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Undertecknad styrelseledamot i KRAHN Nordics AB
intygar härmed, dels att denna kopia av årsredovisningen överensstämmer med originalet, dels att resultat- och balansräkning fastställts på årsstämma den 28 april 2025.
Stämman beslöt tillika godkänna styrelsens förslag till vinstdisposition.

Hisings Backa 2025-04-29

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FÖRVALTNINGSBERÄTTELSE

Verksamheten

Företaget bedriver import, export och distribution av kemikalier.

Företagets säte är Göteborg.

Flerårsjämförelse

	2024	2023	2022	2021
Nettoomsättning (tkr)	302 166	359 882	478 703	0
Resultat efter finans poster (tkr)	20 225	20 715	38 838	85
Balansomslutning (tkr)	318 149	323 280	320 257	220 678
Soliditet (%)	90%	86%	86%	100%
Medelantalet anställda	21	21	18	0

Koncernförhållanden

Företaget ägs till 85,89 % av KRAHN Chemie GmbH, HRB 15084.
Övergripande koncernredovisning upprättas av:
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, HRA46692.

Viktiga händelser

2024 har varit fortsatt tufft och företaget har påverkats av en lägre efterfrågan och således ökad konkurrens, inte minst från Asien. Vi har lyckats mota denna konkurrens inom vårt affärssegment rengöring, men har drabbats hårdare inom smörjmedel. Under 2024 har vi även tecknat några nya kontrakt med leverantörer.

Förväntad framtida utveckling och väsentliga risker och osäkerhetsfaktorer

Framåt ser vi att det tuffare marknadsläget, med en lägre efterfrågan, kommer att kvarstå och satsar den större delen av våra ansträngninar på att utveckla affärssegmentet färg och bygg, tillsammans med underutnyttjade leverantörer. Konjunkturen är fortsatt företagets största osäkerhetsfaktor.

Miljöpåverkan

Företaget bedriver verksamhet under anmälningsnivå, U-verksamhet, men omfattas ändå av Miljöbalkens bestämmelser.

Verksamheten bedrivs på så sätt att de allmänna hänsynsreglerna samt bestämmelser om egenkontroll, förvaring och hantering av kemikalier, farligt avfall, tömning av oljeavskiljare, buller, lukt etc uppfylls. Företaget har i sin hantering exporttillstånd för speciella kemikalier, prekursorer och tillstånd för ykesmässig överlåtele av särskilt farliga kemiska produkter samt tillstånd för hantering av vissa hälsofarliga varor.

Lagerhållningen av produkterna medför, vid normal hantering, ingen påverkan på yttre miljö och människors hälsa. Buller alstras vid transporter till och från lager. Bullernivåerna överstiger inte omgivande verksamheter. Avfall som uppkommer på kontor och vid lagerhållning källsorteras och omhändertas av godkänd mottagare.

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Hållbarhetsupplysning

Koncernen bedriver ett omfattande hållbarhetsarbete och det finns tydliga riktlinjer för jämställdhet, miljö- och arbetsmiljö, kvalitet och kompetensutveckling.

Eget kapital

Antal aktier 25 000, kvotvärde 1 kr

	Aktiekapital	Fritt eget kapital
Belopp vid årets ingång	25 000	247 158 817
Resultatdisposition enligt beslut av årsstämman:		
Utdelning		-7 000 000
Årets vinst		12 334 078
Belopp vid årets utgång	25 000	252 492 895

Resultatdisposition

Förslag till disposition av bolagets vinst

Till årsstämmans förfogande står	
balanserad vinst	240 158 817
årets vinst	12 334 078
	252 492 895

Styrelsen föreslår att:	
till aktieägarna utdelas	7 400 000
i ny räkning överföres	245 092 895
	252 492 895

Yttrande från styrelsen

Styrelsen anser att den föreslagna vinstutdelningen är försvarlig med hänsyn till de krav som verksamhetens art, omfattning och risker ställer på storleken av det egna kapitalet samt bolagets konsolideringsbehov, likviditet och ställning i övrigt.

Beträffande bolagets resultat och ställning i övrigt hänvisas till efterföljande resultat- och balansräkningar med tillhörande tilläggsupplysningar och bokslutskommentarer.

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RESULTATRÄKNING

	Not	2024-01-01 2024-12-31	2023-01-01 2023-12-31
	1, 2, 5		
Rörelsens intäkter			
Nettoomsättning	3	302 166 391	359 881 635
Övriga rörelseintäkter	4	14 446 866	6 193 265
	5	316 613 257	366 074 900
Rörelsens kostnader			
Handelsvaror		-257 209 252	-312 016 230
Övriga externa kostnader	5 - 7	-7 429 465	-6 775 967
Personalkostnader	8	-21 600 855	-22 283 054
Av- och nedskrivningar av materiella och immateriella anläggningstillgångar	11, 12	-14 805 495	-14 805 494
Övriga rörelsekostnader		-7 001 145	
		-308 046 212	-355 880 745
Rörelseresultat		**8 567 045**	**10 194 155**
Resultat från finansiella investeringar			
Resultat från andelar i koncernföretag	9	10 800 000	10 000 000
Ränteintäkter och liknande resultatposter		957 499	539 852
Räntekostnader och liknande resultatposter		-99 851	-18 954
		11 657 648	10 520 898
Resultat efter finansiella poster		**20 224 693**	**20 715 053**
Bokslutsdispositioner			
Avsättning till periodiseringsfond		-7 300 000	-7 100 000
Återföring från periodiseringsfond		4 000 000	2 400 000
		-3 300 000	-4 700 000
Resultat före skatt		**16 924 693**	**16 015 053**
Skatt på årets resultat	10	-4 590 615	-4 467 649
Årets resultat		**12 334 078**	**11 547 404**

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BALANSRÄKNING

	Not	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
TILLGÅNGAR	1, 2		
Anläggningstillgångar			
Immateriella anläggningstillgångar			
Goodwill	11	108 311 872	123 081 673
		108 311 872	123 081 673
Materiella anläggningstillgångar			
Inventarier	12	136 056	171 750
		136 056	171 750
Finansiella anläggningstillgångar			
Andelar i koncernföretag	13	17 878 170	17 878 170
		17 878 170	17 878 170
Summa anläggningstillgångar		**126 326 098**	**141 131 593**
Omsättningstillgångar			
Varulager m m			
Färdiga varor och handelsvaror		35 678 726	48 562 596
		35 678 726	48 562 596
Kortfristiga fordringar			
Kundfordringar		21 530 123	35 286 463
Fordringar hos koncernföretag		550 853	0
Aktuell skattefordran		2 267 511	0
Övriga fordringar		56 905	608 012
Förutbetalda kostnader och upplupna intäkter	14	169 271	1 065 356
		24 574 663	36 959 831
Kassa och bank		131 569 392	96 626 122
Summa omsättningstillgångar		**191 822 781**	**182 148 549**
SUMMA TILLGÅNGAR		**318 148 879**	**323 280 142**

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BALANSRÄKNING

	Not	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
EGET KAPITAL OCH SKULDER			
Eget kapital			
Bundet eget kapital			
Aktiekapital (25 000 aktier)		25 000	25 000
		25 000	25 000
Fritt eget kapital			
Balanserat resultat		240 158 817	235 611 413
Årets resultat		12 334 078	11 547 404
		252 492 895	247 158 817
Summa eget kapital		**252 517 895**	**247 183 817**
Obeskattade reserver			
Periodiseringsfond		41 400 000	38 100 000
Summa obeskattade reserver		**41 400 000**	**38 100 000**
Kortfristiga skulder			
Förskott från kunder		0	190 521
Leverantörsskulder		15 963 047	29 487 695
Skulder till koncernföretag		1 449 924	333 539
Aktuell skatteskuld		0	410 916
Övriga skulder		2 161 284	2 383 125
Upplupna kostnader och förutbetalda intäkter	15	4 656 729	5 190 529
Summa kortfristiga skulder		**24 230 984**	**37 996 325**
SUMMA EGET KAPITAL OCH SKULDER		**318 148 879**	**323 280 142**

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KASSAFLÖDESANALYS

	Not	2024-01-01 2024-12-31	2023-01-01 2023-12-31
Den löpande verksamheten			
Rörelseresultat	3	8 567 045	10 194 155
Ränteintäkter och liknande resultatposter		957 499	539 852
Räntekostnader och liknande resultatposter		-99 851	-18 954
Erhållna utdelningar från koncernföretag		10 800 000	10 000 000
Justeringar för poster som inte ingår i kassaflödet		14 805 495	14 805 494
Betald inkomstskatt		-7 269 042	-8 176 682
Kassaflöde från den löpande verksamheten före förändringar av rörelsekapital		**27 761 146**	**27 343 865**
Kassaflöde från förändringar av rörelsekapital			
Minskning(+)/ökning(-) av varulager		12 883 870	2 598 327
Minskning(+)/ökning(-) av fordringar		14 652 679	-6 501 923
Minskning(-)/ökning(+) av kortfristiga skulder		-13 354 425	3 484 798
Kassaflöde från den löpande verksamheten		**41 943 270**	**26 925 067**
Investeringsverksamheten			
Förvärv av inventarier, verktyg och installationer	12	0	-296 266
Försäljning av inventarier, verktyg och installationer		0	291 364
Kassaflöde från investeringsverksamheten		**0**	**-4 902**
Finansieringsverksamheten			
Utbetald utdelning		-7 000 000	-13 000 000
Kassaflöde från finansieringsverksamheten		**-7 000 000**	**-13 000 000**
Årets kassaflöde		34 943 270	13 920 165
Likvida medel vid årets början		96 626 122	82 705 957
Likvida medel vid årets slut		**131 569 392**	**96 626 122**

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TILLÄGGSUPPLYSNINGAR

Allmänna upplysningar
Not 1

Redovisningsprinciper
Årsredovisningen upprättas med tillämpning av årsredovisningslagen och Bokföringsnämndens allmänna råd BFNAR 2012:1 Årsredovisning (K3). Företaget har tillämpat Bokföringsnämndens allmänna råd BFNAR 2020:5 vid redovisning av fusion.

Värderingsprinciper m m
Tillgångar, avsättningar och skulder har värderats till anskaffningsvärden om inget annat anges nedan.

Leasingavtal
Samtliga leasingavtal, oavsett om de är finansiella eller operationella, redovisas som hyresavtal (operationella leasingavtal). Leasingavgiften kostnadsförs linjärt över leasingperioden.

Ersättningar till anställda
Ersättningar utgörs av lön, sociala avgifter, betald semester, betald sjukfrånvaro, sjukvård och bonus. Kortfristiga ersättningar redovisas som en kostnad och en skuld då det finns en legal eller informell förpliktelse att betala ut en ersättning.
I företaget finns endast avgiftsbestämda pensionplaner. I avgiftsbestämda planer betalar företaget fastställda avgifter till ett annat företag och har inte någon legal eller informell förpliktelse att betala något ytterligare även om det andra företaget inte kan uppfylla sitt åtagande.

Inkomstskatt

Aktuella skatter värderas utifrån de skattesatser och skatteregler som gäller på balansdagen. Uppskjutna skatter värderas utifrån de skattesatser och skatteregler som är beslutade före balansdagen.

Uppskjuten skattefordran avseende underskottsavdrag eller andra framtida skattemässiga avdrag redovisas i den utsträckning det är sannolikt att avdraget kan avräknas mot överskott vid framtida beskattning.

Skattefordringar och skatteskulder nettoredovisas endast när det finns en legal rätt till kvittning.
Aktuell skatt, liksom förändring i uppskjuten skatt, redovisas i resultaträkningen om inte skatten är hänförlig till en händelse eller transaktion som redovisas direkt i eget kapital. I sådana fall redovisas även skatteeffekten i eget kapital.

Materiella och immateriella anläggningstillgångar
Materiella och immateriella anläggningstillgångar redovisas till anskaffningsvärde minskat med avskrivningar. Avskrivningar görs systematiskt över den bedömda nyttjandetiden. När en materiell anläggningstillgångs avskrivningsbara belopp fastställs, beaktas tillgångens restvärde.
Har en materiell eller immateriell anläggningstillgång på balansdagen ett lägre värde än det bokförda värdet skrivs tillgången ned till detta lägre värde om det kan antas att värdenedgången är bestående.
Materiella anläggningstillgångar redovisas till anskaffningsvärde minskat med avskrivningar. I anskaffningsvärdet ingår utgifter som direkt kan hänföras till förvärvet av tillgången.
Tillkommande utgifter som avser tillgångar som inte delas upp i komponenter läggs till anskaffningsvärdet till den del tillgångens prestanda ökar i förhållande till tillgångens värde vid anskaffningstidpunkten.

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TILLÄGGSUPPLYSNINGAR

Utgifter för löpande reparation och underhåll redovisas som kostnader.
Realisationsvinst respektive realisationsförlust vid avyttring av en anläggningstillgång redovisas som Övrig rörelseintäkt respektive Övrig rörelsekostnad.
Följande avskrivningstider tillämpas:

Goodwill, 10 år
Inventarier, 5 år
Ingen avskrivning på konst.

Finansiella instrument
Finansiella instrument redovisas i enlighet med K3 kapitel 11, vilket innebär att värdering sker utifrån anskaffningsvärde. Finansiella instrument som redovisas i balansräkningen inkluderar värdepapper, kundfordringar och övriga fordringar, leverantörsskulder och låneskulder. Instrumenten redovisas i balansräkningen när företaget blir part i instrumentets avtalsmässiga villkor.

Finansiella tillgångar tas bort från balansräkningen när rätten att erhålla kassaflöden från instrumentet har löpt ut eller överförts och företaget har överfört i stort sett alla risker och förmåner som är förknippade med äganderätten.

Finansiella skulder tas bort från balansräkningen när förpliktelserna har reglerats eller på annat sätt upphört.

Kundfordringar och övriga fordringar
Fordringar redovisas som omsättningstillgångar med undantag för poster med förfallodag mer än 12 månader efter balansdagen, vilka klassificeras som anläggningstillgångar. Fordringar tas upp till det belopp som förväntas bli inbetalt efter avdrag för individuellt bedömda osäkra fordringar. Fordringar som är räntefria eller som löper med ränta som avviker från marknadsräntan och har en löptid överstigande 12 månader, redovisas till ett diskonterat nuvärde och tidsvärdeförändringen redovisas som ränteintäkt i resultaträkningen.

Andra långfristiga värdepappersinnehav
Posten består huvudsakligen av aktier samt ett mindre innehav av räntebärande tillgångar. Innehaven innehas på lång sikt. Tillgångar ingående i posten redovisas inledningsvis till anskaffningsvärde. I efterföljande redovisning värderas aktierna till anskaffningsvärde med bedömning av om nedskrivningsbehov föreligger. De räntebärande tillgångarna redovisas i efterföljande redovisning till upplupet anskaffningsvärde med tillämpning av effektivräntemetoden, minskat med eventuell reservering för värdeminskning.

Låneskulder och leverantörsskulder
Låneskulder och leverantörsskulder redovisas initialt till anskaffningsvärde efter avdrag för transaktionskostnader. Skiljer sig det redovisade beloppet från det belopp som ska återbetalas vid förfallotidpunkten periodiseras mellanskillnaden som räntekostnad över lånets löptid med hjälp av instrumentets effektivränta. Härigenom överensstämmer vid förfallotidpunkten det redovisade beloppet och det belopp som ska återbetalas.

Kvittning av finansiell fordran och finansiell skuld
En finansiell tillgång och en finansiell skuld kvittas och redovisas med ett nettobelopp i balansräkningen endast då legal kvittningsrätt föreligger samt då en reglering med ett nettobelopp avses ske eller då en samtida avyttring av tillgången och reglering av skulden avses ske.

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TILLÄGGSUPPLYSNINGAR

Nedskrivningsprövning av finansiella anläggningstillgångar
Vid varje balansdag bedömer företaget om det finns någon indikation på nedskrivningsbehov i någon av de finansiella anläggningstillgångarna. Nedskrivning sker om värdenedgången bedöms vara bestående. Nedskrivning redovisas i resultaträkningsposten Resultat från övriga värdepapper och fordringar som är anläggningstillgångar. Nedskrivningsbehovet prövas individuellt för aktier och andelar och övriga enskilda finansiella anläggningstillgångar som är väsentliga.

Varulager
Varulagret är värderat till det lägsta av anskaffningsvärdet och nettoförsäljningsvärdet.
Nettoförsäljningsvärdet har beräknats till försäljningsvärdet efter avdrag för beräknad försäljningskostnad. Inkuransavdrag har gjorts enligt individuell bedömning.
Kassaflödesanalys
Kassaflödesanalysen upprättas enligt indirekt metod. Det redovisade kassaflödet omfattar endast transaktioner som medfört in- eller utbetalningar.
Som likvida medel klassificerar företaget, förutom kassamedel, disponibla tillgodohavanden hos banker och andra kreditinstitut samt kortfristiga likvida placeringar som är noterade på en marknadsplats och har en kortare löptid än tre månader från anskaffningstidpunkten. Spärrade medel klassificeras inte som likvida medel. Förändringar i spärrade medel redovisas i investeringsverksamheten.

Aktier och andelar i dotterföretag
Aktier och andelar i dotterföretag redovisas till anskaffningsvärde efter avdrag för eventuella nedskrivningar. I anskaffningsvärdet ingår köpeskillingen som erlagts för aktierna samt förvärvskostnader. Eventuella kapitaltillskott läggs till anskaffningsvärdet när de lämnas. Utdelning från dotterföretag redovisas som intäkt.

Fordringar och skulder i utländsk valuta
Fordringar och skulder har omräknats till balansdagens kurs. Valutakursvinster och valutakursförluster på fordringar och skulder av rörelsekaraktär redovisas under övriga rörelseintäkter och övriga rörelsekostnader.

Intäktsredovisning
Intäkter från försäljning av varor redovisas vid leverans till kund, i enlighet med försäljningsvillkoren.

Koncernförhållanden
Bolaget är moderbolag, men med stöd av ÅRL 7 kap 2 § upprättas inte någon koncernredovisning.
Företaget ägs till 85,89 % av KRAHN Chemie GmbH, HRB 15084.
Övergripande koncernredovisning upprättas av:
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, HRA46692.

Definition av nyckeltal
Soliditet - Eget kapital och obeskattade reserver (med avdrag för uppskjuten skatt) i förhållande till balansomslutningen.

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TILLÄGGSUPPLYSNINGAR

UPPLYSNINGAR TILL ENSKILDA POSTER

Not 2 Uppskattningar och bedömningar

Det finns inga väsentliga uppskattningar eller bedömningar.

