

# REMUNERATION POLICY

## 1. Introduction

This document illustrates the remuneration policy ("**Remuneration Policy**") of Ariston Holding N.V. ("**Company**" and, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, "**Group**") with regard to the executive directors ("**Executive Directors**") and the non-executive directors ("**Non-Executive Directors**") of the Company (collectively "**Board**").

This Remuneration Policy has been drawn up and adopted by the general meeting of the Company ("**General Meeting**") pursuant to article 18.14 of the Company's articles of association on 6 May 2024.

The authority to establish the remuneration of (a) the Executive Directors is vested with the Non-Executive Directors and (b) the Non-Executive Directors is vested with the General Meeting, with due observance of this Remuneration Policy and applicable provisions of law.

The Remuneration Policy will be submitted to the General Meeting at least every four years, and in case of any amendments.

## 2. Guiding principles

The objective of the Remuneration Policy for the Executive Directors is to attract, reward and retain the necessary leadership talent, in order to support the execution of the Group's strategic objectives and sustainability goals, whilst for the Non-Executive Directors the Remuneration Policy aims at rewarding them appropriately for their work based on market competitive fee levels.

The Remuneration Policy is built on the following principles:

- **Align short- and long-term strategy:** through the variable incentives of the Executive Directors, the Company aims to align the short-term yearly objectives with the long term goals of the Group. This is reflected in the grant of long-term variable incentives, taking into account a three-year vesting period, and lock-up obligations. Such alignment is consistent with long-term sustainability objectives.
- **Pay for performance:** the remuneration must reinforce the performance driven culture by rewarding top performers. It also must ensure, through the variable incentives, the alignment between Executive Directors' remuneration on the one hand and the annual business plan and the sustainable value creation by the Group on the other hand.
- **Differentiating by experience and responsibility:** the remuneration aligns with the responsibilities, experience, competence and performance of individual directors. In addition, in determining the Remuneration Policy and any individual remuneration, the employment conditions of the Group are taken into account.
- **Simple and transparent:** this principle is reflected through the Remuneration Policy being based on simple and custom mechanisms. The Company is transparent in relation to the remuneration that is awarded to directors. Furthermore, the level of achievement of the financial targets can be verified in publicly disclosed, easily accessible, performance results.

- **Risk prudence:** the remuneration structure aims to avoid incentives that encourage unnecessary or excessive risks that could threaten the Group's value.
- **Compliance:** the Remuneration Policy complies with applicable laws and regulations. The Group adopts highest standards of corporate governance.

The remuneration philosophy of the Group is therefore to pay for performance, to be market driven, and to be fair and objective.

### 3. Market perspective

Although the Group pursues its remuneration policies independently and such policies are not benchmarked against a Group of peers, market perspective is one of the factors that the Non-Executive Directors take into account when determining adequate remuneration levels to attract and retain qualified leaders. The Company believes that the periodical review of the remuneration policies adopted by companies of comparable size and economic performance may be a useful tool to understand its competitive positioning on the labour market and attractiveness of high quality human capital, which the Company deems a key driver for growth, innovation and development.

The Remuneration Policy, even if defined based on the Company specific strategies and long-term objectives, is nonetheless in line with companies of comparable size and economic performance. In this regard, the Company performs on a regular basis an analysis on the market competitiveness of Executive Directors' fixed and variable remuneration through the support of international and subject matter expert advisory firms.

### 4. Remuneration of Executive Directors

The Remuneration Policy relating to Executive Directors constitutes the key strategic component to attract and retain human capital in today's tight market.

In line with the fundamental objective of achieving the most effective reconciliation of 'profitability' and 'sustainability' in the long term, the Executive Director's remuneration is aimed at supporting managerial growth strategies oriented towards sustainable long term value creation: long term is key in the Group's reference market (i.e. sustainable comfort solutions for hot water and space heating market) where R&D projects requiring relevant investment in terms of time and cost, are to be pursued with continuity and in the long run to be successful.

