

**Agenda item 5:  
Resolution on the appointment of the auditor and group auditor  
for the financial year 2022**



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Upon the recommendation of the audit committee, the Supervisory Board proposes to elect PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart, as the auditor and group auditor for the financial year 2022 as well as for the review of the interim financial statements 2022 if such a review is performed.

The recommendation of the audit committee of the Supervisory Board was preceded by a selection proceeding in accordance with Article 16 of Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 (EU Audit Regulation). Subsequently, the audit committee of the Supervisory Board recommended PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart, and BDO AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart, to the Supervisory Board, stating the reasons, indicating a substantiated preference for PricewaterhouseCoopers GmbH, Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Stuttgart.

The Supervisory Board declared that its recommendation was free from undue influence by third parties and that its choice was not restricted by a clause within the meaning of Article 16 (6) of the EU Audit Regulation (Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on specific requirements regarding the statutory audit of public-interest entities and repealing Commission Decision 2005/909/EC).