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**Cicor Technologies Ltd.** Geschäftsbericht



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## Kennzahlen

## Cicor Erfolgsrechnung

in CHF 1 000	2019	in %	2020	in %	2021	in %	2022	in %
Nettoerlös aus Lieferungen und Leistungen <sup>1)</sup>	253 909	100.0	214 891	100.0	239 044	100.0	313 193	100.0
Veränderung gegenüber Vorjahr (%)	2.3		-15.4		11.2		31.0	
Veränderung gegenüber Vorjahr ohne Akquisitionen (%)	2.3		-15.4		9.8		12.0	
EBITDA <sup>1)</sup>	24 781	9.8	19 362	9.0	23 122	9.7	32 274	10.3
Veränderung gegenüber Vorjahr (%)	0.6		-21.9		19.4		39.6	
Core EBIT <sup>2)</sup>	14 901	5.9	8 851	4.1	12 963	5.4	21 405	6.8
Betriebliches Ergebnis (EBIT)	14 901	5.9	8 851	4.1	12 204	5.1	12 234	3.9
Core-Gewinn <sup>2)</sup>	8 414	3.3	4 172	1.9	8 174	3.4	12 266	3.9
Gewinn	8 414	3.3	4 172	1.9	7 482	3.1	3 820	1.2
Core-Ergebnis je Aktie (in CHF) <sup>2)</sup>	2.90		1.44		2.81		3.30	
Ergebnis je Aktie (in CHF)	2.90		1.44		2.57		1.03	
Beschäftigte (Vollzeitäquivalente per 31. Dezember)	2 036		1 901		2 181		2 217	

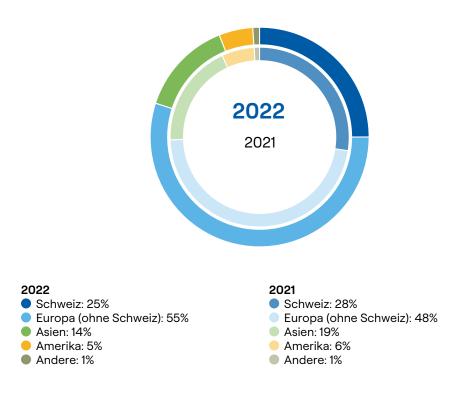
Die Gesellschaft Cicor Deutschland GmbH, Dresden, Deutschland (vor Namesänderung: SMT Elektronik GmbH) ist ab 1. Mai 2022 in Cicor enthalten. Wäre die Akquisition per 1. Januar 2022 erfolgt, hätte Cicor in 2022 einen pro forma Nettoerlös aus Lieferungen und Leistung von TCHF 319 262 und einen pro forma EBITDA von TCHF 32 848 erwirtschaftet.

<sup>2)</sup> Vor Amortisation von aktiviertem Goodwill von TCHF 5 359 (2021: TCHF 420) und aktivierten Immateriellen Anlagen von TCHF 3 812 (2021: TCHF 339) aus Akquisitionen. Für Core-Gewinn und Core-Ergebnis je Aktie zusätzlich bereinigt um Steuereffekte von TCHF -725 (2022: TCHF -67).

### Nettoerlös nach Branchen



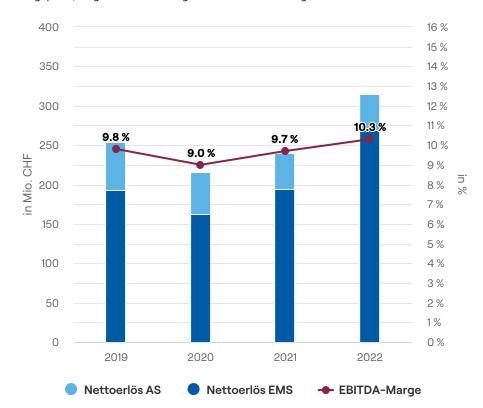
#### Nettoerlös nach Regionen



## Erfolgsrechnung Divisionen

in CHF 1 000	2019	in %	2020	in %	2021 <sup>1)</sup>	in %	2022	in %
Nettoerlös EMS Division	192 708	100.0	163 055	100.0	194 518	100.0	269 637	100.0
EBITDA EMS Division	15 681	8.1	13 621	8.4	17 987	9.2	28 950	10.7
Nettoerlös AS Division	61 344	100.0	52 521	100.0	45 259	100.0	44 779	100.0
EBITDA AS Division	10 362	16.9	7 352	14.0	8 054	17.8	6 459	14.4

<sup>1)</sup> Angepasst, vergleiche Erläuterung 4 der Konzernrechnung.



## Cicor Group Bilanz

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2019	in %	31.12.2020	in %	31.12.2021	in %	31.12.2022	in %
Anlagevermögen	59 202	32.0	52 710	29.0	121 258	37.7	115 313	31.4
Umlaufvermögen	125 744	68.0	129 340	71.0	200 631	62.3	251 422	68.6
Total Aktiven	184 946	100.0	182 050	100.0	321 889	100.0	366 735	100.0
Eigenkapital	78 805	42.6	76 334	41.9	88 887	27.6	148 891	40.6
Finanzielle Verbindlichkeiten	50 347	27.2	56 752	31.2	129 856	40.3	120 013	32.7
Zahlungsmittel und Zahlungsmitteläquivalente	33 660	18.2	43 135	23.7	68 797	21.4	75 491	20.6
Nettoverschuldung	16 687	9.0	13 617	7.5	61 059	19.0	44 522	12.1
Gearing ratio (Nettoverschuldung in % des Eigenkapitals)	21.2		17.8		68.7		29.9	
Vorräte	50 632	27.4	49 875	27.4	80 109	24.9	117 364	32.0
Forderungen aus Lieferungen und Leistungen	36 444	19.7	30 679	16.9	44 080	13.7	50 606	13.8
Verbindlichkeiten aus Lieferungen und Leistungen	-28 065	-15.2	-22 556	-12.4	-39 691	-12.3	-39 539	-10.8
Nettoumlaufvermögen	59 011	31.9	57 998	31.9	84 498	26.3	128 431	35.0
in % des Nettoerlöses	23.2		27.0		35.3		41.0	
Investitionen in Sachanlagen	13 964		5 072		8 623		11 187	
in % des Nettoerlöses	5.5		2.4		3.6		3.6	

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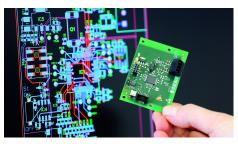
## Über Cicor

## Die Cicor Gruppe ist ein weltweit tätiger Anbieter elektronischer Gesamtlösungen, von der Forschung und Entwicklung über die Produktion bis hin zum Supply Chain Management.

Mit rund 2'500 Mitarbeitenden an 15 Standorten (1. Januar 2023) bedient Cicor führende Unternehmen aus den Bereichen Medizin, Industrie sowie Luft- und Raumfahrt & Verteidigung. Durch die Kombination von kundenspezifischen Entwicklungslösungen, Hightech-Komponenten und der Herstellung von elektronischen Geräten, schafft Cicor einen Mehrwert für ihre Kunden.

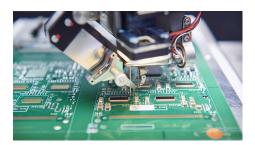
Die Aktien der Cicor Technologies Ltd. werden an der SIX Swiss Exchange gehandelt (CICN).

## Lösungen



#### **Engineering Services**

Bei der Cicor Gruppe arbeiten mehr als 200 gut ausgebildete Ingenieurinnen und Ingenieure an Kundenprojekten und machen den Entwicklungsbereich, dank ihren fachübergreifenden Kompetenzen, zu einem Alleinstellungsmerkmal des Unternehmens. Mit dem Einsatz von effizienten Methoden und Werkzeugen unterstützen sie die Cicor Kunden in den Bereichen Hardware- und Software-Entwicklung, PCB-Layout und Komponentenauswahl, Testentwicklung, Werkzeugdesign, gedruckte Elektronik sowie im Prozess- und Qualitätsmanagement über den gesamten Produktlebenszyklus.



#### Electronic Manufacturing Services

Cicor bietet ein breites Fertigungsspektrum in der Leiterplattenbestückung, im Geräte- und Systembau, im Schaltschrankbau und in der Kabelkonfektion. Zum Angebot gehören Outsourcing-Lösungen für die Entwicklung und Herstellung elektronischer Baugruppen sowie kompletter Geräte und Systeme.



#### Präzisionskunststoff

Führende Unternehmen aus Medizintechnik und Industrie vertrauen auf Cicor als Produktionspartner für hochpräzise Kunststoffspritzgussteile und mechanische Baugruppen. Cicor unterstützt die Kunden hinsichtlich Werkzeugdesign und Werkzeugherstellung bis zur Serienfertigung von hochpräzisen Kunststoffteilen und kompletten Geräten inklusive elektronischen Baugruppen. Durch die effiziente Zusammenarbeit der Entwicklungsingenieure mit den Produktionsabteilungen besteht ein reger Austausch von Know-how und Technologie.





Cicor entwickelt und produziert seit über 50 Jahren anspruchsvolle flexible, starrflexible und starre Leiterplatten (PCBs). Dank der umfassenden Fachkompetenz im Bereich der Multilayer-Boards und High-Density-Interconnects entwickelt Cicor innovative und zuverlässige Lösungen für anspruchsvolle Anwendungen. Dünne Materialien sowie Leiter- und Abstandsbreiten bis 25 µm ermöglichen eine weitere Miniaturisierung und fortschrittliche Ultra-HDI-Lösungen. Die DenciTec®-Technologie eröffnet dafür vollkommen neue Möglichkeiten. Durch die Kombination von PCB-Verfahren und der Dünnschichttechnologie lassen sich innovative Schaltungen herstellen.



#### Hybridschaltungen

Dünnschichtsubstrate finden dort ihren Einsatz, wo herkömmliche Leiterplattentechnologien keine adäquate technische Lösung bieten können. Möglich sind starre und flexible Mehrlagenschaltungen mit höchster Auflösung (10 µm) auf keramischen oder organischen Werkstoffen. Die Leitungszüge in der Dickschichttechnik werden im Siebdruckverfahren aufgebracht und anschliessend eingebrannt. Eine Dickschichtschaltung ist der Standard-Leiterplatte in Hinblick auf Temperaturbeständigkeit und Lebensdauer deutlich überlegen.



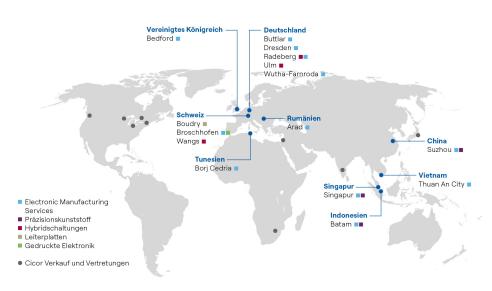
#### Gedruckte Elektronik

Die von Cicor eingesetzte, einzigartige Drucktechnologie ermöglicht das Drucken verschiedenster leitfähiger, nicht leitfähiger und biokompatibler Materialien auf vielfältigsten Trägermaterialien und -formen. Verglichen mit den heute eingesetzten Verfahren zur Herstellung solcher dreidimensionaler Schaltungsträger, bietet die von Cicor gewählte Technologie eine deutlich grössere Vielfalt an gedruckten und bedruckbaren Materialien. Geräte für die Medizintechnik, Luft- und Raumfahrt und IoT Anwendungen können durch Einsatz dieser Technologie wesentlich verkleinert werden.

#### **Globale Präsenz**

Die globale Präsenz und die Nähe zu den Kunden ist für Cicor ein entscheidender Erfolgsfaktor.

Alle Produktionsstandorte



Cicor Standorte ab 1. Januar 2023

## Märkte

Mit rund 2'500 Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern an 15 Standorten (1. Januar 2023) bedient Cicor führende Unternehmen aus den Bereichen Medizin, Industrie sowie Luftund Raumfahrt & Verteidigung.

#### Medizintechnik

Medizintechnik ist entscheidend für die Verbesserung der globalen Gesundheitsversorgung. Wearables ermöglichen Menschen auf der ganzen Welt, besser zu hören, zu sehen und zu leben. Cicor entwickelt und produziert seit Jahrzehnten hochkomplexe medizinische Geräte, die immer anspruchsvollere Funktionen auf kleinstem Raum vereinen.

#### Industrie

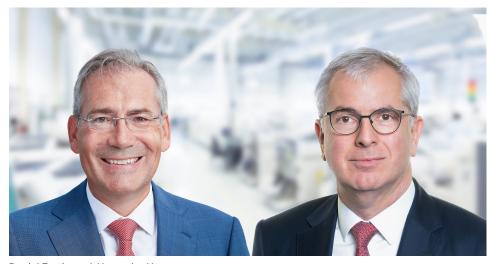
Seit über 50 Jahren unterstützt Cicor ihre Kunden bei der Entwicklung und Fertigung von komplexen Lösungen für Industrieelektronik und Gebäudetechnik, die den hohen Ansprüchen von heute und morgen gerecht werden. Dank globaler Präsenz, integrierten Planungssystemen und flexiblen Logistikmodellen ist Cicor stets nahe beim Kunden.

#### Luft- und Raumfahrt und Verteidigung

Hochzuverlässige Ausrüstung ist für missions- und lebenskritische Anwendungen von entscheidender Bedeutung. Seit über 30 Jahren unterstützen wir strategische internationale Programme und arbeiten mit marktführenden Prime- und Tier-One-Unternehmen zusammen.

## Sehr geehrte Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre

Das Berichtsjahr 2022 verlief für Cicor in jeder Hinsicht erfolgreich: Strategisch wurden die neu erworbenen Unternehmen Axis Electronics und SMT Elektronik planmässig integriert und zwei weitere Akquisitionen vereinbart. Operativ hat Cicor die Herausforderungen der Materialknappheit, beeinträchtigter Lieferketten und hoher Inflation bei gleichzeitig starkem Wachstum gut bewältigt. Dies führte zu Rekordergebnissen bei Auftragseingang, Umsatz und der operativen Marge auf den Stufen EBITDA und Core-EBIT. Die anhaltend hohe Book-to-Bill-Rate, der rekordhohe Auftragsbestand und die in den ersten Wochen des Jahres 2023 abgeschlossenen Akquisitionen lassen auch im Jahr 2023 ein weiteres Wachstum von Umsatz und operativem Ergebnis erwarten.



Daniel Frutig und Alexander Hagemann

Cicor steigerte den Umsatz 2022 im Vergleich zum Vorjahr um 31,0% auf einen historischen Höchststand von CHF 313,2 Mio. (2021: CHF 239,0 Mio.), womit die Gruppe den negativen äusseren Einflüssen trotzen konnte. In Lokalwährungen betrug das Umsatzwachstum 35,8%. Bereinigt um Akquisitionen wuchs der Umsatz von Cicor ebenfalls zweistellig um 12,0% (15,3% in Lokalwährungen). Der Auftragseingang erreichte trotz der allgemeinen Konjunkturabkühlung einen Höchststand von CHF 358,9 Mio. (2021: CHF 286,6 Mio.) und übertraf den Vorjahreswert um 25,2%. Das Verhältnis von Auftragseingang zu Umsatz (Book-to-Bill) blieb daher mit 1,15 weiterhin positiv, wenn auch leicht unter dem Vorjahreswert von 1,20.

Im zweiten Halbjahr wirkten sich die Preiserhöhungen zur Weitergabe der Kosteninflation an die Kunden positiv aus, was zu einer Margensteigerung gegenüber dem ersten Halbjahr führte. Die operative Marge auf Stufe EBITDA war deshalb im Berichtsjahr mit 10,3% (2021: 9,7%) erstmals seit dem Start der EMS-Aktivitäten von Cicor zweistellig. Der erwirtschaftete EBITDA betrug damit CHF 32,3 Mio. und lag 39,6% über dem Vorjahreswert von CHF 23,1 Mio. Die Abschreibungen auf Anlagegüter stiegen aufgrund der höheren Auslastung der Werke deutlich langsamer als der Umsatz, was zum Anstieg des Core EBIT (vor akquisitionsbedingten Amortisationen immaterieller Vermögenswerte) um 65,1% auf CHF 21,4 Mio. (2021: CHF 13,0 Mio.) beitrug, entsprechend einer Marge von 6,8% (2021: 5,4%). Das Core Nettoergebnis (vor akquisitionsbedingten Amortisationen immaterieller Vermögenswerte) stieg um 50,1 % auf CHF 12,3 Mio. (2021: CHF 8,2 Mio.). Das Wachstum des Core Nettoergebnisses fiel durch Währungseinflüsse, höhere Zinskosten und einer erhöhten Steuerbelastung leicht niedriger als das Wachstum des Core EBIT aus.

#### "Die operative Marge auf Stufe EBITDA war im Berichtsjahr 2022 mit 10,3% erstmals in der Geschichte zweistellig."

Obwohl sich die Versorgungsengpässe bei elektronischen Komponenten gegen Ende des Jahres geringfügig verbesserten, ergriff Cicor weitere wirksame Massnahmen, um die Lieferfähigkeit sicherzustellen. Dies ermöglichte eine gute Liefertreue, die es erlaubte, neue Kunden zu gewinnen, welche auch in den kommenden Jahren das organische Wachstum vorantreiben werden. Der durch den Aufbau von Lagerbeständen resultierende Anstieg des Nettoumlaufvermögens wird als vorübergehend betrachtet, wir gehen aber davon aus, dass es einige Zeit dauern wird, bis die Lagerbestände auf das Zielniveau gesenkt werden können. Insgesamt verzeichnete Cicor einen deutlich negativen Free Cash Flow aus der laufenden Geschäftstätigkeit – vor der Kaufpreiszahlung für SMT Elektronik sowie dem Earn-out für Axis Electronics Ltd. – von CHF –21,5 Mio. (2021: CHF 1,2 Mio.). Unter Berücksichtigung dieser Zahlungen resultierte ein negativer Free Cash Flow von CHF –41.1 Mio. (2021: CHF –43.8 Mio.).

## Erste Meilensteine der Wachstumsstrategie erreicht

Die per 30. November 2021 konsolidierte Axis Electronics Ltd. (Bedford, Grossbritannien) wurde erfolgreich integriert und hat ihre Umsatz- und Ergebnisziele für das Jahr 2022, dem ersten vollen Jahr der Zugehörigkeit zur Cicor Gruppe, erreicht. Durch den Kauf von Axis Electronics hat Cicor die Präsenz im europäischen Markt für Elektronikfertigung in der Luft- und Raumfahrt und Verteidigung (einem unserer strategischen Zielmärkte) gestärkt und erreicht damit bereits eine Top-Fünf-Position.

Die per 1. Mai 2022 konsolidierte SMT Elektronik GmbH (Dresden, Deutschland) wurde ebenfalls integriert und organisatorisch mit der nahegelegenen Cicor-Gesellschaft Rhe Microsystems GmbH (Radeberg, Deutschland) zusammengeführt. Gemeinsam mit dem Erwerb der Phoenix Mecano Digital Elektronik GmbH (Wutha-Farnroda, Deutschland) und der Phoenix Mecano Digital Tunisie S.a.r.l. (Borj-Cedria, Tunesien), die per 1. Januar 2023 konsolidiert sind, gehört Cicor nun zu den führenden EMS Dienstleistern in Deutschland, dem wichtigsten Elektronikmarkt Europas, und verfügt über eine Produktionsbasis in Tunesien, einem attraktiven Produktionsstandort.

Im Dezember konnte Cicor die Übernahme des Dünnschichtgeschäftes der AFT microwave GmbH bekannt geben, die per 1. März 2023 vollzogen wurde. Hiermit stärkt Cicor die führende Position im europäischen Markt miniaturisierter Hybridschaltungen.

## Deutschland und Grossbritannien als neue Hauptmärkte

Cicor strebt eine führende Position in den drei Zielmärkten Industrieelektronik, Medizintechnik sowie Luft-/Raumfahrt und Verteidigung in Europa an. Strategiekonform hat Cicor 82% ihres Umsatzes in diesen Märkten erwirtschaftet, was einer weiteren Steigerung gegenüber den 80% im Jahr 2021 entspricht. Das stärkste Wachstum von 131,2% war bei Anwendungen in der Luft-/Raumfahrt und Verteidigung zu verzeichnen, was wesentlich auf die Akquisition von Axis Electronics zurückzuführen ist. Damit trägt dieser Markt nun mit 16,7% zum Gruppenumsatz bei (2021: 9,5%). Das überwiegend organische Wachstum im Bereich Medizintechnik lag bei 21,3% und resultierte in einem Umsatzanteil von 25% (2021: 27%). Trotz der konjunkturellen Eintrübung auf dem Markt für Industrieelektronik gegen Ende des Berichtsjahres konnte ein Wachstum von 21,8% erzielt werden. Der Anteil am Gesamtumsatz betrug 40,4% (2021: 43,4%).

"Das Geschäft in Europa (ohne Schweiz) ist 2022 um 51,2% gewachsen."

Im Heimmarkt Schweiz wuchs der Umsatz organisch um 18,0%, damit sank der Anteil am Gruppenumsatz auf 24,8% (2021: 27,5%). Durch die inzwischen starke Positionierung in Deutschland und Grossbritannien sind diese Länder zu weiteren Hauptmärkten von Cicor geworden. Das Geschäft in Europa (ohne Schweiz) wuchs um 51,2% und erreichte einen Umsatzanteil von 54,9% (2021: 47,6%). In Amerika konnte überwiegend mit Kunden aus der Medizintechnik ein organisches Wachstum von 20,7 % erzielt werden, wogegen das Geschäft in Asien aufgrund zurückgehender Bedarfe einiger Kunden aus konsumnahen Branchen leicht um 2,1% schrumpfte.

## EMS Division als Treiber von Umsatz und Ergebnis

Cicor etabliert sich als einer der führenden Entwicklungs- und Produktionspartner für anspruchsvolle Elektronik in Europa. Dazu haben der klare strategische Fokus der Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) Division, die Akquisitionen in Deutschland und Grossbritannien sowie die Erfolge im organischen Wachstum beigetragen.

Das profitable organische Wachstum basiert auf einer vollen Pipeline von Neugeschäften mit bestehenden und neuen Kunden. Die im Frühjahr 2022 eingeführte neue Verkaufsorganisation hat zu einer verstärkten Marktorientierung beigetragen und nutzt die weltweiten Fähigkeiten von Cicor. Zur Unterstützung der Projektumsetzung wurden die Entwicklungskapazitäten für Hardware, Software und Testsysteme in Bronschhofen (Schweiz) weiter verstärkt und mit dem Aufbau eines Entwicklungsteams am Cicor-Standort in Thuan An City (Vietnam) begonnen.

Darüber hinaus wurden die Angebote entlang der Wertschöpfungskette weiter ausgebaut: Im Bereich Precision Plastics wurde in Singapur ein neuer Standort für die Entwicklung und Herstellung von Präzisionsformen bezogen und am Standort Batam (Indonesien) die Produktionskapazität für Präzisionsbauteile signifikant erweitert. Ebenfalls in Singapur wird ein zweites Applikationslabor für gedruckte Elektronik (Aerosol Jet Printing – AJP) aufgebaut, um die Vielzahl von Kundenanfragen und Projekten bearbeiten zu können. Cicor ist Innovationsführerin bei der Umsetzung von gedruckter Elektronik und die Realisierung mehrerer Projekte schreitet zügig voran.

"Der Bereich Precision Plastics wurde durch den Bezug eines neuen Standorts für Entwicklung und Herstellung von Präzisionsformen in Singapur und die signifikante Erweiterung der Produktionskapazitäten für Bauteile höchster Präzision in Batam (Indonesien) deutlich gestärkt."

> Am 1. Oktober 2022 durften wir Marco Kechele, den neuen Executive Vice President (EVP) Operations und Mitglied der Geschäftsleitung, bei uns begrüssen. Diese neu geschaffene Position fördert die Steigerung der operativen Exzellenz, den strategischen Einkauf und die Integration neu erworbener Unternehmen. Dadurch werden erhebliche Kostensynergien realisiert und die bestehenden Kapazitäten optimal genutzt. Cicor plant das Umlaufvermögen zu reduzieren und Kostenvorteile

durch die Optimierung der Lieferketten und der Materialbeschaffung zu erzielen, was eine weitere Kernaufgabe des EVP Operations ist.

Cicor profitiert von einer gewissen Verlagerung wesentlicher Produktionsumfänge von Kunden aus China heraus nach Südostasien und Europa. Während der 2018 neu errichtete Cicor Standort in Arad (Rumänien) über ausreichende Kapazitätsreserven verfügt, konnte ein zweites Werk in Thuan An City (Vietnam), in unmittelbarer Nähe zum bestehenden Standort, übernommen werden. Mit dieser Erweiterung verdoppeln wir unsere Kapazitäten in Vietnam, womit die geplanten Produktneuanläufe für das Jahr 2023 ermöglicht werden.

Die positive Geschäftsentwicklung führte zu einer Steigerung des Divisionsumsatzes um 38,6% auf CHF 269,6 Mio. (2021: CHF 194,5 Mio.), der Umsatzanteil der EMS Division erhöhte sich damit auf 86,1% (2021: 81,4%). Dieses Wachstum wurde nicht nur durch den Beitrag der neu erworbenen Unternehmen ermöglicht, sondern auch durch ein sorgfältiges Management der Lieferkette. Obwohl sich die Materialverfügbarkeit verbessert hat, betragen die Lieferzeiten, insbesondere für Halbleiterkomponenten, in einigen Fällen immer noch mehr als ein Jahr. Eine Normalisierung wird erst in 12 bis 18 Monaten erwartet.

Die operative Marge verbesserte sich nicht nur, weil Kostensteigerungen an die Kunden weitergegeben werden konnten, sondern auch aufgrund eines verbesserten Produktmixes. Cicor reduzierte den Anteil niedrigmargiger Geschäfte (z.B. im Automobilsektor) weiter und der Anteil margenstarker Geschäfte nahm dank Axis Electronics und dem Ausstieg von margenschwachen Kunden in Asien deutlich zu. Der EBITDA stieg daher im Berichtsjahr um 60,9% auf CHF 29,0 Mio. (2021: CHF 18,0 Mio.). Die damit erzielte EBITDA-Marge von 10,7% (2021: 9,2%) positioniert Cicor als einen der profitabelsten Elektronikfertiger weltweit mit einer klaren strategischen Ausrichtung.

## Advanced Substrates (AS) Division stärkt Marktposition und Technologieführerschaft

Das Dünnschichtgeschäft an den Standorten Wangs (Schweiz) und Ulm (Deutschland) lieferte nach einer hervorragenden Leistung im Jahr 2021 erneut ein ausgezeichnetes Ergebnis, das jedoch leicht unter dem des Vorjahres lag. Der Bereich hat die Position im europäischen Markt für miniaturisierte Hybridschaltungen durch den Erwerb der Dünnfilmaktivitäten der AFT Microwave GmbH weiter ausgebaut und bietet den Kunden damit ein einzigartiges Technologieportfolio mit Produktion in der Schweiz und in Deutschland an.

"Cicor hat die führende Position im europäischen Markt für miniaturisierte Hybridschaltungen durch den Erwerb der Dünnfilmaktivitäten der AFT Microwave GmbH weiter ausgebaut."