The Remuneration Policy aims, therefore, not only at the adequate remuneration of the Executive Directors, but also at their adequate retention, as it is considered, in principle, an important element, consistent with the fundamental objective of maximum sustainable profitability in the long term.

The Remuneration Policy for Executive Directors is based on the following monetary components:

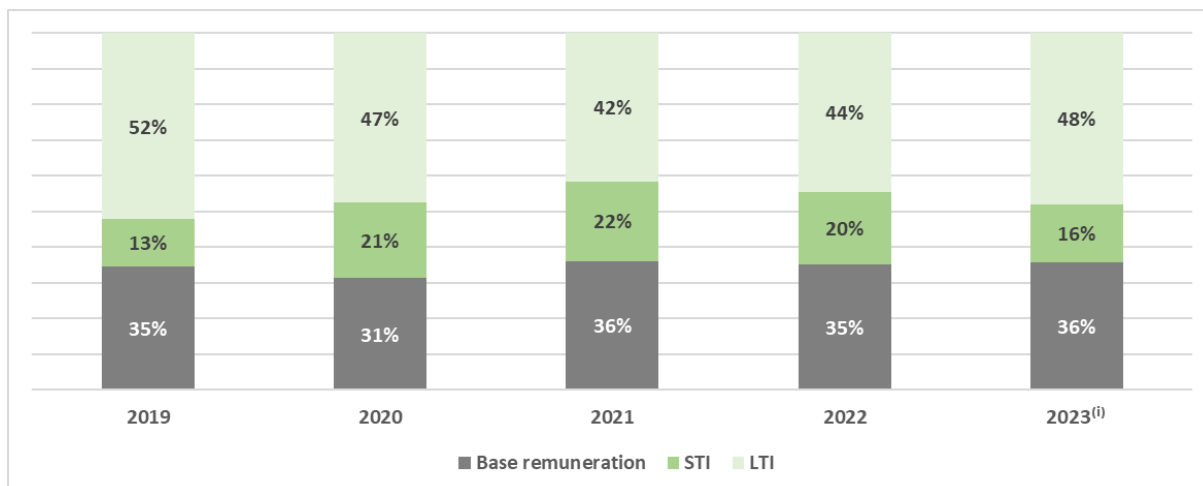
- (i) base remuneration
  - fixed remuneration (Executive Director's fee, base salary and non-compete agreement)
  - Board and committee fees
  - benefits and perquisite
- (ii) variable incentives
  - short term incentive (STI)

- long term incentive (LTI)

| Component                                      | Purpose   | Terms and Conditions  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Executive Director's fixed remuneration</b> | Compensate for the individual's experience, skills, duties, responsibilities and the contribution of the individual within the Company. Non-compete agreement protects the interest of the Company. | Fixed remuneration is: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. internally consistent</li> <li>2. externally competitive</li> <li>3. reviewed periodically</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Board and committee fees</b>                | Compensate for the contribution required by the office.   | The remuneration consists solely of a fixed fee as member of the Board and an additional fee in case of participation to committees.  |
| <b>Benefit and perquisites</b>                 | Provides value to the professional working life in relation to status, role complexity and grading  | Benefits include: health insurance, disability and life insurance, a directors' and officers' liability insurance (D&O), mobility allowance or travel expenses when appropriate, representation costs and employee benefits plans as offered at any given point |
| <b>STI</b>                                     | Ensure Executive Director's alignment with focus on the annual business plan as set by the Board  | The STI is conditional on the achievement of the following performance targets: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjusted EBIT (60%)</li> <li>2. Turnover (20%)</li> <li>3. Group Quality Index (20%)</li> </ol>                                       |
| <b>LTI</b>                                     | Achieve growth results in medium and long term and align Executive Directors' interests with the pursuit of the priority objective of sustainable creation of value for shareholders                | The LTI is conditional on the achievement of the following performance targets: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adjusted EBIT/Net Sales matrix (70%)</li> <li>2. Relative TSR (15%)</li> <li>3. ESG objective (15%)</li> </ol>                        |

Simulated scenarios of the possible outcomes of the variable incentive components and their effect on the remuneration of the Executive Directors are conducted in accordance with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code.

