

# **COMBINED MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**OF PUMA SE FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2024**

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# OVERVIEW 2024

In the Year of Sport 2024, PUMA focused on making progress with its **brand elevation strategy** to lay the foundation for accelerated and sustainable growth. The focus of this strategy is on creating a distinctive brand DNA, strengthening our sport performance credibility and becoming more relevant in Sportstyle Prime.

Major events such as the Olympic Games, UEFA Euro 2024, CONMEBOL Copa America and the AFCON Africa Cup of Nations were a good example of how we create visibility for the PUMA brand through strong brand presence and product innovation. We are convinced that the success of the many athletes who wore PUMA's performance technologies such as **NITRO™** has helped us gain more credibility as a sports brand.

We also took the Year of Sport as an opportunity to launch our **biggest brand campaign ever**. The campaign "FOREVER. FASTER. - See The Game Like We Do" aimed to communicate PUMA's connection with speed and was communicated across all channels including social media, TV, PR, out-of-home media and points of sale worldwide.

After the launch in April, we followed up with further campaign chapters over the course of the year, focussing on the major football tournaments Euro 2024 and Copa America, the Olympic Games and the start of the NBA season. The brand campaign was supported by our brand ambassadors such as Neymar Jr, Kai Havertz, Yaroslava Mahuchikh, Armand "Mondo" Duplantis, LaMelo Ball and Breanna Stewart and, based on our data, increased our brand consideration and awareness.

We believe that the performances of our sponsored teams and athletes in **Teamsport** have also strengthened our positioning as a sports brand throughout the year. At Euro 2024, our brand ambassador Cody Gakpo was joint top scorer and PUMA Team Ivory Coast won the Africa Cup of Nations. In club football, Manchester City won the Premier League title for the fourth time in a row and Borussia Dortmund reached the final of the Champions League.

With the Portuguese Football Federation, we have welcomed one of the world's favourite national teams into the PUMA family. It was a clear example of how we want to elevate our brand by working with exceptional ambassadors.

Among the **exciting new innovations** we launched in the Teamsport category was the seventh generation of the FUTURE football boot, which was developed for creative players such as Neymar Jr, Kai Havertz and Julia Grosso. We believe we have made our fastest football boot even faster with the launch of the **ULTRA 5**, which features a new high-performance outsole design.

In **Running and Training**, the Olympic Games in Paris were the most successful of all time for us. Our athletes won 66 medals, including 19 gold medals at the Olympic Games and Paralympics. Among the many highlights was Julien Alfred, who sprinted to gold in the 100 metres in Paris, becoming the first female Olympic gold medallist from Saint Lucia. Our athletes even set three new world records: Yaroslava Mahuchikh broke the 37-year-old world record in the high jump with 2.10 m, pole vaulter Armand "Mondo" Duplantis improved his own world record for the tenth time by raising the bar to 6.26 m, and sprinter Devynne Charlton set a new world record in the 60 m hurdles with 7.65 seconds.

With US sprint sensation Christian Miller, who already ran the 100 metres in under 10 seconds at the age of just 17, we have secured another promising brand ambassador in track and field.

All of our athletes have been able to rely on PUMA's **NITRO™** technology, which we believe is one of the best foam technologies on the market, offering superior responsiveness and cushioning.

NITRO™ is at the heart of our new road running products, including the third version of our award-winning **Deviate NITRO™** running shoe. With the Deviate Nitro Elite 3, runners Fiona O'Keeffe and Dakotah Lindwurm finished first and third at the US Olympic Marathon Trials. At the New York City Marathon, the Deviate Nitro Elite 3 outpaced the competition as the fastest shoe among the top 20 men and women, as reported by the running platform Run Outside Online. With the FAST-R2, we wanted to present the ultimate raceday running shoe. It received the prestigious Spanish CORREDOR award for the best new shoe of the year.

NITRO™ also played an important role in our new global partnership with **HYROX**, the world series of fitness racing, for which we presented a complete collection tailored to the unique needs of athletes in this extraordinary sport.

In **Basketball**, we once again demonstrated our approach to the sport, combining performance and basketball culture. The MB.04, the latest edition of NBA star LaMelo Ball's signature basketball shoe, continued to be a favourite one, according to our sales figures. This inspired us to launch the LaFrancé sneaker with LaMelo, his first signature lifestyle product. For WNBA player Breanna Stewart's latest signature shoe, Stewie 3, we combined eye-catching design with PUMA's latest performance technology.

To invest in the next generation of basketball, we have welcomed NBA All-Star Tyrese Haliburton as a brand ambassador. Tyrese's style on and off the court makes him a favourite with basketball fans in both the US and China.

The announcement of the partnership with designer and cultural icon Salehe Bembury was groundbreaking for us. We are convinced that he knows how to combine performance and culture like no other and are looking forward to him designing PUMA's next signature basketball shoe.

Next to working with the best in the sport, we also wanted to invest in young talent. Our basketball shoe **All-Pro NITRO™** became the official shoe of the amateur basketball circuit NXTPro Hoops with more than 14,000 players.

In **Golf**, our athletes Angel Hidalgo, Ewen Ferguson, Jesper Svensson and Chiara Tamburlini achieved impressive victories. With Norwegian player Viktor Hovland and golf influencers Drew Stoltz and Brice Butler, we welcomed new ambassadors to the PUMA family. Our long-standing partner Rickie Fowler, one of our most creative ambassadors for many years, extended his contract with us.

With the needs of our athletes in focus, we continued to work on innovative golf products, including the new Flexspike technology for our PHANTOMCAT shoes and our new You-V apparel, which offers protection against the sun's harmful rays.

Among the many innovations launched by Cobra Golf in 2024 were the DARKSPEED family of drivers and irons, which feature an aerodynamic design, and the best-selling LIMIT3D, the world's first set of commercially available 3D-printed irons.

In **Motorsport**, we aimed to use our partnership with Formula 1 and the teams we sponsor to provide great coverage throughout the year and to showcase new products and innovations. This was the case with our first catwalk show at an F1 race at the Chinese Grand Prix, special collections for Scuderia Ferrari HP in Miami, an event to launch our ULTRA 5 football boot in Milan before the Italian Grand Prix or a Speedcat event in Las Vegas, which was also attended by many celebrities. At the start of the Formula 1 season, our flagship store in New York City became the stage for the launch of the new Williams F1 car.

With Scuderia Ferrari HP driver Charles Leclerc and the Aston Martin Aramco Formula 1 team, we were able to welcome two new partners who we believe emphasise our credibility in this sport.

With the aim of promoting excellence in women's racing, PUMA announced a partnership with the F1 Academy, an all-female racing series for young talents. PUMA participated in the series in 2024 with its own car and became the supplier of six F1 Academy drivers.

In **Sportstyle**, we introduced important new products across our entire range. We aimed to maximise the current terrace and skate trends and launched new versions of our **Palermo** and **Suede XL** sneakers.

PUMA also wants to invest in the next trends, as we demonstrated with the launch of our low-profile model **Speedcat**, which we introduced in various colours in the second half of the year. We were impressed by the feedback from our partners and the media, and the Speedcat was even included in the top 3 "Hottest Products" of the Lyst Index in the third quarter, which analyses the most sought-after items in the global fashion industry.

Based on the sales of the Speedcat in high-end distribution channels, we believe that PUMA can capitalise on this emerging trend and lead the way with its large archive of low-profile sneakers.

With the **Mostro** and the **Inhale**, we have two more styles in our product pipeline that can cater to the low-profile and progressive running trends. We are convinced that we have created hype for these styles with the help of musician and designer **A\$AP Rocky**, who presented his interpretation of the two sneakers in limited edition collections. Our collaboration with A\$AP Rocky was even named "Collaboration of the Year" by Footwear News. A\$AP Rocky, renowned fashion designer **Kid Super** and others also helped PUMA make headlines at Paris Fashion Week.

With one of the best-known K-pop artists **Rosé**, we were able to gain a new important brand ambassador with global relevance. In addition to existing ambassadors such as **Dua Lipa**, Rosé played a major role in activating our key models such as Speedcat and Palermo. Our brand ambassador **Rihanna** was also part of our strategy to strengthen the brand. Rihanna created buzz in the press and on social media with the back-to-school editions of her **Creeper** and **Avanti** trainers in new colour combinations and materials.

With partners such as the British rapper **Skepta**, fashion brand **Heliot Emil** and bestselling anime series **One Piece**, we wanted to create collections that inspire our customers with strong storylines and sophisticated product designs. Our collaborations with high-fashion brands **Ottolinger**, **Coperni** and designer **Danielle Guizo** focused on our female customers.

In financial year 2024, PUMA was once again facing a difficult geopolitical and macroeconomic market environment. The conflict in the Middle East, the war in Ukraine, persistent inflation and ongoing risks of recession had a negative impact on consumer sentiment and led to volatile demand in retail. In addition, persistent currency headwinds and a promotional market environment negatively impacted our sales growth and profitability. For that reason, in 2024, the management continued to focus on overcoming the short-term challenges without compromising the medium and long-term success of PUMA. In this respect, sales growth and increasing market shares took priority over short-term profitability optimisation.

In spite of the difficult and volatile market environment, we succeeded in further increasing PUMA's sales and in achieving sales growth in all regions and in all product divisions in 2024. Currency-adjusted sales increased by 4.4%. In the reporting currency, the euro, this corresponds to an increase in sales of 2.5% from € 8,602 million in the previous year to record sales of € 8,817 million in 2024. Sales development was therefore in the mid-single-digit percentage range, in line with the outlook for currency-adjusted sales growth.

The gross profit margin increased by a rounded 100 basis points from 46.3% in the previous year to 47.4% in 2024. Positive effects from a favourable regional and distribution channel mix more than offset unfavourable currency effects and higher discounts. The net expense of other operating income and expenses increased by a total of 5.2% in financial year 2024 to € 3,580 million (previous year: € 3,403 million). This increase is essentially due to the continued growth of our Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) business and further investments into our warehouse and digital infrastructure. This resulted in a higher cost ratio, which rose from 39.6% in the previous year to 40.6% in 2024.

The operating result (EBIT) increased by 0.1% from € 621.6 million to € 622.0 million. In spite of the difficult and volatile market environment, the operating result reached the lower end of the forecast, which ranged from € 620 million to € 670 million. However, the EBIT margin decreased from 7.2% in the previous year to 7.1% in 2024. Higher interest expenses and higher currency-related losses had a negative impact on the financial result compared with the previous year. Taking into account a higher tax rate and the rise in net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests, consolidated net income amounted to € 281.6 million compared with € 304.9 million in the previous year. The consolidated net income for 2024 was therefore below our expectations and fell by 7.6% compared to the previous year. Earnings per share therefore decreased from € 2.03 in the previous year to € 1.89.

The following table compares the actual results with the forecast business development.

#### ➤ T.01 COMPARISON OF THE ACTUAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT WITH THE FORECAST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

	2023 Result	2024 Original forecast	2024 Adjusted forecast	2024 Result
Sales currency-adjusted	€ 8,602 million	Mid-single digit percentage increase	Mid-single digit percentage increase	Currency-adjusted increase of 4.4% to € 8,817 million
Operating result (EBIT)	€ 621.6 million	€ 620 to € 700 million	€ 620 to € 670 million	€ 622.0 million
Net income	€ 305 million	Corresponding change to the operating result (EBIT)	Corresponding change to the operating result (EBIT)	Decrease of 7.6% to € 282 million

The positive consolidated net income enables the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE to propose a dividend of € 0.61 per share for financial year 2024 at the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2025. This corresponds to a payout ratio of 32.3% in relation to the consolidated net income according to IFRS. The payout ratio was calculated by reference to the average number of shares outstanding in 2024. PUMA's dividend policy, which was adjusted by means of its publication dated 29 February 2024, provides for a dividend payout of between 25% and 40% of consolidated net income. In the previous year, a dividend of € 0.82 per share was paid out and the payout ratio was 40.3% of consolidated net income.

PUMA's dividend policy, which was adjusted by means of its publication dated 29 February 2024, also provides for a further 10% to 25% increase in the dividend payout by means of a share buyback programme, with a view to increasing the total dividend payout ratio to up to 50% of consolidated net income. In connection with this, in the period from 6 March 2024 up to and including 31 December 2024, PUMA SE acquired 1,128,961 shares in the first tranche at a total price of € 49,999,986.41 (excluding ancillary acquisition costs) and an average purchase price of € 44.29 per share. This corresponded to 0.75% of the subscribed capital. Of the shares repurchased, 1,126,444 were cancelled in the fourth quarter of 2024.

The PUMA share had a negative performance in the financial year 2024. Based on the previous year's level, the PUMA share started 2024 at a price of € 50.52. In the following twelve months, the price of the PUMA share ranged between € 52.50 (May 2024) and € 34.81 (August 2024). At the end of 2024, the price of the PUMA share was € 44.36, which represents a decline of 12.2% compared to the previous year. At the end of 2024, the market capitalisation of the PUMA Group amounted to € 6.6 billion (previous year: € 7.6 billion).



# PUMA GROUP ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

## COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

PUMA SE operates as a European stock corporation with Group headquarters in Herzogenaurach, Germany. In the internal reporting, our business activities are divided into three major regions (EMEA, the Americas and Asia/Pacific) and three product divisions (Footwear, Apparel and Accessories). In addition, we consider seven segments for internal management purposes, as shown in the segment reporting.

Our revenues are derived in particular from the sale of products from the PUMA and Cobra Golf brands via the wholesale and retail trade, as well as from sales directly to consumers in our own retail stores and online stores. We market and distribute our products worldwide primarily via our own subsidiaries. There are distribution agreements in place with independent distributors in a small number of countries.

As of 31 December 2024, 101 subsidiaries were controlled directly or indirectly by PUMA SE. Our subsidiaries carry out various tasks at the local level, such as distribution, marketing, product development, sourcing and administration. A full list of all subsidiaries can be found in [Chapter 2](#) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (in the subsection "Group of consolidated companies").

## TARGETS AND STRATEGY

With its brand elevation strategy, PUMA aims to strengthen its brand and improve its distribution quality. By implementing this strategy, we want to realise long-term growth, grow faster than the market and gain further market share.

Our brand elevation strategy consists of three elements: a distinctive **brand DNA**, a **strong performance business** that gives PUMA the credibility and authenticity it needs as a sports company and strengthening our **relevance in Sportstyle Prime**.

By elevating the brand, we want to anchor PUMA even better with our consumers and create an emotional connection with them. PUMA is already one of the most recognised brands in the industry, with a history of more than 75 years alongside the world's fastest athletes. Our brand has one of the most recognisable logos and is synonymous with many historic sporting moments, partnerships with legendary athletes and ground-breaking innovations. However, we believe PUMA can do even more when it comes to building consumer engagement and brand loyalty.

In 2024, our **first brand campaign** in 10 years' time was an important step in our brand elevation journey. Encouraged by the positive results we have received, we will continue to invest in brand campaigns that appeal to our consumers on an emotional level. Our newly established Consumer Insights department ensures that our brand positioning is underpinned by the relevant data and that we invest in a balanced media mix at a sufficient level. It also enables us to make our storytelling more consistent across all PUMA categories and touchpoints, whether through brand campaigns or when promoting individual products.

A strong **performance credibility** is part of PUMA's history and reflects the vision of our founder Rudolf Dassler, who wanted to give his athletes the speed and agility of a big cat. PUMA focuses on new innovations to push the boundaries of performance. By focusing on our athletes, clubs and associations, we can show how PUMA helps them break records and set new personal bests - proving that our technology performs at the highest level.

The Paris Olympics was a great example of how PUMA was able to use the global visibility of this event and enhance its credibility as a sports brand with the great performances of its athletes. We aim to continue working with relevant and successful brand ambassadors and have signed new partnerships in 2024 with Formula 1 driver Charles Leclerc, NBA star Tyrese Halliburton and 18-year-old sprint star Christian Miller, to name just a few.

**Innovation** is the cornerstone of our performance products. A great example is our **NITRO™** technology, which is recognised as one of the best foams in the industry and provides our athletes with shoes with superior responsiveness and cushioning. NITRO™ is not only part of our running products, but has also been introduced in other business units, such as basketball with the All-Pro and golf with the Phantomcat. Innovation is also at the centre of our football franchises FUTURE, ULTRA and KING, for which we launched new innovative versions in 2024.

As our data shows, we were able to gain market share in the highly competitive football and performance running markets. This gives us confidence that our positioning and the communication of our innovations are working.

We see **Sportstyle Prime** as a great opportunity for PUMA. It is therefore crucial for future growth that we establish ourselves as a relevant brand in this area.

As part of this strategy, we focus on generating demand before launching our products and then bringing larger volumes to market to maximise our commercial success. We believe this approach gives us the opportunity to capitalise on trends for longer. In 2024, we created buzz for our low-profile Speedcat style, initially with select drops and collections at influential accounts, with two different colourways in red and black, before introducing the style in more colours for the commercial launch and wider distribution at the

end of the year. In the meantime, we focused on maximising the terrace and skate trends in 2024 by launching new and exciting versions of our key franchises such as the Palermo and Suede XL.

To create a relevant offering, we will ensure that we use a **unique design language** in all our products that conveys our sports DNA and is authentic to our brand. The Speedcat, which has its roots in motorsport, is a good example of this approach.

To inspire our consumers, we not only draw on our impressive portfolio of global entertainment ambassadors, but also on many other influencers who are locally relevant and have a major impact on their communities.

In 2024, K-pop sensation Rosé proved to be the perfect ambassador for our Palermo and Speedcat, while artist and designer A\$AP Rocky made a splash and attracted a lot of media attention with limited edition collections for the new styles Inhale and Mostro.

Strengthening the brand is also important when it comes to **improving our distribution quality** in wholesale. We are continuously working to increase our distribution quality by focussing on strategic wholesale partners. We are committed to our approach of being the best partner for our wholesale partners and providing the best and fastest service in the industry. While our wholesale partners remain our priority, we see our DTC business as a complementary channel to deliver a great brand experience to our consumers.

Improving our distribution quality also plays a key role in our focus market, the USA. In 2024, we opened our newest flagship store in Las Vegas, which allows us to connect with US consumers and the millions of international tourists who visit the city every year. To bring products to market that appeal to local preferences, we set up a creative workshop for our design and marketing teams at the PUMA Studio in Los Angeles. In addition, we collaborate with key brand ambassadors such as Rihanna, A\$AP Rocky and LaMelo Ball. We are convinced that the increase in our sales growth in the US in the second half of 2024 compared to the first half of the year proves that our strategy in the US is working.

In China, we were able to improve our distribution quality and increase our turnover by introducing new store formats and increasing our presence on digital sales channels. These digital channels not only offer us an interesting opportunity to sell our products to Chinese customers, but also to inspire them with marketing activities such as the catwalk show at the Formula 1 Grand Prix in Shanghai.

Continuous investment in our **infrastructure**, for example in distribution centres, offices and IT systems, is essential for long-term, sustainable growth. In 2024, we opened a new warehouse in Arizona, among other locations, which will support our growth in the important US market. We have also opened the Studio48 creative hubs in Herzogenaurach and Los Angeles, which give our designers the opportunity to develop new concepts for products and campaigns across different departments or with external partners.

**Our employees** are at the centre of PUMA's culture and success. PUMA thrives on diversity, inclusion and equality, enriched by the many nationalities and different backgrounds of our employees. We believe that diversity is one of our greatest strengths, and we are delighted to have once again been named a global Top Employer in 2024.

With our FOREVER.BETTER. sustainability strategy, we have fully integrated **sustainability** into all core areas of our business. In 2024, we announced our Vision2030 goals in the areas of climate change, circularity and human rights. These targets build on the progress we have already made in these areas in recent years. Over the course of the year, our sustainability strategy was recognised with several awards and top positions in industry rankings, e.g. in Time Magazine's "World's Most Sustainable Companies" list, "Climate Leaders" in the Financial Times Europe and the German Sustainability Award.

## PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND DESIGN

Our product development and design process is a central component of our brand elevation strategy.

With our 75-year history as a sports brand, all PUMA products **share a 100% sports DNA**. While we develop performance products that can perform at the highest level of competition, we also incorporate our sports DNA into our Sportstyle range with a clear design language.

**Sports culture**, the influence of sports on fashion and culture beyond the stadiums, pitches and race tracks, also plays an important role in our designs. A good example of this is the terrace trend, which originated in the football stadiums of the 1980s, and the Speedcat, which was inspired by racing shoes in motorsport.

In our performance categories, we continuously bring **innovations** to the market with the aim of developing the fastest products for the fastest athletes. A good example of this is our **NITRO™** technology, which has emerged directly from our work with elite athletes and is recognised as one of the best foam technologies in the industry. NITRO™ is at the heart of many of our performance products, not only in our running shoes, but also in our basketball and golf products.

We have also invested heavily in innovations for our performance apparel. One example of this is our extremely lightweight **ULTRAWEAVE** technology, which is already part of our football jerseys worn on the pitch and our running apparel. Our focus on innovation also extends to sustainability: As part of our RE:FIBRE programme, we were able to produce millions of replica jerseys with recycled polyester from textile waste in 2024.

In order to optimise our storytelling and benefit from the entire trend cycle, we want to position our various **franchises as brands**. In the case of our performance products, these include the Deviate, Velocity and ForeverRun running shoes and the FUTURE, ULTRA and KING football boots, as well as our Sportstyle franchises such as Speedcat, Palermo and Mostro.

In order to capture both global and regional trends, we have set up creation centres and design hubs in key markets such as the USA, Europe, China, India and Japan as part of our **glocal** strategy and are present in regionally relevant sports such as cricket, handball, rugby, Australian Rules Football (AFL) and netball. This organisational approach gives us the opportunity to combine the strength of a global brand with the agility of a local organisation.

## MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

We use a variety of **indicators to manage** our performance in relation to our top corporate goals. We have defined **growth and profitability as key targets** within finance-related areas. Our focus therefore is on improving our sales and operating result (EBIT). These are the most significant financial performance indicators. Moreover, we aim to minimise working capital and improve free cash flow. Our Group's **Planning and Management System** has been designed to provide a variety of instruments in order to assess current business developments and derive future strategy and investment decisions. This involves the continuous monitoring of key financial indicators within the PUMA Group and a monthly comparison with budget targets. Any deviations from the targets are analysed in detail and appropriate countermeasures are taken in the event such deviations have a negative impact.

Changes in sales are also influenced by **currency exchange effects**. This is why we also state any changes in sales in euros, the reporting currency, adjusted for currency exchange effects in order to provide information that is relevant to the decision-making process when assessing the revenue position. Currency-adjusted sales are used for comparison purposes and are based on the values that would arise if the foreign currencies included in the consolidated financial statements were not converted at the average rates for the previous year, but were instead translated at the corresponding average rates for the current year. In the case of countries that are in a hyperinflationary environment, the previous year's amounts are not converted at the reporting date rates of the previous year, but at those of the current reporting year. As a result, currency-adjusted figures are not to be regarded as a substitute or as superior financial indicators, but should instead always be regarded as additional information.

We use the indicator **free cash flow** in order to determine the change in cash and cash equivalents after deducting all expenses incurred to maintain or expand the organic business of the PUMA Group. Free cash flow is calculated from the cash flow from operating activities and investment activities. We also use the indicator **free cash flow before acquisitions**, which goes beyond free cash flow and includes an adjustment for incoming and outgoing payments that are associated with shareholdings.

We use the indicator **working capital** in order to assess the financial position. Working capital is essentially the difference between current assets – including in particular inventories and trade receivables – and current liabilities. Cash and cash equivalents, the positive and negative market values of derivative financial instruments and current finance and lease liabilities are not included in working capital.

Besides the above mentioned significant indicators, **sustainability** and creating stakeholder value is an important aspect of PUMA's overall business performance. Acting in a responsible manner and continuously improving PUMAs impacts on the environment and people are not only expected by our employees, consumers and investors but also supports our financial performance. Since many years, and in line with our current 10FOR25 sustainability strategy, we use several indicators to assess PUMA's performance against environmental and social criteria. Those indicators relate to climate action, human rights (including occupational health and safety) as well as circularity and are part of the performance bonus of our leadership team globally. Since a large portion of PUMAs impact on the environment and people is created in our supply chain, we also include supply chain specific sustainability performance indicators in our annual reporting. For further details, please refer to the '[sustainability statement](#)' section in this combined management report.



The calculation of the financial control parameters that PUMA uses is defined as follows:

The recognition of sales is based on the provisions of IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers.

PUMA's gross profit is calculated as sales minus cost of sales.

PUMA's operating result (EBIT) is the sum of sales and royalty and commission income, minus cost of sales and other operating income and expenses (OPEX). The EBIT margin is calculated as EBIT divided by sales.

We also use the EBITDA indicator, which represents the operating result before interest (= financial result), taxes and depreciation and amortisation, to assess the results of operations. EBITDA is calculated based on the operating result (EBIT) adding depreciation and amortisation, which may also contain any incurred impairment losses relating to non-current assets. The EBITDA margin is calculated as EBITDA divided by sales.

PUMA's working capital is calculated based on the sum of current assets less the sum of current liabilities. In addition, cash and cash equivalents and positive and negative market values of derivative financial instruments are deducted. The market values of derivative financial instruments are recognised in the balance sheet in the items Other Current Assets and Other Current Liabilities not attributable to working capital. Current financial and lease liabilities are also not part of working capital.

# ECONOMIC REPORT

## GENERAL ECONOMIC CONDITIONS

### GLOBAL ECONOMY

According to the winter forecast published by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (Ifo Kiel) on 12 December 2024, the global economy only expanded at a very moderate pace in 2024. The experts at Ifo Kiel expect global gross domestic product (GDP) to have risen by a total of 3.2% for financial year 2024. The growth rate over the past year is therefore slightly above the forecast of 2.9% (Ifo Kiel winter forecast published on 13 December 2023). While the United States economy continued to expand strongly in 2024, production in the other advanced economies recorded only a negligible increase. Expansion also remained subdued in China in 2024. Although inflation slowed during the course of the year, the decline in inflation stalled from mid-year onwards.

### SPORTING GOODS INDUSTRY

The sporting goods industry was faced with various challenges in 2024, which contributed to a difficult and volatile market environment. Industry development was therefore impacted by persistent currency headwinds, a promotional market environment and muted consumer sentiment globally. We assume, based on the Euromonitor report, that the currency-adjusted growth in the sporting goods industry was 1.8% in 2024.

The major sporting events that took place in 2024, such as the Summer Olympics in Paris, the UEFA Euro 2024 football championship in Germany and the Copa América, South America's continental football championship, in the United States, had a positive impact on the sporting goods industry. We also assume that sporting activities and an increasingly healthy and sustainable lifestyle will continue to gain in importance for a growing proportion of the world's population. This, among other things, will further boost the popularity of athletic footwear and leisure/athletic apparel as an integral part of everyday fashion ('athleisure').

## SALES DEVELOPMENT

### ILLUSTRATION OF SALES DEVELOPMENT IN 2024 COMPARED TO THE OUTLOOK

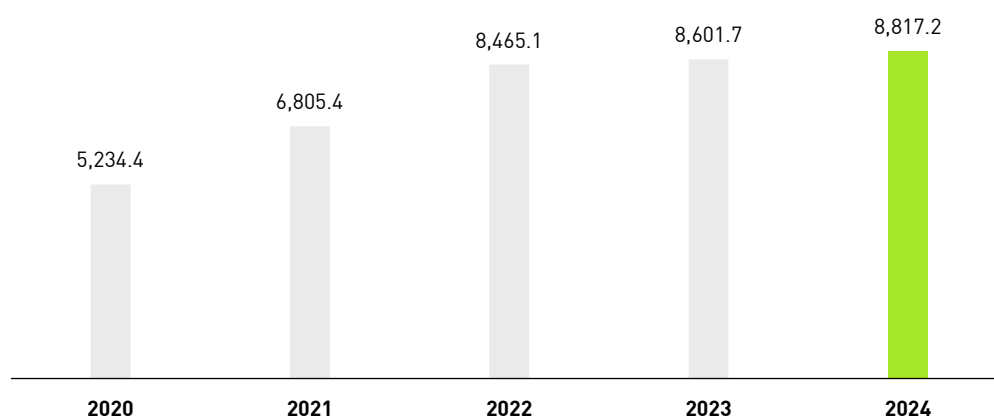
In its combined management report for 2023, PUMA forecasted a currency-adjusted increase of sales in the mid-single-digit percentage range for financial year 2024. This outlook was confirmed during the year. In a volatile environment, with persistent currency headwinds, a promotional market and globally muted consumer sentiment, sales development in financial year 2024 was in line with the outlook. More details on the sales development in 2024 are provided below.

### SALES

PUMA's sales in the reporting currency, the euro, increased by 2.5% to € 8,817.2 million in financial year 2024 (previous year: € 8,601.7 million). Currency-adjusted sales increased by 4.4%. PUMA was therefore able to achieve record turnover of € 8.8 billion in spite of the difficult market environment.

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#### ➤ G.01 SALES (€ million)

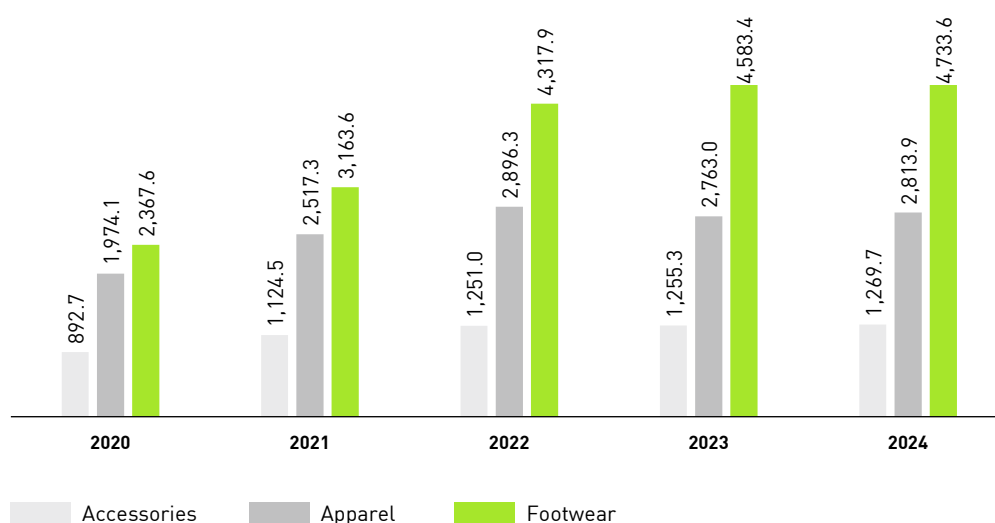


In the **Footwear** division, sales increased in the reporting currency, the euro, by 3.3% to € 4,733.6 million. Currency-adjusted sales increased by 5.4%. The footwear product division continued to be the growth driver and the strongest growth was achieved in the Teamsport and Running categories. The share of the Footwear product division in total sales rose from 53.3% in the previous year to 53.7% in 2024.

Sales in the **Apparel** product division in the reporting currency, the euro, increased by 1.8% to € 2,813.9 million. Currency-adjusted sales grew by 3.7%. Higher sales in the Teamsport category were largely offset by lower sales in the Sportstyle category. The share of the Apparel product division decreased to 31.9% of Group sales (previous year: 32.1%).

The **Accessories** product division reported an increase in sales in the reporting currency, the euro, of 1.1% to € 1,269.7 million. This corresponds to a currency-adjusted sales growth of 2.0%. The sales growth was achieved particularly in the Teamsport category. By contrast, sales of Cobra golf clubs fell slightly compared to the previous year. In 2024, the share of the Accessories product division decreased to 14.4% of Group sales from 14.6% in the previous year.

## ➤ G.02 SALES BY PRODUCT DIVISIONS (€ million)

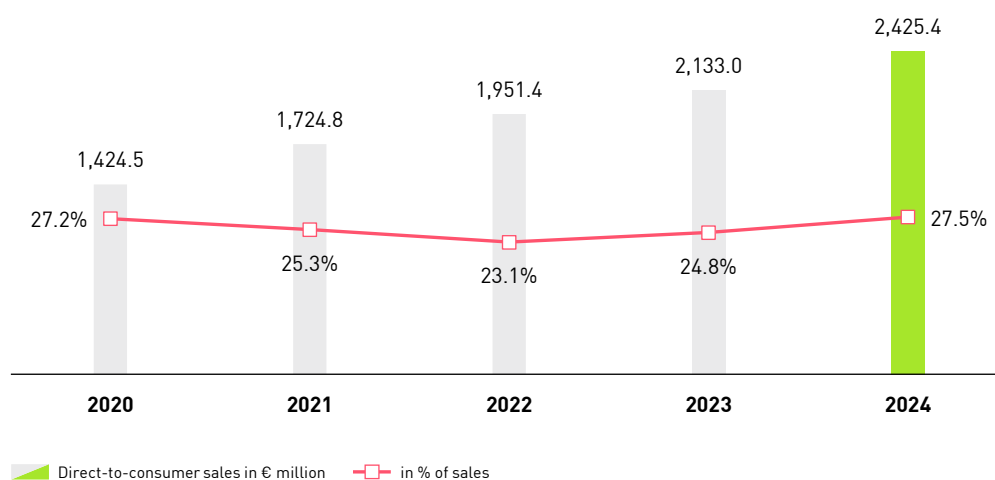


## OWN RETAIL ACTIVITIES

PUMA's own retail activities include direct sales to our consumers ("Direct-to-consumer business"). This includes selling to our customers in PUMA's own retail stores, the so-called "Full Price Stores" and "Factory Outlets". Our e-commerce business on our own online platforms and on the platforms of online retailers, which we refer to as "marketplaces", is also part of the direct sales to our consumers. Our own retail businesses ensure regional availability of PUMA products and the presentation of the PUMA brand in an environment suitable to our brand positioning.

PUMA's direct-to-consumer sales increased by 16.6% currency-adjusted to € 2,425.4 million in financial year 2024. This corresponds to a share of 27.5% of total sales (previous year: 24.8%). Adjusted for currency effects, sales in PUMA's own full-price stores and factory outlets increased by 14.2% in 2024. In the e-commerce business, currency-adjusted sales increased by 21.1% in 2024. The continued strong sales growth in our DTC business was due to higher enforceable prices and the opening of own retail stores with a corresponding increase in sales quantity.

## ➤ G.03 DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER SALES



## WHOLESALE

Wholesale is PUMA's largest sales channel. Currency-adjusted sales in PUMA's wholesale business increased by 0.4% to € 6,391.8 million (previous year: € 6,368.1 million) in the financial year 2024. This corresponds to a 72.5% share of total sales compared to 75.4% in the previous year. The higher demand and consequently sold quantities essentially supported the sales growth. Currency-adjusted sales in the footwear product division increased by 2.1% to € 3,440.2 million. In contrast, currency-adjusted sales in the apparel product division fell by 1.5% to € 1,868.0 million, and currency-adjusted sales in the accessories product division declined by 1.8% to € 1,083.6 million.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the following explanation of the regional development of sales, the sales are allocated to the customers' actual region ("customer site"). It is divided into three geographical regions (EMEA, Americas and Asia/Pacific).

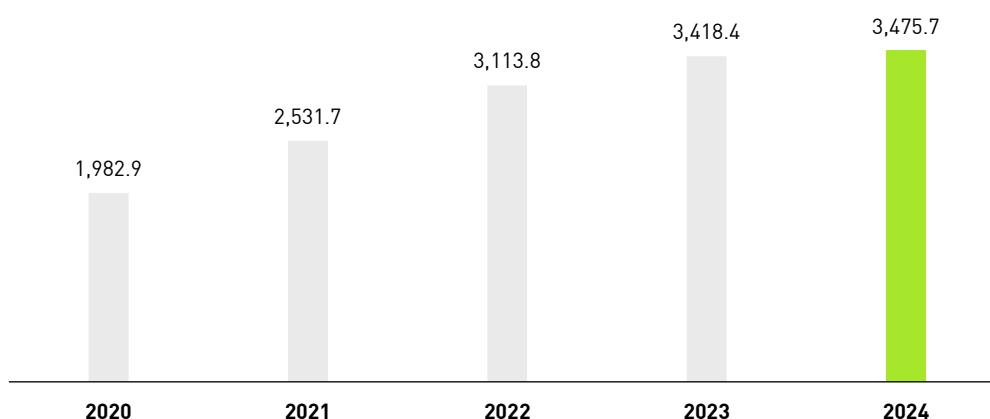
PUMA's sales in the reporting currency, the euro, increased by 2.5% in financial year 2024. This corresponds to a currency-adjusted sales increase of 4.4% compared to the previous year. All three regions contributed to this growth with positive currency-adjusted sales development.

In the **EMEA** region, sales in the reporting currency, the euro, rose by 1.7% to € 3,475.7 million. Adjusted for currency effects, this corresponds to an increase in sales of 2.1%. The majority of countries in the region contributed to this development with sales growth. Particularly strong growth came from Germany, Italy, the UK and Türkiye. In contrast, sales declined in the Middle East, among others. The EMEA region accounted for 39.4% of Group sales in 2024 compared to 39.7% in the previous year.

With regard to product divisions, sales revenue from Footwear recorded a currency-adjusted decline of 0.9%. Currency-adjusted sales of Apparel increased by 7.5%. Currency-adjusted sales of Accessories remained at the previous year's level.

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### ➤ G.04 EMEA SALES (€ million)

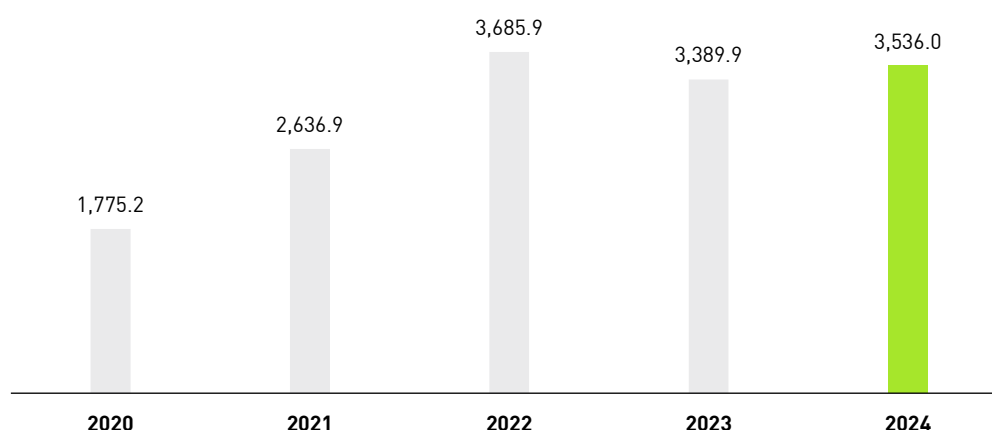




In the **Americas** region, sales increased in the reporting currency, the euro, by 4.3% to € 3,536.0 million. Currency-adjusted sales increased by 7.0%. Both North America (+1.8% currency-adjusted) and Latin America (+16.2% currency-adjusted) contributed to this development with sales growth. In Latin America in particular, the weakness of the Argentinian peso against the euro resulted in negative currency effects. The share of the Americas region in Group sales increased from 39.4% in the previous year to 40.1% in 2024.

In terms of product divisions, Footwear (+9.3% currency-adjusted), Apparel (+4.0% currency-adjusted) and Accessories (+3.7% currency-adjusted) recorded sales growth compared to the previous year.

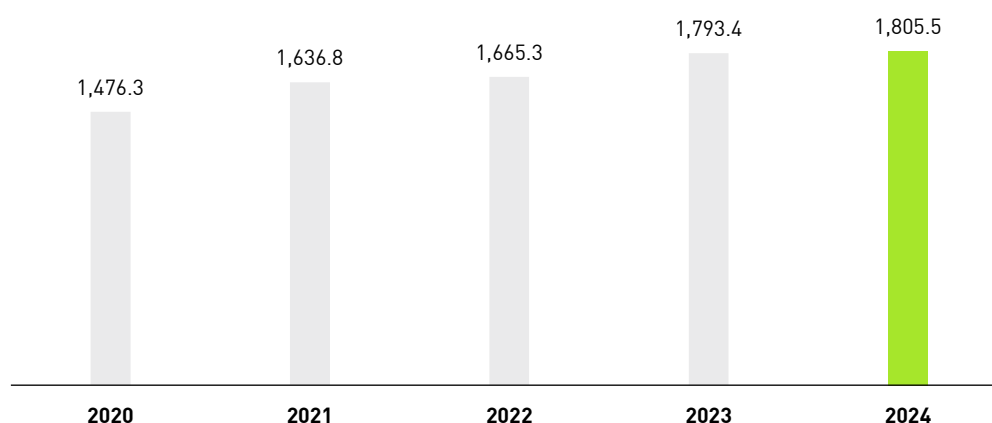
#### ➤ G.05 AMERICAS SALES (€ million)



In the **Asia/Pacific** region, sales in the reporting currency, the euro, rose by 0.7% to € 1,805.5 million. Adjusted for currency effects, this corresponds to an increase in sales of 3.8%. The currency-adjusted increase in sales in China, Japan and Korea was offset by declining sales in Singapore and Australia. The share of the Asia/Pacific region in Group sales reduced from 20.8% in the previous year to 20.5% in 2024.

In terms of product divisions, both Footwear (+9.0% currency-adjusted) and Accessories (+3.7% currency-adjusted) recorded sales growth compared to the previous year. In contrast, currency-adjusted sales in the Apparel product division fell by 3.5%.

#### ➤ G.06 ASIA/PACIFIC SALES (€ million)



## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### ➤ T.02 INCOME STATEMENT

	2024		2023		+/-%
	€ million	%	€ million	%	
<b>Sales</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>
Cost of sales	-4,639.2	-52.6%	-4,615.1	-53.7%	0.5%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>4,177.9</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>3,986.6</b>	<b>46.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>
Royalty and commission income	24.3	0.3%	38.5	0.4%	-37.1%
Other operating income and expenses	-3,580.2	-40.6%	-3,403.5	-39.6%	5.2%
<b>Operating Result (EBIT)</b>	<b>622.0</b>	<b>7.1%</b>	<b>621.6</b>	<b>7.2%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
Financial result	-159.7	-1.8%	-143.3	-1.7%	11.4%
<b>Earnings before taxes (EBT)</b>	<b>462.3</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>478.3</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
Income taxes	-120.0	-1.4%	-117.8	-1.4%	1.9%
- Tax rate	25.9%		24.6%		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests	-60.7	-0.7%	-55.7	-0.6%	9.0%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>281.6</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>304.9</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (million shares)	149.32		149.85		-0.4%
Weighted average number of outstanding shares, diluted (million shares)	149.38		149.87		-0.3%
Earnings per share (€)	1.89		2.03		-7.3%
Earnings per share (€) - diluted	1.89		2.03		-7.3%

## ILLUSTRATION OF EARNINGS DEVELOPMENT IN 2024 COMPARED TO THE OUTLOOK

In the outlook in the combined management report for 2023, PUMA forecast an operating result (EBIT) in the range between € 620 million and € 700 million for financial year 2024 (2023: € 621.6 million). At the end of the second quarter, the outlook was narrowed down within the original range, and an operating result (EBIT) of between €620 million and €670 million was expected. However, the volatile environment, with persistent currency headwinds, a promotional market and globally muted consumer sentiment, had a negative impact on profitability. Nevertheless, PUMA was able to reach the lower end of the outlook for the operating result for 2024 as a whole.