> Die Leiterplattenproduktion in Boudry (Schweiz) hat gute Fortschritte bei der Transformation ihres Geschäfts und der Umsetzung des Excellence-Programms gemacht. Die Verlagerung des Marktschwerpunkts von Kunden aus der Uhren- und

Automobilindustrie auf den Medizintechniksektor schreitet voran. Dies hat zu wesentlichen Synergien und neuen Projekten in Partnerschaft mit anderen Cicor-Unternehmen geführt, einem der wichtigsten Wachstumstreiber für den zukünftigen Umsatz. Zum Jahresende belasteten Auftragsverschiebungen einzelner Kunden den Geschäftsgang, weswegen der Umsatz im Vergleich zu 2021 leicht zurückging.

Der Umsatz der AS Division nahm leicht um 1.1% auf CHF 44,8 Mio. ab (2021: CHF 45,3 Mio.). Kostensteigerungen für Energie und Vormaterialien konnten nicht vollumfänglich an Kunden weitergereicht werden, was zu einem Rückgang der EBITDA Marge auf 14,4 % (2021: 17,8 %) führte. Damit wurde ein EBITDA von CHF 6,5 Mio. erzielt, 19.8% weniger als der Vorjahreswert von CHF 8.1 Mio.

## Solide Bilanz schafft Flexibilität für weiteres Wachstum

Per 31. Dezember 2022 wuchs die Bilanzsumme von Cicor auf CHF 366,7 Mio. (31.12.2022: CHF 321,9 Mio.). Dieser Anstieg resultiert wesentlich aus der Akquisition von Axis Electronics Ltd. (Bedford, UK) und der SMT Elektronik GmbH (Dresden, Deutschland) sowie auf dem Aufbau des Nettoumlaufvermögens zur Realisierung des Wachstums und der erhöhten Lagerbestände aufgrund von Lieferengpässen bei Halbleiterbauteilen. Der Goodwill, der hauptsächlich aus der Akquisition von Axis Electronics stammt, wurde nach den Regeln von Swiss GAAP FER zügig abgeschrieben; dieser sank daher bereits deutlich auf CHF 21,8 Mio. per 31. Dezember 2022 (31.12.2021: CHF 24,4 Mio.).

Nachdem die Akquisition der Axis Electronics 2021 zu einer erhöhten Nettoverschuldung und einer aufgrund der Bilanzausweitung reduzierten Eigenkapitalquote geführt hatte, konnte Cicor die Bilanz durch die Ausgabe einer fünfjährigen unverzinslichen Pflichtwandelanleihe signifikant stärken. Aus zwei Tranchen flossen Cicor insgesamt CHF 59,1 Mio. (abzüglich CHF 1,1 Mio. Transaktionsgebühren) zu. Dadurch sank die Nettoverschuldung per 31. Dezember 2022 auf CHF 44,5 Mio. (31.12.2021: CHF 61,1 Mio.) und der Verschuldungsgrad (Nettoverschuldung geteilt durch EBITDA) auf 1,4 (31.12.2021: 2,6).

Die starke Cash-Position von CHF 75,5 Mio. (31.12.2021: CHF 68,8 Mio.) sowie die solide Eigenkapitalquote von 40,6% (31.12.2021: 27,6%) in Verbindung mit der niedrigen Nettoverschuldung ermöglichen Cicor, ihre Wachstumsstrategie im Jahr 2023 und darüber hinaus fortzuführen.

### Verzicht auf Gewinnausschüttung

Der Verwaltungsrat der Cicor Technologies Ltd. schlägt der Generalversammlung 2023 vor, auf die Ausschüttung einer Dividende zu verzichten. Dies gibt der Gesellschaft die Möglichkeit, ihr Kapital so zu verwenden, dass sie ihren Wachstumskurs durch Akquisitionen fortsetzen kann.

## Veränderungen im Verwaltungsrat und in der Geschäftsleitung

An der Generalversammlung vom 12. April 2022 wurde Denise Koopmans als Nachfolgerin von Andreas Dill und Erich Haefeli, die sich nicht mehr zur Wiederwahl stellten, als neues Mitglied in den Verwaltungsrat gewählt. Der Verwaltungsrat dankt Andreas Dill und Erich Haefeli herzlich für ihr langjähriges Engagement und ihren nachhaltigen Beitrag zur Entwicklung der Cicor Gruppe und begrüsst Denise Koopmans als neue Verwaltungsrätin. Daniel Frutig, Norma Corio und Konstantin Ryzhkov wurden wiedergewählt.

Wie bereits erwähnt, trat Marco Kechele am 1. Oktober 2022 in der neu geschaffenen Funktion des Executive Vice President (EVP) Operations in die Geschäftsleitung von Cicor ein, um die Wachstumsstrategie von Cicor zu unterstützen. Marco Kechele kommt vom Schweizer Luft- und Raumfahrtunternehmen Beyond Gravity zu Cicor. Das Management der Cicor Gruppe heisst Marco Kechele herzlich willkommen und freut sich auf die Zusammenarbeit.

### Nachhaltigkeit im Fokus

Cicor räumt ihrer Nachhaltigkeitsagenda einen hohen Stellenwert ein, der sich auf alle Ebenen des Unternehmens auswirkt. Cicor trägt in vielerlei Hinsicht zu einer nachhaltigen Zukunft für uns alle bei.

## "Die Cicor Gruppe trägt mit ihrer Geschäftstätigkeit auf vielfältige Weise zu einer nachhaltigen Zukunft bei."

CO<sub>2</sub>-Einsparungsprogramme und Initiativen für erneuerbare Energien in den Produktionsstätten ebnen den Weg in eine grünere Zukunft. Für Cicor ist die soziale Nachhaltigkeit ebenso wichtig wie die ökologische Nachhaltigkeit. Das Unternehmen fördert nicht nur die soziale Verantwortung gegenüber ihren eigenen Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern, sondern auch gegenüber den Partnerunternehmen in der gesamten Lieferkette.

Cicor arbeitet nach den Grundsätzen fairer Geschäftspraktiken und guter Unternehmensführung. Mit dem im Geschäftsbericht integrierten Nachhaltigkeitsbericht informiert Cicor umfassend über die Minimierung der Umweltauswirkungen, die Förderung von Mitarbeiterinnen und Mitarbeitern, und der Produktivität sowie die Schaffung von Werten über das Geschäft hinaus und setzt dabei die aktuellsten GRI-Standards um.

## Anhaltendes Wachstum trotz anspruchsvollem Umfeld für 2023 erwartet

Cicor verfügt über einen Auftragsbestand, der fast einem Jahresumsatz entspricht. Daneben ist die Pipeline an Neuprojekten weiterhin sehr gut gefüllt. Die Konsolidierung der Phoenix Mecano Digital Elektronik und der Phoenix Mecano Tunisie ab dem 01.01.2023 sowie der AFT Microwave Dünnfilmaktivitäten ab dem 01.03.2023 wird ebenfalls zu einer deutlichen Umsatz- und Ergebnissteigerung führen.

Sofern die sich die geopolitischen, konjunkturellen und finanziellen Rahmenbedingungen sich nicht weiter verschlechtern, erwartet Cicor für 2023 ein Umsatzwachstum auf CHF 350 – 400 Mio. bei einer weiterhin robusten operativen Marge auf Stufe EBITDA, die mit dem Niveau von 2022 vergleichbar ist.

Im Namen des Verwaltungsrats und der Geschäftsleitung der Cicor Gruppe danken wir allen, die ihren wertvollen Beitrag zu den Erfolgen des Geschäftsjahres 2022 geleistet haben: unseren Mitarbeitenden für ihren grossen Einsatz, unseren Kunden für ihre Loyalität und unseren Aktionären und Geschäftspartnern für ihr Vertrauen.

Daniel Frutig Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Alexander Hagemann CEO

## **Cicor Aktien**

#### Anzahl Aktien

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gesellschaftskapital (in CHF)	29 020 920	29 020 920	29 020 920	30 695 420	34 095 420
Nennwert pro Namenaktie (in CHF)	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Anzahl der ausgegebenen Namenaktien	2 902 092	2 902 092	2 902 092	3 069 542	3 409 542
Davon eigene Aktien	3 000	5 500	116	116	241 916
Anzahl ausstehender Namenaktien	2 899 092	2 896 592	2 901 976	3 069 426	3 167 626
Anzahl bedingte Aktien für MCN <sup>II</sup>	-	-	-	-	1 267 116
Anzahl ausstehender und bedingter MCN Aktien	2 899 092	2 896 592	2 901 976	3 069 426	4 434 742

#### Kennzahlen je Aktie

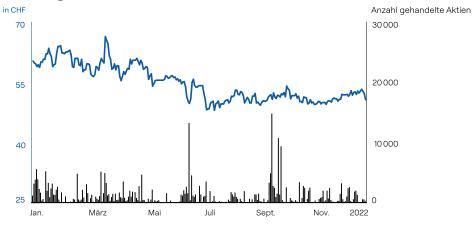
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Ergebnis je Aktie (in CHF) <sup>1)</sup>	3.32	2.90	1.44	2.57	1.03
Eigenkapital pro Aktie (in CHF) <sup>1)</sup>	25.90	27.21	26.30	28.96	33.57
Bruttodividende (in CHF)	2 031 464	2 897 592	4 338 888	2 901 976	-

#### Börsenkurse

Börsenkurse in CHF pro Aktie	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Höchst	80.60	61.50	64.30	64.60	58.00
Tiefst	35.40	37.20	28.25	45.60	40.50
Jahresendkurs	39.40	59.40	46.50	52.80	42.90
Durchschnittlich gehandelte Aktien pro Tag	4 111	2 481	2 150	1463	1 189
Börsenkapitalisierung am Jahresende (in CHF 1 000) <sup>1)</sup>	114 224	172 058	134 942	162 066	190 250

Die bedingten Aktien für die Wandlung der Pflichtwandelanleihe sind als ausstehende Aktien berücksichtigt für die Berechnung von Ergebnis pro Aktie, Eigenkapital pro Aktie und Börsenkapitalisierung. Vergleiche Erläuterung 17 der konsolidierten Jahresrechnung für weitere Informationen. Die Namenaktien der Cicor Technologies Ltd. werden an der SIX Swiss Exchange in Zürich im Nebensegment gehandelt. Valorensymbol: CICN / Valor: 870 219 / ISIN code CH0008702190 / Bloomberg: CICN SW / Reuters: CICN.S





#### Bedeutende Aktionäre

Die folgenden Aktionäre haben gemäss dem Reglement der Schweizer Börse eine Beteiligung von mehr als 3% gemeldet:

	31.12.2022 Anzahl		31.12.2021 Anzahl	
Aktionäre	Aktien	in % <sup>1)</sup>	Aktien	in % <sup>1)</sup>
OEP 80 B.V., Amsterdam, Niederlande <sup>2)</sup>	851 705	24.98	851 705	27.75
Lock-up Gruppe Axis Electronics Management, Milton Keynes, Vereinigtes Königreich	265 607	7.79	167 450	5.46
Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry, Schweiz <sup>3)</sup>	241 916	7.10	116	0.00
LLB (Swiss) Investment AG, Zürich, Schweiz	115 757	3.40	129 626	4.22
FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) SA, Genf, Schweiz	111 649	3.27	94 720	3.09
Escatec Holdings Ltd., Port Vila, Vanuatu <sup>4)</sup>	111 465	3.27	110 840	3.61

1) In % der total ausgegebenen Namenaktien am Jahresende.

2) Wirtschaftlich Berechtigte: OEP VIII GP, L.L.C., Wilmington, USA.

<sup>3)</sup> Anzahl Aktien gemäss Aktienbuch der Gesellschaft.

4) Wirtschaftlich Berechtigter: Christophe Albin, Verbier, Schweiz.

## Übersicht Aktionariat gemäss Aktienregister per 31. Dezember 2022

Eingetragene Aktien	2 553 683
Eingetragene Aktionäre	1 026
Aktionäre mit 1–1000 Aktien	897
Aktionäre mit 1001–10000 Aktien	98
Aktionäre mit über 10001 Aktien	31

#### Dividendenpolitik

Cicor verfolgt eine Dividendenpolitik, welche die Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre am Erfolg des Unternehmens teilhaben lässt und gleichzeitig die Eigenkapitalbasis für weiteres Wachstum stärkt. Der Verwaltungsrat schlägt Dividendenzahlungen vor, die im Einklang mit der langfristigen und nachhaltigen Geschäftsentwicklung unter Berücksichtigung von zu tätigenden Investitionen in das Wachstum und die Weiterentwicklung der Gruppe stehen.

## **Termine und Kontakt**

#### Agenda

- Business Update Q1/2023: 17. April 2023
- Ordentliche Generalversammlung 2023: 18. April 2023
- Halbjahresbericht 2023: 25. Juli 2023
- Business Update Q3/2023: 16. Oktober 2023
- Geschäftsbericht 2023: März 2024

#### Kommunikation

Im Interesse ihrer Aktionäre und der Öffentlichkeit verfolgt Cicor Technologies Ltd. eine offene, transparente Informationspolitik. Das Unternehmen setzt sich im Rahmen sowohl der periodischen als auch der laufenden (Ad-hoc-)Berichterstattung für eine zeitliche und inhaltliche Gleichbehandlung seiner Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre und der an den Geschäften der Gesellschaft interessierten Öffentlichkeit ein. Die Gruppe informiert ihre Aktionärinnen und Aktionäre, Medien, Finanzanalysten und weitere Interessenten über folgende Publikationen und Kommunikationsinstrumente: Geschäftsbericht, Halbjahresbericht, Investoren- und Medienpräsentationen sowie Medienmitteilungen. Kursrelevante Ereignisse werden laufend publiziert (Ad-hoc-Publizität). Zusätzliche Informationen über die Cicor Technologies Ltd. und ihre Tochtergesellschaften können auf der Website der Gruppe (www.cicor.com) eingesehen werden. Unter <u>investor@cicor.com</u> oder <u>media@cicor.com</u> ist eine Kontaktaufnahme jederzeit möglich. Zusätzlich können sich Interessierte via Webseite in eine Mailingliste eintragen, um alle neuen Mitteilungen direkt zu erhalten.

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# Sustainability Report

## 1 Sustainability Strategy Management

## 1.1 Responsibility and commitment

The Cicor Group is a development and manufacturing partner operating globally providing innovative technology solutions for the electronics industry. Cicor offers highly complex printed circuit boards (PCBs) and hybrid circuits, in addition to electronic manufacturing services (EMS), such as microelectronic assembly and plastic injection molding. With 2,217 employees across twelve production sites, the Group supplies customized products and services – design to finished products – from one source.

Cicor places a strong emphasis on sustainability across all levels of the company. The corporate strategy, including sustainability aspects, is determined by the Board of Directors, who also discuss sustainability issues with management several times a year, depending on urgency. Rather than being discussed in a separate committee, sustainability is integrated throughout the company. Results and progress towards sustainability goals are reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and management.

The Annual Report includes a review and approval of sustainability reporting on material topics. Responsibility for economic, environmental, and social topics is clearly defined within the management structure, with those responsible reporting directly to management. The Board of Directors is always available to address stakeholder and shareholder concerns; concerns raised at the Annual General Meeting are handled in accordance with the Articles of Association. In 2022, no significant concerns were raised directly with the Board of Directors outside the Annual General Meeting.

For more details on the governance arrangements, please refer to the <u>Corporate Governance Report</u>.

Cicor is aware that being a sustainable company is a priority for its customers. The Group recognizes that upholding strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) values is paramount to its success, not only to be a responsible corporate citizen but because ESG management is a key partnership criterion for some of its customers. Customers' perceptions of Cicor's ESG practices can impact their decision to place orders.

The guiding principles for thought and action at Cicor are meeting customer expectations, ongoing improvement, and fulfilling relevant legal requirements at all times. Thus, Cicor's corporate policy incorporates all three of these commitments. Fulfilling this aim requires consistent, high-quality services that use minimal resources and support firstrate occupational safety. Therefore, Cicor's quality policy, environmental policy, and health and safety policy are equal components of the corporate policy. Its performance on these priorities is how the Group measures its success in meeting its corporate policy.

Cicor also expects its suppliers to mirror its commitment by executing business operations that preserve the environment, contribute to the social wellbeing of the communities in which they are present and demonstrate accountability and transparency in sustainability performance. Furthermore, the Group seeks partnerships with suppliers dedicated to continuously improving their sustainability programs, and who share Cicor's goal of zero harm. The health and safety of the public should be safeguarded at all times, while any adverse effects to communities, environment and natural resources must be continually minimized. To this end, suppliers must adhere to appropriate environmental permits and reporting, pollution prevention and waste reduction, hazardous substance management, wastewater and solid waste controls and processes, air emissions controls and procedures, and all applicable laws and regulations regarding materials restrictions. With this shared commitment, suppliers assist Cicor in achieving its sustainable supply chain objectives by continuously delivering price competitive and environmentally sound goods and services.

#### **Mission statement**

As an internationally active company with a strong brand, Cicor generates steadily growing value for its customers, shareholders and employees while offering innovative products and services for a range of technologically demanding applications within the electronics industry. Cicor uses the vast expertise within the company and cooperation across different divisions to keep developing new technologies. The Group strives to be an attractive employer that encourages an open and honest corporate culture.

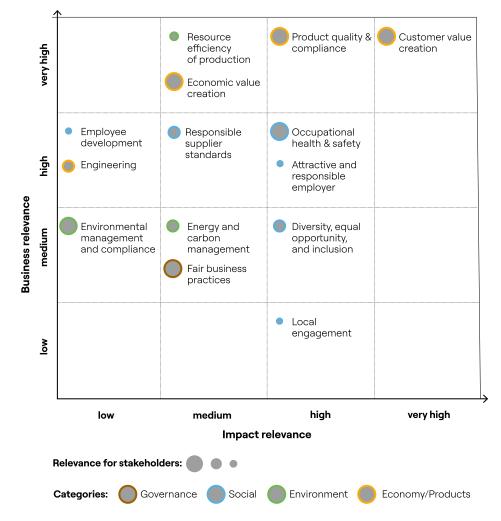
#### Core values

- Intense collaboration and use of synergies
- Passionate and firm commitment to customers
- Meticulous, fast and disciplined execution
- Resolute in obtaining continuous improvement
- Persistent drive to succeed

### 1.2 Material topics

This report has been drafted to fulfill the standards of the GRI Standards. As a basis for this sustainability report, a materiality analysis was carried out in 2021. This process started with an analysis that evaluated a wide range of internal (documents, guidelines, directives) sources and external sources (sustainability standards, industry information, peer analysis). Material topics were those identified by Cicor as important from an internal company perspective and/or from the perspective of external stakeholders, and/or have a significant economic, environmental or social impact. The topics were determined and evaluated in a workshop with Cicor's management. The materiality matrix shows the results of this material topic analysis.

#### Materiality matrix



### 1.3 Stakeholder management

Establishing and maintaining good relationships with all stakeholders is essential for long-term business success. Cicor defines stakeholders as individuals or groups that have an economic relationship with the company and/or are affected by the company's actions. Within the divisions, stakeholders are identified and prioritized through management reviews, SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) analysis or specific stakeholder analysis as part of the certification processes. The most important stakeholders include customers, employees, suppliers, and shareholders. Cicor regularly exchanges information with all stakeholders to understand the individual needs of each stakeholder group and identify new developments and market requirements in a timely manner. Depending on the group, this contact takes place in different ways and at different levels, while day-to-day communication is the paramount interaction – that is, regular contact with customers and suppliers, and personal discussions with employees to assess satisfaction and wellbeing. The goal of these interactions is to bring business-relevant issues to light.

## 2 Maximizing Economic Potential

### 2.1 Economic performance

The Cicor Group understands that prolonged planning is only possible when the company is financially stable in the short, medium and long term. It knows that a strong financial position creates flexibility for strategic decisions. This is accomplished by providing customers with high-value materials that enable Cicor to achieve good margins on manufactured products. Furthermore, the Group recognizes that efficiency in tooling management will lead to faster setup and production and that increasing productivity will strengthen the Group's capability to produce more with no capital investment.

Cicor implements a multilevel approach to manage its economic performance. In addition to constantly reviewing prices, the Group analyses requests for quotes (RFQ) in relation to business segment, technology and competitive environment. Cicor also ensures all managers are aware of assets and expenses when making managerial decisions, and share information with key managers in monthly meetings. Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) are in place to monitor the Group's economic performance, including measuring sales performance and Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT). Cicor also compares its actual production output against planned output.

In 2022, our production site in Arad introduced an internal continuous improvement department. The aim of the department is to identify and implement possible improvements to processes in order to enhance efficiency and resource consumption in the company. The production sites in Bedford and Suzhou, on the other hand, focused on cost control. In Bedford, one of the measures taken was to consolidate customer deliveries in order to reduce shipping costs, while in Suzhou a project was carried out that resulted in cost savings and higher productivity in spare parts manufacturing.

## 2.2 Customer value creation

The Cicor Group is a service provider, and as such, creating value for its customers is a prerequisite for establishing and maintaining long-term partnerships. Customer acquisition is a crucial component of Cicor's business plan – the company works hard to win customers and projects in the medical, industrial, aerospace, and defense sectors, in both production and development phases. Long-term customer retention is then achieved through high production quality and close customer contact. Key elements in value creation for customers include having highly qualified employees, using high-quality materials with high availability at the best possible prices, and committing to technological leadership and continuous process optimization.

To maintain Cicor's position as a market leader, creating customer value by boosting customer satisfaction, improving customer experience, providing additional service benefits, and eliminating wasteful processes are all important. Cicor will accomplish this by shortening delivery times, developing a superior supply chain, and pursuing competitive costs for materials. Cicor implements growth targets to measure and expand on its value creation for customers. To develop close relationships with its customers, the company ensures customers are listened to and their needs are clarified. The Group emphasizes delivery of goods and services at the agreed level of quality, quantity and timing, while seeking out ongoing customer feedback and responding accordingly.

While Cicor's reaction time continues to be somewhat affected by global issues regarding long lead times for raw materials and availability issues for electronic components, Cicor's services have been maintained without interruption.

Cicor maintains regular alignment with customer requirements throughout the organization by ensuring customer consulting, supplier management and operational excellence. For example, the production site in Bedford held purchasing meetings with customers and worked with suppliers to align on supply chain objectives. This cooperation not only increased customer loyalty, but also led to cost savings for Cicor and its customers.

Cicor endeavors to solve its customers' challenges by helping customers address issues they cannot resolve themselves or by finding more affordable solutions than they can access on their own. The Group increases customer satisfaction by improving efficiency, reducing costs, and upgrading quality, while respecting the relevant standards and laws and ensuring compliance with regulations and rules.

Cicor pushes for stronger customer relationships with better communication and continuous technology exchanges. This can lead to a greater understanding of customer needs and enables more foresight and flexibility. Additionally, the Group is striving to reach its full potential by improving its business selection and introducing a design-to-manufacture approach. Cicor uses customer input for its innovation and development planning, with a portion of its innovation initiatives focused on novel processes and newly available materials.

Progress on Cicor's customer goals is monitored through KPIs, including on-time delivery (OTD), customer complaints, revenue increment tracking, first pass yield and quality reporting, response time, technical competence, product quality and lead time, as well as an annual customer survey. For example, every year the production site in Arad aims to reduce the average number of customer complaints per month compared to the previous year. In 2022, this target was achieved. In Bedford, the rolling twelve-month average for both delivery and quality performance exceeded 99% in the reporting year. This was achieved through customer focus and a culture of continuous improvement. Cicor also takes recommendations from customer audits to improve the company and its services.

### 2.3 Product quality and compliance

Poor product quality harms not only the customer's reputation, it also damages Cicor's. Therefore, delivering high-quality products is a non-negotiable aspect of Cicor's competitiveness. Providing superior performance that meets its customers' expectations is crucial. The Group seeks to perpetually expand its know-how and technological capabilities and develop innovative applications with improved performance from new materials. The Group believes that quality is achieved by processes rather than inspections, and thus has implemented safe working practices as a way to maintain and improve quality control.

Cicor's customers trust the company to comply with their requirements and specifications, while ensuring that products are produced in adherence to all relevant

laws and regulations. In particular, since Cicor is delivering to the aerospace, defence and medical markets, quality is an extremely high priority.

ISO 9001, 14001 and 45001 certifications also reassure customers that Cicor has a wellmanaged system to ensure high product quality. As part of the certified quality system, all responsibilities are defined and employees must qualify on the required skills, including retraining within a defined time interval. All Cicor's processes are documented in detail and their observance is regularly audited.

The Group has clearly defined work instructions and processes to comply with specifications, as well as an extensive quality management and approval process in the production phase. Cicor's Integrated Management System provides process descriptions, behaviors and responsibilities assigned as per a RACI matrix (Responsible, Accountable, Consulted and Informed). Policies and processes for the handling of chemicals and hazardous substances according to the European Union REACH regulation (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals) and RoHS directive (Restriction of Hazardous Substances in Electrical and Electronic Equipment), conflict minerals and other regulated substances are also implemented.

Materials are purchased from authorized sources with quality guarantees. The Group fosters a strong network of material suppliers to maintain its place at the cutting edge of the latest technical trends.

The Group verifies that its product quality and compliance are managed effectively with a series of KPIs, including defect rates, such as parts per million (ppm), number of complaints, and non-quality cost. For some product certifications there are periodic third-party audits. Moreover, suppliers are rated by key customers using a scorecard that covers all relevant business parameters, such as pricing, OTD, technical support and innovation.

Cicor holds monthly management meetings, during which KPI achievement within the ISO 9001/13485 certifications and customer audits is assessed.

## 2.4 Engineering

Engineering is fundamental to the Cicor Group. Around 200 well-trained engineers with interdisciplinary competencies work on customer projects, making the engineering department a unique selling point of the company. In many cases, engineering is the primary entry point for Cicor's customers. Cicor's engineers support the Group's customers in the areas of hardware and software engineering, printed circuit board (PCB) layout and component selection, test engineering, tool design, printed electronics, and process and quality management throughout the entire product life cycle.

Usage of green technology or the level of energy efficiency is largely based on the product design, which is carried out exclusively by Cicor's customers. However, Cicor's manufacturing approach with customers enables the company to positively influence the manufacturability of the products and their production efficiency. Cicor chooses technologies and production methods that use fewer valuable resources, reducing material consumption and minimizing waste, such as the miniaturization of circuits, or consolidating the type of chemicals used in production, using one rather than multiple types of coating material. In addition to decreasing the use of these materials, the Group also reduces dross and reprocessing cost. The implementation of requirements such as energy efficiency and green technologies is verified at the customer project level.

The Group has interdisciplinary teams driving the implementation of new technologies. Cicor constantly evaluates new process materials and methods with continuous improvement programs to reduce scrap rates, increase yield and first pass yield rate, and decrease the amount of wasted materials. As responsibilities and processes are defined during the development phase, the requirements and standards are identified by the customer and are largely their responsibility. However, in addition to this, Cicor conducts in-depth verification of engineering requirements.

For innovation projects, Cicor undertakes milestone planning and monitoring. In the reporting year the engineering pipeline was well-filled, and thus many products were developed and improved. Cicor has noted that its customers' requirements for energy efficiency are increasing, especially in connection with the Internet of Things (IoT) and connectivity.

## 3 Minimizing Environmental Impact

## 3.1 Energy and carbon management

Reducing Cicor's greenhouse carbon emissions not only fulfills customer requirements but also affects the company's reputation within the industry. Increasing the company's energy efficiency and reducing energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions also lead to a reduction in costs. As a high energy consumption company, the Group acknowledges its responsibility and obligations in this regard.