The chart below illustrates the average relative proportion of the remuneration elements (excluding benefits and perquisites) for the Executive Directors, calculated on the basis of the remuneration received by the Executive Directors over the last 5 years.



(i) The pay-mix refers to the Executive Chairman's remuneration. In 2023, since the change of chief executive officer, it is not possible to determine the annual remuneration of chief executive officer

## Base remuneration

### Executive Director's fixed remuneration

The Executive Director's fee and remuneration compensates for the individual's experience, skills, duties, responsibilities and the contribution of the individual within the Company. Such compensation of each Executive Director is a fixed cash compensation paid on a monthly basis, which includes holiday allowance and other local statutory requirements per country.

The Company ensures that the Executive Director's fee and remuneration are: (i) internally consistent (i.e. in line with the role); (ii) externally competitive; and (iii) reviewed periodically. Each year the compensation and talent development committee of the Board, consisting of Non-Executive Directors only ("**Compensation and Talent Development Committee**") reviews the base salaries and decides whether circumstances justify adjustments.

In addition, in consideration of his strategic and key role, the chief executive officer is entitled to a non-compete consideration.

### Board and committee fees

Executive Directors receive the Board fee and, when a member of a Board committee, will also receive the applicable committee fee (see "Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors" below).

### Benefits, perquisite and loans

All Executive Directors are beneficiaries of a directors and officers' liability insurance policy ("**D&O**") at market conditions for this type of coverage. The insurance policy covers losses resulting from claims made against the Executive Directors for wrongful acts committed in their respective functions and for which they have been recognised accountable.

Executive Directors are also entitled to other benefits such as health insurance, disability and life insurance, mobility allowance or travel expenses, representation costs and to participate in whatever all-employee benefits plans may be offered at any given point.

Additional benefits and perquisite may be offered to the Executive Directors in case of a relocation or an international assignment, such as relocation support, storage costs, expatriation allowance, housing support, reimbursement of flight costs, reimbursement of costs of temporary living arrangements and other benefits which reflect local market practice, all in accordance with the applicable mobility policy.

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries shall grant personal loans, guarantees or the like to Executive Directors except within the framework of its usual business operations, on conditions which apply to all employees and with the prior approval of the Board. No remission of loans to the Executive Directors shall be granted.

Various factors may be considered when determining any annual base remuneration changes, including, but not limited to, business performance, personal performance, the scope and nature of the role, salary increases of the Group's global workforce, relevant market benchmark data and local economic indicators, such as inflation and cost-of-living changes, to ensure that the remuneration is fair, sensible and market competitive. The actual annual base remuneration and any annual increases will be disclosed in the annual report.

## **Variable incentives**

The purpose of variable incentives scheme is to stimulate the entrepreneurship of participating Executive Directors, and other selected eligible employees, and to ensure that they are motivated to perform beyond expectations. The objective is also to support Executive Directors', and other selected eligible employees', participation in the successes of the Group. The philosophy of the Group is to place greater emphasis on the variable pay in order to ensure an alignment of the total remuneration to the Company performance. The variable incentives are subject to the malus and claw back provisions provided by article 2:135 of the Dutch Civil Code.

### ***Short-term incentive***

The short-term incentive (the "**STI**") aims to ensure that the Executive Directors, and other selected eligible employees, are well incentivised to achieve the Group quantitative performance targets in the short term. The purpose of the STI is to ensure executive alignment with and focus on the annual business plan as set by the Board.

At the beginning of each year, the Compensation and Talent Development Committee proposes to the Board: (i) the target amount of the bonus for each Executive Director; and (ii) the performance ranges, based on the Group business plan, whereby the pay-out is equal to 100% of the target amount if the targets as per the business plan are met, while the pay-out will be equal to 50% or 150% of the target amount depending on whether the actual performance is, respectively, at

minimum level (threshold) or at maximum level. Linear interpolation applies between minimum (threshold) and target and between target and maximum performance level.

