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Annual General Meeting of GN Store Nord A/S

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (CET) Company reg. no. 24257843



TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF GN STORE NORD A/S

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. (CET) at GN Store Nord A/S, Lautrupbjerg 7, DK-2750 Ballerup, Denmark.

Attendance, request for admission card(s), and voting paper

Registration

Shareholders must register for GN Store Nord A/S' Annual General Meeting by requesting an admission card. Admission cards can be obtained through the Shareholder Portal hosted by Computershare A/S at www.computershare.dk (also accessible through the company's website at www.gn.com/agm) or by phone +45 45 46 09 97.

Shareholders may attend the Annual General Meeting together with one accompanying person (advisor or guest). Shareholders wishing to attend the Annual General Meeting with an accompanying person have to request an extra admission card.

The deadline for ordering admission card(s) is Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (CET).

Admission cards are issued electronically. The admission card(s) will be sent to the email address provided by the shareholder on the Shareholder Portal at www.computershare.dk.

Participation at the Annual General Meeting

Participants must bring the admission card(s) to the Annual General Meeting, either electronically on a smartphone/tablet or in print. Admission card(s) may also be collected at the registration counter at the entrance to the Annual General Meeting upon presentation of proof of identity. A printed voting paper will be provided at the registration counter.

Live streaming from the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is transmitted live in Danish and English via webcast on the company's website, www.gn.com/agm.

Voting if not participating at the Annual General Meeting

Shareholders who do not expect to attend the Annual General Meeting may vote by postal vote or by proxy given to the Chairman of the Board of Directors or to a person appointed by the shareholder and participating at the Annual General Meeting. Submission of postal vote or proxy may take place through the Shareholder Portal at www.com-putershare.dk (also accessible through the company's website at www.gn.com/agm).

A proxy must be received by Computershare A/S no later than Friday, March 10, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. (CET).

A postal vote must be received by Computershare A/S no later than Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. (CET). Please note that once received by Computershare A/S, the postal vote cannot be revoked or replaced by a new postal vote.

Communication by email or ordinary mail

Shareholders also have the option of requesting admission card(s) or submitting their postal vote/proxy by email or ordinary mail. The registration/proxy/postal vote form can be downloaded from the Shareholder Portal at www.com-putershare.dk or www.gn.com/agm. The form must be signed and returned to Computershare A/S as set out in the form.



Agenda and complete proposals

1. Report by the Board of Directors on the activities of the company during the past year.

The Board of Directors proposes that the report is noted by the general meeting.

2. Submission of the audited Annual Report for approval.

The Board of Directors proposes that the audited Annual Report 2022 is approved. The Annual Report 2022 is available on the company's website, www.gn.com/agm.

3. Resolution of discharge to the Board of Directors and the Executive Management.

The Board of Directors proposes that the Board of Directors and the Executive Management are granted discharge from liability.

4. Decision on application of profits or covering of losses in accordance with the approved Annual Report.

The Board of Directors refers to page 57 of the Annual Report 2022 containing the proposal on distribution of the annual profits, according to which no dividends are paid out in respect of the financial year 2022.

5. Presentation of and advisory vote regarding the Remuneration Report.

The company has prepared a Remuneration Report covering the financial year 2022, which is available on the company's website, <u>www.gn.com/agm</u>. The Remuneration Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable rules and regulations and is presented to the Annual General Meeting for an advisory vote.

The Board of Directors notes that the 2022 Remuneration Report has been prepared to further enhance transparency in remuneration reporting and, after consultation with several key investors during the year, to directly address shareholder feedback provided to the 2021 Remuneration Report. It has also been prepared with a view to comply with applicable rules and the Danish Recommendations on Corporate Governance published by the Committee on Corporate Governance. The report covers remuneration due or awarded during the financial year 2022 to the company's Board of Directors and Executive Management.

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting approves the company's 2022 Remuneration Report in the advisory vote.

6. Approval of remuneration to the Board of Directors for the current financial year.

The Board of Directors proposes that the remuneration approved by the Annual General Meeting for the financial year 2022 is maintained at the same level for the financial year 2023:

The base fee for serving on the Board of Directors of GN Store Nord A/S remains at DKK 305,000, with 2 times the base fee to the Deputy Chairman and 3 times the base fee to the Chairman.

The base fee for serving on the Board of Directors of each of GN Audio A/S and GN Hearing A/S, respectively, remains at DKK 120,000, with 1.75 times the base fee to the Deputy Chairman and 2.5 times the base fee to the Chairman.

The base fee for serving on each of the Audit Committee, the Remuneration Committee, or the Strategy Committee, respectively, remains at DKK 185,000, with 2 times the base fee to the Chairman of the respective committee

The base fee for serving on the Nomination Committee remains at DKK 90,000, with 2 times the base fee to the Chairman of the committee.



In addition to reimbursement of travel expenses, members of the Board of Directors are entitled to receive a fixed allowance in the following amounts in connection with participation in Board and/or committee related meetings held outside the Board Members' country of residence:

- EUR 3,000 per journey to (a) meeting(s) held on the same continent as the Board Member resides,
 and
- EUR 6,000 per journey to (a) meeting(s) held on a continent other than the continent on which the Board Member resides.

The fixed travel allowance amounts also remain unchanged from the financial year 2022.

In addition to the above-mentioned fees, GN pays statutory contributions to social security and similar taxes and charges within the EU/EEA that GN is obligated to pay according to applicable law in relation to a member of the Board of Directors' directorship with GN.

7. Election of members to the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to article 15.1 of the company's Articles of Association, all members of the Board of Directors elected by the general meeting are elected for a term until the company's next Annual General Meeting.