Cicor has a number of policies and measures in place that contribute to its goal of becoming a greener company. The Group establishes responsibilities, provides guidance for relevant departments in reviewing energy use, and formulates standards and norms for energy consumption. Among its initiatives, the Group is replacing outdated, low-efficiency equipment, investing in modern, high-efficiency production lines, and maximizing the energy efficiency of buildings by regularly maintaining lighting, ventilation and cooling systems, and using natural light optimally. In addition, in 2023 Cicor will install an additional solar farm on the roof of the site in Wangs, which will allow the site to produce its own energy for the climatization of the clean room. Overall responsibility for energy and carbon management lies with the maintenance and production manager (site manager). The Group tracks its energy and carbon management through specific KPIs, including the consumption of electricity and energy (such as gas and oil) and  $CO_2$  emission levels.

Across its sites, the Group is making progress. In 2022, the production site in Arad completed the installation of a photovoltaic system on the roof of the building to generate climate-friendly electricity and require less energy from the general grid. At Bedford, meters have been installed on all in-house control panels to provide accurate monthly consumption data. This allows for an exact monitoring and evaluation of energy consumption, from which further improvement measures can be derived. The production site in Singapore has moved to a new Green Mark Platinum building which uses significantly less energy. The Green Mark certification system is a rating system for environmentally friendly buildings developed by the Building and Construction Authority of Singapore. In Suzhou, an exhaust gas treatment system for the injection of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) was introduced to further minimize environmental impact.

Environmental Performance Indicators <sup>1</sup>	2021	2020 <sup>2</sup>
Energy consumption in MWh	31 220	32 395
Electricity	26 201	26 185
Of which from renewable sources	7%	7%
Heat	5 019	6 210
Natural gas	3 009	2 983
District heating	2 010	3 227
Total GHG Emissions in tCQ e <sup>3</sup>	12 999	12 379
Scope 1	611	605
Combustibles	611	605
Scope 2	12 388	11 774
Electricity <sup>4</sup>	12 045	11 223
District heating	343	551

Bedford, UK and Dresden, Germany are excluded.

2 Due to more accurate data, the figures for 2020 have been partly adjusted by the production sites and differ from the figures published in the last Sustainability Report.

Calculations in accordance with the WRI/WBCSD Greenhouse Gas Protocol guidelines. Scope 1: GHG emissions from combustibles. Scope 2: GHG emissions stemming from the production of electricity and district heating. Sources for emission factors: Defra & IEA

<sup>4</sup> Greenhouse gas emissions associated with the production of electricity were accounted for in accordance with the 'location-based approach' according to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Scope 2 standard.

#### 3.2 Resource efficiency of production

Besides reducing Cicor's environmental impact, resource efficiency helps minimize production costs. Cicor manages the resource efficiency of its production to ensure continuous improvement, with several performance initiatives in place. The Group implements new technologies, minimizes material consumption, lessens technological scrap, optimizes stocks and strictly monitors the expiration dates of received materials and chemicals. Cicor advances the circular economy by selectively collecting waste for recovery or recycling, and also, under contractual agreement, recycles the electronic parts of products for its customers. The Group uses recycled raw materials for injection molding (excluding automotive and medical parts) and sells waste, including unused packaging materials and scrap metal. Cicor has further implemented processes for waste reduction in accordance with ISO 14001. The effective usage rate of raw materials is greater than 98%, while molding yield is more than 99%.

In cooperation with the World Resource Company (WRC), the production site in Boudry has developed and introduced a carbon-neutral process in 2022 for the complete recycling of copper sludge. In addition, wastewater treatment was fully internalized and the recycling of plastic waste was driven forward. Furthermore, Cicor's Excellence 2022 program, which aims to reduce waste and increase efficiency, was implemented globally at all production sites.

Most of Cicor's sites manage resource efficiency of their production with a monthly review of designated KPIs, including water consumption, reduction of waste, recycling, amount of scrap and productivity. Goals are continually evaluated with dedicated teams and action plans.

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	2021	2020-
Waste in metric tons	623	490
General waste	347	285
Incineration	141	128
Landfill	6	6
Recycling	200	151
Special waste	276	205
Water consumption in cubic meters	77 262	74 770

<sup>1</sup> Bedford, UK and Dresden, Germany are excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Due to more accurate data, the figures for 2020 have been partly adjusted by the production sites and differ from the figures published in the last Sustainability Report.

## 3.3 Environmental management and compliance

The Cicor Group understands the importance of effective environmental management, not only to fulfill its vision of being a more environmentally friendly company but also to comply with local laws and regulations. As a high energy consuming company, with a significant proportion of electroplating and chemical processes, Cicor recognizes its obligation to monitor and reduce its environmental impact. From a business perspective, management of Cicor's environmental footprint saves energy, differentiates the company from its competitors, and reduces costs, in addition to enabling the Group to promote greener activity.

The Group works to limit its environmental impact in line with ISO 14001. All Cicor's sites are ISO 14001 certified, enabling the Group to monitor and reduce its environmental impact and costs. Following the guidelines, Cicor identifies its environmental impacts and controls them through its operations, in addition to pinpointing any risks and emergency situations that could arise. Cicor has instilled a culture of establishing objectives and defining roles, responsibilities, resources and competencies, as well as authorities. The Group adheres to the certification in building and maintaining policies and in its communication. Moreover, the Group heeds the ISO 14001 criteria by acting in accordance with legal requirements, assessing results with audits and improvement programs where new objectives are specified. In 2023, the site in Arad will additionally implement an energy management system following ISO 50001.

The Group wants to further its environmental management and compliance beyond the improvement initiatives in its facilities and practices in order to meet increasingly stringent environmental laws and regulations. Cicor's aim is to determine and fulfill all legal and other requirements regarding the environment where applicable. For this purpose, Cicor has begun to cultivate a company culture of continual communication, training and awareness raising on this topic. In 2022, there were no known environmental violations. Some production sites have a zero environmental accidents objective. The site in Boudry, for example, is adhering to the OPAM law (Ordonnance sur les accidents majeurs) and the federal program of energy monitoring and saving, in addition to submitting an official annual report to its local environment authorities. The site in Boudry employs a health and safety and environment engineer and two full-time equivalents (FTEs) in its wastewater treatment facility.

Cicor uses KPIs to monitor its environmental management and compliance. KPIs include the number of sanctions from local authorities for environmental infractions, compliance rate with legal obligations, and waste recovery fulfillment rate. Audits are executed and their results evaluated. Further monitoring is accomplished through inspections and test results from suppliers.

# 4 Incentivizing Employees and Productivity

#### 4.1 Attractive and responsible employer

The Cicor Group places significant emphasis on creating value for its employees in order to maintain a talented workforce and attract new employees in times of growth. This increases the Group's competitiveness, both in the labor market and at site level, and reduces employee turnover.

Cicor recruits from diverse backgrounds to ensure a constant flow of new ideas, creativity and experience, striving to cultivate a competent workforce with the ability to innovate, respond to change and build on opportunities. The Group is consistently and continuously enhancing its employer brand.

At the heart of Cicor's workforce strategy is improving the capabilities and maximizing the potential of its employees. In Boudry, for example, a new and improved integration program for all new employees was introduced in 2022 in order to foster the full potential of employees right from the start. At the Bedford site, employees not only receive training for their professional development; in annual reviews with their respective line manager, the potential for their personal development is now also analyzed and subsequently realized. Finding the right people for open roles and allowing them to grow meaningfully within the organization has increased productivity and employee retention. Sites report that staff turnover in the Group's offices is low and falls below the industry average for manual workers.

Composition of Workforce <sup>1</sup>			2022			2021
	Male	Female	Diverse	Male	Female	Diverse
Workforce by employment contract	972	1 213	1	928	1 272	1
Permanent	793	837	1	774	780	1
Temporary	179	376		154	492	
Workforce by employment type	972	1 213	1	928	1 272	1
Full-time	933	1140	1	897	1199	1
Part-time	39	73		31	73	
Workforce by category	972	1 213	1	928	1 272	1
Operations	672	1 0 2 6	1	644	1 112	1
Engineering & Development	162	32		167	27	
Marketing & Sales	56	33		52	23	
Purchasing	19	47		14	42	
Finance & Controlling	15	41		11	32	
Administration (HR, IT, etc.)	48	34		40	36	

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	2022	2021
Workforce by gender	2 186	2 201
Male	972	928
Female	1 213	1272
Diverse	1	1
Workforce by age	2 186	2 201
< 30	694	762
30–50	1 036	1047
> 50	456	392

Cicor is also continuously enhancing working conditions to remain competitive and retain qualified employees. In Arad, for example, flexible working hours and the option of remote working were introduced in 2022, while at the Singapore site salary gaps and wages were reviewed. Singapore also started to place a strong focus on diversity and inclusion and to actively promote the mental health and well-being of its employees.

To make the Suzhou site an even more attractive and responsible employer, salaries and benefits for employees were improved in the reporting year.

Fluctuation By Gender and Age Group	2022
Total by gender	-1%
Male	+5%
Female	-5%
Total by age	-1%
< 30 years	-9%
30–50 years	-1%
> 50 years	+16%

Cicor works on a system of flat hierarchies, with decision making in recruitment shared by team leaders, department heads, division heads, management, and human resources.

Some Cicor sites monitor KPIs such as the number of applications, interview-to-hire ratio, time-to-hire, fluctuation rate and employee turnover, and evaluate employees annually on absenteeism. Sites also ask resigning employees to answer a questionnaire that identifies areas for improvement.

## 4.2 Employee development

Employee development is an underlying priority throughout the Cicor Group. The Group has aligned training with its corporate goals, enabling Cicor to keep pace with emerging trends in the field of high-tech development and production. As qualified employees are crucial to the Group's success, focusing on employee development ensures know-how is maintained and implemented across new projects. Cicor also knows that employee development increases its versatility and its ability to function as a flexible and agile company. The Group also looks to spread specific expertise more widely across the organization. To increase flexibility in Arad for example, employees are trained for various activities and processes outside their actual field of activity. Cross-functional employee training also takes place at the production site in Bedford.

This helps Cicor fulfill business requirements and enables employees to get involved in different areas of the company and expand their skills.

Cicor is aware that the demands on its employees are increasing and that regular training and broad knowledge in diverse disciplines is necessary. This is most apparent in the field of medical technology, although it is also relevant in other regulated areas. Cicor further recognizes that employee development is key to motivate its workforce – employees tend to remain with a company that values them and helps them grow. To manage its employee development, the Group offers training programs for all internal processes. Staff are retrained each year in the tasks they currently perform to ensure that all employees are up-to-date in their knowledge. Leadership instruction is also provided to medium and lower management levels.

The Group gives employees equitable opportunities to be considered for training and development based on their abilities and needs, helping them reach their full potential. In Bedford, for example, new training material has been developed in 2022 to provide better support and faster training for employees after a promotion. It also serves as a refresher training for employees in existing positions. In addition, external courses are offered to employees. This helps to meet changing customer requirements, while supporting internal succession planning. The production site in Suzhou plans to further improve its training and development offering in the coming years.

Seeking to generate flexibility, Cicor trains its staff on different activities by offering a limited number of cross-training courses. The exchange of individual employees among specialist areas is institutionalized in manufacturing, helping to identify talents and promote wide-ranging expertise.

Cicor's human resources and department managers create yearly employee development plans, taking into account goals identified in annual staff reviews, while also promoting overall employee development across the board. The Group financially supports external courses in the cases where new skills will reinforce employees' capabilities within their roles. Furthermore, in select departments, students are trained for particular activities related to electronics production and development. Further education in the form of technical college or a postgraduate degree is also subsidized if it corresponds with the company's current needs. At the Bedford production site, dedicated positions for university graduates were created in 2022 to ease their transition from education to working life and to commit them to the company longterm. To further strengthen employee loyalty and Cicor's reputation as an attractive employer, additional capacity has been created in the HR department.

The Group's employee development efforts are evaluated through regular internal and external audits. Employees are asked to complete a survey and staff appraisal to determine their satisfaction with the development program. An assessment is also done at the end of each course to understand how much the employees learned and establish to what extent it helps in their daily work.

## 4.3 Occupational health and safety

Occupational health and safety is of the utmost importance to the Cicor Group. This includes the health and safety of Cicor's employees, as well as visitors. The Group has created a safe working environment and recognizes that caring for the health and safety of its staff not only helps retain its workforce but also offers a more attractive working environment for potential employees.

Cicor's goal is to have zero working accidents or occupational illnesses. The Group aims to supply every necessary means and resource to ensure the health and safety of collaborators and contributors. Besides adhering to applicable government health and safety laws and regulations, Cicor's own health and labor safety policy, quality and environment standard operating procedures, health and safety programs and production safety officers support careful occupational health and safety management.

Across the Group, most sites have a safety committee and a chairman appointed by management to oversee safety aspects of the company. Moreover, at some sites, an additional health and safety task force has been set up. To further encourage employees' commitment to occupational health and safety and continued engagement around the topic, the workers' union is part of the health and safety committee. The responsibility for maintaining health and safety across the Group falls on the quality department, maintenance department and HR. However, every collaborator and contributor has a duty to support and advocate for all health and safety measures.

Risks and hazards are identified and controlled throughout operational health and safety documentation, namely, specific work instruction, training, and clarifying what special personal safety equipment should be worn.

Health and safety practices of Cicor include preventing exposure to hazardous substances, mandatory checks on air, water, noise and lighting, verification for special equipment such as pressure tanks, lifters, and cranes, as well as fire detection and fighting.

Cicor believes occupational health and safety can be maintained and improved through communication, training and awareness. The Group enlists an external safety consultant, organizes staff training, issues protective equipment where necessary, arranges regular occupational health and safety meetings, and provides a medical service for its staff. Employees have the opportunity to receive periodic medical consultations from an external company contracted by Cicor. All new staff are given a safety orientation, daily safety inspections are conducted, and general awareness is imparted through yearly safety training. The Group also runs monthly health and safety campaigns. Safety incidents are noted in the "dangerous situations and hazards report," and each record is analyzed and treated as part of a continuous improvement action plan.

Emergency management is covered with an emergency response Group (GIC: Groupe d'Intervention Cicorel). Trained first aiders and/or safety managers, as well as one defibrillator, are in place on each site, and simulations are carried out to ensure emergency preparedness and response.

In Arad, internal health and safety committee meetings are held every six months, which gives employees an opportunity to report dangerous situations and involves them in the implementation and development of the health and safety management system. Employees can also use a suggestion box as needed to report hazardous circumstances. In Batam, an escalation chart is available for reference if an unsafe situation emerges. When an abnormal situation is identified, employees can then feed this information back to the Safety Officer. Furthermore, the Batam site also offers instruction on personal protective equipment (PPE). In 2022, the site additionally introduced a Standard Operating Procedure for Environment, Health & Safety (EHS), while Suzhou set up a Safety Standardization Management. In addition to Cicor's comprehensive health and safety measures, the production sites in Arad, Batam and Boudry are ISO 45001:2018 certified.

Cicor monitors its management of occupational health and safety via internal audits and specific KPIs. Regular KPI assessments include health and safety incidents, occupational illness occurrence, internal health and safety non-conformities, rate of adherence to legal requirements, occupational accidents, hazards spotted, and hazards treated. The Group tracks the number of complaints and sanctions about occupational health and safety violations and has instigated a monthly inspection report to gauge the effectiveness of Cicor's initiatives. The Group organizes a bimonthly labor incident monitoring report and works toward continuous improvement of its action plan and safety training matrix. A survey is conducted with all Cicor's employees to further evaluate its occupational health and safety.

Key Occupational Health and Safety Indicators	2022	2021
Injuries	35	21
Fatalities	-	-
Lost workdays due to work-related injuries	387	311
Lost workdays due to illness	16 968	16 159

# 4.4 Diversity, equal opportunity and inclusion

The Cicor Group strongly upholds the values of diversity, equality of opportunity and inclusion. According to Cicor's policy, employees must be recruited solely on the basis of merit-namely, their skills, experience and ability to perform the job, regardless of age, race, gender, religion, marital status, family responsibilities or disability. By hiring fairly and based on merit, Cicor has access to a wide pool of candidates for vacancies. The Group aims to create an inclusive culture that respects people's differences and gives everyone a chance to excel in their given role. To safeguard its employees, Cicor's Code of Conduct has been updated with new company rules and guidelines that integrate equity, respect and equality, and condemn any kind of discrimination. Some of Cicor's sites have additional local policies to promote greater workforce diversity. Cicor believes that an inclusive workplace centered on good communication leads to every employee feeling valued at work. In 2022, the Bedford production site introduced a diversity and inclusion training for all company managers, while Dresden and Radeberg implemented pay grades for workers to ensure equal pay. In addition, the Company set up an umbrella function in the Human Resources department. Among other things, the new Vice President will address closing salary gaps between employees with the same education and experience who work at the same site.

The responsibility for equal treatment of all employees lies with Cicor's top-level management. The Group's management seeks ideas from staff on how to improve the working culture and environment and encourages them to raise issues or make suggestions. Cicor has an open-door policy to hear and address staff concerns and open feedback is continually received from employees in the form of emails or verbal communication. In 2023, Cicor plans to implement a group-wide whistleblower hotline.

As a result of these continued efforts, there were no incidents of discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, political opinion, or the like, in 2022.

# 5 Creating Value beyond the Business

## 5.1 Responsible supplier standards

Cicor upholds responsible supplier standards by taking appropriate precautions at the earliest stage to mitigate potential risk to stakeholders. The Group knows that maintaining the highest quality standards will require great attention to the sustainability of its supply chain in the future, and thus actively engages its suppliers on this front. In particular, the company requires that ISO 14001 must be upheld. Supplies from authorized sources help Cicor achieve its quality ambitions, with suppliers conducting failure analysis and taking corrective actions should a defect occur. The Group knows that on-time delivery and good-quality supplies are critical to meet customers' expectations and experience fewer product rejections. Cicor also values reliability and openness in its suppliers, with the goal of forging long-term business partnerships. Since finding new sources is a costly process, strengthening relationships with sustainable suppliers is good business.

The Group manages its commitment to responsible supplier standards with a number of measures. Cicor contractually asks its strategic suppliers to adhere to the Group's Code of Conduct, which is publicly available on the Group's website for consultation. The Code of Conduct contains environmental and social criteria for suppliers, and materials can be cross-checked to ensure a specific product complies with the relevant rules and regulations. Cicor is training its employees to raise awareness of environmental and social aspects in procurement. During evaluations for all suppliers that have a yearly turnover of more than EUR 50,000, the Group monitors adherence to ISO 14001 and ISO 45001. Cicor's supplier quality agreement, which the Group intends to sign with all important suppliers, contains provisions related to environmental management and health and safety. Furthermore, Cicor requests that its suppliers possess and follow their own Codes of Conduct, which many top suppliers already have in place. There are no known cases in 2022 where suppliers violated the Code of Conduct. REACH, RoHS and conflict minerals documentations are requested with every order, which ensures that suppliers respect these standards.

In Boudry, the supplier guidebook creates the basis to introduce supplier standards to a potential supplier at the first point of contact. In 2022, the guidebook was updated to include guidance on aspects of corporate responsibility such as conflict minerals, REACH, RoHS, human rights, working hours and environmental performance. In Bronschhofen, audits are conducted to evaluate suppliers. In Radeberg, most purchases are made through distributors with no direct contact to the manufacturer, but partnerships are formed only with trustworthy suppliers who are at least ISO 9001 certified. Furthermore, the site does not grant approval of a supplier without a completed supplier self-assessment, which in the near future will include the Code of Conduct. Approval is granted by the head of purchasing and the head of quality – ensuring the principle of dual control. In the event of a discrepancy, the supplier is blocked.

Cicor undertakes yearly supplier evaluations, which result in more business for the suppliers that successfully adhere to the Group's supplier standards and termination

or reduced orders for those that do not. Cicor gauges its responsible supply chain performance through indicators such as lead time and payment terms, supplier management, supplier on-time delivery, and supplier rating and ranking. In 2023, the Bedford site plans to publish its new ESG strategy, which will be aligned with UK legislation. As part of this, the site will begin to support its suppliers in reducing their Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions. This will also serve to document and influence the site's own Scope 3 emissions.

High-quality production is at the core of the Cicor Group's products. Across the group's twelve sites, responsible standards are imposed on all supply chains. The following provides a breakdown of each site's supply chain:

### Overview supply chains

Supply chains – and thus the supply chain management approaches – vary greatly among Cicor's production sites.

Site	Approach	Number of suppliers	Locations
Arad, Romania	The site manages around 20 000 part numbers for raw materials for electronic components, PCBs, and metal and plastic mechanical parts. Manufacturers for the electronic components are chosen by the customer from the authorized vendor lists (AVL).	~ 700	Based on purchase volume
Batam, Indonesia	The site purchases directly from suppliers that manufacture and sell the raw materials. All direct material purchases come from outside Indonesia.	> 640	Suppliers are primarily located in Asia, Europe, North America and Australia
Bedford, United Kingdom	The site is a build-to-print manufacturer. Its procurement strongly depends on component decisions of customers who are market leaders in the defense and aerospace industry.	~ 250	Europe: 89% North America: 10% Asia: 1%
Boudry, Switzerland	The site oversees multiple subcontracting steps for surface treatments during the manufacturing process of PCBs. The supply chain consists of inbound and outbound transportation management and requires intense oversight.	> 100 (including direct and indirect, subcontracto suppliers)	Direct suppliers are primarily located in Europe and USA ed,
Bronschhofen, Switzerland	The site functions as a contract manufacturer, and as such, buys raw materials to produce, test and deliver semi- finished and finished goods according to customers' bill of materials (BOM).	> 640	Europe: 60% (70% CH / 30% EU) Asia: 30% North America: 10%
Radeberg, Germany	The site produces electronic components for service-mount devices and chip and wire, PCBs, mechanical parts, thick film inks and ceramic substrates. The site mainly purchases through distributors. As the site focuses on special technologies, the selection of possible suppliers is limited.	> 450	Europe: 85% North America: 10% Asia: 5%
Singapore	The site manufactures injection molds. It mainly purchases steel for the injection molds and plastic granulate for mold tests.	< 10	Singapore: 100%
Suzhou, China	The site provides high-end precision injection parts, molds and assembly products. To ensure a stable quality of raw materials, the site purchases from globally leading plastic particle manufacturers and from distinguished steel suppliers.	> 25 major suppliers	Based on purchase volume: China: 90%
Thuan An City, Vietnam	The site buys materials from the customers' bill of materials. Whenever possible, electronic components are purchased from accredited distributors offering specified brands with competitive pricing. If availability is limited or lead times are too long, the site buys from brokers upon clearance from its customers.	> 150	Asia: 60% Switzerland: 10%
Ulm, Germany, and Wangs, Switzerland	The sites source standard raw materials mainly from three suppliers. Other components are purchased from various suppliers.	Ulm: > 300 Wangs: < 400	Ulm: Europe: 80% North America: 15% Japan: 5% Wangs: Europe: 80% North America: 15% Japan and Taiwan: 5%

### 5.2 Fair business practices

The Cicor Group believes that upholding fair business practices is essential to its success. Cicor has fair, honest and transparent business principles, with processes and products that reflect exemplary levels of quality, safety and environmental impact.

The Group's employees are expected to act in accordance with the highest standards of personal and professional integrity, especially in matters of ethics and governance. Cicor has a Code of Conduct, which is deployed to all persons who could affect the Group's fair business practices and communicated to all employees by the Human Resources department of their respective site. Signing the Code of Conduct implies acknowledgement of its rules and guidelines. All employees must follow the Code of Conduct, as well as local working laws and regulations. All Cicor employee work contracts contain confidentiality and fidelity clauses to avert potential conflicts of interest. Some customer contracts contain anti-bribery clauses. The Group has a clear rule on avoiding politics or officially supporting a political party.

Legal tax requirements are also rigorously respected by Cicor and its personnel, both in terms of taxation based on the profitability of the Group and revenue at staff level. Cicor does its duty in paying the correct taxes on time and adheres to tax law in the application of company taxes and taxes paid for employees and customers. The Group furthermore complies with local regulations according to transfer pricing, disallowing any profit sharing abroad. To ensure compliance, Cicor has established robust and effective implementation of its tax governance, control and risk management system. Processes exist within the finance and human resources departments to track and satisfy tax values and deadlines. The Group has additionally implemented a "tax-wiki", where all applicable law is explained, due dates outlined, and responsibilities defined. The tax-wiki is reviewed frequently and updated if tax regulations change or are newly put into effect. KPIs are in place to track the management of Cicor's tax obligations. These include the tax rate and tax refund rate. The internal control system is overseen by the company controller, finance manager and managing director. Advice is sought from the tax consultant on difficult topics, who is also responsible for preparing the Group's tax declaration. Accountants are regularly trained regarding changes in tax law, and Cicor ensures relevant employees are also made aware of the latest regulations through open communication.

Staff can always contact human resources in case of an incident against Cicor's fair business practices or its Code of Conduct. Additionally, all employees have access to suggestion boxes where they can submit complaints, suggestions or desired improvements. At some sites, a whistleblowing hotline has been set up. Cicor carries out internal and external audits, such as the financial audit, to monitor its management of its business practices. A customer survey and customer rating is also implemented, along with a yearly supplier evaluation and benchmarking. The Group has site-specific initiatives to encourage increased transparency and trust, as well as fair and open discussion of Cicor's business practices and possible infringements.

If the Group's business practices are violated, action is taken. In 2022, there were no known situations of unfair business practices or confirmed cases of corruption. There were also no reported cases of legal proceedings against anti-competitive behavior with regard to antitrust and monopoly law. Further, there were no known breaches of environmental protection, economic or social laws or regulations.

### 5.3 Local engagement

The Cicor Group considers local engagement an asset to the company and aspires to be seen by local communities as a partner. The goal is to be viewed as an attractive company supporting the communities in which it is present, in turn raising its appeal as a local employer. The perception of Cicor within local populations is key to achieving this goal. Accordingly, the Group endeavors to do outreach to create awareness of the benefits of working for Cicor and the Group's contributions to the particular communities. As well, Cicor works to promote the industry in general as advantageous to the country and society at large.

Several of Cicor's sites have initiatives in place to support their local communities. The site in Arad supported young communities by sponsoring schools or various youth organizations. Dresden and Radeberg donated books about traffic education to elementary schools.

The sites receive feedback on engagement activities from local employees, customers, authorities and municipalities, among others. There are no structured surveys or assessments in place currently to evaluate Cicor's local engagement or achievements. However, the Company plans to implement a simple group-wide documentation in 2023.

# 6 GRI Content Index



Cicor has reported in accordance with the GRI Standards for the period from 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022. For the Content Index – Essentials Service, GRI Services reviewed that the GRI content index is clearly presented, in a manner consistent with the Standards, and that the references for disclosures 2–1 to 2–5, 3–1 and 3–2 are aligned with the appropriate sections in the body of the report. The Content Index – Essentials Service was carried out on the English version of the report. Questions regarding the sustainability report can be directed to Michael Götti, Vice President Corporate Marketing and Communications, michael.goetti@cicor.com.