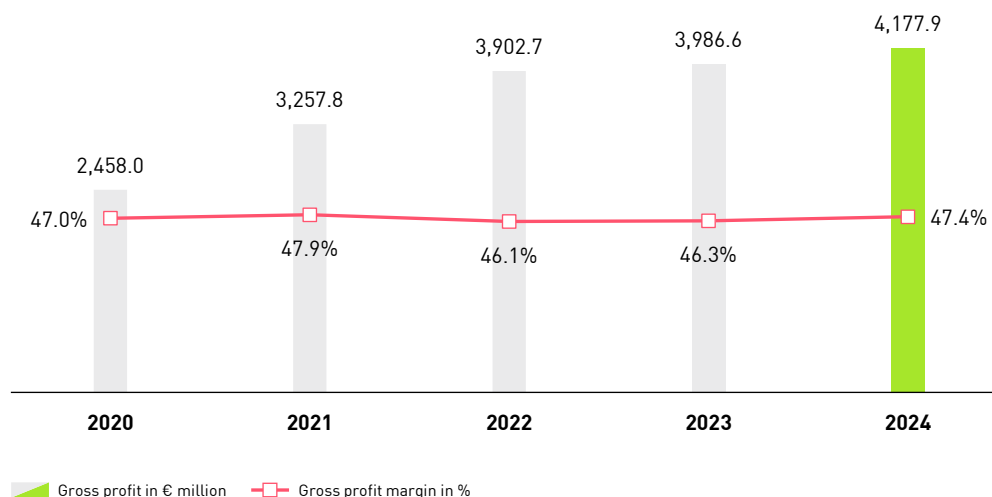
More details on earnings development in the financial year under review are provided below.

## GROSS PROFIT MARGIN

PUMA's gross profit in financial year 2024 increased by 4.8% from € 3,986.6 million to € 4,177.9 million. The gross profit margin improved by a rounded 100 basis points from 46.3% to 47.4%. Headwinds from currencies and discounts were more than offset by a favourable product and distribution channel mix. The negative currency effects on the gross profit margin, including the effects of currency hedging, resulted primarily from the US dollar due to its strength against the euro and other currencies during 2024. In addition, the negative currency effects relate to a lesser extent to the Japanese yen, the Mexican peso and the Turkish lira.

The gross profit margin in the Footwear product division increased from 45.4% in the previous year to 46.9% in 2024. The gross profit margin for Apparel increased from 47.8% to 48.1%. The gross profit margin for Accessories also improved, rising from 46.6% to 47.6% in 2024.

### ➤ G.07 GROSS PROFIT/GROSS PROFIT MARGIN



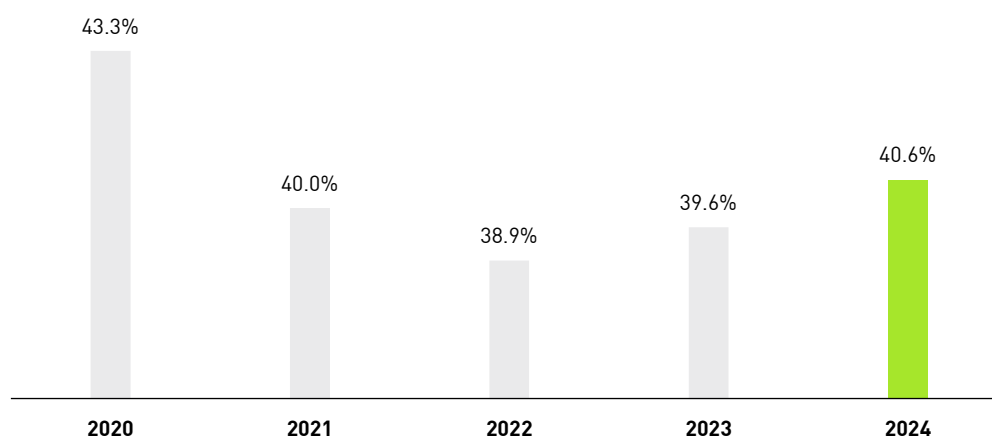
## LICENSING BUSINESS

PUMA grants licences to independent partners for various product divisions, such as glasses, safety shoes, workwear and gaming accessories. In addition to design, development and manufacture, these companies are also responsible for product distribution. Income from licence agreements also includes some distribution licences for different markets. PUMA's royalty and commission income decreased by 37.1% to € 24.3 million in financial year 2024 (previous year: € 38.5 million). The main reason for this decline was a decrease in royalties from the Formula 1 business, as this business was taken over by our subsidiary, stichd.

## OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES

The net expense of other operating income and expenses (OPEX) increased by 5.2% in financial year 2024 to € 3,580.2 million (previous year: € 3,403.5 million). This increase is largely due to the continued growth of our DTC business and further investments into our warehouse and digital infrastructure. The cost ratio increased from 39.6% in the previous year to 40.6% in 2024.

### ➤ G.08 OPERATING EXPENSES (as a % of sales)



Within sales expenses, marketing/retail expenses increased by 5.7% to € 1,736.9 million, while the cost ratio was 19.7% of sales in 2024, compared with a cost ratio of 19.1% in the previous year. Other sales expenses, which mainly include sales-related costs and costs for warehousing and logistics, increased by 1.6% to € 1,174.7 million. The cost ratio of other sales expenses decreased to 13.3% of sales in 2024 compared to a cost ratio of 13.4% in the previous year.

Research and development/product management expenses increased by 5.7% compared to the previous year, reaching € 181.3 million, and the cost ratio increased to 2.1% of sales. Research and product development at PUMA mainly comprise the areas of innovation (new technologies), product design and model and collection development. The research and product development activities range from the analysis of scientific studies and customer surveys through the generation of creative ideas to the implementation of innovations in commercial products. The activities in research and product development are directly linked to sourcing activities. As of 31 December 2024, a total of 1,438 people were employed in research and development/product management (previous year: 1,406). In 2024, research and development/product management expenses totalled € 181.3 million (previous year: € 171.5 million), of which € 92.0 million (previous year: € 89.0 million) related to research and development alone.

Other operating income in the past financial year amounted to € 8.3 million and includes rental income, capital gains from finance leases and income from the sale of fixed assets. General and administrative expenses increased by 9.9% to € 495.6 million in 2024. The cost ratio of general and administrative expenses increased to 5.6% of sales in 2024. Depreciation and amortisation are included in the relevant costs and total € 370.2 million (previous year: € 351.7 million). The increase in depreciation compared to the previous year is due to investments in IT systems, warehouses and own retail stores. In addition, the respective costs include impairment losses totalling € 7.9 million and reversals of impairment losses in the amount of € 29.4 million, which are related to the valuation of the rights of use of retail stores.

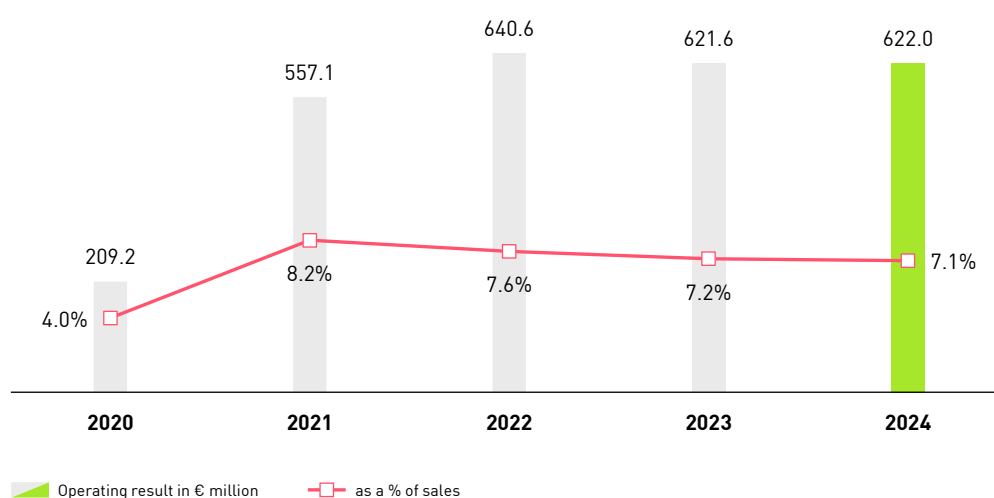
## RESULT BEFORE INTEREST, TAXES, DEPRECIATION AND AMORTISATION (EBITDA)

The result before interest (= financial result), taxes, depreciation and amortisation (including impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses) (EBITDA) increased by 0.4% to € 970.7 million in financial year 2024 (previous year: € 967.1 million). The EBITDA margin, however, decreased from 11.2% in the previous year to 11.0% in 2024.

## OPERATING RESULT (EBIT)

In financial year 2024, the operating result increased by 0.1% from € 621.6 million in the previous year to € 622.0 million. The increase in sales and the improvement in the gross profit margin was almost completely offset by the increase in other operating income and expenses. The EBIT margin decreased from 7.2% in the previous year to 7.1% in 2024.

### ➤ G.09 OPERATING RESULT



## FINANCIAL RESULT

The financial result decreased in 2024 from a net amount of € -143.3 million in the previous year to € -159.7 million. This development is mainly due to the increase in interest expenses in 2024 to a total of € -128.4 million (previous year: € -100.8 million). The decline in interest income in 2024 to a total of € 31.4 million compared to € 37.8 million in the previous year also contributed to this development. In addition, losses from currency translation differences increased to a total of € -88.5 million in 2024 compared to € -69.4 million in the previous year. In contrast, there were positive effects in 2024 from the improvement in other financial income and expenses, which include in particular forward or time components in connection with currency derivatives, from € 12.8 million in the previous year to € 51.7 million in 2024, and expenses from hyperinflation effects decreased to € -17.4 million (previous year: € -23.7 million). By contrast, the devaluation of investment property totalling € 8.8 million (previous year: € 0.0 million) as a result of hyperinflation accounting.

## EARNINGS BEFORE TAXES (EBT)

In financial year 2024, PUMA generated earnings before taxes of € 462.3 million. This corresponds to a decrease of 3.3% compared to the previous year (€ 478.3 million). Tax expenses increased to € 120.0 million, compared to € 117.8 million in the previous year. The group tax rate increased from 24.6% to 25.9%, mainly due to a change in the composition of the consolidated net income, increased expenses from withholding taxes and the effects of the introduction of the global minimum tax.



## **NET EARNINGS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS**

Net earnings attributable to non-controlling interests relate to companies in the North American market, in each of which the same shareholder holds a minority stake. The earnings attributable to these interests increased by 9.0% to € 60.7 million in the 2024 financial year (previous year: € 55.7 million). The companies affected are PUMA United North America LLC, PUMA United Aviation North America LLC, PUMA United Canada ULC and Janed Canada LLC. The business purpose of these companies is mainly the sale of socks, bodywear, accessories and children's apparel in the North American market.

## **CONSOLIDATED NET INCOME**

In financial year 2024, consolidated net income decreased by 7.6% from € 304.9 million to € 281.6 million. Despite operating result (EBIT) at the previous year's level, the decline in the financial result, the slightly higher tax expense due to a higher tax rate and the increase in the result attributable to non-controlling interests led to this development.

Earnings per share and diluted earnings per share decreased from € 2.03 in the previous year to € 1.89 in financial year 2024, in line with the development of the consolidated net income.

## **DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEGMENTS**

Internal management of the PUMA Group is carried out across seven segments (Europe, EEMEA, North America, Latin America, Greater China, Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) and stichd), based on the registered office of the respective subsidiaries. The differences from the presented regional development of sales are essentially down to the separated stichd segment and India, Southeast Asia and Oceania, which are allocated to the EEMEA segment.

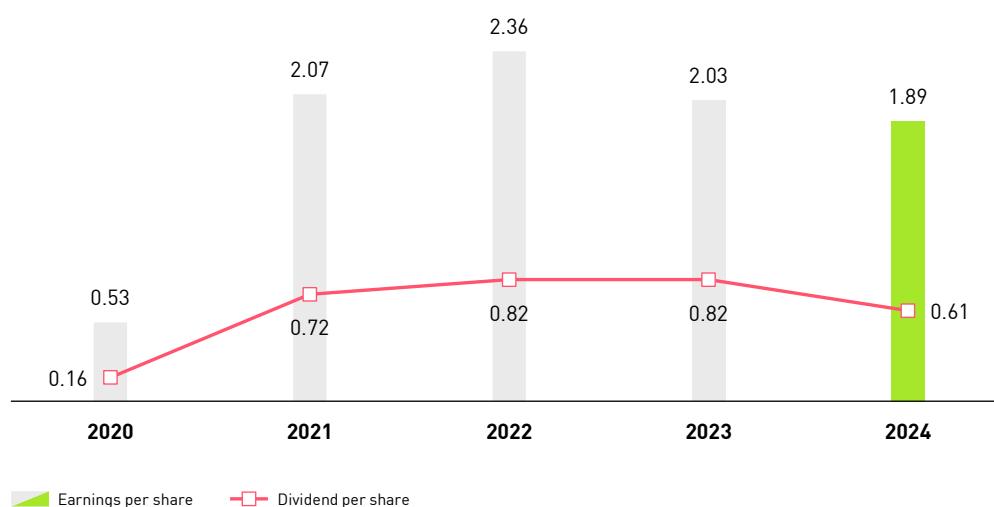
All segments posted sales growth in constant currency in 2024. Negative currency effects were recorded, particularly in Argentina and Turkey. The strongest constant-currency sales growth came from the Latin America and Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) regions, and stichd. In North America, currency-adjusted sales growth was in the low single-digit percentage range. In Greater China, currency-adjusted sales growth was in the mid-single-digit percentage range, and thus stronger than in the PUMA Group.

The operating segments developed in line with the trends already explained in terms of sales and other earnings figures. Exceptions were the EEMEA segment, which recorded a decline in sales and operating result in the reporting currency, the euro, due to a significant decline in sales and a lower gross profit margin in the Middle East and Southeast Asia. In the Latin America segment, the operating result came in below the previous year despite sales growth. This was mainly due to a decline in sales and lower profitability in Mexico and Chile, caused by structural changes in logistics and a resulting temporary restriction in delivery capacity. In the Greater China segment, the ongoing recovery and reopening of the market led to a significant improvement of the operating result despite moderate sales growth. The stichd segment recorded a significant decline of the operating result, mainly due to operational challenges following the introduction of a new ERP system at the end of 2023.

## DIVIDENDS AND SHARE BUY-BACK

The positive consolidated net income enables the Management Board and the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE to propose the distribution of a dividend of € 0.61 per share for financial year 2024 at the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2025. The payout ratio for financial year 2024 is 32.3% of consolidated net income. The payout ratio was calculated by reference to the average number of shares outstanding in 2024. PUMA's dividend policy, which was adjusted by means of its publication dated 29 February 2024, provides for a dividend payout of between 25% and 40% of consolidated net income. The payment of the dividend is to take place in the days after the Annual General Meeting at which the decision is made on the payout. In the previous year, a dividend of € 0.82 per share was paid out and the payout ratio was 40.3% of consolidated net income.

### ➤ G.10 EARNINGS/DIVIDEND PER SHARE (in €)



PUMA's dividend policy, which was adjusted by means of its publication dated 29 February 2024, also provides for a further 10% to 25% increase in the dividend payout by means of a share buyback programme, with a view to increasing the total payout ratio to up to 50% of consolidated net income.

In connection with this, in the period from 6 March 2024 up to and including 31 December 2024, PUMA SE acquired 1,128,961 shares in the first tranche at a total price of € 49,999,986.41 (excluding ancillary acquisition costs) and an average purchase price of € 44.29 per share. This corresponded to 0.75% of the subscribed capital. Of the shares repurchased, 1,126,444 were cancelled in the fourth quarter of 2024.

Further information on the repurchase of treasury shares can be found in the following table.

### ➤ T.03 REPURCHASE OF TREASURY SHARES IN 2024

Month	Number of shares	Total price in €	Average purchase price per share in €	Share of subscribed capital in €	Share of subscribed capital in %
March	105,713	4,310,868.52	40.78	105,713	0.07%
April	88,714	3,706,587.20	41.78	88,714	0.06%
May	85,933	4,120,879.78	47.95	85,933	0.06%
June	420,053	19,152,694.86	45.60	420,053	0.28%
July	417,373	18,253,518.89	43.73	417,373	0.28%
August	3,386	133,635.38	39.47	3,386	0.00%
September	2,096	79,852.16	38.10	2,096	0.00%
October	2,198	85,187.58	38.76	2,198	0.00%
November	1,378	61,630.85	44.72	1,378	0.00%
December	2,117	95,131.19	44.94	2,117	0.00%
<b>Year 2024 in total</b>	<b>1,128,961</b>	<b>49,999,986.41</b>	<b>44.29</b>	<b>1,128,961</b>	<b>0.75%</b>

As of the balance sheet date, 31 December 2024, the Company holds a total of 873,783 PUMA shares in treasury stock, after cancellation of the repurchased treasury shares. This corresponds to 0.58% of the subscribed capital.

## NET ASSETS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

### ➤ T.04 BALANCE SHEET

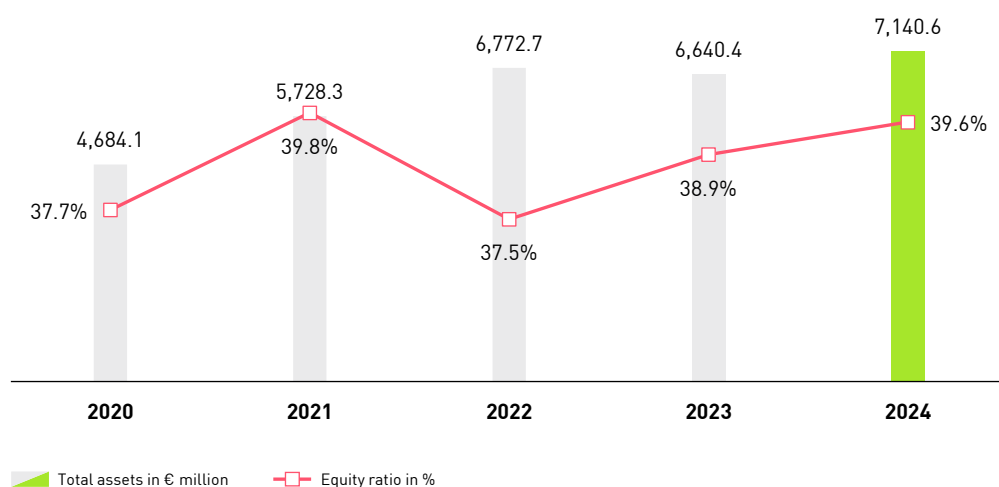
	31/12/2024		31/12/2023		+/-%
	€ million	%	€ million	%	
Cash and cash equivalents	368.2	5.2%	552.9	8.3%	-33.4%
Inventories *	2,013.7	28.2%	1,804.4	27.2%	11.6%
Trade receivables *	1,246.5	17.5%	1,118.4	16.8%	11.5%
Other current assets *	516.8	7.2%	385.6	5.8%	34.0%
Other current assets	160.0	2.2%	69.8	1.1%	129.3%
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>4,305.2</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>3,931.1</b>	<b>59.2%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
Deferred tax assets	243.6	3.4%	296.1	4.5%	-17.7%
Right-of-use assets	1,116.8	15.6%	1,087.7	16.4%	2.7%
Other non-current assets	1,475.0	20.7%	1,325.6	20.0%	11.3%
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>2,835.4</b>	<b>39.7%</b>	<b>2,709.3</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>7,140.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,640.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
Current borrowings	131.6	1.8%	145.9	2.2%	-9.8%
Trade payables *	1,893.5	26.5%	1,499.8	22.6%	26.2%
Current lease liabilities	220.6	3.1%	212.4	3.2%	3.9%
Other current liabilities *	605.3	8.5%	631.3	9.5%	-4.1%
Other current liabilities	19.9	0.3%	47.7	0.7%	-58.3%
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>2,870.9</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>2,537.2</b>	<b>38.2%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>
Non-current borrowings	356.4	5.0%	426.1	6.4%	-16.4%
Deferred tax liabilities	14.2	0.2%	12.4	0.2%	14.4%
Pension provisions	27.3	0.4%	22.5	0.3%	21.3%
Non-current lease liabilities	1,010.0	14.1%	1,020.0	15.4%	-1.0%
Other non-current liabilities	33.3	0.5%	40.0	0.6%	-16.9%
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>1,441.0</b>	<b>20.2%</b>	<b>1,520.9</b>	<b>22.9%</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>
<b>Equity</b>	<b>2,828.6</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>2,582.3</b>	<b>38.9%</b>	<b>9.5%</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>7,140.6</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6,640.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Working Capital</b>	<b>1,278.2</b>		<b>1,177.3</b>		<b>8.6%</b>
- in % of sales	14.5%		13.7%		

\* included in working capital

## EQUITY RATIO

According to its own assessment, the PUMA Group has a very solid capital base. As of the balance sheet date, the equity of the PUMA Group increased by 9.5%, from € 2,582.3 million in the previous year to € 2,828.6 million as of 31 December 2024. In addition to the positive consolidated net income, mainly due to positive currency conversion differences and gains on cash flow hedges, the positive other comprehensive income that is directly recorded in equity of € 168.2 million also contributed to the increase in Group equity. As of the balance sheet date, total assets increased by 7.5% from € 6,640.4 million in the previous year to € 7,140.6 million. Overall, this resulted in an increase in the equity ratio of 0.7 percentage points from 38.9% in the previous year to 39.6% as of 31 December 2024.

### ➤ G.11 BALANCE SHEET TOTAL/EQUITY RATIO



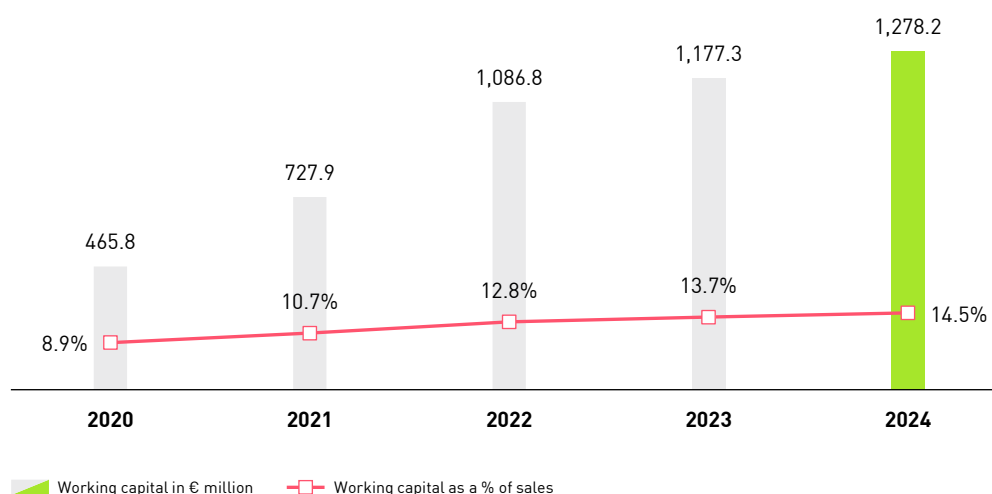
## WORKING CAPITAL

As of the balance sheet date, working capital increased by 8.6% from € 1,177.3 million in the previous year to € 1,278.2 million as of 31 December 2024. In relation to sales in the respective financial year, this corresponds to an increase in the working capital ratio from 13.7% in the previous year to 14.5% at the end of 2024. This development was mainly due to the increase in inventories, trade receivables and other current assets attributable to working capital. In contrast, the increase in trade payables had a positive effect on working capital.

On the assets side, inventories increased by 11.6% from € 1,804.4 million to € 2,013.7 million as of the balance sheet date. This development is primarily related to an increase in goods in transit compared to the previous year. Trade receivables increased by 11.5% from € 1,118.4 million to € 1,246.5 million, largely as a result of the sales growth in the fourth quarter. Other current assets, which are attributable to working capital, increased by 34.0% from € 385.6 million to € 516.8 million.

On the liabilities side, trade payables increased by 26.2% to € 1,893.5 million (previous year: € 1,499.8 million) partly as a result of the higher purchasing volume including the increase in goods in transit compared to the previous year. The other current liabilities and provisions, which are contained in working capital and include, among other things, customer bonus and warranty provisions, decreased slightly by 4.1% from € 631.3 million to € 605.3 million.

## ➤ G.12 WORKING CAPITAL



### OTHER ASSETS AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Other current assets outside of working capital include the positive market value of derivative financial instruments and current receivables from leases. Other current assets outside working capital increased to € 160.0 million (compared to € 69.8 million in the previous year) as a result of higher positive market values of derivative financial instruments.

Right-of-use assets increased slightly by 2.7% from € 1,087.7 million to € 1,116.8 million compared to the previous year. The increase was mainly due to additions to right-of-use assets in 2024, mostly in connection with newly opened own retail stores. The right-of-use assets refer to own retail stores totalling € 528.9 million (previous year: € 464.2 million), warehouses and offices totalling € 522.5 million (previous year: € 557.7 million) and other lease items, mainly technical equipment and machinery and motor vehicles, totalling € 65.4 million as of 31 December 2024 (previous year: € 65.7 million). The associated current and non-current leasing liabilities remained virtually unchanged overall.

Other non-current assets, which mainly comprise intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, increased by 11.3% to € 1,475.0 million (previous year: € 1,325.6 million) in the past financial year. The increase in other non-current assets is primarily due to investments in IT infrastructure and software, as well as technical equipment and machinery.

As of 31 December 2024, current financial liabilities include the current proportion of promissory note loans in the amount of € 70.0 million (previous year: € 125.0 million) and short-term bank liabilities amounting to € 61.6 million (previous year: € 20.9 million).

Other current liabilities, which exclusively include the negative market value of derivative financial instruments, fell from € 47.7 million to € 19.9 million compared to the previous year.

Non-current financial liabilities include promissory note loans totalling € 356.4 million (previous year: € 426.1 million).

Pension provisions increased to € 27.3 million (previous year: € 22.5 million).

Other non-current liabilities fell to € 33.3 million as of the balance sheet date (previous year: € 40.0 million).

## CASH FLOW

### ➤ T.05 CASH FLOW STATEMENT

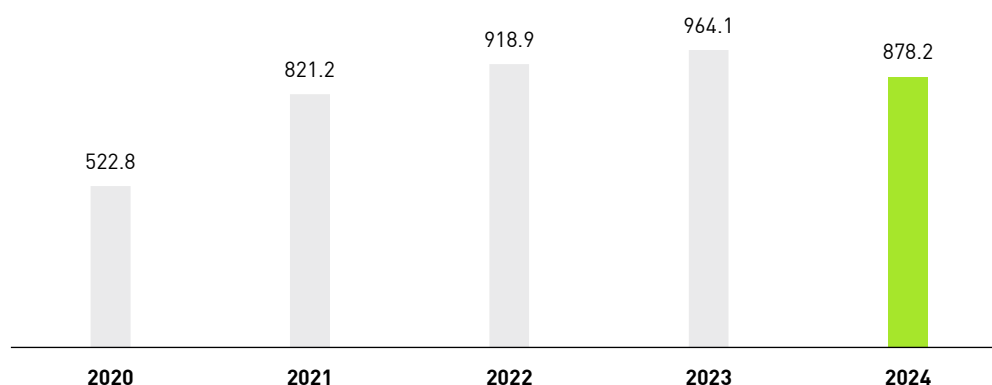
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	
	€ million	€ million	+/-%
<b>Earnings before taxes (EBT)</b>	<b>462.3</b>	<b>478.3</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>
Financial result and non-cash effected expenses and income	415.9	485.7	-14.4%
<b>Gross cash flow</b>	<b>878.2</b>	<b>964.1</b>	<b>-8.9%</b>
Change in current assets, net	-69.4	-129.2	-46.3%
Dividends received	0.4	0.0	-
Income taxes paid	-114.4	-181.3	-36.9%
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>694.8</b>	<b>653.6</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Payments for investing in fixed assets	-263.0	-300.4	-12.5%
Other investing and divestment activities incl. interest received	32.4	15.8	105.8%
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>-230.5</b>	<b>-284.6</b>	<b>-19.0%</b>
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>464.3</b>	<b>369.0</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
<b>Free cash flow (before acquisitions)</b>	<b>464.3</b>	<b>369.0</b>	<b>25.8%</b>
Dividend payments to shareholders of PUMA SE	-122.8	-122.8	0.0%
Dividend payments to non-controlling interests	-89.4	-92.4	-3.3%
Proceeds from borrowings	39.0	299.6	-87.0%
Cash repayments of borrowings	-125.0	-59.1	111.5%
Repayments of lease liabilities	-222.5	-208.0	7.0%
Repurchase of own shares	-50.0	0.0	
Interest paid	-127.2	-94.3	34.8%
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>-697.8</b>	<b>-277.1</b>	<b>151.8%</b>
Exchange rate-related changes in cash and cash equivalents	48.8	-2.1	-
<b>Changes in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-184.7</b>	<b>89.8</b>	<b>-305.7%</b>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year	552.9	463.1	19.4%
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>368.2</b>	<b>552.9</b>	<b>-33.4%</b>

### NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Gross cash flow fell by 8.9% from € 964.1 million to € 878.2 million in financial year 2024. This development was due to the decrease in earnings before taxes by 3.3% to € 462.3 million and the decrease in non-cash adjustments in relation to the financial result and other non-cash effected expenses and income by 14.4% to € 415.9 million.

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## ➤ G.13 GROSS CASH FLOW (€ million)



As a result of the smaller increase in working capital compared to the previous year, there was a lower cash outflow from the change in net working capital\* of € -69.4 million in financial year 2024, compared to a cash outflow of € -129.2 million in the previous year. The cash outflow from payments for income taxes reduced from € -181.3 million in the previous year to € -114.1 million in financial year 2024. On a net basis, due to the reduced cash outflows in connection with working capital and income taxes, net cash flow from operating activities increased by 6.3% from € 653.6 million to € 694.8 million.

### NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES

In financial year 2024, cash outflow from investing activities decreased from a total of € 284.6 million to € 230.5 million. The investments in fixed assets included in this figure decreased from € 300.4 million in the previous year to € 263.0 million in 2024. As a result, investments in 2024 were below those set out in the investment plan, which had originally forecast investments at the previous year's level. The investments in 2024 mainly related to our own retail stores and our logistics infrastructure. In addition, investments in the modernisation of the IT infrastructure continued to be made. The decrease in investments primarily related to the North America and Latin America segments. By contrast, investments have increased in the European segment.

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\* Net current assets include working capital line items plus current assets and liabilities, which are not part of the working capital calculation. Current lease liabilities are not part of the net current assets.



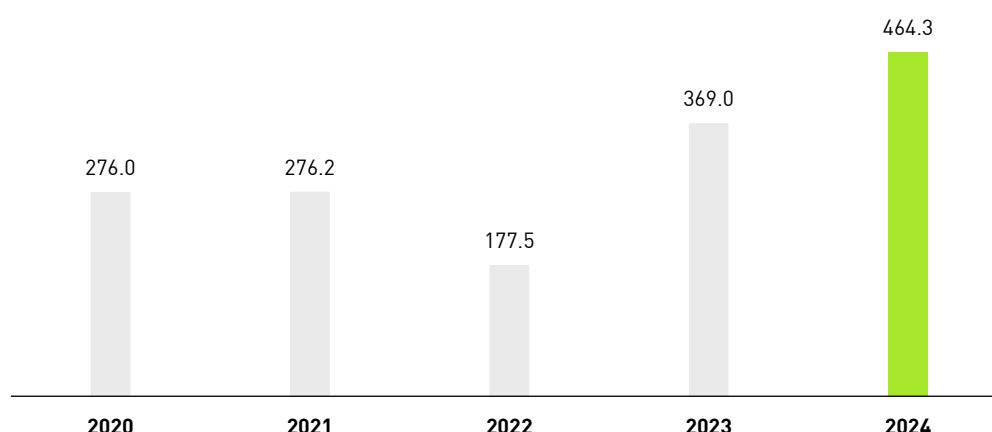
## FREE CASH FLOW BEFORE ACQUISITIONS

The free cash flow before acquisitions is the balance of the cash inflows and outflows from operating and investing activities. In addition, an adjustment is made for incoming and outgoing payments that relate to the purchase or sale of shareholdings, where applicable.

In financial year 2024, free cash flow before acquisitions improved by 25.8% from € 369.0 million in the previous year to € 464.3 million as a result of increased cash inflows from operating activities and lower cash outflows from investing activities in 2024. Free cash flow before acquisitions was 5.3% of sales compared to 4.3% in the previous year.

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### ➤ G.14 FREE CASH FLOW (BEFORE ACQUISITIONS) (€ million)



## NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES

The net cash used in financing activities increased overall from a cash outflow of € 277.1 million in the previous year to a cash outflow of € 697.8 million in 2024. The increase in cash outflow was largely due to the repayment of financial liabilities in 2024 compared with the assumption of financial liabilities in the previous year.

A dividend payment of € 122.8 million was distributed to the shareholders of PUMA SE for financial year 2023. The payment of dividends also amounted to € 122.8 million in the previous year. The repurchase of treasury shares in 2024 resulted in a cash outflow of € 50.0 million (previous year: € 0.0 million). The net cash used in financing activities also included payouts to non-controlling interests totalling € 89.4 million in 2024 (previous year: € 92.4 million). Cash outflows for the repayment of financial liabilities amounted to € 125.0 million in 2024, compared with € 59.1 million in the previous year. In financial year 2024, cash inflows from borrowings amounted to € 39.0 million (previous year: € 299.6 million). The cash outflows for the repayment of lease liabilities and related interest expenses included in the cash outflow from financing activities increased from a total of € 254.8 million in the previous year to € 273.6 million in 2024.

As of 31 December 2024, PUMA had cash and cash equivalents of € 368.2 million. This represents a decrease of 33.4% compared to the previous year (€ 552.9 million). In addition, as of 31 December 2024, the PUMA Group had credit lines totalling € 1,842.9 million (previous year: € 1,552.8 million). The increase of € 290.1 million in confirmed credit lines compared to the previous year resulted in particular from the early repayment of the revolving credit facility of €800.0 million with an original term until December 2025. This credit facility was replaced in December 2024 by a new revolving credit facility of € 1,200.0 million, with a term until December 2029 and two further extension options of one year each. The financing partners are again nine of PUMA's international core banks. The unused credit lines amounted to € 1,360.2 million at the balance sheet date, compared to € 986.1 million in the previous year.

## **STATEMENT REGARDING THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND THE OVERALL SITUATION OF THE GROUP**

Despite the solid sales growth and our progress in strategic initiatives, we are not satisfied with our profitability in the past financial year. We have therefore initiated a comprehensive efficiency programme, 'nextlevel', with the aim of optimising costs and translating sales growth into higher profitability growth. The 'nextlevel' programme aims to achieve an EBIT margin of 8.5% by 2027 through optimising direct and indirect costs. PUMA's strategy, which is aimed at strengthening the brand and increasing PUMA's brand heat, will therefore be supplemented by the nextlevel programme. The ongoing investments in the brand and the nextlevel programme are intended to ensure the improvement of the underlying operating result from 2025 onwards and to form the basis for sustainable and accelerated future growth.

With regard to the consolidated balance sheet, we believe that PUMA continues to have a very solid capital base. As of the balance sheet date, the PUMA Group's equity amounted to € 2.8 billion and the equity ratio was 39.6%.

Inventories are at a healthy level at the end of 2024, with a strong increase in goods in transit. Our focus on working capital management helped to reduce the increase in working capital when compared with the previous year. This is also reflected in the improvement in the cash flow from operating activities and free cash flow. Our cash and cash equivalents amounted to € 368.2 million as of the balance sheet date. In addition, the PUMA Group has unutilised credit lines totalling € 1,360.2 million at its disposal.

The positive net income enables the Management Board and Supervisory Board of PUMA SE to propose a dividend of € 0.61 per share for the financial year 2024 at the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2025. This corresponds to a payout ratio of 32.3% of consolidated net income according to IFRS. PUMA's adjusted dividend policy for 2024 provides for a payout ratio of 25% to 40% of the consolidated net income. In addition, the first tranche of the share buyback programme will continue with a remaining volume of € 50 million until 6 May 2025. The share buyback complements the dividend policy by a further 10% - 25% of the net income to achieve a total payout ratio of up to 50% of the consolidated net income.

# COMMENTS ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF PUMA SE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GERMAN COMMERCIAL CODE (HGB)

The annual financial statements of PUMA SE are prepared in accordance with the rules of the German Commercial Code (German GAAP, HGB), taking into account the SEAG (German SE Implementation Act) and the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG). PUMA SE is the parent company of the PUMA Group. PUMA SE's results are to a large extent influenced by the directly and indirectly held subsidiaries and shareholdings. The business development of PUMA SE is essentially subject to the same risks and opportunities as the PUMA Group. In addition, the management of earnings before taxes (EBT) is affected by changes in the financial result.

PUMA SE is responsible for wholesale business in the DACH area, consisting of the home market of Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. Furthermore, PUMA SE is also responsible for pan-European distribution for individual key accounts and for sourcing products from European production countries, as well as global licensing management. In addition, PUMA SE acts as a holding company within the PUMA Group and, as such, is responsible for international product development, merchandising, international marketing, the global areas of finance, operations and PUMA's strategic direction.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### ➤ T.06 INCOME STATEMENT (GERMAN GAAP, HGB)

	2024		2023		+/- %
	€ million	%	€ million	%	
<b>Sales</b>	<b>1,270.2</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1,243.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
Other operating income	216.8	17.1%	83.7	6.7%	159.0%
Cost of sales	-397.2	-31.3%	-389.5	-31.3%	2.0%
Personnel expenses	-144.6	-11.4%	-130.8	-10.5%	10.5%
Depreciation	-25.9	-2.0%	-36.1	-2.9%	-28.4%
Other operating expenses	-1,097.9	-86.4%	-898.8	-72.3%	22.2%
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>-1,665.6</b>	<b>-131.1%</b>	<b>-1,455.2</b>	<b>-117.0%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Financial result</b>	<b>351.3</b>	<b>27.7%</b>	<b>258.8</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>35.7%</b>
<b>Income before Tax</b>	<b>172.6</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>131.0</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>31.8%</b>
Income tax	-25.8	-2.0%	-21.2	-1.7%	21.9%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>146.8</b>	<b>11.6%</b>	<b>109.8</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>33.6%</b>

**Sales** increased by 2.1% to € 1,270.2 million in financial year 2024. The increase was mainly due to higher product sales, which increased by 5.6% to € 622.7 million in 2024 compared to € 589.4 million in the previous year. The increase in sales was mainly related to the UEFA Euro 2024 men's football championship in Germany, the conclusion of new sponsoring agreements and the sales growth resulting from the intensification of cooperation with individual key accounts. Royalty and commission income included in sales

reduced by 3.3% to € 579.6 million (previous year: € 599.3 million). In contrast, other sales, which mainly consisted of recharges of costs to affiliated companies, increased by 12.9% to € 67.9 million (previous year: € 55.0 million).

**Other operating income** amounted to € 216.8 million in 2024 (previous year: € 83.7 million) and includes, in particular, realised and unrealised gains from currency conversion related to the measurement of receivables and liabilities in foreign currencies at the balance sheet date.

The total **expenditure** from material expenses, personnel expenses, depreciation and other operating expenses increased by 14.5% to € 1,665.6 million compared to the previous year (previous year: € 1,455.2 million). The increase in material expenses compared to the previous year was due to the increase in sales. The higher personnel costs reflect a higher number of employees. Other operating expenses increased compared with the previous year, mainly due to increased administrative, marketing and sales expenses. Currency losses contributed significantly to the increase in administrative expenses.

Year-on-year, the **financial result** rose by 35.7% to € 351.3 million. The increase resulted from higher income from the transfer of income from affiliated companies and a slight increase in income from dividends from investments in affiliated companies. The interest result decreased compared to the previous year, largely due to lower interest income from affiliated companies and higher interest expenses in connection with Group financing. Furthermore, the investment in Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co. KGaA (BVB), Dortmund, Germany, was written down in the financial year due to an impairment of € 2.8 million, which is expected to be permanent.

**Income before taxes** increased by 31.8% from € 131.0 million in the previous year to € 172.6 million in 2024, mainly due to increases in other operating income and the improved financial result. **Taxes on income** amounted to € 25.8 million (previous year: € 21.2 million). PUMA SE's **net income** under commercial law (German GAAP, HGB) increased by 33.7% in the financial year 2024 to € 146.8 million (previous year: € 109.8 million).

## NET ASSETS

### ➤ T.07 BALANCE SHEET (GERMAN GAAP, HGB)

	31.12.2024		31.12.2023		+/- %
	€ million	%	€ million	%	
Fixed Assets	1,629.1	61.5%	1,648.9	63.3%	-1.2%
Inventory	98.9	3.7%	85.7	3.3%	15.4%
Receivables and other current assets	851.9	32.2%	680.9	26.1%	25.1%
Cash and cash equivalents	49.2	1.9%	165.8	6.4%	-70.3%
Current Assets	1,000.0	37.8%	932.4	35.8%	7.3%
Others	19.0	0.7%	23.7	0.9%	-19.9%
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,648.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,605.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
Equity	905.6	34.2%	925.8	35.5%	-2.2%
Accruals/Provision	110.0	4.2%	123.7	4.7%	-11.1%
Liabilities	1,632.1	61.6%	1,555.0	59.7%	5.0%
Others	0.4	0.0%	0.5	0.0%	-7.1%
<b>Total Equity &amp; Liabilities</b>	<b>2,648.1</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>2,605.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

In 2024, **fixed assets** decreased by a total of 1.2% to € 1,629.1 million. This reduction is largely attributable to the sale of ERP software to affiliated companies in the amount of € 35.9 million. In contrast, there were further investments in IT and financial assets.

The 15.4% increase in inventories in **current assets** to € 98.9 million is mainly due to a larger inventory of Teamsport apparel to allow us to fulfil re-orders by customers more quickly. Receivables and other assets increased by a total of 25.1% compared with the previous year to € 851.9 million. In particular, increased receivables from the financing of affiliated companies contributed to this development. Cash and cash equivalents decreased by 70.3% to € 49.2 million compared to the previous year, mainly due to cash outflow from financing activities.

On the **equity and liabilities** side, equity fell by 2.2% to € 905.6 million in 2024. In combination with the increase in total assets due to higher liabilities, this led to a decline in the equity ratio to 34.2% as at the balance sheet date of 31 December 2024 (previous year: 35.5%).

Provisions decreased by 11.1% compared to the previous year to € 110.0 million. This development was mainly due to lower provisions for outstanding invoices and personnel costs. Liabilities increased from € 1,555.0 million in the previous year to € 1,632.1 million as of 31 December 2024. This increase was mainly the result of increased liabilities to affiliated companies and the corresponding decreased liabilities to banks due to the repayment of a promissory note loan.

## FINANCIAL POSITION

### ➤ T.08 CASH FLOW STATEMENT (GERMAN GAAP, HGB)

	2024	2023	
	€ million	€ million	+/- %
Cash flow used in operating activities	-72.2	-92.6	-22.1%
Cash flow from investing activities	54.6	66.3	-17.6%
Free Cash Flow	-17.6	-26.3	-33.2%
Cash flow used in/ from financing activities	-99.1	95.6	>-100%
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-116.6	69.3	>-100%
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of financial year	165.8	96.5	71.8%
Cash and cash equivalents at end of financial year	49.2	165.8	-70.3%

In financial year 2024, **cash outflow from operating activities** amounted to € 72.2 million, compared to a cash outflow of € 92.6 million in the previous year. The decrease in cash outflow is mainly due to the improvement in earnings before taxes when compared with the previous year.

The slight reduction in the **cash inflow from investing activities** in 2024 is largely due to the sale of ERP software to affiliated companies and the decrease in payments for investments by PUMA SE. This offsets the change in receivables from the cash pool and loans to affiliated companies.

In 2024, the **cash flow from financing activities** showed a total cash outflow of € 99.1 million compared to a cash inflow of € 95.6 million in the previous year. This outflow of funds is largely related to the repayment of promissory note loans, the increase in cash outflow as a result of interest and cash outflow for the repurchase of treasury shares.

## OUTLOOK

Due to planned internal structural changes, we expect a significant decline in sales in the annual financial statements under the German Commercial Code (German GAAP, HGB) of PUMA SE for the financial year 2025. The relocation of business units means that the underlying sales will not be reported by PUMA SE but by other companies in the PUMA Group. For the financial year 2025, we expect earnings before taxes at the previous year's level in the German GAAP annual financial statements of PUMA SE, taking into account dividends from investments in affiliated companies.

# SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PREAMBLE

PUMA's sustainability program aims to create a positive impact across the PUMA value chain focusing on Human Rights, Climate and Circularity. This sustainability statement for the fiscal year 2024 was reviewed by the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE and, on behalf of the Supervisory Board, by KPMG AG with regard to the legally required disclosures pursuant to §§ 315b and 315c in conjunction with 289b to 289e German Commercial Code (HGB) for the purpose of obtaining limited assurance. The review was conducted in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised): "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information" issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB).

The Sustainability Statement contains a description of concepts and due diligence processes and their results. In accordance with the five non-financial aspects pursuant to Sections 315c in conjunction with 289c HGB: "Environmental matters", "Employee matters", "Social matters", "Respect for Human Rights" and "Combating corruption and bribery".

We use the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive EU 2022/2464 (CSRD) and its related European Sustainability Standards (ESRS) as our reporting framework. To prepare this Statement, we conducted a Double Materiality Analysis (DMA), engaging with our stakeholders to identify the most material Impacts, Risks and Opportunities (IROs). We report on the IROs' interaction with our strategy and business model and how we address them. The first section of the Statement covers our general approach to sustainability reporting, our sustainability strategy and targets in relation to our business model and value chain. We detail our material IROs, policies and actions included in the ESRS: ESRS E1 Climate Change, ESRS E2 Pollution, ESRS E3 Water and Marine Resources, ESRS E4 Biodiversity and Ecosystems, ESRS E5 Resource Use and Circular Economy, ESRS S1 Own Workforce, ESRS S2 Workers in the Value Chain, ESRS S4 Consumers and End-Users and ESRS G1 Business Conduct. We also explain the principles we follow to ensure transparency in our sustainability performance.

### ESRS 2 GENERAL DISCLOSURES

#### STRATEGY

##### **Strategy, business model and value chain (SBM-1)**

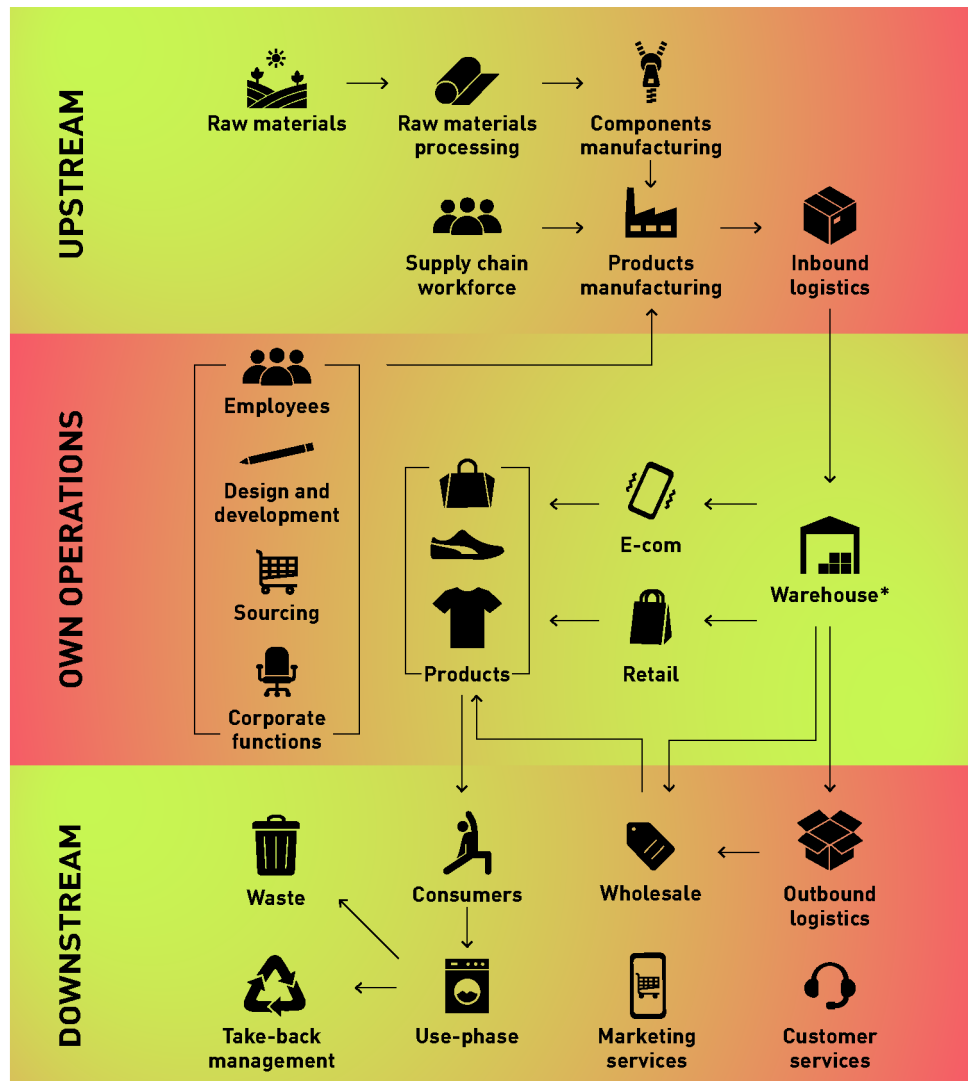
PUMA SE is a publicly listed company in the sporting goods industry, headquartered in Herzogenaurach, Germany. We report our business activities into three major regions: EMEA, the Americas and Asia/Pacific. These regions are further divided into seven segments: Europe, EEMEA, North America, Latin America, Greater China, Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) and stichd. This is based on the registered offices of the respective subsidiaries. Our products are categorised into three divisions: footwear, apparel and accessories.

As of 31 December 2024, the PUMA Group consists of the parent company PUMA SE and 101 subsidiaries, controlled directly or indirectly by PUMA SE. The subsidiaries handle various tasks at the local level, such as distribution, marketing, product development, sourcing and administration. A full list of subsidiaries can be found in the [Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements](#).

Our value chain includes several stages, from design and development to sourcing and manufacturing, distribution and retail, up to the product use phase and end of life. PUMA's main business activities are the design, development, sourcing, marketing and selling of sports and sports-lifestyle footwear, apparel and accessories.

Major inputs for PUMA products include cotton and polyester for apparel and accessories, alongside polyurethane, ethyl vinyl acetate (EVA) and natural and synthetic rubber and leather for footwear. Product packaging mainly consists of cardboard (outer cardboards, shoe boxes and hangtags) and polyethylene bags (primary packaging for apparel and accessories). PUMA purchases finished products from outsourced and external manufacturing partners based on designs and specifications made by the PUMA design and development teams. Logistics service providers transport the goods from the country of manufacture to the final sales destinations.

## ➤ G.15 PUMA'S VALUE CHAIN OVERVIEW



\* PUMA works with outsourced warehouses in many countries

PUMA is divided into seven Business Units: Sportstyle, Teamsport, Running and Training, Motorsport, Golf, Basketball and Accessories. Additionally, PUMA's owned company stichd, is involved in the design, development, sourcing, marketing and selling of socks and bodywear and the distribution and selling of licensed products.

Our revenues are derived from the sale of PUMA and Cobra Golf brand products via wholesale and retail trade, and direct sales to consumers in our own retail and online stores. We market and distribute our products worldwide, mainly through our own subsidiaries. Our daughter company stichd sells socks and bodywear and operates fan shops and online stores for a large football club and during Formula 1 races.



There are distribution agreements with independent distributors in a few countries. PUMA does not sell any products or services that are banned in certain markets. PUMA is not active in the sectors of fossil fuel production, chemicals production, weapons production or tobacco products.

A breakdown of net sales can be found in the [Sales](#) chapter in the financial statement. A breakdown of employee figures per main region can be found in the [S1 Own workforce](#) section.

### **Sustainability strategy**

PUMA's sustainability strategy, FOREVER. BETTER., aims for the full integration of sustainability aspects into core business functions, ensuring sustainability is a key priority across all levels of the organisation. Our sustainability-related goals have a global scope, covering various aspects of our supply chain and own operations, all product divisions and customer groups. Our strategy and targets are approved by PUMA's Management Board. PUMA also sets specific regional targets. For example, PUMA promotes circularity through take-back schemes in countries such as the USA, Germany, France, China, and Australia.

Our strategy tackles the key challenges of working with outsourced manufacturers, including raw material traceability, environmental impacts, Human Rights issues, and the limited visibility of the end of life of PUMA products after they are sold to our consumers.

The year 2024 marks a transition year for our sustainability strategy. Following a DMA conducted with external consultation in 2023 and a stakeholder dialogue meeting in April 2024, we developed and published our new Vision 2030 sustainability targets. These build on the 10FOR25 sustainability strategy and sharpen the focus on efforts related to our impact sustainability matters under the pillars of Human Rights, Climate and Circularity. Specific topics under those pillars are covered as follows:

### **Human Rights**

- Own employees: diversity, employee engagement and development, health and safety and community engagement
- Own employees and supply chain: fair labour conditions, living wages and gender equity.

### **Climate**

- Scope 1 and 2 emissions: greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions by using renewable energy, transitioning to a zero or low-emission car fleet, and avoiding corporate airplane use unless biofuels are utilised
- Scope 3 emissions: GHG emission reductions through using renewable energy, phasing out coal boilers, and using less carbon-intensive materials
- Biodiversity: set science-based targets for nature (SBTN) and deforestation-free (bovine) leather
- Water: recycled industrial wastewater at core factories (covering approximately 60-80 % of business volume).

### **Circularity**

- Use of recycled materials
- New business models
- Elimination of plastic packaging
- Collaboration with the industry
- Circular design.

Human Rights targets for own entities relate to all PUMA employees globally, and for the supply chain, while fair labour condition relate to all PUMA suppliers, living wages and gender equity targets relate to core PUMA suppliers. Climate and biodiversity targets relate to all our own entities and upstream supply chain, our water target relates to PUMA core factories. Circularity targets relate to PUMA's main products (footwear, apparel and accessories) sold in all markets where PUMA is present and all customer groups.

PUMA has social and environmental impacts both upstream and downstream in the value chain. PUMA works closely with suppliers and material organisations like Better Cotton and the Leather Working Group, to implement better practices and reduce our impact across the supply chain. We collaborate with environmental expert organisations and United Nations (UN) bodies like the UN Climate Change to align our goals with international and industry commitments. PUMA engages with workers' rights organisations, international trade unions, and our own Works Council to ensure fair labour practices and Human Rights compliance. Downstream in the value chain, we involve wholesale customers, marketing assets like football clubs, and second-hand market representatives to promote sustainability and circularity.

PUMA's efforts to mitigate upstream impacts include sourcing certified and/or recycled materials such as cotton, polyester, leather, and cardboard. We promote ethical practices and Human Rights compliance through the PUMA Code of Conduct for vendors. Additionally, we use comprehensive chemical management systems to ensure safety and compliance, and we aim to reduce Scope 3 emissions. PUMA works with suppliers to implement these practices and pursue sustainability goals.

PUMA's approach to mitigate downstream impacts involves continuous innovation in product design and development, collaboration with wholesale partners, and efficient logistics to ensure timely delivery. We also aim to enhance brand trust and loyalty by offering high-quality products made with certified or recycled materials.

Our daughter company stichd has set own sustainability targets, in line with PUMA's focus areas.

### **Interests and views of stakeholders (SBM-2)**

Our stakeholder engagement is a continuous and comprehensive process aimed at integrating the perspectives and feedback of various stakeholders into the company's DMA, decision-making process and sustainability strategies and targets. This ensures that our projects and priorities align with broader societal goals and reduces tensions with stakeholders. At PUMA, we organise stakeholder dialogues by inviting representatives from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), suppliers, expert organisations, government agencies, and other relevant groups to discuss our sustainability agenda, as described in the Overview of stakeholder views and interests (SBM-2) table. Members of the Management and Supervisory Board frequently participate in our stakeholder dialogue meetings.

These dialogues focus on specific themes such as Human Rights, climate, circularity or traceability. For example, after consulting stakeholders on PUMA's 2030 Vision and targets in April 2024, PUMA adjusted its Vision 2030 circularity targets from individual product take-back towards industry collaboration on take-back structures and recycling. Another outcome was that PUMA will trial second-hand sales.

Engagement across the value chain takes place year-round through supplier meetings, industry benchmarks or conferences. PUMA engages with a wide range of stakeholders including material organisations (e.g., Better Cotton, Leather Working Group), product and material manufacturing partners, workers' rights groups, trade unions, environmental and Human Rights experts, customers, marketing assets, and product sorting and recycling organisations. Continuous stakeholders' engagement ensures that their views are included in PUMA's impact assessment, due diligence, sustainability strategy and targets.

For instance, by focusing on high-quality, innovative products made from certified or recycled materials, we aim to have 90 % of our products made from partially or fully certified or recycled sources by 2025, 100 % polyester from recycled source by 2030 and to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 at the latest. This approach meets customer demands and enhances brand trust. Investors benefit from sustained growth and risk mitigation. Employees enjoy a supportive work environment with fair labour practices and development opportunities. PUMA maintains transparent and fair relationships with suppliers, improving environmental and social performance and efficiency. We also support community engagement and environmental

conservation, to address NGO and community expectations for transparency and responsibility. We work on implementing advanced data tracking for transparency in sourcing and production.

Overall, PUMA's stakeholder engagement has resulted in more inclusive sustainability strategies, ensuring that the company remains accountable and responsive to stakeholders' needs. PUMA will continue to hold regular stakeholder dialogue meetings and plans to expand sustainability communication with consumers to ensure transparency and increase trust. Additionally, PUMA will collaborate with industry peers and experts to refine its sustainability strategies. Based on feedback and industry standards, PUMA commits to regularly reviewing its list of material topics and IROs to ensure comprehensive coverage in future reporting cycles.

## ➤ T.09 OVERVIEW OF STAKEHOLDER VIEWS AND INTERESTS (SBM-2)

Stakeholder groups, scope and impacts	Engagement methods (not exhaustive)	Stakeholder views and interests (not exhaustive)	Role on the 2024 strategy and actions (not exhaustive)
Consumers including end-consumers with individuals purchasing PUMA products online and offline, impacted by product design, quality and availability, user-experience initiatives and customer services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consumer hotline</li> <li>- Brand perception analysis</li> <li>- Direct communication with marketing strategy (targeted marketing)</li> <li>- Use of consumer insights and trend reports</li> <li>- Use of top athletes as proxy for performance products</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- High-quality products which are safe to use</li> <li>- Personalised, innovative products</li> <li>- Transparency and honest communication on important sustainability-related topics</li> <li>- All claims made to consumers backed up by solid and scientific evidence</li> <li>- Accessibility and inclusion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Product quality standards</li> <li>- Innovative technologies like NITRO cushioning</li> <li>- Ethical Marketing Policy</li> <li>- Sustainability Communication Guideline</li> <li>- Accessibility of the e-com site and stores</li> <li>- Leveraging data analytics to improve product offerings</li> </ul>
Customers (e.g. third-party online and offline stores) impacted by product design, quality and availability and sustainability-related aspects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct interaction via account managers</li> <li>- Customer satisfaction surveys and measurements</li> <li>- Use of consumer insights and trend reports</li> <li>- Stakeholder dialogue meetings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brand heat</li> <li>- Commercial products</li> <li>- Compliance with all sustainability regulations</li> <li>- Products with recycled and certified materials</li> <li>- Shared sustainability initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marketing campaigns</li> <li>- High product safety and quality standards</li> <li>- Code of Conduct and Human Rights Due Diligence</li> <li>- 9 out of 10 products made with recycled or certified materials</li> </ul>
CSOs, NGOs and sustainability expert organisations impacting PUMA's sustainability strategy and reputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholder dialogue meetings</li> <li>- Participation in expert working groups and conferences</li> <li>- Participation in multi-stakeholder initiatives</li> <li>- Engagement meetings and participation in questionnaires/benchmarks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</li> <li>- Topic specific per focus area of CSO/NGO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reputational risk management</li> <li>- Public disclosure</li> <li>- Feedback and input on sustainability strategy and targets</li> <li>- Industry collaboration</li> </ul>

Stakeholder groups, scope and impacts	Engagement methods (not exhaustive)	Stakeholder views and interests (not exhaustive)	Role on the 2024 strategy and actions (not exhaustive)
Shareholders and financial community (e.g. investors, financial institutions and analysts, ESG analysts)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Annual Shareholder Meeting</li> <li>- Investor Relations website</li> <li>- Investor roadshow</li> <li>- Meetings with investors, financial analysts and ESG analysts</li> <li>- Quarterly statements</li> <li>- Press releases</li> <li>- Earning calls</li> <li>- Investor Days</li> <li>- Participation in ESG rankings and ratings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Return on investment and value creation (e.g. share performance, dividends, share buybacks, etc.)</li> <li>- Operating performance</li> <li>- Strategic direction</li> <li>- Transparency and communication: access to accurate, reliable and timely information (quarterly releases)</li> <li>- ESG factors (e.g. performance in ratings, legal compliance, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Capital Markets Day in 2024</li> <li>- Initiated share buyback program</li> <li>- Roadshows and participation in industry- and sector-specific conferences</li> <li>- Expanded functionalities and increased transparency on Investor Relations website</li> <li>- Recognition in major ESG indices/ratings</li> </ul>
Non-product business partners affected by PUMA's business practices and collaboration (e.g. marketing assets such as football clubs, logistic or IT providers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Frequent interaction through relevant departments</li> <li>- Inclusion in stakeholder dialogue meetings</li> <li>- Collaboration through sustainability-focused projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Having a reliable business partner</li> <li>- Meeting all legal requirements</li> <li>- Supporting the business partner's own sustainability program and targets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collaboration on low carbon shipping</li> <li>- Collaboration on product take back and RE:FIBRE products for football clubs</li> <li>- Joint application for awards and recognitions</li> </ul>
Employees in corporate, retail and warehouses globally impacted by PUMA's corporate actions and policies by having a contractual relationship with PUMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Employee engagement and pulse surveys</li> <li>- Frequent meetings with Works Council</li> <li>- Employee representatives in Supervisory Board</li> <li>- Coffee talks with new joiners</li> <li>- Collective bargaining agreements</li> <li>- Employee resource groups</li> <li>- Annual and regular performance reviews and feedback meetings</li> <li>- Internal social and informal events for special occasions</li> <li>- Townhall meetings with the participation of C-level staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Respect of labour rights</li> <li>- Zero tolerance for violence, discrimination and harassment at the workplace</li> <li>- Increased work-life balance</li> <li>- Career development opportunities and performance development mechanisms</li> <li>- Living wage</li> <li>- No gender pay gap</li> <li>- Healthy and safe working environment</li> <li>- Diversity and inclusion</li> <li>- Functioning and available grievance mechanisms (training on the tools)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Human Rights Guideline</li> <li>- Vision 2030 Human Rights targets including diversity and execution of a Diversity Roadmap</li> <li>- Wellbeing strategy and activities</li> <li>- Employer branding and People &amp; Organisation (P&amp;O) Strategy</li> <li>- Advanced training opportunities</li> <li>- Training on Code of Ethics</li> <li>- Occupational Health and Safety Policy and management system</li> <li>- Remuneration Report</li> <li>- Whistleblowing Policy and awareness of Speak Up</li> </ul>
Direct business partners, manufacturers of PUMA goods (upstream Tier 1 suppliers)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier meetings (round tables, summits, etc.)</li> <li>- Factory visits and audits</li> <li>- Supplier survey</li> <li>- Industry conference</li> <li>- Stakeholder dialogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support on climate change, pollution, water, biodiversity, circularity, workers in the value chain topics</li> <li>- Implementation of responsible purchasing practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsible Purchasing Policy development and implementation</li> <li>- Policy development</li> <li>- Vendor Financing Program</li> <li>- Human Rights and Environmental Policies</li> <li>- Capacity building programs</li> <li>- Grievance mechanisms</li> <li>- Target setting</li> <li>- Implementation of international and local regulations</li> </ul>

Stakeholder groups, scope and impacts	Engagement methods (not exhaustive)	Stakeholder views and interests (not exhaustive)	Role on the 2024 strategy and actions (not exhaustive)
Manufacturers of materials and components (upstream Tier 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier meetings</li> <li>- Factory visits and audits</li> <li>- Industry conference</li> <li>- Stakeholder dialogue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support on climate change, pollution, water, biodiversity, circularity, workers in the value chain topics</li> <li>- Implementation of responsible purchasing practices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge transfer through engagement with suppliers and support for their sustainability initiatives</li> <li>- Human Rights and Environmental Policies</li> <li>- Capacity building programs</li> <li>- Grievance mechanisms</li> <li>- Target-setting</li> <li>- Implementation of international and local regulations</li> </ul>
Supply chain workforce affected by working conditions, human rights and labour rights indirectly leveraged by PUMA (upstream)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Workers' survey</li> <li>- Conferences</li> <li>- Stakeholder dialogue</li> <li>- Consultation meetings</li> <li>- Grievance mechanism</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zero tolerance on Human Rights issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CSOs Engagement Policy</li> <li>- Responsible Purchasing Policy</li> <li>- Human Rights Policy</li> <li>- Sustainability Handbooks</li> <li>- Code of Conduct</li> <li>- Target setting</li> <li>- Double materiality assessment</li> </ul>
Raw materials producers (upstream) including farmers and foresters impacted by PUMA's sourcing strategy and practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inclusion in stakeholder dialogue via industry organisations such as Better Cotton, the Leather Working Group or Textile Exchange</li> <li>- Membership and partnership with those organisations</li> <li>- Participation in conferences, working groups, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stable commitment to sourcing certified materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Target setting</li> <li>- Double materiality assessment</li> <li>- Policy development</li> <li>- Active membership in sector organisations</li> </ul>

## IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

### **Process to identify and assess material impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1)**

A DMA forms the basis of PUMA's sustainability strategy and reporting. Our DMA, conducted in 2023, was adapted in 2024 to fully align with CSRD criteria. It is based on stakeholder inputs, legal requirements, media reports, industry benchmarks, and the results of PUMA's ongoing due diligence. It covers our operations and value chain, focusing on direct supply chain partners (Tier 1 suppliers) and strategic material and component suppliers (Tier 2 suppliers). We plan to update our double materiality assessment annually.

For this first report following CSRD requirements, PUMA identified and assessed ESG-related IROs through a DMA process with a stepped approach described below:

**Expert consultation:** PUMA collaborated with an expert consultancy to conduct a DMA involving both internal and external stakeholders. This process included analysing media and peer ESG topics, developing a long list of potentially material topics based on ESRS content, and narrowing it down to a short list through stakeholder consultations, interviews, and surveys. The results identified material topics based on their impact on PUMA's stakeholders (inside-out perspective) and the material risks and opportunities for PUMA's financial performance (outside-in perspective). The results of this assessment were published in PUMA's Annual Report 2023.

Stakeholder dialogue: In early 2024, we held a stakeholder dialogue meeting to identify and understand actual and potential impacts and underlying opportunities. Participants were selected based on their dependency, responsibility, influence, outreach, and ability to provide diverse perspectives. Internal stakeholders included departments such as Sustainability, Product Compliance, Finance, Sourcing, Internal Audit, People and Organisation (P&O), Investor Relations, and Legal/Compliance. External stakeholders included suppliers, topic experts, NGOs, intergovernmental organisations, business partners, financial institutions, investors, and ranking agencies.

IRO assessment: PUMA's sustainability teams thoroughly assessed all sustainability IROs. This involved examining both actual and potential positive or negative impacts on people and the environment across short-term (within the reporting period), medium-term (1 to 5 years), and long-term (over 5 years) time frames. We determined where the gross impact occurs, whether within our own operations or throughout the value chain (upstream and/or downstream). We considered how this impact relates to our business model and strategy. PUMA used a scale of 0 (no impact) to 15 (maximum possible impact) to rate impacts down to the ESRS provided sub-sub-topics-level, considering the scale, scope, and irremediability of each impact, multiplied by the likelihood (0-1, unlikely to almost certain). Impacts scoring 8 and above were deemed material. This process did not differentiate based on geography and covered the entire value chain from farming to product end-of-life.

Supply chain impacts were evaluated based on a due diligence analysis. PUMA used a gross impact scenario, assessing potential and actual impacts before implementing mitigation measures. An example of stakeholder consultation and inclusion in the DMA process is the re-evaluation of the microplastics topic as material, following new evidence from the Microfiber Consortium and media reports.

During the identification of material IROs we considered the whole value chain. Furthermore, PUMA specifically considered the main sourcing countries in Asia (Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Vietnam) and the main potential environmental impact, such as facilities involved in wet processing (fabric mills, tanneries) and agricultural processes like cotton farming. Assumptions made during the materiality assessment to cover the supply chain used data from PUMA's core suppliers (covering approximately 60-80% of PUMA's business volume). We also included long-term industry practices such as the management of restricted substances or recent media reports into the evaluation.

We used financial materiality to evaluate topics that create risks and opportunities for PUMA, potentially impacting financial performance, access to finance, or the cost of capital over the short, medium, and long term. This assessment considers risks and opportunities from current or future events, and those arising from business relationships. The business dependencies on natural, human, and social resources were evaluated. The potential magnitude of financial effects, the time horizon, and the likelihood were also assessed.

PUMA's sustainability teams, in collaboration with risk management and other internal stakeholders, defined financial materiality based on the magnitude of financial effects from 0 (no effect) to 5 (very severe effect) and a likelihood of occurrence factor from 0.65 (low likelihood) to 1 (almost-certain likelihood). A gross risk perspective was applied, like the assessment of impact. The connections between impacts and dependencies, along with the associated risks and opportunities, were also considered. During this process, the following input parameters were used:

- Regulation on certain aspects and potential financial penalties in the event of non-compliance
- Results of PUMA's Due Diligence process, including social compliance audits and environmental assessments of suppliers
- ESG benchmark reports and NGO reports on the fashion and sporting goods industry
- Discussions with expert organisations and industry peers
- Review of literature and guidance documents on CSRD.

Only risks or opportunities scoring 3 or higher were deemed material and integrated into PUMA's risk management. The resulting list of material risks and opportunities was approved by the relevant topic owners within the company (e.g., P&O for Human Resource topics) and aligned with PUMA's overall risk management system. This process, along with the approval of the IRO list by PUMA's management and supervisory boards, ensures that material risks and opportunities are incorporated into PUMA's overall management process.

Compared to previous years, the process of identifying risks and opportunities involved more stakeholders and was executed in 2024 on a more granular basis. As a result, more risks and opportunities were identified. This was also due to the consideration of gross risks, rather than net risks after mitigation measures. Consequently, the list of material topics and IROs was expanded to include:

- Microplastics (ESRS E2)
- Consumer data protection, ethical marketing practices, and health and safety (ESRS S4)
- Corporate culture, whistleblowing, and anti-corruption (ESRS G1)
- For entity-specific disclosures, PUMA identified the community engagement programme as material.

PUMA connects impacts and dependencies with risks and opportunities through a comprehensive Risk Management System. This system identifies and evaluates potential future developments that could affect the company's targets. PUMA continuously monitors its operations and external environment to identify material risks and opportunities, assessing impacts on stakeholders and dependencies on natural and human resources. These identified risks and opportunities are integrated into PUMA's business strategy, allowing the company to proactively address challenges and leverage opportunities.

Regular stakeholder engagement helps PUMA understand the broader impacts of its operations and refine its risk management strategies. Sustainability initiatives, such as reducing GHG emissions and promoting fair labour practices, are directly linked to mitigating risks and capitalising on opportunities.

Material sustainability risks are included in PUMA's overall risk management system and treated with the same priority as other, non-sustainability-related risks, using the same risk tools. PUMA's risk management system is based on the COSO framework and promotes continuous improvement and risk awareness. This systematic approach ensures that PUMA's strategy and business model remain resilient and adaptable to changing conditions. Topics identified as material within the CSRD do not always have to be material within the Enterprise Risk Management. However, there is a process in place to evaluate whether this is the case.

### **Entity-specific disclosures**

As an entity-specific disclosure, we have identified community engagement. This disclosure is covered in [S1 Own workforce](#) section. Our 10FOR25 sustainability targets were established in 2019 before the CSRD came into force. Consequently, many of the KPIs included in these targets cover metrics outside of the scope of CSRD.

To decide if a target or KPI is entity-specific, we applied a unified methodology to see how far the metric is connected to a topic covered by the CSRD. If both target and metric are covered in the CSRD, they are included as part of the normal reporting process. If the target is connected to a topic covered by the CSRD but CSRD does not include the specific KPI, those are disclosed as entity-specific metrics in the relevant topical standards. Targets or KPIs with no connection to the CSRD will not be reported in this Sustainability Statement, but within a separate report.

Our 10FOR25 targets were set as measurable targets, except for commitment-related targets, and developed according to the policy objectives after consultations with stakeholders. The targets are based on conclusive scientific evidence or industry standards. For example, PUMA has set science-based targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) to align with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Additionally, PUMA's 10FOR25 targets incorporate

industry standards such as the ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines and certified or recycled materials according to Textile Exchange standards. The nature, scope and baseline values of the targets were assigned specifically to each topic. The baseline year was 2020, and the period in which the targets apply is 2020 to 2025. The performance against each target has been reported annually as part of PUMA's sustainability reporting.

PUMA's 2025 targets (10FOR25) were defined at an earlier stage and therefore differ in scope from the requirements of the CSRD. As a result, the underlying metrics used to measure progress toward achieving these targets are classified as entity-specific.

- Accordingly, for supply chain social targets and corresponding metrics, neither stichd, PUMA United, nor core Tier 2 suppliers are included in the scope
- For supply chain environmental targets and corresponding metrics, neither stichd nor PUMA United are considered. However, an exception applies to stichd, which has been included in the climate Science-Based Targets since 2023 due to its significant sales contribution.

Going forward, efforts will be made to gradually align the scope with the requirements of the CSRD. In 2024, we developed our Vision 2030 targets following a DMA and stakeholder dialogue. Some of these goals extend beyond the scope of the CSRD due to our industry's outsourced production model. The same logic applies to the development and reporting of these goals within this statement. Where necessary, we plan to revise our policies and handbooks to align with our 2030 targets. Unless otherwise stated, the baseline year will be 2025 and targets are applicable from 2025 to 2030. We will continue to publish performance against each goal annually as part of our sustainability reporting.

### **Material impacts, risks and opportunities and their interaction with strategy and business model (SBM-3)**

A detailed description of specific IROs per topic, including their time horizon and location in the value chain as well as potential changes to PUMA's strategy is provided at the beginning of each topical standard chapter. PUMA evaluated how material negative and positive impacts affect (or are likely to affect) people or the environment, and whether and how material impacts originate from or are connected to the strategy and business model, considering geographical areas, facilities, types of assets, inputs, outputs and distribution channels. The material IROs identified by PUMA include:

- Climate actions for own entities and in the value chain: effective climate actions reduce GHG emissions and mitigate climate change, while inaction can exacerbate environmental degradation and health issues. Climate action is embedded in PUMA's strategy of achieving long-term sustainability and resilience against climate-related risks (ESRS E1)
- Pollution in the value chain: In our industry, the use of certain chemicals is necessary, but some are substances of concern or high concern due to their potential adverse effects on humans, animals, or the environment, and while many major brands adhere to standards like ZDHC MRSL and AFIRM RSL, the journey towards eliminating these substances is ongoing, making them a material topic (ESRS E2)
- Water use in the supply chain: efficient water use reduces environmental impact and conserves resources, while excessive use can lead to water scarcity and pollution. Sustainable water management is crucial for PUMA's sustainability goals and compliance with environmental regulations (ESRS E3)
- Biodiversity, land use, and deforestation in the supply chain: protecting biodiversity and preventing deforestation helps maintain ecosystems and reduce carbon emissions, while poor practices can lead to habitat loss and climate change. Sustainable land use practices are integral to PUMA's commitment to environmental stewardship and reducing its ecological footprint (ESRS E4)
- Circularity: the use of certified and recycled materials reduces negative impacts from resource consumption and material production, while inaction on circularity topics increases dependence on fossil feedstocks and land use for agricultural processes. Increasing the use of certified and recycled materials is a key lever of PUMA's climate action targets. Evaluating new services and business models such as repair and re-sale ensures PUMA remains prepared for changes in consumer preferences or upcoming legal requirements (ESRS E5)



- Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) of own workforce: promoting DEI fosters a more innovative and productive workforce, while a lack of diversity can lead to discrimination and reduced employee morale. Integrating DEI initiatives into PUMA's strategy enhances organisational culture, attracts top talent, and aligns with global sustainability standards (ESRS S1)
- Employee engagement and development of own workforce: high employee engagement leads to better job satisfaction and productivity, while a lack of engagement can result in high turnover and low morale. Investing in employee development aligns with PUMA's strategic goals of fostering a skilled and motivated workforce, driving long-term business success (ESRS S1)
- Worker wages in the supply chain: fair wages improve workers' living standards and reduce poverty, while inadequate wages can lead to exploitation and poor living conditions. Ensuring fair wages aligns with PUMA's commitment to ethical sourcing and sustainable supply chains, enhancing its brand reputation and compliance with labour standards (ESRS S2)
- Labor conditions in the supply chain: good labour conditions promote worker health and safety, while poor conditions can lead to injuries, exploitation, and high employee turnover. Maintaining high labour standards reduces risks associated with labour disputes, and supply chain disruptions, supporting PUMA's sustainability goals (ESRS S2)
- Ethical marketing practices, product safety and data safety are requirements relevant for consumers (ESRS S4)
- Corporate culture, fighting against bribery and corruption, providing whistleblower hotlines and implementing responsible purchasing practices are part of PUMA governance processes (ESRS G1).

Potential material adjustments are related to remediation, compliance efforts, factory policy changes, and training initiatives. PUMA's resilience in addressing IROs is rooted in its FOREVER. BETTER. strategy which integrates sustainability into all core business functions and is supported by several key elements:

- PUMA has set targets across different areas, including human rights, climate and circularity. These targets align with the SDGs and are designed to drive continuous improvement
- Regular stakeholder dialogue meetings help PUMA gather diverse viewpoints and foster connections with sustainability experts, industry peers, and other stakeholders. This engagement ensures that PUMA's strategies remain relevant and effective
- PUMA has committed to science-based targets for reducing GHG emissions, aligning its goals with the Paris Agreement. This commitment demonstrates PUMA's proactive approach to mitigating climate risks
- Sustainability targets are part of the bonus arrangements for all PUMA's global leadership team, ensuring accountability and alignment with corporate goals. This integration promotes a culture of sustainability throughout the organisation
- PUMA invests continuously in product innovation and design and supply chain management to reduce environmental impact and enhance resource efficiency. This adaptability allows PUMA to respond effectively to emerging risks and opportunities
- Policies and standards on ethical marketing, chemical safety and data privacy for consumers are in place and are updated as necessary to align with regulations and stakeholder expectations
- PUMA operates a mature compliance management system to address conflicts of interest and has set up a responsible purchasing policy.

By embedding sustainability into our strategy and operations, we demonstrate our commitment to address material impacts and risks while capitalising on opportunities for long-term growth and resilience. A more detailed resilience analysis for climate and biodiversity is included in the relevant topical standards. For the reporting year 2024, we do not see any significant impacts of our material impacts, risks and opportunities on our financial performance and cash-flow.

## GOVERNANCE

### **The role of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies (GOV-1)**

PUMA's governance bodies consist of a Management Board with four members until the end of 2024 and a Supervisory Board with seven members. Two members of the Supervisory Board are employee

representatives. Five members (71%) of the Supervisory Board are shareholder representatives and considered independent based on an assessment of the Supervisory Board. Two shareholder representative members of the Supervisory Board were replaced during 2024; one male member was replaced by a female member. PUMA's governance bodies are diverse in terms of gender, nationality and age. Until the end of 2024, PUMA's Management Board comprised two women and two men, representing a gender diversity of 50%. PUMA's Supervisory Board consists of three women and four men, representing a gender diversity of 43% women and 57% men.

Until the end of 2024, PUMA's Management Board included two German nationals, one French national and one Chilean national, corresponding to a nationality diversity of 75%. The Supervisory Board consists of two French nationals, one British national, one British Italian national and three German nationals, corresponding to a nationality diversity of 57%.

Age diversity is another key metric PUMA aims to achieve. Currently, 25% of the Management Board are older than 50 years old, and 75% are younger than 50 years old with an age range from 41 to 59. The Supervisory Board includes one member (14%) who is younger than 50 and one member (14%) who is older than 60. The age range of the Supervisory Board is between 46 and 61. Further details are given in the Corporate Governance statement, available on [PUMA's Corporate Governance website](#).

At the Supervisory Board level, a Sustainability Committee consisting of four members oversees sustainability-related aspects including impacts, risks and opportunities attributed to sustainability matters. It meets four times per year. The Sustainability Committee advises on and monitors sustainability issues and the sustainability strategy of the Management Board. It prepares the resolutions of the Supervisory Board related to non-financial reporting. This responsibility is formally defined in [Section 5.9 of the Rules of Procedure for the Supervisory Board](#).

The Chair of the Sustainability Committee has extensive experience in promoting sustainable development, ethical practices and corporate social responsibility (IROs related to ESRS E1-E5 and S2) within major sporting goods and sourcing companies. She has served on the boards of sustainability related industry organisations within the fashion sector. She has acquired recognised experience in corporate governance, supply chain management, marketing and stakeholder and media engagement. Two other members of the Sustainability Committee also hold expertise in sustainability and social and labour topics (IROs related to ESRS S1 and S2) due to their positions and experience on PUMA's Supervisory Board.

Four members of PUMA's Supervisory Board hold leadership experience in the sporting goods or luxury industry, acquired through their professional experience. Four members have an international corporate background, and three members know industrial constitutional law and experience in advocating for employees' interests. For more information on the experience of the members of the Supervisory Board, please refer to PUMA's Corporate Governance Statement, available in PUMA's [Corporate Governance website](#).

On the Management Board level, responsibility for sustainability related topics, including material impacts, risks and opportunities, rests with the full Management Board.

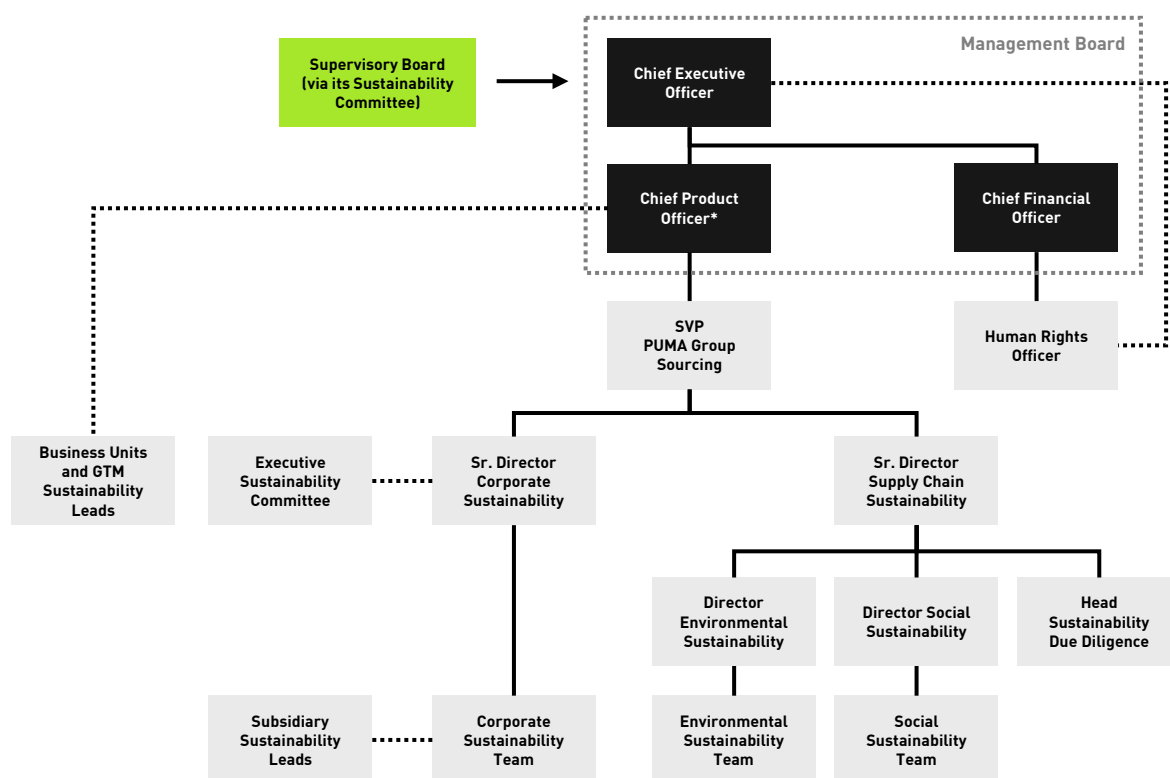
In addition to the Supervisory and Management Board, PUMA has an Executive Sustainability Committee, comprised of the functional leads for each department (P&O, Legal, Facility Management, Logistics, IT, Design and Innovation, and others). The committee meets twice per year to discuss sustainability targets and their implementation within the company.

Two dedicated departments for corporate and supply chain sustainability report indirectly to the Management Board. These departments include sustainability experts, with expertise covering the identified material topics of Human Rights, climate action, biodiversity and circular economy. Additional expertise is available with PUMA's General Counsel Corporate Governance and Compliance, who has also been appointed as Human Rights Officer. PUMA's business units include own sustainability experts, and

dedicated functions such as Innovation (circularity) and Facility Management (health and safety) contribute to specific sustainability topics and targets.

The PUMA risk management team works closely with the sustainability departments to ensure the availability of dedicated controls and procedures for sustainability related impacts, risks and opportunities. Regarding dedicated controls and procedures, please refer to [Risk management and internal controls over sustainability reporting \(GOV-5\)](#) section.

## ➤ G.16 SUSTAINABILITY ORGANISATION CHART



\*ordinary board member responsible for sourcing

### **Sustainability matters addressed by the management and supervisory bodies (GOV-2)**

The Management Board and the Sustainability Committee of the Supervisory Board are updated quarterly on sustainability-related topics by the Senior Directors of the sustainability departments. Updates include PUMA's implementation of due diligence, the effectiveness of policies and actions, target achievements, and legal updates to address material IROs. A summary of PUMA's material IROs has been shared with and approved by the Management Board, and the Sustainability Committee.

Members of PUMA's Management Board and Supervisory Board have been included in PUMA's materiality assessment, stakeholder dialogue and the development of PUMA's proposed set of new sustainability targets, related to material impacts, risks and opportunities. The existing set of sustainability targets was approved by PUMA's Management Board.

Progress on sustainability targets is reported frequently to the Management Board by the Senior Directors of the sustainability teams. The Management Board then presents this to the Sustainability Committee as part of its quarterly meetings. Furthermore, progress is reported publicly annually as part of PUMA's Sustainability Statements and reports, which are signed off by the Supervisory Board and the Management Board before publication.

Material sustainability IROs are also integrated into PUMA's overall ERM System. Oversight of PUMA's ERM systems rests with PUMA's Management Board. The Management Board regularly reports to the Supervisory Board on the effectiveness of the risk management systems in place. The Vice President Internal Audit, Risk Management and Internal Control, who is mandated to monitor PUMA's risk management systems, reports directly to the Chief Financial Officer.

PUMA's material IROs included in the company's ERM are:

- E1: climate change adaptation, climate change mitigation and energy
- E2: pollution of water, substances of very high concern and microplastics
- E3: water
- E4: direct impact drivers of biodiversity loss and impacts on the extent and condition of ecosystems
- E5: resource inflows and outflows, including resource use and waste
- S1: working conditions and equal treatment and opportunities for all
- S2: working conditions, equal treatment and opportunities for all and other work-related rights
- S4: information-related impacts for consumers and/or end-users and personal safety of consumers and/or end-users
- G1: corporate culture, protection of whistleblowers, management of relationships with suppliers including payment practices and corruption and bribery

#### **Integration of sustainability-related performance in incentive schemes (GOV-3)**

Based on the material topics identified by PUMA's DMA, and PUMA's existing sustainability targets (10FOR25), PUMA has been linking the remuneration of its management board and all leaders globally (team head level and above) to the achievement of sustainability targets for many years.