As set out in company announcement no. 3 of January 26, 2023, Per Wold-Olsen has decided not to stand for re-election as member of the Board of Directors as per the end of his current term.

The Board of Directors proposes re-election of: Jukka Pekka Pertola, Hélène Barnekow, Montserrat Maresch Pascual, Ronica Wang and Anette Weber.

The Board of Directors proposes election of Klaus Holse as new member of the Board of Directors. Klaus Holse serves as a Chairman of the board of directors of Zenegy ApS, SuperOffice AS, EG A/S, Vizrt Group AS, Macrobond Financial AB and the Confederation of Danish Industry and serves as a member of the board of directors of Better Collective ApS and Terma A/S. The Board of Directors proposes election of Klaus Holse as he will add significant international leadership experience from the IT and software industry along with sustainability and digitalization insight. Further information on Klaus Holse's directorships and management positions can be found in Appendix 1.

Jukka Pekka Pertola, Hélène Barnekow, Montserrat Maresch Pascual, Ronica Wang and Anette Weber are all considered independent as defined in the Danish Recommendations on Corporate Governance published by the Committee on Corporate Governance. The proposed new member of the Board of Directors, Klaus Holse, is also considered independent.

As set out in company announcement no. 3 of January 26, 2023, the Board of Directors intends to constitute itself with Jukka Pekka Pertola as the new Chairman of the Board of Directors. In this connection, Jukka Pekka Pertola has informed the company that during 2023, he will reduce his number of other board and chair positions held outside of GN to fully comply with governance standards and investor requirements, e.g. by ensuring that he holds no more than two chair positions and one position as ordinary board member in listed companies. In this regard, GomSpace Group AB has announced on January 18, 2023, that it is likely that Jukka Pekka Pertola will have to resign from his board position in GomSpace Group AB in August 2023 at the latest. In addition, Asetek A/S has announced on February 20, 2023, that Jukka Pekka Pertola will step down as the Chairman of the board of directors of Asetek A/S and is expected to remain on the board of directors as an ordinary member.

Information on directorships and management positions of each candidate proposed for re-election to the Board of Directors is attached hereto as Appendix 2. Further information may be found on www.gn.com and in the Annual Report 2022.



8. Election of a state-authorized public accountant to serve until the company's next Annual General Meeting.

Pursuant to article 18.2 of the Articles of Association, a state-authorized public accountant must be elected for the term until the next Annual General Meeting. Based on a recommendation from the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors proposes re-election of PricewaterhouseCoopers Statsautoriseret Revisionspartner-selskab (PwC), company reg. no.: 33771231.

In connection with the above, the Audit Committee has not been influenced by third parties nor has it been subject to any contractual obligations restricting the Annual General Meeting's choice of certain auditors or audit firms.

- 9. Proposals from the Board of Directors.
 - a. Proposal from the Board of Directors to authorize the Board of Directors to increase the share capital with pre-emptive rights for existing shareholders and to insert a new article 5.1 in the Articles of Association in accordance herewith.

As referred to in company announcement no. 6 of February 8, 2023, the company is contemplating to complete a rights issue in the first half of 2023.

The Board of Directors consequently proposes for the Annual General Meeting to authorize the Board of Directors to increase the company's share capital by the nominal value of up to DKK 2,000,000,000 from the nominal value of DKK 548,773,512 to the nominal value of up to DKK 2,548,773,512 by way of cash contribution (the "**Rights Issue**"). The company's existing shareholders shall have pre-emptive rights to subscribe for the new shares, proportional to their shareholdings.

The Board of Directors intends to use the authorization to increase the company's share capital by the nominal value of up to DKK 2,000,000,000 to raise gross proceeds of up to DKK 7 billion in connection with the Rights Issue, as referred to in company announcement no. 6 of February 8, 2023. Proceeds from the Rights Issue will be used to strengthen the company's balance sheet by repaying debt. With this action the company confirms its commitment to the capital structure policy with a target of 1-2x NIBD/EBITDA, which the company plans to reach in the short term. The company has entered into a standby underwriting letter and, as such, the Rights Issue is, subject to certain customary conditions, fully underwritten by a syndicate of banks.

In order to be able to affect the Rights Issue it is proposed to reword the existing article 5.1 in the company's Articles of Association to the following:

"5.1 The board of directors is authorized to increase the share capital with preemptive rights for the existing shareholders by issuing new shares in one or more rounds with a total nominal value of up to DKK 2,000,000,000 from the nominal value of DKK 548,773,512 to a nominal value of up to DKK 2,548,773,512 by way of cash contribution. The new shares shall be subscribed for at market price or at a price discounted to the market price. The authorization is valid until 15 March 2024."

The authorization will further be subject to the terms set out in articles 5.7 and 5.8 of the Articles of Association (proposed to be renumbered to articles 5.3 and 5.4, respectively, pursuant to agenda item 9c below).

b. Proposal from the Board of Directors to renew the standard authorization to the Board of Directors to increase the share capital without pre-emptive rights (article 5.2 of the Articles of Association).

The standard authorization to issue shares in article 5.2 of the company's Articles of Association expires on 13 March 2023. Hence, the Board of Directors proposes that, until 15 March 2024, the Board of Directors be



authorized to increase the company's share capital by the nominal value of up to DKK 54,877,348, corresponding to 10% of the share capital, without preemptive rights for the existing shareholders by way of cash contribution.

It is proposed that article 5.2 in the company's Articles of Association be adopted with the following wording:

"5.2 The board of directors is authorized to increase the share capital without preemptive rights for the existing shareholders by issuing new shares in one or more rounds with a total nominal value of up to DKK 54,877,348 by way of cash contribution. The new shares shall be subscribed for at market price. The authorization is valid until 15 March 2024."