GRI Standard	Disclosure	Location	Omission
GRI 1: Foundation 2021			
GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021			
The examination and its reporting practices			
The organization and its reporting practices GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	2-1 Organizational	Management Report,	
	Details	About Cicor	
	2-2 Entities included in	Financial Report,	
	the organization's	Consolidated financial	
	sustainability reporting	statement Cicor Group, Note 3	
	2-3 Reporting period,	<u>Corporate Governance</u>	
	frequency and contact	Report, 10 Information	
	point	Policy	
	2-4 Restatements of information		No restatements of information
	2-5 External assurance		No external assurance
Activities and workers			
GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	2-6 Activities, value	1.1 Responsibility and	
	chain and other	<u>commitment</u>	
	business relationships		
	2-7 Employees	<u>4.1 Attractive and</u> responsible employer	
	2-8 Workers who are	4.1 Attractive and	
	not employees	responsible employer	
Governance			
GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	2-9 Governance	Corporate Governance	
	structure and composition	<u>Report, 3 Board of</u> <u>Directors</u>	
	2-10 Nomination and	Corporate Governance	
	selection of the highest	Report, 3.3 Elections	
	governance body	and terms of office	
	2-11 Chair of the highest governance	Corporate Governance Report, 3.1 Members of	
	body	the Board of Directors	
	2-12 Role of the highest	1.1 Responsibility and	
	governance body in	<u>commitment</u>	
	overseeing the management of		
	impacts		
	2-13 Delegation of	1.1 Responsibility and	
	responsibility for managing impacts	<u>commitment</u>	
	2-14 Role of the	1.1 Responsibility and	
	highest governance	<u>commitment</u>	
	body in sustainability		
	2-15 Conflicts of interest	Corporate Governance Report, 3.2 Other	
		activities and vested	
		interests	
	2-16 Communication of critical concerns		
	chucai concerns	Report, 3.6 Information and control	
		instruments towards	
		the Group Management and risk	
		management and risk management	

2-17 Collective knowledge of the highest governance body	Corporate Governance Report, 3.4 Internal organizational structure	
2-18 Evaluation of the performance of the highest governance body	Remuneration Report, 1 Introduction	
2-19 Remuneration policies	Remuneration Report, <u>2 Remuneration</u> <u>System</u>	
2-20 Process to determine remuneration	Remuneration Report, <u>3 Approval Process</u>	
2-21 Annual total compensation ratio		Requirement(s) omitted: Annual total compensation ratio Reason: Data not yet available Explanation: Data management system will be expanded

#### Strategy, policies and practices

GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	2-22 Statement on sustainable development strategy	Management Report, Letter to Shareholders	
	2-23 Policy commitments	4 Incentivizing Employees and Productivity	
	2-24 Embedding policy commitments	4 Incentivizing Employees and Productivity	
	2-25 Processes to remediate negative impacts	<u>1.1 Responsibility and commitment</u>	
	2-26 Mechanisms for seeking advice and raising concerns	4.4 Diversity, equal opportunity and inclusion	
	2-27 Compliance with laws and regulations	<u>5.2 Fair business</u> practices	
	2-28 Membership associations		No relevant membership associations during 2022.
Stakeholder engagement			
GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021	2-29 Approach to stakeholder engagement	<u>1.3 Stakeholder</u> management	
	2-30 Collective bargaining agreements	4.1 Attractive and responsible employer	

#### GRI 3: Material Topics 2021

Materiality assessment and list of material topics		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-1 Process to determine material topics	<u>1.2 Material topics</u>
	3-2 List of material topics	<u>1.2 Material topics</u>

Economic value creation		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	2.1 Economic performance
GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016	201-1 Direct economic value generated and distributed	Financial Report, Consolidated Income Statement
Customer value creation		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	2.2 Customer value creation
Product quality and compliance		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	2.3 Product quality and compliance
Engineering		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	2.4 Engineering
Minimizing environmental impact		
Energy and carbon management GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	<u>3.1 Energy and carbon</u> management
GRI 302: Energy 2016	302-1 Energy consumption within the organization	<u>3.1 Energy and carbon</u> management
	302-4 Reduction of energy consumption	3.1 Energy and carbon management
GRI 305: Emissions 2016	305-1 Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	3.1 Energy and carbon management
	305-2 Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions	<u>3.1 Energy and carbon</u> management
	305-5 Reduction of GHG emissions	<u>3.1 Energy and carbon</u> management
Resource efficiency of production		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	3.2 Resource efficency of production
GRI 306: Waste 2020	306-1 Waste generation and significant waste- related impacts	3.2 Resource efficency of production
	306-2 Management of significant waste- related impacts	3.2 Resource efficency of production
	306-3 Waste generated	3.2 Resource efficency of production
Environmental management and compliance		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	3.3 Environmental management and compliance
Incentivizing employees and productivity Attractive and responsible employer		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	4.1 Attractive and responsible employer

GRI 401: Employment 2016	401-1 New employee hires and employee turnover	<u>4.1 Attractive and</u> responsible employer
Employee development		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	<u>4.2 Employee</u> <u>development</u>
GRI 404: Training and Education 2016	404-2 Programs to upgrade employee skills and transition assistance programs	<u>4.2 Employee</u> <u>development</u>
Occupational health and safety		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> health and safety
GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety 2018	403-1 Occupational health and safety management system	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> health and safety
	403-2 Hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> health and safety
	403-3 Occupational health services	4.3 Occupational health and safety
	403-4 Worker participation, consultation and communication on occupational health and safety	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> <u>health and safety</u>
	403-5 Worker training on occupational health and safety	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> <u>health and safety</u>
	403-6 Promotion of worker health	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> health and safety
	403-7 Prevention and mitigation of occupational health and safety impacts linked to business relationships	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> health and safety
	403-9 Work-related injuries	<u>4.3 Occupational</u> <u>health and safety</u>
Diversity, equal opportunity, and inclusion		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	<u>4.4 Diversity, equal</u> opportunity and inclusion
GRI 405: Diversity and Equal Opportunity 2016	405-1 Diversity of governance bodies and employees	4.4 Diversity, equal opportunity and inclusion
GRI 406: Non-discrimination 2016	406-1 Incidents of discrimination and corrective actions taken	<u>4.4 Diversity, equal</u> opportunity and inclusion
Creating value beyond the business Responsible supplier standards		

GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of	5.1 Responsible supplier
	material topics	<u>standards</u>

GRI 308: Supplier Environmental Assessment 2016	308-1 New suppliers that were screened using environmental criteria	<u>5.1 Responsible supplier</u> standards
GRI 414: Supplier Social Assessment 2016	414-1 New supplierst hat were screened using social criteria	5.1 Responsible supplier standards
Fair business practices		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	5.2 Fair business practices
GRI 205: Anti-corruption 2016	205-2 Communication and training about anti-corruption policies and procedures	<u>5.2 Fair business</u> practices
GRI 206: Anti-competitive Behaviour 2016	206-1 Legal actions for anti-competitive behavior, anti-trust and monopoly practices	5.2 Fair business practices
Local engagement		
GRI 3: Material Topics 2021	3-3 Management of material topics	5.3 Local engagement
GRI 413: Local Communities 2016	413-1 Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments, and development programs	5.3 Local engagement

# Corporate Governance

# 1 Group Structure and Shareholders

Cicor Technologies Ltd. is committed to meeting the high standards of Corporate Governance that seek to balance entrepreneurship, control and transparency whilst ensuring efficient decision-making processes.

This report explains how the management and control of the Company are organized and provides background information on the Group's executive officers and bodies, effective as of 31 December 2022. The report complies with the SIX Swiss Exchange Directive on Information relating to Corporate Governance. In addition, the report considers Cicor Technologies Ltd.'s Articles of Incorporation as well as the Company's organization regulation.

In the following Corporate Governance Report, the terms "Cicor" and "Company" shall be used alternatively for "Cicor Technologies Ltd." and the term "Group" for the Company and its subsidiaries.

## 1.1 Group structure

Cicor Technologies Ltd. is registered in Boudry, Switzerland, and is the parent company of the Cicor Group. The Company is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Cicor Group is operationally organized in the the EMS and AS division. An overview of the Group's affiliated companies is disclosed in note 3 of the consolidated financial statements.

Market capitalization as of 31 December 2022 in CHF million	190.3
Security symbol	CICN
Security number	870 219
ISIN	CH008702190

## 1.2 Principal shareholders

The following shareholdings correspond to the ones reported according to the regulations of the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX Swiss Exchange) and updated as in the shares register per year-end:

Shareholders	31.12.2022 No of shares	in % <sup>1)</sup>	31.12.2021 No of shares	in % <sup>1)</sup>
OEP 80 B.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands <sup>2)</sup>	851 705	24.98	851 705	27.75
Lock-up Group Axis Electronics Management, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom	265 607	7.79	167 450	5.46
Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry, Switzerland <sup>3)</sup>	241 916	7.10	116	0.00
LLB (Swiss) Investment AG, Zurich, Switzerland	115 757	3.40	129 626	4.22
FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) SA, Geneva, Switzerland	111 649	3.27	94 720	3.09
Escatec Holdings Ltd., Port Vila, Vanuatu <sup>4)</sup>	111 465	3.27	110 840	3.61

1) In % of the total registered shares as per the end of the year.

2) Beneficial owner: OEP VIII GP, L.L.C., Wilmington, USA.

<sup>3)</sup> Number of shares according to the Company's share register.

4) Beneficial owner: Christophe Albin, Verbier, Switzerland.

Disclosure notifications pertaining to shareholdings in Cicor Technologies Ltd. have been reported to the disclosure office of the SIX Swiss Exchange in accordance with Art. 120 of the Financial Market Infrastructure Act (FMIA) and published on its electronic publication platform which can be accessed via the following link:

#### SIX Exchange Regulation

Cicor Technologies Ltd. has received no notice of any shareholders' agreement regarding its shares. As of 31 December 2022, a total of 1 026 (previous year 1 009) shareholders with voting rights were registered in the share register of Cicor Technologies Ltd.

## 1.3 Cross-shareholdings

Cicor Technologies Ltd. has no cross-shareholdings with any other company exceeding a reciprocal 3 % of capital or voting rights.

## 2 Capital Structure

### 2.1 Ordinary capital

Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the Company's Articles of Association. The subscription rights of the 340 000 newly created true reserve shares have been withdrawn in view of potential acquisitions. The Cicor Group thus secures the flexibility to use the newly created shares at any time and at short notice to partially finance future acquisitions. The ordinary share capital as of 31 December 2022 consisted of 3 409 542 registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each.

As of 31 December 2022, the Company held 241 916 (previous year: 116) of its own shares as treasury shares. For a detailed overview, please refer to note 18 of the consolidated financial statements.

# 2.2 Authorized and conditional capital

#### Authorized capital

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 16 April 2020, the Shareholders decided to renew the authorization of the Board of Directors to increase the share capital by a maximum of 600 000 fully paid-in shares at a nominal value of CHF 10 until 16 April 2022. 167 450 of those shares were used for the capital increase as of 30 November 2021 in connection with the purchase of Axis EMS Heights Ltd. and its subsidiaries. Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the company's Articles of Association. The authorized capital ceased to exist on 15 April 2022 and consequently, the Company has no authorized capital as of 31 December 2022.

#### **Conditional capital**

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 12 April 2022, the Shareholders decided to extend the conditional capital according to Art. 5 bis of the Company's Articles of Association as follows: the share capital may be conditionally increased by a maximum of CHF 1 200 000 by issuing up to 120 000 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise of option rights granted to directors, officers, senior executives and employees of the company or its subsidiaries, according to plans established by the Board of Directors.

At the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders on 16 December 2021, the Shareholders decided to create conditional capital according to Art. 5 ter of the Company's Articles of Association as follows: the share capital of the Company may be increased by an additional maximum amount of CHF 13 303 750 by issuing up to 1 330 375 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise or compulsory exercise of conversion, exchange, option or similar subscription rights granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations, subscription or similar share subscription rights, granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations of the Company or one of its subsidiaries.

### 2.3 Changes in capital

In 2021, the Company increased its ordinary share capital by 167 450 registered shares at CHF 10.00 each out of authorized capital.

In 2022, the Company increased its ordinary share capital by 340 000 registered shares at CHF 10.00 each out of authorized capital.

	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2020
Ordinary Capital			
Registered ordinary shares	3 409 542	3 069 542	2 902 092
Ordinary share capital (in CHF)	34 095 420	30 695 420	29 020 920
Authorized share capital			
Authorized shares	-	432 550	600 000
Authorized share capital (in CHF)	-	4 325 500	6 000 000
Conditional share capital			
Conditional shares	1 450 375	1 451 045	620 670
Conditional share capital (in CHF)	14 503 750	14 510 450	6 206 700

# 2.4 Shares and participation certificates

With the exception of the shares held by the Company itself, each ordinary share is entitled to the same share in the Company's assets and profits and bears one voting right at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, provided the shareholder is registered with voting rights in the Company's share register.

Provided that a shareholder does not request the printing and delivery of share certificates for their investment, the shares of the Company are held in collective deposit at Computershare Schweiz AG rather than being issued as physical certificates. At the request of some shareholders, the Company has issued a number of physical certificates.

As of 31 December 2022, the Company has not issued any participation certificates.

### 2.5 Profit-sharing certificates

As of 31 December 2022, the Company has not issued any profit-sharing certificates.

# 2.6 Limitations on transferability and nominee registrations

All shares of Cicor Technologies Ltd. are registered shares and freely transferable without any limitation. Entry in the Company's share register with voting rights requires evidence that the shares have been transferred for ownership or beneficial interest. There are no registration provisions for nominees. The share register is kept by Computershare Schweiz AG.

## 2.7 Convertible bonds and options

On 20 January 2022, Cicor issued a five-year, interest-free mandatory convertible note (MCN) with a principal amount of CHF 20 million. The MCN was subject to a reopening clause allowing Cicor to increase the principal amount of the MCN up to a maximum principal amount of CHF 60.2 million within the twelve-months reopening period without prior consent or permission of the holders through the issue of further fungible MCNs fully allocated to its main shareholder OEP, under its agreement to provide Cicor a fully underwritten standby equity facility. On 27 September 2022 Cicor exercised its option to reopen the issuance of the mandatory convertible note in the amount of CHF 40.2 million and to sell these additional notes to OEP.

The conversion price is fixed at CHF 47.50 per share, subject to subsequent adjustments for anti-dilution events. Shares to be delivered upon conversion of a MCN will be new shares to be issued from the conditional capital of the issuer with the same entitlements as the other outstanding shares. No fractions will be delivered to, and no cash payments will be made to the holders. The MCN contains the following early conversion option for holders: each holder may elect to early convert MCNs during the optional conversion period starting 730 days after issuance and up to 10 days prior to maturity or following the formal announcement of a take-over bid to Cicor's shareholders during the additional offer period unless certain thresholds have not been met after the first offer period

Upon occurrence of certain predefined events, the MCNs will be subject to an accelerated conversion and will be mandatorily converted on the maturity date, unless previously converted under the early conversion options or following an accelerated conversion. In accordance with Cicor's accounting policy for interest-free mandatorily convertible notes the MCN is classified as an equity instrument in its entirety as it does not contain any obligations to deliver cash and does not require settlement in a variable number of the Group's equity instruments.

As of 31 December 2022 MCNs in the total amount of CHF 60.2 million are outstanding, which will be converted in 1 267 116 ordinary shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each.

# **3** Board of Directors

## 3.1 Members of the Board of Directors

On 31 December 2022, the Board of Directors (Board) of the Company consisted of the following persons:

Name Position, Nationality	First election	Current term ends	Other significant board memberships
Daniel Frutig Chairman Non-executive, Swiss	2021	2023	Member of the Board of Directors of Eugster/Frismag AG Member of the Board of Directors of AE Familienholding AG Member of the Board of Directors of AGRO AG Member of the Board of Directors of Lerch AG Member of the Board of Directors of BauLerch Management AG
Norma Corio Non-executive, American	2021	2023	Member of the Board of Directors of Finance of America Member of the Board of Directors of Wood Technologies International Member of the Board of Directors of Omni Environmental Solutions Member of the Board of Directors of Bibliotheca
Denise Koopmans Non-executive, Dutch	2022	2023	Member of the Board of Directors of Swiss Post Member of the Board of Directors of Royal BAM Group NV Member of the Board of Directors of Sanoma Corporation Lay judge/expert at the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal Member of the Expert Committee of Swiss Data Alliance
Konstantin Ryzhkov Non-executive, Russian	2021	2023	Chairman of the Board of Directors of Clayens NP

# 3.2 Other activities and vested interests

Information about other activities of the Board members in addition to their functions for Cicor Technologies Ltd. is listed in the table above. Unless otherwise described in the curriculum vitae, the non-executive members of the Board do not have any material business connections with the Group.

## 3.3 Elections and terms of office

According to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, the Board consists of one or more members. The members of the Board as well as the Chairman of the Board are elected by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for a term of office of one year. There are no limits as to how many times a member can be reelected, or any upper age limit for election.

According to the Company's Articles of Incorporation, at least one member must be domiciled in Switzerland.

## 3.4 Internal organizational structure

The Board constitutes itself at its first meeting after the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders except for the appointment of the Chairman of the Board and the members of the Remuneration Committee. It appoints, if necessary, its Vice Chairman and the Audit Committee as well as a Secretary, who does not need to be a member of the Board. The Board meets as often as the Company's affairs require or upon the written request of one of its members. The Board approves resolutions and holds elections with the majority of its votes.

The Board is the highest executive instance within the Group Management structure and takes responsibility of the overall governance of the Company and the Group. It oversees the Group Management of their affairs. The basic principles regarding the definition of the areas of responsibility between the Board and the Group Management are described in section 3.5.



#### Daniel Frutig Chairman

Daniel Frutig studied building technologies/energy at the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and graduated from the University of St.Gallen (HSG) with an Executive Master in Business Administration (EMBA). After starting his career with the industrial group Sulzer AG, he spent many years abroad with Accenture and Compass Group PLC developing businesses. In 2011, Daniel Frutig was appointed CEO of Arbonia AG and in 2015 of Medela Holding AG before founding EvolutionF AG in 2018. As entrepreneur and independent board member he is an expert for international business transformation in listed and privately owned technologically-driven companies, with a clear focus on value creation through growth strategies. He is further commissioned as Expert at Innosuisse, the Swiss Innovation Agency.



#### Norma Corio

Norma Corio is an accomplished leader with extensive experience in corporate governance and finance. Until August 2022, Norma was a Senior Managing Director and member of the Investment Committee at One Equity Partners (OEP), a US-based Private Equity firm. In addition to Cicor, Ms. Corio continues to be a Director on the boards of OEP portfolio companies Bibliotheca, Omni Environmental Solutions, and Wood Technologies International. She also serves on the Board of Finance of America, a publicly listed company in the United States. Prior to joining OEP, Ms. Corio was the Chief Financial Officer of American Express Global Business Travel from June 2014 to June 2017, and Co-President of Miller Buckfire from April 2014 to May 2014. Previously, Ms. Corio spent 30 years with JPMorgan Chase in New York, where she held various positions including Treasurer, and previously, Head of Restructuring within the Investment Banking Division, where she led the corporate finance practice for over 12 years. Ms. Corio also held positions in credit and risk management and investor relations. Ms. Corio received her MBA in Banking & Finance from Pace University (US), and her BA in Economics from LeMoyne College (US).



#### **Denise Koopmans**

Denise Koopmans has extensive operational experience at CEO level from leading the organic and transformative development of global B2B companies. Denise Koopmans was Managing Director of the Legal & Regulatory Division at Wolters Kluwer and Director of Wolters Kluwer's Global Workflow Solutions Business. Prior to joining Wolters Kluwer, Denise Koopmans was CEO of LexisNexis Intelligence Solutions (RELX Group), a global business intelligence and analytics solutions company headquartered in Paris. Previously Denise Koopmans held various senior executive roles at Capgemini Engineering. Since 2015, she has been a non-executive director of companies engaged in (digital) business transformation, innovation and business model reinvention. She supports companies in their new growth and scaling of B2B businesses in new markets and geographies. Denise Koopmans is a graduate of the University of Rotterdam, Harvard Business School and INSEAD.



#### Konstantin Ryzhkov

Konstantin Ryzhkov joined One Equity Partners (OEP), a US-based private equity firm in 2017 as a managing director based out of its Amsterdam office. Mr. Ryzhkov was responsible for investments in Spartronics, Crayon and Orion Innovation's acquisition of MERA, among others. Prior to joining OEP, Mr. Ryzhkov was Deputy CEO and a member of the investment committee of a sovereign wealth fund focused on global co-investment opportunities. Prior to that, Mr. Ryzhkov worked at VTB Group, where he was responsible for structured debt and equity products and at Bank of America in the corporate finance and project finance departments. Since 2022, he serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for Clayens NP. Mr. Ryzhkov received his BA in Economics from Davidson College (NC, US).

#### The Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Chairman heads the meetings of the Board and the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. He supervises the implementation of the resolutions passed by the Board and coordinates the work of the committees ensuring that the Board as a whole operates as an integrated, cohesive body. The current Chairman of the Board of Directors is Daniel Frutig.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall consist of one or more Board members elected by the Board of Directors. The following members have been appointed:

- Denise Koopmans, Chairman (as of 15 April 2022)
- Norma Corio (as of 16 July 2021)
- Daniel Frutig (as of 15 April 2022)

The Audit Committee assists the Board in supervising the management of the Company, particularly with respect to financial and legal matters as well as in relation to compliance with internal business policies and codes of practice.

#### **Remuneration Committee**

In accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Cicor has a Remuneration Committee that consists of one or more members of the Board of Directors, who are elected individually by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders. The following members have been elected:

- Daniel Frutig, Chairman (as of 15 April 2021)
- Konstantin Ryzhkov (as of 16 July 2021)

The roles and responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are defined in detail by the Board of Directors. More information on their duties is provided in the remuneration report.

# Operating methods of the Board and the committees

Between 1 January and 31 December 2022, the Board met for nine ordinary Board meetings as well as two phone conferences. The CEO and/or the CFO of the Group attended all meetings. On a selective basis, external advisors also participated in some meetings on specific subjects. The meetings of the Board lasted on average six hours. For each Board meeting, the members were provided with adequate material in advance to prepare for the items on the agenda. At each ordinary meeting, the CEO or the CFO presented the results of Cicor Technologies Ltd. and its segments in detail. The members discussed the results comprehensively and, where required, instructed the CEO or the CFO to take necessary actions or to draw up plans for measures.

The Audit Committee held three meetings in 2022. The CFO of the Group participated in each conference. In addition, these meetings were attended by the auditor in charge. The meetings lasted on average two hours.

The Remuneration Committee held five meetings in 2022. The meetings lasted on average two hours.

# 3.5 Definition of areas of responsibility

The duties and responsibilities of the Board and the Group Management are defined as follows: The Board holds the ultimate decision-making authority and decides on all matters which have not been reserved for or conferred upon another governing body of the Company by law, the Articles of Incorporation or regulations regarding the delegation of Management of the Company. The Board has the following non-transferable and indefeasible duties in particular:

- overall governance of the Company and the Group, including formulating medium- and long-term strategies, planning priorities and laying down guidelines for corporate policy;
- approving the annual Group budgets and medium- to long-term Group business and investment plans; establishing the basic organizational structure; defining the guidelines for accounting, financial controlling and financial planning systems; taking decisions on transactions of substantial strategic significance;
- appointing and removing those responsible for managing the Company's affairs and acting as its agent, in particular the CEO, the CFO and other members of the Group Management;
- appointing and removing the members of the committees of the Board (Remuneration Committee is elected by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders);
- overall supervision of the bodies and officers responsible for the management of the Company;
- drawing up the annual and interim reports, preparing the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders;
- notifying the court in the event of overindebtedness;
- proposing and implementing capital increases and amending the Articles of Incorporation;
- checking the professional qualifications of the external Group auditors.

The Board conferred management functions in the manner provided by the organizational regulation to the CEO or the Group Management. Thereby, it follows the Company's general principle according to which all executive bodies and officers delegate their duties and powers to the hierarchically lowest possible body or officer that possesses the knowledge and expertise necessary to make appropriate decisions. The operational Group Management is responsible for the day-to-day operational business of the Group. Its main duties consist of:

- conducting day-to-day business of the Group in compliance with the applicable laws, Articles of Incorporation, regulations and instructions;
- implementing the Group strategy;
- preparing and executing the resolutions of the Board and ensuring their Groupwide implementation;
- reporting all matters to be dealt with by the Board and the committees;
- accounting and analyzing of the monthly results and semiannual and annual accounts on Group and divisional levels as well as implementing the required internal control measures.

## 3.6 Information and control instruments towards the Group Management and risk management

The Board receives annotated key data of all segments within the framework of a Group-wide institutionalized reporting system. The format of the data is defined within a MIS (management information system).

Each month, the management information system summarizes in an aggregated format the most important key figures. Every quarter, it presents comprehensive financial statements in line with the requirements set for the year-end. These reports are available to the Group Management in full length and in a condensed format to the Board of Directors.

The Board analyzes such data in detail in its meetings. At each ordinary meeting of the Board, the CEO and the CFO inform on the operational day-to-day business and all important business events. The members of the Board and the Board committees are entitled to request information on all Company-related issues. See section 3.4 for additional information on the work methods of the Board and the committees.

In addition to the above-described management information system, a risk management system was introduced in 2008 and a new state-of-the-art risk management tool was implemented in 2021. Risk management is a fundamental element of Cicor's business practice at all levels and encompasses different types of risks. It has been integrated into the controlling and reporting process. Material risks are identified and quantified in workshops and discussed with the executive management and the Board of Directors. The risk management process will be repeated regularly, at least once a year.

## 4 Group Management

## 4.1 Members of the Group Management

The members of the Group Management are appointed by the Board. The Group Management consists of the CEO, the CFO and the EVP Operations. As of 31 December 2022, the Group Management consisted of the following persons:

Name/Nationality	Position	Appointment
Alexander Hagemann German	CEO	September 2016
Peter Neumann German	CFO	January 2022
Marco Kechele German	EVP Operations	October 2022



#### Alexander Hagemann CEO

Born in 1962, Alexander Hagemann holds a degree in Mechanical Engineering from RWTH Aachen University, Germany. Before he joined the Cicor Group as Chief Executive Officer in September 2016, he served as CEO of Schaffner Holding AG from 2007 to 2016. Prior to that, Alexander Hagemann led various business units at Schott AG in Germany, the United States and Singapore, including the Fiberoptics Division and Optics for Devices. Alexander Hagemann is Chairman of the Board of Directors of Weidmann Holding AG and serves at the Swiss American Chamber of Commerce.



#### Peter Neumann CFO

Peter Neumann, born in 1975, has extensive experience in finance, M&A and business integration. Most recently, he was Global Finance Director at Markem-Imaje, based in Switzerland, a global provider of product identification and traceability solutions with more than 3,000 employees. Peter Neumann was responsible for all commercial finance departments and led the development and implementation of M&A strategies

as well as a comprehensive finance transformation program. Peter Neumann is a German citizen and holds a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Computer Science from the University of Passau, Germany. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a former President and member of the Board of the CFA Society of Switzerland.



#### Marco Kechele EVP Operations

Marco Kechele, born in 1969, has a proven track record in the aerospace, medical technology and automotive industries. He is an expert in industrial transformation and supply chain management and has taken leadership roles in M&A strategies. Most recently, he served as Vice President Operations at Beyond Gravity, a global aerospace company, responsible for 11 sites in 6 countries and the global supply chain organization. Marco Kechele is a German citizen and holds an MBA from the Universities of Augsburg (Germany) and KATZ Pittsburgh (USA) and a Dipl.-Ing. degree in Manufacturing Engineering from Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg.