The bonus-related sustainability targets for 2024 include the areas of Human Rights (3.3%), Climate (3.3%) and Circularity (3.3%). Separate targets in each area are set for PUMA's own operations and PUMA's Group Sourcing. The sustainability-related bonus targets were approved by PUMA's Supervisory Board.

Sustainability bonus targets for PUMA Group, including subsidiaries:

- Reduce Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions from PUMA's own entities by 90 % until 2030 compared to 2017
- Nine out of 10 products made with recycled or certified materials by 2025 as defined by PUMA S-Index
- All PUMA employees who generate their income with PUMA continue to be paid against a living wage benchmark (Fair Wage Network).

Sustainability bonus targets for PUMA Group Sourcing:

- Increase the percentage of renewable energy from core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers to 25 % by 2025
- 75 % recycled polyester used by all product divisions until 2025
- No child labour, forced labour, or other Zero Tolerance Issues prevailing by the end of each year.

All bonus related interim targets for 2024 were achieved.

Each member of the Management Board has 10 % of their variable compensation component tied to the achievement of these sustainability targets. They account for 3.3 % of the performance-based remuneration. For other PUMA leaders globally, the percentage varies from 5 % to 10 % in 2024 and will be aligned to 10 % in 2025.

#### **Statement on due diligence (GOV-4)**

PUMA regularly conducts due diligence on human rights, labour, environmental, and integrity for its activities and supply chain, following the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and German Supply Chain Act guidelines. We integrate responsible

business conduct into our policies, training, and management systems, identifying actual and potential harms.

Due diligence is the process by which PUMA identifies, prevents, mitigates, and accounts for how we address the actual and potential negative impacts on the environment and people connected with our business. Due diligence is an ongoing practice that both responds to and may trigger changes in PUMA's strategy, business model, activities, business relationships, operating, sourcing and selling contexts. The identification and assessment of negative impacts relate to PUMA's own operations and value chain, through our products or services, and business partner relationships. To assess the potential negative impacts of PUMA on the environment and people, we analyse the input of external sources (NGO reports, media, country indices, regulations, stakeholder dialogue) and internal sources (audit findings, grievances, supply chain risk mapping, environmental and social data).

PUMA's Compliance Management System (CMS) addresses violations related to corruption, money laundering, conflicts of interest, antitrust law, and fraud. Vendors are encouraged to conduct their own due diligence. In cases where PUMA cannot address all impacts at once, the due diligence process allows for action to be prioritised based on the severity and likelihood of the impacts.

- Severity: scale (how serious the impact is), scope (how many people are or will be affected) and irremediability
- Likelihood of the risk occurring based on the operating environment: conflict zone, weak governance; mismatch between local practices and international standards.

The identification of material impacts also supports the identification of material sustainability risks and opportunities, which are often a product of such impacts. Material impacts are integrated into PUMA's risk management system, with a range of actions, including transition plans, through which impacts are addressed.

PUMA's due diligence is embedded into its governance, strategy, and business model. This is addressed by PUMA's administrative, management and supervisory bodies and integrated into sustainability-related performance in incentive schemes.

## ➤ T.10 SCOPE OF PUMA DUE DILIGENCE (GOV-4)

Human Rights and Labour	Environmental	Integrity
Child labour	Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions	Bribery and corruption
Equal treatment and opportunities for all	Substance of very high concern	Supplier relationship management including payment practices
Forced labour	Water scarcity and pollution	Corporate culture
Occupational health and safety (e.g., worker-related injury and ill health)	Microplastic pollution	Consumer data privacy
Violations of the right of workers to establish or join a trade union and to bargain collectively	Loss of biodiversity and impact and dependencies on ecosystems	Consumer health and safety
Non-compliance with minimum wage laws	Transition to a circular economy including waste	Protection of whistleblowers
Wages do not meet the basic needs of workers and their families		
Not attracting or retaining talents (own operations)		

Our prevention, mitigation and remediation measures include risk assessment, a factory monitoring programme, grievance mechanisms, a supplier scorecard, business integration, goal-setting and internal and external reporting. The effectiveness of our measures is evaluated based on progress and compliance with our policies.

## **T.11 LIST OF INFORMATION PROVIDED ON THE DUE DILIGENCE PROCESS (GOV-4)**

<b>Core elements of due diligence</b>	<b>Reference in the Sustainability Statement</b>
a) Embedding due diligence in governance, strategy and business model	Statement on due diligence (GOV-4)
b) Engaging with affected stakeholders in all key steps of the due diligence	Overview of stakeholder views and interests (SBM-2)
c) Identifying and assessing adverse impacts	Process to identify and assess material impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1) Topical standards, Impact, risk and opportunity management
d) Taking actions to address those adverse impacts	Topical standards, Policies and actions
e) Tracking the effectiveness of these efforts and communicating	Topical standards, Metrics and targets

## **Risk management and internal controls over sustainability reporting (GOV-5)**

To mitigate the risk of incompleteness, inaccuracy and lack of integrity of data, we have fully integrated the process of sustainability reporting into our overarching Internal Control System (ICS) and Enterprise Risk Management System (ERM) of PUMA. At the PUMA Group, internal control over sustainability reporting is based on the internationally recognised COSO framework, with the objective of ensuring proper reporting, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the process and supporting compliance with the legal framework. The internal control framework for sustainability reporting includes core components such as the control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring activities. Sustainability reporting risks are prioritised based on the potential impact on the completeness and accuracy of the reporting. The detailed approach for IRO assessments is covered in the chapter IRO 1. Main risk identified and addressed in our risk control matrix include:

- Unclear, mis-aligned or not applied procedures and standards for sustainability reporting
- Failure to comply with laws and regulations, including CSRD and ESRS standards
- Accuracy and timing of the availability of information.

Our PUMA sustainability strategy is covered in the Strategy, business model and value chain (SBM-1) section. Procedures and standards for reporting are detailed in PUMA's Sustainability Reporting Manual, which provides comprehensive guidance on how internal control over sustainability reporting is incorporated into the Sustainability Statement of the PUMA Group. The need for adjustments in the Reporting Manual due to regulatory changes is analysed on an ongoing basis by the sustainability department and communicated accordingly to relevant internal stakeholders. This ensures that sustainability reporting is not only accurate but also aligned with broader financial and operational controls. This integration helps to maintain consistency, enhance transparency, and foster accountability across all reporting activities. For example, to address the failure to report on all relevant material entities or elements, PUMA pre-aligns the reporting scope with the finance team and auditors and validates reported data at the entity/subsidiary and core factories level.

As part of the sustainability reporting process, all assessed IROs are determined and reviewed by relevant departments annually, using a template in line with the CSRD requirements. The results of the assessment form the basis of PUMA's thematic sustainability reporting scope. Material topics resulting from the DMA and IROs list are integrated into the Enterprise Risk Assessment process by each risk owner. These topics are also presented and signed off in the Sustainability Committee of PUMA's Supervisory Board.

The Group Internal Audit, Risk Management and Internal Control department coordinates the risk management process and supports risk topic owners. Regular risk reports are prepared for the Risk Management Committee, which includes the PUMA SE Management Board and selected managers. The system identifies and manages material risks early, supporting the achievement of corporate objectives and compliance with laws and standards. Audit results are shared with PUMA's Management Board and the Audit and Sustainability Committee of the Supervisory Board.

This Sustainability Statement has been reviewed and signed off by PUMA's Management Board and the Sustainability Committee of the Supervisory Board.

## **BASIS FOR PREPARATION**

### **General basis for preparation (BP-1)**

The Sustainability Statement is prepared to meet the requirements of Directive (EU) 2022/2464 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive, CSRD) and Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852 as well as Sections 315b and 315c of the HGB for a non-financial Group statement.

We apply the ESRS as the primary framework for the preparation of the Sustainability Statement, in combination with internal guidelines and developed company-specific criteria of (hereinafter referred to as "reporting criteria"), and to prepare the report in accordance with this framework.

PUMA has been using the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) standards for sustainability reporting for over 20 years. The first application of the ESRS as reporting framework can lead to differences in disclosures compared to previous years. Topics, which are not covered anymore in this sustainability statement will be reported in a separate voluntary sustainability report.

The overall report is audited by KPMG with limited assurance, insofar as explicit metrics were audited by other external third parties, this is stated for the respective metric.

The scope of the Sustainability Statement follows the scope of PUMA's financial reporting, and extends into PUMA's supply chain. The companies stichd and Cobra, both part of the PUMA Group, are included in the reporting scope. PUMA licensees and franchised stores are excluded from the reporting scope. However, PUMA products made for franchised stores are included in relation to their supply chain. Also excluded are performance and materials data for products made by United Legwear, a supplier of products to PUMA United in the USA, over which PUMA has no operational or financial control.

Unless otherwise stated, we used the following time horizons in the Statement:

- Short-term: within the reporting period (up to one year)
- Mid-term: 1 to 5 years
- Long-term: over 5 years

Supply chain information includes data from core manufacturing partners (manufacturers of finished goods, Tier 1), core suppliers of materials and components (Tier 2), as well as PUMA's logistic service providers.

Supplier Social Compliance data evaluate factories' compliance with the PUMA Code of Conduct and workers' grievances at:

- All Tier 1 factories, including stichd, Cobra, and PUMA United (upstream)
- Third-party warehouses (downstream)
- PUMA retail (non-commercial products like store furniture) (own operation)
- PUMA core Tier 2 factories (textile, leather, PU, labelling and packaging, trims, midsole, outsole), excluding stichd, Cobra, and PUMA United (upstream)
- PUMA non-core Tier 2 factories, which were historically core factories (upstream).

Suppliers' Environmental and Social KPIs track progress towards PUMA's sustainability targets:

- Social KPIs are collected at PUMA and stichd core Tier 1 factories, excluding PUMA United (upstream)
- Environmental KPIs are collected at PUMA core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories (textile, leather, PU), and stichd core Tier 1 factories, excluding PUMA United (upstream)
- Environmental KPIs are also collected from PUMA's outsourced logistic centres.

Material data (inflows) includes material consumption used in PUMA products and labelling and packaging data, covering PUMA, stichd, and Cobra Golf. Excluded are PUMA United and licensee products (upstream).

Our suppliers are independent third-party entities, unaffiliated with the PUMA Group. They operate autonomously with their own management and practices, and some are listed on local stock exchanges. PUMA does not participate in their management decisions, strategic planning, or daily operations, nor can we influence their choice of other customers. Therefore, PUMA has no operational control over our suppliers.

The Sustainability Statement covers PUMA's downstream value chain only in the areas of products and waste, where material impacts, risks or opportunities have been identified (ESRS E5, S4 and G1).

#### **Disclosures in relation to specific circumstances (BP-2)**

The data collection used for this Statement relies on primary data wherever possible. However, some exceptions to the collection of primary data have been incorporated to allow for timely and complete reporting. Where exceptions apply, those are noted on the respective data points in the Statement:

- Environmental data from own entities (offices, stores and warehouses) has been collected for the first 10 months of the year and extrapolated for the remainder of the year. Data for offices with under 10 full-time equivalents were excluded from the data collection
- Environmental and social KPIs data from PUMA's core suppliers have been collected for the first 10 months of the year and extrapolated for the remainder of the year
- Material consumption data has been collected through Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers, for the first 10 months of the year and estimated for the remainder of the year
- The calculation of GHG emissions from the lower Tiers of the supply chain (Tier 3 and Tier 4) was performed by life cycle assessment (LCA) expert company Sphera on behalf of PUMA. Average emission factors from the GaBi database of Sphera were used for this purpose due to a lack of primary data
- The GHG emissions from core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers are calculated based on 10 months of primary energy data and estimated for the remainder of the year; these represent approximately 80 % of our sourcing volume and the results are extrapolated to 100 % to cover non-core supplier factories.

There is an inherent uncertainty in non-financial data, reflecting the complexity of the data collection process that involves multiple variables and sources. This complexity can lead to variations that are a natural part of gathering comprehensive and detailed information.

Data collection from mainly larger offices can lead to inaccuracies as those sites may have implemented more activities related to sustainability matters than smaller sites. However, as the extrapolations cover less than 10 % of PUMA sites based on employee headcount, we anticipate the potential effect of those estimations on data accuracy to be low (below 5 %).

Data collection and extrapolation related to PUMA's own sites' energy data can lead to inaccuracies due to different weather conditions during summer and winter months. PUMA counters such potential inaccuracies by capturing 12 months of data (i.e. October to October) where relevant. Therefore, we anticipate the potential effect of those estimations on data accuracy to be low (below 5 %).

Data collected from stores on waste creation and water consumption are subject to a high level of uncertainty, since many PUMA stores operate in shopping malls or outlet centres where water and waste



services are centralised, and no store-specific data is available. For these sites, average data is used to estimate water consumption and waste creation. This refers to the quantitative metrics of total water consumption (E3-4 28 a and b) and waste (E5-5 37 a-d).

To further increase the level of data accuracy going forward, PUMA plans to expand the collection of primary data to selected Tier 3 suppliers.

No material errors have been identified in comparison to PUMA's previously reported sustainability information (as part of PUMA's Annual Report 2023).

This is PUMA's first Sustainability Statement prepared in accordance with the ESRS. We have kept the preparation and presentation of previously reported data points consistent unless changes were required by CSRD. Where changes have been made, they are indicated in the individual sections of the Statement.

In this Sustainability Statement the following sections have been included by reference:

- Description of business model (ESRS 2)
- Description of subsidiaries (ESRS 2)
- Total sales and other financial information (ESRS 2)
- Pension provisions (ESRS S1).

A list of sustainability information disclosed due to other regulations can be found the ESRS 2 Appendix B.

No exemptions have been applied based on Article 18, paragraph 1 of EU Directive 2013/34/EU. PUMA does not omit any information due to intellectual property concerns or due to special member state allowances.

## **7 T.12 LIST OF DATAPPOINTS IN CROSS-CUTTING AND TOPICAL STANDARDS THAT DERIVE FROM OTHER EU LEGISLATION (ESRS 2 APPENDIX B)**

<b>Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint</b>	<b>SFDR reference<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Pillar 3 reference<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Benchmark Regulation reference<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>EU Climate Law reference<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Materiality</b>
ESRS 2 GOV-1 Board's gender diversity paragraph 21 (d)	Indicator number 13 of Table #1 of Annex 1		Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 <sup>31</sup> , Annex II		Yes
ESRS 2 GOV-1 Board's gender diversity paragraph 21 (d)			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS 2 GOV-4 Statement on due diligence paragraph 30	Indicator number 10 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to fossil fuel activities paragraph 40 (d) i	Indicator number 4 Table #1 of Annex 1	Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 <sup>41</sup> Table 1: Qualitative information on Environmental risk and Table 2: Qualitative information on Social risk	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		No
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to chemical production paragraph 40 (d) ii	Indicator number 9 Table #2 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		No
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to controversial weapons paragraph 40 (d) iii	Indicator number 14 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 <sup>31</sup> , Article 12(1) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		No
ESRS 2 SBM-1 Involvement in activities related to cultivation and production of tobacco paragraph 40 (d) iv			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 12(1) Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		No
ESRS E1-1 Transition plan to reach climate neutrality by 2050 paragraph 14				Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, Article 2(1)	Yes

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS E1-1 Undertakings excluded from Paris-aligned Benchmarks paragraph 16 (g)		Article 449a; Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 Template 1: Banking book – Climate change transition risk: Credit quality of exposures by sector, emissions and residual maturity	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 12.1 (d) to (g), and Article 12.2		No
ESRS E1-4 GHG emission reduction targets paragraph 34	Indicator number 4 Table #2 of Annex 1	Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 Template 3: Banking book – Climate change transition risk: alignment metrics	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 6		Yes
ESRS E1-5 Energy consumption from fossil sources disaggregated by sources (only high climate impact sectors) paragraph 38	Indicator number 5 Table #1 and Indicator n. 5 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E1-5 Energy consumption and mix paragraph 37 ESRS	Indicator number 5 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E1-5 Energy intensity associated with activities in high climate impact sectors paragraphs 40 to 43 ESRS	Indicator number 6 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E1-6 Gross Scope 1, 2, 3 and Total GHG emissions paragraph 44	Indicator number 1 and 2 Table #1 of Annex 1	Article 449a; Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 Template 1: Banking book – Climate change transition risk: Credit quality of exposures by sector, emissions and residual maturity	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 5(1), 6 and 8(1)		Yes
ESRS E1-6 Gross GHG emissions intensity paragraphs 53 to 55	Indicator number 3 Table #1 of Annex 1	Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 Template 3: Banking book – Climate change transition risk: alignment metrics	Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Article 8(1)		Yes
ESRS E1-7 GHG removals and carbon credits paragraph 56				Regulation (EU) 2021/1119, Article 2(1)	No

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS E1-9 Exposure of the benchmark portfolio to climate-related physical risks paragraph 66			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		No
ESRS E1-9 Disaggregation of monetary amounts by acute and chronic physical risk paragraph 66 (a)		Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 paragraphs 46 and 47; Template 5: Banking book – Climate change physical risk: Exposures subject to physical risk.			Phase in provision used
ESRS E1-9 Location of significant assets at material physical risk paragraph 66 (c)					
ESRS E1-9 Breakdown of the carrying value of its real estate assets by energy-efficiency classes paragraph 67 (c)		Article 449a Regulation (EU) No 575/2013; Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 paragraph 34; Template 2: Banking book – Climate change transition risk: Loans collateralised by immovable property – Energy efficiency of the collateral			No
ESRS E1-9 Degree of exposure of the portfolio to climate-related opportunities paragraph 69			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Annex II		No
ESRS E2-4 Amount of each pollutant listed in Annex II of the E-PRTR Regulation (European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register) emitted to air, water and soil, paragraph 28	Indicator number 8 Table #1 of Annex 1 Indicator number 2 Table #2 of Annex 1 Indicator number 1 Table #2 of Annex 1 Indicator number 3 Table #2 of Annex 1				No
ESRS E3-1 Water and marine resources paragraph 9	Indicator number 7 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E3-1 Dedicated policy paragraph 13	Indicator number 8 Table #2 of Annex 1				Not applicable
ESRS E3-1 Sustainable oceans and seas paragraph 14	Indicator number 12 Table #2 of Annex 1				No
ESRS E3-4 Total water recycled and reused paragraph 28 (c)	Indicator number 6.2 Table #2 of Annex 1				No

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS E3-4 Total water consumption in m3 per net revenue on own operations paragraph 29	Indicator number 6.1 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS 2 – SBM 3 – E4 paragraph 16 (a) i	Indicator number 7 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS 2 – SBM 3 – E4 paragraph 16 (b)	Indicator number 10 Table #2 of Annex 1				No
ESRS 2 – SBM 3 – E4 paragraph 16 (c)	Indicator number 14 Table #2 of Annex 1				No
ESRS E4-2 Sustainable land / agriculture practices or policies paragraph 24 (b)	Indicator number 11 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E4-2 Sustainable oceans / seas practices or policies paragraph 24 (c)	Indicator number 12 Table #2 of Annex 1				No
ESRS E4-2 Policies to address deforestation paragraph 24 (d)	Indicator number 15 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E5-5 Non-recycled waste paragraph 37 (d)	Indicator number 13 Table #2 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS E5-5 Hazardous waste and radioactive waste paragraph 39	Indicator number 9 Table #1 of Annex 1				No
ESRS 2 – SBM 3 – S1 Risk of incidents of forced labour paragraph 14 (f)	Indicator number 13 Table #3 of Annex I				No
ESRS 2 – SBM3 – S1 Risk of incidents of child labour paragraph 14 (g)	Indicator number 12 Table #3 of Annex I				No
ESRS S1-1 Human rights policy commitments paragraph 20	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex I				Yes

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS S1-1 Due diligence policies on issues addressed by the fundamental International Labor Organisation Conventions 1 to 8, paragraph 21			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS S1-1 Processes and measures for preventing trafficking in human beings paragraph 22	Indicator number 11 Table #3 of Annex I				No
ESRS S1-1 Workplace accident prevention policy or management system paragraph 23	Indicator number 1 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes
ESRS S1-3 Grievance/complaints handling mechanisms paragraph 32 (c)	Indicator number 5 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes
ESRS S1-14 Number of fatalities and number and rate of work-related accidents paragraph 88 (b) and (c)	Indicator number 2 Table #3 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS S1-14 Number of days lost to injuries, accidents, fatalities or illness paragraph 88 (e)	Indicator number 3 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes
ESRS S1-16 Unadjusted gender pay gap paragraph 97 (a)	Indicator number 12 Table #1 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS S1-16 Excessive CEO pay ratio paragraph 97 (b)	Indicator number 8 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes
ESRS S1-17 Incidents of discrimination paragraph 103 (a)	Indicator number 7 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes
ESRS S1-17 Non-respect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights and OECD paragraph 104 (a)	Indicator number 10 Table #1 and Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex I		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		Yes
ESRS 2 – SBM3 – S2 Significant risk of child labour or forced labour in the value chain paragraph 11 (b)	Indicators number 12 and number 13 Table #3 of Annex I				Yes

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS S2-1 Human rights policy commitments paragraph 17	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS S2-1 Policies related to value chain workers paragraph 18	Indicator number 11 and number 4 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS S2-1 Non-respect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights principles and OECD guidelines paragraph 19	Indicator number 10 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		Yes
ESRS S2-1 Due diligence policies on issues addressed by the fundamental International Labor Organisation Conventions 1 to 8, paragraph 19			Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS S2-4 Human rights issues and incidents connected to its upstream and downstream value chain paragraph 36	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS S3-1 Human rights policy commitments paragraph 16	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS S3-1 Non-respect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights, ILO principles or and OECD guidelines paragraph 17	Indicator number 10 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 (1)		No
ESRS S3-4 Human rights issues and incidents paragraph 36	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				No
ESRS S4-1 Policies related to consumers and end-users paragraph 16	Indicator number 9 Table #3 and Indicator number 11 Table #1 of Annex 1				Yes

Disclosure Requirement and related datapoint	SFDR reference <sup>1</sup>	Pillar 3 reference <sup>2</sup>	Benchmark Regulation reference <sup>3</sup>	EU Climate Law reference <sup>4</sup>	Materiality
ESRS S4-1 Non-respect of UNGPs on Business and Human Rights and OECD guidelines paragraph 17	Indicator number 10 Table #1 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818, Art 12 [1]		Yes
ESRS S4-4 Human rights issues and incidents paragraph 35	Indicator number 14 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS G1-1 United Nations Convention against Corruption paragraph 10 (b)	Indicator number 15 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS G1-1 Protection of whistleblowers paragraph 10 (d)	Indicator number 6 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes
ESRS G1-4 Fines for violation of anti-corruption and anti-bribery laws paragraph 24 (a)	Indicator number 17 Table #3 of Annex 1		Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816, Annex II		Yes
ESRS G1-4 Standards of anti- corruption and anti-bribery paragraph 24 (b)	Indicator number 16 Table #3 of Annex 1				Yes

<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector (Sustainable Finance Disclosures Regulation) (OJ L 317, 9.12.2019, p. 1).

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) No 575/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms and amending Regulation (EU) No 648/2012 (Capital Requirements Regulation "CRR") (OJ L 176, 27.6.2013, p. 1).

<sup>3</sup> Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on indices used as benchmarks in financial instruments and financial contracts or to measure the performance of investment funds and amending Directives 2008/48/EC and 2014/17/EU and Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 (OJ L 171, 29.6.2016, p. 1).

<sup>4</sup> Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 June 2021 establishing the framework for achieving climate neutrality and amending Regulations (EC) No 401/2009 and (EU) 2018/1999 ('European Climate Law') (OJ L 243, 9.7.2021, p. 1).

<sup>5</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1816 of 17 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the explanation in the benchmark statement of how environmental, social and governance factors are reflected in each benchmark provided and published (OJ L 406, 3.12.2020, p. 1).

<sup>6</sup> Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2453 of 30 November 2022 amending the implementing technical standards laid down in Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/637 as regards the disclosure of environmental, social and governance risks (OJ L 324, 19.12.2022, p. 1).

<sup>7</sup> Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1818 of 17 July 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1011 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards minimum standards for EU Climate Transition Benchmarks and EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks (OJ L 406, 3.12.2020, p. 17).



## **T.13 TABLE OF ABBREVIATIONS**

AFIRM	Apparel and Footwear International RSL Management Group
BIO	Protection and Restoration of Biodiversity and Ecosystems
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CCM	Climate Change Mitigation
CDP	Carbon Disclosure Project
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CMS	Compliance Management System
COSO	Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
CSRD	Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive
DEI	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
DMA	Double Materiality Assessment
DPPA	Direct Power Purchase Agreement
EPR	Extended Producer Responsibility
ESG	Environmental, Social, and Governance
ESPR	Eco-design for Sustainable Product Regulation
FLA	Fair Labor Association
FPI	Fair Pay Innovation Lab
FSC	Forest Stewardship Standard
FTE	Full-Time Equivalent
FWN	Fair Wage Network
GEAR	Gender Equality and Returns
GHG	Greenhouse Gas Emissions
IEA	International Energy Agency
IFC	International Finance Corporation
ILO	International Labor Organisation
ILP	Integrated Leadership Program
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IPCC	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
IRO	Impacts, Risks, and Opportunities
ISO	International Organisation for Standardisation
KBA	Key Biodiversity Area
KPI	Key Performance Indicator
LCA	Life Cycle Assessment
MMCF	Man-Made Cellulosic Fiber
MRSL	Manufacturing Restricted Substances List
NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

OHS	Occupational Health and Safety
PET	Polyethylene Terephthalate
P&O	People & Organisation
PPC	Pollution Prevention and Control
PV	Photovoltaic
RCP	Representative Concentration Pathway
RSL	Restricted Substances List
SBTN	Science-Based Targets for Nature
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SLCP	Social & Labor Convergence Program
SMART	Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bound
SVHC	Substance of Very High Concern
TCFD	Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures
TMC	The Microfiber Consortium
TPU	Thermoplastic Polyurethane
UN	United Nations
VOC	Volatile Organic Compounds
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
ZDHC	Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals

## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

### DISCLOSURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF REGULATION (EU) 2020/852 (TAXONOMY REGULATION)

#### TAXONOMY REGULATION

The Taxonomy Regulation (EU) 2020/852, effective from 22 June 2020, defines sustainable economic activities with the aim of redirecting capital flows towards them. Companies must report on "environmentally sustainable" revenues, investments, and operating expenses. The six environmental objectives are:

- Climate change mitigation (CCM)
- Climate change adaptation (CCA)
- Sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources (WTR)
- Pollution prevention and control (PPC)
- Protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems (BIO)
- Transition to a circular economy (CE).

#### **Disclosure requirements**

Non-financial undertakings must disclose the proportion of Taxonomy-eligible and non-eligible economic activities in their turnover, capital expenditure, and operational expenditure. From 1 January 2023, disclosures must include taxonomy alignment, meaning activities that significantly contribute to six environmental goals, do no significant harm, comply with minimum safeguards, and meet technical screening criteria.

#### **PUMA's economic activities**

The Taxonomy has identified eligible economic activities that substantially contribute to each of these environmental objectives. Linked to these eligible activities are technical screening criteria as well as do no significant harm criteria and minimum safeguards that define whether the activity is considered sustainable or not (aligned). To identify the activities that are covered by the Taxonomy, PUMA reviews its business activities annually while recognising that Taxonomy is a dynamic classification system, with technical screening criteria for new activities being added over time. The technical screening criteria in Delegated Regulations' Annexes currently do not list any business activities that are directly linked to the design, marketing and sale of footwear, apparel and accessories. For the transition to a circular economy, activities related to apparel are listed but are limited to sales generated by services such as repair, remanufacturing or refurbishment, preparation for reuse, sale of second-hand goods, or product as a service business models, none of which are part of PUMA's current revenue generating activities. As mentioned in the ESRS E5 Resource use and circular economy section of this Statement, PUMA and its partners are piloting fibre to fibre recycling technology and take-back systems. However, those activities have not generated any significant Taxonomy-eligible or aligned sales.

This means that PUMA's business activities so far do not qualify as contributing substantially to environmental objectives. Therefore, PUMA's business activities in this regard are not considered Taxonomy-eligible (so far). As a result, PUMA also cannot report any Taxonomy aligned sales.

#### **Eligible capital expenditure**

Some of PUMA's capital expenditure is Taxonomy eligible as it supports the objective of climate change mitigation. Those investments in 2024 include two new solar PV stations totalling € 2.7 million (2023: € 0.3 million) and fast charging stations for electric cars € 0.1 million (2023: € 0.2 million), as well as investments into electric cars of € 4.1 million (2023: € 0.4 million) and installation, maintenance and repair of energy efficiency equipment of € 0.2 million. Investments in the acquisition and ownership of buildings are also Taxonomy-eligible but have not been considered for alignment due to the unclear technical screening criteria. The total amount of Taxonomy aligned capital expenditure in 2024 is € 7 million (2023: € 0.9 million).

The increase of taxonomy aligned investment in new solar capacity as well as electric cars is fully in line with PUMA's science-based GHG reduction target and new Vision 2030 targets.

#### **Eligible operational expenditure**

Since PUMA's sales activities are not defined as Taxonomy eligible, PUMA's operational expenditure related to Taxonomy-aligned economic activities is not material. The total Taxonomy eligible operational expenditure for 2024 is reported based on the denominator derived from the categories "research and development, building renovation measures, short-term lease, maintenance and repair and any other direct expenditures related to the day-to-day servicing of assets of property, plant and equipment by the undertaking or third party to whom activities are outsourced that are necessary to ensure the continued and effective functioning of such asset" amounting to € 120.6 million (2023: € 113.4 million) for the 2024 financial year.

The increase in taxonomy eligible operational expenditure follows PUMA overall strategy to invest in research and development as well as expenditure related to the maintenance and servicing of buildings.

#### **OUTLOOK**

PUMA will continue transitioning its car fleet to low or zero emission vehicles and investing in renewable energy capacity. In addition, we plan to analyse our buildings portfolio based on energy efficiency classes to prepare for a potential inclusion of buildings into taxonomy aligned CapEx and OpEx. Finally, we plan to explore activities related to the transition to a circular economy in terms of their technical and financial viability.

## 7 T.14 PROPORTION OF TURNOVER FROM PRODUCTS OR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (2024)

	2024			Substantial Contribution Criteria						DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')												
	Code	Turnover	Proportion of turnover	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	Minimum Safeguards	Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) turnover, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity			
Economic activities		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	%	E	T			
A. TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES																						
A.1. Environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned)																						
Turnover of environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned) (A.1)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0					
Of which Enabling		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	E				
Of which Transitional		0	0							N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		T			
A.2 Taxonomy-eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities)																						
				EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL													
Taxonomy-eligible environmentally sustainable activities performed by PUMA		0	0																	0		

	2024			Substantial Contribution Criteria						DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')						Minimum Safeguards	Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) turnover, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity
	Code	Turnover	Proportion of turnover	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO				
Economic activities		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N				
Turnover of Taxonomy- eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities) (A.2)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%							0			
A. Turnover of Taxonomy eligible activities (A.1 + A.2)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%										
B. TAXONOMY-NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES																			
Turnover of Taxonomy- non-eligible activities (B)		8,817.2	100																
Total (A + B)		8,817.2	100																

- <sup>1</sup> Y – Yes, Taxonomy-eligible and environmentally sustainable (taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N – No, Taxonomy-eligible, but not environmentally sustainable (not taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N/EL – (Not eligible) Taxonomy non-eligible activity
- <sup>2</sup> EL - (Eligible) Taxonomy eligible activity

## 7 T.15 PROPORTION OF CAPEX FROM PRODUCTS OR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (2024)

Economic activities	2024		Substantial Contribution Criteria							DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')							Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) OpEx, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity
	Code	CapEx	Proportion of CapEx	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	Minimum Safeguards			
		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	%	E	T
<b>A. TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES</b>																			
<b>A.1. Environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned)</b>																			
Installation, maintenance and repair of charging stations for electric vehicles in buildings (and parking spaces attached to buildings)	CCM 7.4.	0.05	0.01	Y	N	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y	0.04	E	
Installation, maintenance and repair of renewable energy technologies	CCM 7.6.	2.66	0.55	Y	N	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.05	E	
Transport by motorbikes, passenger cars and light commercial vehicles	CCM 6.5.	4.06	0.83	Y	N	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.07	E	T
Installation, maintenance and repair of energy efficiency equipment	CCM 7.3.	0.21	0.04	Y	N	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	Y	N	N	N	N	N	Y		E	
<b>CapEx of environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned) (A.1)</b>		<b>6.97</b>	<b>1.43</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>0.16</b>		
Of which Enabling		6.97	1.43	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0.16	E	

	2024			Substantial Contribution Criteria						DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')							Minimum Safeguards	Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) OpEx, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity
	Code	CapEx	Proportion of CapEx	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO					
Economic activities		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N					
Of which Transitional		0	0	0%						N	N	N	N	N	N	N	0		T	
A.2 Taxonomy-eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities)																				
				EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL	EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL	EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL	EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL	EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL	EL <sup>2</sup> ; N/EL											
Acquisition and ownership of buildings	CCM 7.7.	254.99	52.34	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL									60.01		
Transport by motorbikes, passenger cars and light commercial vehicles	CCM 6.5.	5.94	1.22	EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL									1.34		
CapEx of Taxonomy eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities) (A.2)		260.94	53.6	53.6	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%									61.36		
A. CapEx of Taxonomy eligible activities (A.1+A.2)		267.91	55.0	55.0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%									61.52		
B. TAXONOMY-NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES																				
CapEx of Taxonomy-non-eligible activities (B)		219.29	45.0																	
TOTAL (A + B)		487.20	100																	

<sup>1</sup> Y – Yes, Taxonomy-eligible and environmentally sustainable (taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N – No, Taxonomy-eligible, but not environmentally sustainable (not Taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N/EL – (Not eligible) Taxonomy non-eligible activity

<sup>2</sup> EL – (Eligible) Taxonomy eligible activity



## **7 T.16 PROPORTION OF OPEX FROM PRODUCTS OR SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (2024)**

	2024			Substantial Contribution Criteria						DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')						Minimum Safeguards	Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) OpEx, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity
	Code	OpEx	Proportion of OpEx	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO				
Economic activities		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y; N; N/EL¹	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N				
A. TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES																			
A.1. Environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned)																			
Taxonomy-aligned environmentally sustainable activities performed by PUMA		0	0							Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	0		
OpEx of environmentally sustainable activities (Taxonomy-aligned) (A.1)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0		
Of which Enabling		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	E	
Of which Transitional		0	0	0%						N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	T	
A.2 Taxonomy-eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities)																			
				EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL	EL²; N/EL										
Taxonomy-eligible environmentally sustainable activities performed by PUMA		0	0	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL	N/EL									0	
OpEx of Taxonomy-eligible but not environmentally sustainable activities (not Taxonomy-aligned activities) (A.2)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%									0	

	2024			Substantial Contribution Criteria						DNSH criteria ('Does Not Significantly Harm')							Minimum Safeguards	Proportion of Taxonomy aligned (A.1.) or eligible (A.2.) OpEx, 2023	Category enabling activity	Category transitional activity
	Code	OpEx	Proportion of OpEx	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO	CCM	CCA	WTR	CE	PPC	BIO					
Economic activities		in € million	%	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y; N; N/EL <sup>1</sup>	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N	Y/N					
A. OpEx of Taxonomy eligible activities (A.1+A.2)		0	0	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%							0				
B. TAXONOMY-NON-ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES																				
OpEx of Taxonomy-non-eligible activities (B)		120.6	100																	
TOTAL (A + B)		120.6	100																	

<sup>1</sup> Y – Yes, Taxonomy-eligible and environmentally sustainable (Taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N – No, Taxonomy-eligible, but not environmentally sustainable (not Taxonomy-aligned) activity  
N/EL – (Not eligible) Taxonomy non-eligible activity

<sup>2</sup> EL - (Eligible) Taxonomy eligible activity

**➤ T.17 PROPORTION OF TURNOVER OF TOTAL TURNOVER FOR TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE AND TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES PER ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVE**

Proportion of turnover/Total turnover	Taxonomy-aligned per objective	Taxonomy-eligible per objective
CCM	0 %	0 %
CCA	0 %	0 %
WTR	0 %	0 %
CE	0 %	0 %
PPC	0 %	0 %
BIO	0 %	0 %

**➤ T.18 PROPORTION OF CAPEX OF TOTAL CAPEX FOR TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE AND TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES PER ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVE**

Proportion of CapEx/Total CapEx	Taxonomy-aligned per objective	Taxonomy-eligible per objective
CCM	1.43 %	54.9 %
CCA	0 %	0 %
WTR	0 %	0 %
CE	0 %	0 %
PPC	0 %	0 %
BIO	0 %	0 %

**➤ T.19 PROPORTION OF OPEX OF TOTAL OPEX FOR TAXONOMY-ELIGIBLE AND TAXONOMY-ALIGNED ACTIVITIES PER ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVE**

Proportion of OpEx/Total OpEx	Taxonomy-aligned per objective	Taxonomy-eligible per objective
CCM	0 %	0 %
CCA	0 %	0 %
WTR	0 %	0 %
CE	0 %	0 %
PPC	0 %	0 %
BIO	0 %	0 %

## 7 T.20 NUCLEAR AND FOSSIL GAS RELATED ACTIVITIES

Activities	Yes/No
<b>Nuclear energy related activities</b>	
1. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to research, development, demonstration and deployment of innovative electricity generation facilities that produce energy from nuclear processes with minimal waste from the fuel cycle	No
2. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to construction and safe operation of new nuclear installations to produce electricity or process heat, including for the purposes of district heating or industrial processes such as hydrogen production, as well as their safety upgrades, using best available technologies	No
3. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to safe operation of existing nuclear installations that produce electricity or process heat, including for the purposes of district heating or industrial processes such as hydrogen production from nuclear energy, as well as their safety upgrades	No
<b>Fossil gas related activities</b>	
4. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to construction or operation of electricity generation facilities that produce electricity using fossil gaseous fuels	No
5. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to construction, refurbishment, and operation of combined heat/cool and power generation facilities using fossil gaseous fuels	No
6. The undertaking carries out, funds or has exposures to construction, refurbishment and operation of heat generation facilities that produce heat/cool using fossil gaseous fuels	No

## ESRS E1 CLIMATE CHANGE

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

#### **Material climate-related impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

In collaboration with stakeholders, including the UN Climate Secretariat, and through our long-standing practice of answering major industry benchmarking questionnaires on climate change such as the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), we have identified the climate change-related material impacts, risks and opportunities for PUMA, using the same methodology detailed in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its Vision 2030 sustainability targets. Additionally, a DMA, involving our key stakeholders, was conducted in 2023 to identify material topics for our long-term strategy and target setting. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **➤ T.21 MATERIAL CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED IMPACTS AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material positive impacts</b>				
<b>Climate change adaptation</b>				
Adaptation measures on working conditions	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Hot temperatures leading to the need to provide adequate cooling for workplaces, particularly in countries with a hot climate	On people as PUMA staff impacted by extreme weather events and hot temperatures	- Improvement of employee working conditions, particularly in countries in hot climate zones
Adaptation measures on working conditions	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Manufacturing textile and footwear products is central to PUMA's business model. It's crucial for factories to implement climate adaptation measures to safeguard their workforce from climate change impacts	Factory workers' health and safety improvement by reducing heat stress and related disorders	- Install cooling systems in workplaces, enhanced ventilation, cooling systems, and hydration - Shifting work hours or flexible schedules during extreme weather also helps maintain productivity
Adaptation measures for business resilience	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Manufacturing textile and footwear products is central to PUMA's business model. It's crucial for factories to implement climate adaptation measures to safeguard their operations and assets from climate change impacts	Climate adaptation measures help factories handle extreme weather events better and safeguards factory workers health and safety and employment	- Emergency response plans (evacuation, first aid) and communication protocols, reduce risks to workers and minimise downtime - Diversifying supply chains and securing alternative sources for critical materials prevent production halts

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Climate change mitigation</b>				
Reduce or optimise raw material extraction	Whole value chain Medium, long term	Directly linked Manufacturing textile and footwear products is central to PUMA's business model, and material extraction for these products is often energy-intensive and a significant source of GHG emissions	Environmental impact of reducing GHG emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of better agricultural practices to enhance soil health and increase its capacity to sequester carbon</li> <li>- Consumer engagement for behaviour change</li> <li>- Explore circular business model to extend the lifecycle of products through reuse, repair and recycling</li> </ul>
Use of recycled materials to avoid land-use change, water pollution and deforestation	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Manufacturing textile and footwear products is central to PUMA's business model, and using recycled raw materials is a key contributor to reducing GHG emissions	Environmental impact from reduced water pollution and consumption, land use and deforestation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recycled material strategy and target setting</li> </ul>
<b>Energy</b>				
Reducing GHG emissions by use of renewable energy	Upstream and own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly linked PUMA has established public climate targets, not meeting them can impact business, and increasing the use of renewable energy reduces GHG emissions	Environment and people benefit from healthier ecosystems and cleaner air	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renewable energy targets setting and strategy</li> <li>- Promotion of renewable energy use both in own operations and supply chain</li> <li>- Country-specific targets and impact on private sector</li> </ul>
New economic opportunities and jobs by transitioning to renewable energy	Upstream Medium, long term	Contributed PUMA's public climate targets are crucial for business success, and developing renewable energy technologies like solar, wind, and geothermal power requires skilled labour, leading to higher wages and better job quality	People can be upskilled leading to potentially higher wages and better job quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of Just Transition Plan</li> </ul>
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Climate change adaptation</b>				
Lack of climate adaptation measures and impact on workers' health	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Low leverage on adaptation measures	On people as high temperatures cause fatigue, decreased concentration, and slower reaction times, resulting in more errors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uncomfortable and unsafe working conditions, leading to higher absenteeism and turnover and reduced productivity</li> <li>- Factories may also face disruptions due to extreme weather events</li> <li>- Climate Transition Plan</li> </ul>

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
Lack of climate adaptation plan and its link to the employment	Upstream Medium, long term	Directly linked Extreme weather events can disrupt production, leading to shutdowns, reduced work hours, and potential layoffs. This disruption can significantly impact PUMA's business model, which relies on the continuous manufacturing of textile and footwear products	Impact people job security and income	- Development of Just Transition Plan
<b>Climate change mitigation</b>				
Global business with physical store, offices and warehouses	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Global operations by nature, directly causing GHG emissions	On environment by causing GHG emissions	- Emission reduction strategies and environmental investments to avoid use of fossil fuels - Development of Environmental Management System applicable to all operations
GHG emissions during all manufacturing steps as well as the transport of goods	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly caused PUMA has established public climate targets, and failing to meet them can impact our business. Therefore, it is crucial to reduce our GHG emissions	Environment impacted by increased GHG emissions	- Supply chain decarbonisation strategy and targets - Engage to improve climate political framework conditions
GHG emissions due to energy needs for remanufacturing and refurbishing products	Whole value chain Medium, long term	Directly linked PUMA has established public circularity targets, and failing to meet them could impact our business. Therefore, it is crucial to reduce our GHG emissions related to circular product	On environment by causing GHG emissions	- By improving energy efficiency, using renewable energy sources, and optimising logistics, the GHG emissions from circular activities can be further reduced
<b>Energy</b>				
Fossil fuels are efficient for energy but are the largest source of greenhouse gases and pollutants	Upstream Short, medium term	Directly caused Dependency on country policies The global energy infrastructure is heavily built around fossil fuels. PUMA has established public climate targets, and failing to meet them can impact our business. Therefore, it is crucial to reduce our GHG emissions	People and environment are impacted by global warming and significant economic costs from health impacts and infrastructure damage	- Supply chain decarbonisation strategy and targets - Engage to improve renewable energy political framework conditions

## 7 T.22 MATERIAL CLIMATE CHANGE-RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)

Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Climate change adaptation</b>			
Physical risk from adaptation and risk of higher production costs	Upstream Medium, long term	94 % of PUMA production occurs in countries projected to experience extreme temperature increases, heat, humidity, and greater exposure to extreme precipitation and typhoons by 2050. Physical risks of production interruptions leading to higher production cost because of the required investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier investments and PUMA's leverage to set up adaptation measures</li> <li>- Diversifying supply chains and securing alternative sources for critical materials and countries prevent production halts</li> </ul>
Physical risk from extreme weather risks at PUMA sites, offices and warehouses	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Physical risks in own operations in countries where extreme weather events are happening, risk of operation interruptions being dependent on weather pattern changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geographical spread of global stores and warehouses</li> <li>- Flexible working conditions and increased digitalisation</li> </ul>
Physical risk of reduced productivity and employee satisfaction due to climate change and extreme events	Own operations and upstream Short, medium term	Business dependent on changes in weather patterns, employee dissatisfaction can cause absenteeism, employee turnover, unrest and strike, causing delays in orders and creating the risk of operational disruptions which is followed by reputational damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supplier investments and PUMA's leverage to set up adaptation measures</li> <li>- Diversifying supply chains and securing alternative sources for critical materials and countries prevent production halts</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change mitigation</b>			
Transition risk from new regulation on carbon prices	Whole value chain Medium, long term	Carbon taxes help countries meet climate goals and transition to a sustainable economy but depend on countries' willingness to fulfil their commitment to the Paris Agreement. Carbon prices and investments in new technologies to reduce emissions impact PUMA and its suppliers' operational costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy advocacy</li> <li>- Role in shaping the future of market mechanisms through memberships in industry organisations</li> </ul>
Transition risk from enhanced reporting obligations and current product-related regulations	Own operations and upstream Medium, long term	Compulsory climate action reporting ensures reliable disclosures, aiding informed decisions and supporting emission reduction efforts. However, it depends on data availability, product-related laws, and expanding regulations, which can increase costs and require readiness for new regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investment in carbon footprint calculations platform</li> </ul>
Physical risk of increased cost of raw materials	Upstream Medium, long term	Dependency on climate scenarios, risks originating from potential negative physical effects and weather events in raw materials (e.g. cotton), risk of increased cost impacting sourcing prices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diversifying supply chains and securing alternative sources for critical materials and countries prevent production halts</li> </ul>
Physical and transitional risk of lowered brand heat and lack of consumer interest in the brand	Downstream Medium, long term	Dependency on consumer sensitivity to the environmental aspects of products, no initiatives resulting in a loss of brand reputation and image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainability communication related to PUMA products and relevant sustainability initiatives</li> </ul>



Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
Physical and transitional risks related to securing finance	Upstream Medium, long term	Financial institutions are increasingly considering climate risks in their decisions, while suppliers depend on country policies for affordable renewable energy and access to finance. Brands that do not mitigate these risks may find it harder to secure financing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest in a mix of renewable energy sources to reduce dependency on specific country policies</li> <li>- Work closely with suppliers to ensure they have access to financing options</li> </ul>
Physical and transitional risks related to limited low carbon material selections	Upstream Medium, long term	Limitations on technical and financial feasibility impact the large-scale use of new materials, and dependency on technological developments can affect PUMA's ability to reach its climate goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Investments in material research, durability and quality of the new materials</li> </ul>
<b>Energy</b>			
Transitional risks from increased energy costs	Whole value chain Medium, long term	Rising energy costs and investments in new technologies, infrastructure upgrades, and carbon reduction processes can increase operational expenses, while dependency on geopolitical situations can impact PUMA's ability to reach its climate goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Renewable energy strategy</li> <li>- Replacement of coal boilers in suppliers' facilities</li> </ul>
Transitional risk related to unavailability of affordable renewable energy solutions	Upstream Medium, long term	The unavailability of affordable renewable energy in major sourcing countries, combined with dependency on policy barriers, can impact FOB prices and reduce PUMA's margins, making it challenging to maintain similar prices for consumers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Invest in a mix of renewable energy sources to reduce dependency on specific country policies</li> <li>- Work closely with suppliers to ensure they have access to financing options</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>			
<b>Climate change adaptation</b>			
Higher worker satisfaction and productivity due to workplaces with adequate infrastructure (temperature control and building safety)	Upstream and downstream Medium, long term	Adjusting behaviour and improving infrastructure create a resilient supply chain, enabling companies like PUMA to capitalise on market opportunities, gain market share during disruptions, and respond to consumer demand for sustainable products. This depends on supplier investment in resilient infrastructure to withstand changing weather patterns and market demands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Just transition plan development</li> <li>- Supply chain decarbonisation strategy and targets</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change mitigation</b>			
Responding quickly to environmental regulations and climate impacts provides opportunities from a capital market standpoint	Upstream Short, medium, long-term	Investors focused on ESG criteria are more likely to invest in companies with strong climate strategies, presenting a significant capital market opportunity. Companies addressing climate change are better positioned to manage risks from regulations, climate impacts, and market shifts, reducing financial losses. These opportunities and risks depend on global investment trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supply chain decarbonisation strategy and targets</li> </ul>
Opportunity to capture consumer interest in low carbon impact products	Downstream Medium, long term	Brands that effectively engage consumers in sustainability initiatives, such as take-back programs and eco-friendly product lines, can build strong brand loyalty from consumer but also depend on policy barriers and technology development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Product and material decarbonisation efforts</li> <li>- Sustainability communication and initiatives</li> </ul>

## **Risk and opportunity assessment**

The following section outlines the process used to identify, assess and manage climate-related risks and opportunities. This includes a scenario analysis, risk and opportunity assessment and an analysis of the resilience of our business model and strategy.