The authorization will further be subject to the terms set out in articles 5.7 and 5.8 of the Articles of Association (proposed to be renumbered to articles 5.3 and 5.4, respectively, pursuant to agenda item 9c below).

c. Proposal from the Board of Directors to remove articles 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6 from the company's Articles of Association.

The Board of Directors proposes that articles 5.3, 5.4 and 5.6 of the company's Articles of Association authorizing the Board of Directors to issue convertible debt instruments, to issue warrants and to increase the share capital in connection with the exercise of warrants, respectively, be removed from the company's Articles of Association as the authorizations have expired and the company does not see a need for renewal of such.

The Board of Directors also proposes to remove article 5.5 as the company does not intent to issue new shares against other payment than cash during the coming year. The new authorizations proposed under items 9a and 9b can only be exercised against cash payment.

As a consequential change article 5.5 will be removed and articles 5.7 and 5.8 be renumbered to 5.3 and 5.4 respectively.

Following adoption of agenda item 9a, 9b and 9c, article 5 of the company's Articles of Association will be worded as follows:

- "5.1 The board of directors is authorized to increase the share capital with preemptive rights for the existing shareholders by issuing new shares in one or more rounds with a total nominal value of up to DKK 2,000,000,000 from the nominal value of DKK 548,773,512 to a nominal value of up to DKK 2,548,773,512 by way of cash contribution. The new shares shall be subscribed for at market price or at a price discounted to the market price. The authorization is valid until 15 March 2024.
- 5.2 The board of directors is authorized to increase the share capital without preemptive rights for the existing shareholders by issuing new shares in one or more rounds with a total nominal value of up to DKK 54,877,348 by way of cash contribution. The new shares shall be subscribed for at market price. The authorization is valid until 15 March 2024.
- 5.3 Shares issued pursuant to this Article 5 cannot be issued against partial payment and are issued in the name of the holder. The shares carry dividend from such time as resolved by the board of directors, but not later than for the financial year following the year of the capital increase. The shares are freely negotiable instruments. The new shares rank in all respects pari passu with the existing share capital.
- 5.4 The board of directors determines the terms of capital increases made under this Article 5."



d. Proposal from the Board of Directors to authorize the Board of Directors to acquire treasury shares.

On May 21, 2019, the company issued convertible bonds consisting of bonds with warrant units, allowing holders to convert such warrants into existing ordinary shares of the company. As set out in company announcement no. 26 of May 14, 2019, the company covers this obligation through treasury shares. Moreover, the company is continuously hedging its obligations under its long-term incentive programs with treasury shares.

Accordingly, the company currently has a holding of around 9.2 million treasury shares, corresponding to approximately 6.7% of the share capital.

In order to allow the company to continuously buy back shares, the Board of Directors proposes that, until the next Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors be authorized to allow the company and its subsidiaries to acquire additional shares in the company up to a total nominal value equivalent to 10% of the company's share capital at the time of acquisition. The shares are to be acquired at the market price applicable at the time of purchase subject to a deviation of up to 10%. The company's holding of treasury shares, including previously acquired shares, may at no time exceed 15% of the share capital of the company.

The proposal is in line with the company's capital structure policy (see the company's 2022 Annual Report published with announcement no. 7 of February 9, 2023).

e. Proposal from the Board of Directors to amend the Remuneration Policy.

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting approves an updated version of the company's Remuneration Policy.

The purpose of the proposal is to make it possible for the company, if deemed appropriate for administrative or other relevant reasons, to grant synthetic cash-based financial instruments (phantom share options) as part of and on the same terms and conditions as the existing long-term share-based incentive plan.

Consequently, the following has been added at the end of section 5.2.4 in the Remuneration Policy:

"Further, GN reserves the right to fully or partially substitute the share options by synthetic cash-based financial instruments (phantom share options) subject to such instruments being granted on the same terms and conditions as for the share options as set out in this Remuneration Policy with any necessary changes."

The proposed updated Remuneration Policy is attached hereto as Appendix 3.

10. Proposals from shareholders.

There are no proposals from shareholders.

11. Any other business.

No decisions nor proposals may be adopted under this item.

Rules on adoption

Adoption of the proposal under item 9a, 9b and 9c, which involves amendments to the company's Articles of Association, requires a majority of at least 2/3 of the votes cast as well as of the share capital represented at the Annual General Meeting. All other proposals may be adopted by a simple majority of votes. The 2022 Remuneration Report is presented for an advisory vote.



The size of the share capital and the shareholders' voting rights

The company's share capital of nominally DKK 548,773,512 is divided into shares of DKK 1 or multiples hereof. Each share of DKK 1 carries one vote.

Shareholders are entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and vote on shares held on the record date, Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The shares held by each shareholder are based on information in the company's register of shareholders as well as notifications about ownership received by the company prior to or on the record date for entry into the register of shareholders, but which have not yet been recorded.

Further information about the Annual General Meeting

Further information about the Annual General Meeting is available at the company's website, www.gn.com/agm, including the total number of shares and voting rights as of the date of the notice to convene the Annual General Meeting, this notice to convene the Annual General Meeting with the agenda and complete proposals, information on the candidates for election to the Board of Directors, the current and the proposed updated Remuneration Policy, as well as the registration, proxy and postal vote forms to be used in connection with the Annual General Meeting. The full Annual Report for 2022 is available at www.gn.com/annualreport2022.

The Annual General Meeting is transmitted live in Danish and English via webcast on the company's website, www.gn.com/agm. The transmission will cover the stage and the rostrum only. With regard to collection and processing of personal data, reference is made to the company's information sheet on data protection in connection with Annual General Meetings, which is available on the company's website, www.gn.com/agm.

