225



Pablo Fuentes (1973)
President, Latin America
MSc, MBA
Employed since: 2006
Individuals' own and related parties' shareholdings Essity ADR: 9,606
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 6,948



Donato Giorgio (1973)
President, Global Manufacturing
Master in Mechanical Engineering
Employed since: 2009
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 8,507



Ulrika Kolsrud (1970)
President, Health and Medical Solutions
MSc Eng.
Employed since: 1995
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 7,003

Information regarding own shareholdings and those of related persons pertains to the situation on December 31, 2019.



Don Lewis (1961)
President, Professional Hygiene
BSc BA
Employed since: 2002
Own shareholdings and those of related persons Essity ADR: 22,127



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: 27,000



Robert Sjöström (1964)
President, Global Operational Services
MSc Econ, MBA
Employed since: 2009
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 22,000



Tuomas Yrjölä (1978)
President, Global Brand, Innovation and
Sustainability
MSc Econ, BA
Employed since: 2014
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 6,395



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: 5,685



Volker Zöllner (1967)
President, Consumer Goods
BSc BA
Employed since: 1994
Own shareholdings and those of related persons, Class B shares: 9,975

Information regarding own shareholdings and those of related persons pertains to the situation on December 31, 2019.