Not 3 Nettoomsättning

	2024	2023
Försäljning Sverige	188 067 596	191 966 250
Försäljning EU	101 089 070	141 065 617
Försäljning övriga länder	12 715 370	26 399 470
Provisionsintäkter	294 355	450 298
	302 166 391	**359 881 635**

Not 4 Övriga rörelseintäkter

	2024	2023
Övriga rörelseintäkter uppdelade på intäktsslag		
Valutadifferenser, netto	9 344 844	1 299 236
Vinst vid avyttring av anläggningstillgång	130 000	0
Koncernintern vidarefakturering av kostnader	4 513 024	4 748 510
Övrigt	458 998	145 519
	14 446 866	**6 193 265**

Not 5 Inköp och försäljning inom koncernen

	2024	2023
Andel av försäljningen som avser koncernföretag	5,06%	4,48%
Andel av inköpen som avser koncernföretag	2,13%	2,34%

Not 6 Leasingavtal

	2024	2023
Under året har företagets leasingavgifter uppgått till	1 170 846	1 121 739
Framtida leasingavgifter för icke uppsägningsbara leasingavtal, förfaller till betalning enligt följande:		
Inom 1 år	1 454 545	1 221 265
Inom 2 till 5 år	2 903 742	1 128 052
	4 358 287	**2 349 317**

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TILLÄGGSUPPLYSNINGAR

Not 7 Arvode och kostnadsersättning	2024	2023
Baker Tilly		
Revisionsuppdrag	75 000	75 000
Andra uppdrag	0	0
	75 000	**75 000**

Not 8 Personal	2024	2023
Medelantalet anställda, Sverige	20	20
varav kvinnor	13	15
Medelantalet anställda, Finland	1	1
varav kvinnor	0	0

Löner, ersättningar m m

Löner, ersättningar, sociala kostnader och pensionskostnader har utgått med följande belopp:

Löner och ersättning:				
Styrelse och VD		1 718 768		2 005 211
Övriga anställda		12 797 649		12 770 848
		14 516 417		14 776 059
Sociala kostnader		6 641 572		6 988 703
varav pensionskostnader:				
Styrelse och VD	388 216		567 096	
Övriga anställda	1 328 800		1 437 306	
Övriga personalkostnader		442 866		518 292
		21 600 855		**22 283 054**

Bonus till styrelse/Vd har under året utbetalats med 500 500 kr.

Könsfördelning i företagsledning

Antal styrelseledamöter,	3	3
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Not 9 Resultat från andelar i koncernföretag	2024	2023
Utdelning	10 800 000	10 000 000
	10 800 000	**10 000 000**

Not 10 Skatt på årets resultat	2024	2023
Aktuell skatt	4 590 615	4 467 649
Skatt på årets resultat	**4 590 615**	**4 467 649**
Redovisat resultat före skatt	16 924 693	16 015 053
Skatt beräknad enligt gällande skattesats	3 486 487	3 299 100
Skatteeffekt av ej avdragsgilla kostnader	3 080 042	3 066 956
Skatteeffekt av ej skattepliktiga intäkter	-2 230 987	-2 061 550
Skatteeffekt av schablonränta på periodiseringsfond	255 073	163 143
Redovisad skattekostnad	**4 590 615**	**4 467 649**

Not 11 Goodwill	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Ingående anskaffningsvärde	147 698 001	147 698 001
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	147 698 001	147 698 001
Ingående avskrivningar	-24 616 328	-9 846 528
Årets avskrivningar	-14 769 801	-14 769 800
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar	-39 386 129	-24 616 328
Utgående planenligt restvärde	**108 311 872**	**123 081 673**

Goodwill avser den fusionsdifferens som uppkom vid fusionen av dotterföretagen 2022.

Not 12 Inventarier	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Ingående anskaffningsvärde	210 179	205 277
Inköp	0	296 266
Försäljningar/utrangeringar	0	-291 364
Utgående ackumulerade anskaffningsvärden	210 179	210 179
Ingående avskrivningar	-38 429	-2 735
Årets avskrivningar	-35 694	-35 694
Utgående ackumulerade avskrivningar	-74 123	-38 429
Utgående planenligt restvärde	**136 056**	**171 750**

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Not 13 Andelar i koncernföretag			2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Företag		**Andel**		
Organisationsnummer	**Säte**	**Antal**		
BGM Logistics AB		100%	100 000	100 000
556728-5670	Göteborg	1 000		
Krahn Specialty Fluids AB		100%	17 778 170	17 778 170
556557-7839	Göteborg	1 000		
			17 878 170	**17 878 170**

Uppgifter om eget kapital och resultat	Eget kapital	Resultat
BGM Logistics AB	4 765 419	485 299
Krahn Specialty Fluids AB	32 913 462	12 643 659

Not 14 Förutbetalda kostnader och upplupna intäkter	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Förutbetalda försäkringar	86 202	51 232
Övriga förutbetalda kostnader	83 069	601 656
Upplupna ränteintäkter	0	92 658
Upplupna provisionsintäkter	0	319 810
	169 271	**1 065 356**

Not 15 Upplupna kostnader och förutbetalda intäkter	2024-12-31	2023-12-31
Upplupna lönerelaterade poster inkl sociala avgifter	4 287 729	3 711 605
Förutbetalda intäkter	0	1 042 791
Övriga upplupna kostnader	369 000	436 133
	4 656 729	**5 190 529**

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Not 16 Förslag till vinstdisposition

Till årsstämmans förfogande står

balanserad vinst	240 158 817
årets vinst	12 334 078
	252 492 895

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Styrelseledamot Krahn Nordics AB

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Till bolagsstämman i KRAHN Nordics AB
Org.nr 559234-8915

Rapport om årsredovisningen

Uttalanden
Vi har utfört en revision av årsredovisningen för KRAHN Nordics AB för år 2024.

Enligt vår uppfattning har årsredovisningen upprättats i enlighet med årsredovisningslagen och ger en i alla väsentliga avseenden rättvisande bild av KRAHN Nordics ABs finansiella ställning per den 2024-12-31 och av dess finansiella resultat och kassaflöde för året enligt årsredovisningslagen. Förvaltningsberättelsen är förenlig med årsredovisningens övriga delar.

Vi tillstyrker därför att bolagsstämman fastställer resultaträkningen och balansräkningen.

Grund för uttalanden
Vi har utfört revisionen enligt International Standards on Auditing (ISA) och god revisionssed i Sverige. Vårt ansvar enligt dessa standarder beskrivs närmare i avsnittet *Revisorns ansvar*. Vi är oberoende i förhållande till KRAHN Nordics AB enligt god revisorssed i Sverige och har i övrigt fullgjort vårt yrkesetiska ansvar enligt dessa krav.

Vi anser att de revisionsbevis vi har inhämtat är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga som grund för våra uttalanden.

Styrelsens och verkställande direktörens ansvar
Det är styrelsen och verkställande direktören som har ansvaret för att årsredovisningen upprättas och att den ger en rättvisande bild enligt årsredovisningslagen. Styrelsen och verkställande direktören ansvarar även för den interna kontroll som de bedömer är nödvändig för att upprätta en årsredovisning som inte innehåller några väsentliga felaktigheter, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag.

Vid upprättandet av årsredovisningen ansvarar styrelsen och verkställande direktören för bedömningen av bolagets förmåga att fortsätta verksamheten. De upplyser, när så är tillämpligt, om förhållanden som kan påverka förmågan att fortsätta verksamheten och att använda antagandet om fortsatt drift. Antagandet om fortsatt drift tillämpas dock inte om styrelsen och verkställande direktören avser att likvidera bolaget, upphöra med verksamheten eller inte har något realistiskt alternativ till att göra något av detta.

Revisorns ansvar
Våra mål är att uppnå en rimlig grad av säkerhet om huruvida årsredovisningen som helhet inte innehåller några väsentliga felaktigheter, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag, och att lämna en revisionsberättelse som innehåller våra uttalanden. Rimlig säkerhet är en hög grad av säkerhet, men är ingen garanti för att en revision som utförs enligt ISA och god revisionssed i Sverige alltid kommer att upptäcka en väsentlig felaktighet om en sådan finns. Felaktigheter kan uppstå på grund av oegentligheter eller misstag och anses vara väsentliga om de enskilt eller tillsammans rimligen kan förväntas påverka de ekonomiska beslut som användare fattar med grund i årsredovisningen.

Som del av en revision enligt ISA använder vi professionellt omdöme och har en professionellt skeptisk inställning under hela revisionen. Dessutom:

- identifierar och bedömer vi riskerna för väsentliga felaktigheter i årsredovisningen, vare sig dessa beror på oegentligheter eller misstag, utformar och utför granskningsåtgärder bland annat utifrån dessa risker och

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inhämtar revisionsbevis som är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga för att utgöra en grund för våra uttalanden. Risken för att inte upptäcka en väsentlig felaktighet till följd av oegentligheter är högre än för en väsentlig felaktighet som beror på misstag, eftersom oegentligheter kan innefatta agerande i maskopi, förfalskning, avsiktliga utelämnanden, felaktig information eller åsidosättande av intern kontroll.

- skaffar vi oss en förståelse av den del av bolagets interna kontroll som har betydelse för vår revision för att utforma granskningsåtgärder som är lämpliga med hänsyn till omständigheterna, men inte för att uttala oss om effektiviteten i den interna kontrollen.

- utvärderar vi lämpligheten i de redovisningsprinciper som används och rimligheten i styrelsens och verkställande direktörens uppskattningar i redovisningen och tillhörande upplysningar.

- drar vi en slutsats om lämpligheten i att styrelsen och verkställande direktören använder antagandet om fortsatt drift vid upprättandet av årsredovisningen. Vi drar också en slutsats, med grund i de inhämtade revisionsbevisen, om huruvida det finns någon väsentlig osäkerhetsfaktor som avser sådana händelser eller förhållanden som kan leda till betydande tvivel om bolagets förmåga att fortsätta verksamheten. Om vi drar slutsatsen att det finns en väsentlig osäkerhetsfaktor, måste vi i revisionsberättelsen fästa uppmärksamheten på upplysningarna i årsredovisningen om den väsentliga osäkerhetsfaktorn eller, om sådana upplysningar är otillräckliga, modifiera uttalandet om årsredovisningen. Våra slutsatser baseras på de revisionsbevis som inhämtas fram till datumet för revisionsberättelsen. Dock kan framtida händelser eller förhållanden göra att ett bolag inte längre kan fortsätta verksamheten.

- utvärderar vi den övergripande presentationen, strukturen och innehållet i årsredovisningen, däribland upplysningarna, och om årsredovisningen återger de underliggande transaktionerna och händelserna på ett sätt som ger en rättvisande bild.

Vi måste informera styrelsen om bland annat revisionens planerade omfattning och inriktning samt tidpunkten för den. Vi måste också informera om betydelsefulla iakttagelser under revisionen, däribland de eventuella betydande brister i den interna kontrollen som vi identifierat.

Rapport om andra krav enligt lagar och andra författningar

Uttalanden
Vi tillstyrker att bolagsstämman disponerar vinsten enligt förslaget i förvaltningsberättelsen och beviljar styrelsens ledamöter och verkställande direktören ansvarsfrihet för räkenskapsåret.Utöver vår revision av årsredovisningen har vi även utfört en revision av styrelsens och verkställande direktörens förvaltning för KRAHN Nordics AB för räkenskapsåret 2024 samt av förslaget till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust.

Grund för uttalanden
Vi har utfört revisionen enligt god revisionssed i Sverige. Vårt ansvar enligt denna beskrivs närmare i avsnittet Revisorns ansvar. Vi är oberoende i förhållande till KRAHN Nordics AB enligt god revisorssed i Sverige och har i övrigt fullgjort vårt yrkesetiska ansvar enligt dessa krav.

Vi anser att de revisionsbevis vi har inhämtat är tillräckliga och ändamålsenliga som grund för våra uttalanden.

Styrelsens och verkställande direktörens ansvar
Det är styrelsen som har ansvaret för förslaget till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust. Vid förslag till utdelning innefattar detta bland annat en bedömning av om utdelningen är försvarlig med hänsyn till de krav som bolagets verksamhetsart, omfattning och risker ställer på storleken av bolagets egna kapital, konsolideringsbehov, likviditet och ställning i övrigt.

Styrelsen ansvarar för bolagets organisation och förvaltningen av bolagets angelägenheter. Detta innefattar bland annat att fortlöpande bedöma bolagets ekonomiska situation och att tillse att bolagets organisation är

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utformad så att bokföringen, medelsförvaltningen och bolagets ekonomiska angelägenheter i övrigt kontrolleras på ett betryggande sätt. Verkställande direktören ska sköta den löpande förvaltningen enligt styrelsens riktlinjer och anvisningar och bland annat vidta de åtgärder som är nödvändiga för att bolagets bokföring ska fullgöras i överensstämmelse med lag och för att medelsförvaltningen ska skötas på ett betryggande sätt.

Revisorns ansvar

Vårt mål beträffande revisionen av förvaltningen, och därmed vårt uttalande om ansvarsfrihet, är att inhämta revisionsbevis för att med en rimlig grad av säkerhet kunna bedöma om någon styrelseledamot eller verkställande direktören i något väsentligt avseende:

- företagit någon åtgärd eller gjort sig skyldig till någon försummelse som kan föranleda ersättningsskyldighet mot bolaget, eller

- på något annat sätt handlat i strid med aktiebolagslagen, årsredovisningslagen eller bolagsordningen.

Vårt mål beträffande revisionen av förslaget till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust, och därmed vårt uttalande om detta, är att med rimlig grad av säkerhet bedöma om förslaget är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

Rimlig säkerhet är en hög grad av säkerhet, men ingen garanti för att en revision som utförs enligt god revisionssed i Sverige alltid kommer att upptäcka åtgärder eller försummelser som kan föranleda ersättningsskyldighet mot bolaget, eller att ett förslag till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust inte är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

Som en del av en revision enligt god revisionssed i Sverige använder vi professionellt omdöme och har en professionellt skeptisk inställning under hela revisionen. Granskningen av förvaltningen och förslaget till dispositioner av bolagets vinst eller förlust grundar sig främst på revisionen av räkenskaperna. Vilka tillkommande granskningsåtgärder som utförs baseras på vår professionella bedömning med utgångspunkt i risk och väsentlighet. Det innebär att vi fokuserar granskningen på sådana åtgärder, områden och förhållanden som är väsentliga för verksamheten och där avsteg och överträdelser skulle ha särskild betydelse för bolagets situation. Vi går igenom och prövar fattade beslut, beslutsunderlag, vidtagna åtgärder och andra förhållanden som är relevanta för vårt uttalande om ansvarsfrihet. Som underlag för vårt uttalande om styrelsens förslag till dispositioner beträffande bolagets vinst eller förlust har vi granskat styrelsens motiverade yttrande samt ett urval av underlagen för detta för att kunna bedöma om förslaget är förenligt med aktiebolagslagen.

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Appendix 6 Group Management Report for the fiscal year 2024

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Appendix 8 General Engagement Terms for German Public Auditors and Public Audit Firms

List of Abbreviations

AG	Stock Corporation
AktG	Stock Corporations Act
AO	German Fiscal Code
EEA	European Economic Area
EGHGB	Introductory Act to the HGB (see below)]
EnWG	Electricity and Gas Supply Act
EStG	Income Tax Act
EU	European Union
GAS	German Accounting Standard
GET	General Engagement Terms for German Public Auditors and Public Audit Firms
GmbH	Limited liability company
Group P&L	Consolidated Profit and Loss Account
HGB	Commercial Code
ICS	Internal Control System
IDW	Institute of Public Auditors in Germany Incorporated Association, Düsseldorf
IDWPS	IDW Auditing Standard

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OTTO KRAHN or Company	OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg
ALBIS Austria	ALBIS Plastic Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna, Austria
ALBIS Benelux	Albis Benelux B.V., Breda, Netherlands
ALBIS Czech Republic	Albis Plastic CR s.r.o., České Budějovice, Czech Republic
ALBIS Distribution	ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg
ALBIS Dis. Verwaltung	ALBIS Distribution Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg
ALBIS France	ALBIS PLASTIQUE FRANCE S.A.R.L., Gif sur Yvette Cédex, France
ALBIS Guangzhou	Albis Plastic Distribution (Guangzhou) Co. Ltd., Guangzhou, China
ALBIS Hong Kong	Albis Plastic (Far East) Ltd., Hong Kong, China
ALBIS Iberia	Albis Iberia S.A., Barcelona, Spain
ALBIS Hungary	Albis Plastic Kft., Tiszaújváros, Hungary
ALBIS Italy	ALBIS PLASTIC Italia s.r.l., Milan, Italy
ALBIS Maghreb	ALBIS MAGHREB Sarlau, Tanger, Morocco
ALBIS Morocco	ALBIS MOROCCO SARLAU, Tanger, Morocco
ALBIS Nordics	Albis Nordics & Baltics AB, Göteborg, Sweden
ALBIS Poland	Albis Polska Sp. z o.o., Poznań, Poland
ALBIS Romania	Albis Plastic SRL., Sibiu, Romania
ALBIS Russia	Albis Plastic, OOO, Moscow, Russia
ALBIS Switzerland	Albis Impex AG, Meilen, Switzerland

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ALBIS Shanghai	Albis Plastic (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., Shanghai, China
ALBIS Tunisia	Albis Plastic Tunisia S.A.R.L, Tunis, Tunisia
ALBIS Turkey	Albis Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, Istanbul, Turkey
ALBIS UK	Albis (U.K.) Ltd., Knutsford, UK
ALBIS Vietnam	ALBIS VIETNAM Ltd., Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
ADRE	Albis Duncan Real Estate LLC, Duncan/South Carolina, USA
BGM Logistics AB	BGM Logistics AB, Hisings Backa, Sweden
FibreCoat Inc.	FibreCoat, Inc., Dover, USA
Krahn Chemie	Krahn Chemie Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Hamburg
KRAHN Chemie Germany	KRAHN Chemie Deutschland GmbH, Hamburg
KRAHN CHEMIE Benelux	KRAHN CHEMIE Benelux B.V., Zaandam, Netherlands
KRAHN CHEMIE Poland	KRAHN CHEMIE Polska Sp. z. o. o. Poznań, Poland
KRAHN Ceramics	KRAHN Ceramics GmbH, Hamburg
KRAHN Austria	KRAHN Central & Eastern Europe GmbH, Vienna, Austria
KRAHN France	KRAHN France SAS, Avon, France
KRAHN Hellas	Krahn Hellas S.A., Athens, Greece

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List of Abbreviations

KRAHN Iberia	KRAHN Iberia S.L., Aspe, Spain
KRAHN Italy	KRAHN Italia S.p.A., Mailand, Italy
KRAHN Nordics AB	KRAHN Nordics AB, Hisings Backa, Sweden
KRAHN Speciality	KRAHN Speciality Fluids AB, Hisings Backa, Sweden
KRAHN UK	KRAHN UK Ltd, Sandbach, UK
KVG	Krahn Verwaltungs-Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Hamburg
MOCOM	MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg
MOCOM Changshu	Mocom Compounds (Changshu) Co. Ltd., Changshu, China
MOCOM Mexico	MOCOM Compounds México, S. de R. L. de C.V., San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico
MOCOM Recycling	MOCOM Recycling GmbH, Hamburg
MOCOM USA	MOCOM Compounds Corp., Duncan/South Carolina, USA
MOCOM Verwaltung	MOCOM Compounds Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg
NCA	Next Commerce Accelerator 2. Beteiligungs-gesellschaft mbH &Co. KG, Hamburg
OK CorFu	OTTO KRAHN Corporate Functions GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg
OK CorFu Verwaltung	OTTO KRAHN Corporate Functions Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg

List of Abbreviations

OK Group	Otto Krahn Group GmbH, Hamburg
OK Kranich	OK Kranich GmbH, Hamburg
OK New Business	Otto Krahn New Business GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg
OK New Business Verwaltung	Otto Krahn New Business Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg
OK Real Estate	OTTO KRAHN Real Estate GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg
Specialities S.r.l.	Specialities S.r.l., Berbenno, Italy

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1. Audit engagement

We were engaged on October 1st 2024 by the management board of the personally liable partner of

OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG,
Hamburg
(also referred to hereinafter as "the Company")

to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements per December 31st 2024 and the group management report for the fiscal year 2024 in commensurate application of Sections 317 et seq. HGB.