The company offers simultaneous translation from Danish into English at the Annual General Meeting.

Access to the Annual General Meeting at GN Store Nord A/S will open at 9:00 a.m. (CET). Tea/coffee is served until 10:00 a.m.

Driving instructions

The Annual General Meeting will be held at GN Store Nord A/S, Lautrupbjerg 7, DK-2750 Ballerup, Denmark.

If you are arriving by car from Ringvej b4/O4, turn onto Klausdalsbrovej. Turn right onto Lautrupparken and turn right at the first cross street onto Lautruppierg. The destination will be on your left-hand side.

If you are arriving by car from Route 16, take exit 4-Gladsaxe-Klausdalsbrovej. Turn west onto Klausdalsbrovej. Turn left onto Lautrupparken and turn right at the first cross street onto Lautrupparken. The destination will be on your left-hand side.

Questions from the shareholders

Questions regarding the agenda or the documents etc. published in connection with the Annual General Meeting can be directed to GN Store Nord A/S by email to: agm@gn.com no later than Monday, March 13, 2023.

If you have any other questions to the above, please contact GN Store Nord A/S by phone +45 45 75 00 00.

Ballerup, February 20, 2023

GN Store Nord A/S
The Board of Directors



Appendix 1 – Board of Directors – new candidate

Mr. Klaus Holse

Name Klaus Holse

Year of birth 1961

Nationality Danish

Educational background Master, Computer Science, University of Copenhagen. Graduate Diploma in Business Admin-

istration, Copenhagen Business School.

Position Professional board member. Former CEO of SimCorp A/S.

Board positions and other managerial duties

Chairman of the Board of Directors of:

• The Confederation of Danish Industry

- Macrobond Financial AB
- Vizrt Group AS
- EG A/S
- SuperOffice AS
- Zenegy ApS

Member of the Board of Directors of:

- Terma A/S
- Better Collective A/S *, and member of Remuneration Committee

Executive Officer of Khaboom ApS.

Special competences and other qualifications relevant to GN

Klaus has a broad international background with more than 20 years of management experience in the IT and software industry and brings to the company's Board of Directors a vast experience and an excellent track record from these industries. He will with his insight into the green agenda and digitalization be able to contribute to the GN Group's further growth and expansion. He has a passion for combining the right technology, business models and people for the benefit of the businesses, he is involved in.

Klaus Holse is currently Chairman of the Confederation of Danish Industry. He is also Chairman of the economic intelligence company Macrobond Financial; in the visual storytelling tools company Vizrt Group; in the software company EG; in the CRM platform company SuperOffice and in the payroll company Zenegy. In addition to this, he is a board member in the defense technologies and aerospace manufacturer Terma and in Better Collective, a sports media company. He has previously held the positions of CEO of SimCorp for nine years, Corporate VP at Microsoft where he worked for eleven years and he has also been Senior VP at Oracle. At Microsoft, he was President of Western Europe, leading the largest area outside of the US.

Independence

Complies with the Danish Committee on Corporate Governance's definition of independence.

No. of shares held in GN

None.

^{*}Company listed on a regulated market



Appendix 2 - Board of Directors - individual candidates proposed for re-election



Jukka Pekka Pertola (Deputy Chairman)

M.Sc. Electrical Engineering. Professional board member. Former CEO of Siemens A/S.



Hélène Barnekow

M.Sc. (International Business). Partner, Ascension AS Former CEO, Microsoft Sweden.



Anette Weber

Lic.oec HSG, Finance & Accounting. Group CFO of BUCHERER AG.

positions

Board & Committee Deputy Chair of the Boards of GN Audio A/S and GN Hearing A/S. Chair of the Board and the Remuneration Committee and member of Nomination Committee of Asetek A/S*. Chair of the Boards of Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy A/S, Tryg A/S*, and Tryg Forsikring A/S. Chair of the Remuneration and Nomination Committees and member of IT-Data Committee of Tryg A/S. Chair of the Board and member of Nomination Committee of COWI Holding A/S. Chair of the Boards of GomSpace Group AB** and GomSpace A/S.

Member of the Boards of GN Audio A/S and GN Hearing A/S. Member of the Boards of Voyado AB and Handelsbanken AB*. Member of the Board and audit committee of Schibsted Member of the Boards of GN Audio A/S and GN Hearing A/S. Member of the Supervisory Board and Chair of the audit committee of New Work

Special competencies

Broad international background with more than 20 years of management experience in the ICT, energy, industry, infrastructure and healthcare sectors, solid experience with various business models stretching from B2C to complex project business, IT outsourcing solutions, technology services and profesUnique capabilities within general commercial management and marketing, including go-to-market, branding, communications, product management, and channel management from the mobile communications and IT sector

Extensive global leadership expertise and knowledge from various leadership positions in the global healthcare and IT industry. In-depth knowledge of finance, digitalization, development, general and change management, platform economies, and M&A.

	sional services.		
Board member since	2020	2013	2020
Term	2022/2023	2022/2023	2022/2023
Considered independent	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nationality	Finland	Sweden	Germany
Year of birth	1960	1964	1971
No. of GN shares	6,000 (+3,000)	10,000 (unchanged)	2,910 (+1,460)
Total remuneration 2022 (DKKt)	1,696	774	915
Chairmanship	DC 21/21		
Audit Committee		4/5	c 5/5
Nomination Committee	c 1/1	1/1	
Remuneration Committee	11/11		
Strategy Committee	c 7/7		
GN Store Nord A/S Board	DC 16/16	15/16	16/16
GN Hearing A/S Board	DC 7/7	7/7	7/7
GN Audio A/S Board	DC 7/7	7/7	7/7





Montserrat Maresch Pascual

MBA (Business Administration). Co-founder and Senior Advisor, Naar + Maresch AB.



