

Agenda item 5

Voting recommendation by the Supervisory Board

As part of a pan-European tender process, in 2022 the Supervisory Board's Audit Committee invited tenders regarding the audits for financial years 2023 and beyond and evaluated the responses based on transparent price and quality criteria. This process led to the determination that Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H. (FN 267030 t) is the best-positioned candidate in terms of both qualitative criteria and fees.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board resolved to recommend to the Annual General Meeting that it appoint Ernst & Young Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft m.b.H. (FN 267030 t) as the auditor of the annual and consolidated financial statements for financial year 2023.