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Annual financial statements of Leifheit AG 2024

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Leifheit AG, Nassau/Lahn, Germany

Combined management report

The management report of Leifheit AG and the Leifheit Group consolidated management report have been combined in accordance with section 315 para. 5 and section 298 para. 2 of the German commercial code (HGB) and published in the Leifheit Group annual report 2024.

The annual financial statements of Leifheit AG and the annual report of the Leifheit Group for financial year 2024 are also available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/reports-and-presentations**.

Balance sheet

k€	Notes	31 Dec 2023		31 Dec 2024	
Assets					
I. Intangible assets	1		655		820
II. Tangible assets	2		11,982		11,795
III. Financial assets	3		58,645		57,523
A. Non-current assets			**71,282**		**70,138**
I. Inventories	4		30,097		28,318
II. Receivables and other assets	5		29,019		31,138
III. Cash and cash equivalents			35,841		36,563
B. Current assets			**94,957**		**96,019**
C. Accrued expenses			**180**		**140**
			166,419		**166,297**
Liabilities					
I. Subscribed capital		30,000		30,000	
Deduction for treasury shares		−1,438		−2,028	
			28,562		27,972
II. Capital surplus			17,183		17,193
III. Retained earnings			12,244		7,263
IV. Balance sheet profit			10,000		11,200
A. Equity	6		**67,989**		**63,628**
1. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	7		62,063		59,795
2. Tax provisions			99		353
3. Other provisions	8		22,301		24,160
B. Provisions			**84,463**		**84,308**
C. Liabilities	9		**13,967**		**18,361**
			166,419		**166,297**

Statement of profit or loss

k€	Notes	2023	2024
Turnover	10	250,329	234,130
Cost of turnover	11	–174,947	–153,673
Gross profit from turnover		**75,382**	**80,457**
Distribution costs	12	–59,068	–62,284
General administrative costs	13	–14,487	–10,749
Other operating income of which income f rom currency translation: k€ 2,461 (2023: k€ 3,718)	14	5,409	4,092
Other operating expenses of which expenses from currency translation: k€ – 2,159 (2023: k€ – 4,965)	15	–9,751	–6,842
Operating result		**–2,515**	**4,674**
Income from shareholdings of which from affiliated companies: k€ 5,476 (2023: k€ 0)	16	–	5,476
Income from loans of financial assets of which from affiliated companies: k€ 1,977 (2023: k€ 3,034)		3,034	1,977
Interest income of which from compound interest: k€ 7 (2023: k€ 18)		842	1,177
Amortisation of financial assets		–1,530	–2,300
Interest expenses of which to affiliated companies: k€ –395 (2023: k€ – 371) of which from compound interest: k€ – 496 (2023: k€ –769)	17	–1,207	–951
Income taxes	18	–228	–943
Earnings after taxes		**–1,604**	**9,110**
Other taxes		–109	–120
Net loss/net profit		**–1,713**	**8,990**
Appropriation of profit			
Net loss/net profit		–1,713	8,990
Retained earnings		39	10
Withdrawal from other retained earnings		11,674	2,200
Balance sheet profit		**10,000**	**11,200**

Notes: General information

Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft (Leifheit AG), whose registered office is at Leifheitstraße 1, Nassau/Lahn, Germany, is entered in the Commercial Register of Montabaur Local Court under HRB 2857. The shares of Leifheit AG are traded under ISIN DE0006464506 in the Prime Standard trading segment on the German stock markets Xetra, Frankfurt/Main, Berlin, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Hanover, Munich, Stuttgart as well as Tradegate, Gettex and Quatrix.

The annual financial statements of Leifheit AG have been prepared in accordance with the regulations of the German commercial code (HGB) and the German stock corporation act (AktG) applying to large corporations.

Accounting and valuation principles

Intangible assets and tangible assets are valued at cost and depreciated or amortised in accordance with their expected useful lives on a straight-line basis.

The useful lives of non-current tangible and intangible assets:

	Years
Buildings	25–50
Other technical equipment and machinery	5–10
Operating and office equipment	3–13
Software	3–5

Manufacturing cost includes specific costs directly attributable to the assets and associated overheads.

An impairment loss is recognised to the lower fair value in the event of a reduction in value that is likely to be permanent. If the reasons for the impairment cease to apply in subsequent years, the impairment loss is reversed up to a maximum of the amortised costs.

In the case of financial assets, the shares are recognised at the lower of costs or fair value on the balance sheet date if the impairment is expected to be permanent. Loans are recognised at their nominal value less necessary impairments. The fair value is determined using the discounted cash flow method. The payment flows used for the discounted cash flow method are based on individual budgets of equity interests for the next three years, for which trends are based on assumptions about long-term growth rates. The country-specific weighted discount rate is derived from the return on a risk-appropriate alternative investment. If the fair value is lower than the book value, qualitative criteria are used to examine whether the impairment is expected to be permanent.

Raw materials, consumables and supplies as well as goods purchased and held for resale, are valued at acquisition cost, while finished and unfinished products are carried at manufacturing cost. These items are recognised in accordance with the lowest value principle and the first-in first-out (FIFO) principle for consumption of inventory. Manufacturing cost includes the costs directly attributable to products (e.g. material and labour), specific direct costs and fixed and variable production overheads (e.g. material and production overheads, depreciation and amortisation). Impairments are recognised for slow-moving stock, excess stock and within the scope of loss-free valuation. Impairments are recognised on raw materials, consumables and supplies as well as on goods purchased and held for resale for lower repurchasing costs on the reporting date.

Receivables, other assets and cash and cash equivalents are recognised at their nominal value. All discernible risks relating to receivables are considering through individual impairments. In addition, risks associated with significant portions of trade receivables are also mitigated through credit on goods insurance. Receivables and corresponding turnover generally arise at the point at which the delivery is made and the risk of accidental loss or deterioration of the delivered goods has been transferred to the purchaser or client.

Accrued expenses are formed for payments prior to the balance sheet date that represent expenses for a defined period after the balance sheet date.

Treasury shares are deducted from subscribed capital at the nominal amount. Acquisition costs exceeding the nominal amount are offset against retained earnings.

Provisions for pensions are formed for contractually agreed, direct and indirect pension entitlements in accordance with actuarial principles, in application of the projected unit credit method subject to an average market rate with an assumed remaining term of 15 years and the “2018 G mortality tables” of Heubeck-Richttafeln-GmbH, Cologne (DE). An interest rate of 1.90% (2023: 1.82%) was applied. Discounting is applied at the 10-year average discounting rate in accordance with its residual term. The assets set aside solely for the fulfilment of pension obligations and placed out of reach of all other creditors (plan assets as defined in section 246 para. 2 sentence 2 HGB) were offset at their fair value against the settlement value of the provisions. The same approach is applied to corresponding income and expenses. The plan assets constitute life insurance policies for which there is no active market and therefore no possibility for the market price to be determined. As a result, the fair value of the securities was calculated as the fair value of the reinsurance cover for the pension commitments. The effect of changes in interest rates on the pension obligations is reported in the net interest result.