# 4.2 Other activities and vested interests

No member of the Group Management held a position outside the Cicor Technologies Group which could be of significance to the Company.

## 4.3 Management contracts

Cicor Technologies Ltd. delegated no management duties to legal entities or natural persons outside the Company in 2022.

# 5 Compensation, Shareholdings and Loans

Information on compensation, shareholdings and loans is disclosed in the remuneration report.

## 6 Shareholders' Rights

Each registered share of the Company entitles the owner/beneficiary of the share to one vote at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, provided that they are registered in the share register of the Company as a shareholder with voting rights.

# 6.1 Voting rights and representation restrictions

There are no statutory restrictions on voting rights. All shareholders, provided that they are registered in the share register of the Company as shareholders with voting rights, have the same right to attend the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders or to be represented by a legal representative or, with written authorization, by another person or by the independent voting proxy.

#### 6.2 Statutory quorum

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders passes its resolutions with the absolute majority of the votes allocated to the shares represented. If a second ballot is required, the relative majority of the votes allocated to the shares represented is sufficient for the adoption of an agenda item. In the event of equality of votes, the Chairman has the casting vote. According to the Articles of Incorporation, a resolution of the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders passed by at least two thirds of the votes represented are required for:

- changing the purpose of the company;
- introducing shares with privileged voting rights;
- limiting the transferability of registered shares;
- increasing authorized or conditional share capital;
- increasing share capital out of equity, against contributions in kind or for the purpose of acquisition of assets and granting special benefits;
- limiting or withdrawing preemptive rights;
- changing the domicile of the Company;
- dissolving the Company.

#### 6.3 Convocation of the Shareholders' Meeting

Shareholders' Meetings are convened by the Board and, if required, by the auditors at the latest 20 days before the date of the meeting. The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is held at the latest within six months of the close of the financial year. Shareholders registered in the share register with voting rights representing an aggregate of at least 10 % of the share capital may request in writing, setting forth the items to be discussed and the proposals to be decided, that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders is convened.

The Company publishes the invitation to the Shareholders' Meeting in the "SOGC," as well as in other publications as decided by the Board of Directors. Simultaneously, the written invitation is sent to the shareholders or beneficiaries who are entered in the share register of the company.

The invitation contains details of the day, time and place of the meeting as well as the agenda and the proposals of the Board and the shareholders who have requested the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders or an item to be included on the agenda.

#### 6.4 Agenda

Shareholders registered in the share register with voting rights, whose combined shareholdings represent an aggregate nominal value of at least CHF 1 million, may request that an item be included in the agenda of a Shareholders' Meeting. Such a request shall be made in writing at least 60 days before the meeting and shall specify the items and motions to be included in the agenda.

#### 6.5 Entry into the share register

Computershare Schweiz AG keeps the Company's share register which contains the names and addresses of shareholders and the number of shares they have registered. After dispatch of the invitation to the Shareholders' Meeting, no entries can be made in the share register until the day after the Shareholders' Meeting has taken place.

# 7 Changes of Control and Measures

#### 7.1 Duty to make an offer

The company does not have an opt-in or opt-out clause in its Articles of Incorporation, meaning that the mandatory bid obligation of the Swiss Stock Exchange Act is triggered if a shareholder or a group of shareholders acting in concert acquire more than one third of the outstanding shares of the company.

#### 7.2 Clauses on changes of control

As of 31 December 2022, there are no specific clauses included in agreements and schemes benefitting members of the Board or Group Management in the event of a change of control situation.

## 8 Auditors

# 8.1 Duration of the mandate and term of office of the lead auditor

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders elects the auditors for a term of one year. On 14 April 2022, the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders mandated KPMG, Cicor Technologies Ltd.'s Group auditor since 2007, for an additional year. KPMG or a subsidiary of the KPMG Group audits the consolidated and statutory financial statements. The auditor in charge since 2020 of the current mandate is Kurt Stocker.

#### 8.2 Auditing fees

During the year under review, KPMG charged a total of TCHF 346 (previous year: TCHF 295) for their services in connection with the auditing of consolidated and statutory financial statements.

#### 8.3 Additional fees

KPMG additionally charged fees of TCHF 43 (previous year: TCHF 141) for other services provided to Cicor Group.

# 8.4 Supervisory and control instruments pertaining to the audit

The Audit Committee supervises and controls on behalf of the Board of Directors the performance and independence of the external auditors. It determines the targets of the audit and assesses the work of the external auditors and their fees. In addition, it reviews the audit result and monitors the implementation of the findings by the management.

In 2022, the Audit Committee and the external auditors met once to plan the auditing of the financial statements of the Group and its subsidiaries. In a second meeting, these financial statements, as well as the corresponding "Management Letter" formulated by external auditors, were reviewed and discussed in detail with the Audit Committee. In total, the Audit Committee had three meetings in the presence of the external auditors.

## 9 Blackout Periods for Trading

No members of Cicor's Board of Directors, Group Management, leadership team and employees of Cicor Management AG may make any purchase, sale or other transaction of Cicor securities during the following periods, irrespective of whether or not such relevant person is in possession of insider information:

during the period beginning 15 days prior to half-year or year-end (i.e., 16 June inclusive and 17 December inclusive) and ending on the evening of the day of public announcement of the related semiannual or annual financial results (i.e., trading is authorized as from the morning of the day following the day of the public announcement). The day of public announcement of the semiannual or the annual financial results is published on Cicor's website under "investors". Financial results are usually published at 7:00 am CET.

The only exception to this rule is the exercise of corporate share actions for shares which are already owned.

## **10 Information Policy**

For the benefit of its shareholders and the public interested in the business activities of the company, Cicor Technologies Ltd. pursues an open and transparent information policy. In terms of periodical as well as ad hoc reporting, the company aims to guarantee equal treatment with respect to time as well as to content. The company has a clear policy to prevent insider dealings. The corresponding guidelines contain provisions regarding the handling of confidential information to which all persons concerned within and outside of the company are subject, as well as clear instructions regarding time and form of the respective publication.

From internal availability to approval of the semiannual or annual results by the Board, the Company and its management refrain from communicating to the investing public any qualitative and quantitative statements and information which might give an indication as to the expected sales or results. After the Board meeting, in which the semiannual and annual reports are approved, the general public is informed in summary about the course of business by means of an ad hoc announcement.

Furthermore, the Company informs its shareholders, the media, financial analysts and other interested parties by using the following publications and channels:

- annual and interim reports in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER;
- presentation of annual results; Shareholders' Meeting;
- press releases as well as publications of share price-sensitive facts (ad hoc publicity).

The 2023 Annual Shareholders' Meeting will be held on 18 April 2023. The interim report is planned to be published on 25 July 2023. For additional information about Cicor Technologies Ltd. and its subsidiaries, please visit the Group's website (<a href="http://www.cicor.com">www.cicor.com</a>). Inter alia, previous annual reports and press releases can be found on the website.

Responsible for investor relations is Michael Götti, Vice President Corporate Marketing & Communications, phone +41719137300, <u>michael.goetti@cicor.com</u>.

# Remuneration Report

## 1 Introduction

This remuneration report details Cicor's remuneration policy, covering all key elements and general principles and outlines the responsibilities with regard to planning, approval framework and implementation. It also contains detailed information on the remuneration of the Board of Directors and the Group Management for financial years 2022 and 2021.

This remuneration report meets the requirements of the "Swiss Ordinance against Excessive Compensation in Listed Stock Companies" (VegüV), the standards relating to information on corporate governance issued by SIX Swiss Exchange and the principles of the economiesuisse "Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance".

The Company's Articles of Association contain the following provisions on remuneration as required by VegüV:

- Provisions on the approval of the maximum total amounts of remuneration of the Board of Directors and Group Management in paragraph 32 bis;
- Provisions on the remuneration system of the Board of Directors (paragraph 32 quater) and on the remuneration system of the Group Management (paragraph 32 quinquies);
- Provisions on the additional amount for individuals that became member of the Group Management after the remuneration has been approved by the General Meeting (paragraph 32 ter).

## 2 Remuneration System

# 2.1 Remuneration of the Board of Directors

The remuneration of the Board of Directors consists of an annual board retainer fee paid in cash and Restricted Share Units (RSUs), and additional committee fees paid in cash only, based on the below table:

in CHF 1 000	Cash	RSUs
Board chair retainer fee	130	60
Board member retainer fee	50	20
Committee chair fee	15	-
Committee member fee	5	-

An RSU is a personal award to receive one common registered share of Cicor per RSU. The number of granted RSUs is determined by dividing the relevant gross compensation amount by the average closing price of the Cicor share of the last 10 trading days immediately prior to the AGM that marks the beginning of the term of office. The shares are usually transferred to the beneficiaries on the first trading day after the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that marks the end of the term of office and are then subject to a three-year blocking period, during which they may not be sold or otherwise disposed of. The blocking period is lifted immediately on the date of a Board member's demise.

## 2.2 Remuneration of the Group Management

The remuneration of the Group Management consists of a basic remuneration, a variable, performance-related bonus according to the short-term incentive plan (STI) and the participation in the long-term incentive plans.

## 2.2.1 Basic remuneration

The basic remuneration for the members of the Group Management may comprise a monthly salary, a lump sum for entertainment and car expenses, other benefits as per individual agreement and the relevant social security contributions. Other benefits as per individual agreement include contributions to professional development. The monthly salary is determined on a discretionary basis, taking into account the individual's duties, amount of responsibility, qualifications and experience required. Cicor does not provide members of the Group Management with a company vehicle.

## 2.2.2 Short-term incentive plan

The STI-Plan is a simple and clear plan aimed at motivating managers and specialists to focus their efforts on specific financial and individual objectives. It promotes initiative and coordinated efforts and rewards the performance of individuals and the company. The STI-Plan for the Group Management consists of financial and individual objectives. Financial objectives include sales growth (30%), EBITDA (30%) and operating free cash flow (25%) and account for a total of 85%, and individual objectives for a total of 15% of the target amount. The Board of Directors approves the financial and the individual objectives of members of the Group Management and of all STI-Plan participants at their meeting at year-end for the following year. Financial targets are based on the annual budget and the payout is based on the actual financial results. A financial result on target entitles to a payout of 100% of the target amount, at the lower threshold the payout is 50%, while below the lower threshold there is no payout. When the financial or individual objectives are overachieved, the maximum payout is capped at 150% of the target amount. The Remuneration Committee (RC) confirms the overall STI-Plan payout based on the true performance taking into account the actual business and commercial environment. It makes a recommendation to the Board of Directors for a final decision in February. At this meeting, the RC also recommends to the Board of Directors the aggregate maximum amount for variable performancerelated compensation for the Group Management that is submitted to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders for approval.

## 2.2.3 Long-term incentive plans

For the Cicor Group, recruitment, motivation and long-term retention of top talent are key to achieving its goals. Cicor maintains two long-term incentive plans (LTI-Plans) which are designed to retain and motivate senior executives, highly skilled and other important employees by creating long-term performance incentives. These plans reward beneficiaries for their contribution to the company's long-term success and creation of shareholder value. The LTI-Plans thus link part of the annual performance-based remuneration of Cicor's management to the long-term development of the company. Cicor currently maintains a Performance Stock Option Plan and Performance Share Plan.

#### Performance Stock Option Plan (PSOP)

Members of the executive committee (EC) may be invited to participate in the Performance Stock Option Plan (PSOP), upon individual nomination by the Board of Directors. Participants receive a grant of non-tradable performance stock options of Cicor at the beginning of a year which is determined by the Board of Directors. The performance stock options vest after a three-year vesting period if the participant is still in active employment with Cicor, but depending on the achievement of the performance condition. The performance condition is relative TSR, which compares the share price evolution and dividend payments of Cicor with a predefined peer group<sup>1)</sup> of eleven listed companies in the EMS industry that are comparable to Cicor. If Cicor outperforms at least half of the peer companies, 50% of the performance stock options will vest. The vesting percentage can go up to 100% for being the best performing company, and down to 0% if more than 75% of the peer companies performed better than Cicor. Once vested, the stock options may be exercised for a period of four years. The gain realized by the participants corresponds to the difference between the share price of the Cicor share at the time of exercise and the exercise price of the stock option.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1)</sup> The peer group includes the following entities: Incap Corporatation (Finland), Plexus Corporation (USA), Benchmark Electronics Inc. (USA), Kitron Group (Norway), Fabrinet (Thailand), Kimball International Inc. (USA), Inission AB (Sweden), Hanza AB (Sweden), Scanfil Oyj (Finland), Note AB (Sweden), Katek Group (Germany).

#### Performance Share Plan (PSP)

Members of the executive committee and leadership team, as well as other selected key managers, may be invited to participate in the Performance Share Plan (PSP), upon individual nomination by the CEO and approval by the Board of Directors. Participants receive a grant of performance share units (PSU). A PSU is a conditional right to receive Cicor shares after a vesting period of three years if the Group meets certain performance targets over the vesting period and if participants are in active employment with Cicor at the end of the three-year vesting period. The performance conditions are reaching specific levels of revenue growth and EBITDA margin for Cicor Group. Depending on the achievement of these performance conditions, each PSU may be converted into up to two Cicor shares, which is the upper cap if the performance conditions are overfulfilled, or the PSU may lapse if the lower cap of the performance conditions are not reached.

#### Management Incentive Plan (MIP)

On 12 November 2021, the Company announced that a share-based special management incentive plan (MIP) was introduced for key managers of the Cicor Group. The program is fully sponsored by One Equity Partners (OEP), the anchor shareholder of Cicor, and is administered solely by the Board of Directors of the Cicor Group. This guarantees strict compliance with the common governance and transparency guidelines. The special management incentive plan does not give rise to any obligations to OEP by Cicor or by the employees concerned and creates no additional costs or liabilities for the Company or all other shareholders. The goal of the plan is to create stronger alignment between Company shareholders and management.

Under the MIP, the key managers have the possibility to purchase share appreciation rights (SAR). One SAR needs to be purchased at CHF 1.00. Upon the full exit of OEP, one SAR pays the difference between the average weighted exit price OEP receives per share in Cicor minus the reference share price, which is set at CHF 60.00 per share, minus costs incurred by OEP. The costs incurred by OEP also include the costs incurred by the Cicor Group because OEP has to reimburse these costs. The current size of the MIP is 40 000 SARs, whereby some are reserved for future key managers that join the Cicor Group. The Plan provides for customary vesting and forfeiture rules. The MIP was approved in a consultative vote by the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

#### Former LTI

The former LTI has been discontinued in financial year 2021 and was replaced by the Performance Stock Option Plan and the Performance Share Plan in financial year 2022. No shares were awarded by the Group Management in financial year 2022 based on the former LTI. Information on the former LTI is disclosed in the 2021 remuneration report.

# 2.3 Employment contracts and special benefits

No member of the Group Management has an employment contract with a notice period of more than twelve months. None of these employment contracts involve any severance payments.

# 2.4 Number of external mandates and functions

According to the Articles of Incorporation, Board members may not have or perform more than three mandates in other listed companies and not more than 15 in nonlisted companies. Members of the Group Management may not have or perform more than one mandate in another listed company and not more than three in non-listed companies. Mandates or employment relationships with associated companies outside the Cicor Group that entail sitting on a management or administrative body or a function in executive management are deemed a single mandate under this provision.

## **3** Approval Process

The remuneration system is established by the Remuneration Committee in consultation with the CEO and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval. The remuneration system for the Board of Directors and for the Group Management was revised in 2022. Cicor engaged the company Agnès Blust for the revision. The company Agnès Blust had no further mandates with Cicor. The processes and responsibilities within Cicor are organized as follows:

## 3.1 CEO

The Group CEO supports the Remuneration Committee by proposing for discussion:

- the conditions of employment contracts for the Group Management and senior management members;
- the individual target achievement for the variable salary component at the beginning of the year;
- new targets to be determined for the current financial year for the Group Management and senior management.

## 3.2 Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee comprises one or more Board members. It currently consists of:

- Daniel Frutig, Chairman (as from 15 April 2021)
- Konstantin Ryzhkov (as from 16 July 2021)

The Remuneration Committee reviews, evaluates and submits for approval to the entire Board:

- the conditions and remuneration set out in the employment contracts of the CEO, CFO, EVP Operations and other members of the senior management;
- the total remuneration for the members of the Group Management and senior management members, including the achievement of individual targets for variable compensation for the past financial year at the beginning of the year, as well as new targets to be set for the current financial year;
- remuneration guidelines;
- the introduction of performance-related remuneration systems, including the introduction of share- and option-based remuneration systems;
- changes in pension schemes;
- additional benefits for employees;
- remuneration of the Board of Directors;
- compensation for additional duties of Board members;
- compensation for the various Board committees.

## 3.3 Board of Directors

The Board of Directors decides on all matters that are not, according to the law, Articles of Incorporation or organizational regulations, explicitly entrusted to another governing body of the company. In particular it approves, upon request by the Remuneration Committee:

- the conditions and remuneration set out in the employment contracts of the CEO, CFO, EVP operations and other members of the senior management;
- total remuneration for members of the Group Management and the senior management, including variable compensation;
- remuneration guidelines;
- the introduction of performance-related remuneration systems, including the introduction of share- and option-based remuneration systems;
- changes in pension schemes;
- additional benefits for employees; remuneration of the Board of Directors;
- compensation for additional duties of Board members;
- appointment of members to the various Board committees, except the members
  of the Remuneration Committee, as well as their remuneration.

## 3.4 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders prospectively votes on the approval of the total remuneration amounts for the Board of Directors and the Group Management once a year. In addition, it must hold a consultative vote on the full remuneration report. If, after the remuneration has been prospectively approved by the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the Group Management is expanded or a member of the Group Management is promoted or replaced, there is, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation, an additional amount available. Such additional amount may not exceed 30% of the previously approved total remuneration amounts per remuneration period and per member promoted or replaced.

# 4 Disclosure of the remuneration of the Board of Directors

At the 2022 Annual General Meeting a maximum total remuneration to the Board of Directors of TCHF 500 was approved for the four members of the Board of Directors for the term of office from the Annual General Meeting 2022 to the Annual General Meeting 2023.

The total remuneration paid to the current members of the Board of Directors for the term of office from the Annual General Meeting 2022 to the Annual General Meeting 2023 amounted to TCHF 295. No remuneration was paid to former members of the Board of the Directors.

No loans, credit facilities or additional fees or remuneration was paid to members of the Board of Directors or parties related to them. The remuneration paid to the members of the Board of Directors was as follows:

in CHF 1 000	Cash	Shares <sup>1)</sup>	Other <sup>2)</sup>	Total
Daniel Frutig, Chairman	154	43	-	196
Norma Corio <sup>3)</sup>	-	-	-	-
Andreas Dill <sup>4)</sup>	23	-	1	24
Erich Haefeli <sup>4)</sup>	20	-	-	20
Denise Koopmans <sup>5)</sup>	46	14	_	60
Konstantin Ryzhkov <sup>3)</sup>	-	-	-	_
Total	243	57	1	300

#### Remuneration Board of Directors in financial year 2022

Reconciliation to remuneration for the period from AGM 2022 to AGM 2023				
Remuneration for the financial year 2022	300			
Less remuneration from January 2022 to AGM 2022	-91			
Plus remuneration from January 2023 to AGM 2023	86			
Remuneration for the period from AGM 2022 to AGM 2023	295			

The number of shares granted is determined by dividing the relevant gross compensation amount by the average closing price of the Cicor share of the last 10 trading days immediately prior to the AGM that marks the beginning of the term of office (CHF 49.17).

Other remuneration includes the employer's portion of social insurance contributions.

In Norma Corio and Konstantin Ryzhkov waived their remuneration for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 terms of office.

Member of the Board of Directors until 12 April 2022.

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5) Member of the Board of Directors from 12 April 2022.

The total remuneration of the Board of Directors has decreased compared to the prior year. The main reason for this is that Norma Corio and Konstantin Ryzhkov waived their remuneration for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 terms of office.

#### Remuneration Board of Directors in financial year 2021

in CHF 1 000	Cash	Shares	Other <sup>1)</sup>	Total
Daniel Frutig, Chairman <sup>2)</sup>	114	_	-	114
Norma Corio <sup>3)</sup>	12	-	-	12
Robert Demuth <sup>4)</sup>	39	-	10	49
Andreas Dill	90	-	6	96
Erich Haefeli	84	-	_	84
Rüdiger Merz <sup>5)</sup>	13	_	-	13
Konstantin Ryzhkov <sup>3)</sup>	15	-	-	15
Total	367	_	16	383

#### Reconciliation to remuneration for the period from AGM 2021 to AGM 2022

Remuneration for the period from AGM 2021 to AGM 2022	371
Plus remuneration from January 2022 to AGM 2022	106
Less remuneration from January 2021 to AGM 2021	-102
Remuneration for the financial year 2021	367

<sup>1</sup> Other remuneration includes the employer's portion of social insurance contributions.

<sup>2)</sup> Member of the Board of Directors from 15 April 2021.

<sup>3)</sup> Member of the Board of Directors from 16 July 2021.

4) Member of the Board of Directors until 15 April 2021.

<sup>5)</sup> Member of the Board of Director until 16 July 2021.

# 5 Disclosure of the Remuneration of the Group Management

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting a maximum basic remuneration of TCHF 1 000 and a maximum variable remuneration of TCHF 750 was awarded for the financial year 2022. Additional amounts of TCHF 700 for the basic remuneration and TCHF 450 for the variable remuneration were awarded at the Annual General Meeting 2022 for additional members of the Group Management. The total remuneration awarded by the Annual General Meeting for the financial year 2022 sums up to a maximum basic remuneration of TCHF 1700 and a maximum variable remuneration of TCHF 1200.

The total remuneration paid to the current members of the Group Management in the financial year 2022 amounted to TCHF 1736. No remuneration was paid to former members of the Group Management.

No loans, credit facilities or additional fees or remuneration were paid to members of the Group Management or parties related to them.

The remuneration paid to the members of the Group Management was as follows:

in CHF 1 000	Basic	STI	PSOP <sup>1)</sup>	PSP <sup>2)</sup>	Other <sup>3)</sup>	Total
All members	874	315	170	170	208	1736
Thereof Alexander	500	180	100	100	124	1004
Hagemann, CEO <sup>4)</sup>						

#### Remuneration of Group Management in financial year 2022

10 385 Performance stock options (PSOs) with an exercise price of CHF 52.80 and a market value of CHF 16.37 each were granted to members of the Group Management as of 1 January 2022. The PSOs vest subject to meeting the performance and service conditions on 1 January 2025 and may then be exercised until 31 December 2028.

<sup>2)</sup> 3 189 restricted share units (RSUs) with a market value of CHF 53.31 each were granted to members of the Group Management as of 1 January 2022. Each RSU converts into up to two Cicor shares subject to meeting the performance and service conditions on 1 January 2025, which will then be transferred to the beneficiaries.

<sup>3)</sup> Other includes the employer's portion of social security, contributions to pension funds and other fringe benefits.

4 Alexander Hagemann was the member with the highest individual remuneration in 2022.

The share of variable remuneration of the Group Management in financial year 2022 amounted to 39% of the total remuneration.

Members of the Group Management purchased 16 714 SARs (thereof 10 714 were purchased by Alexander Hagemann) for a consideration of CHF 1.00 per each SAR as part of the MIP in financial year 2022.

The total remuneration of the Group Management has increased in financial year 2022 compared to the prior year. The main reason for the increase is that Marco Kechele joined Cicor as of 1 October 2022 and the Group Management now consists of three individuals.

#### Remuneration of Group Management in financial year 2021

in CHF 1 000	Basic	STI	LTI <sup>1)</sup>	Other <sup>2)</sup>	Total
All members	820	423	200	184	1627
Thereof Alexander	500	241	200	114	1 0 5 5
Hagemann, CEO <sup>3)</sup>					

3 746 performance share awards (PSA) with a market value of CHF 53.40 each were granted to members of the Group Management as of 1 May 2021. Each PSA converts into up to two Cicor shares subject to meeting the performance and service conditions on 1 May 2024, which will then be transferred to the beneficiaries.

<sup>2)</sup> Other includes the employer's portion of social security, contributions to pension funds and other fringe benefits.

<sup>3</sup> Alexander Hagemann was the member with the highest individual remuneration in 2021.

The share of variable remuneration of the Group Management in financial year 2021 amounted to 40% of the total remuneration.



# Report of the Statutory Auditor

To the General Meeting of Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry

### **Report on the Audit of the Remuneration Report**

#### Opinion

We have audited the Remuneration Report of Cicor Technologies Ltd. (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The audit was limited to the information on remuneration, loans and advances pursuant to Art. 14–16 of the Ordinance against Excessive Remuneration in Listed Companies Limited by Shares (Verordnung gegen übermässige Vergütungen bei börsenkotierten Aktiengesellschaften, VegüV) in sections 4 and 5 of the Remuneration Report.