### **Scenario analysis**

PUMA used climate-related scenario analysis to evaluate potential physical and transition risks.

To identify physical risks to its own operations, PUMA collaborates with its insurance provider on a physical climate risk assessment. The assessment is based on three time horizons: short term (1 year) mid-term (3 years) and long term (>10 years). The assessment includes the 28 sites with the highest risk of impacting the business (total insured value of over 50 million €) when affected, including PUMA's headquarters and main distribution centres. It does not include any stores as the loss of a single store does not have a significant financial impact. The assessment uses the climate scenario RCP8.5, projecting climate-related physical hazards for different ranges of radiative forcing reached in 2040. This conservative approach relates to an estimated temperature increase of >4 °C (RCP8.5) by 2100. For mid and long-term projections of climate-related hazards we use the geospatial coordinates of our locations and the NatCat tool from SwissRe. For the short-term horizon, the insurance function is responsible given that related risks are mitigated to insurance markets. Typical assessments applied are site-specific risk-engineering reviews, business interruption impact analyses and NatCat assessments together with the insurance broker and the leading insurer for the property program to validate required insurance limits. A detailed physical risk assessment for supply chain locations is planned for 2025. This is a voluntary action given that PUMA does not have sites within operational control in the upstream supply chain.

Transition risks were identified using the IEA net-zero emissions by 2050 scenario, which outlines a narrow pathway towards a 1.5 °C aligned global warming, and the IEA stated policies scenario, which assumes that stated policies are followed (2.7 °C aligned). The timeframe extends to the year 2040, with intermediate estimates for 2030 and 2035. Most assumptions of the scenario analysis were applicable on a global scale, with some exceptions like carbon pricing or utility prices, which were determined at a regional level (e.g., in the EU).

The climate scenarios used by PUMA are based on plausible and widely used sources, such as the IPCC report and the IEA. The scenarios are aligned with critical climate-related assumptions in PUMA's financial statement by integrating projected regulatory changes, market shifts, and environmental impacts. This alignment ensures that financial planning and risk assessments account for potential costs and benefits of climate actions, such as investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. This approach helps PUMA manage financial risks and seize opportunities related to climate change.

### **Physical risk**

Physical climate risk includes chronic and acute risks from extreme weather events, such as storms, floods, heatwaves, droughts, wildfires and flooding, over short-, medium- and long-term periods. Such physical risks are potential threats to PUMA's own operations or PUMA's value chain and become more frequent and intense due to climate change. Analysing the occurrence and frequency of these risks helps PUMA identify vulnerabilities in its supply chain, infrastructure, and employee safety, allowing the company to implement strategies to mitigate these risks and ensure business continuity. The table summarises physical risks that were included in PUMA's identification and assessment process strategies to mitigate these risks and ensure business continuity.

## **T.23 CLASSIFICATION OF CLIMATE-RELATED HAZARDS PER DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) 2021/2139 OF THE COMMISSION (ESRS 2 IRO-1)**

	Temperature-related	Wind-related	Water-related	Solid mass-related
Chronic	Changing temperature (air, freshwater, marine water)	Changing wind patterns	Changing precipitation patterns and types (rain, hail, snow/ice)	Coastal erosion
	Heat stress		Precipitation or hydrological variability	Soil degradation
	Temperature variability		Sea level rise	Soil erosion
	Permafrost thawing		Water stress	Solifluction
			Ocean acidification	
			Saline intrusion	
Acute	Heat wave	Cyclones, hurricanes, typhoons	Drought	Landslide
	Wildfire	Storms (including blizzards, dust, and sandstorms)	Heavy precipitation (rain, hail, snow/ice)	Avalanche
	Cold wave/frost	Tornado	Flood (coastal, fluvial, pluvial, ground water)	Subsidence
			Glacial lake outburst	

The results of the physical climate risk analysis for our own operations confirm that until 2040, 22 of PUMA's main sites are at risk of drought, 15 are exposed to risks from heat waves and one from sea level rise. These risks are covered by our insurance policies.

We consider the likelihood of these risks having a significant financial impact on PUMA as low. Temperature rise has been occurring over the last decade, and all major PUMA offices and stores are equipped with air conditioning to ensure appropriate working conditions, even during heat waves. Additionally, PUMA's major sites (including the one close to the sea) are insured against extreme weather events. This means that even if an event like extreme precipitation occurs and leads to damages to PUMA's buildings or goods, as happened in 2024 for one warehouse in Poland, these damages are covered by an insurance policy.

### **Transition risk**

Climate-related transition risks can arise in various fields, including policy and law, technology, market and reputation, over short-, medium- and long-term periods. Transition risks become more material in scenarios that include a quick transition to renewable energy and various climate-friendly policies to keep global warming in check. Examples include new regulations like carbon taxes, or the digital product passport as part of the Eco-Design for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR). Material transition risks are listed at the beginning of the section and are taken from the TCFD-aligned list of transition events in the table.

## 7 T.24 EXAMPLES OF CLIMATE-RELATED TRANSITION EVENTS (EXAMPLES BASED ON TCFD CLASSIFICATION) (IRO-1)

Policy and legal	Technology	Market	Reputation
Increased pricing of GHG emissions	Substitution of existing products and services with lower emissions options	Changing customer behaviour	Shifts in consumer preferences
Enhanced emissions-reporting obligations	Unsuccessful investment in new technologies	Uncertainty in market signals	Stigmatisation of sector
Mandates on and regulation of existing products and services	Costs of transition to lower emissions technology	Increased cost of raw materials	Increased stakeholder concern
Mandates on and regulation of existing production processes			Negative stakeholder feedback
Exposure to litigation			

Business activities and transition to carbon neutrality require significant efforts in footwear materials, thermal energy and transportation to be compatible with a carbon-neutral economy. Developing new technologies and policies, such as low-carbon materials, scalable thermal energy alternatives and large-scale low carbon fuel usage, is essential to ensure carbon neutrality. This is crucial for meeting our 2030 targets, as innovations and economic shifts in these areas are necessary to achieve our science-based emission reduction targets.

### Opportunities

Climate change-related opportunities are usually connected to transitions rather than physical hazards. We screened the transition categories of policy and law, technology, market and reputation for opportunities and included them in impacts, risks and opportunities. The most prominent opportunities are:

- Increasing demand from consumers due to a better adoption of climate regulation and simultaneous climate change mitigation efforts, resulting in low carbon products
- Increased trust from investors
- Increased employee satisfaction due to proper adaptation measures.

### Resilience analysis

The resilience analysis is performed twice a year as part of the assessment of climate-related risks and opportunities within our risk management system. It focuses on three key areas of our own operations, our business model (including outsourced production) and our product portfolio, covering the full extent of PUMA's business. The primary impact areas of our risks include physical risks that affect our entities and supply chain locations, as well as transition risks that influence our business model and product portfolio. The resilience analysis extends until 2030, in line with the timeframe of long-term impacts, risks and opportunities and our science-based GHG emission target.

#### Resilience of PUMA's own operations

Many of PUMA's largest assets are exposed to climate-related physical risks, such as droughts or heatwaves. However, all these assets do not use water on an industrial scale, are equipped with cooling technology and are insured against climate-related hazards. Most of our locations are leased or rented, and for offices remote working possibilities exist, further increasing the resilience of PUMA's overall business. We will continue to work on climate mitigation and adaptation actions to ensure the resilience of our operations.

#### Resilience of PUMA's business model, with outsourced production

PUMA's business model relies on outsourced manufacturing mainly from six sourcing countries: China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Indonesia and India. Extreme heat, humidity and frequent extreme weather conditions threaten working conditions, productivity, and infrastructure, leading to business

disruptions, higher costs and potential negative publicity. Ensuring suppliers' financial stability and improving infrastructure reduces disruption risks and enhances supply chain resilience. Climate adaptation measures protect workers and minimise disruptions. Adjusting behaviour and infrastructure creates a resilient supply chain, allowing companies to capitalise on market opportunities. Meeting production targets results in stable revenue and costs, while increased investor confidence positively affects stock values and capital availability.

PUMA engages in business relationships with its core suppliers on a long-term basis. Trusting relationships with suppliers ensure a more stable and reliable supply chain, reducing the risk of disruptions and associated costs. PUMA has set a science-based target implying that core suppliers and the upstream supply chain need to reduce their GHG emissions. PUMA mitigates risks from over-reliance on a few suppliers, which can lead to higher costs, production delays, quality issues, financial difficulties, reputational damage and a loss of trust. Disruption from natural disasters or political instability can halt production and affect supply chain resilience. To address this, we diversify our sourcing model, ensuring suppliers develop capabilities to produce a range of products and source materials from different countries. We are therefore working towards building a resilient supply chain.

Non-core suppliers are partially managed through the Higg Facility Environment Module (FEM), which includes a section on energy and GHG. This aids supplier facilities in setting climate targets, tracking, and reducing energy use and GHG emissions by promoting energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy adoption, thereby mitigating climate risks for non-core suppliers. Non-core suppliers are geographically diverse, allowing PUMA to shift sourcing in case of natural disasters, ensuring a resilient supply chain.

PUMA's business model also relies on transporting finished goods from the main manufacturing hubs in Asia to customers worldwide. Transporting goods contributes to GHG emissions. To reduce such emissions, PUMA has included the transport of goods in its science-based GHG reduction target and reduced the proportion of transport carried out by air freight, the most carbon-intensive mode of transport. PUMA works with logistic service providers on the use of alternative fuels for marine shipping or road transport.

Therefore, we assume that PUMA's business model can cope with potential increases in carbon taxes for international transport or the inclusion of international transportation into carbon reduction and offsetting schemes.

#### **Resilience of PUMA's product portfolio**

PUMA's product portfolio comprises athletic and lifestyle footwear, apparel and accessories. Our products rely on raw materials made from fossil fuels, such as polyester and other synthetic polymers. This reliance could negatively affect PUMA if the price for the fossil raw materials increases due to carbon taxes or restrictions on fossil fuels. To balance this potential negative effect, PUMA has started to use recycled polyester at scale and investing in research and innovation to find recycled or bio-based alternatives.

PUMA's products do not directly emit GHGs during their use phase. The washing and drying of apparel contribute to GHG emissions if washing and drying machines are not powered by renewable energy. However, given the required global transition to renewable electricity, we do not anticipate any negative effects on the sales of our products based on GHG emissions emitted during the use-phase.

PUMA products may emit GHGs at the end of their useful life, for example when incinerated or during the decomposition of cotton products. Based on product life cycle assessment data, those emissions are relatively low compared to emissions released during manufacturing and the product use phase. These emissions can be avoided when products are recycled into new raw materials. While postconsumer recycling is not yet the current practice for apparel, footwear and accessories products, upcoming regulations in the EU are targeting higher recycling rates in future.

As a result, PUMA can demonstrate sufficient resilience to key transition and physical risks and is capable of adapting its strategy and business model to climate change in the short, medium, and long term.. Wherever we see potential gaps, such as the recycling of polymers to reduce dependency on fossil fuels, we have set targets within our sustainability strategy to close those gaps over time.

PUMA's climate targets and program also help secure access to finance. For example, we use ESG-linked finance mechanisms, where the interest rate is tied to the achievement of our climate goals. These ESG-linked finance mechanisms account for approximately 80 % of PUMA's total financing volume.

### **Policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation (E1-2)**

PUMA is dedicated to protecting the environment and climate across its operations, suppliers, and partners. We have published multiple climate-related policies and handbooks including PUMA's Environmental Policy, PUMA's Environmental Handbook for Suppliers and PUMA's Environmental Handbook for Own Entities.

The Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of all policies and handbooks covering climate-related commitments and activities. Various departments manage implementation and report progress regularly to the Management Board and leadership team.

The policies endorse internationally recognised environmental and climate conventions and frameworks such as the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, the United Nations Paris Agreement, the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector, the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action and the Fashion Pact.

PUMA's environmental policies and handbooks are shaped by the interests of key stakeholders, including employees, suppliers, customers, and industry partners. For instance, PUMA engages employees in sustainability initiatives, ensuring they understand and contribute to environmental and climate goals. The company promotes sustainability within its operations and supply chain by using renewable energy and increasing the use of low-carbon materials. Performance criteria linked to clear sustainability targets are included in the remuneration of all leaders globally. The Environmental Policy emphasises working closely with suppliers to meet high environmental standards and improve sustainability practices throughout the supply chain. PUMA considers customer demand for sustainable products, integrating less carbon-intensive materials and practices into its offerings.

All policies and handbooks are publicly shared on our website. Due diligence and progress are also shared in our Annual Reports. This includes governance structures, key partners, and performance indicators like certified material ratios, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, and renewable energy usage. We also engage with third-party initiatives for objective feedback to improve our practices.

PUMA's Environmental Policy covers a wide range of topics to ensure comprehensive sustainability practices. Regarding climate, it includes the climate change mitigation actions required to achieve our science-based GHG emission target which is aligned with a maximum of 1.5 °C global warming. Stated actions consist, but are not limited to energy efficiency measures, the adoption of renewable energy sources for PUMA's own entities, the reduction of GHG emissions in our logistics network and supply chain, and the increased adoption of low carbon materials.

PUMA's Environmental Handbook for Suppliers and PUMA's Environmental Handbook for Own Entities provide guidance on how our suppliers and own operations can effectively decrease their climate change impact. This includes, for example, adopting LED lighting, switching to renewable electricity, phasing-out of coal-fired boilers and optimising heating and cooling systems.

Our policies and handbooks are regularly updated. One of the next updates will include climate adaptation actions, which are not currently reflected in our policies and handbooks.

## STRATEGY

### **Transition plan for climate change mitigation (E1-1)**

In 2019, PUMA set its first science-based emission target (SBT) aligned with a well below 2-degree scenario. After surpassing initial goals, PUMA updated targets in 2023 to a 1.5 °C scenario, aiming for a 90% absolute reduction in own operations and a 33% absolute reduction in supply chain emissions by 2030 from the 2017 baseline. Further, we are committed to reaching net zero GHG emissions by 2050 as part of our Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action engagement.

In 2023, PUMA published its first climate transition plan, detailing the actions and investments needed to meet 2030 targets. The plan is communicated internally for alignment with PUMA's overall strategy and financial planning. In addition to our SBT, our transition plan also helps us achieve other climate-related targets mentioned in the [Metrics and targets](#) section. We will expand our transition plan in 2025 towards achieving net-zero GHG emissions by the latest 2050.

PUMA's climate transition plan focuses on key levers displayed in [Decarbonisation levers' expected reductions until 2030 for Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions](#) table and emissions below on allocated financial resources. These tables also include the related capital expenditures (CapEx) and operational expenditures (OpEx) related investments. These expenditures are significant because they play a crucial role in achieving our science-based targets and enhancing stakeholder perception, particularly in terms of improved CDP and other ESG ratings, which are closely monitored by our investors, customers, and civil society. Additionally, these investments help minimise potential taxes/penalties from upcoming regulations such as Germany's Carbon Tax regulation, the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, and the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism. PUMA also collaborates with industry partners to influence policy in favour of renewable energy and ensure sustainable sourcing practices.

PUMA has no significant CapEx for coal, oil, or gas-related economic activities. Instead, PUMA focuses on renewable energy and other sustainability initiatives, such as replacing coal-fired boilers at suppliers and transitioning to low-carbon fuels for transportation.

PUMA's key assets and products have potential locked-in GHG emissions due to their reliance on existing infrastructure and materials. Existing assets are included in the assessment of GHG emissions and related reduction opportunities. Assets include PUMA's airplane, leased cars which have not yet been transitioned to zero emission cars and rented buildings which rely on natural gas for heating. Embedded emissions related to relevant assets are included in our Vision 2030 strategy and the transition plan to achieve our GHG emission reduction targets until 2030.

PUMA's objectives and plans for aligning economic activities with the criteria in Commission Delegated Regulation 2021/2139 consider the key performance indicators requiring disclosure under Article 8 of Regulation (EU) 2020/852. PUMA is not exempted from exclusions for EU Paris-aligned Benchmarks based on the exclusion criteria mentioned in Article 12 of the Paris Agreement.

PUMA's [Climate Transition Plan](#) is integrated into its overall business strategy and financial planning by aligning climate goals with strategic objectives, such as developing a more resilient supply chain. The plan is reviewed and approved by PUMA's Management Board and the Supervisory Board, ensuring it supports PUMA's long-term business goals and financial health.

PUMA has made progress towards implementing its transition plan. For our own operations, we have maintained 100% renewable electricity since 2020, increased the percentage of low- or zero-emission vehicles in our car fleet from 35% in 2023 to 45% in 2024, improved energy efficiency through the installation of LED lighting and invested in our own solar PV plants. In 2024, two large scale solar PV plants started operations at the German headquarters in Herzogenaurach and our largest European Distribution centre in Geiselwind, also Germany. The total capacity of the two solar PV plants is 2.5 Mwhpeak.

In our upstream value chain efforts are being made to reduce emissions from the transport of goods by transitioning to more carbon-efficient modes of transport. The percentage of goods transported by airfreight has dropped from 3% in 2019 to less than 1% in 2024.

Additionally, we implement multiple supply chain initiatives. PUMA is working with industry peers on climate action through initiatives like the Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action and the Fashion Pact. We are also enrolling core suppliers in energy efficiency and renewable energy programmes in our top sourcing regions. In 2022, we identified 21 core suppliers with coal-fired boilers and have been working on their coal-phase-out plans. By the end of 2024, 27 suppliers had agreed to set SBTs, and we launched the Supplier Leadership on Climate Transition programme with Guidehouse, offering capacity building opportunities for suppliers to set and achieve SBTs. 13 suppliers joined this program.

PUMA is also gradually transitioning to materials with a lower carbon footprint, such as recycled polyester.

These steps are part of PUMA's broader commitment to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050 as established in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 (European Climate Law) and contribute to global climate goals.

### **Actions and resources in relation to climate change policies (E1-3)**

#### **Own operations**

The key actions taken and resources allocated to mitigate Scope 1 and 2 emissions are listed below and align with the decarbonisation levers described in the [Metrics and target](#) section. These actions are applicable to our own operations globally, contributing to the achievement of our Scope 1 and 2 climate targets stated in our Environmental Policy and are ongoing until at least 2030.

### **➤ T.25 ALLOCATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN OWN OPERATIONS (IN MILLION €) (E1-3)<sup>1</sup>**

Action areas	2024		Until 2030	
	CapEx	OpEx	CapEx	OpEx
Adopt low- or zero-emission vehicles for all own operations	4.1	0.0	20.0	0.0
Substitution of conventional fuels with renewable energy	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0
Energy efficiency improvements	0.2	0.0	0.5	0.0
Invest in own renewable energy generation	2.7	0.0	5.0	0.0
Maintaining 100% renewable electricity	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> The resources referring to CapEx are included in the [Property, Plant and Equipment](#) and [Leases](#) chapters of PUMA's consolidated financial statement. The resources referring to OpEx are included in the [Other Operating Income and Expenses](#) chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

#### **Upstream value chain**

For Scope 3 emissions, PUMA is working on reducing emissions from purchased goods, services, and upstream transportation by 33% by 2030 from a 2017 baseline. We collaborate with our core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers and logistics business partners to implement energy efficiency and renewable energy measures. We aim to phase out coal-fired boilers from our core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers by 2025. We joined the UN's Coal Phase Out Action Group in 2022 and included a coal-fired boiler question in our new factory onboarding checklist. Reducing our Scope 3 emissions is also supported by the increased use of less carbon-intensive raw materials.

Our key climate actions for Scope 3 Category 1 emissions focus on our upstream value chain, specifically core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories in China, Vietnam, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Taiwan, Türkiye, Mauritius, Brazil, Pakistan and the Philippines. We actively engage with key affected stakeholders such as our suppliers, by offering training sessions, maintaining communication through regular supplier meetings,



launching cleaner production and renewable energy programs, and conducting sustainability scorecard review meetings on a one-to-one basis. These efforts are designed to ensure that our actions effectively contribute to achieving our climate targets.

We aim to persist with our decarbonisation efforts in the coming years by enhancing energy efficiency through cleaner production programs, increasing the percentage of renewable energy used by our suppliers, phasing out coal from our supply chain, sourcing more low-carbon materials and transitioning to low-carbon fuels for transportation. These initiatives have been instrumental in meeting our policy objectives and targets related to climate mitigation. For instance, in 2024, PUMA and stichd together achieved a reduction of 10.2% in Scope 3 Category 1 and Category 4 emissions, progressing towards our goal of a 33% reduction by 2030 from the 2017 baseline.

So far, PUMA has focused on climate action from a mitigation approach. We are developing a strategy for climate adaptation, looking at how we can make our assets resilient to different chronic and extreme climate hazards. As projected by the IPCC, examples of actions include installing or upgrading to modern heating, ventilation, and air conditioning, implementing cooling technologies, shading and reflective materials on roofs and walls, maintaining optimal indoor temperatures at factories and setting up emergency plans in case of extreme weather events. We will publish further details on our climate adaptation strategy in 2025.

As outlined in the [Transition plan for climate change mitigation \(E1-1\)](#), our decarbonisation levers incorporate nature-based solutions. These include scaling up the use of low-carbon materials, such as recycled polyester and cotton materials grown with regenerative practices, improving soil health which helps to store carbon in soil, enhancing recycling technologies, and utilising carbon sinks to offset unavoidable long-term emissions. Furthermore, we are committed to source deforestation free bovine leather by 2030, which helps to protect forests that absorb and store large amounts of carbon, helping to mitigate climate change.

In 2024, we participated in the Unlock Programme, an initiative by The Fashion Pact and sustainability consultancy 2050, aimed at decarbonising cotton production and promoting regenerative farming practices in the USA. Through these sustainable farming methods, the cotton sourced from this programme has a lower emission factor compared to conventional cotton. Our involvement in this programme allowed us to eliminate 200 tCO<sub>2</sub>e of GHG emissions, associated with cotton sourced from the regions under the Unlock Programme in the USA in 2024.

Throughout the reporting period, we did not observe business disruptions due to effects of material climate impacts, such as extreme weather conditions. Consequently, no specific actions were performed to provide, cooperate in, or support the provision of remedies for such impacts.

We invest in industry collaborations and expert organisations for sustainability and climate action (totalling about 1 million € per year). Allocated resources are reflected in our financial statements, ensuring alignment with overall financial planning. In addition to the 1 million € per year, we have allocated resources for the following decarbonisation levers to mitigate Scope 3 GHG emissions. All financial resources are OpEx incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, product/material certifications, risk assessments and consulting fees.

## ➤ T.26 ALLOCATED FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN UPSTREAM VALUE CHAIN (IN MILLION €) (E1-3)<sup>1</sup>

Action areas	2024		Until 2030	
	CapEx	OpEx	CapEx	OpEx
Energy efficiency improvement in the supply chain	0	0.12	0	0.45
Use of low carbon materials in PUMA products	0	0.40	0	2.33
Life cycle assessment of products	0	0.15	0	0.60
Climate risk assessment	0	0.00	0	0.35
Support supplier for climate target setting	0	0.06	0	0.41
Supplier financing through impact investment programme	0	0.00	0	0.45
Regenerative cotton project	0	0.03	0	0.63
Scope 3 GHG emission calculation	0	0.05	0	0.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.48</b>

<sup>1</sup> The resources referring to CapEx are included in the Property, Plant and Equipment and Leases chapters of PUMA's consolidated financial statement. The resources referring to OpEx are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

In 2022, we surveyed our top 20 suppliers on climate investments and recommended setting science-based targets. In 2024, we reassessed 26 top suppliers, representing majority of the business volumes. 22 suppliers made adequate investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy, while four need additional investments. We plan to engage these suppliers to improve their climate strategies. Three suppliers have approved science-based targets, 10 are setting them, and three are working on science-aligned targets through Cascale's Manufacturer Climate Action Program. The remaining 10 are asked to set climate goals within the next two years.

We are currently exploring different sustainable financing options for our suppliers to aid in their decarbonisation efforts. However, we have not yet finalised any specific scheme or program.

### METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, E1-4)

PUMA's climate targets are closely aligned with our Environmental Policy and the SDGs, specifically SDG 13 (Climate Action). In PUMA's Environmental Policy, we refer to our science-based climate action target and the actions being taken to stay within a maximum of a 1.5 °C global warming scenario to mitigate the effects of climate change. We have established time bound and outcome-oriented targets and specific metrics to measure progress against our policy objectives and targets. The purpose of our climate targets such as those related to reducing GHG emissions and specific targets for renewable energy, is to manage the impacts, risks and opportunities detailed in the General information (IRO-1) section.

Our current climate targets are established as part of the 10FOR25 sustainability strategy and science-based targets. 'Science-based' means that there is conclusive scientific evidence that our GHG reduction pathway is sufficient (when applied globally) to support staying below a 1.5 °C temperature increase until 2100. For our 10FOR25 targets, introduced in 2019, we conducted an extensive materiality assessment and stakeholder dialogue to identify 10 key areas for improving sustainability performance, with climate considered a key pillar. This strategy includes the 10FOR25 target cycle until 2025 which remains unchanged from the previous year. All of PUMA's climate targets apply globally, covering all regions in which we operate and where our suppliers are located. With Vision 2030, published in November 2024, we have elevated our 10FOR25 goals to achieve more ambitious targets by 2030 following a double materiality assessment and stakeholder dialogue in 2024. Our methodology for defining these targets includes assumptions based on supplier data, current scientific data and industry best practices, ensuring that our goals are both ambitious and achievable.

### **PUMA 1.5 °C aligned science-based GHG emission reduction target**

- Reduce absolute Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions (market-based) by 90 % by 2030 compared to the base year of 2017 (baseline value: 47,707 tCO<sub>2</sub>) (*own operations, global*)
  - In 2024, 86% reduction towards baseline
- Reduce absolute GHG emissions from purchased goods and services and upstream transportation and distribution by 33% by 2030 from a 2017 base year (baseline value: 1,609,916 tCO<sub>2</sub>eq, the target boundary covers emissions and removals related to land use for bioenergy feedstocks) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, PUMA and stichd together achieved 10.2% reduction in absolute GHG emissions compared to 2017 from purchased goods and services and upstream transportation and distribution
- Continue achieving annual sourcing of 100% renewable electricity through 2030 at PUMA sites (*own operations, global*)
  - In 2024, 100% renewable electricity ensured through green tariffs and RECs purchase.

Our GHG baseline and targets are developed and validated by SBTi, ensuring they are representative and consistent with GHG inventory boundaries. Our climate targets align with the UN's Fashion Industry Charter for Climate Action. In developing the climate roadmap to achieve our SBT, we have projected net sales through 2030 to estimate GHG emissions under a business-as-usual scenario. As part of our decarbonisation strategy, we have considered the potential integration of emerging technologies and initiatives, such as solar thermal and green hydrogen, within our supply chain. We have also explored innovations in low-carbon material development for our products. Additionally, we have evaluated the policy landscapes in key sourcing countries and considered the adoption of climate-friendly policies to facilitate the widespread use of renewable energy. Currently, our targets focus on mitigation, without using GHG removals or carbon credits. We ensured our base year and baseline values for SBTs are representative in terms of the activities covered and the influences from external factors through validation by SBTi. Furthermore, the base year of 2017 was a normal year, without any temperature anomalies which could have influenced energy consumption and related GHG emissions.

### **Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025)**

- Car fleet: more than 60 % of cars moved to zero- or low-emission vehicles where charging infrastructure permits (*entity-specific metric, own operations, global*)
- Airplane: no airplane or use biofuels (*entity-specific metric, own operations, regional*)
- Heating: move remaining natural gas heating to biogas, hydrogen or electric heating, at least 50% (*own operations, global*)
- Continue 100 % renewable electricity (*own operations, global*)
- Over 2 MWp own solar capacity (*own operations, global*)
- 75 % renewable content district heating at Headquarters (*own operations, regional*)
- 40 % renewable energy at core factories (*upstream, global*)
- 40 % GHG emission reduction (Scope 1 and 2) at core factories (*upstream, global*)
- No coal-fired boiler at core factories (*upstream, global*)
- 100 % recycled polyester fabric (*upstream, global*)
- 30 % Textile-to-Textile Recycled Polyester for apparel (*upstream, global*)
- 20 % recycled cotton for apparel (*upstream, global*)

### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- 100% of PUMA's own entities use renewable electricity (*own operations, global*)
  - In 2024, PUMA kept 100% renewable electricity for its own entities
- Expand the use of renewable energy at PUMA's core suppliers to 25% (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, our core suppliers sourced 26.7% of their energy from renewable sources
- Phase out coal-fired boilers from core suppliers by 2025 (*upstream, global*)
  - Five factories have phased out coal, six have partially replaced it, and four are planning transitions. Three factories will extend their phase-out to 2030.

PUMA sustainability targets, which include climate targets, are communicated to suppliers during regional supplier meetings. Progress against the targets and the effectiveness of policies and climate action are

tracked through the preparation of environmental performance scorecards for each core Tier 1 and Tier 2 supplier at a Group level, with KPIs broken down at a factory level. The scorecards visualise each supplier's progress towards our 10FOR25 targets. We followed up with one-to-one meetings to review the 2023 Environmental KPIs for 64 suppliers and discuss their 2024 plans. We also addressed the need for some factories to participate in cleaner production and renewable energy programmes. Climate-related KPIs in the scorecard include percentage of renewable energy usage and absolute GHG emissions.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its 2030 sustainability targets. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the chapter [General information \(SBM-2\)](#).

PUMA aligns its reporting on climate-related metrics with recognised standards, including the GHG Protocol. Our climate targets also include absolute carbon reductions, renewable energy procurement and the manufacturing of products made from recycled and/or certified materials.

Our science-based target was approved in 2023 and remained unchanged during the reporting period. Therefore, additional requirements such as changes in corresponding metrics, underlying measurement methodologies, significant assumptions, limitations, sources, and data collection processes within the defined time horizon, are not applicable.

## ➤ T.27 SCOPE 1 AND 2 GHG EMISSIONS TARGET (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E)<sup>1</sup>

	2017 baseline	2024	2024 performance [%]	2025 interim target	2030 target	2030 reduction target (%)
Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions (market-based)	47,707	6,574	-86.2%	5,900	4771	-90.0%

<sup>1</sup> Emission data shown is derived from GHG emission table in chapter E1-6. All assumptions for Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions presented in the footnotes of this table also apply here.

## ➤ T.28 DECARBONISATION LEVERS' EXPECTED REDUCTIONS UNTIL 2030<sup>1</sup> FOR SCOPE 1 AND 2 GHG EMISSIONS (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E)<sup>2</sup>

Decarbonisation levers	Until 2030
Adopt low- or zero-emission vehicles for all own operations	1,000
Substitution of conventional fuels with renewable energy	500
Energy efficiency improvements	500
Lay off or substitution of PUMA airplane	2,000
Maintaining 100% renewable electricity	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2030 is the target year for our science-based target. A transition plan to reach net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 will be developed in 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Excepted emission reduction until 2030 is defined as the expected annual reduction in the year 2030 from the respective decarbonization lever.

In 2024, we continued assessing Scope 3 emissions from our supply chain with the expert company Sphera, following the GHG Protocol. This included emissions beyond Tier 1, covering Tier 2 and Tier 3 suppliers. Our absolute Scope 3 emissions from purchased goods and services have decreased since 2017, despite increased material consumption, due to energy efficiency and renewable electricity use. The main sources of these emissions are raw materials and energy used by Tier 1, 2, and 3 suppliers. Details are available in PUMA's [Climate Transition Plan](#).

In 2024, we started calculating GHG emissions for our subsidiary company, stichd, using the same methodology and consultant (Sphera) as for PUMA. However, while PUMA's Tier 2 GHG emissions are calculated from primary data, stichd's Tier 2 emissions are estimated based on Tier 1 product sourcing data and emission factors from the GaBi database by Sphera. The stichd scope 3 category 1 emissions for 2017 were estimated based on GHG intensity relative to sales turnover.

We were not able to reduce our Scope 3 Category 4 emissions from transport of goods in 2024. We had seen a reduction of airfreight from 3% to less than 1% in 2023 and partially switched to biofuels for maritime shipping. However, as the cost for shipments with biofuels is significantly higher than for conventional shipments, and we are on track to meet our overall Scope 3 targets, we temporarily reduced the amount of biofuels in 2024 until those become more cost effective. In addition, during the year 2024 several large sports events (Olympics, Football Euro Cup) led to a rebound of airfreight compared to 2023. The results are presented in the tables below.

## ➤ T.29 SCOPE 3 GHG EMISSIONS TARGET (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

	2017 baseline	2024	2024 performance (%)	2025 interim target	2030 target	2030 reduction target (%)
Scope 3 Category 1 GHG emissions (PUMA)	1,409,265	1,169,215	-17.0 %			
Scope 3 Category 1 GHG emissions (stichd)	129,581	171,801	32.6 %			
Scope 3 Category 4 GHG emissions (PUMA and stichd)	71,070	104,481	47.0 %			
<b>Scope 3 Category 1 and Category 4 GHG emissions (PUMA and stichd)</b>	<b>1,609,916</b>	<b>1,445,497</b>	<b>-10.2 %</b>	<b>1,332,899</b>	<b>1,078,644</b>	<b>-33.0 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> GHG calculations for scope 3 category 1 are based on energy data collected from January to October 2024 at PUMA core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories and stichd core Tier 1 factories, excluding PUMA United. Data for November and December 2024 are estimated from this period to provide full-year data. The core supplier factories include 51 Tier 1 factories (apparel, footwear and accessories), 40 core Tier 2 factories (leather, PU, and textiles), and 28 stichd core Tier 1 factories (apparel and accessories). stichd's Tier 2 emissions are estimated based on Tier 1 product sourcing data and emission factors from the GaBi database by Sphera.

<sup>2</sup> Scope 3 category 1 GHG emissions for PUMA and stichd are calculated based on energy consumption data collected from core factories, extrapolated to cover non-core factories, based on 2023 business volume.

<sup>3</sup> Scope 3 category 1 estimation includes GHG emissions associated with goods and services purchased by PUMA and stichd from its suppliers related to products and associated packaging. This excludes emissions associated with other goods and services acquired by stichd offices, stores, and warehouses.

By the end of 2024, PUMA had already reduced its combined Scope 3 emissions from purchased goods by 17% compared to a baseline of 2017. In 2024, our core suppliers sourced 26.7% of their energy from renewable sources from the baseline value of 0.8% in 2020.

We are committed to phasing out coal-fired boilers from our core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers by 2025. In 2022, we identified 21 suppliers with coal-fired boilers, reducing to 15 by 2024 due to revisions in the core factory list. Five factories have phased out coal, six have partially replaced it, and four are planning transitions. Due to challenges, three factories will extend their phase-out to 2030. We continue to track progress and collaborate with the UN's Fashion Charter to expedite this transition. Since July 2022, new factories are screened to ensure they do not use coal-fired boilers.

All financial resources are OpEx incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, product certifications, risk assessments, impact incentives, and consulting fees.

## **T.30 DECARBONISATION LEVERS' EXPECTED REDUCTIONS UNTIL 2030<sup>1</sup> FOR SCOPE 3 GHG EMISSIONS (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E)<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Decarbonisation levers</b>	<b>Until 2030</b>
Energy efficiency improvement in the supply chain	180,000
Adoption of on-site renewable energy (solar and wind) in the supply chain	123,000
Adoption of offsite renewable energy (DPPA/Green Tariff/IREC etc.) in the supply chain	296,000
Fuel switch from coal to biomass, electricity, or natural gas in the supply chain	173,000
Use of low carbon materials in PUMA products	322,000
Adoption of new upcoming technologies and initiatives (solar thermal, green hydrogen etc.) in the supply chain	345,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,439,000</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2030 is the target year for our science-based target. A transition plan to reach net-zero GHG emissions by 2050 will be developed in 2025.

<sup>2</sup> Excepted emission reduction until 2030 is defined as the expected annual reduction in the year 2030 from the respective decarbonization lever.

We have not yet established specific climate adaptation targets. However, we are in the process of developing a comprehensive strategy, which is planned for release in 2025. Following the release of this strategy, we will set our adaptation targets accordingly.

### **Energy consumption and mix (E1-5)**

Energy is required to power PUMA's own offices, stores and warehouses, our car fleet and to enable the production and transport of goods. PUMA uses energy from electricity, natural gas and district heating in its own operations, and additional types of fuel (e.g., coal, biomass) in the factories in its supply chain. PUMA's car fleet uses electricity, hydrogen, diesel and gasoline. PUMA's airplane uses kerosene.

PUMA reports energy consumed from all processes in our own operations in line with our Scope 1 and 2 GHG reporting boundary. PUMA consumes fuels as feedstocks for electricity generation only in generators for back up electricity generation in areas with electricity outages (South Africa and Ukraine). We report all energy-related information as final energy consumption and take a conservative approach when splitting energy sources between renewable and non-renewable sources. We use grid electricity mixes from IEA (2019) in line with our market-based Scope 2 GHG emission reporting.

## ➤ T.31 ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND MIX FOR OWN OPERATIONS (IN MWH) (E1-5)<sup>1,2</sup>

Energy consumption and mix	2024	2023
Fuel consumption from coal and coal products	0	0
Fuel consumption from crude oil and petroleum products <sup>3</sup>	19,011	21,051
Fuel consumption from natural gas	6,378	6,791
Fuel consumption from other fossil sources	0	0
Consumption of purchased or acquired electricity, heat, steam, and cooling from fossil sources	4,832	5,150
<b>Total fossil energy consumption</b>	<b>30,221</b>	<b>32,992</b>
Share of fossil sources in total energy consumption (%)	24 %	27 %
<b>Total energy consumption from nuclear sources</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fuel consumption for renewable sources, including biomass (also comprising industrial and municipal waste of biologic origin, biogas, renewable hydrogen, etc.)	0	0
Consumption of purchased or acquired electricity, heat, steam, and cooling from renewable sources	93,663	87,110
Using green tariffs <sup>4</sup>	16,061	15,965
Using market instruments (e.g. Energy Attribute Certificates) <sup>5</sup>	77,602	71,145
The consumption of self-generated non-fuel renewable energy	39	66
<b>Total renewable energy consumption</b>	<b>93,702</b>	<b>87,176</b>
Share of renewable sources in total energy consumption (%)	76 %	73 %
<b>Total energy consumption</b>	<b>123,923</b>	<b>120,168</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on energy consumption is collected using primary data and estimations. Where primary data is available and does not cover the full reporting year, the data is extrapolated to 12 months. Where primary data is not available, the data is either estimated based on sites with similar properties or on average data.

<sup>2</sup> Energy consumption is not validated by an external body other than the auditors of this statement.