Tax provisions and other provisions take into suitable and appropriate account all discernible risks and uncertain liabilities and are valued at the necessary settlement amount according to prudent commercial judgement. Furthermore, non-current provisions are discounted in accordance with the principle of individual valuation. The discount rate is based on the Deutsche Bundesbank’s interest rate, adjusted for maturity, for the past seven financial years.

Liabilities are recognised at their settlement amount in accordance with the imparity principle.

Deferred taxes calculated on the basis of temporary or quasi-permanent differences between approaches to valuing assets, liabilities and accrued expenses under German commercial law and valuation under German tax law are valued at the company-specific tax rates at the point at which the differences are expected to be resolved. Tax charges or tax relief resulting from this calculation are not discounted. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset in accordance with section 274 para. 1 HGB. Tax relief (asset surplus) resulting from this is not recognised according to the existing option under section 274 para. 1 sentence 2 HGB.

Receivables and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies with terms of less than one year are valued at the average spot rate on the reporting date. Valuation differences are recognised through profit or loss. Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies with terms greater than one year are valued at the average spot rate on the reporting date in accordance with the realisation principle and the acquisition cost principle.

The company exercises the option of collating individual balance sheet items in accordance with section 265 para. 7 no. 2 HGB. Collated items are explained in the notes to the annual financial statements.

The cost of turnover method was applied to the statement of profit or loss. Items collated in the statement of profit or loss are presented separately in the notes to the financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in euros. Unless stated otherwise, all amounts are generally stated in thousands of euros (k€) for reasons of simplicity and comparability.

Minor differences may occur when using rounded amounts and percentages due to commercial rounding.

Notes to the balance sheet

(1) Intangible assets

k€	Brands	Goodwill	Other intangible assets	Advances paid	Total
Acquisition and manufacturing costs as at 1 Jan 2024	4,324	1,209	9,118	97	14,748
Additions	–	–	433	29	462
Disposals	–	–	89	–	89
Reclassifications	–	–	37	–81	–44
As at 31 Dec 2024	**4,324**	**1,209**	**9,499**	**45**	**15,077**
Cumulative amortisation as at 1 Jan 2024	4,324	1,209	8,560	–	14,093
Additions	–	–	254	–	254
Disposals	–	–	90	–	90
As at 31 Dec 2024	**4,324**	**1,209**	**8,724**	**–**	**14,257**
Net book value					
As at 31 Dec 2023	–	–	558	97	655
As at 31 Dec 2024	**–**	**–**	**775**	**45**	**820**

Brands concern the Soehnle brand, which was acquired in 2006 as part of the merger of the Soehnle Group. These brands were amortised as part of expected earnings over a period of 15 years, nine of which remained at the point of the merger. Goodwill resulted from the steam ironing business taken over as at 31 December 2008. It was impaired over a period of four years. Other intangible assets primarily include software. Advances paid largely concerned advances for software.

Depreciation and amortisation do not include any impairment losses.

(2) Tangible assets

k€	Land and buildings	Technical equipment and machinery	Other equipment, operating and office equipment	Advances paid and assets under construction	Total
Acquisition and manufacturing costs as at 1 Jan 2024	32,972	14,140	29,308	166	76,586
Additions	41	246	671	307	1,265
Disposals	–	61	3,026	–	3,087
Reclassifications	44	–	115	–115	44
As at 31 Dec 2024	**33,057**	**14,325**	**27,068**	**358**	**74,808**
Cumulative amortisation as at 1 Jan 2024	24,188	13,428	26,988	–	64,604
Additions	320	144	1,008	–	1,472
Disposals	–	61	3,002	–	3,063
As at 31 Dec 2024	**24,508**	**13,511**	**24,994**	**–**	**63,013**
Net book value					
As at 31 Dec 2023	8,784	712	2,320	166	11,982
As at 31 Dec 2024	**8,549**	**814**	**2,074**	**358**	**11,795**

Advances paid and assets under construction largely concerned advances for operating and office equipment.

Depreciation and amortisation do not include any impairment losses.

(3) Financial assets

k€	Shares in affiliated companies	Loans to affiliated companies	Total
Acquisition costs as at 1 Jan 2024	27,741	33,962	61,703
Additions	–	4,578	4,578
Disposals	1	3,400	3,401
As at 31 Dec 2024	**27,740**	**35,140**	**62,880**
Cumulative amortisation as at 1 Jan 2024	3,058	–	3,058
Additions	2,300	–	2,300
Disposals	1	–	1
As at 31 Dec 2024	**5,357**	**–**	**5,357**
Net book value			
As at 31 Dec 2023	24,683	33,962	58,645
As at 31 Dec 2024	**22,383**	**35,140**	**57,523**

The additions to depreciation and amortisation concerned the impairment of k€ 2,300 on the investment in the French company Birambeau S.A.S. The disposals resulted from the liquidation of Leifheit International U.S.A. Inc. in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Additions to and disposals from loans to affiliated companies resulted from the granting and repayment of loans to subsidiaries.

(4) Inventories

k€	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Raw materials, consumables and supplies	2,201	2,367
Unfinished products	593	540
Finished products and goods purchased and held for resale	27,303	25,411
	30,097	**28,318**

(5) Receivables and other assets

k€	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Trade receivables	24,673	24,115
Receivables from affiliated companies	2,544	4,713
Other assets	1,802	2,310
	29,019	**31,138**

As in the previous year, receivables from affiliated companies primarily included receivables from deliveries of goods and current receivables in relation to Group financing.

As in the previous year, all receivables and other assets had a residual term of less than one year.

(6) Equity

The subscribed capital of Leifheit AG of k€ 30,000 (2023: k€ 30,000) is denominated in euros and is divided into 10,000,000 no-par-value bearer shares. This corresponds to a theoretical value per no-par-value bearer share of € 3.00. All shares accord the same rights. Shareholders receive dividends as resolved and have one vote for each share at the Annual General Meeting.

The no-par-value bearer shares are deposited in a permanent global certificate at Clearstream Banking AG, Frankfurt/Main, Germany.

The Annual General Meeting of Leifheit AG on 25 May 2022 authorised the Board of Management to increase the share capital on one or more occasions by a total of up to k€ 6,000 until 24 May 2027 by issuing up to 2,000,000 new no-par-value bearer shares – also excluding subscription rights – in exchange for cash and/or non-cash contributions with the approval of the Supervisory Board (2022 authorised capital). The full text of the resolution can be found in item 8 of the invitation to the Annual General Meeting, which was published in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) on 11 April 2022.