Ronica Wang

MBA and B.A.Sc. (Engineering), *Cofounder and Global Managing Partner, The InnoGrowth Group. Former Chair and CEO of Avon Japan (listco) and leadership positions at Johnson & Johnson, Hutchison-Priceline, and Procter & Gamble.

Board & Committee
positions

Member of the Boards of GN Audio A/S, GN Hearing A/S, and the GN Store Nord Foundation.

Member of the Boards of GN Audio A/S and GN Hearing A/S. Member of the Board and Advisory Committee of Hotelbeds Group Ltd.

Special competencies

International executive background and experience. In-depth competences within retail, branding, business development and implementation of business and marketing strategies and models, digital transformation, operations performance, and optimization of customer experience.

International experience with proven success in innovative business model transformation, turnarounds, and growth acceleration in the U.S., Australia, and Asia-wide, especially China. Expertise in global branding, product strategy, and commercialization, sales and channel management, launching and operating digital businesses, and organization effectiveness in B2C, professional B2B2C, and B2B industries across consumer, healthcare, technology, affordable luxury, and retail sectors.

		and retail sectors.
Board member since	2020	2015
Term	2022/2023	2022/2023
Considered independent	Yes	Yes
Nationality	Spain and Sweden	Hong Kong
Year of birth	1964	1962
No. of GN shares	2,300 (+900)	11,195 (+1,345)
Total remuneration 2022 (DKKt)	915	730
Chairmanship		
Audit Committee		5/5
Nomination Committee		
Remuneration Committee	10/11	
Strategy Committee	7/7	
GN Store Nord A/S Board	16/16	16/16
GN Hearing A/S Board	7/7	7/7
GN Audio A/S Board	7/7	7/7



Please visit www.gn.com for more elaborate descriptions of the board members' competencies and management duties.

#/# signifies the number of Board and Committee meetings in which each member has participated followed by the total number of Board and Committee meetings.

c Chairman

Deputy chairman

Member

*Company listed on a regulated market

**Company listed on First North Stockholm



Remuneration Policy

GN Store Nord A/S (CVR-no. 24 25 78 43)

1. Introduction

GN Store Nord A/S' ("GN") remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy") includes general guidelines for remuneration, including incentive pay, to members of GN's registered management ("Executive Management") and such members' remuneration in GN's wholly-owned subsidiaries, GN Audio A/S ("Audio") and GN Hearing A/S ("Hearing"), as well as remuneration to GN's board of directors ("Board of Directors"). This Remuneration Policy is made in accordance with Section 4 of the Danish Recommendations on Corporate Governance and Sections 139 – 139a of the Danish Companies Act (in Danish: "selskabsloven").

The overall objective of this Remuneration Policy is to:

- Support GN's long-term business strategy of being an innovation-driven, high-growth company that provides intelligent audio solutions with attractive earnings margins.
- Deliver results according to annual plans.
- Incentivise the delivery of longer-term business plans and of sustainable long-term returns for GN and its shareholders.
- Ensure that GN is able to attract, motivate, and retain highly qualified members to GN's Executive Management and Board of Directors.
- Align the interests and the level of remuneration of the Executive Management and of the Board of Directors with the interests of the shareholders and market practice.
- Provide a transparent framework through which shareholders can assess the basis on which the Executive Management and of the Board of Directors of GN are paid.

In drawing up this Remuneration Policy, GN has taken into account the pay and employment conditions for the employees within the wider GN group. GN aims to have a consistent approach to pay across the GN group in line with market practice and remuneration is reviewed annually with the intention that all employees are paid appropriately, taking into account their individual skills, experience and perfor-



mance. Pay across the GN group is further compared with pay in relevant companies similar to GN to ensure fair pay for each job. It is GN's assessment that the remuneration to the Board of Directors and Executive Management is aligned with the responsibility which the duties of the Board of Directors and Executive Management entail compared to market practice. It is further GN's assessment that the structure and level of the remuneration and the employment conditions of the Executive Management are appropriate compared to the remuneration and employment conditions of the other employees within the wider GN group.

The remuneration components for senior leaders and management across the GN group is widely consistent with that for the Executive Management with differences in award opportunities and performance targets. GN strives to ensure that employees below senior management receive a remuneration package that is reflective of their role and responsibilities relative to market practice.

2. Remuneration for the Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors shall receive a fixed annual fee.

The annual fee for members of the Board of Directors shall be at the level of remuneration paid in other comparable innovation and high growth companies with a global focus, including foreign based competitors.

The members of the Board of Directors do not receive any incentive pay, however, employee-elected members of the Board of Directors may in their capacity as employees be covered by general incentive plans applicable to employees in GN.

Remuneration for the Board of Directors for each financial year is to be approved at the annual general meeting under a separate item on the agenda. The proposal for remuneration of the Board of Directors for the relevant financial year shall be included in the notice convening the annual general meeting.

All members of the Board of Directors receive the same fixed annual base fee except for the chairman and the deputy chairman who receive three times and two times, respectively, the fixed annual base fee, in line with Danish market practice.

Services provided under the auspices of the Board of Directors' Audit Committee, Remuneration Committee, Strategy Committee, and Nomination Committee entitle the members to an additional fixed fee, with two times the committee base fee to the chairman of each of the four committees for his/her extended tasks.

In exceptional circumstances, an individual member of the Board of Directors may receive additional pay/compensation on market terms for extraordinary ad hoc work going beyond the normal scope of the Board of Director's responsibility areas.