The non-statutory audit was carried out on the basis of the partners' resolution dated May 14th 2024.

We were also engaged to audit the annual financial statements of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG per December 31st 2024 in commensurate application of Sections 317 et seq. HGB. We refer in this regard to our separate audit report.

We confirm pursuant to Section 321 (4a) HGB that we have observed the applicable regulations on independence in our audit of the consolidated financial statements.

We have prepared the following report on the nature and scope and the result of our audit in accordance with the principles set out in IDW PS 450 (new version) (10.2021), to which the audited consolidated financial statements and the audited group management report are appended. This report is addressed to the company audited.

The performance of our engagement and our responsibilities, as well as in relation to third parties, are subject to the General Engagement Terms for German Public Auditors and Public Audit Firms as of January 1st 2024 (GET).

Notwithstanding the wording of Art. 10 (3) of the aforementioned GETs, we will issue exclusively an electronic copy of the long-form audit report. Beyond this, there is no entitlement to the issuance of copies of the report in paper form.

2. Evaluation of management's assessment of the Company's position

The Company's group management report includes in our opinion the following significant aspects

on the development of the business and the situation:

- Compared with the original planning, the Otto Krahn Group failed to achieve the forecasted revenue increases in fiscal year 2024 and also remained in sales terms below the expectations. Overall, the operating result was much lower than expected, partly due to special effects, but was much better than in 2023.

The following factors mainly influenced the consolidated net income for the year in 2024:

- The revenue of the Otto Krahn Group fell in 2024 compared with the previous year by 0.4 % to EUR 1,343.5 million, due in particular to slightly lower selling prices at the same time as an increase in the sales quantities of 1.7 % or 6,964 mt to 408,425 mt.

- The gross profit in the calendar year increased compared with the previous year by 7.1 % from EUR 270.3 million to EUR 289.6 million. The increase in the gross profit in relation to the lower revenue resulted especially from changes in the product mix and partly from the lower price level of raw materials.

- Compared with EUR 140.4 million in 2023, the personnel expenses fell by EUR 5.5 million or 3.9 % to EUR 134.9 million. The decline in the personnel expenses results mainly from the lower pension expense of EUR 1.9 million (PY: EUR 6.8 million) and the reduction in the number of employees (-52 employees).

- EBIT as the main management ratio for the Group increased by EUR 6.2 million in the previous year to EUR 34.6 million in 2024, representing an improvement of EUR 28.4 million or 457.1 %. The return on revenue in relation to EBIT of 2.6 % was 2.1 percentage points better than the prior year figure of 0.5 %.

- After deducting all taxes, consolidated net income for the year of EUR 13.8 million was generated in fiscal year 2024. Following a consolidated net loss for the year of EUR 11.3 million generated in 2023, this was EUR 25.1 million better than the prior year figure.

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Total assets and liabilities amounted per December 31st 2024 to EUR 581.7 million and fell by 1.4 % compared with the previous year. The following factors influenced the total assets and liabilities:

- The book value of the fixed assets fell in 2024 by EUR 1.3 million to EUR 109.3 million. The reduction comprises the increase of EUR 3.0 million in financial fixed assets and the reduction of EUR 4.2 million in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (including goodwill).

- Assets tied up in the short term in inventories and trade receivables increased by EUR 21.5 million or 6.3 % in the previous year from EUR 342.9 million to EUR 364.4 million, of which EUR 20,5 million related to the build-up in inventories and EUR 1.0 million to higher trade receivables per December 31st 2024.

- Liquid funds fell by altogether EUR 27.4 million. Also taking into account the liabilities to banks, in the interests of net indebtedness, net monetary funds fell by EUR 21.8 million to EUR 12.9 million.

- Cash flows from operating activities fell in 2024 by EUR 51.7 million from EUR 56.7 million to EUR 5.0 million. Cash flows from investing activities improved on the other hand by EUR 30.3 million. To refinance the ongoing capital expenditure, new financial loans of EUR 4.0 million EUR (PY: EUR 26.6 million) were taken up. Existing loans were redeemed by EUR 16.3 million (PY: EUR 12.8 million). All in all, outflows of EUR 26.0 million (PY: inflows of EUR 3.8 million) were recorded for the financing activities.

- Group equity increased in the calendar year 2024 compared with the previous year by EUR 4.4 million from EUR 245.7 million to EUR 250.1 million. On a reduction of 1.4 % in total equity and liabilities to EUR 581.7 million, the equity ratio increased from 41.7 % in the previous year to 43.0 %.

- Pension provisions, which account for a significant portion of the Group's external obligations, fell in 2024 without special effects by EUR 2.1 million from EUR 126.7 million to EUR 124.6 million. The pension provisions account for 21.4 % of the total equity and liabilities (PY: 21.5 %).

- Liabilities to banks fell by EUR 5.6 million compared with the previous year from EUR 75.5 million to EUR 69.9 million and therefore account for 12.0% of the total equity and liabilities (PY: 12.8 %).

on the expected development with its main opportunities and risks:

- The Otto Krahn Group is planning of the basis of these assumptions a sales volume of 450 thousand mt and revenue of EUR 1,465 million in 2025. On account of lower production costs and the implemented cost reduction measures, an increase in earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) to EUR 49.2 million is expected for 2025.

- The geopolitical risks especially in view of the war in Ukraine, the Gaza conflict, the continued tense situation in the East Asian economies and the repercussions of the election in the USA influence the business development of the Otto Krahn Group, both directly and indirectly. The high inflation in recent years with the subsequent higher level of interest rates result in sluggish demand and comprise in addition to the increasing shortage of specialist staff at the same time as increasing labour costs the main risks. In addition to the higher energy costs, protectionist measures lead to negative impacts and price increases in the global exchange of goods.

- Good opportunities for growth also continue to exist in the distribution and compounding of plastics and in the distribution of specialty chemicals. The subgroups of the Otto Krahn Group are well positioned for this in the market segments occupied by them. On account of the orientation towards diverse customer industries, the comprehensive product offering, the strong sales expertise and the good organizational positioning, the Otto Krahn Group evaluates the future growth and development opportunities positively.

The assessment of the Group's position and, in particular, the assessment of its ability to continue as a going concern and the material risks and opportunities of future development are plausible and have been appropriately determined. Based on the results and findings of our audit, management's assessment of the position is appropriate in terms of scope and realistic in terms of content.

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3. Reproduction of the auditor's report

We have rendered the following auditor's report on the consolidated financial statements and the group management report for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg, attached to this report as Appendices 1 to 5 (consolidated financial statements) and Appendix 6 (group management report), signed in Hamburg and dated May 14th 2024, which is reproduced here:

"INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG

Opinions

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet per December 31st 2024, the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In addition, we have audited the group management report of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit

- the accompanying consolidated financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Group per December 31st 2024 and of its financial performance for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles and

- the accompanying group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Group's position. In all material respects, this group management report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Pursuant to Section 322 (3) sentence 1 HGB *[Handelsgesetzbuch: German Commercial Code]*, we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations relating to the legal compliance of the consolidated financial statements and the group management report.

Basis for the Opinions

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report in accordance with Section 317 HGB and the German Generally Accepted Standards of Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer *[Institute of Public Auditors in Germany]* (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and of the Group Management Report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the group entities in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Group Management Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law and that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Group in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles. In addition, management is responsible for such internal control as they, in accordance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles, have determined necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. They are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. In addition, they are responsible for financial reporting based on the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Furthermore, management is responsible for the preparation of the group management report that, as a whole, provides an appropriate view of the Group's position and is, in all material respects, consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements, and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In addition, management is responsible for such arrangements and measures (systems) as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of a group management report that is in accordance with the applicable German legal requirements, and to be able to provide sufficient appropriate evidence for the assertions in the group management report.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and of the Group Management Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether the group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Group's position and, in all material respects, is consistent with the consolidated financial statements and the knowledge obtained in the audit, complies with the German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development, as well as to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee, that an audit conducted in accordance with Section 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements and this group management report.

We exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from error, as fraud may

involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the consolidated financial statements and of arrangements and measures (systems) relevant to the audit of the group management report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of these systems.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by management and the reasonableness of estimates made by management and related disclosures.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements and in the group management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our respective opinions. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to be able to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Group in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles.

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- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our opinions.

- Evaluate the consistency of the group management report with the consolidated financial statements, its conformity with *[German]* law, and the view of the Group's position it provides.

- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by management in the group management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by management as a basis for the prospective information and evaluate the proper derivation of the prospective information from these assumptions. We do not express a separate opinion on the prospective information and on the assumptions used as a basis. There is a substantial unavoidable risk that future events will differ materially from the prospective information.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit."

4. Subject, Nature and Scope of the Audit

The subject of our audit was the Company's consolidated financial statements, comprising the consolidated balance sheet per December 31st 2024, the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated cash flow statement for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In addition, we have audited the group management report for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024.

Management's responsibility for the consolidated financial statements and the group management report and the responsibility of the auditor for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management reports are described in detail in the auditor's report. In this connection, we wish to point out that an audit only covers compliance with those legal regulations that do not affect the accounting to the extent that those other regulations can be expected to have an impact on the audited consolidated financial statements or to the extent that the non-observation of such laws could be expected to result in risks that would have to be taken into account in the group management report. Our audit is furthermore fundamentally not intended to extend to whether the ability of the audited Group to continue as a going concern of the effectiveness and efficiency of management can be assured.

We carried out our audit between March and May 2024. We performed the interim audit in November 2024

The focal points of our audit were as follows:

Development of the audit strategy
Obtaining an understanding of the Group, its environment and its accounting-related internal control system (ICS)
Identifying significant components, taking into account their economic importance for the Group and their specific characteristics or other circumstances, as a result of which significant risks of material misstatements could arise

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Definition of audit fields and audit focuses on the basis of our assessment of the risks:
Existence and cut-off of group revenue
Misstatements due to fraud at the level of the financial statements and at the level of individual disclosures
Completeness and cut-off of the cost of materials and of the personnel expenses
Valuation of the inventories
Definition of the audit strategy and the audit timetable, also with regard to
the scope of consolidation,
the annual financial statements included in the consolidated financial statements,
uniform group accounting and valuation, the reconciliation of the audited annual financial statements to the consolidating financial statements (HB II or reporting packages) and
the consolidation measures adopted
Selection of the audit team
Selection and implementation of control-based audit procedures
Selection of control-based audit procedures based on risk assessments and our understanding of the business processes and systems
Assessment of the design and effectiveness of selected accounting-related controls
Tests of detail and analytical reviews
Performance of analytical reviews of components, which are not defined as significant components, at group level and of individual financial statement captions

Overall assessment of the audit results and reporting

Formation of the opinions

Reporting in the long-term audit report and in the independent auditor's report

Verbal presentation of audit results to management

The use of significant work performed by component auditors was based on our understanding of whether the component auditors observed the professional obligations relevant for the audit of the consolidated financial statements and, in particular, are independent, possess sufficient professional competence, and operate in a regulatory environment with active supervision of auditors, and whether we have been included in the work of the component auditors to the extent necessary.

For the audit of the pension provisions, the provisions for staff anniversary bonuses and for the obligations for pre-retirement part-time work, actuarial reports from independent appraisers were made available to us, the results of which we were able to use. Where necessary, we evaluated the competence and objectivity of the appraisers, taking into account the importance of the work of the appraisers for the objectives of our audit, obtained an understanding and assessed the suitability of the work of the appraisers as audit evidence for the relevant disclosures.

All explanations and evidence requested by us were provided by the management of the parent company, the management of the subsidiaries and the employees nominated by them. The management of the parent company furthermore provided us with the customary representation letter for the consolidated financial statements and the group management report.

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5. Findings and explanations on the consolidated financial reporting

5.1. Scope of consolidation and group reporting date

The entities included in the consolidated financial statements have been appropriately disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. The disclosures there on the scope of consolidation and the inclusion and exclusion criteria applied for the definition of the scope of consolidation are complete and comply with the relevant accounting principles.

Entities are included in consolidation in accordance with Sections 294 and 296 HGB. Definition of the scope of consolidation is applied, observing the consistency principle. The materiality criteria applied in the previous year remain unchanged.

Changes in the scope of consolidation compared with the previous year have been disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. Comparability with the previous year is not impaired by the change in the scope of consolidation.

The reporting dates of the consolidated companies correspond with the group reporting date.

5.2. Financial statements included in the consolidated financial statements

As a result of the audit of the financial information on the components, we conclude that the annual financial statements to be included in the consolidated financial statements provide an appropriate basis for consolidation.

The possibly necessary adjustments of the financial statements to the accounting and valuation guidelines applicable in the Group (HB II or reporting packages, Sections 300 (2) and 308 HGB) were properly performed.

5.3. Compliance of the consolidated financial statements and group management report with German Legally Required Accounting Principles

5.3.1. Consolidated financial statements

In our opinion, based on our audit findings, the consolidated financial statements per December 31st 2024 (Appendices 1 to 5) comply in all material respects with the applicable provisions under German commercial law [HGB] and the supplementary provisions of the parent company's partners' agreement.

During our audit, we identified no indications suggesting that the organizational and technical measures adopted by the parent company are not appropriate to ensure the reliability of the accounting-relevant data and IT systems.

The consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement were properly derived from the annual financial statements included in consolidation and other audited documents. The consolidation methods applied are consistent with German legal requirements. At the same time, the translation of the separate financial statements drawn up in foreign currencies was carried out properly.

The capital consolidation, the elimination of intercompany balances, the elimination of intercompany income and expenses and the elimination of intercompany gains and losses and the deferral of taxes were carried out properly. Contrary to GAS 23 "Capital consolidation (Accounting for Subsidiaries in Consolidated Financial Statements)" the capital consolidation for acquisition transactions before January 1st 2010 was carried out permissibly by the book value method (Section 301 (1) sentence 2 No. 1 HGB in the version applicable until May 28th 2009). The consolidation entries were carried forward correctly.

On the basis of our audit findings, the consolidated cash flow statement and the consolidated statement of changes in equity comply in our opinion with the applicable German provisions under German commercial law [HGB] and the substantiating German Accounting Standards (GAS).

Pursuant to Section 314 (3) sentence 2 in conjunction with Section 286 (4) HGB, the compensation of parent company management is not disclosed. According to our audit findings, use of the protective clause was permissible.

5.3.2. Group management report

The group management report for the fiscal year 2024 (Appendix 6) complies, in our opinion, in all material respects with the German legal regulations.

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5.4. Overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements

5.4.1. Findings on the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements

The consolidated financial statements provide overall, i.e. from the interaction of the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated profit and loss account, the notes to the consolidated financial statements, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement, a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Group and of its financial performance in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles.

For a better understanding of the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements, we are presenting below, in accordance with our professional obligation, the main valuation bases and the overall influence of discretionary financial transactions on the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

5.4.2. Main valuation bases

The accounting and valuation methods and the relevant factors for the valuation of the assets and liabilities are described in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

A useful life of 10 years has been applied to the **goodwill** of entities taken over since 2016, because this reflects the period over which the acquired advantages from the goodwill can be realized. The useful life of goodwill acquired before 2016 is between 11 and 15 years.

In the consolidated financial statements, there is a net surplus of **deferred tax assets** of KEUR 19,975 after offsetting deferred tax liabilities which, exercising the option provided by Section 298 (1) in conjunction with Section 274 (1) sentence 2 HGB, is not recognized as an asset.

Provisions for pension obligations are determined actuarily, taking into account biometric probabilities (Heubeck 2018 G Mortality Tables). The obligations are calculated in accordance with the projected unit credit method. The pension trend is thereby taken into account with 2.00 % p.a. (PY: 2.00 % p.a.). As in the previous year, an average market rate of interest for the past ten years matching the maturities that is published monthly by the Deutsche Bundesbank is used to calculate the pension obligations. A global residual term of 15 years is assumed without amendment for the obligations. The discounting rate per December 31st 2024 on an average interest rate for the past ten years is 1.88 % (PY: 1.82 %).

Pension provisions of KEUR 124,615 (Dec. 31st 2023: KEUR 126,689) were recognised per December 31st 2024.

There have been no changes compared with the previous year regarding the scope for the exercise of judgement, the utilization of statutory options and the amendment of valuation principles.

5.4.3. Discretionary financial measures

The following discretionary financial measures have had a material impact on the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company.

In accordance with the rules in GAS 22 on group equity, the consolidated net loss for the past fiscal year has been netted with the revenue reserves.

Impairment losses of KEUR 1,060 were recorded in fiscal year 2024 pursuant to Section 298 (1) sentence 1 in conjunction with Section 253 (3) sentence 4 HGB on the investment in Albis Russia.

With an agreement dated December 22nd 2023 and with effect from December 31st 2023, Krahn Chemie GmbH acquired an interest of 49 % in Specialities S.r.l., Italy, with a cost of KEUR 10,105. Retroactive acquisition costs of KEUR 229 were incurred in 2024. The investment is included in the consolidated financial statements as an associate pursuant to Section 311 et seq. HGB. The goodwill of KEUR 7,525 on the difference between cost and the proportionate equity of Specialities S.r.l. is being amortized over a useful life of 10 years. The income from investments in associates of KEUR 251 comprises the proportionate annual earnings for 2024 of KEUR 1,003 and the amortization of the goodwill of KEUR 752.

In connection with the classification of Turkey as a hyperinflationary country, the rules in GAS 25 on currency translation for a hyperinflationary currency have been applied. Due to an option, the Company has performed an index calculation. The indexing led to indexing expense recognized directly in equity of KEUR 651.

With a resolution of the partners' meeting on May 15th 2025, an approach deviating from the rules under Art. 7 paragraph 3 a) of the partners' agreement was elected for the allocation of the earnings for fiscal year 2024. The partners' meeting resolved for the calculation of the modified group earnings pursuant to Art. 7 paragraph 3 a) of the partners' agreement on the consolidated net income for the year per December 31st 2024 of the consolidated financial statements drawn up in accordance with the HGB to add in the special dividend of Otto Krahn Group GmbH resolved with the partners'

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resolution dated May 17th 2024 and to report in the earnings a KEUR 3,600 higher "KG-result" pursuant to Art. 7 paragraph 3 a) of the partners' agreement.

In order that a "KG-result" pursuant to Art. 7 paragraph 3 a) of the partners' agreement can be reported, the shareholders' meeting of Krahn Chemie GmbH resolved with a shareholders' resolution dated April 30th 2025 a distribution from the revenue reserve of KEUR 7,383, which the company took up in each case in fiscal year 2024 in the same period.

6. Concluding remarks

We are rendering the above report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg, for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 and of the group management for this fiscal year in accordance with the German legal regulations and Generally Accepted Standards for the Issuance of Long-form Audit Reports for Audits of Financial Statements (IDW PS 450 (new version) (10.2021).