The development of the individual items of equity is presented in the following table:

k€	31 Dec 2023	Dividend payment	Net profit for the year	Change in treasury shares	Withdrawal from other retained earnings	**31 Dec 2024**
Subscribed capital	30,000	–	–	–	–	30,000
Deduction for treasury shares	–1,438	–	–	–590	–	–2,028
	28,562	–	–	–590	–	27,972
Capital surplus	17,183	–	–	10	–	17,193
Retained earnings						
Statutory reserve	1,023	–	–	–	–	1,023
Other retained earnings	11,221	–	–	–2,781	–2,200	6,240
	12,244	–	–	–2,781	–2,200	7,263
Balance sheet profit	10,000	–9,990	8,990	–	2,200	11,200
Total equity	**67,989**	**–9,990**	**8,990**	**–3,361**	**–**	**63,628**

The capital surplus in the amount of k€ 17,193 concerns the premium on the capital increase in the autumn of 1989 amounting to k€ 16,934 and the issuance of employee shares amounting to k€ 259. During the reporting period, employee shares were issued and treasury shares were repurchased as part of the 2024 share buyback programme (see note 27).

The change in the regulations concerning the valuation of provisions of pensions in 2016 in connection with the introduction of the 10-year average discounting rate (2024: 1.90%) to replace the 7-year rate (2024: 1.96%) resulted in a difference of k€ –450 in accordance with section 253 para. 6 HGB.

Proposal for the appropriation of the balance sheet profit

The Board of Management proposes to the next Annual General Meeting the appropriation of the Leifheit AG balance sheet profit of € 11,200,000.00 for financial year 2024 as follows:

Payments to shareholders for financial year 2024	€ 11,188,917,60
This amount is made up of: - Payment of a dividend of € 1.15 per eligible no-par-value bearer share (ISIN DE0006464506):	€ 10,722,712.70
- Payment of a special dividend of € 0.05 per eligible no-par-value bearer share (ISIN DE0006464506):	€ 466,204.90
Retained earnings	€ 11,082.40

The proposal for the appropriation of the balance sheet profit includes the 675,902 Leifheit AG treasury shares that were held by the company on 31 December 2024 either directly or indirectly and that are not eligible to receive dividends. The number of no-par-value bearer shares which are eligible to receive dividends for financial year 2024 will be change in the period up to the Annual General Meeting. A correspondingly adapted draft resolution will be put to the vote, with the same dividend amount of € 1.15 per no-par-value bearer share entitled to dividends and a special dividend amount of € 0.05 per no-par-value bearer share entitled to dividends and a correspondingly adjusted total amount for distribution and retained earnings.

(7) Provisions for pensions and similar obligations

Leifheit AG has formed provisions for pension obligations due in the form of regular pensions and widow/widower and orphans' pensions.

k€	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Settlement amount of pension obligations from direct commitments	62,063	59,795
Settlement amount of pension obligations from salary conversion	794	817
Plan assets from salary conversions [1]	–794	–817
Balance sheet amount	**62,063**	**59,795**

[1] The fair value of the settlement amount (equivalent to the acquisition cost) was equivalent to the plan assets as at the balance sheet date.

The following biometric and economic assumptions were made when calculating the provisions:

	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Discount rate	1.82%	1.90%
Future income trend	3.0%	3.0%
Future pension trend	2.3%	2.1%
Arithmetical final age	RVAGAnpG 2007	RVAGAnpG 2007
Mortality tables Prof. Dr K. Heubeck	2018 G	2018 G

(8) Other provisions

k€	31 Dec 2023	31 Dec 2024
Personnel	6,370	7,543
Customer bonuses	4,437	5,379
Warranties	3,164	2,953
Advertising costs	2,584	2,861
Outstanding invoices	1,781	2,047
Purchase commitments	459	695
Supervisory Board remuneration	484	645
Annual financial statement costs	441	355
Impending losses	887	180
Claims for damages	150	150
Tax advice	150	140
Other provisions	1,394	1,212
	22,301	**24,160**

(9) Liabilities

k€	Remaining term up to 1 year	Remaining term 1 to 5 years	Remaining term more than 5 years	31 Dec 2024
Trade payables	9,223	–	–	9,223
Liabilities to affiliated companies	2,720	4,579	–	7,299
Liabilities to the company support organisation	35	133	252	420
Other liabilities	1,419	–	–	1,419
of which from taxes	426	–	–	426
of which as part of social security	31	–	–	31
	17,976	**133**	**252**	**18,361**

k€	Remaining term up to 1 year	Remaining term 1 to 5 years	Remaining term more than 5 years	31 Dec 2023
Trade payables	8,084	–	–	8,084
Liabilities to affiliated companies	3,877	–	–	3,877
Liabilities to the company support organisation	87	126	211	424
Other liabilities	1,582	–	–	1,582
of which from taxes	489	–	–	489
of which as part of social security	51	–	–	51
	13,630	**126**	**211**	**13,967**

Of the liabilities to affiliated companies, k€ 4,579 was attributable to intra-Group loans (2023: k€ 3,533). The remainder was attributable to trade payables, as in the previous year.

Liabilities to the company support organisation included pension obligations to Unterstützungseinrichtung Günter Leifheit e.V. and amounted to k€ 420 (2023: k€ 424) on the balance sheet date. They concerned the fund assets held with Leifheit AG of k€ 226 (2023: k€ 251) and the obligation to make an additional contribution of k€ 194 (2023: k€ 173) that results from the valuation of the pension obligation of the pension plan. These liabilities were valued according to the projected unit credit method with the same biometric and economic assumptions as those applied in relation to the pension obligations of Leifheit AG.

None of Leifheit AG's liabilities were collateralised through lien or other similar rights.

Short-term lines of credit in the amount of k€ 25,155 were available on the balance sheet date (2023: k€ 25,155). Of this amount, k€ 281 (2023: k€ 249) were used for bills of guarantee and credit cards as at the balance sheet date. Unused lines of credit were k€ 24,874 (2023: k€ 24,906).

Notes to the statement of profit or loss

(10) Turnover

k€	2023	2024
Household products	208,006	207,293
Sale of production materials	40,909	25,328
Income from intra-Group charges	971	1,078
Income from licences	402	388
Other income	41	43
	250,329	**234,130**

The sale of production materials to the Czech subsidiary was largely discontinued on 30 June 2024 because it now purchases directly from suppliers.

Turnover was broken down as follows into regions:

k€	2023	2024
Germany	105,186	99,585
Foreign countries	145,143	134,545
	250,329	**234,130**

(11) Cost of turnover

k€	2023	2024
Cost of materials	158,944	135,281
Personnel costs	6,805	7,218
Purchased services	5,082	6,723
IT costs and other allocations	1,686	1,967
Services	1,355	1,625
Customs costs	806	989
Maintenance	499	478
Depreciation and amortisation	580	367
Consumables and supplies	196	135
Valuation adjustment on inventories	–1,297	–1,415
Other costs of turnover	291	305
	174,947	**153,673**

(12) Distribution costs

k€	2023	2024
Personnel costs	14,407	15,494
Freight out	11,615	13,481
Advertising costs	9,229	8,360
Services	5,622	5,940
Commissions	5,762	5,845
IT costs and other allocations	4,977	5,746
Advertising cost subsidies	2,665	2,778
Packaging materials	1,643	1,203
Maintenance	666	812
Cost of cars, travel and entertainment	572	599
Depreciation and amortisation	566	398
Rent	252	385
Insurance	293	276
Contractual penalties	261	179
Other distribution costs	538	788
	59,068	**62,284**

(13) General administrative costs

k€	2023	2024
Personnel costs	8,299	6,329
Services	1,654	1,976
IT costs and other allocations	809	919
Supervisory Board remuneration	510	675
Cost of cars, travel and entertainment	78	170
Insurance	112	107
Cost of employment benefits	2,560	39
Other administrative costs	465	534
	14,487	**10,749**

(14) Other operating income

k€	2023	2024
Income from currency translation	3,718	2,461
Income from the reversal of provisions	1,217	1,128
Income from disposal of non-current assets	309	427
Other operating income	165	76
	5,409	**4,092**

Income from the disposal of non-current assets during the reporting period resulted primarily from the liquidation of Leifheit International U.S.A. Inc. (2023: Merger gain from the merger of Leifheit France S.A.S. into Leifheit AG).