In addition to reimbursement of travel expenses, a member of the Board of Directors is entitled to receive a fixed allowance per journey to a board and/or committee related meeting, if such meeting takes place outside the member's country of residence.

In addition to the above-mentioned fees, GN pays statutory contributions to social security and similar taxes and charges within the EU / EEA that GN is obligated to pay according to applicable law in relation to a member of the Board of Directors' directorship with GN.

The members of the Board of Directors elected by the general meeting are elected for a term until GN's next annual general meeting. Re-election may take place. Apart from the members of the Board of Directors elected by the general meeting, the employees are entitled to elect a number of representatives to the Board of Directors in accordance with the statutory legislation in force at any time.

3. Remuneration of the Executive Management

The Board of Directors has adopted a remuneration strategy for the Executive Management aligned with the group's strategy of being an innovation-driven, high-growth company that provides intelligent audio solutions with attractive earnings margins.

The remuneration of the members of the Executive Management consists of (i) a fixed annual base salary, (ii) a short-term cash-based incentive plan, (iii) a long-term share-based incentive plan, (iv) other customary staff benefits/personal benefits such as company car, insurances, etc. and in certain circumstances housing and other customary benefits for foreigners relocating to Denmark, and (v) in extraordinary cases, the Board of Directors can decide to also include an extraordinary one-off bonus/LTI grant. The Executive Management is not covered by any pension scheme.

Each of the components above, together with the relative proportion of the individual components, is described in further detail below.

The combination of fixed and incentive based remuneration has been chosen to support the objectives of the Remuneration Policy, as outlined in section 1 above.

The fixed annual salary is based on market practice and is reviewed by the Board of Directors against comparable positions in relevant companies similar to GN.

The short-term cash-based incentive plan and the long-term share-based incentive plan are described in further details below in Sections 4 and 5 respectively.

The members of the Executive Management receive remuneration in GN, Hearing and Audio, respectively, and receive no other remuneration for positions or directorships held in GN's other subsidiaries or associated companies.



4. Short-term cash-based incentive plan

The purpose of the short-term cash-based incentive plan is to provide the Executive Management with an annual variable remuneration dependent on performance against specific short-term objectives for GN, Audio and Hearing, respectively, as defined by the Board of Directors.

Under the cash-based incentive plan, the members of the Executive Management are eligible to receive a cash bonus according to defined financial targets for GN, Audio and Hearing, respectively, as well as individually defined measurable annual targets. Targets are normally determined in connection with the preparation of the budget for the coming year.

The target cash bonus for each member of the Executive Management can vary between 25 and 75% of the fixed annual base salary but will normally be around 50%. The actual payment each year depends on the degree to which the specific and measurable targets have been met by the relevant company and by the individual member of the Executive Management. These targets will primarily be based on the performance on financial metrics relative to key top or bottom line metrics for GN, Audio and Hearing, respectively, (such as net revenue, EBITA, EBITDA, or similar), and also on other measurable personal objectives of a financial or non-financial nature (such as employee engagement, sustainability, organisation health, delivery of key strategic projects, and similar).

In case a member of the Executive Management achieves a performance significantly below or above the targets defined by the Board of Directors, the cash bonus for one year may decrease or increase relative to target bonus. It is the responsibility and discretion of the Board of Directors to assess and decide on a potential adjustment of the final bonus pay-out.

The cash bonus pay-out can never exceed a maximum of 100% of the annual base salary of the relevant member of the Executive Management.

5. Long-term share-based incentive plan

5.1. The long-term share-based incentive plan is a share option-based incentive plan (the "LTI"), and the purpose of the LTI is to reward the Executive Management for dedicated and focused results intended to achieve and support the group's long-term objective. The Board of Directors is of the view that driving growth, innovation and performance relative to peers will lead to sustainable value creation for the shareholders as well as aligning the interests between the Executive Management and the shareholders.

The LTI supports the alignment with shareholder interests by linking directly to the performance of GN's share price. The LTI plan further supports growth by (i) rewarding GN's performance against up to two key financial metrics (for example revenue



growth, EBITDA improvement, or similar financial measures) assessed to be suitable by the Board of Directors and (ii) measuring these metrics against a selected peer group of innovative companies similar to GN as further described below.

Further, to ensure that the Board of Directors has the appropriate flexibility to ensure that the application of the LTI is in the long-term interest of GN, its shareholders and of the sustainability of GN in cases of unforeseen circumstances, the Board of Directors has a contractual discretionary right under the terms of the LTI to amend its terms. This discretion includes, but is not limited to (i) the timing of the grants, (ii) the size of the grants subject to the overall limits in this Remuneration Policy, (iii) the determination of vesting conditions, including adjustment of performance metrics and peer group, (iv) adjustment of the exercise price and number of share options, (v) early vesting or exercise of share options and (vi) the treatment of the share options in the case of resignations, change of control, a merger, rights issue or other events.

5.2. Share option terms

5.2.1. Grant of share options

Subject to the Board of Directors' discretion, each member of the Executive Management may receive an allocation of conditional share options in GN at no charge. An allocation is typically made each year after the release of the annual report (ordinary grant).

Each allocation will be made within a range of 50% to 100% of the annual base salary calculated in accordance with the Black Scholes method at the time of grant.

Allocation of share options in one year shall not imply the same or any share option allocation in subsequent years.

5.2.2. Exercise rights

Each vested share option entitles the relevant member of Executive Management to acquire one share of nominally DKK 4.00 in GN at the exercise price.

5.2.3. Exercise price

The exercise price of the share options granted in connection with annual grants will be determined as the simple average of the closing price of the GN share on Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S for a period of five trading days following the publication of the annual report of GN for the preceding financial year. For extraordinary grants, the exercise price will be determined as the simple average of the closing price of the GN share on Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S for a period of five trading days prior to the extraordinary grant date.



