

Eriikka Söderström appointed Chair of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee of Bekaert

The Board of Directors of Bekaert is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Eriikka Söderström as Chairman of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee.

Ms Eriikka Söderström, Finnish national, is an independent Director on the Board of Bekaert and has been a member of the Audit, Risk and Finance Committee since May 2020.

Ms Söderström's competence in accounting and auditing is demonstrated by her former positions as Chief Financial Officer of F-Secure Corporation, Kone Corporation, and Vacon Plc, all stock-listed on Nasdaq Helsinki. Additionally, she holds audit committee chair experience from mandates at Valmet, Kempower, and previously at Comptel. Eriikka Söderström holds a Master's degree in Science (Economics) from the University of Vaasa, Finland.

The Audit, Risk and Finance Committee (ARFC) of Bekaert is composed in accordance with Article 7:99 of the Belgian Code on Companies and Associations and provision 4.3 of the Belgian Corporate Governance Code 2020: all its four members are non-executive Directors and two of its members, Ms Eriikka Söderström and Mr Jürgen Tinggren, are independent.

The composition of the ARFC changed on 11 May 2022, when two Board members retired: Mr Hubert Jacobs van Merlen, who was Chairman of the ARFC until that date, and Mr Charles de Liedekerke, who was a member of the ARFC until that date. The members of the ARFC have elected the new Chair during their meeting of 27 July 2022.

The Audit, Risk and Finance Committee of Bekaert is currently composed as follows:

Name	First appointed	Expiry of current Board term
Eriikka Söderström ARFC Chair Member of the Board of Directors Independent Director	2020	2025
Jürgen Tinggren Chairman of the Board of Directors Independent Director	2019	2023
Henri Jean Velge Member of the Board of Directors	2016	2024
Gregory Dalle Member of the Board of Directors	2015	2023

Company profile

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