Income attributable to other periods amounted to k€ 1,559 (2023: k€ 1,588) and resulted from the reversal of provisions.

(15) Other operating expenses

k€	2023	2024
Research and development costs	4,735	4,683
Expenses from currency translation	4,965	2,159
Other operating expenses	51	–
	9,751	**6,842**

Income attributable to other periods amounted to k€ 0 (2023: k€ 17).

(16) Income from shareholdings

k€	2023	2024
Dividends	–	5,476
	–	**5,476**

(17) Interest expenses

k€	2023	2024
Compounding of pension obligations	769	496
Affiliated companies	371	395
Other interest expenses	67	60
	1,207	**951**

(18) Income taxes

k€	2023	2024
Corporation tax	109	424
Trade tax	29	376
Income taxes of foreign subsidiaries	90	143
	228	**943**

The company did not make use of the option to capitalise deferred tax assets according to section 274 para. 1 sentence 2 HGB. As a consequence, no excess deferred tax assets for differences between the commercial balance sheet and the tax balance sheet, which resulted in particular from pension and anniversary provisions and provisions for impending losses, were recognised. The tax rate underpinning the calculation was 30.6%.

(19) Cost of materials

k€	2023	2024
Expenses for raw materials, consumables and supplies and for purchased goods	157,843	134,001
Expenses for purchased services	5,082	6,723
	162,925	**140,724**

(20) Personnel costs/employees

k€	2023	2024
Wages and salaries	30,263	29,570
Social contributions	5,009	5,230
Employment benefits	2,686	55
	37,958	**34,855**

Employment benefits in the total amount of k€ 55 (2023: k€ 2,686) included k€ 26 for pension plans (2023: k€ 2,613).

Employees on annual average (people)	2023	2024
Germany	390	385
Belgium	10	9
Italy	8	9
	408	**403**

Other notes

(21) Remuneration of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board

The following remuneration was granted to the members of the Board of Management:

k€	2023	2024
Remuneration and other current benefits	1,851	1,853
Benefits following the end of the employment relationship	–	–
Other non-current benefits	581	0
Benefits due to the end of the employment relationship	1,538	0
Share-based remuneration	–	–
	3,970	**1,853**

As in the previous year, no remuneration was paid to the Board of Management for the assumption of responsibilities at subsidiaries. Likewise, the members of the Board of Management were not granted any performance-based pension commitments. Therefore, no additions were made to pension obligations for serving members of the Board of Management, as in the previous year.

The following remuneration was granted to the members of the Supervisory Board:

k€	2023	2024
Remuneration and other current benefits	517	675
Benefits following the end of the employment relationship	–	–
Other non-current benefits	–	–
Benefits due to the end of the employment relationship	–	–
Share-based remuneration	–	–
	517	**675**

The individualised remuneration of the Board of Management and Supervisory Board is described in detail in the remuneration report, which is available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/reports-and-presentations/**.

(22) Total remuneration and provisions of pensions for former members of the Board of Management in accordance with section 285 no. 9b HGB

The total remuneration of former members of the Board of Management and their surviving dependants amounted to k€ 381 in the reporting period (2023: k€ 634). Provisions created for the current pensions for this group of people in financial year 2024 amounted to k€ 6,054 (2023: k€ 5,981).

(23) Advances and loans to the Board of Management and/or Supervisory Board in accordance with section 285 no. 9c HGB

Neither in the previous year nor in the reporting period were any advances or loans granted to the aforementioned group of persons.

(24) Commitments

The company holds direct liability for a guarantee loan facility in favour of the Spanish subsidiary amounting to k€ 45. In view of the financial situation of the Spanish subsidiary, there are currently no known circumstances suggesting that the aforementioned liability commitment will be utilised.

Furthermore, there is a commitment dated 10 May 2023 to provide financial support to the Chinese subsidiary owing to the deficit of kCNY 853, which is not covered by equity, in order to maintain the subsidiary as a going concern. In view of the economic situation of the Chinese subsidiary, it is possible that the subsidiary will utilise this commitment.

There are no further commitments as defined in section 251 HGB.

(25) Remuneration of the auditor in accordance with section 285 no. 17 HGB

The remuneration of the Group auditor, KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Frankfurt/Main, for 2024 amounted to k€ 359 for the audit of the financial statements (thereof for 2023: k€ 17) and k€ 144 for other certification services and k€ 4 for other services.

No tax consultancy services were provided by the auditor in the reporting period.

KPMG has been the auditor of the financial statements and consolidated financial statements of Leifheit AG since financial year 2016. Matthias Forstreuter (since financial year 2022) and Daniela Dolibasic (since financial year 2024) are the signatory auditors for financial year 2024.

(26) Off-balance-sheet transactions and other financial liabilities

The company has concluded numerous insurance, maintenance, service provision and rental agreements for buildings and operating and office equipment. These contractual relationships end between January 2025 and December 2029. Obligations under these agreements total k€ 4,238 (of which k€ 3,475 with terms of less than one year and k€ 763 of between one and six years). The advantage of rental and lease agreements compared to purchasing the assets in question is the neutral effect on the balance sheet. Disadvantages include the fixed terms.

There were contractual obligations to purchase items of non-current assets in the amount of k€ 199, relating in particular to facilities. In addition, there were obligations from contracts for marketing measures amounting to k€ 2,875 and from other contracts amounting to k€ 5,973.

Furthermore, the following obligations existed on the balance sheet date on account of forward exchange transactions used to hedge exchange rates:

	Nominal volume		
31 Dec 2024	**Value of obligation**	**Foreign currency**	**Fair value**
Buy USD/€	k€ 3,535	kUSD 3,900	k€ 175
Buy CNH/€	k€ 11,942	kCNH 92,400	k€ 204

	Nominal volume		
31 Dec 2023	Value of obligation	Foreign currency	Fair value
Buy USD/€	k€ 3,192	kUSD 3,500	k€ –51
Buy CNH/€	k€ 13,573	kCNH 102,000	k€ –558

Derivative financial instruments are valued at their fair value on the balance sheet date. Bank valuations are used to measure the fair values of derivative financial instruments. These valuations are calculated using arm’s length valuation methods (forward foreign exchange transactions in accordance with the fair value method) in consideration of the market data available on the valuation date. Under the valuation principles of German commercial law, negative valuation results are recognised through profit or loss. By contrast, positive valuation results are not accounted for. Derivative financial instruments included forward foreign exchange transactions, measured at fair value, for purchasing USD and CNH in the period from January 2025 to February 2026. The valuation of existing forward exchange transactions as at the balance sheet date did not result in a negative market value during the reporting period (2023: k€ 610, which was recognised as an impending loss in other provisions).