<sup>3</sup> Fuel consumption from crude oil and petroleum products include light fuel oil consumed in our location for heating purposes, gasoline and diesel consumed by our car fleet and kerosene consumed by our air plane.

<sup>4</sup> Green tariff is defined as 100 % renewable electricity purchased from an electricity provider.

<sup>5</sup> Energy Attribute Certificates are sourced from various standards (e.g., I-REC). Year of electricity generation is 2024. Where possible, certificates are issued domestically. If domestic sourcing is not possible, a proxy solution is used.

## ➤ T.32 ENERGY INTENSITY PER NET REVENUE<sup>1</sup> FOR OWN OPERATIONS (E1-5)

	2024	2023	% 2024 / 2023
Total energy consumption from activities in high climate impact sectors <sup>2</sup> (in MWh)	123,923	120,168	3.1 %
Net revenue from activities in high climate impact sectors (in million €)	8,817	8,602	2.5 %
<b>Total energy consumption from activities in high climate impact sectors per net revenue from activities in high climate impact sectors (in MWh/€ million)</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>0.6 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> Net revenue relates to overall net revenue which can be found in the [Sales](#) chapter in PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

<sup>2</sup> PUMA's business operations are allocated to section G of the NACE economic activities classification (Wholesale and retail trade) which is considered a high-climate impact sector.

### Gross scopes 1, 2, 3 and total GHG emissions (E1-6)

The emissions shown below are applicable to the PUMA Group. As PUMA owns a 100% or majority stake in all its subsidiaries, our emission reporting covers all subsidiaries. Exceptions are provided in the footnotes. This reporting scope of our GHG emissions, including those from our upstream and downstream value chain, remained unchanged during the reporting period.

### ➤ T.33 GROSS SCOPES 1, 2, 3 AND TOTAL GHG EMISSIONS (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E) (E1-6)<sup>1,2,3</sup>

	2024	2023	% 2024 / 2023	2017	% 2024 / 2017
<b>Scope 1 GHG emissions<sup>4</sup></b>					
Gross Scope 1 GHG emissions	5,950	6,709	-11 %	7,678	-23 %
Percentage of Scope 1 GHG emissions from regulated emission trading schemes <sup>5</sup> [%]	0 %	0 %	n/a	0 %	n/a
<b>Scope 2 GHG emissions<sup>4</sup></b>					
Gross location-based <sup>6</sup> Scope 2 GHG emissions	44,715	41,675	7 %	40,029	12 %
Gross market-based <sup>7</sup> Scope 2 GHG emissions	624	586	6 %	40,029	-98 %
<b>Significant scope 3 GHG emissions</b>					
Total gross indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions	1,575,252	1,326,791	19 %	1,638,201	-4 %
1) Purchased goods and services <sup>8</sup>	1,169,215	991,864	18 %	1,409,265	-17 %
2) Capital goods <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3) Fuel and energy-related activities (not included in Scope 1 or Scope 2) <sup>4</sup>	4,515	4,354	4 %	7,433	-39 %
4) Upstream transportation and distribution <sup>10</sup>	104,481	70,412	48 %	71,070	47 %
5) Waste generated in operations <sup>4</sup>	6,183	4,986	24 %	4,495	38 %
6) Business travel <sup>4</sup>	13,096	11,499	14 %	14,394	-9 %
7) Employee commuting <sup>11</sup>	33,166	32,020	4 %	20,234	64 %
8) Upstream leased assets <sup>4</sup>	13,557	11,180	21 %	5,276	157 %
9) Downstream transportation <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
10) Processing of sold products <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a



	2024	2023	% 2024 / 2023	2017	% 2024 / 2017
11) Use of sold products <sup>12</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
12) End-of-life treatment of sold products <sup>4</sup>	175,349	146,144	20 %	79,909	119 %
13) Downstream leased assets <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
14) Franchises <sup>4</sup>	55,690	54,332	2 %	26,124	113 %
15) Investments <sup>9</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Total GHG emissions</b>					
Total GHG emissions (location-based)	1,625,917	1,375,175	18 %	1,685,908	-4 %
Total GHG emissions (market-based)	1,581,826	1,334,086	19 %	1,685,908	-6 %

<sup>1</sup> PUMA's GHG reporting is in line with the GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting Standard and Reporting standard (version 2004 and 2015). Fugitive emissions (emissions from unintentional releases or leaks) are not material to PUMA and therefore not included in Scope 1 emissions.

<sup>2</sup> PUMA applies emission factors from internationally recognised sources. Emission factors from International Energy Agency (IEA) (2019) are used for emissions caused by electricity consumption. Emission and conversion factors from DEFRA (2020) are used more stationary and mobile fuel combustion. Emission factors from Sphera's GaBi database (2024) are used for emissions from materials, waste and end-of-life. All emission factors consider all GHGs (CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, HFCs, PFCs, SF<sub>6</sub>, NF<sub>3</sub>).

<sup>3</sup> Methodological changes between 2017 and 2023 have influenced results. GHG emissions are not validated by an external body other than the auditors of this statement.

<sup>4</sup> Data on Scope 1, Scope 2 and Scope 3 Category 3, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 14 GHG emissions is collected using primary data from own operations and estimations. Where primary data is available and does not cover the full reporting year, the data is extrapolated to 12 months. Where primary data is not available, the data is either estimated based on sites with similar properties or on average data.

<sup>5</sup> We do not use the EU emission trading scheme (EU-ETS).

<sup>6</sup> A location-based method reflects the average emissions intensity of grids on which energy consumption occurs.

<sup>7</sup> A market-based method reflects emissions from electricity that companies have purposefully chosen. It derives emission factors from contractual instruments, which include any type of contract between two parties for the sale and purchase of energy bundled with attributes about the energy generation, or for unbundled attribute claims. PUMA has purchased such Energy Attribute Certificates in 2024 (see energy consumption table).

<sup>8</sup> Scope 3 Category 1 emissions were calculated with the help of lifecycle expert company Sphera. They conducted a comprehensive assessment of our supply chain emissions beyond Tier 1 manufacturing of products, including Tier 2 manufacturing of fabrics and components, and estimated emissions from Tier 3 suppliers and material production using emission factors from their LCA database, known as the GaBi database. Tier 1 and Tier 2 emissions are calculated using the actual energy consumption data from 2024 for current core Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities, and for facilities that are no longer core in 2024, the emissions are estimated based on their 2023 energy consumption and business volume. Based on 2023 business volume, the business coverage of this emission calculation is 84 % for Tier 1 and 61 % for Tier 2 and we extrapolate this data to cover all Tier 1 and Tier 2 supplier factories. Tier 3 emissions are estimated by Sphera using its GaBi database. GHG calculations for scope 3 category 1 are based on energy data collected from January to October 2024 at PUMA core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories. Data for November and December 2024 are estimated from this period to provide full-year data. The core supplier factories include 51 Tier 1 factories (apparel, footwear and accessories), 40 core Tier 2 factories (leather, PU and textiles).

<sup>9</sup> Scope 3 categories listed as n/a are not considered material to our total GHG emissions.

<sup>10</sup> Data on Scope 3 Category 4 is based on inbound and outbound transportation data and uses emission factors from EcoTransIT. All transportation to customers is considered to be paid by PUMA and therefore included in Category 4 instead of Category 9.

<sup>11</sup> Data on Scope 3 Category 7 is based on a global survey of employee commuting habits conducted in 2022 and total number of employees.

<sup>12</sup> PUMA does not cause any direct use phase emissions. PUMA causes indirect use phase emissions through the washing of its products. As the reporting of indirect use phase emissions is optional under GHG protocol, we report this category as n/a.

### ➤ T.34 GHG INTENSITY PER NET REVENUE<sup>1</sup> (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E/ MILLION €) (E1-6)<sup>2</sup>

	2024	2023	% 2024 / 2023	2017	% 2024 / 2017
Total GHG emissions (location-based) per net revenue	184.4	159.9	15.4%	407.6	-54.8%
Total GHG emissions (market-based) per net revenue	179.4	155.1	15.7%	407.6	-56.0%

<sup>1</sup> Net revenue relates to overall net revenue which can be found in the Sales chapter in PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

<sup>2</sup> GHG intensity per net revenue is not validated by an external body other than the auditors of this statement.

### ➤ T.35 GROSS SCOPE 1 AND 2 GHG EMISSIONS BY SITE TYPE (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E) (E1-6)

	Gross Scope 1 GHG emissions	Gross market-based Scope 2 GHG emissions	Gross location-based Scope 2 GHG emissions
Offices and showrooms	2,515	451	7,579
Stores	823	77	33,561
Warehouses	357	97	2,298
Industrial site	5	0	1,276
Air plane	2,250	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,950</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>44,715</b>

The Scope 3 Category 1 emissions mentioned above encompass GHG emissions from PUMA and Cobra but exclude stichd due to unavailability of 2023 data. However, stichd's Scope 3 Category 1 emissions for 2024 are included in the table on Scope 3 GHG emissions targets. Both stichd and Cobra are wholly owned subsidiaries of PUMA, and their GHG emissions are included in PUMA's approved science-based target. However, the Scope 3 emissions from PUMA United, a joint venture between PUMA and United Legwear, are excluded from the 2024 reporting. The products sold by PUMA United are manufactured, transported, and stored by United Legwear and its suppliers. Consequently, the Scope 3 Category 1 and Category 4 emissions from goods sold by PUMA United are not included. Additionally, emissions from PUMA United are less than 5% of total Scope 3 GHG emissions and therefore are excluded from the scope of the approved science-based target.

Our absolute Scope 3 emissions from purchased goods and services have decreased by 17% from 2017 to 2024, despite a 44.6% increase in material consumption and a rise in annual sales turnover by 113.2% during the same period. This overall decrease is due to our efforts in supply chain energy efficiency, phasing out coal, and increasing share of renewable energy and lower carbon-intensive materials. For a more accurate calculation, in 2024, we used updated emission factors for key materials and tested heating values for remaining coal-using factories.

The 18% increase in GHG emissions from 2023 is primarily due to two factors: improved economic condition resulting in a 31.4% rise in material consumption and a 21.7% rise in volume of products shipped and extrapolation to calculate emissions in Tier 2, our largest GHG contributor. In 2024, our material strategy was still under development, which affected our core Tier 2 factories' list and resulted in a lower percentage of our business volume being covered. To calculate GHG emission for Tier 2, we used energy consumption data from core Tier 2 factories covering 60.5% of our business volume in 2023 and extrapolated it to cover all Tier 2, as compared to 80% business volume in previous years. With higher emissions from increased energy consumption and lower business coverage at core Tier 2 facilities, the resulting calculation using the extrapolation method increased significantly. This highlights the importance of comprehensive data coverage to ensure consistent emissions reporting.

This increase underscores the need to further strengthen decarbonisation efforts in our supply chain as our business grows. In 2024, we set internal GHG reduction goals by tier and country for our suppliers, along with lower carbon-intensive material targets for 2030. These measures will accelerate decarbonisation efforts and help us achieve our SBT by 2030.

In 2024, PUMA calculated its biogenic emissions to understand the GHG emissions from biomass combustion by our suppliers as some phased out coal and primarily used biomass. Due to the carbon captured during its lifecycle, biomass can be considered a low-carbon transition energy source, making it a readily available alternative for producing hot water and steam, substituting fossil fuels like coal, oil, or natural gas. Biogenic emissions occur when carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), is released during the combustion of organic materials such as biomass. These emissions are considered temporary because they are part of the natural carbon cycle; the CO<sub>2</sub> released is eventually reabsorbed by new plant growth. This results in a comparatively lower climate impact than fossil fuels, as CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuel combustion has been stored underground for millions of years, adding significant amounts of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere. Other GHGs such as methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) and nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) from combustion of biomass, and GHG emissions from processing and transporting biomass are included in Scope 3 category 1 emissions.

The results indicate that biogenic emissions mainly come from biomass consumption by Tier 2 factories (97.1%), while Tier 1 factories contribute only 2.9%. We found that biogenic emissions account for 8.8% of PUMA's total Scope 3 Category 1 emissions. However, while biomass represents an alternative transition solution for phasing out fossil fuels, its production, transportation and utilisation can also generate direct and indirect negative environmental and social impacts, such as deforestation, air pollution from biomass combustion, and competing uses between food and energy purposes.

We are committed to ensuring our suppliers use more sustainable and renewable biomass. We will promote available guidelines such as the [Sustainable Biomass Guidelines & Risk Assessment Tool](#) published by USAID. We will also engage further within and across industries to identify and implement scalable alternatives for thermal energy.

T.36 BIOGENIC EMISSIONS IN SCOPE 3 CATEGORY 1 (IN T CO <sub>2</sub> E) (E1-6) <sup>1</sup>	
	2024
Tier 1	3,035
Tier 2	100,280
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,315</b>

<sup>1</sup> Biogenic emission is calculated based on biomass consumption from core factories, extrapolated to cover non-core factories, based on 2023 business volume.

In 2024, we calculated GHG emissions from our Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories by country to identify priorities and policy roadblocks in our decarbonisation efforts. The results show that the highest emissions come from Vietnam (46.2%), followed by China (19.8%) and Bangladesh (10.8%).

There are country-specific risks and opportunities related to our decarbonisation efforts. For instance, breakthroughs in Vietnam’s direct power purchase agreement (DPPA) regulation and China’s new sustainability reporting requirements present faster decarbonisation opportunities. Conversely, renewable energy challenges and political issues in Bangladesh pose risks to our progress. This country-wise GHG distribution serves as a guide for focusing our efforts on public advocacy, engaging with local stakeholders and suppliers, and meeting our SBTs.

### ➤ T.37 SCOPE 3 CATEGORY 1 (TIER 1 AND TIER 2) GHG EMISSIONS BY COUNTRY (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E) (E1-6)<sup>1</sup>

Country	2024
Vietnam	180,992.9
China	77,547.9
Bangladesh	42,309.1
Taiwan	31,411.7
Cambodia	27,724.8
Indonesia	20,350.8
Türkiye	8,624.4
Mauritius	2,274.0
Pakistan	429.5
Brazil	412.4
Philippines	11.6

<sup>1</sup> GHG calculation is done based on energy consumption from core factories in these countries, extrapolated to cover non-core factories, based 2023 business volume in receptive countries.

### ➤ T.38 SCOPE 3 CATEGORY 1 (TIER 1 AND TIER 2) GHG EMISSIONS BY OPERATING SEGMENT (IN T CO<sub>2</sub>E) (E1-6)<sup>1</sup>

Segment	2024	
	GHG emissions	%
Footwear (Tier 1)	84,893.1	18.2%
Apparel (Tier 1)	27,478.0	5.9%
Accessories (Tier 1)	13,979.6	3.0%
Textile/fabric (Tier 2)	328,743.4	70.4%
Leather (Tier 2)	8,729.5	1.9%
Polyurethane (Tier 2)	3,172.8	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>466,996.3</b>	

<sup>1</sup> GHG emissions are calculated based on energy consumption from core factories of PUMA (including Cobra), extrapolated to cover non-core factories, based on 2023 business volume of respective product divisions.

### **GHG removals and GHG mitigation projects financed through carbon credits (E1-7)**

We plan to use GHG offsets and removals to neutralise 5-10% of residual emissions on the way to achieving our net-zero target in 2050. We are currently working on a more detailed strategy to meet that goal.

We do not currently use any GHG removal or storage methods in our value chain, nor do we finance any reductions or removals from climate change mitigation projects outside our value chain through carbon credits. As a result, these requirements are not material to PUMA.

### **Internal carbon pricing (E1-8)**

PUMA uses the social cost of carbon as a shadow price for calculating the Environmental Profit and Loss (EP&L) account. The price of 73.4 €/ton of CO<sub>2</sub> was determined when setting up the EP&L. The results of the EP&L are used to inform PUMA's sustainability strategy. However, this price has not been used beyond the EP&L calculation so far.

## ESRS E2 POLLUTION

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

#### **Material pollution-related impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1)**

PUMA has a long-standing commitment to evaluating and mitigating pollution risks within its global supply chain. In 2011, PUMA supported Greenpeace's Detox campaign, aiming to eliminate the use of particularly hazardous chemicals and ensure the proper treatment of industrial wastewater from the textile industry.

To achieve these goals, PUMA co-founded the Zero Discharge of Hazardous Chemicals (ZDHC) Foundation, a multi-stakeholder organisation working to eliminate hazardous chemicals from the global apparel and footwear supply chain. PUMA supported the development of industry standards such as the ZDHC Manufacturing Restricted Substances List (MRSL) and Wastewater Quality Guideline. These standards have been integrated into PUMA's sustainability strategy and targets, ensuring ongoing adherence and implementation.

Additionally, PUMA ensures product safety by complying with industry standards, which are guidelines set by the Apparel and Footwear International RSL Management (AFIRM) Working Group to eliminate the use and impact of harmful substances in apparel and footwear products.

We assessed PUMA's IROs related to pollution using the same methodology detailed in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section. This assessment included a screening of both actual and potential greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and other pollutants. While GHG emissions are reported under [ESRS E1 Climate change](#), this section focuses exclusively on other pollutants.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its Vision 2030 sustainability targets. Additionally, a DMA, involving our key stakeholders was conducted in 2023 to identify material topics for our long-term strategy and target setting. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **➤ T.39 MATERIAL POLLUTION-RELATED IMPACTS, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES (IRO-1)**

Impacts	Actual or potential	Time horizon	Value chain location
<b>Material positive impacts</b>			
<b>Pollution of water</b>			
Using safer chemicals in production processes preventing water pollution and ensuring clean water vital for health, agriculture, and economic growth	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Water conservation helps preserve habitats, preventing scarcity, lowering carbon emissions, saving costs, supporting economic activities, and maintaining community spaces	Potential	Medium, long term	Upstream
<b>Material negative impacts</b>			
<b>Pollution of water</b>			
Cotton farming demands high water use and the use of pesticides and fertilisers, potentially leading to water pollution	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Textile dyeing, leather tanning and viscose production use harmful chemicals that can pollute water, harming aquatic life and posing health risks to communities	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream

Impacts	Actual or potential	Time horizon	Value chain location
<b>Microplastics and substances of concern and very high concern</b>			
Synthetic materials like polyester and nylon shed microplastics in particular during washing process, contaminating water and air	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream Downstream
Substances of concern and very high concern are potentially harmful chemicals to human health and environment	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Upstream

PUMA had no major incidents or pollution deposits in the reporting year. Consequently, there were no operating or capital expenditures related to such incidents, nor were there any provisions for environmental protection or remediation costs. There were no material incidents that negatively impacted the environment or financial performance. Additionally, no related products or services were at risk, and no financial assessments or critical assumptions were necessary.

PUMA's owned and operated entities are comprised of offices, stores and distribution centres as well as one footwear facility in Argentina. Our offices, stores and distribution centres do not run large-scale boilers, do not use water on an industrial scale, do not use significant quantities of hazardous chemicals and do not produce significant amounts of hazardous waste. Therefore, no material impacts, risks and opportunities have been identified for our owned and operated entities related to pollution.

Processes such as dyeing, finishing, and adhesive application in footwear production may release Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and other pollutants. Leather tanning involves chemicals like chromium, which, if not managed properly, could harm workers. This may impact worker health and safety, identified as a material topic under [ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain](#). However, these processes generally do not significantly pollute the air compared to industries like energy or steel production. The textile and footwear industry's impact is mainly linked to the extraction of natural resources, water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, post-consumer textile waste, and low recycling rates, rather than air pollution.

Soil pollution from chemical discharges, solid waste, and microplastics, along with pesticides, fertilisers, and dyes in cotton production, may harm soil health and fertility, cause erosion, destroy habitats, and contribute to climate change. Since PUMA facilities with wet process ensure proper wastewater treatment and cotton farming occupies only 0.6 % of global agricultural land, we concluded that soil pollution does not pose significant environmental or financial risks for our operations.

In our industry, the use of certain chemicals is necessary, but some of these can be considered substances of concern due to their potential adverse effects on humans, animals, or the environment. Examples include formaldehyde used in textile finishing, VOCs from adhesives and dyes, certain azo dyes and certain phthalates that may arise as impurities from plasticizers. Many major brands in the fashion industry adhere to the ZDHC MRSL and the AFIRM Restricted Substances List (RSL). These standards include the restricted substances most relevant to apparel, footwear, and accessory production, as listed in the EU REACH and other global regulations. Substances of concern can often be substituted or remediated with sufficient research. Since the journey towards the complete elimination of substances of concern is ongoing and requires continuous efforts, these substances are considered a material topic.

A substance of very high concern (SVHC) is a chemical identified under the European Union's REACH Regulation due to its serious effects on human health or the environment. Examples include DMFa used in synthetic leather manufacturing, bisphenols, and chromium-based chemicals in leather tanning. These substances can persist in the environment and be toxic. While some SVHCs lack scalable and suitable alternatives that meet our quality and performance standards, PUMA has implemented stringent chemical policies to monitor and control their presence in our manufacturing processes and products. PUMA is committed to addressing these concerns, which is why SVHC is a material topic for us.

Potential pollution of living organisms could occur due to untreated wastewater discharge or the uncontrolled release of chemicals. However, SVHCs that could accumulate in living organisms are already identified as a material topic. Additionally, water pollution from dyeing and finishing processes, which can harm aquatic life, is also a material topic. Therefore, PUMA remains committed to addressing potential pollution of living organisms through stringent monitoring and compliance measures to mitigate water pollution and comply with industry and regulations standards related to SVHC.

#### **Policies related to pollution (E2-1)**

The PUMA Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of all pollution-related policies and handbooks. Various departments handle implementation and report progress to the Management Board and leadership team.

PUMA's Environmental Policy includes measures to manage water pollution IROs upstream in its value chain globally. These measures involve regular wastewater assessments at relevant suppliers, implementing effective wastewater treatment systems, and transparently reporting on suppliers' wastewater quality.

PUMA adopts industry standards such as the ZDHC MRSL, ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines and AFIRM RSL, aiming to meet or exceed environmental legislation requirements. These industry standards cover most substances listed as REACH SVHCs in our industry.

Our policy outlines actions to mitigate, prevent, and address risks to people and the environment, including incidents. It details our monitoring practices, such as guidelines for product testing to ensure compliance with AFIRM RSL, tracking monthly chemical concentration data, and conducting bi-annual wastewater testing to monitor compliance with ZDHC MRSL. The current policy does not include procedures for managing pollution-related emergencies, which will be addressed in the future revision.

Through joint multi-stakeholder industry initiatives and stakeholder dialogue, PUMA includes key stakeholders' perspectives in the process of developing the policy related to pollution. The policy is publicly available on our website and accessible to all affected and relevant stakeholders. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **Actions and resources related to pollution (E2-2)**

Since adopting the ZDHC MRSL and AFIRM RSL standards in 2015, PUMA has implemented them across its global supply chain. All wet-processing facilities must upload their test reports to the ZDHC Gateway, and all materials used in PUMA products must pass the RSL test. PUMA's team, including chemical experts, collaborates with suppliers to phase out restricted chemicals. We train suppliers on water and wastewater management and monitor chemical use and wastewater. Our ongoing due diligence process ensures compliance with ZDHC and AFIRM standards to eliminate hazardous chemicals from our supply chain. PUMA also supports The Microfibre Consortium (TMC)'s efforts to mitigate fibre fragmentation impacts. We have no set completion timeline for these actions and will continue to implement industry guidelines, collaborating with associations to support industry progress. At the end of 2016, ZDHC published the first official [Wastewater Guidelines](#), which PUMA adopted and has been implementing globally. Since 2017, PUMA has required wet-processing facilities with industrial wastewater/sludge generation to upload their test reports to the ZDHC Gateway with ClearStream Report.

PUMA maintains RSL to protect consumers, workers, and the environment. Since 1999, PUMA's RSL has listed potentially harmful chemicals and specified safe concentration limits, adhering to stringent global regulations. Upon our adoption of AFIRM RSL, we collaborated with the AFIRM working group and tested thousands of materials annually for compliance. This approach prevents hazardous chemicals from entering our supply chain, avoiding costly end-of-pipe solutions and ensuring product safety.

We employ a team of 10 experts, including two chemical experts, to collaborate with suppliers on environmental pollution protection. This involves phasing out restricted chemicals (SVHC and ZDHC MRSL)

and implementing advanced techniques like ventilation systems and effluent treatment plants to control pollution at the source.

During supplier meetings we communicated our targets and reviewed key performance indicators (KPIs) with core suppliers. We monitor chemical use by our suppliers and their compliance with ZDHC MRSL monthly, and we check their wastewater test results bi-annually using the ZDHC Wastewater Guideline. To strengthen our suppliers' capabilities, we hosted training with ZDHC-approved third-party experts on chemical procurement and conducted root cause analysis on wastewater testing findings according to ZDHC frameworks. We train suppliers on improving water and wastewater management scores through Higg FEM training.

We assess the effectiveness of our supplier programs by tracking key performance indicators (KPIs) focused on outcomes. These include conformance rates with ZDHC MRSL and AFIRM RSL, wastewater test results against ZDHC standards, and microfibre shedding test results, along with the mitigation measures taken. PUMA participates annually since 2014 in the Corporate Information Transparency Index (CITI) by the Institute of Public & Environmental Affairs (IPE) and the Brands to Zero Assessment of ZDHC. Our performance is evaluated and scored, helping us benchmark against other brands and identify areas for improvement.

The expected outcomes of PUMA's actions related to chemicals include ensuring product safety through stringent compliance with RSL, MRSL, and global regulations while reducing hazardous chemical use and environmental pollution. Over the past five years, we have maintained compliance over 90 % for both ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines and RSL. VOC levels have decreased from 14.7 grams per pair of shoes in 2020 to 11.5 grams per pair in 2024. We will continue to implement this strategy to continuously improve chemical management.

All fibres shed to some extent, and understanding their impacts is crucial. The TMC aims to understand fibre fragmentation and its effects on health and ecosystems. PUMA joined TMC to address environmental concerns from fibre fragments in clothing. PUMA conducts microfibre shedding tests on polyester fabrics, showing a lower level of fibre loss than the TMC average. PUMA continues to support TMC's 2030 roadmap, focusing on research, mitigation strategies, and industry collaboration.

Currently, we do not have financial instruments to support our suppliers in implementing advanced pollution control measures beyond compliance with local and industry standards. Our suppliers have been managing chemical use and pollution control for many years, and the prices we pay for our products already reflect the costs necessary to meet these standards.

All financial resources are operational expenses (OpEx) incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, product/material certifications, risk assessments and consulting fees.

#### ➤ T.40 FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO POLLUTION-RELATED ACTIONS (IN MILLION €) (E2-2)<sup>1</sup>

Action areas	2024	Until 2030
Industry partnership on pollution and chemicals	0.1	0.4
Raw material and product certification scheme	0.4	2.2
Nature risk assessment	0.0	0.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>

<sup>1</sup> All resources listed here are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.



### **Metrics and targets (MDR-M, MDR-T, E2-3)**

The targets on pollution align with PUMA's Environmental Policy objective to reduce our impact through various actions, including controlling pollution and managing the use of substances of concern and very high concern. PUMA has not set contextual targets and therefore has an overall global target to improve wastewater quality and eliminate hazardous chemicals upstream and downstream.

PUMA's 2025 and 2030 targets are primarily driven by our sustainability strategy and alignment with international standards rather than specific regulatory requirements. These targets are part of PUMA's broader commitment to sustainability and are aligned with the SDGs. The 2025 targets were set in 2019 after materiality assessment and stakeholder consultation. As explained in the [General information](#) section, the 2030 goals were established in 2024, following a double materiality assessment, stakeholder consultations including suppliers and consideration of current technological advancements.

The ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines, which we refer to in our target, aim to minimise the release of hazardous substances into the environment. Developed by industry experts, these guidelines consider national standards and sustainable development in pollution control and chemical management. The target is voluntary and may exceed local standards. The guidelines set limits for various parameters, including hazardous chemicals listed on the ZDHC MRSL. By following these guidelines, facilities ensure that substances of concern and very high concern are not present in treated wastewater.

PUMA set a compliance rate target to track the presence of ZDHC MRSL substances in wastewater but does not quantify pollution load. We have limited visibility of the amounts of chemicals consumed in production, as not all chemicals in our industry provide substance-level information. For our products, we track the presence of these substances through RSL tests of all materials used; available data shows the concentration in the final product, not the total amount.

### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- 90 % compliance with ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, we achieved: 98.8 % compliance to ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines
- Maintain RSL compliance rate above 90 % (up- and downstream, global)
  - In 2024, we achieved 98.9 % RSL compliance
- Reduce VOC below 10 gr/pair (upstream, global)
  - In 2024, we achieved 11.5 gr/pair for VOC
- Support scientific research on microfibers (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, we conducted 12 microfiber shedding tests on 100 % polyester fabrics using TMC's method.

We will uphold our 2025 targets through 2030, while adhering to stricter standards and requirements that will be developed in the coming years.

These targets are absolute targets. Target results are based on actual material testing or wastewater quality tests, conducted by third-party laboratories, with no assumptions applied. The RSL is reported as a compliance rate in percentage within the time interval of January to October from 638 factories of PUMA core and non-core Tier 1 and Tier 2. The MRSL conformance rate in wastewater is reported as percentage based on bi-annual tests from 147 wet-processing factories of PUMA core and non-core Tier 1 and core Tier 2. Wastewater tests are conducted by ZDHC-approved laboratories between May to October and November to April. The VOC percentage is provided by chemical suppliers from 28 PUMA core and non-core Tier 1 footwear factories with random test by PUMA approved third party tests companies annually. These data are collected from 1 January till 31 December 2024. There is no extrapolation. These metrics are not validated by third parties other than the assurance provider.

The 2025 wastewater target is an absolute target applying for the upstream supply chain and PUMA owned footwear facility in Argentina. The target is based on the industry standard ZDHC Wastewater Guideline. The target was established in 2019. In the baseline year of 2020, we have already achieved a baseline value of

90 % compliance. The target period is from 2020 to 2025. However, since then, we have increased the number of facilities covered by wastewater testing from 72 in 2020 to 150 in 2024.

We have the goal of maintaining RSL compliance to be above 90 %. This target was established in 2019. The baseline year was 2020 along with the baseline value of 98.8 % for RSL test. In 2021 we changed our target from less than 1 % RSL failure rate to maintaining the RSL compliance rate above 90 %, to allow for increased new material development and innovation, where each material is tested, and hence more failures can happen. In any case, no material with a failed RSL test can be used for PUMA products until the failure has been corrected and the material has successfully passed the test.

VOCs are chemicals that easily evaporate from solid or liquid materials, commonly found in adhesives, and are released during production processes like footwear assembly; therefore, the VOC reduction goal is to reduce the number of substances of concern and very high concern within the footwear production. VOC is a relative goal of grams per pair of shoes produced. The baseline year was 2020 with a value of 14.7 gr/pair.

In 2024, we conducted 12 microfiber shedding tests on 100 % polyester fabrics using TMC's method. Results showed PUMA's fabrics had an average microfiber loss of 0.47 g/kg, lower than the TMC database average of 0.66 g/kg. In 2024, PUMA joined the TMC Policy Committee to align research with policy, raise industry awareness, and provide technical expertise. The committee is developing and validating test methods for microfiber loss and addressing environmental impacts. Efforts are ongoing to scale data collection, address knowledge gaps, and develop a comprehensive research strategy through the Microfibre Data Portal.

#### **Pollution of air, water and soil (E2-4)**

PUMA's own offices, stores and warehouses do not use any water or substances of concern for industrial purposes. Therefore, pollution of air, water and soil are considered not material for PUMA's own operations. Instead, we are reporting our efforts in the supply chain, where the production of PUMA goods is performed by independent manufacturing partners. Our suppliers are independent third-party entities, unaffiliated with the PUMA Group. Therefore, PUMA has no operational control over our suppliers. Further details are in General basis for preparation (BP-1) section.

#### **Pollution of water**

We have performed wastewater testing since 2014 and have measured pollution of water in our upstream supply chain at our core facilities with wet processes using industry standards. Regarding other facilities within our value chain, we are ensuring that they meet the applicable local standards on wastewater.

Since 2020, we have more than doubled the coverage of facilities conducting wastewater testing while still maintaining the level of compliance above 90 %. For the wastewater result, we have improved since 2020 and reached full compliance in 2023 for chlorobenzene, chlorotoluene, perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) and polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). This improvement is due to advancements in the chemical industry producing sustainable products and our suppliers' adaptability to new regulations. In the coming years, we plan to work with high and extremely high-risk facilities that do not have adequate risk mitigation measures in place. These activities will include providing training and support in terms of improving MRSL conformance, corrective action plans for ZDHC wastewater failures, improving the Higg FEM water module score, enrolment in resource efficiency programs where possible, raising awareness of wastewater recycling and implementing water reduction initiatives. The purpose of wastewater testing is twofold:

- It ensures PUMA's vendors and material suppliers apply adequate wastewater treatment methods and technology to their processes, avoiding negative environmental impact on the receiving body of water
- It ensures industry-specific priority hazardous chemicals (as defined in the ZDHC's MRSL) have been eliminated from PUMA's supply chain. Testing the water and sludge from different steps of production, such as incoming, process, or wastewater, is one approach for discerning whether the production process involves the use of hazardous chemicals.

Since 2015, we have increased the number of wastewater tests from 33 to 150 facilities. In 2024, we received 282 wastewater test reports for 147 facilities with wet processes both Tier 1 and Tier 2. The results show that all these facilities have at least a 90% compliance rate with the ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines.

The overall compliance rates for each category are:

- Conventional wastewater parameters: 99.0%
- Heavy metals: 98.7%
- Restricted chemicals (MRSL): 98.6%.

Conventional wastewater parameters apply only to 69 facilities which discharge the treated wastewater directly into natural water bodies. Overall, wastewater results in 2024 remained stable as compared to 2023 (98.8% conventional wastewater parameters, 99.3% heavy metals and 98.2% restricted chemicals for 2023 result). Our 2024 results showed over 90% compliance rate for all parameters (conventional, heavy metals and restricted chemicals) and align with our 10FOR25 targets.

PUMA also monitors suppliers' wastewater quality via the publicly accessible ZDHC DETOX.Live platform, which provides summaries of chemical management and wastewater quality. For 27 facilities with non-compliance in wastewater testing, we support root cause analysis and corrective actions through training by third-party labs on ZDHC Wastewater Guidelines and individual support from our regional teams. We expect compliance in the next testing cycle in 2025 and will continue to follow up, obtain corrective action plans, and monitor implementation through wastewater testing in 2025.

As described in the [Metrics and targets](#) section, the wastewater testing is a snapshot result detecting the presence and concentration of ZDHC MRSL substances in the given wastewater sample. Therefore, data on the volume and amounts of pollutants at the aggregate supply chain level are not available. The ZDHC Wastewater Guideline that we implement to measure our metrics and targets is publicly available on the ZDHC website and validated by industry experts from testing laboratories, brands, suppliers and the chemical industry.

### **Microplastics**

Microplastics are small plastic particles less than five millimetres in size. These are intentionally produced and used in products like cosmetics, personal care items, and textiles that contain glitter, s or materials, but focuses on the release of microplastics, i.e. those which are formed from the breakdown of larger plastic items such as polyester fabric during industrial washing or domestic laundry.

TMC Test Method assesses fibre loss from fabrics during simulated home laundering, determining the number of fibre fragments released into water during washing. The method is based on the ISO 105-C06 standard and uses standard laboratory equipment to provide accurate and comparable data.

PUMA plans to support TMC's development of a shedding rating system to better understand and reduce microfibre release. This will help us choose fabrics that minimise environmental impact and improve wastewater treatment plants' ability to capture and remove microplastics. This may involve advanced filtration systems, specialised enzymes, or other innovative technologies to ensure microplastics are effectively filtered out before water is released into the environment.

### **Substances of concern and substances of very high concern (E2-5, E2-6)**

Using the industry-standard ZDHC MRSL, we monitor the use of substances of concern and very high concern in chemical products used in apparel, footwear, and accessory manufacturing, as well as their presence in wastewater from our facilities. Tests based on AFIRM RSL ensure final product compliance. While ZDHC MRSL and AFIRM RSL are not identical to REACH SVHC, there is significant overlap, capturing relevant substances for our production. Our facilities are prohibited from using substances listed in ZDHC MRSL, but impurities and contamination may result in SVHC findings in wastewater. Some SVHCs may be used in our supply chain for performance or durability but remain within legal limits in final products.

Based on chemical risk assessments, we identified 27 out of 76 facilities using non-compliant chemicals. In 2025, we will work with these suppliers to provide action plans for using better alternatives.

We track chemical products used in our core Tier 1 and Tier 2 facilities monthly, measuring substances of concern (ZDHC MRSL, AFIRM RSL) and very high concern (REACH SVHC). Data is submitted to the ZDHC database by our facilities and verified by ZDHC-approved third parties. However, limitations in chemical industry data hinder accurate reporting. We need the CAS number, concentration, and consumption volume of each substance, which are not consistently available.

Currently, we have data for 57.7% of our facilities (56 out of 97) from January to October 2024. Due to data limitations, we aim to report chemical usage data for 2025. To increase transparency, we will engage with the chemical industry and third-party data platforms. We will also continue to develop our suppliers' capacity through ZDHC training on chemical management to ensure good data quality.

## ESRS E3 WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

#### **Material water and marine resources-related impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1)**

PUMA followed the same process to identify and assess our material topics related to water and marine resources as outlined in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its Vision 2030 sustainability targets. Additionally, a DMA was conducted in 2023 to prioritise key sustainability issues for our long-term strategy and identify material topics for target setting. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **T.41 MATERIAL WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES-RELATED IMPACTS, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES (IRO-1)**

Impacts	Actual or potential	Time horizon	Value chain location
<b>Material negative impacts</b>			
<b>Water consumption</b>			
Water consumption from PUMA's supply chain could cause regional water scarcity, leading to higher prices, usage restrictions, and negative impacts on local communities	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
<b>Water withdrawal and discharges</b>			
Chemicals from cotton farming could contaminate water, causing health risks and harming ecosystems	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Cotton's high-water use leads to over-extraction from rivers and groundwater, depleting local supplies and harming ecosystems	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Chemicals and dyes from textile production contaminate water when untreated, causing health issues, reducing crop yields, harming fish populations, and leading to economic hardship and social instability	Actual	Short, medium, long term	Upstream

#### **Own operations**

PUMA's own operations are limited to offices, stores, distribution centres, and one footwear factory in Argentina. None of these sites use water for industrial purposes. Wastewater from domestic usage is discharged into public sewer systems for further treatment. None of PUMA's owned or operated sites directly discharge water into natural water bodies.

PUMA's entities do not actively use significant amounts of marine resources. Therefore, no material IROs have been identified related to water and marine resources for PUMA's operations. Nevertheless, PUMA collects and reports data on water usage from its sites globally and encourages the use of water efficient technologies.

#### **Downstream**

Water is used by consumers of PUMA's apparel products to wash their clothing. Depending on the methods used, this washing could lead to the release of detergents or microplastics from washing machines.

However, as PUMA does not influence the washing process, no material impacts, risks or opportunities have been identified connected to downstream operations.

The potential release of microplastics during the washing process is assessed under [ESRS E2 Pollution](#).

## Upstream

Water consumption in this section refers exclusively to industrial use, which is used in manufacturing processes. We focus on industrial water because we can implement efficiency programmes to reduce usage and mitigate environmental impacts. Domestic water consumption, related to workers' daily needs like drinking and sanitation, increases with the number of workers. Since our factories also supply other brands, we do not have full control over the number of workers. Therefore, our primary focus remains on industrial water.

By 2030, 56 % of global water demand may go unmet. The textile industry, a major water consumer, contributes to water scarcity and pollution. In 2020, the textile sector was the third largest contributor to water degradation.

Water extraction and discharge present challenges, particularly in the upstream value chain. Cotton cultivation and wet processes like dyeing and tanning could contribute to regional water scarcity and pollution. Wastewater from factories, when not properly treated, could contaminate water bodies, impacting communities around cotton farms and stress marine organisms. These concerns are general industry challenges. Water pollution, identified as a material topic, is reported in the [ESRS E2 Pollution](#) section. This section (ESRS E3) mainly focuses on water consumption and the potential impact on water scarcity.

PUMA values stakeholder feedback and consulted external stakeholders and core suppliers on sustainability goals. In December 2023, PUMA finalised its CSO engagement policy and mapped 93 CSOs in key sourcing countries, focusing on environmental issues. A CSO engagement plan will be implemented from 2025 onwards.

## POLICIES RELATED TO WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES (E3-1)

PUMA's Environmental Policy aims to meet or exceed all requirements in relevant environmental legislation. The policy covers actions related to reducing water consumption in our global upstream value chain, focusing on relevant suppliers (wet-processing facilities in Tier 1 and Tier 2). The Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of all pollution-related policies and handbooks. Various departments handle implementation and report progress to the Management Board and leadership team.

The policy includes measures for conserving, reusing, and recycling water by implementing water-saving devices and efficient production processes, particularly in fabric dyeing and washing. It also raises awareness about water scarcity. PUMA supports industry initiatives to implement water-efficiency measures.

PUMA tracks, calculates and aims to reduce its environmental impact by collecting data and reporting progress towards our goal of 15 % water reduction per pair/piece by 2025 (based on the 2020 baseline).

PUMA promotes the use of certified and environmentally preferred raw materials at scale, focusing on sustainability aspects in the development and procurement of its products. PUMA has 2025 goals to procure 100 % of its cotton, polyester, leather and down from certified or recycled sources, many of these have lower water consumption in the agriculture process, such as Better Cotton. PUMA also conducts LCA on top-selling products to understand their impact on water consumption.

Through joint multi-stakeholder industry initiatives and stakeholder dialogue, PUMA includes the perspective of key stakeholders in the policy related to water, detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section. The policy is publicly available on our website and accessible to all affected and relevant stakeholders.

## ACTIONS AND RESOURCES RELATED TO WATER AND MARINE RESOURCES (E3-2)

### Own operation

At PUMA's headquarters, rainwater is collected to reduce freshwater use and costs. Most PUMA sites are rented and focus on efficient kitchen and sanitary facilities. In 2022, PUMA identified 164 global owned and operated sites in water-scarce areas using the WWF Water Risk Filter and published water-saving recommendations. By 2024, this number increased to 182 sites due to methodological changes in the tool. We followed up on water-saving actions at respective sites.

### Upstream

The key focus areas include raising awareness, understanding impact, internal actions, and collaboration.

In the PUMA mitigation hierarchy, water actions and resources can be allocated to the following layers for continuous progress with no set timeline of completion:

- **Avoid:** this involves taking measures to prevent the use of water resources and marine ecosystems from the outset, e.g. implementing water-efficient technologies and practices to minimise water usage
- **Reduce:** this layer focuses on reducing the impact on water resources. Actions might include optimising water use in industrial processes, reducing water waste and improving water recycling and reuse systems
- **Restore:** this involves actions to restore and regenerate water ecosystems that have been degraded. Examples include reforestation of watersheds, wetland restoration and improving the health of aquatic habitats
- **Transform:** this layer aims at transforming water management practices to ensure long-term sustainability. This could involve adopting innovative water management strategies, enhancing water governance and investing in sustainable water infrastructure.

These layers help to systematically manage water resources to ensure their sustainability and resilience.

We provide training to suppliers on improving water management and supported them through cleaner production programmes to improve their water efficiency. In 2024, we expanded resource efficiency programmes in key sourcing countries, including Clean by Design in China-Taiwan, Vietnam, and Pakistan, and the Resource Efficiency programme in Vietnam. We also launched the Cambodia Decarbonisation Programme with the International Finance Cooperation (IFC). From 2019 to 2024, 46 core Tier 1 and 44 core Tier 2 factories engaged in cleaner production programmes, representing significant business volumes, with a water saving of 2,515,086 m<sup>3</sup> in 2024. We partnered with WWF Vietnam for a Water Stewardship programme to reduce water footprints in wet processing factories, offer financial solutions, and foster collective action. We communicate water reduction targets during supplier meetings and review KPIs with core suppliers to meet our goals on water consumption.