The auditor's report issued by us is included in Section 3 under "Reproduction of the Independent Auditor's Report".

Hamburg, May 15th 2025

Baker Tilly GmbH & Co. KG
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Wirtschaftsprüfer
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Consolidated Financial Statements

for Fiscal Year 2024

Otto Krahn Group

OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG

Hamburg

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Consolidated Balance Sheet for
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg,

per December 31st 2024

A s s e t s

	31.12.2024 KEUR	31.12.2023 KEUR
A. Fixed assets		
I. Intangible assets		
1. Industrial property rights and similar rights and assets acquired for a consideration	2.657	3.233
2. Goodwill	13.450	16.774
3. Advance payments	1.160	570
	17.267	20.578
II. Property, plant and equipment		
1. Land, rights similar to land, and buildings, including buildings on land owned by third parties	39.833	35.622
2. Technical plant and machinery	20.475	19.772
3. Other plant, operational and office equipment	13.186	14.157
4. Advance payments and construction in progress	3.780	8.650
	77.274	78.201
III. Financial fixed assets		
1. Participations in associates	10.144	10.105
2. Other participating interests	4.592	1.652
	14.736	11.758
	109.276	110.536
B. Current assets		
I. Inventories		
1. Raw materials and consumable supplies	33.744	36.673
2. Work in progress	2.624	5.919
3. Finished goods and merchandise	175.348	148.456
4. Advance payments to suppliers	710	868
X	212.426	191.916
II. Receivables and other assets		
1. Trade receivables	152.011	150.975
2. Receivables from affiliated companies		2
3. Other assets	19.574	21.282
	171.585	172.259
III. Cash in hand and at banks and cheques	82.870	110.259
	466.881	474.434
C. Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	3.775	3.155
D. Deferred tax assets	1.773	1.652
	581.706	589.777

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Liabilities

	31.12.2024 KEUR	31.12.2023 KEUR
A. Equity		
I. Subscribed capital	25.000	25.000
II. Revenue reserves	214.600	212.899
III. Foreign currency translation reserve	-1.843	-3.618
IV. Minority interests	12.345	11.405
	250.102	245.687
B. Provisions		
1. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	124.615	126.689
2. Tax provisions	274	1.849
3. Other provisions	25.365	26.617
	150.255	155.155
C. Liabilities		
1. Liabilities to banks	69.906	75.461
2. Advance payments received on orders	1.822	2.675
3. Trade liabilities	69.281	70.474
4. Liabilities to affiliated entities	2.398	2.408
5. Liabilities to limited partners	10.255	7.584
6. Other liabilities	27.688	30.333
	181.350	188.935
	581.706	589.777

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account for
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg

for the fiscal year 2024

	31.12.2024 KEUR	31.12.2023 KEUR
1. Revenue	**1.343.457**	**1.348.343**
2. Increase or decrease in finished goods and work in progress	830	-9.154
3. Other capitalized own work	178	69
4. Other operating income	14.729	17.422
	1.359.194	1.356.680
5. Cost of materials		
a) Cost of raw materials, consumable supplies and of purchased merchandise	1.047.890	1.054.196
b) Cost of purchased services	6.972	14.711
	1.054.863	1.068.907
6. Personnel expenses		
a) Wages and salaries	110.460	111.776
b) Social security and pension expenses	24.468	28.648
- *thereof for pensions:*	*1.928*	*6.774*
	134.928	140.424
7. Amortization and depreciation of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	15.986	18.411
8. Other operating expenses	117.873	121.819
	35.544	7.120
9. Income from other Investments	1.022	
10. Income from investments in associates	251	
11. Other interest and similar income	1.390	2.179
12. Amortization and depreciation of financial assets	1.060	
13. Interest and similar expenses	7.198	5.919
	-5.596	-3.740
14. Taxes on income	15.180	13.733
15. Earnings after taxes	**14.769**	**-10.353**
16. Other taxes	950	910
17. Consolidated net income/loss for the year	**13.819**	**-11.264**
18. Minority interests	2.427	2.184

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Notes to the consolidated financial statements of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg,

for the fiscal year 2024

1. Corporate information

OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG with seat at Grimm 10 in 20457 Hamburg is entered in the Commercial Register at the Municipal Court in Hamburg under the number HRA 46692.

2. General principles

The consolidated financial statements per December 31st 2024 are prepared voluntarily in accordance with the regulations in the HGB (German Commercial Code), and are not intended for publication.

The profit and loss account has been prepared in accordance with the type of expenditure format.

The amounts presented in KEUR [thousands of euros] are rounded in accordance with standard commercial practice. This can result in rounding differences in totals and subtotals of +/- KEUR 1.

3. Scope of consolidation

Pursuant to Section 294 paragraph 1 HGB, OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg, as the parent company, and 51 (PY: 49) subsidiaries, in which OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG holds directly or indirectly at least 20 % of the voting rights, are included in the consolidated financial statements.

With effect from January 1st 2024, ALBIS VIETNAM LIMITED was established in Ho Ci Minh City, Vietnam, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG.

With effect from December 13th, 2024 ALBIS MAGHREB SARLAU was established in Tangiers, Morocco, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG.

Otherwise, the scope of consolidation was unchanged in the reporting period. The companies included in consolidation pursuant to Sections 290 and 294 HGB are listed in the schedule of investment holdings.

4. Business acquisitions and newly established entities

With effect from August 16th 2024, Otto Krahn New Business GmbH & Co. KG increased its minimum interest of 0.66 % in FibreCoat, Inc., USA, to 8.46 %.

The impacts of further changes in the scope of consolidation on the balance sheet ratios are immaterial.

5. Consolidation principles and translation of foreign currencies

The consolidated financial statements are based on the separate annual financial statements of the consolidated entities.

The reporting date for the separate financial statements of all entities included in consolidation corresponds with the reporting date of the consolidated financial statements per December 31st 2024.

The capital consolidation of subsidiaries acquired by December 31st 2009 was carried out in accordance with the book value method by offsetting the acquisition costs of the interests against the proportionate equity of the subsidiaries at the acquisition date or at the date of first-time consolidation. Credit balances from capital consolidation resulting from the retained profits of the subsidiaries on the respective acquisitions were allocated directly to equity in the revenue reserves.

The first-time consolidation of subsidiaries from January 1st 2010 onwards is carried out in accordance with the revaluation method.

The non-controlling interests are based on the equity of the respective subsidiaries, taking into account uniform accounting and valuation methods.

Deferred taxes are recognized in accordance with Section 306 HGB, provided the difference between the German statutory (HGB) carrying amounts and the tax base will probably reverse again in later fiscal years.

Deferred taxes are computed on the basis of the future tax burdens of the companies concerned. Deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities are reported net.

The tax rate used to calculate the deferred taxes, which mainly result from the elimination of intercompany profits, is 32%.

Assets and liabilities in balance sheets denominated in foreign currencies are translated to euros at the foreign currency mid-market spot rate as of the reporting date, apart from equity, which is translated with the historical rates. The profit and loss account is translated at the average rate for the year. Translation differences resulting from the historical translation of the capital on first-time consolidation and the group

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earnings of companies not maintained in euros are allocated directly to the "foreign currency translation reserve" in equity.

On the inclusion in consolidation of Albis Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, the principles of hyperinflationary accounting pursuant to GAS 25 have been applied since the fiscal year 2023. Nonmonetary captions in the balance sheet were adjusted for inflation on the basis of the change in the Producer Price Index for the fiscal year for Turkey. Based on this, translation to the group currency was performed throughout at the closing rate.

The principle of consistency of the consolidation methods has been observed.

6. Accounting policies

Foreign companies are included in the consolidated financial statements on the basis of annual financial statements prepared in accordance with the local regulations. The annual financial statements of the foreign and domestic group entities have been adjusted to the extent necessary in the course of consolidation to comply with uniform group accounting policies.

Fixed assets

Items of property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets acquired for a consideration, are valued at acquisition costs less systematic amortization and depreciation. Assessment of the useful lives is based on the expected useful lives.

Fixed assets that can only be used for a limited period of time are generally amortized or depreciated straight-line. Amortization and depreciation are recorded over useful lives of between 1 and 50 years.

Amortization of goodwill is measured on the basis of the respective business model and the revenue-weighted average term of the supplier agreements. In these cases, the goodwill is amortized over 11 to 15 years. Goodwill acquired for a consideration since 2016 is being amortized over 10 years.

Financial fixed assets are valued at acquisition costs or, in the event of permanent impairment, at the lower attributable value.

Current assets

Raw materials, consumable supplies and merchandise are valued at the lower of acquisition cost and net realizable value. Finished goods and work in progress are recognized at production costs observing the principle of loss-free valuation. In addition to the direct costs, the production costs also include production and material overheads, and depreciation, to the extent that it is caused by the operations.

Receivables and other assets are recognized at face value. Foreseeable risks are reflected by specific allowances and the general credit risk by a general allowance.

Other assets resulting from employer's pension liability insurance are valued with the amount of the covering capital fund per the insurance company's business plan plus credits resulting from premium refunds.

Cash in hand and at banks and cheques are valued at nominal value.

Pension provisions

The value of the pension obligations is calculated with the settlement amount in accordance with the actuarial projected unit credit method applying Prof Dr Klaus Heubeck's current 2018 G mortality tables on the basis of the following parameters:

	2024	2023	
Discounting rate per the Regulation on the Discounting of Provisions	1.88 %p.a.	1.82% p.a.	
Expectancy trend (e.g. salary)	2.50% p.a.	2.50% p.a.	
Pension trend	2.00% p.a.	2.00% p.a.	
Staff fluctuation rate	4.00 %p.a.	4.00% p.a.	

The discounting rate in 2024 is based, pursuant to the legal regulation in Section 253 paragraph 2 sentence 1 HGB, on the average market interest rate for the past ten years of 1.88% (PY: 1.82%) calculated by the Deutscher Bundesbank.

When defining the discounting rate applicable for the respective term, an average term of 15 years is assumed, applying the option available under Section 253 paragraph 2 sentence 2 HGB.

If the average market rate of interest for the past 7 years had continued to be applied, the discounting rate per December 31st 2024 would have amounted to 1.95 % (PY: 1.74 %). Application of the previous average market rate of interest for the past 7 years results in a difference compared with application of the current average market rate of interest for the past 10 years of KEUR 1,217 (PY: KEUR 1,474).

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Other provisions

The other provisions take into account all foreseeable risks and uncertain obligations, and contingent losses on pending contracts, and are valued at the settlement amount deemed necessary in accordance with reasonable commercial judgement.

Provisions with a term exceeding a year are discounted to the balance sheet date.

Prof Dr Klaus Heubeck's 2018 G mortality tables are similarly applied for the valuation of the provisions for partial early retirement and staff anniversary benefits. They are recognized with the settlement amount shown by the actuarial reports.

The discounting rate amounts to 1.95% p.a. (PY: 1.74 % p.a.).

The projected unit credit method is used for the staff anniversary provision.

Liabilities

All liabilities are recognized with the settlement amount.

Foreign currency

Receivables and liabilities in foreign currency with a remaining term of up to a year are valued with the respective foreign currency mid-market spot rate as of the reporting date or, in the event of possible valuation units with hedged items, at the forward rates that have been concluded. On a remaining term of more than a year, they are translated with the rate as of their creation date; in the event of changes in exchange rates by the balance sheet date, they are fundamentally valued with the respective foreign currency mid-market spot rate as of the reporting date, observing the principle of lower of cost and market on the assets side and the higher of cost and market on the liabilities side.

Liabilities, pending contracts and transactions from purchase contracts in foreign currency that are expected with a high degree of certainty are combined with foreign currency forward contracts to form valuation units in order to compensate contrary foreign currency changes.

Deferred taxes

Deferred taxes are set up on differences between the statutory (HGB) carrying amounts of pension provisions and sundry assets and liabilities, and their carrying amounts for German tax purposes, which will probably reverse in future years. If the netting of deferred tax assets and deferred tax liabilities results overall in a net deferred tax asset, the recognition of deferred taxes is waived in accordance with Section 274 paragraph 1 sentence 2 HGB.

7. Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

Fixed assets

The separately appended presentation of the consolidated statement of changes in fixed assets is an integral element of the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

The contractually agreed final payments and retrospective ancillary acquisition costs resulted in an addition of KEUR 229 to the carrying amount of the participating interest in Specialities S.r.l., which is reported in the interests in associates. The interest in equity amounts to 49%. The difference pursuant to Section 312 HGB is KEUR 6,772 and relates entirely to goodwill.

	2024 KEUR
Difference pursuant to Section 312 HGB per January 1st in Specialities S.r.l.	**7,296**
+ Subsequent costs	229
- Amortization of goodwill	-752
Difference pursuant to Section 312 HGB per December 31st in Specialities S.r.l.	**6,772**

Furthermore, an increase in the interests in FibreCoat, Inc. is reported with KEUR 4,000 in the other investments.

Impairment losses of KEUR 1,060 were incurred in Albis Plastic, OOO.

Receivables and other assets

The receivables from affiliated companies include trade receivables of KEUR 0 (PY: KEUR 2) from the general partner.

The other assets include tax receivables for the past year of KEUR 5,225 (Vi. KEUR 725). Other assets of KEUR 16 (PY: KEUR 104) have a remaining term of more than a year. As in the previous year, all remaining receivables and other assets have a remaining term of up to a year.

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Deferred tax assets

Deferred tax assets take into account differences on the elimination of intercompany profits resulting from transactions between companies included in consolidation. The resultant difference is calculated applying a tax rate of 32%.

Provisions

The other provisions mainly comprise staff-related costs.

Liabilities

in KEUR		31.12.2024	thereof residual term			31.12.2023	thereof residual term		
			< 1 year	1-5 years	>5 years		< 1 year	1-5 years	>5 years
1.	Liabilities to banks	69,906	39,555	30,352	-	75,461	32,307	43.154	-
2.	Advance payments received on orders	1,822	1,822	-	-	2,675	2,675	-	-
3.	Trade liabilities	69,281	69,281	-	-	70,474	70,474	-	-
4.	Liabilities to affiliated entities	2,398	2,398	-	-	2,408	2,408	-	-
5.	Liabilities to limited partners	10,255	10,255	-	-	7,584	7,584	-	-
6.	Other liabilities	27,688	27,688	-	-	30,333	28,547	1.786	-
Liabilities		**181.350**	**150,998**	**30,352**	**-**	**188,935**	**143,996**	**44,939**	**-**

Other liabilities are made up as follows:

in KEUR		31.12.2024	31.12.2023
1.	Tax liabilities	8,943	11.023
2.	Social security liabilities	913	1.149
3.	Sundry other liabilities	17,832	18.161
Other liabilities		**27.688**	**30,333**

Short-term liabilities to banks of KEUR 442 (PY: KEUR 1,479) are secured by a land charge.

Liabilities to affiliated entities include with KEUR 2,398 (PY: KEUR 2,408) liabilities to the general partner, of which KEUR 2,250 (PY: KEUR 2,250) consist of financial loans. All other liabilities to affiliated entities are based, as in the previous year, on deliveries and services by the general partner (trade liabilities).

The sundry other liabilities include amounts of KEUR 1,786 (PY: KEUR 1,786), which comprise contributions by silent partners to which a notice term of 12 months to the end of a fiscal year apply and which can be issued for the first time per December 31st 2025. They were terminated as at this date.

Other financial commitments

The following other financial commitments of altogether KEUR 30,547 (PY: KEUR 24,068) exist, which are made up as follows:

in KEUR	due in		
	2025	2026-2029	2030 et seq.
Rental agreements	4,682	5,241	24
Leasing agreements	2,721	3,902	56
Service agreements	4,986	8,936	-
Total	12,389	18,078	80

Furthermore, capital commitments amounted per the balance sheet date to KEUR 1,511 (PY: KEUR 3,107).

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8. Notes to the income statement

Revenue by activities (in million EUR)

	2024	2023
Trading with plastics, chemicals, rubber and other articles	1,071	1,065
Compounding and refining of plastics and other products	272	283
Other revenue	0	0
Total	**1,343**	**1,348**

Revenue by regions (in percent)

	2024	2023
Germany	37	37
Europe (excluding Germany)	55	51
Other regions	8	12
Total	**100**	**100**

Prior year income and expenses

Other operating income includes income of KEUR 3,568 (PY: KEUR 3,558) relating to prior periods and mainly resulting from the reversal of other provisions and value adjustments. Other operating expenses include expenses of KEUR 549 (PY: KEUR 868) relating to prior periods. Furthermore, prior period income of KEUR 1,128 for subsequent claims by electric power networks against MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG for prior years is included in the cost of purchased services.

Extraordinary income and expenses

Other operating income includes no extraordinary income.

Amortization and depreciation include no impairment losses.

The remaining other operating expenses include an extraordinary item of KEUR 1,300 from the relocation of the production of the operations of MOCOM Recycling GmbH from Neuburg on the Danube to Gardelegen (PY: KEUR 1,791 from the closedown and deconsolidation of the business operations in the Russian Federation).

Gains and losses on the translation of foreign currencies

Translation losses of KEUR 9,974 (PY: KEUR 15,869) in the reporting period compared with translation gains of KEUR 8,009 (PY: KEUR 10,820).

Affiliated entities

Interest of KEUR 106 (PY: KEUR 34) was paid to affiliated entities.

Financial result

Interest expense includes inflation losses of KEUR 651 of Albis Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi and KEUR 1,266 (PY: KEUR 1,559) from winding back the discounting on provisions for pensions, staff anniversaries and partial early retirement.

Taxes on income

Income taxes in Germany comprise trade tax and corporate income tax (including the solidarity surcharge), while abroad they comprise similar taxes based on income.

Taxes on income include deferred tax income of KEUR 5 (PY: KEUR 305).

9. Other disclosures

Participating interests

The separate disclosures on participating interests are an integral element of the notes to the financial statements.

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Number of employees

The average number of employees (including part-timers) in the reporting period was as follows:

	2024	2023
Salaried staff	1,281	1,291
Wage-earners	391	433
Total	**1,672**	**1,724**

Use is made with regard to the disclosure of the total compensation of the managing directors and former managing directors and their surviving dependants and the pension provisions for this group of persons to the protection clause under Section 286 paragraph 4 HGB.

The number of pensioners amounted on December 31st 2024 to 378 (PY: 383).

Derivative financial instruments

The Group hedges itself against exchange rate risks under procurement and sales contracts by concluding the customary commercial foreign exchange forward contracts. The following foreign exchange forward contracts that are not included in a valuation unit existed as of the balance sheet date:

per 31.12.2024	Purchase in thousand	Translation to KEUR	Sale in thousand	Translation to KEUR
CHF	5,000	5,228		
CNY			5,000	641
HKD	30,000	3,474		
JPY	12,645	86		
MXN			38,701	1,615
PLN	43,600	9,985		
SEK	30,000	2,581		
USD	34	33	19,591	18,135

Provisions for contingent losses on pending contracts of KEUR 935 (PY: KEUR 292) concluded to hedge receivables from trading transactions are recognized with the fair value of the foreign exchange forward contracts, which report a negative market value as of the balance sheet date.

The recognition of currency swaps, which are maintained in intragroup valuation units and have a positive market value as of the balance sheet date, resulted pursuant to Draft German Accounting Standard GAS 33 in an amount of KEUR 579 (PY: KEUR 927).