Forward exchange transactions serve to mitigate future currency risk. There is an opportunity risk if the hedged exchange rates develop negatively.

(27) Treasury shares

Including the treasury shares acquired and issued in previous years, Leifheit AG held 675,902 treasury shares on 31 December 2024. This corresponds to 6.76% of the share capital. The corresponding interest in the share capital is k€ 2,028. An amount of k€ 10,654 was expended for this.

By resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 30 September 2020, the Board of Management is authorised to acquire treasury shares until 29 September 2025 in accordance with section 71 para. 1 no. 8 AktG. The Board of Management has made use of this authorisation and acquired a total of 202,361 treasury shares in the reporting year as part of the 2024 share buyback program. The corresponding interest in the share capital was k€ 607. An amount of k€ 3,459 (excluding incidental costs) was expended for this, at an average rate of € 17.10 per no-par-value bearer share. No treasury shares were acquired in the previous year.

In the reporting period, Leifheit used a total of 5,796 treasury shares to issue employee shares. This corresponded to 0.06% of the share capital. The corresponding interest in the share capital was k€ 17. In the previous year, 5,360 treasury shares were used to issue employee shares.

There are no subscription rights for members of Group organs and employees in accordance with section 160 para. 1 no. 5 AktG.

(28) Information under takeover law in accordance with section 289a HGB

Please refer to the combined management report for information under takeover law in accordance with section 289a HGB.

(29) Group affiliation

Leifheit AG is the company that prepares the consolidated financial statements for the largest and smallest group of consolidated companies. The consolidated financial statements of Leifheit AG are available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/reports-and-presentations/** and published in the company register.

(30) Existence of an equity interest in accordance with section 160 para. 1 no. 8 AktG

Report	Reportable party	Registered office	Attributions in accordance with WpHG	Shareholding	Voting rights[1]
Aug 2024	MainFirst SICAV	Strassen (LU)	Section 33	4.93%	493,011
Jun 2024	Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft	Nassau (DE)		5.01%	501,421
Jun 2023	Gerlin Participaties Coöperatief U.A.	Maarsbergen (NL)	Section 33	8.53%	852,915
Jul 2022	EQMC ICAV	Dublin (IE)	Section 33	15.04%	1,504,349
May 2022	Ruthild Loh	Haiger (DE)	Section 33	8.26%	826,240
Jun 2021	Alantra EQMC Asset Management, SGIIC, S.A.	Madrid (ES)	Section 34	15.42%	1,541,640
Feb 2019	Blackmoor Ownership Holdings Master Limited	(KY)	Section 34	3.52%	352,061
Feb 2009	Manuel Knapp-Voith, MKV Verwaltungs GmbH	Grünwald (DE)	Section 22 (1) sentence 1 no. 1	10.03%	1,002,864

[1] Values from reports before implementation of the capital increases in June 2017 have been doubled for comparison purposes.

In accordance with section 160 para. 1 no. 8 AktG, disclosures must be made about the existence of shareholdings communicated to Leifheit AG in accordance with section 20 paras. 1 or 4 AktG or in accordance with section 33 paras. 1 or 2 of the German securities trading act (WpHG). All voting rights notifications were published by Leifheit in accordance with section 40 para. 1 WpHG and are available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/finance-news/**.The table shows reported shareholdings of at least 3%, whereby the information corresponds to the most recent notification of a party subject to the notification obligation. Please note that these disclosures may now be outdated.

(31) Declaration in accordance with section 161 AktG

In December 2024, the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board issued the declaration required under section 161 AktG stating that the recommendations of the commission “Regierungskommission Deutscher Corporate Governance Kodex” published by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection have been and are being complied with and which recommendations are have not been or are not currently being applied. The declaration of conformity is permanently available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance/**.

(32) Events after the balance sheet date

There were no events after the end of the financial year of material importance for assessing the net assets, financial position and results of operations.

(33) List of shareholdings in accordance with section 285 no. 11 HGB

		Equity as at 31 Dec 2024		of which net profit 2024	
	Share in %	in 1,000 currency units[1]	In k€[2]	in 1,000 currency units[1]	In k€[2]
Birambeau S.A.S., Paris (FR)	100.0	EUR 1,620	1,620	EUR 656	656
Guangzhou Leifheit Trading Co., Ltd, Guangzhou (CN)	100.0	CNH –3,018	–399	CNH –162	–21
Herby Industrie S.A.S., La Loupe (FR)	100.0	EUR 1,729	1,729	EUR 605	605
Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S., Paris (FR)	100.0	EUR 512	512	EUR 237	237
Leifheit CZ a.s., Hostivice (CZ)	100.0	CZK 25,228	1,002	CZK 9,244	368
Leifheit Distribution S.R.L., Bucharest (RO)	100.0	RON 2,613	525	RON 695	140
Leifheit España S.A., Madrid (ES)	100.0	EUR 450	450	EUR 90	90
Leifheit Österreich GmbH, Wiener Neudorf (AT)	100.0	EUR 958	958	EUR 218	218
Leifheit Polska Sp. z o.o., Warsaw (PL)	100.0	PLN 2,340	547	PLN 782	182
Leifheit s.r.o., Blatná (CZ)	100.0	CZK 481,549	19,117	CZK 71,049	2,828
Soehnle GmbH, Nassau (DE)	100.0	EUR 83	83	EUR 0	0

[1] Information concerning equity and net profit for the year was determined in accordance with local accounting standards.
[2] Equity amounts denominated in foreign currencies were converted into euros according to the exchange rates on the reporting date, whereas net profit amounts were converted using average exchange rates during the year.

Organs of Leifheit AG

The CVs of the members of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board are available online at **https://www.leifheit-group.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance/**.

Board of Management

The Board of Management of Leifheit AG consists of one or more members. As at 31 December 2024, the Board of Management consisted of three members, with the proportion of male members being 100%.

Board of Management member	Board of Management membership/function	Appointed until	Responsible for	Mandates/memberships outside the Group [1, 2]
Marco Keul Born 1982 Nationality: German Place of residence: Holler (DE)	Member (CFO) since 1 May 2021	30 Apr 2027	Finance, Controlling, Business Processes/IT, Internal Sales	None
Igor Iraeta Munduate Born 1974 Nationality: Spanish Place of residence: Waiblingen (DE)	Member (COO) since 1 Nov 2018	31 Oct 2028	Production, Logistics, Procurement, Development, Quality Management	None
Alexander Reindler Born 1969 Nationality: German Place of residence: Bad Ems (DE)	Member and Chair (CEO) since 1 Dec 2023	30 Nov 2026	Marketing, Sales, Birambeau and Herby divisions, HR, Legal/IP, Audit, Investor Relations, ESG issues	None

[1] Memberships in other Supervisory Boards required by law according to section 125 para. 1 sentence 5 AktG.
[2] Memberships in comparable domestic and foreign governing bodies of enterprises according to section 125 para. 1 sentence 5 AktG.

Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board of Leifheit AG is made up of four shareholder representatives and two employee representatives. The proportion of female members was 17% as at 31 December 2024. 100% of the current shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board were considered as independent. The members of the Supervisory Board are appointed for the period until the end of the Annual General Meeting, which resolves on the approval of the actions for financial year 2028.

Supervisory Board member	Supervisory Board membership/ function	Mandates/memberships outside the Group[2, 3]	Distribution of experience and qualifications within the body
Dr Günter Blaschke Born 1949 Nationality: German Pensioner, Buchloe (DE)	Member since 1 Apr 2019, Chair since 2 Apr 2019	None	Expertise in accounting and consumer goods industry or branded goods – based on professional experience as CEO.
Rüdiger Böhle Born 1965 Nationality: German CFO and commercial managing director of Blanco GmbH + Co. KG, Oberderdingen (DE)	Member since 29 May 2024	None	Expertise in accounting and consumer goods industry or branded goods – based on professional experience as managing director/CFO. Expertise in sustainability – supporting sustainability reporting since 2009 at Blanco, external training.
Larissa Böhm Born 1983 Nationality: German Managing Director of Alantra EQMC Asset Management SGIIC, Madrid (ES)	Member since 29 May 2024	None	Expertise in accounting – based on work in a consulting company for auditing and business valuation. Expertise in sustainability – based on comprehensive sustainability project with consultancy and regular training at Alantra.
Stefan De Loecker Born 1967 Nationality: Belgian CEO of Schleich GmbH, Munich (DE)	Member and Deputy Chair since 8 Jun 2023	• Sanipak, Gebze/Kocaeli (TR), formerly Eczacıbası Consumer Products, Beykoz/Istanbul (TR), Member of the Advisory Board[3] • Merz Asset Management Holding GmbH, Frankfurt/Main (DE), Member of the Advisory Board[3] • Colipi GmbH, Hamburg (DE), Member of the Advisory Board[3] (since 1 Jan 2024) • Ritter Sport GmbH, Waldenbuch (DE), Member of the Advisory Board[3] (since 1 Jan 2025)	Expertise in accounting and consumer goods industry or branded goods – based on professional experience as CEO. Expertise in sustainability – as Chair of the Board of Management of Beiersdorf, developed the sustainability strategy.
Alexander Keul[1] Born 1980 Nationality: German Process consultant at Leifheit AG, Nassau/Lahn (DE)	Member since 29 May 2024	None	–
Thomas Standke[1] Born 1968 Nationality: German Toolmaker at Leifheit AG, Nassau/Lahn (DE)	Member since 27 May 2004	None	Expertise in sustainability – based on many years of work on the works council, expertise in social sustainability issues such as working conditions, employee rights, occupational health and safety, etc.
Georg Hesse Born 1972 Nationality: German Freelance consultant, Ismaning (DE)	Member 30 May 2018 – 29 May 2024	None	–
Marcus Kreß[1] Born 1972 Nationality: German Industrial mechanic at Leifheit AG, Nassau/Lahn, Zuzenhausen location (DE)	Member 1 Mar 2023 – 29 May 2024	None	–
Dr Claus-O. Zacharias Born 1954 Nationality: German Independent consultant, Düsseldorf (DE)	Member 29 May 2019 – 29 May 2024	None	–

[1] Employee representative.
[2] Memberships in other Supervisory Boards required by law according to section 125 para. 1 sentence 5 AktG.
[3] Memberships in comparable domestic and foreign governing bodies of enterprises according to section 125 para. 1 sentence 5 AktG.

Supervisory Board committees

Committee	Members	
Audit Committee The Audit Committee prepares the negotiations and resolutions of the Supervisory Board on the approval of the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements and the adoption of the proposal to the Annual General Meeting for the election of the auditor. It also deals with issues relating to accounting, the effectiveness of the internal control system, risk management, the internal audit system, compliance and assessing the quality of the audit of the financial statements.	**Dr Günter Blaschke** **Rüdiger Böhle** **Larissa Böhm** Thomas Standke Dr Claus-O. Zacharias	Member since 2 Apr 2019 Member and Chair since 29 May 2024 Member since 29 May 2024 Member 7 Mar 2022 – 29 May 2024 Member and Chair 29 May 2019 – 29 May 2024
Nominating Committee The Nominating Committee prepares the resolutions of the Supervisory Board regarding nominations to the Annual General Meeting for the election of Supervisory Board members (shareholder representatives).	**Dr Günter Blaschke** **Rüdiger Böhle** **Stefan De Loecker** Dr Claus-O. Zacharias	Member and Chair since 29 May 2019 Member since 29 May 2024 Member since 8 Jun 2023 Member 29 May 2019 – 29 May 2024
Personnel Committee The Personnel Committee deals with the employment contracts for the members of the Board of Management, including remuneration and the remuneration system.	**Dr Günter Blaschke** **Larissa Böhm** **Stefan De Loecker** Georg Hesse	Member since 29 May 2019, Chair since 29 May 2024 Member since 29 May 2024 Member since 8 Jun 2023 Member 30 May 2018 – 29 May 2024, Chair 29 May 2019 – 29 May 2024
Sales/Marketing Committee The Sales/Marketing Committee deals with the sales and marketing strategy.	**Dr Günter Blaschke** **Larissa Böhm** **Stefan De Loecker** Georg Hesse	Member since 29 May 2019, Chair 29 May 2019 – 7 Jun 2023 Member since 29 May 2024 Member and Chair since 8 Jun 2023 Member 29 May 2019 – 29 May 2024
Product Range/Innovation Committee The Product Range/Innovation Committee deals with the product range and innovation strategy and the product pipeline.	**Dr Günter Blaschke** **Stefan De Loecker** **Thomas Standke**	Member since 29 May 2019 Member and Chair since 8 Jun 2023 Member since 29 May 2019

Nassau/Lahn, 7 April 2025

Leifheit AG

The Board of Management

Alexander Reindler Igor Iraeta Munduate Marco Keul

Responsibility statement

We declare that, to the best of our knowledge and in accordance with the applicable reporting principles, the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of Leifheit AG and the management report, which is combined with the consolidated management report, presents a true and fair view of the business, results and situation of Leifheit AG together with the principal opportunities and risks associated with the expected development of Leifheit AG.