5.2.4. Vesting conditions and exercise windows

The share options granted in connection with the annual grants have a vesting period of three years from the relevant allocation date after which time the share options vest following the publication of the annual report of GN for the relevant financial year, subject to satisfaction of the vesting conditions. For extraordinary grants, the vesting period is adjusted so that the vesting date is the same as that of the preceding annual grant.

The number of share options vesting is conditional on GN's performance against up to two metrics (such as revenue growth, EBITDA improvement or similar). The metrics are selected to incentivize the Executive Management to focus on growth relative to peers, which is an essential part of GN's long-term business strategy. The metrics are measured against a peer group of relevant U.S and European listed companies consisting of med-tech and high-tech companies which have been selected as they:

- are innovation driven and competing through innovation,
- operate in the same or similar industries/segments to GN,
- have a similar size to GN measured through their revenue, EBITDA, market capitalization and number of employees, and
- form a peer group where the overall average of the peer group represents a similar growth journey to GN, and with the intent for GN to be measured against relative performance to this peer group.

The peer group is determined by the Board of Directors and reviewed in advance of each new annual conditional allocation of share options to ensure that it provides the right competitive reference for GN. The peer group can be updated by the Board of Directors at its discretion in special cases, for example in the event that a company in the group ceases to exist due to e.g. de-listing, merger, acquisition or similar; or in case of results which are outliers and non-representative of the performance of the remaining companies in the peer group.

The Board of Directors of GN sets the performance targets relative to the selected peer group. The targets consist of a minimum, target and maximum level of relative performance, which can be achieved over the three-year vesting period for two financial metrics used in the LTI (in exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may decide to use one). The minimum, target and maximum are expressed relative to the peer group (for example 25th percentile, average, median, 75th percentile or similar).

After the three-year performance period, GN's performance on the financial metrics is measured against the same and latest available results for the companies in the



peer group. GN's relative performance against the peer group results in a multiplier of the allocated share options which is zero for unacceptable performance, one for target performance and which is capped at two for truly outstanding performance, measured against the peer group.

The multiplier is then applied to the number of allocated conditional share options and the resulting number of options vest (cliff vesting).

If GN's performance after the three-year performance period is below the minimum required level of performance, none of the granted options will vest. If GN's performance is at or above the maximum performance measured against the peer group, the conditional allocation of share options can be doubled.

Based on calculations provided by an independent auditor, the Board of Directors is responsible for analysing the performance which determines the final number of options that will vest.

The Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion but based on objective and verifiable criteria, change the performance metrics for each new grant of share options in the event that other financial metrics become more relevant to the long term strategy and sustainability of GN. Such amendments may take effect for future grants.

Vesting of the share options will further be conditional upon continued employment of the relevant member of the Executive Management at the time of vesting. If a member of the Executive Management leaves GN as a bad leaver before the time of exercise, such member will forfeit his/her right to all share options that have not vested, or which have vested but not been exercised at the point in time when notice is given.

Share options, which have vested, may be exercised at the exercise price (see Section 5.2.3), at any time except during the black-out periods ("BO Period") which start three trading days prior to the end of a quarter and ends on the day of publication of GN's annual report and quarterly reports (such day of publication to be included in the BO Period). The BO Period shall in any case be at least 30 days prior to the publication of the quarterly- and half-year report or announcement of annual results or annual report. The share options shall further be exercisable in accordance with and subject to applicable rules and regulations in relation to trading in financial instruments.

If the vested share options are not exercised before the third anniversary of the relevant vesting date, the unexercised portion of such share options will lapse automatically without compensation.

In order to avoid excessive pay-outs in case GN's share price increases dramatically, the gross return on the share options for each annual grant cannot exceed a value equal to four times the annual base salary of the relevant member of the Executive Management at the time of the grant.



GN reserves the right to settle the share options in cash. Further, GN reserves the right to fully or partially substitute the share options by synthetic cash-based financial instruments (phantom share options) subject to such instruments being granted on the same terms and conditions as for the share options as set out in this Remuneration Policy with any necessary changes.

6. Extraordinary incentive awards

In order to meet the overall objectives of the incentive remuneration, the Board of Directors may in special defined objective cases decide to award individual members of the Executive Management an additional one-off bonus or LTI grant. Such bonus may be awarded for attainment of certain extraordinary performance targets. The Board of Directors may also in special cases decide to award other extraordinary incentive remuneration to individual members of the Executive Management, e.g. retention bonus, sign-on bonus or other schemes in connection with appointment.

The extraordinary incentive awards may consist of cash and/or be share-based in which case it will be granted in accordance with the terms set out in Section 5.

The value of an extraordinary incentive award can never exceed a maximum of 100% of the annual base salary of the relevant member of the Executive Management at the time of award.

7. Malus and clawback

Malus and clawback provisions apply to both the cash bonus and the LTI if, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, a malus or clawback event has occurred. This would include, but is not limited to (i) a material misstatement in GN's financial statements or (ii) cases where the relevant member of the Executive Management, or a person¹ in such member of the Executive Management's organization, is deemed to have caused a material loss to GN.

8. Termination and severance payment for the Executive Management

GN may terminate members of the Executive Management by giving 12 months' notice. Members of the Executive Management may resign by giving six months' notice. The total remuneration for the notice period, including any severance pay, may not exceed two years' total remuneration, unless special circumstances warrant otherwise.

The Executive Management has change-of-control agreements in line with Danish market practice.

¹ For the avoidance of doubt, the term "a person" will include any employee in the relevant Executive Management member's organization and will not be limited to his/her direct reports.