In our opinion, the information on remuneration, loans and advances in the attached Remuneration Report complies with Swiss law and Art. 14-16 VegüV.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Remuneration Report" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Other Information**

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the sections 4 and 5 of the Remuneration Report, the consolidated financial statements, the standalone financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the Remuneration Report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the Remuneration Report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the audited financial information in the Remuneration Report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Board of Directors' Responsibilities for the Remuneration Report

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of a Remuneration Report in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a Remuneration Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The Board of Directors is also responsible for designing the remuneration system and defining individual remuneration packages.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Remuneration Report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the information on remuneration, loans and advances pursuant to Art. 14–16 VegüV is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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 this Remuneration Report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the Remuneration 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 opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee 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.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

KPMG AG

Kurt Stocker Licensed Audit Expert Auditor in Charge David Grass Licensed Audit Expert

St. Gallen, 1 March 2023

# Financial Report

## **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

in CHF 1 000	Notes	31.12.2022	in %	31.12.2021	in %
Assets					
Property, plant and equipment	(5)	53 142	14.5	49 553	15.4
Intangible assets	(6)	58 342	15.9	68 547	21.3
Other non-current assets		545	0.1	-	0.0
Deferred tax assets	(11)	3 284	0.9	3 158	1.0
Non-current assets		115 313	31.4	121 258	37.7
Inventories	(7)	117 364	32.0	80 109	24.9
Trade accounts receivable	(8)	50 606	13.8	44 080	13.7
Other accounts receivable	(8)	5 558	1.5	5 924	1.8
Prepaid expenses and accruals		2 403	0.7	1 721	0.5
Cash and cash equivalents	(9)	75 491	20.6	68 797	21.4
Current assets		251 422	68.6	200 631	62.3
Total assets		366 735	100.0	321 889	100.0
Liabilities and shareholders' equity					
Share capital		34 095	9.3	30 695	9.5
Mandatory convertible note		59 069	16.1		0.0
Capital reserves		113 162	30.9	109 024	33.9
Treasury shares		-2 422	-0.7	-6	-0.0
Cash flow hedging reserve		-58	-0.0	-	0.0
Retained earnings		-38 916	-10.6	-43 156	-13.4
Translation reserve		-16 039	-4.4	-7 670	-2.4
 Total equity		148 891	40.6	88 887	27.6
Long-term provisions	(10)	4 006	1.1	3 596	1.1
Deferred tax liabilities	(11)	7 364	2.0	8 895	2.8
Long-term financial liabilities	(12)	101 950	27.8	114 502	35.6
Liabilities for post-employment benefits	(13)	1695	0.5	1906	0.6
Non-current liabilities		115 015	31.4	128 899	40.1
Short-term financial liabilities	(12)	18 063	4.9	15 354	4.8
Trade accounts payable		39 539	10.8	39 691	12.3
Other current liabilities	(14)	26 436	7.2	23 130	7.2
Accruals	(14)	14 903	4.1	13 355	4.1
Short-term provisions	(10)	2 013	0.5	12 067	3.7
Income tax payable		1 875	0.5	506	0.2
Current liabilities		102 829	28.0	104 103	32.3
Total liabilities		217 844	59.4	233 002	72.4
Total equity and liabilities		366 735	100.0	321 889	100.0

## **Consolidated Income Statement**

in CHF 1 000	Notes	2022	in %	2021	in %
Net Sales	(4)	313 193	100.0	239 044	100.0
Change in inventory of finished and unfinished goods		2 854	0.9	2 517	1.1
Material costs		-169 931	-54.3	-126 323	-52.8
Personnel costs	(20)	-84 298	-26.9	-69 905	-29.2
Other operating income		574	0.2	1 069	0.4
Other operating expenses	(21)	-30 118	-9.6	-23 280	-9.7
EBITDA		32 274	10.3	23 122	9.7
Depreciation and impairment	(5)	-10 364	-3.3	-9 913	-4.1
Amortization and impairment	(6)	-9 676	-3.1	-1 005	-0.3
Operating profit (EBIT)		12 234	3.9	12 204	5.1
Financial income	(22)	7 865	2.5	4 287	1.8
Financial expenses	(22)	-12 406	-4.0	-6 281	-2.6
Profit before tax (EBT)		7 693	2.5	10 210	4.3
Income tax	(11)	-3 873	-1.2	-2 728	-1.1
Net profit		3 820	1.2	7 482	3.1
Earnings per share (in CHF)					
- basic	(19)	1.03		2.57	
- diluted	(19)	1.03		2.57	

# **Consolidated Cash Flow Statement**

in CHF1000 Notes	2022	2021
Net profit	3 820	7 482
Depreciation (5)	10 365	9 729
Impairment (5)	-	184
Amortization (6)	9 676	1 0 0 5
Interest income (22)	-84	-4
Interest expenses (22)	3 088	1042
Tax expenses (11)	3 873	2 728
Change in provisions	-770	1 228
Change in other non-current assets	-560	-
Other non-cash-items	-448	-35
Subtotal before working capital changes	28 960	23 359
Change in inventories	-31 652	-20 896
Change in trade accounts receivable	-5 876	-7 044
Change in other current assets	1 2 3 3	-1 445
Change in trade accounts payable	116	6 281
Change in other current liabilities	3 138	12 780
Change in working capital	-33 041	-10 324
Income tax paid	-2 879	-3 055
Interest paid	-3 114	-750
Interest received	17	4
Net cash (used in) / from operating activities	-10 057	9 234
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-11 206	-7 790
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	32	1
Purchase of intangible assets (6)	-225	-262
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	-19 645	-45 006
Net cash used in investing activities	-31 044	-53 057
Purchase of treasury shares (18)	-45	_
Issuance of mandatory convertible note	59 069	-
Payment to shareholders from capital contribution reserves (17)	-	-2 902
Repayment of finance lease liabilities	-600	-38
Proceeds from borrowings short-term	2 402	502
Proceeds from borrowings long term	13 286	76 534
Repayment of borrowings short-term	-25 165	-3 304
Net cash from financing activities	48 947	70 792
Currency translation effects	-1 152	-1 307
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	6 694	25 662
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period (9)	68 797	43 135
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period (9)	75 491	68 797

# Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

in CHF1000	Share capital	Mandatory convertible note	Capital reserves	Treasury shares	CF hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Translation reserve	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2021	29 022	-	103 894	-6	-	-50 864	-5 712	76 334
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	7 482	-	7 482
Share-based payments	-	-	-	-	-	226	-	226
Dividend / capital contribution paid to shareholders	-	-	-2 902	-	-	-	-	-2 902
Capital increase	1673	-	8 032	-	-	-	-	9 705
Translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-1 958	-1 958
Balance at 31 December 2021	30 695	-	109 024	-6	-	-43 156	-7 670	88 887

in CHF 1 000	Share capital	Mandatory convertible note	Capital reserves	Treasury shares	CF hedging reserve	Retained earnings	Translation reserve	Total equity
Balance at 1 January 2022	30 695	-	109 024	-6	-	-43 156	-7 670	88 887
Net profit	-	-	-	-	-	3 820	-	3 820
Share-based payments	-		-3	47	-	420	-	464
Change in Cash Flow Hedging	-	-	-	-	-58	-	-	-58
Purchase of treasury shares <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	-	-45	-	-	-	-45
Capital increase, creation of reserve shares <sup>2)</sup>	3 400	-	-	-3 400	-	-	-	-
Issuance of treasury shares for acquisitions <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	4 141	982	-	-	-	5 123
Issuance of mandatory convertible note <sup>2)</sup>	-	60 188	-	-	-	-	-	60 188
Transaction costs on issuance of mandatory convertible note	-	-1 119	-	-	-	-	-	-1 119
Translation adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-8 369	-8 369
Balance at 31 December 2022	34 095	59 069	113 162	-2 422	-58	-38 916	-16 039	148 891

<sup>1)</sup> Refer to note 18 Treasury shares.

<sup>2)</sup> Refer to note 17 Issued capital.

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## Corporate Information

Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry, is a public company, the shares of which are traded on the Swiss Stock Exchange (SIX). Cicor Group offers a seamless production and service chain for electronic components and systems – from development and engineering to large-scale manufacturing, after-sales service and product life-cycle management. Mainly active in Europe, the USA and Asia, Cicor's main competences are:

- manufacture of PCBs and HDIs: rigid, rigid-flexible and flexible
- hybrid manufacturing (thin-/thick-film, RF boards)
- quick-turn prototypes, small, medium and large series
- microelectronics assembly (SMD, wire bonding, flip chip, etc.)
- printed electronics
- outsourcing services for the manufacture of electronic modules, component groups and complete electronic products (EMS: Electronic Engineering and Manufacturing Services)

## 2 Basis of the Consolidated Financial Statements

## 2.1 Basis of Preparation

## Statement of compliance

The consolidated financial statements of Cicor Group are based on uniform accounting and valuation principles applicable to all subsidiaries of the Group. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (GAAP = Generally Accepted Accounting Principles / FER = Fachempfehlungen zur Rechnungslegung) and the requirements of the Swiss Code of Obligations.

The consolidated financial statements of Cicor Group for the year ended 31 December 2022 were authorized for issue on 1 March 2023 and are subject to approval at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 18 April 2023.

## **Basis of measurement**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on an accrual basis under the historical cost convention except for derivative financial instruments which are measured at fair value.

## Presentation currency

The consolidated financial statements are presented in Swiss francs (CHF).

## 2.2 Significant accounting principles

## Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the financial statements of Cicor Technologies Ltd. and all subsidiaries which the parent company, directly or indirectly, controls either by holding more than 50 % of the voting rights or by otherwise having the power to govern their operating and financial policies. These subsidiaries are fully consolidated. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. A list of all subsidiaries is disclosed in note 3. Cicor does not hold any subsidiaries, investments, assets or liabilities which are not fully consolidated within the financial statements of the Cicor Group.

Upon the loss of control, the Group derecognizes the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary, any non-controlling interests and the other components of equity related to the subsidiary. Any surplus or deficit arising on the loss of control is recognized in profit or loss. Non-controlling interests in equity and profit are shown separately. Changes in the Group's interest that do not result in a loss of control are accounted for as equity transactions. The carrying amounts of the Group's interests and the non-controlling interests are adjusted to reflect the changes in their relative interests in the subsidiaries. Any difference between the amount by which the non-controlling interests are adjusted and the fair value of the consideration paid or received is recognized directly in equity and attributed to owners of the Group. Intercompany balances, transactions and profits are eliminated on consolidation.

### Purchase method

Acquisitions of subsidiaries and businesses are accounted for using the purchase method. The consideration paid plus directly attributable transaction costs for each acquisition are eliminated at the date of acquisition against the fair value of the net assets acquired, determined based on uniform accounting policies. Any excess of the consideration transferred over the net assets acquired is recognized as goodwill. Goodwill is amortized over five years.

### Foreign currency conversion

Transactions in foreign currencies are converted at the rate of exchange as of the transaction date. Gains and losses from foreign currency transactions and from converting year-end foreign currency balances are recognized in the income statement. Foreign exchange differences on long-term loans to foreign operations with equity characteristics, where a repayment is neither likely nor planned, are recognized in equity. The financial statements of subsidiaries that report in foreign currencies are translated into Swiss frances as follows:

- balance sheet items: at year-end exchange rates,
- income statement and cash flow statement items: at average exchange rates for the year,
- equity is translated at historical rates.

The translation differences resulting from the conversion of financial statements denominated in foreign currencies are directly charged to equity. At the date of sale of a foreign subsidiary, the respective cumulative foreign currency translation differences are recognized in profit or loss.

Foreign exchange rates		2022	2021
Closing	EUR	0.9872	1.0365
	USD	0.9235	0.9152
	GBP	1.1137	1.2347
	RON	0.1993	0.2094
	SGD	0.6883	0.6768
	CNY	0.1334	0.1436
Average	EUR	1.0030	1.0814
	USD	0.9546	0.9140
	GBP	1.1800	1.2573
	RON	0.2039	0.2198
	SGD	0.6924	0.6803
	CNY	0.1421	0.1417

## Segment information

Cicor defines its reportable segments based on the internal reporting to its Board of Directors. They base their strategic and operational decisions on these monthly distributed reports, which include the aggregated financial data for the Group and for the Divisions. The two Divisions, EMS and AS, have been identified as the two reportable segments. The segment result used to steer the business is EBITDA.

## Property, plant and equipment

Items of property, plant and equipment are individually measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets as follows:

Land	no depreciation
Buildings	25–50 years
Leasehold Improvements	max 10 years
Machinery	3–10 years
Furniture	5–15 years
Equipment	3–10 years

When parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items (major components) of property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized if the market value or the value in use or the useful live of the respective item of property, plant and equipment has increased substantially.

## Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of the consideration transferred over the Group's interest in the net of the identifiable assets acquired and the liabilities assumed measured at acquisition date fair value. Subsequently, goodwill is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Goodwill is amortized over five years. Additionally, a yearly impairment test is conducted.

### Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. Amortization is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the asset (between one and five years, in justified cases twenty years at the most).

#### Impairment of assets

Property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. If such indication exists, then the asset's recoverable amount is estimated.

An impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss when the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its estimated recoverable amount. The recoverable amount of an asset or a group of assets is the greater of its value in use and its net selling price. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows from continuing use of an asset or a group of assets that are largely independent of cash flows of other assets are discounted to their present value using a pretax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. The relevant cash flows are based on the most recent business plans of these cashgenerating units (period of three years) and the assumptions therein concerning development of prices, markets and market shares. Impairment losses recognized in respect of cash-generating units are allocated first to reduce the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to the units and then to reduce the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit (group of units) on a pro rata basis. Assets for which an impairment loss was recognized are reviewed at each reporting date for any indications that the loss has decreased or no longer exists. An impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount. The reversal is limited to the amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment had been recognized. Such reversal is recognized in profit or loss. Impairment losses on goodwill are not reversed.

#### Leasing agreements

Fixed assets acquired under leasing contracts where both the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially transferred to Cicor, are classified as finance leases. Such assets are recorded at the lower of the estimated net present value of future lease payments and the estimated fair value of the asset at the inception of the lease. Assets under finance leases are fully amortized over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life. The corresponding lease obligations, excluding finance charges, are included in either short- or long-term financial liabilities. Lease installments are divided into an interest and a redemption component.

Operating lease payments are recognized as an expense in profit or loss on a straightline basis over the lease term.

## Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of purchase or manufacturing costs and fair value less cost to sell. Costs for raw material are measured according to the weighted average cost method. Cost of work in progress and finished goods include materials, related manufacturing labor and related overheads. Concerning work in progress, estimated losses correspond to the negative difference between the net selling price and the estimated costs until finalization of work in progress.

### Trade accounts receivable

Trade accounts receivable are measured at nominal value less necessary allowances for bad debts. The Group establishes an allowance for impairment that represents its estimate of incurred losses in respect of trade accounts receivables. The main components of this allowance are a specific loss component that relates to individually significant exposure and a collective loss component established for groups of assets with similar risk characteristics in respect of losses that have been incurred, but not yet identified. The collective loss allowance is determined based on historical data of payment statistics for similar receivables.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at amortized costs and include cash on hand, postal and bank accounts at sight and time deposits with maturities at the balance sheet date of 90 days or less.

## Bank borrowings, trade and other liabilities

Non-derivative financial liabilities are initially recognized at fair value less any attributable transaction costs and are subsequently measured at amortized cost.

## Provisions

Provisions are recognized when:

- the Group has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events;
- it is probable that resources are needed to extinguish the obligation;
- the amount of the obligation can be estimated in a reliable way.

A provision is recognized for expected warranty claims on products based on past experience of the level of repairs and returns.

#### Government grants

Government grants are recognized as income over the periods matching the related costs, which they are intended to compensate on a systematic basis. Government grants are only recognized when there is reasonable assurance that the company will comply with the conditions attached to them and that the grants will be received.

#### Income taxes

Income tax is recognized in profit or loss except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case it is recognized in equity. Current income taxes are accrued based on taxable income of the current year. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantially enacted at the reporting date. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for all temporary differences between the tax and accounting bases of assets and liabilities at the reporting date using the liability method.

Deferred income taxes are measured at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled.

Deferred tax assets arising from tax loss carryforwards and deductible temporary differences are capitalized only if it is probable that they can be used to be offset against future taxable profits.

#### Derivative financial instruments

All outstanding derivatives are recognized at market value as at the balance sheet date and shown at gross values under other accounts receivables or other current liabilities. Value changes on derivatives for hedges of recognized underlying transactions are shown like the underlying transaction. Value changes on derivatives for hedges of future cash flows will be shown directly in equity until completion of the underlying transaction. At the time of recognition of the underlying transaction, the gain or loss recorded in equity will be transferred to the income statement.

## Pension plans

Cicor maintains several pension plans for employees in Switzerland, Germany and the United Kingdom. A liability is recognized if a pension plan has an underfunding and there is an economic obligation for Cicor to pay additional contribution. The assessment of whether there is an obligation is made using the recognition criteria for provisions. For Swiss plans, the measurement of the liability is based on the financial statements of the pension plan prepared in accordance with FER 26 and for German plans, this is based on an actuarial calculation. Employer contribution reserves are always recognized as an asset.

Changes in the economic obligation, the employer contribution reserves and the contributions incurred for the period are recognized in personnel costs in the income statement.

#### Earnings per share

Basic earnings per share are calculated by dividing net profit excluding non-controlling interests by the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted earnings per share include all potentially dilutive effects.

### **Treasury shares**

When share capital is repurchased, the amount of the consideration paid, which includes directly attributable costs, is recognized net of any tax effects as a deduction from capital reserves. Repurchased shares are classified as treasury shares and are presented as a deduction from total equity. When treasury shares are sold or reissued subsequently, the resulting gain or loss on the transaction is recognized in capital reserves.

#### Mandatory convertible note

The Group's interest-free mandatory convertible note is classified as equity, because it does not contain any obligation to deliver cash or other financial assets and does not require settlement in a variable number of the Group's equity instruments. Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of the mandatory convertible note are recognized as a deduction from equity.

## Share-based payments

Share-based payments to members of the Board of Directors and to employees are measured at fair value at the grant date, and recognized in the income statement over the vesting period with a corresponding increase in equity. The fair value at the grant date is assessed considering the market conditions, with no subsequent true-up. The amount recognized as an expense is adjusted considering the satisfaction or failure of meeting the service conditions and non-market performance conditions.

## Revenue recognition

Revenue from the sale of products comprises all revenues that are derived from sales of products to third parties after deduction of price rebates and value-added tax. Revenues from the sale of products are recognized when the significant risks and rewards of ownership of the goods have passed to the buyer, usually on delivery of the products.

Revenues from engineering and consulting services are recognized in the accounting period in which the services are rendered. Bad debt losses are included in net sales.

## Research and development costs

Research costs are expensed as incurred. An intangible asset arising from development expenditure on an individual project is recognized only when a future benefit is expected, costs can be measured reliably, the asset is controlled by the organization and the resources needed to complete the asset are/will be made available. Additionally, the Group has to demonstrate the technical feasibility, the availability of resources and its intention of completing the project so that it will be available for use or sale.

Capitalized development cost is measured at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses.

## Definition of non-GAAP measures

EBIT as a subtotal includes all income and expenses before addition/deduction of financial income, financial expenses and income taxes. EBITDA as a subtotal includes EBIT before deduction of depreciation and impairment of tangible assets as well as amortization and impairment of intangible assets.

## 3 Scope of Consolidation

		2022 Nominal share	Participation	2021 Nominal share	Participation
in local currency 1 000	Currency	capital	in %	capital	in %
Cicor Technologies Ltd, Boudry/Switzerland	CHF	34 095	100	30 695	100
Holding/Finance					
Cicorel SA, Boudry/Switzerland*	CHF	8 000	100	8 000	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
Reinhardt Microtech AG, Wangs/Switzerland*	CHF	1800	100	1800	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
Reinhardt Microtech GmbH, Ulm/Germany	EUR	500	100	500	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
RHe Microsystems GmbH, Radeberg/Germany*	EUR	216	100	216	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
Cicor Deutschland GmbH, Dresden, Germany* <sup>()</sup>	EUR	5 000	100	n/a	n/a
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
Electronicparc Holding AG, Bronschhofen/ Switzerland*	CHF	23 271	100	23 271	100
Holding/Finance					
Swisstronics Contract Manufacturing AG, Bronschhofen (Wil)/Switzerland	CHF	3 000	100	3 000	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
Systronics SRL, Arad/Romania	RON	5 145	100	5 145	100
Production/Sales					
Axis EMS Heights Ltd., Milton Keynes/UK*	GBP	141	100	141	100
Holding/Finance					
Axis EMS Group Ltd., Milton Keynes/UK	GBP	264	100	264	100
Holding/Finance					
Axis EMS Holdings Ltd., Milton Keynes/UK	GBP	885	100	885	100
Holding/Finance					
Axis Electronics Ltd., Milton Keynes/UK	GBP	10	100	10	100
Engineering/Production/Sales/Distribution					
ESG Holding Pte Ltd., Singapore*	SGD	1896	100	1896	100
Holding/Finance					
Cicor Asia Pte Ltd., Singapore	SGD	2 000	100	2 000	100
Sales/Distribution					
PT Cicor Panatec, Batam/Indonesia	USD	300	100	300	100
Production					
Brant Rock Enterprises Corp., British Virgin Islands	USD	10	100	10	100
Holding/Finance					
Cicor Anam Ltd., Anam/Vietnam	USD	1500	100	1500	100
Production					
Suzhou Cicor Technology Co. Ltd., China	CNY	42 033	100	42 033	100
Production			100		
Cicor Americas Inc., USA*	USD	10	100	10	100
Sales/Distribution Cicor Management AG, Bronschhofen/	CHF	250	100	250	100
Switzerland*					
Management Services					

1) The company was renamed from SMT Elektronik GmbH.

## Change in Scope of Consolidation in 2022

As of 27 April 2022, Cicor Technologies Ltd. acquired 100% of the shares of SMT Elektronik GmbH, Dresden (Germany). The acquired company provides electronic manufacturing services, predominantly for clients in the medical and industrial industry, and is included in the EMS Division.

The fair value of the acquired assets and liabilities as per the acquisitions date are shown in the below table.

in CHF 1 000	2022
Property, plant and equipment	4 173
Intangible assets	467
Inventories	8 501
Trade accounts receivable	2 543
Other accounts receivable, prepaid expenses and accruals	383
Cash and cash equivalents	64
Long-term provisions	-
Deferred Tax liabilities	-90
Long-term financial liabilities	-669
Short-term financial liabilities	-588
Short-term provisions	-76
Trade payables	-967
Other current liabilities and accruals	-1 200
Income tax payable	-775
Total fair value of net assets acquired	11 767

The acquisition resulted in a Goodwill of TCHF 2 277, which was capitalized as part of the intangible assets and is amortized over five years.

Cicor paid an earn-out amount in 2022 to settle the remaining purchase price from the acquisition of the Axis Group. Part of the remaining purchase price was settled in shares of Cicor Technologies Ltd. and part of it was settled in cash. The finalization of the purchase price allocation resulted in an increase in Goodwill of TCHF 2 898, which stems mainly from the reassessment of the earn-out amount.

## Change in scope of consolidation in 2021

As of 30 November 2021, Cicor Technologies Ltd. acquired 100% of the shares of Axis EMS Heights Ltd. with its directly/indirectly held subsidiaries Axis EMS Group Ltd., Axis EMS Holdings Ltd. and Axis Electronics Ltd., all in Milton Keynes, United Kingdom. The most important balance sheet positions as per acquisition date are shown in the table below.

in CHF 1 000	2021
Cash paid	54 071
Direct costs related to acquisition	2 179
Purchase considerations cash	56 250
Capital increase	9 705
Earn-out	8 858
Issuance stamp tax and securities transfer tax	326
Purchase considerations non-cash	18 889
Total purchase considerations	75 139
less: Fair value of net assets acquired	-49 906
Goodwill	25 233
Cash and each aquivalanta	11 244
Cash and cash equivalents	
Trade accounts receivable	7 079
Inventories	
Property, plant and equipment	3 093
Intangible assets	43 617
Trade payables	-11 605
Other current liabilities	-4 535
Short-term financial liabilities	-354
Long-term financial liabilities	-456
Short-term provision	-56
Deferred Tax liabilities	-8 684
Total fair value of net assets acquired	49 906
Purchase considerations cash	56 250
less: cash and cash equivalent acquired Cash outflow on acquisition during the year	-11 244 <b>45 006</b>
	45 006

The acquisition resulted in a Goodwill of TCHF 25 233, which was capitalized as part of the intangible assets and is amortized over five years.

## 4 Segment Reporting

	TMC		Total	Corporate	
in CHF 1 000	EMS Division	AS Division	reportable segments	and eliminations	Group
Income statement	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
Sales to external customers	269 466	43 727	313 193	-	313 193
Intersegment sales	171	1 052	1 2 2 3	-1 223	_
EBITDA	28 950	6 459	35 409	-3 135	32 274
Balance sheet	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2022
Intangible assets	58 342	-	58 342	-	58 342
Other than intangible assets	228 885	37 748	266 633	41 760	308 393
Total assets	287 227	37 748	324 975	41 760	366 735
Total liabilities	155 763	21 106	176 869	40 975	217 844
Other segment information	2022	2022	2022	2022	2022
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	17 070	2 970	20 040	-	20 040
Capital expenditures for property, plant and equipment	8 434	2 753	11 187	-	11 187

in CHF 1 000	EMS Division	AS Division	Total reportable segments	Corporate and eliminations	Group
Income statement (restated)	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
Sales to external customers	194 244	44 800	239 044	-	239 044
Intersegment sales	274	459	733	-733	-
EBITDA	17 987	8 054	26 041	-2 919	23 122
Balance sheet (restated)	31.12.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2021	31.12.2021
Intangible assets	68 547	-	68 547	-	68 547
Other than intangible assets	187 166	39 218	226 384	26 958	253 342
Total assets	255 713	39 218	294 931	26 958	321 889
Total liabilities	126 654	20 518	147 172	85 830	233 002
Other segment information (restated)	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	7 682	3 229	10 911	7	10 918
Capital expenditures for property, plant and	6 570	2 053	8 623	-	8 623

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Cicor defines its reportable segments based on the internal reporting to its Board of Directors. They base their strategic and operational decisions on these monthly distributed reports, which include the aggregated financial data for the Group and for the divisions. The two divisions, EMS and AS, have been identified as the two reportable segments.

As the German EMS manufacturer RHe Micorsystem's business with thick-film manufactured circuits has been significantly reduced, the company is today predominantly an EMS manufacturer. Cicor has therefore changed the divisional structure as of 1 January 2022: instead of the previous divisions Advanced Microelectronics and Substrates (AMS) and Electronic Solutions (ES), Cicor now reports the divisions Advanced Substrates (AS) and Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS). The company RHe Microsystem was moved from the AS division into the EMS division as of 1 January 2022. The prior-year financial information in the segment reporting has been restated.

The Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) division provides full-cycle electronic solutions from research and development to manufacturing and supply chain management for customers in the medical, industrial and aerospace and defence sectors, while the Advanced Substrates (AS) division provides its customers with high-quality printed circuit boards as well as thin-film substrates.

For internal reporting and therefore the segment reporting, the applied principles of accounting and valuation are the same as in the consolidated financial statements. Intersegment sales are recognized at arm's length.

## Sales by region and by industry

in CHF 1 000	2022	%	2021	%
Switzerland	77 664	24.8	65 798	27.5
Europe (without Switzerland)	171 903	54.9	113 705	47.6
Asia	43 622	13.9	44 558	18.6
Americas	15 922	5.1	13 189	5.5
Other	4 082	1.3	1794	0.8
Total	313 193	100.0	239 044	100.0
Industrial	126 391	40.4	103 772	43.4
Medical	78 381	25.0	64 603	27.0
Aerospace & defence	52 266	16.7	22 605	9.5
High-tech consumer	27 668	8.8	25 525	10.7
Transport	23 032	7.4	18 752	7.8
Communication	2 355	0.7	2 873	1.2
Other	3 100	1.0	914	0.4
Total	313 193	100.0	239 044	100.0

## **Major Customers**

Cicor Group's biggest customer contributes less than 8 % (2021: less than 8 %) to the Group's consolidated sales. In 2022, about 36 % (2021: about 42 %) of total Group net sales can be attributed to the Group's top ten clients.

## 5 Property, Plant and Equipment

	Land and		Furniture	0.1	Assets	
2022 in CHF 1 000	buildings <sup>1)</sup>	Machinery	and equipment	Other equipment	under construction	Total
Acquisition costs		muoninory	oquipmone	oquipmont	construction	
Balance at 1 January 2022	38 258	94 272	10 211	1645	1755	146 141
Additions <sup>2)</sup>	568	4 342	829	404	5 044	11 187
Disposals	-1 027	-3 928	-366	-97	_	-5 418
Reclassifications	422	1 206	119	-	-1747	-
Business combinations	2 617	610	946	-	-	4 173
Translation adjustment	-725	-1 324	-247	-20	-158	-2 474
Balance at 31 December 2022	40 113	95 178	11 492	1932	4 894	153 609
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
Balance at 1 January 2022	-21 308	-66 995	-7 336	-949	-	-96 588
Depreciation	-1 808	-7 066	-1 351	-140	-	-10 365
Disposals	1028	3 911	361	86	-	5 386
Translation adjustment	40	934	101	25	-	1 100
Balance at 31 December 2022	-22 048	-69 216	-8 225	-978	-	-100 467
Net book value						
1 January 2022	16 950	27 277	2 875	696	1755	49 553
31 December 2022	18 065	25 962	3 267	954	4 894	53 142
Thereof net book value of assets under financial lease	-	1 030	113	17	-	1 160
Net book value of pledged assets	2 419	2 631	113	-	-	5 163
Addition of assets under financial lease	-	-	-	-	_	-

1) Including leasehold improvements.