We conduct LCA for top-selling products to understand their environmental footprint and water risk assessments using the WRI Aqueduct Tool or WWF Water Risk Filter in the supply chain. In 2024, we engaged with high and extremely high-risk factories identified in our 2023 WRI Aqueduct mapping exercise. PUMA also uses ELEVATE intelligence tool (EiQ) for comprehensive supply chain risk evaluations to assess and manage supply chain risks by geography, commodity, and issue. In 2023, water risk assessments were conducted for 62 wet processing factories across several countries, identifying high-risk areas and reviewing their water KPIs and compliance. Partnering with Cascale trainers, we delivered Higg FEM 4.0 training to enhance suppliers' capabilities in water management and wastewater recycling.

In 2023, we mapped water governance for our top three sourcing countries: Vietnam, China, and Bangladesh, identifying key stakeholders and challenges in water and wastewater management. We observed stricter regulations and innovative projects on water reduction and recycling. Vietnam has a comprehensive national water strategy, fiscal incentives, and new regulations enhancing water security and private investment. China has detailed water regulations but faces uneven water distribution. Bangladesh promotes water conservation but needs integrated frameworks to address groundwater tables and

increased water abstraction, which threatens industrial production. Recent regulations like the Bangladesh Delta Plan 2100 focus on groundwater quality assessment and resilience against floods and droughts.

All financial resources are operational expenses (OpEx) incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, product/material certifications, risk assessments, impact incentives, and consulting fees.

## **T.42 FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO WATER-RELATED ACTIONS (IN MILLION €)** **(E3-2)<sup>1</sup>**

Action areas	2024	Until 2030
Industry partnership for water stewardship	0.0	0.2
Raw material and product certification scheme	0.4	2.2
Cleaner production program	0.1	0.5
Nature (including water) risk assessment	0.0	0.3
LCA of products (including water impact)	0.2	0.6
Consulting fee for water-related ESG benchmark	0.0	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>3.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> All resources listed here are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

## **METRICS AND TARGETS (E3-3)**

PUMA has an overall global target in upstream value chain to improve water quality and reduce water consumption and has not set contextual location-based target on water. Suppliers' Environmental KPIs track progress towards PUMA's sustainability targets. Environmental data are collected for 10 months from 97 of PUMA core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories (textile, leather, PU) excluding stichd and PUMA United, with estimates for the remaining two months. The metrics are based on primary data collected from January to October 2024. Data for November and December 2024 are then extrapolated based on available measured data to provide full-year data. The metrics are not validated by third parties other than the assurance provider.

PUMA's 2025 and 2030 water targets are primarily driven by our sustainability strategy and alignment with international standards rather than specific regulatory requirements. These targets are part of PUMA's broader commitment to sustainability and are aligned with the SDGs. The 2025 goal was set in 2019 after materiality assessment and stakeholder consultation. The 2030 water goals were established in 2024, following a double materiality assessment, stakeholder consultations including suppliers and consideration of current technological advancements as explained in the General information section. These global targets fulfil PUMA's commitment to the protection and preservation of our entire value chain as stated in our policy, by meeting or exceeding all requirements in relevant environmental legislation and tracking, calculating and reducing PUMA's water impact.

### **Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025)**

- Achieve 50 % industrial wastewater recycling back into the process by core suppliers (*metric, upstream, global*)

### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- Reduce water consumption at PUMA core suppliers per pair or piece by 15 % (baseline value can be found below) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, we achieved 41.2 % reduction per pair for footwear, 18.3 % increase per piece for apparel, 8.6 % increase per square meter for leather and 8.3 % reduction per tonne for textile.



The baseline year for our 2025 targets was 2020 with baseline values of 4.6 litres/piece for apparel, 15.1 litres/pair for footwear, 68.3 litres/m<sup>2</sup> for leather, 2.2 litres/m<sup>2</sup> for polyurethane and 103.4 m<sup>3</sup>/ton for textile. The target applied to 2020 to 2025. The target is relative per pair or piece, entity-specific and developed by PUMA itself based on opportunities for improvement in supply chain. Milestone targets are set with a 3 % incremental reduction each year (2025: 15 %, 2024: 12 %, 2023: 9 %, 2022: 6 %, 2021: 3 %). This metric refers only to industrial water consumption as domestic water consumption is driven mainly by workers' daily needs. In 2024, we separately measured industrial and domestic water consumption. We then recalculated the 2020 baseline to be 0.4 litres/piece for apparel, 0.2 litres/pair for footwear, 65.8 litres/m<sup>2</sup> for leather and 100.9 m<sup>3</sup>/ton for textile based on average ratio between measured industrial and domestic water consumption in 2024. The reduction achieved in 2024 is a comparison to this recalculated baseline on industrial water consumption.

Progress against the targets and the effectiveness of policies and water-related actions are tracked through an environmental performance scorecard for each core Tier 1 and Tier 2 supplier. The scorecards help to visualise the supplier's progress towards our 10FOR25 targets.

## WATER CONSUMPTION (E3-4)

### ➤ T.43 WATER WITHDRAWALS AT OWN OPERATIONS (IN M<sup>3</sup>) (E3-4)<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023
Water withdrawals from public network in areas at water risk <sup>2</sup>	18,127	18,116
Water withdrawals from public network in areas not at water risk	100,673	118,989
<b>Total water withdrawals</b>	<b>118,800</b>	<b>137,105</b>
Water recycled and reused from rainwater <sup>3</sup>	4,723	4,914
<b>Total water consumption<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>123,523</b>	<b>142,019</b>
<b>Total water discharges<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>123,523</b>	<b>142,019</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on water withdrawals is collected using primary data (approx. 50 %) and estimations (approx. 50 %). Where primary data is available and does not cover the full reporting year, the data is extrapolated to 12 months. Where primary data is not available, the data is either estimated based on sites with similar properties or on average data.

<sup>2</sup> Owned and operated locations in areas at water risk were determined using the WWF Water Risk Filter Tool. An area qualifies as being at water risk if the category 'Water Availability' is at very high risk (between 4.2 and 5). 182 of our owned and operated locations got selected.

<sup>3</sup> Water recycled and reused from rainwater is defined as the total amount of water that is consumed from rainwater storage basins in the reporting year. We do not track the exact amount of water stored.

<sup>4</sup> Total water consumption is defined as the sum of water withdrawals from public network and the water recycled from rainwater. Although it says 'consumption', the water is not actually consumed but is discharged back into the public sewage network. This differs with the definition of 'water consumption' from the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) where water consumption is defined as water that evaporates or spills and is not led back into the public sewage network.

<sup>5</sup> As all of our water is discharged into the public sewage network and is treated by public wastewater treatment plants, we assume that our water discharges are equal to our water consumption.

### ➤ T.44 WATER INTENSITY PER NET REVENUE<sup>1</sup> FOR OWN OPERATIONS (IN M<sup>3</sup>/MILLION €) (E3-4)

	2024	2023	% 2024 / 2023
<b>Total water consumption per net revenue</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>-15%</b>

<sup>1</sup> Net revenue relates to overall net revenue which can be found in the [Sales](#) chapter in PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

## ESRS E4 BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEMS

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

#### **Material biodiversity and ecosystem-related impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

Biodiversity and ecosystems are closely connected to other environmental matters. The main direct drivers of biodiversity and ecosystem change are climate change, pollution, land-use change, freshwater-use change, sea-use change, direct exploitation of organisms and invasive alien species. These drivers are covered in this section, except for climate change covered in the [ESRS E1 Climate change](#), pollution covered in the [ESRS E2 Pollution](#) and water covered in the [ESRS E3 Water and marine resources](#) sections.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its 2030 sustainability targets, as explained in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section. Additionally, a double materiality assessment was conducted in 2024 to prioritise key sustainability issues for our long-term strategy and identify material topics for target setting, further explained in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

We do not specify whether a biodiversity or ecosystem-related risk is a physical risk or a transition nature risk.

#### **➤ T.45 MATERIAL BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM-RELATED IMPACTS AND RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Direct impact drivers of biodiversity loss</b>				
Climate change disrupts habitats and species through extreme weather events	Whole value chain Short, medium and long term	Directly caused PUMA's value chain contributes to climate change through its GHG emissions	The environment is impacted by changed temperature and precipitation patterns, heat waves, water scarcity, flooding and other effects related to climate change	- Climate Transition Plan
The conversion of natural habitats into agricultural land, the cultivation of natural fibres leading to deforestation and biodiversity loss	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked PUMA's reliance on natural fibres for textiles and footwear leads to habitat conversion, deforestation, and biodiversity loss	Environment as deforestation through farming practices concerns raw material production of materials	- Climate Transition Plan - Biodiversity risk assessment - Country origin studies for materials
Textile and cotton processes pollute water, disrupt ecosystems, reduce species diversity, cause algal blooms, create dead zones, and harm top predators and habitats	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked PUMA's reliance on natural fibres for textiles and footwear linking to environmental impacts	The textile industry contributes to water pollution, potentially contaminating water sources with dyes, chemicals, and pesticides, which affects both aquatic life and human health	- Chemical management standards as part of the manufacturing agreements

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
Synthetic materials like polyester and nylon release microplastic when washed, which can transport invasive microorganisms across water bodies	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Contributed PUMA's reliance on synthetic fibres for textiles products contributes to invasive microorganism	Consumer washing their apparel products leads to microplastic pollution	- Strategic targets on plastic reduction - Materials strategy for reducing synthetic materials
Postconsumer textile waste in landfills releases harmful chemicals, damaging soil, water, and habitats. Incineration releases pollutants, harming ecosystems and reducing biodiversity	Downstream Short, medium, long term	Contributed PUMA's reliance on synthetic fibres for textiles products contributes to environmental impacts	Many clothes are made from non-biodegradable synthetic fibres like polyester, which can persist in the environment for hundreds of years	Materials strategy for reducing synthetic materials
<b>Impacts on the extend and condition of ecosystems</b>				
Forests are cleared for cotton and livestock, causing biodiversity loss and ecosystem disruption	Upstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked PUMA's reliance on natural fibres for textiles and footwear leads to habitat conversion, deforestation, and biodiversity loss	Producing natural fibres like cotton and leather materials demands extensive land use, leading to ecosystem disruption	- Supplier mapping for all tiers - No Deforestation Policy setting standards for farming practices

#### 7 T.46 MATERIAL BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM-RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)

Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Direct impact drivers of biodiversity loss</b>			
Reputational and financial risk related to post-consumer waste and regulations	Downstream Short, medium, long term	Ensuring compliance with Extended Producer Responsibility regulations can involve administrative and legal costs, while non-compliance can lead to negative media coverage	- Research on biodegradability and investments in innovation - Increased control on waste management and introduction of takeback schemes

The way biodiversity and ecosystem impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities originate from and trigger adaptation of our strategy and business model has been described in the table above. PUMA operates in the textile and footwear industry and is therefore not at risk of systemic risks caused by spillover effects from other industries. Systemic risks in relation to natural tipping points have not been assessed.

Consultations with affected communities on sustainability assessments of shared biological resources and ecosystems have not been conducted, neither for the materiality assessment. We have yet to assess the impact of specific sites or commodities on these communities and how to avoid negative effects on priority

ecosystem services. This will be part of our target-setting process for Science-Based Target for Nature (SBTN) starting in 2026.

PUMA values stakeholder feedback and consulted external stakeholders and core suppliers on sustainability goals. In December 2023, PUMA finalised its CSO engagement policy and mapped 93 CSOs in key sourcing countries, focusing on environmental issues. A CSO engagement plan will be implemented from 2025 onwards.

### **Own operations**

PUMA conducted a location-specific risk assessment for its own operations, using multiple tools. We used an online tool from the Integrated Biodiversity Assessment Tool to map our offices, warehouses and one industrial site with Natura 2000 sites, UNESCO World Heritage sites and Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs). Stores were excluded from this assessment, as these are always located in urban areas with no impact on the biodiversity in its vicinity. We identified that 11 of our locations are located within one kilometre of a Natura 2000 site or KBA. However, there are no impacts on biodiversity in these areas as the impact of our locations is limited to their spatial boundary.

We also used the WWF biodiversity risk filter tool. Here, none of our global sites has a very high-risk rating for the categories 'Protected/Conserved Areas' and 'KBAs' (score between 4.2 and 5 on a scale from 1 to 5). This confirms our own assessment where we survey whether sites are in protected areas as part of our environmental reporting campaign and have not identified any sites in protected or conserved areas. There is one site in South Africa next to a protected area with a rare plant species, Renosterveld Fynbos. This office location is fenced off from the protected area, ruling out any impact on these plants.

PUMA's own operations in or near biodiversity-sensitive areas are limited to offices, stores or warehouses, which have minimal impact on nature. Therefore, no activities negatively affecting biodiversity sensitive areas have been identified. We also did not identify any material negative impacts regarding land degradation, desertification, soil sealing or threatened species.

Although mitigation measures are voluntary, we offer additional habitats for insects and local species through green roofs, wildflower meadows and beehives at our headquarters in Herzogenaurach and the German central distribution centre in Geiselwind.

### **Policies related to biodiversity and ecosystems (E4-2)**

In 2021, we published the PUMA Biodiversity and Forest Protection Policy. The PUMA Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of the policy. It covers both our operations and upstream value chain globally and is monitored through metrics and targets. These policies are available for download on our website for any affected or potentially affected stakeholders.

The PUMA Biodiversity and Forest Protection Policy aims to contribute to SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 13 (Climate Action), SDG 14 (Life Below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). We engaged with Canopy, a non-profit organisation with the mission to protect the world's critical forests and species, who helped us to develop our forest protection policy, which includes commitments to:

- Support the development of science-based targets on biodiversity and implement of these targets within the apparel and footwear sector as part of our membership with the Fashion Pact
- Reduce the impact on biodiversity through different actions and report on sourced materials, e.g. viscose (as a partner of CanopyStyle), leather, paper and paper-based packaging
- Reduce the risk of sourcing from Ancient and Endangered Forests and promoting next generation solutions as a partner of Canopy's Pack4Good and CanopyStyle initiatives
- Collaborate with peers, experts and key industry stakeholders.

The PUMA Animal Welfare Policy aims to contribute to SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 14 (Life Below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). Developed in collaboration with an animal welfare NGO, it includes commitments to:

- Implement the five provisions and aligned animal welfare aims
- Not use animal products from inhumanely treated animals
- Not use skins and hides from exotic species, CITES-listed species, or IUCN Red-listed species.

These policies were adopted to mitigate our material impacts and dependencies as well as physical and transition risks related to biodiversity and ecosystems that were identified as part of our [IRO assessment identifying our material impacts and relation to business model \(IRO-1, SBM-3\)](#). PUMA conducted stakeholder dialogues which includes organisations related to biodiversity, such as land conversion to develop this policy as explained in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

Our policies do not yet cover the traceability of products, components and raw materials with significant actual or potential impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems along the value chain. They also do not refer to not sourcing from ecosystems managed to maintain or enhance conditions for biodiversity, nor to the social consequences of our biodiversity and ecosystems-related impacts. Additionally, they do not cover sustainable land, ocean or sea practices.

#### **Transition plan and consideration of biodiversity and ecosystems in strategy and business model (E4-1)**

The relation of our impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities to our strategy and business model is outlined in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section. We have not yet created a formal transition plan for biodiversity. However, we have a detailed Climate Transition Plan explained in the [E1 Climate change](#) section. We believe transitioning to renewable energy and a low-carbon growth pathway can help address the biodiversity crisis, as biodiversity loss and climate change are interdependent and mutually reinforcing.

PUMA's operations depend on a complex network of suppliers, manufacturers, and distributors. Our suppliers are independent third-party entities, unaffiliated with the PUMA Group. Therefore, PUMA has no operational control over our suppliers. Further details are in the [General basis for preparation \(BP-1\)](#).

PUMA's dependencies on biodiversity are primarily linked to its supply chain and the use of agricultural raw materials. PUMA relies on natural resources like cotton, leather, and viscose, which are sourced from biodiversity-rich environments. We acknowledge that agriculture can impact biodiversity through soil degradation, water pollution, and habitat conversion. PUMA has committed to sourcing materials from certified and recycled sources to minimise its impact on biodiversity. This includes supporting initiatives like CanopyStyle to protect ancient and endangered forests. PUMA has policies in place to demand that animal-derived products are sourced from suppliers adhering to high welfare standards.

Beyond raw material production, manufacturing processes may impact biodiversity due to environmental pollution from textile dyeing and leather tanning and are reported in the [ESRS E2 Pollution](#) section.

Currently, we do not have a formal resilience analysis for biodiversity. In 2025, we plan to conduct a comprehensive assessment of biodiversity and ecosystem-related risks and opportunities, this will include a resilience analysis of our current business model and strategy, along with the development of a biodiversity action plan for the upstream value chain to further strengthen our strategy. However, PUMA's ongoing efforts in addressing climate, chemicals, water, and air issues have been integral to its strategy and have enhanced its resilience to biodiversity impacts. As a part of this exercise, we will consult and engage with key stakeholders and affected communities and perform capacity building activities. We aim to publish a SBTN by 2030 in the categories of freshwater, land use and oceans, focusing on our supply chain, complementing our existing science-based target for climate. We intend to develop a project timeline for this target-setting process in 2026 based on our risk analysis.

### **Actions and resources related to biodiversity and ecosystems (E4-3)**

PUMA's biodiversity initiatives aim to reduce environmental impact and enhance conservation. By integrating biodiversity into our sustainability strategy, setting science-based targets, and supporting regenerative agriculture, PUMA seeks to improve soil health, reduce deforestation, and boost ecosystem resilience. Our commitment to the Fashion Pact and collaboration with organisations like Better Cotton, Leather Working Group and Canopy promote sustainable sourcing and biodiversity awareness. Developing a biodiversity vision and setting targets aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework will help PUMA address biodiversity risks and support global conservation efforts, fostering a sustainable and responsible business approach.

We began our actions regarding biodiversity and ecosystems in 2019 when we identified biodiversity as a material topic in our first materiality analysis and added it as a pillar to our 10FOR25 sustainability strategy. The scope of our key actions is our global upstream supply chain focusing on raw material sourcing for cotton, leather, rubber, paper, Man-Made Cellulosic Fiber (MMCF), and paper-based packaging. PUMA aims to source 100 % cotton, leather, MMCF and paper-based packaging, from certified or recycled sources.

Our own operations, limited to offices, stores and warehouses (with one exception, our footwear production facility in Argentina), are not material and thus not included in the scope of our actions.

We developed a biodiversity roadmap in 2022 using the Fashion Pact Biodiversity Strategy Tool Navigator. In 2022, PUMA sponsored the Biodiversity Landscape Analysis Report to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing in biodiversity. Together with Textile Exchange, Conservation International and the Fashion Pact, the Biodiversity Landscape Analysis Report aims to provide a common reference point on biodiversity in the textile industry, and to offer concrete pathways for brands and retailers to deepen their engagement. Key activities include raising awareness, conducting risk assessments, and setting targets.

In 2023 and 2024, PUMA conducted a biodiversity risk assessment for key raw materials like cotton, polyester, rubber and leather.

In 2024, we organised in-person training for our Sustainability team and suppliers in Vietnam and China, covering 16 factories. The training, based on the Biodiversity Landscape Analysis report by Textile Exchange, emphasised biodiversity conservation, industry impacts, and actions suppliers can take. Feedback showed strong interest, guiding our next steps in biodiversity initiatives and strategy development for 2025.

PUMA supports regenerative agriculture practices and engages local smallholders through our support of the Better Cotton Initiative. Cotton farmers follow these principles, among others:

- Care for the health of soil: this principle requires farmers to develop a Soil Management Plan, including practices that contribute to maintaining and enhancing soil structure and fertility, and continuously improving nutrient cycling
- Enhance biodiversity and use land responsibly: this principle requires Better Cotton farmers to adopt a Biodiversity Management Plan to conserve biodiversity on and around their farm. This plan includes regenerative farming practices such as ensuring crop rotation, which helps with soil regeneration.

In 2024, to ensure that the leather used for PUMA products does not contribute to deforestation, we joined the call to action launched by the Leather Working Group and Textile Exchange to source all bovine leather from deforestation-free supply chains by 2030 or earlier. We purchased Textile Exchange Impact Partnership Incentives to directly support cattle farmers in Mato Grosso, Brazil. These incentives aim to improve their farming practices to achieve animal welfare certification within three years and have their farms third-party verified as deforestation/conversion-free annually. Our support helped empower four cattle farms to work towards achieving Textile Exchange's benchmarked standards for animal welfare and zero deforestation.

Local and indigenous knowledge and nature-based solutions have not been part of PUMA's actions related to biodiversity and ecosystems to date.

In 2025, PUMA plans to develop a biodiversity vision, focusing on priority nature risks. We will define goals and objectives for this vision and identify strategies to achieve them. Additionally, PUMA will set country-level goals and objectives based on priority risks, develop biodiversity targets aligned with the Global Biodiversity Framework and consider further biodiversity offset programmes for the coming year. This will support the development of our biodiversity transition plan, including local and indigenous knowledge and nature-based solutions. Future actions in 2025 and beyond include preparing for setting a SBTN.

All financial resources are operational expenses (OpEx) incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, product/material certifications, risk assessments, impact incentives, and consulting fees.

#### ➤ T.47 FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO BIODIVERSITY AND ECOSYSTEM-RELATED ACTIONS (IN € MILLION) (E4-3)<sup>1</sup>

Action areas	2024	Until 2030
Industry partnership	0.1	0.4
Raw material and product certification scheme	0.4	2.5
Risk assessment	0.0	0.3
Impact incentive	0.0	0.1
Consulting fee for biodiversity-related ESG benchmark	0.0	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>

<sup>1</sup> All resources listed here are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

#### METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, E4-4)

The targets on biodiversity align with the policy objective to reduce our impact on biodiversity through various actions and reporting on sourced materials, as outlined in the PUMA Biodiversity & Forest Protection Policy. These targets address our business strategy and relate to SDGs, such as SDG 3 (Good Health and Wellbeing), SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation), SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), SDG 14 (Life Below Water) and SDG 15 (Life on Land). Stakeholder dialogue and materiality assessments were conducted when developing targets for 2025 and 2030 as explained in the General information section. Progress towards these targets is measured annually, with data collected. Material data include material consumption (by weight) used in PUMA products and labelling and packaging data. The scope includes data collected through core and non-core Tier 1 and Tier 2 of PUMA and Cobra Golf suppliers (excluding PUMA United), for the first 10 months of the year and estimated for the remainder of the year (as reported in ESRS E5).

All targets apply to PUMA's global operations and upstream value chain. The targets were not informed by the 2030 EU Biodiversity Strategy, as they were set before its publication, nor do they include location-specific ecological thresholds or biodiversity offsets. PUMA has not set contextual targets and therefore has an overall global target.

#### Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025)

- Set science-based targets for nature (SBTN) (*upstream, global*)
- Source all bovine leather from deforestation-free sources (*upstream, global*)

As part of the 2030 target-setting process for SBTNs, we will develop new and more specific biodiversity targets focusing on high-risk locations and commodities in our upstream supply chain as well as ecological thresholds.

#### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- Support the industry in setting a science-based target for biodiversity (baseline value: Attended Fashion Pact's biodiversity webinars) (*upstream, global*)
  - PUMA sponsored an industry guideline, the Biodiversity Landscape Analysis Report, in 2022
- 100 % of the cotton, leather, MMCF, paper-based packaging and down procured should be recycled or from certified sources (baseline value can be found below) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, PUMA achieved 99.7 % cotton, 99.5 % leather, 71.8 % MMCF, 99.5 % paper packaging and 100 % down procured from certified or recycled sources, including trims.

We are committed to supporting our economic sector by developing science-based targets related to biodiversity or ecosystems. A key action was sponsoring the Biodiversity Landscape Analysis Report in 2022, we consider it as an achieved target. This target relates to the policy objective to collaborate with peers, experts and stakeholders. It does not relate to a specific step of the mitigation hierarchy but can be seen as a transformative goal.

The target on sourcing material from certified or recycled sources is considered a reduction target within the mitigation hierarchy. It is an absolute target for the upstream supply chain, self-developed by PUMA based on our impact, risks, opportunities and industry trends. The target applies from 2020 to 2025, with a 2020 baseline values of 100 % for cotton (excluding trims), 100 % down (in apparel and accessories) and 97.9 % for leather (footwear).



## ESRS E5 RESOURCE USE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

#### **Material resource use and circular economy-related impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1)**

We assess the environmental impact of our activities from raw material production to PUMA stores. Although PUMA is not using a precise tool, the outcome highlights the value chain stages with the greatest impact, guiding our IROs' focus. Results indicate that raw material production and processing are the primary contributors to our environmental impact. GHG emissions, water pollution, and land use account for over half of the total impact, stemming from the resource inflows from energy, water and land use for raw material and finished goods production. This approach enables us to refine our IRO management strategy by identifying hotspots and implementing plans that maximise resource efficiency.

During our DMA, we evaluated resource use and circular economy impacts across our value chain and product categories. We analysed industry risks such as raw material, energy, and water scarcity. Circularity topics were identified as material using the same methodology outlined in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

#### **➤ T.48 MATERIAL RESOURCE USE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY-RELATED IMPACTS AND RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1)**

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Resource inflows</b>				
GHG emissions due to energy consumption, land-use change and high water usage derived from raw materials production	Upstream Medium and long term	Connection through use of resources for raw and recycled materials in PUMA products, including processes way up to the supply chain to cotton farming, oil extraction etc.	Actual negative impacts from raw material production are land-use change, water pollution, deforestation as well as GHG emissions and water use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmental Policy, Circularity Policy, Biodiversity Policy</li> <li>- Responsible sourcing of raw materials</li> <li>- Environmental targets</li> </ul>
<b>Resource outflows</b>				
Inappropriate waste disposal and subsequent plastic pollution from products and plastic packaging	Downstream Short, medium and long term	Directly linked as recycling of apparel and footwear items is still the exception and consumers receive goods in packaging, especially for sales via e-commerce platforms	Actual impact on environment creating waste from packaging or PUMA products at the end of their useful product lifecycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Circularity Policy</li> <li>- Research on biodegradable polymers</li> <li>- Recycled material targets</li> <li>- Packaging targets</li> </ul>
Fabric waste or other waste materials from manufacturing may pollute the environment if disposed inappropriately	Upstream Short, medium and long term	PUMA production is outsourced to independent manufacturing partners	Potential negative impact on environment due to waste generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waste disposal standards for manufacturing companies</li> </ul>

## **T.49 MATERIAL RESOURCE USE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY-RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1)**

<b>Risks and opportunities</b>	<b>Value chain location and time horizon</b>	<b>Origins, dependencies and relation to business</b>	<b>Mitigation actions and measures</b>
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Resource inflows</b>			
Financial risks arise from higher costs linked to inefficient resource use and increasing natural material costs due to scarcity if circular practices are not adopted	Upstream Medium and long term	Dependency on costs of natural materials and implementation of circularity initiatives	- Participation in industry initiatives on take-back and recycling schemes - RE:FIBRE program
<b>Resource outflows</b>			
Financial risk of increased cost from Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fees and reputation risks in the event of non-compliance	Own operations Short, medium and long-term	Dependency on regulatory developments and consumer perception. EPR fees will have to be paid by PUMA as importer of goods. Negative consumer perception will affect PUMA's ability to sell products	- Circularity initiatives - Engagement with stakeholders advocating policy developments on products

Linear business models (i.e. business as usual), which follow a take-make-waste approach, lead to inefficient resource use and increased waste, contributing to environmental degradation and resource depletion. As natural resources become scarcer and more expensive, companies not adopting circular practices may face rising material costs. Additionally, linear models often result in higher GHG emissions, water pollution and consumption, land-use change, deforestation and biodiversity loss, exacerbating climate change. Transitioning to circular models, which emphasise reuse, recycling, and regeneration, is crucial for reducing these negative impacts. By focusing on textile recycling and using recycled materials, PUMA can significantly reduce environmental impacts, including GHG emissions and water usage.

The primary resource inflow for PUMA products in its supply chain is raw materials. The main raw materials used are cotton, polyester (apparel and accessories) EVA, polyurethane, leather and rubber (footwear), as well as paper and cardboard (footwear) and polyethylene (apparel and accessories) for product packaging.

One of PUMA's major resources inflows for own operations and upstream supply chain is energy, identified as material topic and reported in the [ESRS E1 Climate change](#) section. Water usage and potential pollution is reported in the [ESRS E2 Pollution](#) and [ESRS E3 Water and marine resources](#), and the effect of our raw material usage on biodiversity is disclosed in the [ESRS E4 Biodiversity and ecosystems](#) sections.

The production process of finished goods at PUMA generates fabric and other waste materials which can result in harmful substances contaminating soil and water, posing risks to ecosystems and human health, if not disposed appropriately. Given that material constitutes a significant portion of the finished products cost, factories usually optimise material usage to minimise material waste.

The major outflows of PUMA's manufacturing are packaging and products (footwear, apparel and accessories). A potential negative impact is the generation of waste from packaging as well as the end of the product lifecycle.

We have engaged with stakeholders to address challenges and opportunities in resource usage, waste management and recycling. In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its Vision 2030 sustainability targets. Additionally, a DMA, involving our key stakeholders was conducted in 2023

to identify material topics for our long-term strategy and target setting. Detailed information on stakeholder consultation is provided in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **Policies related to resource use and circular economy (E5-1)**

The Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of Circularity Policy. The policy has been agreed with internal stakeholders and reviewed by a circularity expert organisation. Our policy is publicly available to potentially affected stakeholders and aims to support the transition to a circular economy, responsible consumption and production and contribute to the SDGs. Various departments manage implementation of the policy and report progress regularly to the Management Board and leadership team.

Our Circularity Policy addresses upstream activities such as the manufacturing stage of products by scaling up the use of renewable energy and recycling water by our suppliers and eliminating hazardous chemicals and waste to landfill. In our own operations, we focus on designing products in line with circularity criteria, increasing the use of recycled materials in our products and extending their life cycle through high-quality standards or care recommendations. We also track our own waste and advocate for increased waste recycling. In downstream, we aim to take responsibility for our products after use and inspire consumers and business partners to engage with circularity.

PUMA's Circularity Policy includes a commitment to increasing the use of recycled materials like polyester and cotton, mainly through product-to-product recycling using chemical and mechanical technologies. For materials with limited recycled options, we support research and development. PUMA is committed to using preferred recycled and recyclable materials for packaging. Our policy addresses the negative impacts derived from raw material production and inappropriate plastic waste disposal and fosters the opportunity to lower EPR fees by using more recycled content in products. The use of recycled content is regularly monitored by the sourcing and product teams through materials consumption and product data.

Prolonging the life of a product involves durability, repairability and long-lasting design. PUMA aims to maintain high product quality and advance repairability through circular design. We plan to support circular business models like resale and repair to extend product life. Our policy addresses the negative impacts of waste generation at the end of the useful product lifecycle and fosters the opportunity to enhance public perception, implementing ESPR requirements in a timely manner. Once in place, circular design aspects will be monitored through internal product-related KPIs. PUMA also aims to increase its consumer communication and raise awareness about circularity.

Our long-term plan is to close material loops where products taken back from consumers can be deconstructed into their main materials, allowing them to enter the production cycle again. We aim to establish or join product take-back schemes in our major sales markets. This target could enable the positive impacts of reducing discarded textile waste and address the risk of increased cost of EPR fees. The number of countries with take-back schemes is monitored regularly through communication between sustainability and retail teams.

We will continue researching biobased and biodegradable options for polyester and other synthetic materials, to reduce fossil feedstocks and prevent plastic pollution. For plant-based materials, we aim to collaborate with organisations active in regenerating natural systems, with the long-term goal of rebuilding soil quality and natural capital, rather than depleting it.

#### **Actions and resources related to resource use and circular economy (E5-2)**

If not otherwise stated, the actions outlined below are already ongoing with a completion target year of 2030 as defined by our Vision 2030 except for circular design principles. Specific actions and timeframes for circular design principles will be established as part of the Vision 2030 strategy in line with still to be published EU requirements.

For our own operations we focus on avoiding waste, for example by eliminating single use plastics (target date 2025), and increasing the percentage of recycled waste, for example by separate collection of paper, plastic and other waste. PUMA works on solutions for B2B product packaging for apparel and accessories, based on polyethylene bags. We switched our transit packaging B2B plastic bags to 100 % recycled content and optimised the thickness to save on weight. We also switched most B2C plastic primary packaging to paper. For the few remaining plastic items like hangtag strings, we have been working on non-plastic or recycled plastic alternatives.

At the design stage, product materials, construction and appearance are determined, which also decides the product-lifespan potential. Circular design principles can extend products' use, enhance material recovery at the end of life, and minimise waste throughout all product life stages (production, use and disposal or recycling). PUMA focuses on longevity (durability and repairability) and recyclability (disassembly, recycling, mono-material composition, and compostability).

We encourage our suppliers to reuse and recycle fabric waste from PUMA production, ideally recycling offcuts into new polyester or cotton yarns. The Circular Fashion Partnership, launched by the Global Fashion Agenda and the German International Cooperation Society, coordinates brands, manufacturers, collectors, sorters, and textile recyclers to work together to segregate, digitally trace, and recycle textile waste into new products. PUMA joined this program in Vietnam and Cambodia in 2024.

To avoid fabric waste in our upstream and downstream value chain and reduce dependency on virgin raw materials and used PET bottles, we expanded our RE:FIBRE textile-to-textile recycling programme. Polyester, our most consumed technical material, is recycled from fabric waste and unsellable polyester items into new textiles through chemical and/or mechanical recycling. We partner with football clubs like Manchester City or Borussia Dortmund, collecting used polyester products at fan shops. In 2024, we extended RE:FIBRE to cover jerseys of all major football clubs and federations, scaling up to over 1 million items.

While focusing on recycling technology, we continue researching biobased and biodegradable polymers. We will only use biobased polymers that do not compete with food crops, are made from by-products and show environmental benefits in LCAs.

To demonstrate our responsibility and support circular material flows, we aim to join or offer take-back schemes in all major markets by 2025. In 2024, we introduced new schemes in Germany, France and India, adding to those in Australia, China, Switzerland, the UK and the US, and clubs participating in the RE:FIBRE project.

We also joined meetings of the Accelerating Circularity Initiative, an industry initiative aiming to scale product to product recycling of apparel, as well as the Closing the Loop on Footwear, an industry initiative taking the challenges around the recycling of footwear.

EPR policies hold producers accountable for the entire lifecycle of their products, from design to disposal. The EU has proposed mandatory EPR for textiles by 2025, requiring separate collections and significant recycling or reuse efforts. PUMA contributed to EPR schemes in 2024 for European countries such as France and the Netherlands, and the payment of such fees will become a continuous business practice without a definitive timeframe for completion. As part of our Vision 2030 strategy and targets, PUMA is aiming to actively shape and participate EPR schemes in selected markets in collaboration with industry peers, for example in Germany.

Due to contractual restrictions, some unsold products must occasionally be discarded, such as when a license contract expires. Unsold seasonal products are sold through various channels, and unworn returned products are resold. Products with minor defects are donated, while only severely damaged returns are discarded. No new product is destroyed without an explicit demand from an expiring licensing partner.

Our communication strategy defines PUMA's brand positioning on circularity and outlines the behaviours we aim to encourage in consumers. The concept is promoted by PUMA ambassadors in a simple way, for example through the RE:FIBRE activations with football clubs or RE:HACKS from the Voices of a RE:GENERATION. In 2023 we began publishing care and repair guidelines for consumers to help extend the lifespan of their products. We focused on the most common reasons for discarding sportswear and provided simple tips to resolve these issues.

## ➤ T.50 FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO RESOURCE USE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY-RELATED ACTIONS (IN MILLION €) (E5-2)<sup>1</sup>

Action areas	2024	Until 2030
Industry partnerships that enable circularity (i.e. recycling)	0.1	0.6
Raw material and product certification scheme	0.4	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.7</b>

<sup>1</sup> All resources listed here are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

## METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, E5-3)

In our Vision 2030 strategy, we voluntarily set new targets in five circularity areas to be met between 2025 and 2030. These areas address the IROs identified as material for our business, helping us achieve the commitments of our Circularity Policy, such as taking responsibility for our products after use or reducing the dependency of virgin raw materials by scaling up the use of recycled ones. These efforts contribute to reducing the depletion of non-renewable resources. Achievement levels of the targets are monitored regularly through material and product reports, dashboards or internal communication.

The circularity targets, complementing our climate-related goals, were presented and evaluated during the 2024 Sustainability Stakeholder dialogue. Over 40 external organisations, including suppliers, industry peers, NGOs, and investors, provided feedback on the level of ambition and potential impact, leading to adjustments in the targets. These targets were then approved by PUMA's Management Board and the Sustainability Committee of the Supervisory Board. To the best of our knowledge, there is no science-based target setting framework which could be used for circularity topics; therefore, we have used our own methodology. Our circularity targets cover the production phase (recycled material usage), use phase (durability) as well as end of life (take back and recycling). Besides our Vision 2030 targets, we are also reporting on our 10FOR25 circularity targets, which were set in 2019 and are still active until the end of 2025.

### Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025)

- Product design: establish circular design criteria focusing on recyclability, durability, and repairability based on industry standards. Subsequently, define specific targets for products adhering to these criteria (*own operations, global*)
- Recycled material usage: 100 % recycled polyester fabric, 30 % fibre to fibre recycled polyester fabric for apparel, 20 % recycled cotton fabric for apparel (*upstream, global*)
- New business models: provide access to consumers to re-sell or repair business models in selected markets (*own operations, selected countries*)
- Increase consumer communication to raise awareness on circularity (e.g. podcasts, marketing campaigns) (*own operations, global*)
- Waste management: for post-consumer waste collaborate with industry peers on sorting and recycling solutions taking EPR schemes into consideration (*downstream, selected countries*)
- Primary packaging: 100 % unavoidable plastic packaging made from recycled content. Eliminate plastic packaging where technically and economically feasible (*upstream, global*).

### 10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)

- 75 % recycled polyester for apparel and accessories (*upstream, global*) (baseline value: 17%)
  - In 2024, 74.6 % of the polyester we used in our products was recycled (all product divisions)
- 90 % of apparel and accessories with certified or recycled material (at least 50 % of product weight) 90 % of all footwear contains at least one component made of certified or recycled materials (*upstream, global*) (baseline value: 81 % apparel, 47 % accessories and 24 % footwear)
  - In 2024, 89.5 % of our products are made with certified and recycled materials (88.5 % apparel, 58.3 % accessories and 95.7 % footwear) in line with the PUMA S-Index
- Set up or join product take-back schemes in major markets (baseline value: no take-back scheme and this target applies for own operations and downstream in the value chain) (*own operations, selected countries*)
  - Take-back schemes established in selected stores in Australia, China, India, France, Germany, Switzerland and the USA
- Reduce production waste to landfills for footwear and apparel by at least 50 % (baseline value: apparel: 2.6 gr/piece, footwear: 23.7 gr/pair and this target applies for Tier 1 suppliers in upstream of the value chain) (*upstream, global*)
  - Tier 1 apparel: 66 %, Tier 1 footwear: 88 %, reduction of waste to landfills

We prioritise sourcing certified or recycled raw materials as per industry standards and certification schemes for cotton, polyester, leather, and cardboard, to reduce the environmental impact of our products. For example, the conversion of natural habitats into agricultural land and the cultivation of renewable raw materials could lead to deforestation and biodiversity loss. The use of certified renewable virgin raw materials (as set below under the PUMA S-Index) could help to reduce potential negative impact on biodiversity. Our targets related to virgin renewable raw materials and their impact on biodiversity are explained in ESRS E4. The PUMA S-Index measures whether products contain at least 50 % certified or recycled materials by weight (apparel and accessories), and footwear to include one or more main components made from such materials. Main component in the upper includes the visible upper and its components, linings, sockliner, and strobels as the only non-visible component. They can be made of textile, leather, synthetic (PU) or TPU. It excludes trims such as eyelets, laces, counters, decorations, etc. Main components in the bottom includes outsoles, midsoles, and insoles. They can be made of Rubber, PU, TPU, EVA; excluding trims and decorations. Other materials, such as facilities or equipment, are considered immaterial due to PUMA's outsourced manufacturing business model. S-Index data is collected from January to December 2024 using primary data from a PUMA internal report (excluding stichd) based on the total sum of all purchase orders by volume.

Suppliers' Environmental KPIs track progress towards PUMA's sustainability targets. Environmental data are collected for 10 months from 97 PUMA core Tier 1 and Tier 2 factories (textile, leather, PU) excluding PUMA United and stichd, with estimates for the remaining two months.

Material data include material consumption (by weight) used in PUMA and stichd products and labelling and packaging data. The scope includes data collected through core and non-core Tier 1 and Tier 2 from 814 factories for material data and 60 factories for labelling and packaging data of PUMA and Cobra Golf suppliers (excluding PUMA United), 239 factories for material data and 217 factories for labelling and packaging data of stichd suppliers, for the first 10 months of the year and estimated for the remainder of the year. The cascading principle is applied where applicable. For example, returned products which are still fit for purpose are offered for sale or donated rather than recycling by PUMA's take-back partners. If no other use is possible, converting damaged returns into energy is prioritised.

### **Resource inflows (E5-4)**

For biological materials, PUMA uses mainly cotton and leather, along with natural rubber, paper and cardboard for packaging and office purposes. Preferred biological materials are sourced according to standards such as the Better Cotton Initiative, the Leather Working Group, Global Recycled Standard and the Recycled Claim Standard. For paper and cardboard, we also accept the Forest Stewardship Standard. The leather used for our products is a by-product of the meat industry. For technical materials, PUMA mainly

uses polyester, polyurethane, synthetic rubber and EVA for the soles of shoes. The Global Recycled Standard and the Recycled Claim Standard are used to certify recycled content.

## ➤ T.51 RESOURCE INFLOWS (IN T) (E5-4)<sup>1</sup>

	2024	
	Amount	%
<b>Biological materials<sup>2</sup></b>		
Paper and cardboard	48,381	48.0 %
Cotton	44,321	44.0 %
Leather	5,746	5.7 %
Natural rubber	1,458	1.4 %
Others	830	0.8 %
<b>Biological materials weight</b>	<b>100,736</b>	<b>100 %</b>
<b>Sustainably sourced biological materials (%)</b>		<b>96.9 %</b>
<b>Technical materials<sup>3</sup></b>		
Polyester	53,867	36.8 %
Synthetic rubber	45,373	31.0 %
Polyurethane	17,555	12.0 %
EVA	18,164	12.4 %
Others	11,583	7.9 %
<b>Technical materials weight</b>	<b>146,542</b>	<b>100 %</b>
<b>Total weight of materials</b>	<b>247,278</b>	
<b>Secondary materials<sup>4</sup></b>		
Recycled polyester	38,730	71.9 %
Recycled cardboard	36,034	74.5 %
Recycled cotton	5,073	11.4 %
Other recycled materials	5,159	5.1 %
<b>Secondary materials weight</b>	<b>84,996</b>	
<b>Secondary materials (%)</b>		<b>34.4 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> Including PUMA and stichd's materials data.

<sup>2</sup> Biological materials including virgin and secondary materials.

<sup>3</sup> Technical materials including virgin and secondary materials.

<sup>4</sup> Percentage recycled material by material type.

To obtain the data on inflow materials, PUMA provides training to its suppliers on material consumption data reporting. A material consumption data questionnaire is sent to PUMA's Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers, who report the types of materials used in PUMA products along with the corresponding certifications recognised by PUMA. Suppliers then upload the completed questionnaire for data consolidation. The material team validates the data based on the usage confirmed at the development stage to avoid mistakes such as data duplication. If discrepancies arise, the PUMA material team contacts the suppliers to confirm the final data. Full-year data is accounted for using the actual material weight data from January to October and extrapolating the planned material shipments (as of 31 October) that will be delivered between November and December. This extrapolation assumes that orders placed after the end of October will be delivered within the same year.