At the beginning of the following year, the Compensation and Talent Development Committee reviews the financial performances against the targets, based on the financial records of the Group, as audited by the external auditor.

There are three performance indicators as follows:

- Target A identifies the Group Adjusted EBIT, weighting 60% of the global performance target;
- Target B identifies the Group turnover, weighting 20% of the global performance target; and
- Target C identifies the Group Quality Index, weighting 20% of the global performance target.

Target C is designed to push quality of the product, as sustainable quality contributes to the Group performance in the long run and is calculated as a weighted combination of a set of single KPI's measuring the quality of the product along its lifecycle: from manufacturing to parts supply, product development and after sales (warranty spending). Accordingly, a portion of the short-term incentive contributes to the strategy of the Group, the long-term interests of the Group and its sustainability.

If the short-term incentive targets are met, the short-term incentive is paid the year following the relevant performance period, once the predetermined performance objectives are verified.

The STI pay-out will be nil if: (i) overall performance is below the threshold level; or (ii) net profit of the year as reported in the consolidated financial statement will be equal to zero, or a net loss for the period will be reported.

#### ***Long-term incentive***

Executive Directors are eligible for grants under the Company's long term incentive plan ("**LTIP**"), as amended from time to time, and as approved by the General Meeting. LTIP aims at providing incentives for the Executive Directors – and other selected eligible Group's employees identified according to the banding model adopted by the Company – to achieve growth results in the medium and long term and at ensuring executive alignment with the pursuit of the key objective of sustainable long-term value creation for the Company and all its stakeholders.

The long-term incentive awards under the LTIP are made available annually (rolling grants) in the form of performance share units of the Company ("**PSUs**").

Usually at the beginning of each year, the Compensation and Talent Development Committee proposes to the Board: (i) the size of the grant for each Executive Director, with a maximum value not exceeding 150% of the base remuneration; and (ii) the target pay out opportunity, for each Executive Director set at 50% for the threshold achievement, at 100% for target achievement and at 150% in case of maximum performance.

The number of PSUs to be granted to the Executive Directors is determined dividing the individual grant by the arithmetic average of the official stock exchange closing price of the Company's ordinary shares ("**Shares**") during the 30 trading days preceding the grant date.

The PSUs are conditional on: (i) three-year vesting period; (ii) continuous engagement; and (iii) performance assessment. The number of PSUs that vest after three years is dependent on the achievement of selected targets.

There are three performance targets as follows:

- Adjusted EBIT/net sales matrix, weighting 70% of the global performance target;
- relative total shareholders return ("**TSR**"), measuring the performance of the Shares vis-à-vis the shares of selected competitors, weighting 15% of the global performance target; and
- an environmental social governance ("**ESG**") objective, measuring the Scope 4 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided at the end of the performance period, from a 2020 baseline, thanks to the renewable and high efficiency products the Group sells with respect to the efficiency of the installed park in the regions it operates.

The time frame for assessing performance foresees a three-year vesting period with annual grants and a lock-up provision of two years on an amount equal to 30% of the Shares accrued for the Executive Directors (net of sell to cover). As a three-year vesting scheme and lock-up provision apply, there is a clear link with the long-term interests of the Company.

The Board (with the abstention of the Executive Directors), having obtained the opinion of the Compensation and Talent Development Committee, may, in its sole discretion, adjust, downwards or upwards, the amount of performance shares that will vest if, in the reasonable opinion of the Board, the vesting of the performance shares insufficiently reflects the Group's overall performance during the performance period considering the external context.

## 5. Remuneration of Non-Executive Directors

### Fee structure

The General Meeting determines the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors. The Board periodically submits proposals to the General Meeting in respect of the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors. The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors intends to reward Non-Executive Directors for utilising their skills and competences to the maximum extent possible to execute the tasks delegated to them including but not limited to tasks and responsibilities imposed by the Dutch Civil Code, Dutch Corporate Governance Code and the Company's articles of association. The remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors reflects the size of the Group, as well as the responsibilities of the role and the time spent.