Supplementary information on the consolidated statement of cash flows

The consolidated statement of cash flows complies with the principles of German Accounting Standard GAS 21.

Cash funds correspond with the liquid funds netted with short-term overdrafts and money market credits in some countries, and are made up as follows:

In KEUR	2024	2023
Cash in hand and at banks and cheques	82,870	110,259
Overdrafts and money market credits	-22,998	-16,296
Cash funds at the end of the fiscal year	**59,872**	**93,963**

Cash flow from operating activities fell in 2024 by EUR 51.7 million from EUR 56.7 million to EUR 5.0 million. The main driver is the recovering demand, which led to an outflow of funds into working capital of EUR 22.6 million. In 2023, EUR 42.8 million had flowed in from the reduction in working capital. This was compensated by an improvement of EUR 25.1 million in the profitability.

Cash flow from investing activities on the other hand improved by EUR 30.4 million. This was mainly due to a reduction of investments in acquisitions and other participating interests from EUR 26.5 million in the previous year to only EUR 4.2 million in 2024.

New financial credits of EUR 4.0 million (PY: EUR 26.6 million) were taken up to refinance the ongoing investment activity. Existing loans were redeemed by EUR 16.3 million (PY: EUR 12.8 million). All in all, outflows of EUR 26.0 million EUR (PY: inflows of EUR 3.8 million) resulted from the financing activities.

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Supplementary information on the consolidated statement of changes in equity

The consolidated statement of changes in equity complies with the principles of German Accounting Standard GAS 22.

The caption changes in the consolidation method comprises as in the previous year the impacts relevant for equity of the application of the hyperinflationary entries pursuant to DRS 25 to Albis Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, Turkey.

The other changes in the presentation of the non-controlling interests relate to the disclosure of non-controlling interests on first-time consolidations.

Per December 31st 2024, reserves of KEUR 922 (PY: KEUR 753) were blocked for distribution by law. The negative difference from the application of the 7-year average interest rate compared with the 10-year average interest rate for the valuation of the pension provisions amounted at the reporting date to KEUR 1,217 (PY: KEUR 1,473).

No other bans on distribution existed per the balance sheet date in 2024.

Partners and executive organs of the parent company

The general partner is Krahn Verwaltungs-Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Hamburg, with a share capital of EUR 350,000.00.

OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG is managed by its general partner. The general partner's managing directors during the reporting period were:

- Philip O. Krahn (Managing Director), Business Graduate, resident in Hamburg
- Dr Jan Lösch (Managing Director), Doctor of Business Administration, resident in Wentorf by Hamburg

In accordance with its statutes, the Company has an advisory board, the members of which are:

- Nils Erichsen (Chairperson), Business Economist, resident in Hamburg
- Prof Dr Jens Poll, (Deputy Chairperson), Lawyer, Tax Advisor and German Public Auditor, resident in Berlin
- Thorsten W. Albrecht, Lawyer, resident in Hamburg

The compensation of the members of the advisory board amounted in the reporting period to KEUR 395 (PY: KEUR 500).

Fees and services of the group auditor

The fees expensed in the financial year 2024 for audit services amounted to KEUR 280 (PY: KEUR 272) and for other assurance services to KEUR 13 (PY: KEUR 12).

Consolidated financial statements

The general partner in OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Krahn Verwaltungs-Gesellschaft mbH, Hamburg, as the ultimate group parent company, prepares exempting consolidated financial statements in accordance with Section 264 HGB in conjunction with Section 290 HGB that include OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, and publishes them in the German Corporate Register.

10. Subsequent events report

After the end of the reporting period, 100% of the interests in the newly established ALBIS Distribution Israel LTD., Tel Aviv, Israel were transferred per January 12th 2025 to ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG.

Hamburg, May 15th 2025

Philip O. Krahn

Dr Jan Lösch

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Consolidated statement of changes in fixed assets of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg, in fiscal year 2024

Acquisition costs

	01.01.2024 KEUR	Translation differences KEUR	Additions KEUR	Reclassifications KEUR	Disposals KEUR	Additions/Disposals in consolidation scope KEUR	Other KEUR	31.12.2024 KEUR
I. Intangible Assets								
1. Industrial property rights and similar rights and assets acquired for a consideration	30.534	-3	318	-16	48		42	30.828
2. Goodwill	75.245	541			1.118			74.668
3. Advance payments	570		590					1.160
	106.349	539	908	-16	1.165		42	106.656
II. Property, plant and equipment								
1. Land, rights similar to land, and buildings including buildings on land owned by third parties	63.820	800	3.332	2.817	1.193			69.575
2. Technical plant and machinery	91.981	1.137	4.623	3.696	10.036			91.401
3. Other plant, operational and office equipment	61.433	449	2.848	582	6.696		65	58.682
4. Advance payments and construction in progress	8.650	45	2.532	-7.080	368			3.780
	225.884	2.431	13.336	16	18.293		65	223.438
III. Financial fixed assets								
1. Participations in associates	10.105		39					10.144
2. Bonds and securities								
3. Loans								
4. Other participating interests	1.652		4.000					5.652
	11.758		4.039					15.797
	343.990	2.969	18.283		19.458		107	345.891

	Accumulated amortization, depreciation and write-downs							Book values		
01.01.2024 KEUR	Translation differences KEUR	Additions KEUR	Reclassi-fications KEUR	Disposals KEUR	Additions/Disposals in consolidation scope KEUR	Other KEUR	31.12.2024 KEUR	31.12.2024 KEUR	31.12.2023 KEUR
27.301	-3	894	-16	47		42	28.171	2.657	3.233
58.471	840	2.841		933			61.219	13.450	16.774
								1.160	570
85.771	837	3.735	-16	980		42	89.390	17.267	20.578
28.198	227	1.890	16	589			29.742	39.833	35.622
72.209	786	6.430	345	8.844			70.926	20.475	19.772
47.276	323	3.929	-345	5.740		54	45.497	13.186	14.157
								3.780	8.650
147.683	1.335	12.250	16	15.173		54	146.164	77.274	78.201
								10.144	10.105
		1.060					1.060	4.592	1.652
		1.060					1.060	14.736	11.758
233.454	2.172	17.046		16.153		96	236.614	109.276	110.536

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Investment Holdings of
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg
for financial year from 01.01. - 31.12.2024

The Company held direct and indirect participations in the following companies as of the balance sheet date.
Minority interests in individual companies are held by the utlimate parent company, Krahn Verwaltungs-Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Hamburg (KVG)

Company	Currency	Participation in %	Participation of KVG in %	Most recent financial statements: Equity as of 31.12.2024 in currency in thousands	Most recent financial statements: Earnings for 2024 in currency in thousands
Krahn Chemie Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung, Hamburg, Germany	**EUR**	**100,0**		**51.544**	**12.666**
KRAHN Chemie Deutschland GmbH, Hamburg, Germany[1)]	EUR	100,0		22.368	
KRAHN CHEMIE Benelux B.V., Zaandam, Netherlands	EUR	100,0		4.757	1.326
KRAHN CHEMIE Polska Sp. z o.o., Poznań, Poland	PLN	99,0	1	33.100	5.145
KRAHN France SAS, Avon, France	EUR	100,0		1.913	202
KRAHN Italia S.p.A., Milan, Italy	EUR	70,0		18.058	4.744
KRAHN Hellas S.A., Athens, Greece	EUR	70,0		6.768	1.754
KRAHN Nordics AB , Hisings Backa, Sweden	SEK	85,9		273.218	12.334
BGM Logistics AB, Hisings Backa, Sweden	SEK	100,0		5.653	485
KRAHN Specialty Fluids AB, Hisings Backa, Sweden	SEK	100,0		44.613	12 644
KRAHN Iberia S.L., Aspe, Spain	EUR	60,0		754	113
Krahn U.K. Limited , Sandbach, United Kingdom	GBP	100,0		1.218	364
KRAHN Central & Eastern Europe GmbH, Vienna, Austria	EUR	100,0		568	-1.284
Specialities S.r.l., Berbenno, Italy	EUR	49,0		7.036	2.048
OK Kranich GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	**EUR**	**100,0**		**1.260**	**182**
Albis Duncan Real Estate LLC, Duncan/S.C., USA	USD	100,0		9.936	382
Otto Krahn Group GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	**EUR**	**100,0**		**179.362**	**23.234**
ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		144.535	29.118
Albis (U.K.) Ltd., Knutsford, United Kingdom	GBP	100,0		13.178	1.589
Albis Benelux B.V., Breda, Netherlands	EUR	100,0		8.407	587
Albis Iberia S. A., Barcelona, Spain	EUR	100,0		12.808	1.193
ALBIS Switzerland AG, Meilen, Switzerland	CHF	100,0		13.077	2.095
Albis Plastic Kft., Tiszaújváros, Hungary	HUF	100,0		2.724.559	559.950
Albis Plastic SRL., Sibiu, Romania	RON	100,0		57.290	9.850
ALBIS PLASTIC (FAR EAST) LTD., Hunghom, Kowloon, Hong Kong	HKD	100,0		93.558	713

Company	Currency	Participation in %	Participation of KVG in %	Most recent financial statements: Equity as of 31.12.2024 in currency in thousands	Most recent financial statements: Earnings for 2024 in currency in thousands
Albis Plastic Distribution (Guangzhou) Co, Ltd., Guangzhou, China	CNY	100,0		6.391	-1.646
Albis Plastic (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., Shanghai, China	CNY	100,0		17.827	-1.387
Albis Plastic CR s.r.o., České Budějovice, Czech Republic	CZK	100,0		382.773	63.350
ALBIS PLASTIC Italia s.r.l., Milan, Italy	EUR	100,0		450	-489
ALBIS NORDICS & BALTICS AB, Göteborg, Sweden	SEK	100,0		133.682	20.862
ALBIS Plastic Vertriebsgesellschaft m.b.H., Vienna, Austria	EUR	100,0		6.815	883
Albis Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticaret Limited Sirketi, Istanbul, Turkey	TRY	100,0		174.592	12.537
ALBIS PLASTIQUE FRANCE S.A.R.L, Gif sur Yvette Cedex, France	EUR	100,0		22.084	1.247
Albis Plastic Tunisia S.A.R.L., Tunis, Tunisia	TND	100,0	0,01	291	11
ALBIS MOROCCO SARLAU, Tangier, Morocco	MAD	100,0		750	946
ALBIS MAGHREB Sarl A.U, Tangier, Morocco	MAD	100,0		105	-45
Albis Polska Sp. z o.o., Poznań, Poland	PLN	100,0		103.909	7.951
ALBIS Vietnam Limited, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	VND	100,0		2.540.973	-6.049.427
Albis Plastic, OOO, Moscow, Russia	RUB	100,0		145.896	1.823
ALBIS Distribution Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		105	2
MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		38.508	-5.865
MOCOM Compounds Mexico, S de R.L. de C.V., San Pedro Garza Garcia, Mexico	MXN	100,0		23.022	9.914
Mocom Compounds (Changshu) Co. Ltd., Changshu, China	CNY	100,0		126.494	13.440
Mocom Compounds Corp., Duncan/S.C., USA	USD	100,0		-10.034	-4.370
MOCOM Recycling GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		-27.799	-8.923
MOCOM Compounds Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		105	2
OTTO KRAHN Corporate Functions GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		3.756	399
OTTO KRAHN Corporate Functions Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		118	6
Otto Krahn New Business GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		-282	-1.535
KRAHN Ceramics GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		1.981	220
FibreCoat, Inc., Dover, USA	USD	8,5		24.008	-208
Otto Krahn New Business Verwaltung GmbH, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		29	1
OTTO KRAHN Real Estate GmbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany	EUR	100,0		16.912	240
Next Commerce Accelerator 2. Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG, Hamburg, Germany[2])	EUR	4,7		6.697	-1.491

[1]) Profit and loss pooling agreement

[2]) Prior year data, current financial data unavailable as of reporting date.

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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement of
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg,
for the fiscal year 2024

		2024	2023
		KEUR	KEUR
+/-	Result for the period (consolidated net income for the year including minority interests)	13.819	-11.264
+	Amortization and depreciation of fixed assets	17.046	18.411
-/+	Decrease/Increase in provisions	-4.900	3.359
-/+	Other non-cash Expenses/Income	-4.656	8.327
-/+	Increase/Decrease in inventories	-20.510	38.949
-/+	Increase/Decrease in trade receivables and other assets	-68	21.549
-	Decrease in liabilities and other liability items	-2.031	-17.727
+	Gain on disposal of fixed assets	792	770
+	Interest expense/income	5.808	3.740
-	Other investment income	-1.273	0
+	Extraordinary income/expenses	0	1.791
+	Income tax expense	15.180	13.733
-	Income tax payments	-14.195	-24.976
=	**Cash flow from operating activities**	**5.012**	**56.662**
+	Proceeds from disposals of intangible assets	0	0
-	Payments for investments in intangible assets	-908	-2.766
+	Proceeds from disposals of property, plant and equipment	2.513	136
-	Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment	-13.336	-15.620
-	Payments for investments in financial fixed assets	-4.000	-91
-	Proceeds from reductions to scope of consolidation	0	0
-	Payments for additions to scope of consolidation	-229	-26.368
+	**Interest received**	**1.679**	**1.079**
+	Dividends received	1.022	0
=	**Cash flow from investing activities**	**-13.259**	**-43.630**
+	Proceeds from borrowings of financial loans	4.000	26.600
-	Payments for the redemption of financial loans	-16.257	-12.813
+	**Proceeds from grants and subsidies received**	**56**	**59**
-	Interest paid	-3.431	-2.419
-	Dividends paid to shareholders of the parent company	-8.994	-5.625
-	Dividends paid to other shareholders	-1.370	-1.973
=	**Cash flow from financing activities**	**-25.996**	**3.629**
-/+	**Cash-effective changes in cash funds**	**-34.243**	**16.861**
+	Changes in cash funds due to changes in exchange rates and valuation methods	152	2.137
-	Changes in cash funds due to changes in the scope in consolidation	0	-2.702
+	*Cash funds at beginning of the period*	93.963	77.667
=	**Cash funds at end of the period**	**59.872**	**93.963**
+	Overdrafts and money market loans from banks	22.998	16.296
=	**Cheques, cash in hand and at banks**	**82.870**	**110.259**

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity
OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG
for the fiscal year 2024

KEUR	Equity Of The Parent Company			
	Capital	Retained Earnings	Equity Difference From Currency Conversion	Total
Balance as of January 1st 2023	**25.000**	**247.124**	**-10.945**	**261.179**
Distribution of earnings to partners		-5.625		-5.625
Increase/decrease in capital shares				
Allocation to/withdrawal from reserves				
Foreign currency translation			40	40
Other changes				
Changes in scope of consolidation		-9.558	460	-9.097
Changes in the consolidation method		-5.595	6.828	1.233
Consolidated net income/loss for the year		-13.448		-13.448
Balance as of December 31st 2023	**25.000**	**212.899**	**-3.618**	**234.281**
Distribution of earnings to partners		-8.994		-8.994
Increase/decrease in capital shares				
Allocation to/withdrawal from reserves				
Foreign currency translation			-87	-87
Other changes				
Changes in scope of consolidation				
Changes in the consolidation method		-697	1.863	1.166
Consolidated net income/loss for the year		11.391		11.391
Balance as of December 31st 2024	**25.000**	**214.600**	**-1.843**	**237.757**

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				Group Equity
Non-Controlling Interests				
Non-controlling interests before equity difference from currency translation and profit for the year	Equity Difference from Currency Translation Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	Gains/ Losses Attributable to Non-Controlling Interests	Sum Non-Controlling Interests	**Total**
12.057	**-858**	**7.440**	**18.639**	**279.818**
		-1.973	-1.973	-7.598
	29		29	68
-7.985	512		-7.473	-16.571
				1.233
		2.184	2.184	-11.264
4.072	**-317**	**7.650**	**11.405**	**245.687**
0		-1.370	-1.370	-10.364
	-118		-118	-205
				1.166
		2.427	2.427	13.819
4.072	**-435**	**8.708**	**12.345**	**250.102**

Group Management Report

of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG, Hamburg,

for the fiscal year 2024

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1 Bases of the Group

1.1 Organization structure

Founded in 1909, Otto Krahn (GmbH & Co.) KG is the holding company of the Otto Krahn Group, which is engaged nationally and internationally in the distribution and compounding (i.e. the refinement) of plastics and the distribution of specialty chemicals and ceramic compounds. Thereby the plastics activities are taken over by ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG (ALBIS) and MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG (MOCOM). The distribution of specialty chemicals is combined in KRAHN Chemie GmbH (KRAHN), and the production and distribution of ceramics in KRAHN Ceramics GmbH (KRAHN Ceramics).

The Otto Krahn Group is represented in altogether more than 20 countries by own operative branches, and offers customers from the plastics processing, coatings, rubber processing and lubricants industries, and further sectors, a broad and deep product portfolio, including applications-related technical support and other services.

ALBIS, KRAHN and KRAHN Ceramics have had distribution partnerships for many years with well-known producers in the chemical industry. In addition to own products, technical plastics from polymer producers are also made in MOCOM on a licence and tolling basis. KRAHN Ceramics also makes its own products.

Compounding facilities for the refinement of thermoplastics are located in Hamburg (D), Zülpich (D), Gardelegen (D), Changshu (CN) and Duncan/South Carolina (USA).

The following changes in the organization structure took place in the past fiscal year:

- With effect from January 1st 2024, ALBIS VIETNAM LIMITED was established in Ho Ci Minh, Vietnam, as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG.
- With the registration date of December 13th 2024, ALBIS MAGHREB S.A.R.L.A.U. was established in Morocco as a wholly-owned subsidiary of ALBIS Distribution GmbH & Co. KG.
- WIPAG GmbH changed its name to MOCOM Recycling GmbH on account of a shareholders' resolution dated November 28th 2024 with entry in the Commercial Register on December 30th 2024.
- The change in the name of ALBIS Impex AG to ALBIS Switzerland AG was resolved on December 19th 2024. This was entered in the Commercial Register in Switzerland on January 15th 2025.
- With effect from March 15th 2024, the Supervisory Board of Albis Benelux B.V. was disbanded because it was no longer prescribed by law.

1.2 Structure of the sector and competitive environment

The subsidiaries of Otto Krahn (GmbH & Co.) KG vary with regard to their customer industries, suppliers and product portfolios.

1.2.1 Distribution

The distribution business model is based on longer-term contractual agreements between producers in the chemical industry and distributors, under which the producer grants the distributor marketing and distribution rights for certain products, regions or customer segments.

Both the distribution of plastics and the distribution of specialty chemicals are characterized by intensive competition between the distribution companies. In addition, the distributors compete with independent dealers and the producers themselves. The competitiveness of a distributor is dependent to a large degree on the scope and attractiveness of the product portfolio. Commensurate economies of scale also allow the distributor to provide optimum support to customers from medium-sized and smaller business entities. While oligopolistic structures generally prevail on the supplier side, the distributor normally faces polypolistic structures on the customer side. Compared with the distribution of specialty chemicals, the plastics distribution sector has a higher degree of consolidation.

1.2.2 Compounding

Compounding is the refining of polymer raw materials with additives and pigmentation in order to optimize the properties profile of the finished item that is to be manufactured from the polymer material.