In the event of death of a member of the Executive Management, GN will effect exercise of vested share options as soon as reasonably possible subject to applicable rules and regulations in relation to trading in financial instruments.

9. Existing incentive plans

This Remuneration Policy applies to all agreements on incentive pay entered into with members of the Executive Management following its approval and publication. The Remuneration Policy will also apply to all subsequent amendments to existing agreements on incentive pay with the members of the Executive Management.

In the period from 2010 to the end of 2018, GN's long-term share-based incentive plan consisted of a warrant program which also covered the members of the Executive Management. The warrant program was replaced by the LTI described in Section 5 above as of March 2019 and, consequently, no warrants have been allocated in 2019 or will be allocated onwards based on the former program. Warrants which have been allocated to the members of the Executive Management prior to the replacement of the warrant program will vest according to the terms and conditions of the warrant program and may in such case be exercised within a three-year period following vesting. Accordingly, warrants allocated in 2018 will lapse in 2024 if not exercised.

10. Indemnification

To be able to attract qualified members to the management of the GN group, it is the GN group's policy to take out customary directors' and officers' liability insurance, as appropriate.

If the coverage under such insurance is insufficient, it is GN's policy to indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law, in such cases as determined by the Board of Directors, additional claims raised by third parties that a member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Management may personally incur. Accordingly, any indemnification under the Indemnity Arrangement (as defined below) shall be secondary to any coverage under the directors' and officers' liability insurance taken out by the GN group from time to time, i.e. GN shall only become obliged to provide indemnification towards a member of the Board of Directors or the Executive Management in case the directors' and officers' liability insurance is exhausted, and in any event such indemnification shall be subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations (including covered claims and losses, notification procedure, exclusions etc.) as are applicable to such directors' and officers' liability insurance disregarding, however, any monetary thresholds contained therein.

Consequently, GN will indemnify and hold harmless each of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management from and against any losses incurred by such members arising out of any claims, including any costs associated therewith and any applicable personal taxes owed by a member having benefitted from the indemnification raised by any third parties against such member arising out



of such member's discharge of his/her duties as an officer or director of GN (the "Indemnity Arrangement").

The Indemnity Arrangement is for the sole benefit of the members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management, and no third party shall be entitled to rely on or derive any benefits from the Indemnity Arrangement or have any recourse against GN on account of the Indemnity Arrangement.

The Board of Directors is authorized to determine the further application of the Indemnity Arrangement within the framework laid out above, including coverage and with respect to extension of the Indemnification Arrangement to the management in GN's subsidiaries. Moreover, the Board of Directors is authorized to manage and administer the Indemnity Arrangement, and to take any decisions under the Indemnity Arrangement in respect of any claims, as well as any other actions in order to give effect to the Indemnity Arrangement.

11. Deviation of the Remuneration Policy

The Board of Directors may, following consultation with the Remuneration Committee, in exceptional circumstances and based on objective and verifiable criteria decide to temporarily deviate from this Remuneration Policy, where a deviation will benefit the long-term interests of GN, its shareholders or the sustainability of GN. Such deviation may be regarding the thresholds set-out in clauses 4-6 and 8 of this Remuneration Policy.

Any such temporary deviation, and reason for such deviation, shall be explained in the subsequent Remuneration Report.

12. Determination, review and implementation

The Board of Directors is, together with its independent remuneration advisor, responsible for the establishment and annual review of the Remuneration Policy. The Board of Directors shall be supported in this task by the Remuneration Committee, which assists the Board of Directors in matters and decisions concerning remuneration of the Executive Management and senior employees and in ensuring that the general remuneration policies, including this Remuneration Policy, reflect an appropriate balance between the relevant objective criteria.

The Remuneration Committee considers the Remuneration Policy annually to ensure it remains aligned with GN's strategic objectives, shareholder expectations and the sustainability of GN. In its review, the Remuneration Committee considers market practice. Further, the Remuneration Committee identifies relevant peers to GN, competing through growth and innovation in GN's two largest markets, the U.S and Europe, and with understanding the current remuneration practice for this reference group of peer companies.



To ensure its independence and professionalism, the Remuneration Committee engages and works with an independent advisor to assist the Remuneration Committee in its assignments. The Remuneration Committee uses its own independent remuneration advisors which are different from the external advisers to the Executive Management.

In order to avoid conflict of interests, a member of the Board of Directors or Executive Management may not participate in the decision making process concerning an agreement between on the one side GN or a company within the GN group and on the other side the member in question. Given the members of the Board of Directors receive a fixed annual fee only and given the fixed annual fee for the Board of Directors is approved at GN's annual general meeting, GN does not see any risk of conflicts of interest in connection with the Board of Directors' work with the Remuneration Policy. In addition, since it is solely the Board of Directors who make recommendations on the remuneration policy to the shareholders at the annual general meeting there is no conflict of interest related to the Executive Management.

The Remuneration Policy must be approved by the general meeting whenever material changes are made and at least every four years.

13. Key changes to Remuneration Policy

The changes to the Remuneration Policy approved at GN's annual general meeting on 15 March 2023 may be summarised as follows:

- Insertion of the option for GN to grant synthetic cash-based financial instruments (phantom share options) as part of and on the same terms and conditions as the existing long-term share-based incentive plan.

14. Publication and entry into force

This Remuneration Policy has been approved by the Board of Directors on 4 February 2020, and by GN's shareholders at the annual general meeting of GN on 11 March 2020, and has subsequently been amended (non-material amendments) by the Board of Directors on 10 February 2021 and 20 January 2022. The Remuneration Policy has been amended further at the annual general meeting of GN on 9 March 2022 and 15 March 2023, following which the revised Remuneration Policy has been published on GN's website, www.gn.com.