

Item number 5 on the agenda

Election of the auditor, the group auditor and of the auditor of the consolidated sustainability report for the 2024/25 financial year

The Supervisory Board proposes that BDO Assurance GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft, whose registered office is in Vienna, be appointed auditor for the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements for the 2024/25 financial year and auditor for the consolidated sustainability report 2024/25 if this is required by statutory provisions for the 2024/25 financial year.

Reasons

According to Directive (EU) 2022/2464 (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive/CSRD) listed entities are required to have their sustainability report audited by a third party. The said EU Directive had not yet been transposed into national law by the Austrian legislator on the day this proposal was made. To avoid an Extraordinary General Meeting for the appointment of an auditor for the consolidated sustainability report for the 2024/25 financial year at a later point in time, a resolution to that effect is to be passed by this Annual General Meeting.