The sector has considerably more members than the plastics distribution sector. Competition in individual product-customer segments is very intensive, due to overcapacities. The earning power of compounders is based either on economies of scale, i.e. savings from the size of the operations through concentration on a single or a small number of product classes, or on specialization on particular application niches.

1.2.3 Research and development

The subsidiaries of the Otto Krahn Group do not engage in any research in the sense of the systematic acquisition of new knowledge.

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1.3 Definition of performance indicators

The management of the Otto Krahn Group and the evaluation of the development of the business and the Company's financial position are primarily carried out with the financial and non-financial performance indicators defined below.

The amounts presented in KEUR or million EUR are commercially rounded. This can result in rounding differences of +/- KEUR 1 or +/- EUR 0.1 million in totals and subtotals.

1.3.1 Financial performance indicators

Sales volume: the sales volume is the quantity of products sold in a period. The sensible measurement unit can vary depending on the product or service (e.g. quantity in kilograms or quantity in pieces).

Revenue: revenue is the total sales proceeds for a period, which an enterprise has generated through the sale of its products or services.

EBIT: EBIT stands for Earnings before Interest and Taxes and is the operative profit of an enterprise before taking into account the financial result and taxes.

Debt ratio: the debt ratio is the ratio of the enterprise's debt to its equity.

Liquidity: liquidity shows how quickly an enterprise can settle its existing payment obligations on time and in the correct amount.

1.3.2 Non-financial performance indicators

Fluctuation rate: the fluctuation rate expresses as a percentage how many employees leave the Company during the year as a ratio of the total workforce. It provides the basis for assessing the corporate culture or employee satisfaction.

Average length of service: this is calculated by dividing the total length of service of all employees by the total number of employees. The ratio provides an indication of the stability of the workforce and can be an indicator of job satisfaction.

Female share: the female share is the ratio of female staff employed by the company compared with the total number of employees, and provides an indication of the development of the equality of the sexes in the company. The ratio however includes no information on the nature and scope of the work carried out.

2 Economic report

2.1 Macroeconomic and sector-related environment

Inflation fell compared with the previous year, but 2024 turned out overall to be a year of increasingly diverse economic challenges, and also opportunities, for innovation and sustained growth. The dynamism of global economic growth continued to be marked by geopolitical tension and technological progress, whereby regional and sector-related changes occurred that reduce the competitiveness of leading industrial nations.

- **Global trade**: increasing trade disputes and protectionist measures are causing uncertainty and volatility in the global markets. Trade between geopolitically divergent markets is tending to decline. Increasing demand for electronic equipment and components encourages economic growth in Asiatic regions.
- **Technological innovation**: the technological sector remained a motor for global economic growth, especially in the spheres of artificial intelligence and renewable energies. Business entities are investing increasingly in the digital transformation of their business models and in innovative technologies.
- **Environmental protection** and **sustainability** came further to the fore in business entities, because the impacts of climate change are becoming increasingly perceptible. Investments in environmental protection, renewable energies and environmentally friendly technologies were encouraged.
- **Labour market**: the labour market in many regions remained challenging, despite the economic growth, because business entities continued to face high wage demands as a consequence of the inflation of the last 3 years, and in some cases ongoing shortages of specialist staff. Business entities invested to a greater degree in the vocational and further training of their employees, in order to keep pace with the changing challenges.

In 2024, the global economy recorded growth of about 3.2% compared with growth of about 3.3% in the previous year. Regionally, China (+4.8%) and USA (+2,8%) recorded the highest economic growth, while Europe only reported growth of 0.9%.

2.1.1 Market development of customer sectors in plastics distribution and plastics compounding

ALBIS and MOCOM supply and produce plastic granules as a raw material to the plastics processing industry. This very largely comprises processing companies that produce plastic components in injection moulding processes for a large number of sectors, such as the automobile industry, the packaging sector, medical technology, the electrical and electronic industries, the construction and furniture industries, and the cosmetics, sport and leisure industries. Processors of plastics that purchase their raw materials via ALBIS produce on average for at least two customer sectors, reducing in turn their economic dependence on individual sectors.

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The industries of relevance for ALBIS and MOCOM developed as follows in 2024:

The total revenue of the plastics processing industry in Germany fell in the past year by 4.3% to EUR 69.4 billion, of which about EUR 39.7 billion resulted from domestic revenue (6.1% less than in the previous year) and EUR 29.7 billion EUR from foreign revenue (1.7% less than in the previous year).

Altogether 12.0 million mt of plastics were processed in the past year in Germany (5% less than in the previous year), of which some 3.8 million mt related to packing materials (2023: 3.8 million mt), 4.3 million mt to plastics in the construction sector (2023: 4.7 million mt), 2.7 million mt to plastics in technical components (2023: 2.9 million mt) and 1.2 million mt to plastics in consumer products (2023: 1.3 million mt).

Automotive

Viewed globally, an increase in vehicle sales in the weight class up to 3.5 mt of about 3% was recorded in 2024. Sales increased from about 75.3 million units in 2023 to some 77.6 million units in 2024.

In Europe (Western and Eastern Europe including Russia), altogether some 14.8 million vehicles were sold in 2024, representing an increase of 0.6 million units (about 4% more than in the previous year). In the USA, automobile sales also recorded an increase to some 15.9 million units in 2024, an increase of 2.6% compared with the previous year. The recovery in China also continued in 2024. Automobile sales recorded an increase of 4.2% compared with 2023 to 27.1 million vehicles.

Global demand for electric vehicles has increased continuously for many years. While global sales of electric vehicles in 2020 amounted to some 3.2 million vehicles, the demand in 2024 increased to some 13.7 million vehicles, an increase of about 330%. With a share of about 70%, BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) accounted for most of the sales of electric vehicles, before PHEVs (Plug-In Hybrid Vehicles).

Electrical and electronic industry

With a provisional figure of EUR 223.2 billion, the revenue of the German **electrical and electronic sector** in 2024 was some 6.2% lower than the prior year figure of EUR 237.9 billion. Revenue with domestic customers accounted for about 47.9% (EUR 106.9 billion), and revenue with foreign customers for about 52.1% (EUR 116.3 billion). The order intake of the German electrical and electronic sector in 2024 was 9.6% lower than in the previous year.

Medical technology

The global medical technology market recorded moderate growth of 4.7% in 2024 so that the market volume increased to EUR 548 billion. This upwards trend marks a significant turnaround compared with the very moderate growth from 2022 to 2023 of 0.4% to EUR 524 billion).

North America with a global market share of 38% (2023: 38%) remains the leading region in monetary terms. With an increase of 4.1%, the growth recovered significantly from the stagnation in 2023, and continued to be driven by robust innovative strength, accelerated approval procedures for medical products and high investments in digital health solutions.

Europe similarly recorded improved growth of 5.0% in 2024 (2023: 2.0%), whereby in particular for instance the Baltic States, the UK, Spain and also further Eastern European countries were able to record solid growth. Germany was however only able to report low growth of 1.2%, due among other things to the regulatory challenges of the Medical Device Regulation (MDR), even if these were slightly relaxed. The medical technology location Germany is therefore under pressure. Because of the continuing cost increases, only 10% of the participants in an industry survey still expect higher profits this year compared with last year, which would result in a reduction in the investments in Germany.

Asia reported a 5.0% increase in 2024 (2023: decrease of 2.3%) and is benefiting from the relocation of the delivery chain back to Southeast Asia (Vietnam, Malaysia) and China's selective subventions for medical high-tech products. The abandonment of the zero-covid policy made possible an increase in the production capacities in 2024, but confidence in the Chinese suppliers remains fragile due to geopolitical tensions.

2.1.2 Development of customer markets in the distribution of specialty chemicals

KRAHN supplies specialty chemicals to various processing industries. The coatings, construction chemicals, adhesives & sealants, technical ceramics, plastics, rubber and lubricants as well as the detergents and body care industries can be mentioned as direct customers. They in turn supply other processing industries, end-buyer industries or the final customers directly. The heat carrier liquids segment supplies these to production operations in which process heat and heat transfer play a decisive role.

The **chemical industry** passed through a difficult phase in 2024 with declining revenue both at home and abroad due to the lack of orders as a result of the weak industrial activity in Europe and intensive competition. Compared with the previous year, output however increased by 2.0%, and without the pharmaceutical industry by as much as 4.0%. The producer prices fell compared with the previous year by 2.5%. The total revenue of the sector fell by 2.0%. The forecast for 2025 assumes stagnating revenue.

The difficult market environment burdened the earnings of all sectors in the **German coatings industry** in 2024. Sales in Germany declined compared with the previous year by 4%. Revenue fell compared with the previous year by nearly 3% to EUR 5.9 billion. The overall economic weakness therefore considerably burdened the coatings and printing inks industry. Sales of building coatings fell by 5% and domestic demand for industrial costings declined by 3%. Sales of printing inks fell by 2%.

The European **rubber industry** is under tremendous pressure. High energy costs, overwhelming bureaucracy and declining international competitiveness the future of our sector. The revenue of the sector fell by 1.1%, at the same time as declining sales volumes. The earnings situation in the sector therefore remains tense. The 4.5 % increase in tyre sales failed to compensate the 4.0 % decline in revenue from technical elastomer products.

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The revenue of the **plastics processing industry** of EUR 69.4 billion in 2024 was 4.3% lower than in the previous year. With a decline of 6.1%, revenue in Germany in particular fell sharply, while the foreign business decreased by 1.7%. The volume of processed plastics amounted in 2024 to 12.0 million mt, a reduction of 5% compared with the previous year. The downwards trend was mainly due to lower demand, especially from the chemical, automobile and consumer goods industries.

Compared with the previous year, individual product groups in the **lubricants industry** reported an 7.4% decline in sales in the first three quarters. Hydraulic oils recorded a sharper decrease of 21.0%. Sales of lubricating greases increased compared with the previous year by 0.8%, while sales of motor oils fell by 28.7%.

2.1.3 Development of customer markets in ceramic distribution and ceramic compounding

KRAHN Ceramics supplies ceramic powder raw materials in the technical ceramics sector and produces its own binding agents, process additives and feedstocks for ceramic injection moulding processes. The most important customer sectors include the medical technical industry (dentistry and other medical products), the automobile industry, the electronics and engineering sectors and the luxury products industry, especially the partial sub-market of high-end watches.

The German ceramics industry is a key economic sector with a market volume of EUR 5.9 billion in 2023. Following the record level in 2022, the sector recorded declining numbers in 2023 because of higher energy costs, a shortage of specialist staff and foreign competition. The foreign trade data for 2024 indicate a further decline. The value of the ceramic products imported by Germany in 2024 amounted altogether to EUR 2.96 billion and was therefore 1.3% below the prior year figure of EUR 2.99 billion. Exports amounted to EUR 3.89 billion and therefore fell by 1.7% compared with 2023 (EUR 3.96 billion).

The technical ceramic segment, in which KRAHN Ceramics is active, remains a stable and high growth sector of the German ceramics industry. With a market share of 19.3% of the overall ceramic industry, it has for the first time overtaken the construction ceramics sector (18.6%) and now occupies second place behind the fire-proof ceramic substances (27.8%). The technical ceramic segment benefits not only from high demand from established customer sectors but also from the exploitation of new markets and application fields due to innovative production technologies such as injection moulded ceramics.

2.2 Business trends and economic situation

Compared with the original planning, the Otto Krahn Group fell short of the forecasted revenue increases in FY 2024 and also remained below the expectations in sales terms. Due in part to special effects, the operative earnings were lower overall than expected, but much better than in 2023.

The revenue of the Otto Krahn Group fell in 2024 compared with the previous year by 0.4% to EUR 1,343.5 million, due in particular to slightly lower selling prices, on an increase in the sales volumes in the same period of 1.7% or 6,964 mt to 408,425 mt.

Of the total group revenue, 79.7% (PY: 79.0%) resulted from distribution and trading in plastics, chemicals, rubber and other articles and 20.3% (PY: 21.0%) from the compounding and refining of plastics and other products. While the revenue with compounded and refined products fell compared with the previous year by 3.9%, the trading revenue succeeded in growing by 0.6%.

The geographical breakdown of the revenue of the Otto Krahn Group changed slightly compared with the previous year. The Group generated 37% (PY: 37%) of its total revenue in 2024 in Germany, 55% (PY: 51%) in Europe (excluding Germany) and 8% (PY: 12%) in the rest of the world. It can be expected for the future that revenue growth outside Germany will exceed that in the German home market, so that the revenue shares in Europe and in the rest of the world will therefore increase further.

2.2.1 ALBIS

Global economic development in the past year was marked by geopolitical tension, high inflation and restrictive monetary policies. In Europe, continuing high interest rates burdened in particular the construction industry, which suffered from weak demand and reluctance to invest. The automobile industry proved to be more robust, because the availability of semiconductors improved and production bottlenecks receded, while the demand for e-mobility grew. In the USA, the economy proved to be more resilient than expected, while China had to deal with a sluggish recovery and structural problems in the real estate sector. In this environment, the development of our sales markets varied. While in Europe the construction sector was under pressure, the trends in the automobile and healthcare sectors were more stable.

Economic development in Germany was marked in 2024 by a decline of 0.2% in gross domestic product (GDP) compared with the previous year. High energy costs, higher interest rates and uncertain economic prospects burdened the German economy. The mood at business entities that had brightened up slightly again following the turn of the year from 2023 to 2024 became noticeably more gloomy from the summer onwards.

With a consolidated volume of 281,620 mt, the ALBIS Group billed 9,879 mt or 3.6% more than in 2023. At the beginning of 2024, the number of ALBIS's sales regions was reduced from previously five to four and certain companies within the sales regions were reallocated. ALBIS Turkey switched from SR South-West to SR East and the former companies of SR North (ALBIS U.K. and ALBIS Nordics & Baltics) were integrated in SR West as the successor of SR South-West. The numbers mentioned below have also been allocated for 2023 to this new structure and are therefore only comparable to some degree with the previous annual report. Higher than average growth was recorded in SR Asia-Pacific (+27.3%) and SR East (+7.5%). The consolidated revenue fell despite the higher volume by 0.5% from EUR 857 million to EUR 853 million.

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As well as SR Asia-Pacific and SR East, SR Central with ALBIS Germany also reported sales increases of 3,281 mt, due especially to Germany with an increase of 4,835 mt (5.5%). In particular the strategic expansion of the distribution rights with BASF for POM led to growth with BASF in Germany of 2,733 mt (+18.8%) and new customers or new requirements. The lower sales in Benelux (-963 mt) and the Czech Republic (-703 mt) could therefore be compensated. Despite the continuing stagnation of the German economy, ALBIS Germany in particular in the household and automobile sectors recorded the strongest sales increases in absolute terms of respectively 1,889 (+88%) and 1,048 (+4%) mt. The other industrial segments apart from Machines & Industry, and Transport, reported moderate growth rates. Healthcare with growth of 1% was at an almost unchanged level.

While Switzerland with its dominant industrial sector, Healthcare, was able to compensate the losses of the other industrial sectors such as Packaging and Building & Construction, the two companies in Benelux and the Czech Republic reported sales reductions of respectively 10% and 5%, in Benelux driven by Automotive and Packaging, in the Czech Republic, in addition to the decline in demand, in Automotive, also due to the transfer of 60 customers to KRAHN Vienna per January 2024.

The sales increase in SR East of 5,330 mt (+7.5%) was dominated by Austria with +1,753 mt (+26%), Hungary with +1,209 mt (+22%) and Romania with +1,931 mt (+16%). Not only in Austria but also in Romania, the growth was borne by the Engineering Products segment, to which among other things the new sales rights of BASF belong; in Hungary, Engineering and Standard Products are growing to the same degree. Poland, as the ALBIS subsidiary with the highest sales, gained 1,279 mt (+4%) compared with the previous year, which can mainly be explained by the Standards (BOPS Distribution, mainly Packaging). As the only company in SR East, Turkey is reporting lower sales in 2024 (-843 mt) compared with the previous year, due to a downturn in demand, especially in the Automotive sector, and delivery shortages in the standard polymers segment. The development in SR West is very heterogenous. While ALBIS UK (-1,596 mt) and ALBIS Iberia (-1,209 mt) reported decreases of respectively 11% and 8%, in particular Nordics & Baltics was able to grow by 10% and Italy by 8%. The company in France with the highest sales stabilised its prior year level. The lower sales in the UK and Iberia were caused solely by Standard Products and were incurred in the UK mainly by Sports & Leisure and Building & Construction and in Spain by Packaging. The growth in the Scandinavian and Baltic states was borne solely by Engineering Products and therefore caused the product-mix to increase in favour of Engineering Products from 56% in 2023 to 60% in 2024. The sales of the comparatively new subsidiary in Italy increased by 755 mt (+7.9%), in particular because the sales in the Packaging Industry grew within a year disproportionately by 1,278 mt (+88%).

China is reporting economic growth for 2024 of 5%. In view of this, the higher than average sales growth of the three ALBIS companies of 2,067 mt (+27.3%), whose dominant industrial sector is the Healthcare business, can be regarded as very positive. Sales to Vietnam with 46 mt in 2024 are still at the beginning of the expected development. The new Vietnamese team took up exploitation of the market in 2024.

The year 2024 too was marked by price reductions, whereby the trend flattened. As a consequence, the revenue fell by 0.5% from EUR 857.1 million to EUR 853.1 million. Slight percentage reductions in the margin were more than compensated by volume growth. In connection with lower costs, due among other things to less intensive exchange rate effects, this led to an increase in EBIT of EUR 3.4 million to EUR 36.6 million.

Geopolitical and economic tension also dominate the current year. ALBIS nevertheless looks forward positively to the future and is maintaining its strategic growth path. Focus on markets not yet exploited by ALBIS will in particular more than compensate the ailing economy in Germany.

2.2.2 MOCOM

The year 2024 was primarily marked at the operative level by the restructuring measures in Germany in conjunction with the STEP project. In the course of this project, WIPAG GmbH was integrated organizationally with MOCOM and renamed MOCOM Recycling GmbH. Together with MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG, it comprises the new business area, MOCOM Europe. In addition, the product portfolio was re-segmented. MOCOM's own products are now broken down into the Specialties, Engineering Products and Advanced Products segments. The allocation of the products to the individual segments is based on the base polymers employed. Separate reporting of the recycling business has therefore been discontinued and the recycling products are allocated to the respective segments according to the polymers. This amendment was made in the expectation that in future clear differentiation between new product and recycling products will gradually be abandoned, since increasing sustainability requirements will in the long term lead to recycled aggregates in most products. All comments and figure in this section relate to the new structure. The changes compared with the prior year figures are reported on a comparable basis.

An uncertain macroeconomic climate also predominated in 2024. Following the decline in the sales figures already in 2023, this trend also continued in 2024 in the MOCOM Group with a further reduction in sales of 4,400 mt (-3.7%). The main reason for this reduction was the tolling business, which declined by 8,700 mt (-29.1%). Gratifying on the other hand was the fact that the downturn could partly be compensated by higher sales of own products, of which 2,700 mt (+3.2%) more were sold. Overall however the lower sales led to a decline of 2.2% in net revenue.