Nassau/Lahn, 7 April 2025

Leifheit AG

The Board of Management

Alexander Reindler   Igor Iraeta Munduate   Marco Keul

Auditor's report

To Leifheit AG, Nassau/Lahn

Report on the audit of the annual financial statements and of the combined management report

Opinions

We have audited the annual financial statements of Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft, Nassau/Lahn, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2024, and the statement of profit or loss for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024, and notes to the financial statements, including the recognition and measurement policies presented therein. In addition, we have audited the management report of the Company and the Group (combined management report) of Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024.

In accordance with German legal requirements, we have not audited the content of those components of the combined management report specified in the "Other Information" section of our auditor's report.

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

- the accompanying annual financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law applicable to business corporations and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2024, and of its financial performance for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024, in compliance with German legally required accounting principles, and
- the accompanying combined management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Company's position. In all material respects, this combined management report is consistent with the annual financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. Our opinion on the combined management report does not cover the content of those components of the combined management report specified in the "Other Information" section of the auditor's report.

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

Basis for the opinions

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements and of the combined management report in accordance with Section 317 HGB and the EU Audit Regulation No 537/2014 (referred to subsequently as "EU Audit Regulation") and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Combined Management Report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the requirements of European law and German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. In addition, in accordance with Article 10 (2)(f) of the EU Audit Regulation, we declare that we have not provided non-audit services prohibited under Article 5 (1) of the EU Audit Regulation. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions on the annual financial statements and on the combined management report.

Key Audit Matters in the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgement, were of most significance in our audit of the annual financial statements for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the annual financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

- **Revenue recognition on an accrual basis**

The disclosures made by the Company on the recognition of revenue are contained in the section "Accounting and valuation principles" of the notes to the financial statements.

The financial statement risk

Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft's revenue amounted to EUR 234.1 million in financial year 2024 (PY: EUR 250.3 million).

The Company's key markets are in Germany and Central Europe. For deliveries of products, in some cases different delivery conditions are agreed. Those set down the transfer of risk and thereby also the date of revenue recognition.

Due to the use of various terms of transport in the customer agreements combined simultaneously with a high number of deliveries in the different markets, there is the risk for the annual financial statements that revenue recognition in the reporting year is not on an accrual basis and is therefore overstated.

Our audit approach
Using inquiries and discussions with Company's representatives in finance and sales, we obtained an understanding of the revenue recognition process. We evaluated the accounting principles used for revenue recognition for compliance with the relevant accounting standards.

To examine whether revenue is recognised on an accrual basis, we assessed the design and implementation of internal controls relating to the verification of the transfer of risk.

Based on revenue for a specified period in December, using contract-specific stipulations on the transfer of control and using external proofs of delivery, we used a statistical selection procedure to determine whether revenue was recognised on an accrual basis.

Our observations
Leifheit AG's approach for revenue recognition cut-off is appropriate.

- **Recoverability of shares in affiliated companies Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S.**

Please refer to the section "Accounting and valuation principles" of the notes to the financial statements for more information on the accounting policies applied. Disclosures on business performance can be found in the combined management report in the section titled "Net assets, financial position and results of operations" as well as the section "Notes to the annual financial statements of Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft (HGB)".

The financial statement risk
The annual financial statements of Leifheit AG as at 31 December 2024 report shares held in affiliated companies in the amount of EUR 22.4 million (PY: EUR 24.7 million) under financial assets. These relate in particular to Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S., Vincennes, and Birambeau S.A.S., Vincennes, and at approx. 13% of total assets they have a significant influence on the Company's assets and liabilities.

Shares in affiliated companies are recognised at cost or, if they are expected to be permanently impaired, at their lower fair value. The Company calculates fair value using the discounted cash flow method. The cash flows used for the discounted cash flow method are based on individual projections for each investment for the next three years which are extrapolated based on assumptions of long-term growth rates. The country-specific weighted discount rate is derived from the return on an alternative investment with comparable risk. If the fair value is lower than the carrying amount, qualitative and quantitative criteria are used to assess whether or not the impairment is expected to be permanent.

Calculation of the fair value according to the discounted cash flow method is, as regards the assumptions made, based largely on estimates and assessments of the Company. These include the expected business and earnings performance of Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S. drawn up by the Board of Management of Leifheit AG and approved by the Supervisory Board. This also applies especially for the estimate of the assumed long-term growth rates and the discount rate used as well as the assessment regarding the duration of impairment.

The Company recorded impairment losses on financial assets of EUR 2.3 million in financial year 2024.

There is a risk for the annual financial statements that the recognition of impairment losses is insufficient and that the shares in Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S. are not recoverable.

Our audit approach
Using inquiries and discussions with the Company's Board of Management, we obtained an understanding of the process used to identify necessary impairment losses on shares in affiliated companies. By involving our valuation specialists, we assessed, among other things, the appropriateness of the key assumptions and calculation method of the Company. As changes to expected business and earnings performance can significantly impact the result of the impairment test of shares in Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S., we discussed, in particular, the assumptions used for measurement, namely their expected business and earnings development including the assumed growth rates, with those responsible for planning. We also checked whether the planning on which measurement is based is in line with the expected business and earnings performance drawn up by the Board of Management of Leifheit AG and approved by the Supervisory Board and whether the planning is reasonable.

We also confirmed the accuracy of the companies' previous forecasts by comparing the planning of previous financial years with actual results and analysing deviations. To this end, we examined past deviations from forecasts in order to determine how those responsible for planning responded to deviations from the forecast when preparing the forecast. We compared the assumptions and data underlying the discount rate of Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S., in particular the risk-free interest rate, the market risk premium and the beta factor, with our own assumptions and publicly available data. In order to take account of forecast uncertainty, we also investigated the impact of potential changes to the discount rate and the expected cash flows on the fair value (sensitivity analysis), by calculating alternative scenarios and comparing these with the Company's measurements.

To assess the methodically and mathematically correct implementation of the valuation method, we verified the Company's valuation using our own calculations and analysed deviations.

Our observations
The procedure underlying the impairment test of the shares in Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S. is appropriate and in line with the valuation principles.

The assumptions and data used in the measurement of shares in Leifheit-Birambeau S.A.S. and Birambeau S.A.S. are appropriate.

Other information

The Board of Management and/or the Supervisory Board are/is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the following components of the combined management report, whose content was not audited:

- the separate non-financial report of the Group referred to in the combined management report,
- the combined corporate governance statement for the Company and the Group referred to in the combined management report, and
- information extraneous to management reports and marked as unaudited.

The other information also includes the remaining parts of the annual report. The other information does not include the annual financial statements, the combined management report information audited for content and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinions on the annual financial statements and on the combined management report do not cover the other information, and consequently we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in so doing, to consider whether the other information

- is materially inconsistent with the annual financial statements, with the combined management report information audited for content or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or
- otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on 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.

Responsibilities of the Board of Management and the Supervisory Board for the Annual Financial Statements and the Combined Management Report

The Board of Management is responsible for the preparation of the annual financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law applicable to business corporations, and that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company in compliance with German legally required accounting principles. In addition, the Board of Management is responsible for such internal control as it, in accordance with German legally required accounting principles, has determined necessary to enable the preparation of annual financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the annual financial statements, the Board of Management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. It also has the responsibility for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. In addition, it is responsible for financial reporting based on the going concern basis of accounting, provided no actual or legal circumstances conflict therewith.