2) Of the additions in fixed assets, CHF 1.1 million have not yet been paid as at 31 December 2022.

In 2022, Cicor invested CHF 4.3 million in machinery. The most significant investments were made in Wangs, Batam, Boudry and Singapore. The investments in land and buildings were mainly made in Asia. Assets under construction are equipment whose installation has not yet been completed, which includes a new production plant in ThuanAn City in the amount of CHF 3.3 million.

2021 in CHF 1 000	Land and buildings <sup>1)</sup>	Machinery	Furniture and equipment	Other equipment	Assets under construction	Total
Acquisition costs						
Balance at 1 January 2021	38 842	96 531	9 254	1 330	394	146 351
Additions <sup>2)</sup>	110	5 937	699	275	1602	8 623
Disposals	-20	-9 598	-459	-11	-	-10 088
Reclassifications	13	95	19	-	-211	-84
Business combinations	10	2 175	831	77	-	3 093
Translation adjustment	-697	-868	-133	-26	-30	-1754
Balance at 31 December 2021	38 258	94 272	10 211	1645	1755	146 141
Accumulated depreciation and impairment						
Balance at 1 January 2021	-19 306	-70 461	-6 939	-868	-	-97 574
Depreciation	-2 022	-6 655	-940	-112	-	-9 729
Impairment	-34	-145	-4	-1	-	-184
Disposals	20	9 597	459	11	-	10 087
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-
Translation adjustment	34	669	88	21	-	812
Balance at 31 December 2021	-21 308	-66 995	-7 336	-949	-	-96 588
Net book value						
1 January 2021	19 536	26 070	2 315	462	394	48 777
31 December 2021	16 950	27 277	2 875	696	1755	49 553
Thereof net book value of assets under financial lease	-	1 400	-	38	-	1 438
Net book value of pledged assets		1 400		38		1 438
Addition of assets under financial lease	-	1 400	-	38	-	1 438

1) Including leasehold improvements.

2) Of the additions in fixed assets, CHF 1.2 million have not yet been paid as at 31 December 2021.

In 2021, Cicor invested CHF 5.9 million in machinery. The most significant investments were undertaken in Bronschhofen, Arad, Thuan An City and Radeberg. The biggest investment thereof was a placement line in Bronschhofen. The assets under construction are equipment whose installation has not yet been completed.

## 6 Intangible Assets

2022				Customer		
in CHF 1 000	Goodwill	Brand	Technology	relationships	Other	Total
Acquisition costs						
Balance at 1 January 2022	120 930	10 889	7 377	37 940	7 742	184 878
Additions	-	-	-	-	225	225
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-26	-26
Business combinations	5 175	-	-	-	467	5 642
Translation adjustment	-2 692	-409	-42	-3 406	-488	-7 037
Balance at 31 December 2022	123 413	10 480	7 335	34 534	7 920	183 682
Accumulated amortization						
Balance at 1 January 2022	-96 564	-6 734	-7 377	-3 370	-2 286	-116 331
Amortization	-5 359	-266	-	-2 216	-1 835	-9 676
Disposal	-	-	-	-	26	26
Translation adjustment	326	17	42	144	112	641
Balance at 31 December 2022	-101 597	-6 983	-7 335	-5 442	-3 983	-125 340
Net book value						
1 January 2022	24 366	4 155	-	34 570	5 456	68 547
31 December 2022	21 816	3 497	-	29 092	3 937	58 342
0001				0		
2021 in CHF 1 000	Goodwill	Brand	Technology	Customer relationships	Other	Total
Acquisition costs			5,	•		
Balance at 1 January 2021	00 100	6 711	7 419	3 176	0.071	116 313
·,	90 130	0711			28/1	
Additions	96 136		-		2 871 262	
Additions Disposal					262	262
Disposal	-	-	_	-	262 -13	262 -13
Disposal Reclassification	- - -		-	-	262 -13 84	262 -13 84
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Disposal Reclassification	- - -		-	-	262 -13 84	262 -13 84
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## 7 Inventories

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Raw materials	98 922	65 252
Work-in-progress	23 735	19 853
Finished goods	13 205	11 377
Valuation allowance	-18 498	-16 373
Total inventories	117 364	80 109

# 8 Trade Accounts Receivable and other Accounts Receivable

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Trade accounts receivable (gross)	51 131	44 616
Allowance for bad debts	-525	-536
Total trade accounts receivable	50 606	44 080

## Ageing of Trade Accounts Receivable

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022 Gross	31.12.2022 Allowance	31.12.2021 Gross	31.12.2021 Allowance
Not yet due	36 092	-	38 525	-
Overdue 0-45 days	11 904	-	5 085	-
Overdue 46-90 days	2 316	-2	285	-
Overdue 91–180 days	259	-4	79	-
Overdue 181–360 days	190	-149	127	-21
Overdue more than 360 days	370	-370	515	-515
Total trade accounts receivable	51 131	-525	44 616	-536

## Movement in the Allowance for Impairment for Trade Accounts Receivable

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Individual allowance as of 1 January	411	458
Allowance increase	168	51
Utilization/consumption	-164	-30
Reversal of allowance	-	-68
Individual allowance as of 31 December	406	411
Collective allowance as of 1 January	125	48
Change in allowance	-6	77
Collective allowance as of 31 December	119	125

## Other Accounts Receivable

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Receivables on bullion dealers' accounts	242	406
Value-added taxes	1 432	1 118
Other	3 884	4 400
Total other accounts receivable	5 558	5 924

Total

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## 9 Cash and Cash Equivalents

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Bank accounts	75 486	67 547
Cash equivalents	5	1 250
Total cash and cash equivalents	75 491	68 797

Cicor Technologies' banking partners are first-rate Swiss, German, English and Romanian banks.

## 10 Provisions

2022 in CHF 1 000	Warranties	Other	Total provisions	Deferred taxes	provisions and deferred taxes
Balance at 1 January 2022	3 333	12 330	15 663	8 895	24 558
Additional provisions	957	1853	2 810	-	2 810
Unused amounts reversed	-539	-2 335	-2 874	-	-2 874
Amount used	-183	-9 110	-9 293	-719	-10 012
Reclassification within the company	-	-269	-269	-	-269
Business combinations	72	4	76	87	163
Translation adjustments	-53	-41	-94	-899	-993
Balance at 31 December 2022	3 587	2 432	6 019	7 364	13 383
thereof short-term provisions	1 114	899	2 013		
thereof long-term provisions	2 473	1533	4 006		

Warranties	Other	Total provisions	Deferred taxes	provisions and deferred taxes
3 504	3 145	6 649	304	6 953
1 146	10 265	11 411	33	11 444
-1 214	-270	-1 484	-126	-1 610
-94	-765	-859	-	-859
56	-	56	8 684	8 740
-65	-45	-110	-	-110
3 333	12 330	15 663	8 895	24 558
1 355	10 712	12 067		
1978	1 618	3 596		
	<b>3 504</b> 1146 -1214 -94 56 -65 <b>3 333</b> 1 355	3 504         3 145           1146         10 265           -1214         -270           -94         -765           56         -           -65         -45           3 333         12 330           1 355         10 712	Warranties         Other         provisions           3 504         3 145         6 649           1146         10 265         11 411           -1214         -270         -1484           -94         -765         -859           56         -         56           -65         -45         -110           3 333         12 330         15 663           1 355         10 712         12 067	Warranties         Other         provisions         taxes           3 504         3 145         6 649         304           1 146         10 265         11 411         33           -1 214         -270         -1 484         -126           -94         -765         -859         -           56         -         56         8 684           -65         -45         -110         -           3 333         12 30         15 663         8 895           1 355         10 712         12 067         -

Warranty provisions are recognized for warranty claims on products sold. The additional provisions in 2022 were based on several smaller cases.

As per 31 December 2021, other provisions included an earn-out liability related to the acquisition of Axis EMS Heights Ltd. in the amount of TCHF 8 858, which was fully used in 2022.

## 11 Taxes

## Major Components of Tax Expense

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Current income taxes	4 791	3 274
Income tax for prior years	-13	-247
Deferred tax	-905	-299
Total tax expense	3 873	2 728

## **Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities**

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022 Assets	31.12.2022 Liabilities	31.12.2021 Assets	31.12.2021 Liabilities
Deferred taxes on intangible assets	-	6 647	-	8 236
Deferred taxes on property, plant and equipment	204	423	141	446
Deferred taxes on inventory	1005	129	766	116
Deferred taxes on other assets	110	206	434	470
Deferred taxes on accruals	228	65	237	177
Deferred taxes on other liabilities	280	158	1738	1 337
Total	1827	7 628	3 316	10 782
Deferred taxes on loss carried forward	1722	-	1729	-
Offset of assets and liabilities	-265	-265	-1 887	-1 887
Total deferred tax assets and liabilities	3 284	7 364	3 158	8 895

The Group average tax rate for the calculation of the deferred income taxes is 18.2 % (2021: 17.3%).

# Reconciliation of Current Income Taxes and Deferred Taxes

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Profit before tax	7 693	10 210
Weighted average income tax in %	20.5%	19.5%
Expected income tax expense	1 578	1 991
Current year losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized	726	144
Recognition of tax assets on previously unrecognized tax losses	-	-171
Derecognition of tax assets on previously recognized tax losses	-	168
Effect of non-deductible expenses	557	766
Effect of Goodwill amortization	1 053	79
Adjustments for current tax of prior periods	-42	-245
Other adjustments	1	-4
Effective income taxes	3 873	2 728
Effective income taxes in % of profit before tax	50.3%	26.7%

## Tax Loss Carried Forward for which no Deferred Tax Assets have been Capitalized

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Tax loss carried forward expiring in 1 to 3 years	3 563	6 320
Tax loss carried forward expiring in more than 3 years	3 511	2 379

Since the Group operates in various tax jurisdictions, its average expected tax rate is calculated as a weighted average of the tax rates in these jurisdictions. This rate changes from year to year due to changes in the mix of the Group's taxable income and changes in local tax rates.

Tax losses carried forward are capitalized where the possibility of using them is high.

## 12 Financial Liabilities

## Long-term Financial Liabilities

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Borrowings, long-term	101 680	114 076
Financial leases	270	426
Total long-term financial liabilities	101 950	114 502

## Short-term Financial Liabilities

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Bank overdrafts	2 341	-
Short-term portion of long-term borrowings	15 292	15 000
Financial leases	430	354
Total short-term financial liabilities	18 063	15 354

## Maturity of Financial Liabilities

							2028 and
2022 in CHF 1 000	Total	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	after
CHF 140.0 million revolving credit line and acquisition credit line	114 296	15 000	15 000	84 296	_	-	_
Basket of local credit lines / loans	5 017	2 633	263	2 121	-	-	-
Financial leases	700	430	200	37	33	-	-
Total	120 013	18 063	15 463	86 454	33	-	_
							2027 and
2021 in CHF 1 000	Total	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	after
CHF 155.0 million revolving credit line and acquisition credit line	129 076	15 000	15 000	15 000	84 076	-	_
Basket of local credit lines /	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
loans							
Financial leases	780	354	276	150			
Total	129 856	15 354	15 276	15 150	84 076	-	-

On 18 June 2021, the Group signed a syndicated bank loan agreement which includes a revolving credit line of CHF 80 million plus allowance of an external basket of CHF 20 million valid for four years, beginning on 26 July 2021, with two extension options of one additional year each, therefore running for a maximum term of six years. The credit agreement also contained an optional acquisition credit line in the amount of CHF 75 million, which was utilised on 29 November 2021 for the acquisition of Axis Electronics Ltd.

The covenants are net debt / EBITDA ratio of a maximum of 2.75 times at year-end and 3.00 times during the year and a minimum equity ratio of 30%. EBITDA is calculated before restructuring costs, and EBITDA of acquisitions can be added pro forma. The interest is based on SARON added by a variable margin depending on the net debt / EBITDA ratio. The revolving credit line, which was divided into CHF 73 million cash and CHF 7 million for guarantees, was utilized at 31 December 2022 by CHF 55 million cash at a variable interest rate of 1.92% on average and CHF 2.7 million was utilized for guarantees bearing commission charges between 0.2 and 0.7%. Furthermore, CHF 5 million of the external basket has been utilized as of 31 December 2022.

Property, plant and equipment of CHF 5.2 million and inventory of CHF 31.6 million was pledged to local banks as of 31 December 2022.

The shares of the following companies are in deposit with the lead bank, pledged as collateral for the syndicated credit line: Cicorel SA, Electronicparc Holding AG, Swisstronics Contract Manufacturing AG, Reinhardt Microtech AG, RHe Microsystems GmbH and Axis EMS Heights Ltd.

13 Liabilities for post-employment benefits

Cicor maintains several pension plans for employees in Switzerland, Germany and the United Kingdom. Pension expenses totaled TCHF 3 521 (2021: TCHF 2 268). German pension funds are not legally independent in contrast to Swiss and United Kingdom pension funds. Companies therefore need to recognize a provision according to the German Commercial Code. RHe Microsystems GmbH and Reinhardt Microtech GmbH did so by recognizing TCHF 855 (2021: TCHF 920) and TCHF 840 (2021: TCHF 986) respectively as liability.

In Switzerland the majority of Cicor's insured employees are covered for the risk of old age, death and disability within a collective pension scheme which is administrating pension plans of various unrelated employers. The plan is an independent pension fund.

The standard retirement age is 65 for males and 64 for females. Employees qualify for early retirement on their 58th birthday at the earliest. Furthermore, the employees may choose to take their entire pension or part thereof in the form of capital payment. For retirements at the age of 65, the conversion rate is 6.0 % for the compulsory part and 5.6 % for the supplementary part. This rate is relevant to determine the pension payment in relation to the accumulated savings. These savings result from employee and employer contributions which are paid into the individual savings account of each individually insured person as well as the interest accruing on the accumulated savings.

It is a collective multiemployer pension fund organized as a foundation under Swiss law. The most senior governing body of the foundation is the Board of Trustees that consists of an equal number of employers' and employees' representatives. The people entrusted with the management of the pension fund and its assets are subject to the charter of the Swiss Pension Fund Association ASIP. All processes are audited by the internal auditors and the independent external auditors as well as the investment controller. And finally, the supervisory authority, the Zentralschweizer BVG- und Stiftungsaufsicht (ZBSA), audits the management of the pension fund and the assets in collaboration with the auditors.

The projected funding ratio as per 31 December 2022 is 100% (31.12.2021 = 113%). Whenever there is a legal obligation to cover an underfunding, this has to be remedied by various measures such as increasing employee and employer contributions, lowering the interest rate on retirement account balances, reducing prospective benefits and a suspension of the early withdrawal facility.

in CHF 1 000	Surplus/ deficit	Econon of the orga	nical part anization	Change to PY or recognized in the current result	Contributions concerning the business period		on benefit expenses personnel expenses
	31.12.2022	31.12.2022	31.12.2021			2022	2021
Pension institutions without surplus / deficit	n/a	n/a	n/a	-	826	826	78
Pension institutions with surplus <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	-	-	2 650	2 650	2 183
Pension institutions without own assets	-	1695	1906	-211	256	45	7
Total	-	1695	1906	-211	3 732	3 521	2 268

# 14 Other Current Liabilities and Accruals

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Value-added taxes	1 058	1 213
Other current liabilities	1 751	1874
Other accounts payable	23 627	20 043
Total other current liabilities	26 436	23 130
Accrued personnel expenses	8 357	8 945
Other accrued expenses	6 546	4 410
Total accruals	14 903	13 355
Total other current liabilities and accruals	41 339	36 485

Other current liabilities and accrued expenses are non-interest-bearing financial liabilities. Other accounts payable also contain prepayments from customers and payables for social security.

## 15 Lease Commitments

in CHF 1 000	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Within 1 year	4 785	4 415
From over 1 year to under 5 years	13 594	13 456
Due in 5 years or later	10 917	10 969
Total operating leasing	29 296	28 840

Operating leasing commitments stem mostly from mid- to long-term lease obligations for production and office premises. The leases have varying terms and renewal rights.

For financial leasing, please refer to note 12.

## 16 Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities for Cicor Group companies as at 31 December 2022 or as at 31 December 2021.

## 17 Issued Capital

## Ordinary share capital

Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the company's Articles of Association. The subscription rights of the 340 000 newly created true reserve shares have been withdrawn in view of potential acquisitions. The Cicor Group thus secures the flexibility to use the newly created shares at any time and at short notice to partially finance future acquisitions. The ordinary share capital as of 31 December 2022 consists of 3 409 542 registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each (31 December 2021: 3 069 542 registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each).

Cicor Technologies Ltd. is a holding company established under Swiss law. According to the provisions of law governing the appropriation of retained earnings by holding companies, the share capital and appropriations to the general legal reserve to the extent of 20 % of share capital (CHF 6 819 084) as well as the reserve for treasury shares may not be distributed.

### Mandatory convertible note

On 20 January 2022, Cicor issued a five-year, interest-free mandatory convertible note (MCN) with a principal amount of CHF 20 million. The MCN was subject to a reopening clause allowing Cicor to increase the principal amount of the MCN up to a maximum principal amount of CHF 60.2 million within the twelve-months reopening period without prior consent or permission of the holders through the issue of further fungible MCNs fully allocated to its main shareholder OEP, under its agreement to provide Cicor a fully underwritten standby equity facility. On 27 September 2022 Cicor exercised its option to reopen the issuance of the mandatory convertible note in the amount of CHF 40.2 million and to sell these additional notes to OEP.

The conversion price is fixed at CHF 47.50 per share, subject to subsequent adjustments for anti-dilution events. Shares to be delivered upon conversion of a MCN will be new shares to be issued from the conditional capital of the issuer with the same entitlements as the other outstanding shares. No fractions will be delivered to, and no cash payments will be made to the holders. The MCN contains the following early conversion option for holders: Each holder may elect to early convert MCNs during the optional conversion period starting 730 days after issuance up to ten days prior to maturity or following the formal announcement of a take-over bid to Cicor's shareholders during the additional offer period, unless certain thresholds have not been met after the first offer period.

Upon occurrence of certain predefined events, the MCNs will be subject to an accelerated conversion and will be mandatorily converted on the maturity date, unless previously converted under the early conversion options or following an accelerated conversion. In accordance with Cicor's accounting policy for interest-free mandatorily convertible notes, the MCN is classified as an equity instrument in its entirety, as it does not contain any obligations to deliver cash and does not require settlement in a variable number of the Group's equity instruments.

## Dividend

At the Shareholders' Meeting on 12 April 2022, the shareholders decided that no dividend will be paid for the financial year 2021.

## **Conditional capital**

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 12 April 2022, the Shareholders decided to extend the conditional capital according to Art. 5 bis of the company's Articles of Association as follows: The share capital may be conditionally increased by a maximum of CHF 1 200 000 by issuing up to 120 000 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise of option rights granted to directors, officers, senior executives and employees of the company or its subsidiaries, according to plans established by the Board of Directors

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 16 December 2021, the Shareholders decided to create conditional capital according to Art. 5 ter of the company's Articles of Association as follows: The share capital of the company may be increased by an additional maximum amount of CHF 13 303 750 by issuing up to 1 330 375 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise or compulsory exercise of conversion, exchange, option or similar subscription rights granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations, subscription or similar share subscription rights, granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations of the Company or one of its subsidiaries.

## Authorized capital

At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders on 16 April 2020, the shareholders decided to renew the authorization of the Board of Directors to increase the share capital by a maximum of 600 000 fully paid-in shares at a nominal value of CHF 10 by 16 April 2022. 167 450 of those shares were used for the capital increase as of 30 November 2021 in connection with the purchase of Axis EMS Heights Ltd. and its subsidiaries. Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the company's Articles of Association. The authorized capital ceased to exist on 15 April 2022 and the Company has no authorized capital as of 31 December 2022 consequently.

## 18 Treasury Shares

	2022 in shares	2022 CHF 1 000	2021 in shares	2021 CHF 1 000
Balance as per 1 January	116	6	116	6
Increase of ordinary share capital	340 000	3 400	-	-
Used for acquisitions	-98 157	-982	-	-
Purchase of treasury shares	883	45	-	-
Share-based payments	-926	-47	-	-
Balance as per 31 December	241 916	2 422	116	6

## 19 Earnings per Share

	2022	2021
Net profit attributable to Cicor shareholders in CHF thousand	3 820	7 482
Average number of ordinary shares outstanding	3 099 812	2 916 657
Average number of conditional shares for conversion of MCN	619 310	-
Total average number of shares outstanding and conditional	3 719 122	2 916 657
Dilutive impact of share-based remuneration	5 442	-
Total average number of shares outstanding and conditional, diluted	3 724 564	2 916 657
Basic earnings per share in CHF	1.03	2.57
Diluted earnings per share in CHF	1.03	2.57

Basic and diluted earnings per share are calculated by dividing the net profit attributable to shareholders by the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the year.

Cicor issued a mandatory convertible note (MCN) in 2022. Upon conversion of the MCN, 1 267 116 ordinary shares will be created out of the conditional capital of the Company. The weighted average number of those conditional shares that will be created based on MCNs already outstanding is included in basic earnings per share.

The Board of Directors and employees of Cicor receive part of their remuneration in Cicor shares. The dilutive impact of share-based remuneration is included in diluted earnings per share.

## 20 Personnel Costs

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Wages and salaries	69 848	58 645
Social security costs	9 526	7 392
Other personnel costs	4 924	3 868
Total	84 298	69 905

#### Share-based remuneration

#### Remuneration of the Board of Directors

Members of the Board of Directors receive part of their remuneration in Restricted Share Units (RSUs), which are later converted into Cicor Shares.

An RSU is a personal award to receive one common registered share of Cicor per RSU. The number of granted RSUs is determined by dividing the relevant gross compensation amount by the average closing price of the Cicor share of the last 10 trading days immediately prior to the AGM that marks the beginning of the term of office. The shares are usually transferred to the beneficiaries on the first trading day after the Annual General Meeting that marks the end of the term of office and are then subject to a three-year blocking period, during which they may not be sold or otherwise disposed of. The blocking period is lifted immediately on the date of a Board member's demise.

1 627 shares (2021: 0 shares) valued at CHF 49.17 (2021: n/a) were granted in 2022, and expenses of TCHF 57 (2021: TCHF 0) were recognized in wages and salaries in 2022 for the remuneration of the Board of Directors.

#### Performance Stock Option Plan (PSOP)

Members of the executive committee (EC) may be invited to participate in the Performance Stock Option Plan (PSOP), upon individual nomination by the Board of Directors. Participants receive a grant of non-tradable performance stock options of Cicor at the beginning of a year, the total value of which (the gross compensation amount) is determined by the Board of Directors. The number of granted stock options is determined by dividing the approved gross compensation amount by the fair value of those options, which is assessed by an external valuation specialist. The performance stock options vest after a three-year vesting period if the participant is still in active employment with Cicor, but conditional upon the achievement of the performance condition. The performance condition is relative TSR, which compares the share price evolution and dividend payments of Cicor with a predefined peer group of eleven listed companies in the EMS industry that are comparable to Cicor. If Cicor outperforms at least half of the peer companies, 50% of the performance stock options will vest. The vesting percentage can go up to 100% for being the best performing company, and down to 0% if more than 75% of the peer companies performed better than Cicor. Once vested, the stock options may be exercised for a period of four years. The gain realized by the participants corresponds to the difference between the share price of the Cicor share at the time of exercise and the exercise price of the stock option.

10 385 performance stock options (2021: 0 performance stock options) valued at CHF 16.37 (2021: n/a) were granted in 2022, and expenses of TCHF 51 (2021: TCHF 0) were recognized in wages and salaries in 2022 for the PSOP.

#### Performance Share Plan (PSP)

Members of the executive committee and leadership team, as well as other selected key managers, may be invited to participate in the Performance Share Plan (PSP), upon individual nomination by the CEO and approval by the Board of Directors. Participants receive a grant of performance share units (PSU) whose total value (the gross compensation amount) is determined by the Board of Directors. The number of granted PSUs is determined by dividing the relevant gross compensation amount by the average closing price of the Cicor share of the last 30 business days prior to the grant date. A PSU is a conditional right to receive Cicor shares after a vesting period of three years if the company meets certain performance targets over the vesting period and if participants are in active employment with Cicor at the end of the three-year vesting period. The performance conditions are reaching specific levels of revenue growth and EBITDA margin for Cicor Group. Depending on the achievement of these performance conditions, each PSU may be converted into up to two Cicor shares, which is the upper cap if the performance conditions are not reached.

11 499 PSUs (2021: 0 PSUs) valued at CHF 53.30 (2021: n/a) were granted in 2022, and expenses of TCHF 183 (2021: TCHF 0) were recognized in wages and salaries in 2022 for the PSP.

#### Former LTI

The former LTI was discontinued in financial year 2021 and was replaced by the Performance Stock Option Plan and the Performance Share Plan in financial year 2022.

No shares were granted to employees in financial year 2022 (2021: 10 300 shares valued at CHF 53.38 ) based on the former LTI. Expenses of TCHF 172 (2021: TCHF 226) were recognized in wages and salaries in 2022 for the former LTI.

## Number of Employees by function

Number of employees (FTE)	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Production	1973	1 953
Sales and marketing	84	83
Administration	161	145
Total	2 217	2 181

## 21 Other Operating Expenses

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Facility costs	10 899	8 580
Maintenance costs	3 920	3 308
Other production costs	7 831	5 839
Sales and marketing costs	835	807
Administration costs	6 633	4 746
Total	30 118	23 280

## 22 Financial Income and Expenses

in CHF 1 000	2022	2021
Income		
Interest income	85	4
Foreign exchange gains	7 780	4 283
Total	7 865	4 287
Expense		
Interest expense	3 088	1042
Other financial expenses	445	517
Foreign exchange losses	8 873	4 722
Total	12 406	6 281

## 23 Related-Party Disclosures

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry, and the subsidiaries listed in note 3.

The governing and supervisory bodies of Cicor Technologies Ltd. are the only other related parties.

As per 31 December 2022, OEP 80 B.V., the main shareholder, holds 24.98 % of total shares outstanding. Other principal shareholders are presented in the notes of the financial statements of Cicor Technologies Ltd.

## **Related-Party transaction**

In 2022 Cicor Anam Ltd, Vietnam, acquired a production building for VND 87 820 million (CHF 3.3 million) from Spartronics, which is controlled by the beneficial owner of Cicor's main shareholder OEP 80 B.V.

In addition, Cicor Anam entered a lease agreement with Spartronics for the land on which the building is located for the term from January 2023 to February 2046 with a contract value of VND 15 094 million (CHF 0.6 million), which Cicor prepaid in full in 2022.

OEP, the main shareholder, and Cicor entered into an agreement as part of the issuance of the MCN under which OEP provided a fully underwritten stand-by equity facility to Cicor (backstop). Under the agreement, OEP suspended its preferential subscription rights to acquire MCNs until the reopening and in addition stood ready to acquire all remaining MCNs up to the maximum principle amount of the MCN. OEP was compensated by a backstop fee of 150 bps of the backstopped amount, i.e. the percentage offered to other shareholders. The backstop fee was based on market rates for such services and payable under normal payment terms. In the reopring

period, backstop fees of TCHF 652 were paid to OEP under this agreement. For additional information on the MCN please refer to note 17.