The raw material prices were more stable than in previous years. The cost of materials ratio in relation to net revenue fell slightly by 1% percentage point to 65.4% in 2024. The average production costs per kg could be reduced despite further general cost increases through internal measures by 4.3%. This was similarly helped by the fact that the energy costs in Europe fell. The Europe region with sales of 85 thousand mt (+600 mt /+0.7%) and net revenue of EUR 245 million (-EUR 4.9 million /-2%) continued

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to account for the largest share of the business of the MOCOM Group. Despite the stabilization of the total sales compared with the previous year, the anticipated sharp increase failed to take place on a broad scale. Own compounds increased slightly by 760 mt (+1.1%). The tolling business however declined further and fell by 2,650 mt (-24.8%). The remaining product segments including licenced products of ALBIS contributed 2,500 mt to the volume growth, whereby the majority here was due to opportunistic sales of residual inventory items.

As a result of the structural decline in demand in Europe and significant overcapacities in production, a comprehensive restructuring of the activities in Germany was initiated in 2023 (STEP project). In the course of this reorientation, the sites in Erlenbach and Neuburg on the Danube were closed at the end of 2024. The products made there were transferred during the year to other group locations, transferred to external partners or in individual cases discontinued, where this was the most economical option. Overall, the production volume at the German locations fell in 2024 by altogether 2,500 mt (-2.9%).

Compared with 2023, the cost recovery improved in the production area by EUR 6.9 million, which on the one hand was due to reduced costs in the course of 2024, but was also because of the high special costs of the STEP project in 2023. Since the overheads fell in addition by EUR 0.7 million, a net improvement of EUR 10.8 million in EBIT to EUR - 11.7 million was achieved.

In the Americas region with companies in the USA and Mexico, 2024 once again saw a decline in sales compared with the previous year. The sales volume fell by 3 thousand mt (-16%), whereby the main reason was the decline in the tolling business, which fell by 3.6 thousand mt (-35.7%). The own compounds area, the sales of which increased by 700 mt (+8.7%), saw a positive development.

The development of the profitability is also positive. In 2024, a much higher margin level was achieved in the Americas region than in the previous year. This was accomplished by changes in the product mix in favour of higher priced products, but also by the generally better imposition of prices in the market. Since savings could be achieved in addition on the cost side in the production, we succeeded in improving the EBIT by EUR 3.2 million compared with the previous year and more than halving the loss to EUR 2.5 million.

The APAC region with the company in Changshu also saw a further decline in the sales volume in 2024, which fell by 1 thousand mt (-5.8%). Here too there is however a differentiated picture with regard to the individual product areas. As in the other regions, the decline was driven by a reduction of 2.5 thousand mt (-26.8%) in the tolling business.The own compounds on the other hand experienced pleasing growth and increased by 1.5 thousand mt (+18.5%). Together with cost reductions in production, this led to an improvement in EBIT in the region of EUR 535 thousand (+29.8%) compared with 2023.

2.2.3 KRAHN Chemie

The Krahn Chemie Group looks back altogether on a successful year 2024. With a sales volume of 57.6 thousand mt, revenue of EUR 305.7 million was generated. Compared with the previous year, this represents an increase of 2.6 thousand mt (+4,7%) in sales and of EUR 7.7 million (+2.6%) in revenue. EBIT improved by EUR 4.8 million (+29.0%). In addition to the operative business, this was due to the expiry of the amortization of goodwill for ICH Benelux BV (the present Krahn Chemie Benelux BV) that was acquired in 2013 and an exceptionally large allocation in 2023 to the pension provisions at the German companies.

Demand in 2024 was at its strongest in the first quarter. The sales amounted to 16.3 thousand mt and were therefore 8% higher than in the prior year quarter. On account of changes in the product-mix, revenue was 1% lower than in the first quarter of 2023. As in 2023, demand fell from quarter to quarter in the further course of the year. The decline in the second quarter amounted in sales to 7% and in revenue to 3%. The third quarter, which was negatively affected by seasonal effects (holiday months in Italy, Greece and France with production standstills), reported a decline of 9% in sales and of 7% in revenue. Sales in the fourth quarter with 12.1 thousand mt were 13% lower than in the previous quarter. In addition to the lower number of working days in December, the reduction of inventories on the customer side was the main reason here.

The revenue shares by segments only changed marginally compared with 2023. The segment with the highest revenue continues to be Lubricants, which contributed EUR 117.5 million (38%) to the group result and achieved growth of 2.9% compared with the previous year. The Coatings, Construction Chemicals segment recorded the highest revenue growth compared with the previous year (+6.9%), while the Plastics, Rubber and Adhesives and Sealants segments ended at the prior year level (+0.8%). The two of them accounted respectively for 26% and 25% of the group revenue. The Heat Transfer Fluids segment, which accounts for 5% of the total revenue, recorded a downturn of 3.7%. The Detergents segment reported a stable trend (+2.5%). In the Other area, in particular the business with chemical intermediate products was weaker than in the previous year. Revenue here fell by altogether 10.6% compared with the previous year.

In FY 2024, the business in the regions Austria, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia and Romania was transferred by Krahn Chemie Germany GmbH and Krahn Chemie Polska Sp.zo.o into Krahn Central & Eastern Europe GmbH with seat in Vienna, which was established in 2013. Despite the transfer of this business, Krahn Chemie Germany increased its revenue compared with the previous year by 7.3%. The largest growth was recorded in the Lubricants and Coatings, Construction Chemicals segments. The German company with a revenue share of 48.7% is the Group's largest subsidiary. In addition to the transfer of the business to the new company in Austria, a difficult market environment hampered the development of Krahn Chemie Polska. A recovery of the construction and furniture industry failed to occur. Krahn Italia, which accounts for 20% of the group revenue, increased its revenue compared with 2023 by 2.3%. The Coatings, Construction Chemicals segment was responsible for a considerable portion of this. The Krahn Nordics subgroup reports a decline in revenue of 12.1%. Stiff competition in the Lubricants and Detergents segments and the conversion of a main customer to direct sales by the producer partner were the main reasons here. This negative trend was partly compensated by the subsidiary, Krahn Speciality Fluids, which successfully completed

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several multi-year projects in 2024 and therefore achieved double-digit revenue growth of 10.2%. Krahn Hellas (+3.6%) and Krahn UK (+4.4%), which both increased their sales in the lubricants industry, also achieved growth. Krahn France (+1.2%) and Krahn Benelux (+0.5%) also recorded stable revenue growth. Krahn Iberia succeeded in increasing its revenue with its core products, lubricants additives and plasticizers, by 18.2% compared with the previous year.

2.2.4 KRAHN Ceramics

FY 2024 was marked by a sustained challenging market environment, which already further exacerbated the economic downturn observed in the previous year and led to a deterioration of the key performance indicators.

Krahn Ceramics reported a sharp decline both in sales quantities and in revenue in the reporting period. With a sales volume of 640 mt and revenue of EUR 32.9 million, the sales fell by 207 mt or 24.4% and the revenue by EUR 5.3 million or 13.9% compared with the previous year. Contrary to the previous year, in which the decline in demand was primarily observed at the dental customers, the downturn in the past reporting period extended to all customer groups. The high-end watch industry was especially affected.

While in the first two quarters only slight decreases of 3.8% and 0.7% respectively compared with the prior year period were reported, the downwards trend accelerated significantly in the second half of the year. In the third quarter, the revenue fell by 11.4%, followed by a considerable decrease of 43.0% in the final quarter. This development indicated an intensified stagnation of the market at the end of the year.

Only the segment of own production of ceramic compounds reported strong growth of 127% and therefore offers promising growth perspectives. Despite the hesitance of the customers as a consequence of the ongoing recession and high financing costs, several development projects could be transferred here into series production. In order to exploit the potential further, the production area was expanded in the reporting period by two additional lines. As a result of this, KRAHN Ceramics can continue its development activities and develop and produce innovative and highly specialised feedstocks in close cooperation with the customers.

Despite positive developments in the own production, FY 2024 was considerably burdened by declining demand and rising costs. KRAHN Ceramics generated EBIT of EUR 0.2 million, which was EUR 0.4 million below the prior year figure of EUR 0.6 million.

2.3 Financial performance of the Group

Key financial performance ratios

in KEUR; in %	2024	2023
Operating result (EBIT)	34,594	6,209
Return on revenue (on the basis of EBIT)	2.6%	0.5%
Consolidated net income for the year before taxes	28,998	2,469
Consolidated net income for the year (CNI)	13,819	-11,264
ROI of the equity and liabilities (CNI / average equity and liabilities)	2.4%	-1.9%

A 0.4% decline in revenue was recorded compared with the previous year. The gross profit for the calendar year increased compared with the previous year by 7.1% from EUR 270.3 million to EUR 289.6 million. The higher gross profit in relation to the lower revenue resulted especially from changes in the product mix and the lower price level in some cases for raw materials.

Following EUR 140.4 million in 2023, the personnel expenses fell by EUR 5.5 million or 3.9% to EUR 134.9 million. The decline in the personnel expenses results mainly from a reduction of EUR 1.9 million in pension expense (PY: EUR 6.8 million) and the decrease in the headcount by 52 employees.

Amortization and depreciation relevant for EBIT of EUR 16.0 million was EUR 2.4 million lower in 2024 than the prior year level (EUR 18.4 million) and results especially from lower amortization and depreciation due to the investment activity in recent years in the goodwill and property, plant and equipment. In addition, higher write-downs were recorded on financial fixed assets (+EUR 1.1 million).

The other operating expenses in the Otto Krahn Group fell compared with the previous year by altogether EUR 3.9 million or 3.2%, mainly due to EUR 5.9 million or 37.2% lower exchange losses.

This also compares with EUR 2.8 million or 26.0% lower exchange gains. Net exchange losses therefore also fell by EUR 3.1 million.

Other operating expenses also include extraordinary expense of EUR 1.3 million to reflect the revalidation due to the switches of product in conjunction with the closure of the plant in Neuburg on the Danube.

Other operating income fell by altogether EUR 2.7 million or 15.5%. This reduction is mainly due to lower exchange gains. The exchange gains fell compared with the previous year by EUR 2.8 million or 26.0%.

EBIT, as the main control number for the Group, increased by altogether EUR 28.4 million or 457.1% from EUR 6.2 million in the previous year to EUR 34.6 million in 2024.

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Net interest expense (net balance of interest income and interest expense) of EUR 5.8 million was EUR 2.1 million higher than in the previous year. A significant effect that can be mentioned here is the increase of EUR 0.7 million or 57.2% in interest expense on bank loans, due primarily to the higher average loans taken up. In 2023, loans of EUR 26.6 million were taken up in the second half of the year, a large proportion thereof only in December.

In addition, positive income from investments of EUR 0.2 million was generated.

The consolidated pre-tax net income for the year of EUR 29.0 million is therefore EUR 26.5 million or 1074.3% higher than the earnings in 2023. The return on revenue based on EBIT of 2.6% was therefore 2.1 percentage points better than the prior year figure of 0.5%.

The adjusted tax rate of 30.3% based on the pre-tax earnings is considerably higher than the prior year figure (22.7%). This represents a return to the situation prior to 2023. In 2023, the sharply reduced share of the high tax country, Germany, of the measurement basis had considerably reduced the average tax rate.

After deducting all taxes, consolidated net income for the year of EUR 13.8 million was reported in 2024. Compared with the consolidated net loss for the year of EUR 11.3 million generated in 2023, this was EUR 25.1 million better than the prior year figure.

2.4 Financial position of the Group

Key numbers on the financial position of the Group

in KEUR	2024	2023
Cash flows in accordance with GAS 21:		
Cash funds at the beginning of the period	93,963	77,667
Cash flows from operating activities	5,012	56,662
Cash flows from investing activities	-13,259	-43,630
Cash flows from financing activities	-25,996	3,829
Cash-effective change in cash funds	152	2,137
Cash in cash funds due to change in scope of consolidation	0	-2,702
Cash funds at the end of the period	59,872	93,963

The cash funds represent the liquid funds netted with the current bank liabilities from bank overdrafts and money market credits at the Financial Headquarters and in certain countries.

Cash flows from operating activities fell in 2024 by EUR 51.7 million from EUR 56.7 million to EUR 5.0 million. This was mainly due to the recovering demand, which led to an outflow of funds into working capital of EUR 22.6 million. In 2023, EUR 42.8 million flowed in from the reduction in working capital. This compares with an improvement of EUR 25.0 million in the profitability.

Cash flows from investing activities on the other hand improved by EUR 30.3 million. This is mainly due to the reduction in investments in acquisitions and other acquisitions in participating interests from EUR 26.5 million in the previous year to only EUR 4.2 million in 2024.

New financial credits of EUR 4.0 million (PY: EUR 26.6 million) were taken up to refinance the ongoing investment activity. Existing loans were redeemed by EUR 16.3 million (PY: EUR 12.8 million). Net outflows of EUR 26.0 million (PY: net inflows of EUR 3.8 million) from the financing activities were recorded.

Liquid funds fell by altogether EUR 27.4 million. If liabilities to banks within the meaning of net indebtedness are also taken into account, the net monetary assets fell by EUR 21.8 million to EUR 12.9 million.

Credit facilities of EUR 113.0 million (including EUR 2.5 million for guarantees) were available to the Otto Krahn Group at the balance sheet date (PY: EUR 109.9 million). Utilization amounted to EUR 23.0 million (PY: EUR 16.3 million)

The credit lines available to the Financial Headquarters increased by EUR 9.2 million or 15.9% to EUR 66.8 million. This occurred mainly as a result of taking up a credit facility of EUR 7.5 million after onboarding from BNP Paribas. The facility ensures coverage for incorporating France in the central cash pooling system. At the same time, unused local lines abroad were reduced by EUR 6.2 million. Furthermore, long-term bank loans of EUR 46.9 million (PY: EUR 59.2 million), which were granted in addition to the existing credit facilities, were available. These loans were mainly used for expansion and acquisitions.

2.4.1 Capital structure of the Group

Key ratios on capital structure

	2024	2023
Equity ratio *(debt/equity ratio)*	43.0%	41.7%
Capital turnover ratio *(ratio of revenue to average total equity and liabilities)*	2.3	2.3

Group equity increased in the calendar year 2024 compared with the previous year by EUR 4.4 million from EUR 245.7 million to EUR 250.1 million. On a decrease of 1.4% in total equity and liabilities to EUR 581.7 million, the equity ratio increased from 41.7% in the previous year to 43.0%.

Pension provisions, which account for a significant portion of the Group's external obligations, fell without special effects by EUR 2.1 million from EUR 126.7 million in 2023 to EUR 124.6 million The pension provisions account for 21.4% of the total equity and liabilities (PY: 21.5%).

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Liabilities to banks fell compared with the previous year by EUR 5.6 million from EUR 75.5 million to EUR 69.9 million and therefore account for 12.0% of the total equity and liabilities (PY: 12.8%).

Trade liabilities and advance payments received fell by EUR 2.0 million or 2.8% to EUR 71.1 million.

2.4.2 Capital expenditure

Capital expenditure amounted in 2024 to EUR 18.3 million, of which EUR 14.2 million related to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets. Under land and buildings, EUR 2.8 million was invested in a building for the new carbon plant and EUR 0.4 million in asphalting. Under the other property, plant and equipment, the expansion of the Gardelegen site by Carbon with an investment of EUR 2.1 million similarly dominates. Further focuses were the modernization of extruder control systems at the Hamburg site for EUR 1.2 million and the renewal of the ventilation system in Zülpich with EUR 0.8 million.

Within the financial fixed assets, Otto Krahn New Business GmbH increased the minority interest in FibreCoat Inc., USA, for EUR 4.0 million.

2.5 Net assets situation of the Group

Key ratios on the net assets situation

	2024	2023
Capitalization ratio *(property, plant and equipment and intangible assets as % of total equity and liabilities)*	18.8%	18.7%
Working capital as % of revenue *(inventories plus trade receivables less trade liabilities as % of revenue)*	21.8%	20.0%

The book value of the fixed assets fell in 2024 by EUR 1.3 million to EUR 109.3 million. The reduction is made up of the increase of EUR 3.0 million in financial fixed assets and the decrease of EUR 4.2 million in property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (including goodwill).

Assets tied up in the short term in inventories and receivables increased by EUR 21.5 million or 6.3% from EUR 342.9 million in the previous year to EUR 364.4 million, of which EUR 20.5 million is due to higher inventories and EUR 1.0 million to higher trade receivables per December 31st 2024.

2.6 Non-financial performance indicators of the Group

2.6.1 Number of employees

The main personnel ratios of the Otto Krahn Group developed as follows compared with the previous year:

Personnel ratios

	2024	2023
Female share in %	33.5%	33.3%
Staff fluctuation in %	12.7%	12.0%
Average length of service in years	9.6	9.4

The female share in the Otto Krahn Group remained stable compared with the previous year. Fluctuation increased slightly by 0.7 percentage points to 12.7%.

In the reporting period, a main focus was the further development and optimization of the digital HR landscape. The existing SAP SuccessFactors system underwent comprehensive recalibration, in order to further enhance its user-friendliness and efficiency. A further focus was the preparation of the implementation of the digital personnel file and a new navigation system within SAP SuccessFactors. The purpose of these measures was to considerably improve the handling and transparency of the HR processes. In the course of this, it was also ensured that all data points for the preparation of the CSRD reports are lodged in the system and the commensurate reports are programmed. For 2025, it is planned that the Recruiting, Onboarding and Goals & Performance modules will be rolled out. The aim is to reflect all parts of the entire employee journey digitally and to further improve the efficiency in the processes.

The attempt to implement job evaluation with the help of the Mercer tool was terminated and replaced by the gradar tool. This change was accompanied by comprehensive seminars and training courses, the ensure that the relevant stakeholders are familiar with the new tool. gradar offers better functionality and makes possible detailed analyses, in particular of the gender pay gap and equal pay. With this the tool supports not only the adherence to legal and regulatory standards, but also the consequent implementation of internal corporate values such as clarity and transparency.

3 Forecast report

The planning of the Otto Krahn Group for the fiscal year 2025 is based on a dynamic economic situation assuming slight growth.

Despite this, the current early indicators for the beginning of 2025 show no signs of a significant economic turnaround. This is reflected by a deterioration in the order situation in all economic sectors, due especially to the purchasing restraint of consumers because of the high inflation in recent years. In

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addition, higher financing costs in key sectors and persistent strikes to enforce pay increases burden the situation.

In 2025, Germany faces a multifarious financial year, in which economic recovery impulses, structural challenges and geopolitical uncertainties are closely interrelated. In the following comments, the most important areas, the economic situation, economy, politics, inflation and geopolitics are commented on together with current data and forecasts.

Economic situation

The macroeconomic recovery is continuing in Germany, albeit at a moderate tempo. Initial forecasts suggest that the economic performance in the first quarter of 2025 will improve by about 0.4% compared with the previous quarter. Overall, GDP adjusted for inflation will probably be about 0.2% higher than the prior year level, following a slight decline of about 0.2% in 2024. In the long term, growth of about 0.8% is forecast for 2026, suggesting gradual stabilization and a moderate economic recovery. This development will however be considerably influenced by the realization of investment projects and the global economic siltation.

Economy

The German economic sector sees both opportunities and structural challenges:

Industry and service sector: While industry is benefitting from technical innovations and a high export share, labour-intensive service areas are under pressure due to increasing labour costs. Possible profound disturbances in the global economic system due to any trade wars can however reverse this trend.