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

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process for the preparation of the annual financial statements and of the combined management report.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Combined Management Report

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

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

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

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the annual financial statements and of the combined management report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit of the annual financial statements and of arrangements and measures relevant to the audit of the combined management report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control or of these arrangements and measures.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the Board of Management and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Board of Management and related disclosures.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Board of Management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the annual financial statements and in the combined management report or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our respective opinions. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Company to cease to be able to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the annual financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the annual financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Company in compliance with German legally required accounting principles.
- Evaluate the consistency of the combined management report with the annual financial statements, its conformity with [German] law, and the view of the Company's position it provides.
- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by the Board of Management in the combined management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by the Board of Management as a basis for the prospective information, and evaluate the proper derivation of the prospective information from these assumptions. We do not express a separate opinion on the prospective information and on the assumptions used as a basis. There is a substantial unavoidable risk that future events will differ materially from the prospective information.

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

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

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the annual 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.

Other legal and regulatory requirements

Report on the Assurance on the Electronic Rendering of the Annual Financial Statements and the Combined Management Report Prepared for Publication Purposes in Accordance with Section 317 (3a) HGB
We have performed assurance work in accordance with Section 317 (3a) HGB to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the rendering of the annual financial statements and the combined management report (hereinafter the "ESEF documents") contained in the electronic file „JA.xhtml" (SHA256-Hashwert: f7b6f592625d 90075fc3cc4fa1eede40588b165e552f7785210cc53326e305df) made available and prepared for publication purposes complies in all material respects with the requirements of Section 328 (1) HGB for the electronic reporting format ("ESEF format"). In accordance with German legal requirements, this assurance work extends only to the conversion of the information contained in the annual financial statements and the combined management report into the ESEF format and therefore relates neither to the information contained within these renderings nor any other information contained in the file identified above.

In our opinion, the rendering of the annual financial statements and the combined management report contained in the electronic file made available identified above and prepared for publication purposes complies in all material respects with the requirements of Section 328 (1) HGB for the electronic reporting format. Beyond this assurance opinion and audit opinion on the accompanying annual financial statements and the accompanying combined management report for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2024 contained in the "Report on the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Combined Management Report" above, we do not express any assurance opinion on the information contained within these renderings or on the other information contained in the file identified above.

We conducted our assurance work on the rendering of the annual financial statements and the combined management report, contained in the file made available and identified above in accordance with Section 317 (3a) HGB and the IDW Assurance Standard: Assurance Work on the Electronic Rendering of Financial Statements and Management Reports Prepared for Publication Purposes in Accordance with Section 317 (3a) HGB (IDW AsS 410 (06.2022)). Our responsibility in accordance therewith is further described below. Our audit firm has applied the IDW Quality Management Standard: Requirements for Quality Management in the Auditing Practice (IDW QMS 1 (09.2022)).

The Company's management is responsible for the preparation of the ESEF documents including the electronic renderings of the annual financial statements and the management report in accordance with Section 328 (1) sentence 4 item 1 HGB.

In addition, the Company's management is responsible for such internal control as they have considered necessary to enable the preparation of ESEF documents that are free from material intentional or unintentional non-compliance with the requirements of Section 328 (1) HGB for the electronic reporting format.

The supervisory board is responsible for overseeing the process of preparing the ESEF documents as part of the financial reporting process.

Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the ESEF documents are free from material intentional or unintentional non-compliance with the requirements of Section 328 (1) HGB. We exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the assurance work.

We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material intentional or unintentional non-compliance with the requirements of Section 328 (1) HGB, design and perform assurance procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain assurance evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our assurance opinion.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the assurance on the ESEF documents in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an assurance opinion on the effectiveness of these controls.
- Evaluate the technical validity of the ESEF documents, i.e. whether the file made available, containing the ESEF documents meets the requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815, as amended as at the reporting date, on the technical specification for this electronic file.
- Evaluate whether the ESEF documents provide an XHTML rendering with content equivalent to the audited annual financial statements and the audited combined management report.

Further Information pursuant to Article 10 of the EU Audit Regulation
We were elected as auditor at the Annual General Meeting on 29 May 2024. We were engaged by the Supervisory Board on 25 November 2024. We have been the auditor of Leifheit Aktiengesellschaft without interruption since financial year 2016.

We declare that the opinions expressed in this auditor's report are consistent with the additional report to the Audit Committee pursuant to Article 11 of the EU Audit Regulation (long-form audit report).

Other matters – Use of the Auditor's Report

Our auditor's report must always be read together with the audited annual financial statements and the audited combined management report as well as the examined ESEF documents. The annual financial statements and the combined management report converted into ESEF format – including the versions to be entered in the company register – are merely electronic renderings of the audited annual financial statements and the audited combined management report and do not take their place. In particular, the ESEF report and our assurance opinion contained therein are to be used solely together with the examined ESEF documents provided in electronic form.

Information on the Supplementary Audit

We issue this opinion on the annual financial statements and the combined management report as well as for the electronic reproduction of the annual financial statements and combined management report presented to us for audit for the first time in the „JA.xhtml“ (SHA256-Hashwert: f7b6f592625d90075fc3cc4fa 1eede40588b165e552f7785210cc53326e305df) and prepared for publication purposes, the renderings of the annual financial statements and combined management report based on our statutory audit completed on April 7, 2025 and our supplementary audit completed on April 24, 2025, which related to the initial submission of the ESEF documentation.

German public auditor responsible for the engagement

The German Public Auditor responsible for the engagement is Matthias Forstreuter.

Frankfurt/Main, 7 April 2025/limited to the period mentioned in the note on the supplementary audit of the ESEF documents: 24 April 2025

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Additional information on the website

In addition to these annual financial statements of Leifheit AG, the combined management report of Leifheit AG and Leifheit Group, the consolidated financial statements, the report of the Supervisory Board, the sustainability report, the remuneration report and the declaration of corporate management are available online at **www.leifheit-group.com**.

Note on rounding

Minor differences may occur when using rounded amounts and percentages due to commercial rounding.

Forward-looking statements

This report contains forward-looking statements which are based on the management's current estimates with regard to future developments. Such statements are subject to risks and uncertainties which are beyond Leifheit's ability to control or estimate precisely. They include, for example, statements on the future market environment and economic conditions, the behaviour of other market participants and government measures. If one of these uncertain or unforeseeable factors occurs or the assumptions on which these statements are based prove inaccurate, actual results could differ materially from the results cited explicitly or contained implicitly in these statements. Leifheit does not intend to update forward-looking statements to reflect events or developments after the date of this report, nor does it accept any specific obligation to do so.

Discrepancies due to technical factors

Technical factors (e.g. conversion of electronic formats) may lead to discrepancies between the financial statements contained in this financial report and those submitted to the company register. In this case, the version submitted to the company register is binding.

In the event of any discrepancies between this English translation and the German version, the German version shall take precedence.

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