# Compensation of key management personnel of the Group

The remuneration of the Board of Directors and the management also include the remuneration recorded at subsidiaries. Detailed information concerning compensation is disclosed in the remuneration report.

## 24 Financial Risk Management

The Group has exposure to the following risks from its use of financial instruments:

- credit risk
- market risk
- liquidity risk

This note presents information about the Group's exposure to each of the above risks. Further quantitative disclosures are included throughout these consolidated financial statements. The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for the establishment and oversight of the Group's risk management framework. The following paragraphs give an overview of the extent of the above-mentioned risks.

## Credit risk

The credit risk is the risk of financial loss to the Group if a customer or counterparty to financial instruments fails to meet its contractual obligation. The assets mainly exposing the Group to a credit risk are: cash, cash equivalents and trade accounts receivable. The Group minimizes credit risk arising on cash and cash equivalents by investing in funds of high credit-rated banks. These investments generally have a maturity of less than three months.

The Group's exposure to credit risk arising from trade receivables is influenced mainly by the individual characteristics of each customer. The demographics of the Group's customer base, including the default risk of the industry and country in which customers operate, have less of an influence on credit risk. The danger of risk concentration is generally minimized by the large number of customer credit balances, as no single customer accounts for more than 8% of consolidated sales 2022 (2021: 8% of consolidated sales).

The carrying value of financial assets reflects the maximum credit risk and is presented in the table below:

in CHF 1000	2022	2021
Cash and cash equivalents	75 491	68 797
Trade accounts receivable	50 606	44 080
Other accounts receivable	3 621	4 271
Other currrent assets	140	42
Total	129 858	117 190

Every operational unit has a credit policy under which each new customer is analyzed individually for creditworthiness. Purchase limits are established for each customer which represent the maximum open amount possible. On a quarterly basis, the allowances made according to the Group's rules laid down in the financial manual are closely monitored.

## Market risk

The market risk is the risk that changes in market prices, such as foreign exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices, will affect the Group's income or the value of its holdings of financial instruments. The objective of risk management is to manage and control market risk exposures within acceptable limits.

## Currency risk

The Cicor Technologies Group is exposed to currency risk on sales and purchases that are denominated in a currency other than the respective functional currencies of Group entities. The currencies in which these transactions are primarily denominated are Swiss francs (CHF), euros (EUR), Singapore dollars (SGD), US dollars (USD) and British pound sterling (GBP). These risks are mostly offset by cash flows from financial assets or liabilities resulting from opposite operational transactions (natural hedge). At 31 December 2022, foreign exchange forwards to hedge future cash flows with a negative replacement value of TCHF 58 were outstanding. No foreign exchange forwards for the hedging of currency risks on Group loans are outstanding.

in CHF 1000	Assets		Liabilities		Purpose
	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	31.12.2022	31.12.2021	
Foreign exchange forwards	-	-	58	-	Hedging
Total	-	-	58	-	

## Interest rate risk

The interest rate risk is the risk that there is a change in market value or future cash flow of a financial instrument if there is a change in interest rate.

The Group's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates primarily to the Group's interest-bearing financial debts. The Group's policy is to manage its interest cost using a mix of fixed and variable debt. For the syndicated bank loan, the interest rate increased in 2022 from an average of 1.1% to 1.92%.

## Liquidity risk

The liquidity risk is the risk that Cicor Technologies Ltd. cannot meet its financial obligations when they are due.

A syndicated loan of CHF 140 million (utilized as per 31 December 2022: CHF 115 million) is available to secure short- to long-term financing requirements (see note 12). Compliance with the financial covenants defined in the syndicated loan is a central element of the Group's financial risk management. The respective bank covenants were fulfilled on all reporting dates. The short-term liquidity risk is reduced by the cash flow generated by operations, the trend of which is monitored continuously.

The following table shows the contractual cash flows of financial liabilities including interest payments as of 31 December:

2022 in CHF 1 000 Financial liabilities	Carrying amount 120 716	Contractual cash flow 126 071	2023 contractual cash flow 20 452	2024 contractual cash flow 17 494	2025 contractual cash flow 88 091	2026 contractual cash flow 33	2027 and after contractual cash flow -
Trade payables	39 564	39 564	39 564	-	-	-	-
Other current liabilities and accruals	42 330	42 330	42 330	-	-	-	-
Total	202 610	207 965	102 346	17 494	88 091	33	
2021 in CHF 1 000	Carrying amount	Contractual cash flow	2022 contractual cash flow	2023 contractual cash flow	2024 contractual cash flow	2025 contractual cash flow	2026 and after contractual cash flow
Financial liabilities	130 780	134 024	16 356	16 183	16 018	85 468	_
Trade payables	39 691	39 691	39 691	-	-	-	-
	35 824	35 824	35 824	_	_	_	_
Other current liabilities and accruals	55 624	55 624	00 024				

The net carrying amount of financial assets and liabilities is a reasonable approximation of the fair value. No significant deviations between the net carrying amount and the fair value were noted. Financial liability is measured using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortized cost of a financial liability and allocating the interest expense over the relevant period.

## 25 Subsequent events

Effective 20 January 2023, the Cicor Group acquired 100% of the shares of Phoenix Mecano Digital Elektronik GmbH with two sites in Thuringia (Germany) and Phoenix Mecano Digital Tunisie S.a.r.l. located in Borj-Cedria (Tunisia) for a consideration of EUR 23.6 million (CHF 23.5 million). The sites acquired from Phoenix Mecano AG (SIX Swiss Exchange: PM) have been able to win some of the leading companies in Cicor's target market of medical technology as customers in recent years and generated revenue of around EUR 32 million and EBITDA of around EUR 3 million in financial year 2022. The German sites will be integrated into the organizational unit "Cicor Germany" of the Electronic Manufacturing Services (EMS) Division. The Tunisian site will also become part of the global production network of the EMS Division.

Effective 1 March 2023, Cicor Group completed the acquisition of the thin-film business of AFT microwave GmbH, Backnang, Germany, as part of an asset deal, for a preliminary consideration of EUR 1.3 million (CHF 1.3 million). AFT microwave GmbH has found a reliable partner for the future of its profitable business area of layout and production of substrates based on thin-film technology in the Cicor Group. The thinfilm business has historically generated annual sales in the low single-digit million-euro range. As part of the asset deal, Cicor will integrate all employees, the existing equipment and the complete knowledge of the thin-film business at AFT's site into the Advanced Substrates division.



# Statutory Auditor's Report

To the General Meeting of Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry

#### **Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Cicor Technologies Ltd. and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated <u>balance sheet</u> as at 31 December 2022 and the consolidated <u>income statement</u>, consolidated <u>statement of changes in equity</u> and consolidated <u>statement of cash flows</u> for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of the Group as at 31 December 2022, and its consolidated results of operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and comply with Swiss law.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law, together with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Key Audit Matters** 



#### VALUATION OF INVENTORY ALLOWANCES

VALUATION OF GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS AXIS GROUP

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



#### VALUATION OF INVENTORY ALLOWANCES

#### Key Audit Matter

As per 31 December 2022, the Group had inventory balances, including work-inprogress (WIP) balances, of CHF 117.4 million. The Group's business model drives a variety and complexity of products, mainly electronic components, devices and systems. Management has to apply judgment in assessing the level of allowance required to account for slowmoving, excess or obsolete inventory items.

Inventory allowances are determined using methodologies that the Group deems appropriate to the respective business.

The level of judgment involved in assessing whether an allowance should be recognized and how it should be measured, coupled with the fact that allowance movements impact operating profit/loss, results in inventory allowances being a key area that our audit was concentrated on.

#### Our response

Our procedures included, amongst others, the following:

- obtaining an understanding of the Group's process for determining inventory allowances and, for specific significant entities, testing the key controls that mitigate the risk of overor understatement of the inventory allowances;
- challenging the appropriateness of the Group's methodologies and assumptions based on our understanding of the individual businesses within the Group, taking into account the nature of their inventories, information on inventory turnover and consumption rates in the past as well as expected future usage, and evidence gained from observing physical inventory counts;
- testing the mathematical accuracy of the calculation of the inventory allowances on a sample basis; and
- assessing on a sample basis the recoverability of inventory through comparison of net realizable values to cost, considering where applicable the expected cost to complete. This also involved tracing recognized cost amounts back to source documents.

For further information on valuation of inventory allowances refer to the following:

- <u>Note 2.2</u> Significant accounting principles, Inventories
- <u>Note 7</u> Inventories



#### VALUATION OF GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS AXIS GROUP

#### **Key Audit Matter**

As at 31 December 2022, intangible assets (including goodwill) of the Axis group amount to a total of CHF 54.9 million.

Management tests the intangible assets for impairment by applying a discounted cash flow model based on projected results for the relevant cash generating unit ("CGU").

The impairment test for this item requires significant management judgment with regards to cash flow forecasts, margin, growth rate as well as the discount rate, and is therefore a key area of audit focus.

#### Our response

Our procedures included, amongst others, evaluating the methodical and mathematical accuracy of the model used for the impairment tests, the appropriateness of the assumptions used, and the methodology used by management to prepare cash flow forecasts. We used our own valuation specialists to support our procedures.

Amongst others, we performed the following audit procedures:

- agreeing forecasts used in the impairment tests to current expectations of management and the business plans approved by the Board of Directors;
- challenging the robustness of the key assumptions used to determine the recoverable amount, including forecast cash flows, margin, growth rate and the discount rate by comparing them with publicly available data and our understanding of the commercial prospects of the relevant CGU; and
- assessing the accuracy of management's calculations for those assets/CGUs subject to impairment testing and consider whether the assets/CGUs tested are complete.

For further information on valuation of goodwill and intangible assets AXIS Group refer to the following:

- Note 2.2 Significant accounting principles, Goodwill / Other intangible assets
- <u>Note 6</u> Intangible Assets

#### Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements, the standalone financial statements of the company, the compensation report and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Board of Directors' Responsibilities for the Consolidated Financial Statement

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and the provisions of Swiss law, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines

is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements

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 to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, 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 opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 the Group's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' 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 our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. 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 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 represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee 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.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report, unless law or regulation precludes public

disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and PS-CH 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

KPMG AG

Kurt Stocker Licensed Audit Expert Auditor in Charge David Grass Licensed Audit Expert

St. Gallen, 1 March 2023

## **Balance sheet**

in CHF1000	31.12.2022	in %	31.12.2021	in %
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	59 961	20.4	36 806	15.7
Other current receivables				
- Third parties	71	0.0	208	0.1
- Subsidiaries	34 434	11.7	12 982	5.5
Short-term loans to Group companies	1777	0.6	1866	0.8
Accruals	2 131	0.7	1 454	0.6
Current assets	98 374	33.5	53 316	22.8
Long-term loans to subsidiaries	37 049	12.6	38 281	16.4
Investments	158 439	53.9	142 375	60.9
Non-current assets	195 488	66.5	180 656	77.2
Total assets	293 862	100.0	233 972	100.0
Liabilities and shareholders' equity				
Einancial liabilities				
- Subsidiaries	18 820	6.4	10 772	4.6
- Third parties	15 000	5.1	15 000	6.4
Other liabilities				
– Subsidiaries	10	0.0	2	0.0
– Third parties	20	0.0	9 146	3.9
Accrued expenses	1 412	0.5	1869	0.8
Current liabilities	35 262	12.0	36 789	15.7
Non-current financial liabilities				
– Third parties	60 188	20.5	_	
Non-current interest bearing liabilities				
- Third parties	100 000	34.0	115 000	49.2
Non-current liabilities	160 188	54.5	115 000	49.2
Share capital	34 095	11.6	30 695	13.1
Legal capital reserves				
- General reserve	2 381	0.8	1467	0.6
- Capital contribution reserve	108 354	36.9	96 183	41.1
- Share premium	-	-	8 949	3.8
Voluntary retained earnings				
- Loss brought forward	-55 105	-18.8	-54 153	-23.1
– Net profit for the year	11 109	3.8	-952	-0.4
Treasury shares	-2 422	-0.8	-6	-0.0
Shareholders' equity	98 412	33.5	82 183	35.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	293 862	100.0	233 972	100.0

## Income statement

in CHF1000	2022	2021
Income		
Financial income	19 048	3 241
Interest received from Group companies	1 350	962
Total income	20 410	4 203
Expenses		
Financial expense	6 188	2 328
Administrative expense	3 028	2 742
Tax	85	85
Total expenses	9 301	5 155
Net profit for the year	11 109	-952

## Notes 1–3

## Principles

## **General aspects**

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These financial statements were prepared according to the provisions of the Swiss Law on Accounting and Financial Reporting (32nd title of the Swiss Code of Obligations). Where not prescribed by law, the significant accounting and valuation principles applied are described below.

## Non-current assets

Non-current assets include long-term loans and investments. Loans granted in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rate applicable on the balance sheet date; unrealized losses are recorded, but unrealized profits are not recognized. Investments are valued at their acquisition cost adjusted for impairment losses, if any.

## **Treasury shares**

Treasury shares are recognized at historical costs and deducted from shareholders' equity at the time of acquisition. In case of a resale, the gain or loss is recognized through equity.

## Long-term interest-bearing liabilities

Interest-bearing liabilities are recognized in the balance sheet at nominal value. Issue costs for financial debts are capitalized and amortized on a straight-line basis over the financial debt maturity period.

# Foregoing a cash flow statement and additional disclosures in the notes

As Cicor Technologies Ltd. has prepared its consolidated financial statements in accordance with a recognized accounting standard (Swiss GAAP FER), it has decided to forego presenting additional information on interest-bearing liabilities and audit fees in the notes as well as a cash flow statement in accordance with the law.

## Derivative financial instruments

Derivative financial instruments for hedging balance sheet items are stated at fair value upon conclusion of the contract and are shown under other current receivables third parties and financial liabilities third parties. Consequently, the derivative financial instruments are valued at market value at each end of period whereas non-realized gains and losses are recognized in the financial result. The market values of the derivative financial instruments are derived from the market prices at the end of the period. To hedge currency risks, the Group can make use of foreign exchange forwards.

## 2 Information on Balance Sheet and Income Statement items

## Loans to subsidiaries

Loans in the amount of TCHF 18 150 have been granted to subsidiaries in Switzerland and Asia. Loans in the amount of TEUR 10 200 have been granted to subsidiaries in Germany and Romania. Loans in the amount of TUSD 8 727 have been granted to subsidiaries in Asia. A loan in the amount of TSGD 3 700 has been granted to a subsidiary in Asia.

### Investments

Participation				
in 1 000, unless otherwise stated	in %	Currency	31.12.2022	31.12.2021
Cicorel SA, Boudry/Switzerland*	100	CHF	8 000	8 000
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
Reinhardt Microtech AG, Wangs/ Switzerland*	100	CHF	1800	1800
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
Reinhardt Microtech GmbH, Ulm/ Germany	100	EUR	500	500
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
RHe Microsystems GmbH, Radeberg/ Germany*	100	EUR	216	216
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
Cicor Deutschland GmbH* <sup>1)</sup>	100	EUR	5 000	n/a
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
Electronicparc Holding AG, Bronschhofen (Wil)/Switzerland*	100	CHF	23 271	23 271
Holding/Finance				
Swisstronics Contract Manufacturing AG, Bronschhofen (Wil)/Switzerland	100	CHF	3 000	3 000
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
Systronics SRL, Arad/Romania	100	RON	5 145	5 145
Production/Sales				
Axis EMS Heights Limited*	100	GBP	141	141
Holding/Finance				

Axis EMS Group Limited	100	GBP	264	264
Holding/Finance				
Axis EMS Holding Limited	100	GBP	885	885
Holding/Finance				
Axis Electronics Limited	100	GBP	10	10
Engineering/Production/Sales/ Distribution				
ESG Holding Pte Ltd., Singapore*	100	SGD	1896	1896
Holding/Finance				
Cicor Asia Pte Ltd., Singapore	100	SGD	2 000	2 000
Sales/Distribution				
PT Cicor Panatec, Batam/Indonesia	100	USD	300	300
Production				
Brant Rock Enterprises Corporation, British Virgin Islands	100	USD	10	10
Holding/Finance				
Cicor Anam Ltd., Anam/Vietnam	100	USD	1500	1500
Production				
Suzhou Cicor Technology Co. Ltd., China	100	CNY	42 033	42 033
Production				
Cicor Americas Inc., USA*	100	USD	10	10
Sales/Distribution				
Cicor Management AG, Bronschhofen (Wil)/Switzerland*	100	CHF	250	250
Management Services				

Directly held subsidiaries.

1) The company was renamed from SMT Elektronik GmbH.

## Non-current financial liabilities

On 20 January 2022, Cicor issued a five-year, interest-free mandatory convertible note (MCN) with a principal amount of CHF 20 million. The MCN was subject to a reopening clause allowing Cicor to increase the principal amount of the MCN up to a maximum of CHF 60.2 million within the 12-months reopening period without prior consent or permission of the holders through the issue of further fungible MCNs fully allocated to its main shareholder OEP, under its agreement to provide Cicor with a fully underwritten standby equity facility. On 27 September 2022, Cicor exercised its option to reopen the issuance of the mandatory convertible note in the amount of CHF 40.2 million and to sell these additional notes to OEP.

The conversion price is fixed at CHF 47.50 per share, subject to subsequent adjustments for anti-dilution events. Shares to be delivered upon conversion of the MCN will be new shares to be issued from the conditional capital of the issuer with the same entitlements as the other outstanding shares. No fractions will be delivered and no cash payments will be made to the holders. The MCN contains the following early conversion option for holders: each holder may elect to convert the MCN early during the optional conversion period starting 730 days after issuance up to 10 days prior to maturity or following the formal announcement of a takeover bid to Cicor's shareholders during the additional offer period, unless certain thresholds have not been met after the first offer period.

## Non-current interest-bearing liabilities

Cicor signed a syndicated bank loan agreement on 18 June 2021 on a total line of CHF 80 million plus an optional acquisition credit line in the amount of CHF 75 million.

As of 31 December 2022, CHF 55 million of the revolving credit line was utilized and the optional acquisition credit line in the amount of CHF 75 million was fully utilized. CHF 60 million remains outstanding on this line.

## Ordinary share capital

Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the Company's Articles of Association. The subscription rights of the 340 000 newly created true reserve shares have been withdrawn in view of potential acquisitions. The Cicor Group has thus secured the flexibility to use the newly created shares at any time and at short notice in order to partially finance future acquisitions. The ordinary share capital as of 31 December 2022 consists of 3 409 542 registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each (31 December 2021: 3 069 542 registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each).

Cicor Technologies Ltd. is a holding company established under Swiss law. According to the provisions of law governing the appropriation of retained earnings by holding companies, the share capital and appropriations to the general legal reserve to the extent of 20% of share capital may not be distributed.

## Capital contribution reserve

Distributions from the capital contribution reserve are not subject to income taxes in Switzerland and can be effected free of Swiss withholding tax. The increase in 2022 stems from transactions in November 2021 (CHF 8 030 774) and September 2022 (CHF 4 140 613). The confirmation from the Swiss tax authorities that these additions qualify as part of the capital contribution reserve has not yet been received.

## Share premium

The amount of CHF 8 030 774 was transferred to the capital contribution reserve in 2022. The remaining balance of CHF 1 685 075 was transferred to the general reserve.

## Dividend

At the Shareholders' Meeting on 12 April 2022, the shareholders decided that no dividend will be paid for the financial year 2021

## Authorized capital

At the Annual General Meeting on 16 April 2020, the shareholders decided to renew the authorization of the Board of Directors to increase the share capital by a maximum of 600 000 fully paid-in shares at a nominal value of CHF 10 by 16 April 2022. 167 450 of those shares were used for the capital increase as of 30 November 2021 in connection with the purchase of Axis EMS Heights Ltd. and its subsidiaries. Effective as of 14 April 2022, 340 000 new registered shares with a par value of CHF 10.00 each were created from the authorized capital according to Art. 5 sexies of the Company's Articles of Association. The authorized capital ceased to exist on 15 April 2022 and the Company consequently had no authorized capital as of 31 December 2022.

## **Conditional capital**

At the Annual General Meeting on 12 April 2022, the Shareholders decided to extend the conditional capital according to Art. 5 bis of the Company's Articles of Association as follows: the share capital may be conditionally increased by a maximum of CHF 1 200 000 by issuing up to 120 000 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise of option rights granted to directors, officers, senior executives and employees of the Company or its subsidiaries, according to plans established by the Board of Directors.

At the Annual General Meeting on 16 December 2021, the shareholders decided that the share capital of the Company may be increased by an additional maximum amount of CHF 13 303 750 by issuing up to 1 330 375 fully paid-in registered shares with a nominal value of CHF 10.00 each through the exercise or compulsory exercise of conversion, exchange, option or similar subscription rights granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations, subscription or similar share subscription rights, granted to shareholders or third parties, alone or in connection with bonds, loans, options, warrants or other financial market instruments or contractual obligations of the Company or one of its subsidiaries (hereinafter collectively: financial instruments).

## **Treasury shares**

	2022 in shares	2022 CHF 1 000	2021 in shares	2021 CHF 1 000
Balance as of 1 January	116	6	116	6
Purchase from Cicor Management AG	340 000	3 400	-	-
Purchase from stock market	883	45	-	-
Used for acquisitions	-98 157	-982	-	-
Share-based payments	-926	-47	-	-
Balance as of 31 December	241 916	2 422	116	6

## **Financial income**

Financial income includes dividends from subsidiaries of TCHF 16 711 and foreign exchange gains of TCHF 2 337.

## Administrative expense

Administrative expense mainly consists of remuneration to the Board of Directors of TCHF 300 and stewardship costs of TCHF 2 487 (costs charged by Cicor Management AG, costs for the annual report and the Annual General Meeting and consulting, investor relations and audit costs).

## 3 Other information

## Full-time equivalents

Cicor Technologies Ltd. does not have any employees.

## Collateral provided for liabilities of third parties

For a lease contract between Cicorel and a Swiss insurance company, Cicor Technologies Ltd. grants a guarantee in favor of said insurance company in the amount of TCHF 6 896 (2021: TCHF 7 449), which represents the discounted value of future rental payments.

## **Pledged** assets

The shares of the following companies are in deposit with Commerzbank AG and pledged as collateral for the syndicated credit line: Cicorel SA, Electronicparc Holding AG, Swisstronics Contract Manufacturing AG, Reinhardt Microtech AG, RHe Microsystems GmbH, Axis EMS Heights Ltd.

## Principal shareholders

The following shareholdings correspond to the ones reported according to the regulations of the Swiss stock exchange (SIX Swiss Exchange) and updated as in the share register as of the end of the year.

Shareholders	31.12.2022 No of shares	in % <sup>1)</sup>	31.12.2021 No of shares	in % <sup>1)</sup>
OEP 80 B.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands <sup>2)</sup>	851 705	24.98	851 705	27.75
Lock-up Group Axis Electronics Management, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom	265 607	7.79	167 450	5.46
Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry, Switzerland <sup>3)</sup>	241 916	7.10	116	0.00
LLB (Swiss) Investment AG, Zurich, Switzerland	115 757	3.40	129 626	4.22
FundPartner Solutions (Suisse) SA, Geneva, Switzerland	111 649	3.27	94 720	3.09
Escatec Holdings Ltd., Port Vila, Vanuatu <sup>4)</sup>	111 465	3.27	110 840	3.61

1) In % of the total registered shares as per the end of the year.

2) Beneficial owner: OEP VIII GP, L.L.C., Wilmington, USA.

<sup>3)</sup> Number of shares according to the Company's share register.

<sup>4)</sup> Beneficial owner: Christophe Albin, Verbier, Switzerland.

## Remuneration of Board of Directors and Group Management

Information on the remuneration of the Board of Directors and of the Group Management is disclosed in the Remuneration Report.

# Shareholdings of the Board of Directors and Group Management

		31.12.2022 Option and		31.12.2021 Option and
	31.12.2022 Shares	conversion rights	31.12.2021 Shares	conversion rights
Daniel Frutig	1500	611	1500	-
Norma Corio	-	-	-	-
Andreas Dill <sup>1)</sup>	n/a	n/a	1000	-
Erich Haefeli <sup>()</sup>	n/a	n/a	-	-
Denise Koopmans <sup>2)</sup>	-	-	n/a	n/a
Konstantin Ryzhkov	-	-	-	-
Total Board of Directors	1500	611	2 500	

1) Member of the Board of Directors until 12 April 2022.

2) Member of the Board of Directors from 12 April 2022.

	31.12.2022 Shares	31.12.2022 Option and conversion rights	31.12.2021 Shares	31.12.2021 Option and conversion rights
Alexander Hagemann	10 138	-	9 650	-
Marco Kechele <sup>1)</sup>	-	-	n/a	n/a
Peter Neumann <sup>2)</sup>	-	-	n/a	n/a
Patric Schoch <sup>3)</sup>	n/a	n/a	9 403	_
Total Management	10 138	_	19 053	-

Member of the Group Management from 1 October 2022.

<sup>2)</sup> Member of the Group Management from 1 January 2022.

<sup>3)</sup> Member of the Group Management until 31 December 2021.

# Shares or options on shares for members of the Board

No shares or option and conversion rights were allocated to members of the Board of Directors or to employees of the Company in 2022 or 2021.

## Significant events after the balance sheet date

There were no events between 31 December 2022 and 1 March 2023 that would necessitate adjustments to the book value of the Company's assets or liabilities, or that require additional disclosure in the financial statements.



# Statutory Auditor's Report

To the General Meeting of Cicor Technologies Ltd., Boudry

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Cicor Technologies Ltd. (the Company), which comprise the <u>balance sheet</u> as at 31 December 2022, the <u>income statement</u> for the year then ended, and <u>notes to the financial statements</u>, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 comply with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law, together with the requirements of the Swiss audit profession and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key Audit Matters**



#### VALUATION OF INVESTMENT IN AXIS EMS HEIGHTS LTD.

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.



#### VALUATION OF INVESTMENT IN AXIS EMS HEIGHTS LTD.

#### **Key Audit Matter**

The financial statements as at 31 December 2022 include the investment in Axis EMS Heights Ltd. amounting to CHF 77.2 million. The company tests the investment for impairment annually.

The impairment assessment of investments requires significant management judgment and is therefore a key area of audit focus.

#### Our response

During our audit, we assessed management's impairment review of the investment in Axis EMS Heights Ltd.

Amongst others, we performed the following audit procedures:

- comparing the carrying amount of the investment with management's impairment review based on a discounted cash flow model that had already been assessed during the group audit; including
- evaluating the methodical and mathematical accuracy of the model used for the impairment tests, the appropriateness of the assumptions used, and agreeing forecasts used in the impairment tests to current expectations of management and the business plans approved by the Board of Directors.

For further information on Valuation of investments refer to the following:

<u>Note 2</u> - Information on Balance Sheet and Income Statement items, Investments

#### Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the consolidated financial statements, the standalone financial statements of the Company, the compensation report and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### Board of Directors' responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Board of Directors is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Board of Directors either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. 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 financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, 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 opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Directors' 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 Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. 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 Company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee 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.

We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

From the matters communicated with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the financial

statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report, unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

#### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and PS-CH 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

KPMG AG

Kurt Stocker Licensed Audit Expert Auditor in Charge David Grass Licensed Audit Expert

St. Gallen, 1 March 2023