Investment climate: Readiness to invest will probably increase slightly, provided political reforms and stable framework conditions are achieved. Nevertheless, part of the private investor spending is being withheld, because companies are acting cautiously in view of global uncertainties.

Labour market: The forecasts assume a slight improvement. The average unemployment rate is expected to be about 6.4%, a slight increase compared with 2024, suggesting a cautious reduction in employment despite cyclical weaknesses.

Politics

The political landscape in Germany is marked by a balancing act between the compulsion to reform and budgetary discipline:

Budgetary policies: Agreement has already been reached for the current year, ensuring compliance with the debt brake. The negotiations on the federal budget for 2026 however face great challenges. The hesitant implementation of urgently necessary reforms in areas such as infrastructure, digitalization and energy supply could retard economic growth.

Structural reforms: Political uncertainties and a possible standstill on wide-reaching reforms could have a negative influence on the investment and consumption climate. There is a risk that necessary modernization will only make slow progress, which can result in the long term in competitive disadvantages.

Inflation in Germany

The development of the prices remains a central economic indicator:

Total inflation: After an average of about 2.2% in 2024, the inflation rate for 2025 will probably be slightly higher. Forecasts mention about 2.3%. A further increase of about 2.0% is expected in the following year.

Core inflation: Without the volatile energy price, i.e. for the so-called core inflation, the decline will be slower. Here the gap compared with total inflation will probably be about 257 percentage points in 2025, which reflects the prevailing price trend for services and labour costs.

Service sector: In particular in the case of the labour-intensive services, increasing labour costs will keep the price pressure high, so that the relief here will be delayed.

Geopolitics

Germany continues to be affected by international developments and geopolitical tension:

Energy prices and security of supply: Crude oil, electricity and natural gas prices are mainly affected by the international futures markets. Political conflicts, for instance in Eastern European crisis areas, can result in the short term in shortages of supplies and price fluctuations.

Global shifts of power: The growing economic presence of China and the continuing competition with the USA create a complex international environment. Germany thereby faces the challenge to balance its transatlantic and European relationships and at the same time to strengthen economic partnerships in Asia.

Regional stability: Geopolitical uncertainty, such as for instance unforeseeable political developments in crisis regions, can have an impact on the German export economy. The further development will mainly depend on international political decisions, on which Germany's influence is only limited.

For 2025 it is becoming increasingly clear that Germany with economic growth of 0.2% can only expect a very moderate economic recovery. At the same time, the pressure from structural challenges, political uncertainties and geopolitical risks is high. A successful economic policy strategy will involve the consequential implementation of necessary reforms and a flexible reaction at the same time to global market developments. Only in this way can Germany ensure its long-term competitiveness and achieve the desired growth.

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On the basis of these assumptions, the Otto Krahn Group is planning a sales volume for 2025 of 450 thousand mt and revenue of EUR 1,465 million. For earnings before taxes, interest and investment income (EBIT), an increase to EUR 49.2 million is expected for 2025 due to lower production costs and the implementation of cost reduction measures.

4 Opportunities and risks report

4.1 Risk report

The Otto Krahn Group enters into entrepreneurial risks, if this can be expected to contribute appropriately to the increase in corporate value. At the same time, the control instruments include strategic corporate planning and a differentiated risk management system, which identifies, evaluates and observes the opportunities and risks, so that trends and implement measures can be identified in good time. In addition, the ongoing reporting system provides current information on the development of the business for all levels of the Group, ensuring short-term control of the operational processes. The Otto Krahn Group's global behavioural codex communicates to all internal and external participants in the business the outstanding importance attached by company management to compliance with the legal and ethical regulations.

4.1.1 Macroeconomic and cyclical risks

Cyclical fluctuations are reflected relatively early in the development of the business of the Otto Krahn Group, as a supplier of industrial raw materials. A further factor is the political situation at home and abroad, which is associated in some cases with country-specific risks that can affect the development of the business. The same applies to geopolitical developments, such as the war in Ukraine and the sanctions imposed on Russia in this connection. An economic downturn can lead to reduced utilization of the available production capacities in the compounding sector. The width and depth of the product portfolio and diversification in divergent customer sectors ensure greater independence from individual sectors and their cycles.

4.1.2 Market and sector risks

As a general rule, the Otto Krahn Group, tries to counter market risks by continuous observance of its markets, careful selection of its suppliers and the creation of efficient framework conditions. Our aim is therefore to ensure the availability and quality of the raw materials and products at competitive prices for the Group's customers.

Higher raw material prices and intensified cost pressure can lead to a switch in demand and an increase in the intensity of the competition. Greater price competition harbours the risk of declining margins, which the Company counters by continuously expanding the product portfolio and developing new thermoplastic compounds.

The economic success of a distribution company depends in the long-run on the diversity and the width of the available product portfolio. Long-term contracts are accordingly concluded wherever possible with the manufacturers of the plastic raw materials sold by the distributor, which regulate the distribution in specific sales regions and/or segments.

As a consequence of significant structural changes in the market and competitive situation on the part of the manufacturers of polymers, the fundamental risk for the distributors is that the existing business models in the cooperation change. In the past, the Otto Krahn Group succeeded in restricting such losses of business through professional supplier management and continuous further development of the existing portfolio. As a result of the cultivation of existing supplier links and the gaining of new suppliers, the Company has even tended to benefit from developments in the chemical industry.

Longer disruption of the production and the loss of producers as a result of insolvencies represent a risk to the development of the business, because not every supplier for a defined product portfolio can be replaced immediately and directly. This risk is countered by the careful selection of suppliers.

On the cost side, the main risk for the Otto Krahn Group is price increases for the products sold. These effects are countered by active inventory management, a change in the purchasing behaviour and passing on price increases to the sales market. In addition, increases in the personnel expenses and higher expenditure on energy are significant factors.

4.1.3 Financial risks

Liquidity and financing risks are countered by continuous optimization of the working capital, a broad spread of the banking relationships and central group liquidity management. The existing credit facilities at the banks have been confirmed in full. Covenants on the achievement of a specific equity ratio are in place in individual cases. With the current very good ratio, the risk of falling below the covenant limit is highly improbable.

The Company is exposed to foreign currency risks on the procurement of raw materials and merchandise and the sale of finished products and goods. Most of the added value is however generated in the eurozone. Exchange rate risks are countered by the appropriate conclusion of standard foreign exchange forward contracts or by adjusting the financing structure to achieve natural hedges. Our strategy is to keep foreign currency risks as low as possible.

The risk of possible customer insolvencies is limited throughout the Group by commercial credit insurance. The Otto Krahn Group carefully monitors the development of the outstanding customer receivables and the payment behaviour, to minimize the risk of bad debts and avoid sudden defaults.

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4.1.4 IT-risks

IT systems are used for the business processes, including the internal and external communications of the Otto Krahn Group, significant interruptions to or even the breakdown of which can result globally and regionally in a loss of data and a serious disruption of the business processes.

In order to minimize this risk and to safeguard the systems to the necessary degree, the systems are ranked in accordance with their relevance for the business processes. Based on the availability and security requirements agreed with the segments and the resultant Service Level Agreements (SLAs), the Group's systems are protected by numerous measures against risks such as the loss of data, interruptions and manipulation.

In addition, group-wide IT security guidelines apply to the employees and far-reaching measures to ensure the requirements on data security and data protection.

External IT threats and their prevention continue to be of central importance. Subjects such as encryption attacks or ransomware or attempted attacks via so-called social engineering methods, have been increasingly observed. The relatively new "adversary in the middle" attacks are a special risk. Fortunately, such attacks can also be successfully repelled by better identification techniques and the employment of the Security Operation Centre. The number of firms, authorities and institutions also in the immediate neighbourhood of the Otto Krahn Group that suffered significant damage from a successful cyber-attack was again in 2024 very high. Our own IT security team had to fend off a large number of highly diversified attacks, particularly sophisticated phishing campaigns.

So that such attacks remain unsuccessful, the Otto Krahn Group relies, in addition to comprehensive cyber-security measures, on the regular sensitization of all of its staff worldwide. For instance, comprehensive training aimed at educating and sensitizing all employees to the virtual risks caused by digital attacks, for instance through phishing and viruses, was again carried out last year. In addition to multifactor-authentications, compulsory authentication methods without passwords were rolled out further and implemented in particular in the IT-area for employees with far-reaching system authorizations such as administrators.

The implementation of an IT infrastructure roadmap that started in 2024 will also continue in 2025. With the modernization of the network setup and technical upgrades of the local location hardware, the IT security level is being improved and the basis provided for more efficient operations. Furthermore, the hardening of our central user administration, of the Windows Active directories and the administrative processes in the system operations is currently being implemented.

A key topic in the information security was and is the implementation of the European NIS2 directive. This directive necessitates far-reaching organizational measures such as registration with the local authorities and the establishment of reporting processes at almost all European locations of the Otto Krahn Group.

Permanent improvement of the IT security level will continue to have key importance for the Group.

4.1.5 Environmental risks

The subsidiaries, MOCOM Compounds GmbH & Co. KG and MOCOM Recycling GmbH, have management systems in accordance with ISO 14001:2015 at each of their production locations. Similarly, KRAHN Chemie Deutschland GmbH, as a chemical distributor, has been certified in accordance with this system. The identification of potential opportunities and risks, as well as the derivation of measures, are part of the standard requirements and therefore integrated in the Company's processes.

No particular environmental risks result from the business activities of the remaining subsidiaries of the Otto Krahn Group.

4.1.6 Other risks

The Otto Krahn Group counters the risks in the personnel area resulting from demographic change and an increasingly perceived shortage of skilled staff with strategic personnel measures. These measures are addressed firstly to the Group's employees and secondly to potential employees. In addition, the Group participates regularly in HR fairs, in order to strengthen the employer brand and present the Group as an attractive employer in the market for potential employees.

Various risk aspects exist in conjunction with integration processes. Significant risk components include unexpected resignations of key personnel, the incompatibility of EDP systems, higher than expected integration costs, or also the discontinuation of business relationships. The risk aspects of acquisitions are observed and analysed in advance with the help of detailed due diligence reviews. Integration of the acquisitions that have been carried out is progressing as planned. Similarly, significant investments are monitored intensively also following the implementation phase.

Compliance and regulatory risks result from laws and regulations, which are based on penalties or sanctions, in order to regulate a company's business activities, such as corruption, fraud/infidelity, competition law, market manipulation, and export controls.

Our objective is to anchor adherence of all employees to the rules. The Otto Krahn Group has therefore created a compliance function organized in accordance with the 3-line model. All companies and sectors are therefore responsible for the effectiveness of the Compliance Management System.

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The Compliance Management System consists of the following elements:

- Risk evaluation: identification of internal and external critical risks in the regular business operations

- Guidelines and procedures: global guidelines, especially behavioural codex, anti-corruption and anti-cartel guidelines

- Training courses and awareness: focused training sessions for employees and executives

- Internal control system (ICS): measures, processes and controls within the Otto Krahn Group aimed at minimizing risks, avoiding errors and compliance with the regulations

- Whistle-blower system: early-warning system to identify and combat abuses in the Group

The Group Compliance Officer reports annually to the Audit Committee on the status, progress and developments in the Compliance area.

Internal audit strengthens the organization's ability to create, protect and retain the values, in that it provides the executive and supervisory organs and management with independent, risk-based and objective assurance, consulting, findings and foresight. Internal audit enhances the organization in the successful achievement of its objectives, governance, risk management and control processes, decision-making and oversight, its reputation and credibility for its stakeholders, the ability to serve public interests. In accordance with the Otto Krahn Group's Corporate Internal Audit Activity Charter, the audit universe includes all activities and subsidiaries.

In accordance with the Annual Audit Plans for the audit year 2024 approved by management and the audit committee, internal audit performed audits in 2024 at MOCOM Compounds Mexico S. de R.L. de C.V., ALBIS Plastik TR Sanayi ve Ticared Limited Sirketi (Turkey), and ALBIS PLASTIC Italia S.R.L. The audits were supported by local auditors from EY.

The Head of Corporate Governance reports to the CFO and once a year to the Audit Committee.

4.2 Assessment of the overall risk situation

The geopolitical risks especially with regard to the war in Ukraine, the Gaza conflict, the continued tense situation in the East Asian economies and the repercussions of the election in the USA influence the business development of the Otto Krahn Group, both directly and indirectly. The high inflation in recent with the subsequent higher interest rates result in sluggish demand and represent in addition to the increasing shortage of specialist staff at the same time as increasing labour costs the main risks. In addition to the higher energy costs, protectionist measures lead to negative impacts and price increases in the global exchange of goods.

The further course or the ongoing economic consequences of these developments is unpredictable. The Otto Krahn Group continues to adhere to a general prudence principle. With regard to Russia's war in Ukraine, the measures implemented to assess and minimise the risk continue to apply. It remains to be seen whether a settlement of the conflict will be possible in 2025.

Because of the capital endowment and the funds available, the continuation of the Group's activities in the coming years is ensured.

4.3 Opportunities report

Good opportunities for growth also continue to exist in the distribution and compounding of plastics and in the distribution of specialty chemicals. The subgroups of the Otto Krahn Group are well positioned for this in the market segments occupied by them.

4.3.1 ALBIS

Good opportunities for growth also continue to be available in the distribution of plastics, even if many customers are currently negatively influenced by the economic situation. In particular in Germany, low growth is expected in the medium term due to the ongoing structural location problem compared with other countries. The ALBIS Group positions itself for future growth, in that activities are regionally diversified. Further profitable growth is expected in particular from the increase in market shares in Asia, Morocco, Italy and Israel. Further overseas activities are under review. Growth is being encouraged in the established markets in Europe through postulated country strategies. Furthermore, growth opportunities arise from the expansion and optimization of the product portfolio, intensive processing of the customer industries, among other things from perceived sales campaigns and the development of the industrial segment for healthcare applications.

Growth opportunities in the distribution of plastics are not identified alone by the general economic trends, but also by the organization of the cooperation with strategic partners (manufacturers of polymers). Consequently, markets that are less interesting for a producer can nevertheless be attractive for a distributor due to the delegation of a larger business share by the polymer manufacturer. In addition, growth potentials result from taking over further agency rights in regions not so far covered.

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4.3.2 MOCOM

Growth opportunities also continue to emerge in the plastics compounding area. Together with its foreign subsidiaries, MOCOM is well positioned for this in the market segments that it occupies. Growth opportunities arise not only from the expansion and optimization of the product portfolio but also from the intensified switch to recycled materials.

In the plastics compounding area, product innovations are resulting in the exploitation of new application areas, and regional expansion to grow the business. To make optimum use of these opportunities, the Company invests in personnel and product development resources and emphasizes its global presence.

Great growth potential is seen in the mechanical recycling of technical plastics, because protection of the environment and recycling are regarded as a consequence of the climate crisis as a key competitive factor. On the one hand, sustainability is a relevant purchasing criterion for more and more consumers. On the other hand, the topic is also driven from the regulatory point of view. The EU has set itself in the course of the green deal the target that its economy should be climatically neutral by 2050. The plastics industry plays a key role here. As part of the Circular Plastics Alliance, it should increase the recycling share in the plastics market, initially to 10 million mt along the entire added-value chain by 2025. In the long term, complete circulation of the plastics is aimed for. It is expected that this will be implemented gradually with binding recycling rates for individual sectors. The MOCOM Group is ideally positioned here with its subsidiary, MOCOM Recycling GmbH, to participate in this development.

4.3.3 KRAHN

Growth opportunities result from the identification and development of new applications and customers and the support of new projects at existing customers. Further growth potential lies in the expansion and optimization of the product portfolio for the supported customer industries. Further in focus is the development of the activities for the detergents industry. The acquisition of the interest in the Italian company, Specialities S.r.l., at the beginning of 2024 is also connected with this.

The exploitation of new foreign markets is also an important growth approach for KRAHN Chemie. In addition to the development of own structures or the acquisition of existing market participants, there is an opportunity to transfer the successful cooperation with existing producer partners to new regions or to satisfy new, reputable producers about the Group's competence. The establishment of KRAHN Central & Eastern Europe, which took up its operative business in January 2024 and looks after the market in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia and Serbia from Vienna, can also be seen in this context.

4.3.4 KRAHN Ceramics

While the impetus in traditional business areas such as distribution is slowing down under the current market conditions, own production of ceramic compounds provides promising growth perspectives. To exploit this opportunity, KRAHN Ceramics brought two new production lines into operation in 2024, to accelerate the development of innovative and highly-specialised ceramic feedstocks.

In addition, the exploitation of new markets, in particular through the access of the Otto Krahn Group to the plastics and speciality chemical industry, offers considerable growth potential. This strategic orientation strengthens the competitiveness and makes it possible to obtain new customer segments.

On account of the orientation to divergent customer industries, the comprehensive product offering, marked sales competence and the good organizational structure, Otto Krahn sees the future growth and development opportunities of the Group positively.

Hamburg, May 15th 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG

Opinions

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet per December 31st 2024, the consolidated profit and loss account, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated cash flow statement for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. In addition, we have audited the group management report of OTTO KRAHN (GmbH & Co.) KG for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit

- the accompanying consolidated financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Group per December 31st 2024 and of its financial performance for the fiscal year from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024 in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles and

- the accompanying group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Group's position. In all material respects, this group management report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Pursuant to Section 322 (3) sentence 1 HGB *[Handelsgesetzbuch: German Commercial Code]*, we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations relating to the legal compliance of the consolidated financial statements and the group management report.

Basis for the Opinions

We conducted our audit of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report in accordance with Section 317 HGB and the German Generally Accepted Standards of Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer *[Institute of Public Auditors in Germany]* (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's

Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and of the Group Management Report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the group entities in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report.

Responsibilities of Management for the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Group Management Report

Management is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law and that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Group in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles. In addition, management is responsible for such internal control as they, in accordance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles, have determined necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. They are also responsible for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. In addition, they are responsible for financial reporting based on the going concern basis of accounting unless there is an intention to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

Furthermore, management is responsible for the preparation of the group management report that, as a whole, provides an appropriate view of the Group's position and is, in all material respects, consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements, and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In addition, management is responsible for such arrangements and measures (systems) as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of a group management report that is in accordance with the applicable German legal requirements, and to be able to provide sufficient appropriate evidence for the assertions in the group management report.

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Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and of the Group Management Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and whether the group management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Group's position and, in all material respects, is consistent with the consolidated financial statements and the knowledge obtained in the audit, complies with the German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development, as well as to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee, that an audit conducted in accordance with Section 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer (IDW) will always detect a material misstatement. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements and this group management report.

We exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements and of the group management report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.

- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the consolidated financial statements and of arrangements and measures (systems) relevant to the audit of the group management report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of these systems.

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by management and the reasonableness of estimates made by management and related disclosures.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements and in the group management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our respective opinions. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to be able to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Group in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles.

- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the group management report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our opinions.

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- Evaluate the consistency of the group management report with the consolidated financial statements, its conformity with *[German]* law, and the view of the Group's position it provides.

- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by management in the group management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by management as a basis for the prospective information and evaluate the proper derivation of the prospective information from these assumptions. We do not express a separate opinion on the prospective information and on the assumptions used as a basis. There is a substantial unavoidable risk that future events will differ materially from the prospective information.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Hamburg, May 15th 2025

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