Given the nature of the responsibilities of the Non-Executive Directors as independent bodies, the remuneration of the Non-Executive Directors is not tied to the performance of the Group and therefore includes fixed compensations only. In line with the Dutch Corporate Governance Code, Non-Executive Directors will not be rewarded any equity-based compensation. Payment of the remuneration is done in euro.

All Non-Executive Directors are beneficiaries of the same D&O insurance policy of the Executive Directors. Non-Executive Directors shall not be eligible to participate in any benefits programs offered by the Company to its employees. The Group does not grant personal loans, guarantees or the like to Non-Executive Directors. Loans are not remitted. Non-Executive Directors will not be entitled to any severance pay and are not eligible to participate in a pension scheme or other pension related benefits.

The Non-Executive Directors will each receive an annual fixed fee of €50,000. The chair and the members of the Board's committees are provided with a supplementary committee fee for the additional responsibilities. The chair of each committee receives a committee fee of €20,000 and the other members of each Board committee receive a committee fee of €10,000.

| Committee                                     | Chair    | Member   |
|---|----------|----------|
| Compensation and Talent Development Committee | € 20,000 | € 10,000 |
| Audit Committee                               | € 20,000 | € 10,000 |
| Strategic Committee                           | € 20,000 | € 10,000 |
| ESG Committee                                 | € 20,000 | € 10,000 |

(i) Executive Directors who are a member of the Strategic Committee and/or ESG Committee will also receive the applicable committee fee.

**Expenses**

Non-Executive Directors will be reimbursed for all reasonable business expenses incurred in the course of performing their duties, subject to appropriate evidence of payment and VAT receipts. No notice period or termination fees are applicable when Non-Executive Directors resign.

**6. Contractual arrangements Executive Directors**

Pursuant to the Company's articles of association and the Dutch Corporate Governance Code, the term of office of Executive Directors may not exceed a maximum period of four years at a time. A Director who ceases office in accordance with the previous sentence is immediately eligible for reappointment.

**Key terms of engagement**

The management agreement of the Chief Executive Officer provides that: (i) upon termination by the Company and existing certain conditions, the Chief Executive Officer is entitled to a one-off severance equal to an amount of up to two years of his remuneration as manager (net of any amount paid as non-compete obligation consideration); and (ii) that a certain component of the remuneration is due as a non-competition fee following the termination of the relationship. The employment agreement of the Executive Chair provides for an indemnity upon termination of the relationship as set out in the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

The management agreement of the Chief Executive Officer, and the employment agreement of the Executive Chair are governed by Italian law.



## 7. Possible exceptions to the Remuneration Policy

Even though the Company is not in principle in favour of making exceptions to the principles underlying the Remuneration Policy, the Non-Executive Directors shall be allowed to temporarily derogate from the Remuneration Policy in exceptional circumstances as defined by the Dutch Civil Code, such as, for example, the need to attract and/or retain (in a competitive market) key managerial competences or the need to provide incentives to key managers with respect to specific industrial objectives that, under contingent conditions, are of particular importance.

The Non-Executive Directors may deviate from the Remuneration Policy by inter alia, (i) the granting of a one-off entry bonus to a new Executive Director, and (ii) the granting of exceptional one-off retention bonus if, in the view of the Non-Executive Directors, such deviation is necessary to attract and retain highly qualified key managerial competences and retain market share in a highly competitive market, serving the long term interest and sustainability of the Company and ensuring its viability. In any event, the Non-Executive Directors may deviate from the Remuneration Policy in exceptional circumstances in which deviation is appropriate to serve the long-term prospects and sustainability of the Company.

For the grant of one-off entry bonus and one-off retention bonus, the Compensation and Talent Development Committee prepares the decisions for the Non-Executive Directors.

Deviations shall be disclosed in the remuneration report.