## **Resource outflows (E5-5)**

### **Products and packaging**

The main output of PUMA's outsourced production process are footwear, apparel and accessories. Circular design principles are applied using strict quality criteria for the goods produced and by maximising the amount and percentage of recycled input materials. In 2024, we used over 10 % recycled cotton and almost three quarters of all polyester in PUMA products originates from recycled sources. The recyclability of PUMA's products depends on several factors, including the development of recycling technologies that can separate blended materials for apparel, or the mixed materials in the production of footwear. In general, footwear, apparel and accessories are currently not recycled at scale after their use and PUMA goods are no exception.

For the primary packaging of our goods, we use paper and cardboard for shoe boxes, as well as polyethylene bags for apparel and accessories. Both our shoeboxes and the polybags (excluding stichd) used for product packaging use over 90 % recycled input materials and are also recyclable after use. Our shoeboxes are made from 100 % cardboard and our polybags from 100 % polyethylene. Therefore, depending on the recycling method used, both packaging items are fully recyclable, with the exception of the colours used for printing on the surface of the box and the bag.

Most garments we sell are made from polyester, cotton, or a blend of both materials. If PUMA garments are sorted by material content and forwarded to the appropriate recycling company, garments with over 90 % polyester content can be chemically or mechanically recycled. All other garments can be downcycled into products such as painter's fleece or insulation materials. In the absence of a clear definition or industry standard on which materials or components can be considered recyclable, we are unable to report a precise figure on the recyclable content of PUMA footwear and accessories products.

To the best of our knowledge, there is no universally mandated standards specifically for the durability of footwear, apparel or accessory products. To ensure product quality, PUMA has an internal quality management system in place for apparel, footwear and accessories. While we cannot precisely predict the overall durability of our products, as it depends on usage, we assume that under normal wear and care conditions, 100 % of our products are able to meet and exceed a warranty period of 24 months. Some signs of wear and tear such as broken stitches, smaller bonding gaps, or worn-out sock liners can be repaired by artisan shoemakers or cobbler's shops. We are currently awaiting the finalisation of the ESPR on durability standards for footwear and apparel. Once these regulations are established, we will align our durability standards to ensure compliance.

At PUMA, we do not offer a formal repairability service for our products. However, our products are made to be repairable in normal tailor repair shops, for example, broken stitches or buttons. We offer guidance on product care and washing tips on [PUMA.com](https://www.puma.com) and [RE:HACKS](#) to extend the life of apparel and footwear for our consumers.

### **Waste**

Due to PUMA's outsourced production model, waste from own operations relates to packaging waste (cardboard and plastic) from PUMA's owned and operated warehouses and stores, as well as paper and general waste from PUMA's office locations.



## 7 T.52 WASTE GENERATION IN OWN OPERATIONS (IN T) (E5-5)<sup>1</sup>

	2024
Non-hazardous waste prepared for reuse	3.3
Non-hazardous waste sent to recycling	4,483.7
<b>Total non-hazardous waste diverted from disposal</b>	<b>4,487.0</b>
Hazardous waste prepared for reuse	0.0
Hazardous waste sent to recycling	4.4
<b>Total hazardous waste diverted from disposal</b>	<b>4.4</b>
<b>Total waste diverted from disposal</b>	<b>4,491.4</b>
<b>Total waste diverted from disposal (%)</b>	<b>66 %</b>
Non-hazardous waste sent to incineration	1,269.1
Non-hazardous waste sent to landfill	852.4
Non-hazardous waste sent to other disposal <sup>2</sup>	116.7
<b>Total non-hazardous sent to disposal</b>	<b>2,238.2</b>
Hazardous waste sent to incineration	0.9
Hazardous waste sent to landfill	2.7
Hazardous waste sent to other disposal	34.0
<b>Total hazardous waste sent to disposal</b>	<b>37.6</b>
<b>Total radioactive waste</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total waste sent to disposal</b>	<b>2,275.8</b>
<b>Total waste sent to disposal (%)</b>	<b>34 %</b>
<b>Total waste</b>	<b>6,767.2</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data on waste generation is collected using primary data (approx. 50%) and estimations (approx. 50%). Where primary data is available and does not cover the full reporting year, the data is extrapolated to 12 months. Where primary data is not available, the data is either estimated based on sites with similar properties or on average data.

<sup>2</sup> Disposal method 'other disposal' was selected when method of final disposal was different from incineration or landfill or could not be identified.

## SOCIAL INFORMATION

### ESRS S1 OWN WORKFORCE

#### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

#### **Material own workforce-related impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

PUMA manages its material impacts, risks, and opportunities related to its workforce, covering all directly employed staff with a contractual employment relationship (part-time, full-time or permanent and fixed term) with PUMA across all of its global operations. The process of identification of social material topics is explained in detail in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section. The strategy, metrics and targets are established for PUMA's own workforce/employees including office staff, retail employees or employees in owned warehouses and one factory who fall within this scope. Our People and Organisation (P&O) department's strategy-driven efforts and actions in impact, risk, and opportunity areas enable us to achieve business and growth success while attracting top talent. In the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section, we highlight some examples of the interests of our employees and their representatives, as well as their role in our strategy. We align our people strategy and priorities with employee needs, take actions aiming to create positive impacts and mitigate challenges as detailed below. Unless specified otherwise, these IROs are relevant for all types of employees within PUMA's own workforce.

#### **➤ T.53 MATERIAL OWN WORKFORCE-RELATED IMPACTS AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material positive impacts</b>				
<b>Working conditions</b>				
Secure employment by creating secure and permanent jobs	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Contribution to economic growth and reduced employee turnover	An impact on society through economic growth and job creations. Additionally, an impact on employees by increasing employee engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Resilient human resources</li> <li>- Better retention through talent management strategy, talent attraction and comprehensive talent connection process</li> <li>- Strategic workforce planning and linking the headcount to revenue developments</li> </ul>
Constructive dialogue culture, recognition of freedom of association and collective bargaining rights for protection of employee rights	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Dialogue, participation in management, recognition of freedom of association and unionisation improve working conditions and employee rights	Employee representation to ensure the protection of employees' labour rights and improve working conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Implementation of Human Rights Guideline</li> <li>- Employee representation at the Supervisory Board level</li> <li>- Improved employee rights, satisfaction and engagement resulting in talent attraction and retention</li> </ul>
Implementing fair wage policies and a living wage-focused, targeted compensation system to ensure employee wellbeing	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Ensuring fair compensation and employees' wellbeing	Fair and competitive wages enhancing the wellbeing of employees and their families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Living wage target</li> <li>- Compensation Policy and Report</li> <li>- Benchmarking studies for competitive wages</li> </ul>

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
Fostering a better work-life balance to promote employee wellbeing	Own operations Medium, long term	Directly caused Promote equality of employees by fostering a better work-life balance	Improved mental health via wide range of models such as flexible and mobile working	- Wellbeing strategy and initiatives for better working conditions and satisfaction - Flexible and remote/mobile working strategy
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>				
Fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and especially women's participation in economy	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Contribution to the economic participation of women to reduce discrimination in society	Fostering inclusive and equal society and positive work culture, removing recruitment barriers for people from diverse backgrounds	- Equal opportunity employer - Diversity strategy for internal engagement and hiring - Inclusion of diverse talents and innovative skills into the company to ensure high creativity and business success - Benchmarking for best practices - Tracking of diversity metrics
Training and skills development to elevate employee performance	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Contribution to better employee performance and development of skills	Skill development to increase employee development and preparation for future of work	- Right skill set for business future - Learning and development strategy and programs - Talent management and development programs
Policy and measures against violence and harassment in the workplace to create awareness and a safe work environment for employees	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused Created awareness around the topic	Wider impact on society by creating awareness	- Use of Human Rights Guideline globally in every country - Awareness of harassment topics and use of prevention measures such as training
<b>Entity-specific disclosure: community engagement</b>				
Employee volunteering increasing employees' development	Own operations Short, medium term	Directly caused Employee volunteering boosts community engagement and strengthens ties with the brand	People and environment by the nature of the supported projects	- Increased employee engagement leading to a productive workforce and better business results - Engagement projects supporting the corporate responsibility areas
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Working conditions</b>				
Violations in occupational health and safety (OHS) related issues causing consequences for the wellbeing of employees	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Directly caused The impact is assessed through the OHS Management System and concentrated on the number of employees in retail and warehouses due to inadequate safety measures and limited awareness	Impact on own employees causing health issues	- Implementation of global safety standards - OHS Management System - Wellbeing strategies

## 7 T.54 MATERIAL OWN WORKFORCE-RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)

Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Working conditions</b>			
Risks around shortfall in staffing, attracting and getting the right talents	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Dependency in the job market Any shortfall in talents may lead to inadequate performance and have a negative impact on operational efficiency and talent attraction and may cause increase of cost of hiring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A global talent attraction and retention strategy</li> <li>- Secure employment and employee reduction targets based on benchmarks</li> <li>- Strategic workforce planning</li> </ul>
Risk related to OHS and wellbeing	Own operations Short, medium, long term	The risks related to non-compliance with OHS laws and their impact on employee health causing business interruptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OHS Management System</li> <li>- OHS certifications and setting policies, codes and committees</li> <li>- P&amp;O strategy and initiatives for wellbeing, mental and physical health</li> </ul>
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>			
Reputational risks due to unequal treatment in employment and underrepresentation of women in leadership	Own operations Short, medium term	Dependency on social norms in countries The underrepresentation of women in the business, and consequently the absence of the innovative skills, can lead to reputational and business risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Equal opportunity for all strategy</li> <li>- Diversity strategy</li> <li>- Strategy targets for women in leadership roles</li> </ul>
Risk of lack of right skillset	Own operations Medium, long term	Dependency on the pace of the new business requirements Employees could lack the right skillsets to cope with new developments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talent management strategy, skills mapping and strategic workforce planning</li> <li>- Learning strategy</li> </ul>
Reputational risks related to violence and harassment in the workplace	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Reputational risks related to employer and brand image, causing potential consumer campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of Human Rights Guideline globally in every country</li> <li>- Awareness of harassment topics and use of prevention measures such as training</li> </ul>
<b>Opportunities</b>			
<b>Working conditions</b>			
Becoming an employer of choice	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Dependency in business success and financial performance Providing secure employment to attract talents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Talent connection and attraction strategy</li> </ul>
Attract talents by implementing fair wage policies and a living wage-focused, targeted compensation system	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Fair and competitive wages ensuring talented workforce maintenance and reducing turnover, increasing employee wellbeing globally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Living wage target</li> <li>- Compensation Policy and Report</li> <li>- Benchmarking studies for competitive wages</li> <li>- Talent attraction and retention due to fair wages</li> </ul>

<b>Risks and opportunities</b>	<b>Value chain location and horizon</b>	<b>Origins, dependencies and relation to business</b>	<b>Mitigation actions and measures</b>
Fostering a better work-life balance to attract better skilled employees	Own operations Short, medium term	Work-life balance initiatives helping to attract and retain talents	- Wellbeing strategy and initiatives for better working conditions and satisfaction - Flexible and remote/mobile working strategy
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>			
Attracting better talents and improving brand reputation through offering equal opportunities for all and achieving diversity	Own operations, downstream Short, medium, long term	Equal opportunities for all and women diversity help to increase employee loyalty and foster diverse teams for innovation. This contributes to business efficiency, increases talent attraction and reducing hiring costs, and indirectly enhances the brand reputation for women customers	- More talent attraction to support business success - Diversity strategy and targets - Support of brand image via P&O strategy
Talent management based on training and skills development to retain key talents and elevate employee performance	Own operations Short, medium, long term	Skill development (including upskilling and reskilling) to enable necessary skills to improve business resiliency, reduce employee turnover and contribute to better employee performance	- Talent management, development and learning programs - Ensuring right skill set for business future
<b>Entity specific topic: community engagement</b>			
Employee volunteering supporting employee personal skills development	Own operations Short, medium term	Opportunity to enable skills development	- Employee volunteering programs - Targets for community projects

PUMA's employees may face varying levels of risk exposure, with those in warehouses and facilities in Argentina being at slightly higher risk compared to office environments due to the nature of their work, which involves physical labour. Given the nature of PUMA's own operations, such as offices and stores, there is no significant risk of incidents of child or forced or compulsory labour.

### **Policies related to own workforce (S1-1)**

At PUMA, we have various policies addressing the material IROs related to our own global employees. The key policies are the Code of Ethics, the Human Rights Policy, the Occupational Health and Safety Policy, and our Human Rights Guideline, all developed to consider the interests of all our employees. We are aware of those interests thanks to various engagement methods which are explained in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section. Those policies are public documents referenced in Annual Reports, and constantly communicated to the employees through emails and training. In line with our global policies, the retail operation sets policies and procedures to implement these requirements in stores. The P&O department monitors the implementation with regular meetings with regions and countries.

We have a zero-tolerance policy against violations of fundamental human rights, including labour rights. Our commitments articulated in those policies, especially the Human Rights Policy, include, but are not limited to, the right to an adequate standard of living, freedom of association, access to a safe working environment, zero tolerance of discrimination or any forms of forced or child-labour, modern slavery, or human trafficking. Since 2006, PUMA's Code of Ethics guides our actions and expectations forming part of mandatory training and the communication campaigns of the Compliance team. We ensure the protection and promotion of the rights of all our employees.

Our Human Rights Policy endorses internationally recognised standards like the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the International Bill of Human Rights, which consists of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two covenants, and the ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Rights and

Principles at Work, the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector. It considers the recommendations given in those instruments and conventions and explains the due diligence approach and mentions the principles for the identification, mitigation and prevention of risks, in addition to addressing grievances and remediation processes.

In 2023, we reworked our existing social standards and introduced a separated global Human Rights Guideline to ensure measures at PUMA entities globally and mitigate risks and opportunities related to Human Rights topics. In 2024, the Guideline was published and communicated for global implementation. The standards that we set are aiming for the best work environment and opportunities for our own workforce while managing our impact and implementing measures to control risks. This Guideline also includes a section on preventive measures and remedial actions. PUMA takes all appropriate measures to prevent such risks and end any potential violations immediately in line with their severity and the principle of proportionality.

PUMA has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to discrimination. We prohibit any form of discrimination based on race, colour, nationality, gender, age, language, pregnancy, religion or belief, marital status, health status, social or ethnic origin, union membership, political views and affiliation, sexual orientation, birth or other status such as disability. Equal opportunities and non-discrimination apply in employee management include hiring, training, promotion, social benefits, work assignments, salary, discipline, termination, and retirement. We make sure that job requirements are based solely on skills, ability, and experience to do the job, and set to attract best talents and shape the success of the company. For instance, while indicating job descriptions, we ensure that we do not disadvantage any groups by giving guidance to subsidiaries and using inclusive language. To promote ethical behaviours in the workplace, our Compliance team provides annual training. We adjust the physical environment to ensure that all employees feel secure and safe without exception. We provide remediation and recourse for any identified discrimination cases.

For more than 10 years, we have an Occupational Health and Safety Policy to ensure a healthy and safe working environment and prevent workplace accidents, explaining PUMA's management system in place to prevent workplace accidents. Human Rights Guideline sets control and measures for all own operations.

In 2023, we reworked our existing social standards for our own employees and introduced a separated global Human Rights Guideline to ensure measures at PUMA entities globally and mitigate risks and opportunities related to Human Rights topics. In 2024, the Guideline was published and commenced its global implementation. The standards that we set are the best work environment and opportunities for our own workforce while managing our impact and implementing measures to control risks. This Guideline also includes a section on preventive measures and remedial actions. PUMA takes all appropriate measures to prevent such risks and end such violations immediately in line with their severity and the principle of proportionality.

The afore mentioned Policies and Guideline have been adopted by the Management Board on behalf of the PUMA Group. We also engage with our own employees on our commitment and policies via engagement mechanisms and grievance procedures.

For talent acquisition, management and employee development, we implement internal policies and strategies globally. All subsidiaries adapt these to their local business and employee needs. PUMA, ensures ongoing professional and personal development for employees, tailored to individual needs, while offering equal opportunities to access a wide range of training programs, both online and offline, including courses, workshops and coaching. We also track and record employee development and progress.

### **Strategy**

Our people strategy is designed to create positive impact, and address any actual and potential material impacts, risks and opportunities. With our strategy, our P&O department considers both our employees' interests and business needs. It underpins PUMA's unique work environment and organisational culture

which attracts and retains top talents. In this culture, we listen to our employees and, value their feedback while taking decisions and empowering them to take initiative. We constantly compare our performance and practices with other top employers. Our people strategy is based on three main pillars: People First, Sustainable People Practices and Digitalisation.

The People First pillar puts employees at the centre of our decision making. It means listening and understanding their needs and values to improve working conditions and fostering flexibility and autonomy. That helps us to excel in talent management and talent retention. It also creates an inclusive culture that respects diversity, promotes health and wellbeing, and encourages personal and professional growth.

Sustainable People Practices build a resilient organisation. This pillar creates a workplace culture that prioritises opportunities for career growth, training and development. PUMA adopts a data-driven approach to talent acquisition to ensure that the company remains the employer of choice in the minds of external applicants. We analyse previous recruitment trends, identify the primary sources of talent inflow, and tailor our talent acquisition approach accordingly. By equipping our employees with the future skills and leadership qualities necessary, we ensure the long-term success of PUMA. We also focus on upskilling in talent management.

Digital tools in human resources enhance work experience and keep us competitive and agile in a fast-changing business landscape. Using digital technology boosts efficiency, data-driven decision making, and employee experiences. We offer digital literacy programs to ensure all employees are equipped to thrive in a digital environment.

#### **Engagement with own workforce and workers' representatives about impacts (S1-2)**

PUMA's company culture prioritises ongoing employee engagement and open dialogue. Various channels are in place to report any feedback and observations related to workforce issues. We engage directly with our employees and collaborate with employee representatives. Dedicated employees within the P&O department work on employee engagement, and budgets are allocated for this purpose.

Our employee listening strategy includes surveys (employee voice and pulse), focus groups, interviews and sentiment analysis. We gather employee views using digital tools such as Peakon and Workday. These engagement tools help us manage impacts on our own employees, understand their needs and work on new initiatives. Our commitment to employee engagement ensures their voices are heard and considered in our decision-making. For instance, PUMA decided to review a mobile and flexible working policy as an outcome of employee engagement processes. This decision, informed by survey results, provides our employees with enhanced flexibility. The P&O department and global Vice President of P&O are responsible for ensuring that engagement tools are used effectively, and the findings are considered in decision-making.

As a main engagement measurement tool, we have conducted global employee opinion surveys since 2009. Every year, we conduct these global surveys by email to monitor employee engagement and collect feedback on various topics mainly on workforce and work-life, but also gender equality, health and safety, training and learning, etc. We share the survey results globally creating reports with breakdowns of assessed categories such as gender or demographics. In this way, we can reach diverse and vulnerable employee groups. In order to engage with retail employees, we use digitalisation so that they can participate from any mobile device with their employee IDs. We also organise an internal communication campaign with the participation of the CEO and global Vice President of P&O where the findings are shared in an understandable way. The input is analysed locally and at a department level. We create action plans and follow up on the progress.

Other engagement methods such as focus groups, are used even more frequently based on the topic and targeted employee groups. We measure the effectiveness of our engagement tools by tracking both employee participation rates and the progress made on action plans. We aim to have the highest participation rate possible to make sure that the tool is used effectively. Our trust-based and constructive collaboration with the Works Councils is an important part of our corporate culture. The European Works

Council of PUMA SE represents employees from 14 European countries and has 18 members. The German Works Council of PUMA SE consists of 17 members and represents the employees of the PUMA Group in Germany. A designated member of the Works Council in Germany represents the interests of employees with disabilities. These two Councils meet regularly and convene based on emerging topics that need to be consulted.

We have various employee resource groups that foster a collaborative working environment where employees can learn from each other, share their experiences and be part of cultivating a company culture. These groups meet in person, but we also use digital tools to facilitate communication and interaction. At PUMA Headquarters, for instance, there is a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Group where employees can engage both in person and digitally via Viva Engage to voice their journeys. We also conduct global townhall meetings where our employees from different locations can communicate with the Board directly and share their questions, comments and feedback in person and online.

Our engagement activities are not limited to our own workforce, but also involve potential talents and candidates. To get suggestions on how to improve the brand, we invite them to digital PUMA events and listen to them. Reactive engagement occurs when concerns are raised, and grievance mechanisms are also useful tools that we use for employee engagement and feedback collection.

#### **Remediation of negative impacts and channels to raise concerns (S1-3)**

At PUMA, we have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to violations of fundamental Human Rights and environmental protection laws as part of PUMA policies as declared in our Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Human Rights Policy. PUMA employees can raise their concerns regarding any issues or violations of the applicable laws and PUMA policies through various complaint mechanisms at their discretion. They may choose to file a complaint by contacting their supervisors, staff representative or P&O Business Partner as well as the Local or Chief Compliance Officer, as described in the [Code of Ethics](#). They can also raise their concerns via PUMA's external whistleblowing platform, or the Works Council, if it exists in their country. PUMA employees may choose to remain anonymous when using SpeakUp, as the encrypted data is transmitted via the secure and independent, third-party server of our provider.

All investigations are conducted in an impartial manner and comply with the applicable laws and regulations. PUMA employees who submit a complaint are protected from any form of retaliation or disciplinary action provided that the complaint was made in good faith. Any acts of retaliation against a PUMA employee who submit a complaint leads to appropriate disciplinary action. This is further addressed in our [Code of Ethics](#).

If the investigation confirms a violation or a potential risk of a violation of the law or PUMA policies, all appropriate measures are taken to prevent, end or minimise such violations or potential risk of violation in accordance with the severity and the principle of proportionality. Appropriate measures include risk analysis, audits and/or on-site inspections, preventive measures (such as training programs) and/or the implementation of a corrective action plan. We maintain thorough documentation for all cases throughout the investigation process on SpeakUp. This includes recording the results of the investigation and the measures taken to address any violations or risks. Additionally, Group Compliance tracks all on-going cases on a regular basis in order to ensure investigations are conducted without undue delay.

PUMA's complaint mechanisms serve as a way for us to be aware of and capable of remedying potential risks and violations of applicable laws, regulations and PUMA policies. Therefore, we promote a company culture which encourages PUMA employees to speak up and ensure that they are aware of our complaint mechanisms. For corporate employees, we regularly conduct awareness campaigns and communicate with our employees through in-person training, email, and our internal Sharepoint to promote awareness of the availability of our complaints mechanisms. For our retail employees, awareness measures are shared on employee boards in the stores. Furthermore, our Global Compliance team provides regular and mandatory training on our Code of Ethics to all PUMA employees.



In assessing the trust in our complaints mechanism, we had conducted a global risk assessment within PUMA's own operations covering various compliance risk areas, including compliance culture. The results showed that 99% of the participants selected for the global risk assessment expressed that the compliance culture at PUMA is positive, and 92% of these participants are aware of our SpeakUp platform, which is an indicator of trust in our complaint mechanisms. Additionally, our employee opinion surveys indicate that most PUMA employees feel confident in raising concerns at the workplace and believe their voices are heard.

To ensure the effectiveness of these channels, PUMA is committed to reviewing the effectiveness of the complaint procedure at least once a year and/or on an ad hoc basis if PUMA expects a significantly changed or significantly expanded risk situation. For more information on complaint submission and processing, confidentiality, non-retaliation, remedial actions, please refer to [PUMA's Rules for the Complaint Procedure](#).

#### **Actions on material impacts on own workforce, and managing material risks and opportunities related to own workforce (S1-4, MDR-A)**

PUMA takes annual actions to manage its potential or actual negative impacts and enhance positive impacts on working conditions and equal opportunities for all employees, globally. For all key actions to take, we consider our strategic priorities and engage with our employees using methods that are explained in the [Engagement with own workforce and workers' representatives about impacts \(S1-2\)](#) section. We track the effectiveness of the actions with various tools such as surveys, tracking data and metrics. In addition, PUMA seeks consultation with the Works Council when making decisions and taking actions in material impact areas to ensure that employees are not adversely affected. Our actions for ensuring better working conditions and equal treatment and opportunities support our policy objectives and SDGs.

#### **Working conditions**

In 2024, we took various key actions to manage our impacts in every topic related to working conditions. They are explained under the sub-topics of secure employment, working time, adequate wages, social dialogue, freedom of association and collective bargaining, work-life balance and health and safety.

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#### **Secure employment**

PUMA ensures secure employment and social protection for its employees, including job security, parental leave, sick leave, and insurance contributions. Pension provisions are explained in the Notes to the consolidated financial statements in the chapter on [Pension Provision](#). The Human Rights Guideline which was introduced in 2024, sets controls and measures for all PUMA's own operations, sets provisions for the basis to follow in all countries.

We proactively anticipate developments by linking our headcount to revenue developments, and constantly apply upskilling and reskilling initiatives to ensure our team's growth and stability, thereby avoiding mass layoffs.

In 2024, we continued to monitor both permanent and fixed-term contracts, as well as the number of part-time and full-time employees. We focused on reducing voluntary turnover in both offices and retail operations. Our overarching goal is to ensure that at least 80% of our employees hold a permanent contract. In the future, we will continue to consider this target while offering contracts.

#### **Working time**

At PUMA, a regular workweek globally does not exceed 48 hours, most PUMA employees work less than 48 hours due to a 5-day work week and employees are guaranteed one day off for every seven-day period. Overtime hours are permitted only as long as the overtime hours are within the limits permitted by national, state or local legislation, or collective agreements. We do not request overtime work on a regular basis, and consider its compensation at a rate consistent with applicable law. While planning the schedules and shifts

of store employees, we consider both the needs of the business and the requests of employees. In 2024, we continued to monitor that all PUMA operations comply with this standard.

#### **Adequate wages**

Since 2021, we have used the Fair Wage Network's living wage database to ensure that all employees globally are paid a living wage. We have continued our cooperation with the Fair Wage Network, allowing access to benchmarks for all of our subsidiaries. Since 2022, performance indicators tied to bonuses have been tracked by the global leadership team to ensure this. In 2024, all employees who generate their living income with PUMA are earning a living wage or more based on the Living Wage Adjusted Mean benchmark as defined by the Fair Wage Network.

#### **Social dialogue, freedom of association and collective bargaining**

At PUMA, our constructive dialogue culture positively impacts employee rights by allowing participation in management. We encourage social dialogue, regular information sharing, and consulting with worker representatives before making employment-related decisions. We recognise the right of freedom of association of our employees and their rights to unionise or join trade unions, employee representation bodies or industry-related associations, including the right to strike and bargain collectively, without fear of discrimination, intimidation, or retaliation. We also respect the right of our employees not to join unions or other associations. As explained in the [Engagement with own workforce and worker's representatives about impacts section](#), our trust-based, constructive collaboration with the Works Councils continued to be an important part of our corporate culture.

#### **Work-life balance**

At PUMA, we offer a range of services and benefits to enhance their health and happiness. Our wellbeing strategy cover four main areas: Flex, Social, Financial and Athlete. In 2024, we provided a selection of sports classes and training opportunities in our outdoor and indoor facilities, in addition to organising sports events and offering gym classes. We continued to promote our "Be Well Weeks" initiatives and included complementary health checks, nutritional counselling and wellness resources such as ergonomic evaluations and mental health guidance.

We continued to offer various working models, such as flexible working, mobile office, part-time and sabbaticals to help our employees balance their work and personal lives and manage stress. All of our offices around the world have a hybrid working model that offers flexibility in work hours and location. Since 2015, our Headquarters has held the German "audit berufundfamilie" certificate which recognises good working conditions for working parents, such as having a parent-child office, a nursing room, childcare facilities and summer camps for children during school holidays.

#### **Health and safety**

A central Health and Safety Committee at our Headquarters in Herzogenaurach meets every three months, including a specialised labour physician, a health and safety technician and employee representatives. They conduct regular health and safety inspections, complemented by official bodies like the German Berufsgenossenschaft. This committee also helps to take any required actions to reduce material negative impacts.

All major offices have designated local health and safety experts, and/or their own health and safety committees. Our Vice President P&O, as part of our Executive Management Team, reports at least quarterly on health and safety issues to our Executive Committee. In 2024, we continued mitigating safety risks. As part of ISO 45001 certification which is an international standard demonstrating our commitment to safety and adherence to regulations, our Headquarters has been audited.

In our pulse survey, we collected feedback from our employees regarding their physical and mental health. Additionally, we provide an opportunity for employees to offer their recommendations and feedback to PUMA, ensuring that their insights contribute to the continuous improvement of health and safety. To increase awareness, we provide training programs such as general safety, fire safety and first aid to equip

employees with skills to handle emergencies and reduce accidents. In 2024, we promoted our digital OHS training course to all our sites, which included hygiene and proper mobile office behaviour.

We aim for zero fatalities and lowering the average injury rate year annually. For more than ten years, we have recorded no work-related fatal accidents, and the rate of occupational diseases was zero at PUMA, including 2024. In the future, we want to ensure that we have zero fatalities.

### **Equal treatment and opportunities for all**

PUMA is committed to providing a fair work environment and equal opportunities for everyone. We foster diversity, equality, and inclusion (DEI) in all aspects of our business. Our policy of equal treatment and anti-discrimination covers every part of the employee relationship, including the promotion of diversity and equal opportunities for training and skills development. By integrating DEI into our business, we enhance our international competitiveness. At PUMA, any form of discrimination based on race, colour, nationality, gender, age, language, pregnancy, religion or belief, marital status, health status, social or ethnic origin, union membership, political views and affiliation, sexual orientation, birth or other status such as disability is prohibited.

### **Diversity**

At PUMA, diversity is an essential part of our culture enhancing our corporate culture and strengthening relationships with consumers, partners, and communities. By embracing diversity in all its forms, we are better equipped to serve the needs of our consumers, partners and communities. We foster an inclusive environment where every individual feels valued, respected, and empowered, enhancing business performance and creating a more equitable future. This commitment is part of our PUMA Code of Ethics (2005) and the 2010 Diversity Charter that we are part of.

We support people of all genders and believe that diversity drives success. We employ people from 145 countries. Our home base in Germany, employs people from over 84 different nations. "BE YOU" is central to our culture, promoting a respectful and supportive work environment where each employee can be their true self. Our employees represent all age groups. The average age of our employees worldwide is 32.

We listen to our employees to address systemic barriers and identify areas for improvement. In 2024, we revisited our diversity policy and included new targets. We also organised employee training on discrimination and injustice, intercultural communication, diversity, inclusion and belonging. In addition, we hosted talks with internal and external speakers and published articles on our internal communication platforms to raise awareness.

In 2024, we displayed rainbow flags at our Headquarters, lit up the building in rainbow colours and sponsored the Christopher Street Day (CSD) in Nuremberg during Pride Month to support the LGBTQIA+ community. In 2024, PUMA North America has made progress in advancing its "REFORM the Workplace" DEI Strategy through several impactful initiatives. To measure and enhance employee experiences, the "Belonging Survey" is introduced to assess sentiment around belonging and track progress year over year. Additionally, the "DEI Champion" learning track was introduced to enhance cultural competency and foster an understanding of diversity within the organisation. In 2024, PUMA's first Hispanic/Latin Employee Resource Group, Juntos is created and became one of the ERGs including BBOLD and pumALLiance.

We prioritise an inclusive workplace for people with disabilities, adapting workplaces and training to meet their needs. In Germany, an elected Works Council member represents the interests of employees with disabilities. In some countries, legal issues prevent our companies from asking questions about and recording disability status and severity. Around 1% of our employees have told us that they have a severe disability, but the true number is probably higher.

### **Gender equality and equal pay for work of equal value**

Our target is to ensure equal representation of women and men in leadership positions, with at least 45% of leadership roles (teamhead and above) held by women and men by 2030. In addition, we aim to foster

diversity and inclusion on all aspects including culture, ethnicity and sexual orientation measured using a leading diversity and inclusion score based on employee opinion surveys (top quartile of industry, every year until 2030).

Ensuring fair and non-discriminatory compensation is one of our strategic priorities. Our gender-neutral compensation framework is based on analytical job evaluations and a global grading system, ruling out any gender-specific discrimination. Our performance-based compensation system includes a fixed base salary, bonus schemes, profit-sharing programs, and various social and intangible benefits. We also offer long-term incentive programs for senior management, linked exclusively to company goals.

PUMA in Germany is certified as Universal Fair Pay Developer by the Fair Pay Innovation Lab for successfully having closed the adjusted pay gap (<1%) as of 2023. In 2024, we have closed the gender pay in further PUMA subsidiaries. PUMA North America, Canada, Sweden, Italy, France and Spain, are certified as "Fair Pay Developer" for having closed the adjusted pay gap (<1%). PUMA's subsidiaries in South Africa and the United Arab Emirates were even certified as "Fair Pay Leader" which means that next to having closed the adjusted gender pay gap, the unadjusted pay gap is below 10%. In 2025, the gender pay gap analysis will continue to be conducted and will be introduced to our other regions.

### **Training and skills development**

At PUMA, talent development is at the heart of our training and skill enhancement initiatives. We analyse employee profiles to align internal talent with career opportunities, thereby building a succession pipeline. We foster a culture centred around feedback and results, coupled with a self-directed learning mindset through an integrated talent management approach.

At least once a year, all employees who are employed at PUMA for more than six months are evaluated, based on their performance and potential. In 2024, PUMA updated the Performance Management Process by adapting competencies, changing the rating scheme, and streamlining level segmentation to facilitate a more efficient and transparent evaluation.

Global talent conferences are held to assess PUMA's workforce, including all levels of management. Criteria such as individual performance, competencies, potential, career direction, readiness, and mobility are used for evaluation. During individual appraisal discussions, managers and employees reflect on the past 12 months and formulate personal development plans with specific action steps.

PUMA focuses on internal talent mobility, providing employees with opportunities for professional growth and cross-cultural experiences, resulting in an enhanced learning curve on both professional and personal levels. Using digital platforms like Workday's Job Alert and Talent Marketplace, internal talents can easily find job opportunities. They also have the opportunity to connect with a mentor based on shared skills and explore new learning opportunities.

Strategic workforce planning and tools like Workday enable us to identify skill gaps effectively. We offer a wide range of training and development options based on specific needs, both online and offline. In 2024, employees enriched their Workday profiles by documenting their skills, certifications, trainings and career aspirations. A targeted analysis of employee profiles allows PUMA to align internal talent with upcoming career opportunities, helping to build a succession pipeline and address future competency needs.

Our onboarding process ensures that new hires have a positive first-day experience, equipping them with the necessary skills and knowledge to work effectively. As part of the onboarding training, we align new team members with PUMA's culture, values, and mission, while also clarifying their roles. This process not only boosts productivity and teamwork but also supports better integration for new employees. Internal talent mobility is crucial for skills development, offering our employees professional growth and cross-cultural experiences. We use digital platforms to present internal job opportunities to all our employees.

The learning culture at PUMA is built on self-driven learning, which ensures the most suitable and tailored way to learn and develop skills for each employee individually. With our needs-based learning portfolio, which is crafted to align with the specific needs of our organisation, we identify the most relevant topics that will best support our employees' growth and development. We deliver targeted learning experiences that enhance skills, boost productivity and drive success.

Our internal training department offers on-demand training, enhancing our organisation's learning capabilities. Acting as an internal service provider, it ensures higher coverage of learning and development requests, addressing the diverse needs of our workforce. We are currently exploring the implementation of a new training evaluation system to increase training effectiveness and demonstrate return on investment, and enhance employee satisfaction and engagement.

Our employees can access over 23,000 online training courses in multiple languages. PUMA employees also contribute to creating product-specific learning content. Localised learning ambassadors as retail trainers and regional P&O partners are equipped with smart authoring tools to produce local e-learning content. We run global e-learning campaigns on a regular basis on topics like compliance, cyber security, DEI, occupational health and safety. These are helping to ensure a safe and stable working environment and are performing with a significantly high average participation rate on a global level. To support language education, we offer access to the language learning platform Busuu, allowing our workforce to learn new languages at their own pace and according to their needs, in both corporate and retail environments. Our proactive learner engagement strategy includes activations, gamification, and internal learning competitions.

We share some examples of selected training programs at PUMA:

**Agile learning:** in 2024, we continued to provide digital agile learning programmes to our employees globally to establish an agile learning organisation. We focus on need-based training at two levels: Agile Rookie and Agile Facilitator. The Agile Rookie program serves as an entry level training initiative, allowing employees to get familiarised with various agile topics and methodologies. Meanwhile, the Agile Facilitator is designed for those employees who wish to further support their teams by facilitating agile meetings such as sprint reviews or retrospectives.

**Leadership training ILP/ILP<sup>2</sup>/PLE:** we highly value their skills and leadership expertise in mastering complex challenges in a volatile world while achieving our goal of excellence. Our International Leadership Programme (ILP & ILP<sup>2</sup>) provides staff with essential competencies and promotes a shared knowledge of our leadership culture. PUMA leaders receive comprehensive training and coaching, including interactive learning, roleplay, best-practice learning, and joint projects. Mindful leadership and agile work are emphasised. The programme's modular design allows managers to apply their newly acquired knowledge between seminars.

In 2024, we introduced a hybrid approach to ILP to enhance the learning experience by using diverse learning styles and providing interactive, engaging sessions. This approach fosters a strong sense of community and networking opportunities while at the same time being more efficient and providing flexibility to the participants. To round up the Leadership Training portfolio, we also introduced ILP Focus. This two-day training has a very practical approach and serves as a follow-up for participants of ILP.

In 2024, we continued to promote PUMA Leadership Expedition program which is designed to teach leaders, as well as future leaders how to lead well in complexity and ambiguity. Self-driven learning, nugget-learning, learning sprints and peer-learning, coaches and group assignments underpin this virtual course. PUMA leaders can voluntarily be part of this program which takes around 100 hours and choose what, when, and how to learn from over 130 one-hour learning nuggets with a balanced mix of trainer-led virtual sessions and self-directed learning in 18 months. First-time managers get PUMA-tailored training "from employee to manager" to prepare them for their new role and ensure a common concept of leadership at PUMA.

Speed Up/Speed Up<sup>2</sup>: retaining talent and speeding up their progress is important for the success of our business. PUMA's High Potential programs, Speed Up and Speed Up<sup>2</sup>, are designed to engage top performers by accelerating their development, unlocking new capabilities, and opening doors both domestically and internationally for a long and fulfilling career at PUMA. These programs offer participants unparalleled preparation and support for vertical advancement within the company, ensuring they remain competitive with even the most seasoned external candidates. This way, PUMA cultivates internal talent and develops responsible and innovative leaders from within the organisation. Cross-functional projects and tasks, coaching, mentoring, and specialised training prepares employees for their next career steps. Participants also get to meet top management and build strong networks around the world.

Coaching offer: at PUMA, senior employees and leaders can develop their goals with certified business coaches. We match employees with coaches based on their needs to ensure maximum impact. This fosters a culture of continuous improvement, enhancing performance and growth.

Future Talent: future talent management is important for PUMA. We participate in various career fairs and university initiatives both locally and abroad to approach potential employees and identify suitable candidates. Within our dual study program, young talents acquire a theoretical grounding through partnerships with various universities and practical experience in different PUMA teams. Our apprentices train as industrial clerks, IT specialists or retail sales manager. They work in various departments to build personal and professional skills and increase their knowledge while attending vocational school. Internships and working student positions are another way to become familiar with PUMA. Students from around the world get six months of work experience as well as the opportunity to build their network and hone their talents. In 2024, 10 apprentices and 6 dual students started working at PUMA's Headquarters in Germany, bringing the total number of future talents to 24 apprentices and 16 dual students working for PUMA.

CAT Talk: CAT Talk is an innovative "edutainment" format designed to support PUMA's strategic focuses by presenting 45-minute episodes featuring bite-sized learning content on various topics. This format fosters internal visibility, allowing talents to share expertise while entertaining and enriching the learning experience.

Retail development: to support our retail employees' development, we provide two special programs: PUMA University for Trainers and PUMA University for Leaders. The PUMA University for Trainers certifies retail trainers, equipping them with advanced communication, coaching, and training skills to deliver PUMA's curriculum, which includes selling, functional, leadership skills, and product and brand knowledge. The PUMA University Leaders program develops high-potential talents across various roles. Updated in 2024, it includes key topics such as PUMA's global strategy, agile project management, emotional intelligence, and sustainability. Participants are selected through an assessment centre and improve their leadership skills through a blended learning approach.

## **METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, S1-5)**

As part of our Vision 2030, we established targets for our global own workforce during 2024. All targets are in line with and support our business strategy and policy objectives. During the target-setting process, we considered our impact areas and international trends in human resources areas, PUMA's data trends over the years and benchmarks from peers. These targets were established after consultations with internal stakeholders, presentation at the Stakeholder Dialog meeting, and approval from both the Management Board and Supervisory Board, including the employee representative. All set targets contribute to our progress in SDGs.

### **Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025, own operations, global)**

- Living wage: Continue ensuring that all PUMA employees who earn their living income with PUMA are paid a living wage every year
- Diversity and inclusion: Ensure equal representation of women and men in leadership positions with at least 45 % of leadership roles (teamhead and above) held by women and men by 2030 and foster diversity

and inclusion on all aspects including culture, ethnicity and sexual orientation measured using a leading diversity and inclusion score based on employee opinion surveys (top quartile of industry, every year until 2030)

- Employee engagement and development: Keep a leading employee engagement score based on employee opinion surveys above the top quartile of the industry and provide 8-10 training hours per FTE every year
- Gender equality: Close the gender pay gap in all countries (externally verified)
- Health and safety: Zero fatal accidents and keep lost time injury rate below 2 (less than 2 injuries per 1,000,000 hours worked) every year.

#### 10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020, own operations, global)

- All PUMA employees who earn their living income with PUMA are paid a living wage
  - In 2024, all employees are paid a living wage
- Zero fatal accidents
  - In 2024, zero fatal work-related accident happened
- Injury rate below 0.5 and 80 % of employees trained on OHS
  - In 2024, the injury rate was 0.44 and was below 0.5
  - 85 % of employees trained on OHS.

Through those targets related to our own workforce, we aim to address fair compensation through an adequate/living wage target, enhance diversity and inclusion at PUMA and maintain the highest occupational health and safety standards at PUMA locations. Unless otherwise specified, progress towards the targets is measured annually, with data collected through a specialised HR software (Workday) and our social reporting campaign for 12 months, with contributions from all subsidiaries of PUMA. Target year is 2025 and no changes were made to the metrics or underlying methodologies for our 10FOR25 targets. Additionally, we consider relevant and internationally recognised benchmarks, such as the Fair Wage Network, for the living wage target.

#### ➤ T.55 CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKFORCE: NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup> BY GENDER (S1-6)

Gender	2024	2023
Male	11,188	10,670
Female	11,006	10,522
Other <sup>2</sup>	20	22
Not reported	n/a	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,214</b>	<b>21,214</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA, same number considered in consolidated financial statements. It means that all employees performing work for PUMA owned entities are included. Interns are excluded from own workforce metrics.

<sup>2</sup> Gender as specified by employees.

#### ➤ T.56 CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKFORCE: NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup> BY COUNTRY<sup>2</sup> (S1-6)

	2024	2023
Germany (Europe region)	2,154	2,009
United States of America (North America region)	3,307	3,285

<sup>1</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA.

<sup>2</sup> In countries where PUMA's workforce constitutes at least 10% of the total employee count. PUMA voluntarily discloses the number of employees in Germany since it is the location of the Headquarters.

**➤ T.57 CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKFORCE: NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup> BY GENDER AND EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TYPES<sup>2</sup> AND THE NUMBER OF INTERNS BY GENDER (S1-6)**

	2024					2023				
	Female	Male	Other <sup>3</sup>	Not disc.	Total	Female	Male	Other <sup>3</sup>	Not disc.	Total
Employees <sup>4</sup>	11,006	11,188	20	0	22,214	10,522	10,670	22	0	21,214
Permanent employees	9,943	10,285	16	0	20,244	9,573	9,813	20	0	19,406
Temporary employees	1,021	877	4	0	1,902	931	848	2	0	1,781
Non-guaranteed hours employees <sup>5</sup>	42	26	0	0	68	18	9	0	0	27
Full-time employees	8,160	9,132	11	0	17,303	7,759	8,707	12	0	16,478
Part-time employees	2,846	2,056	9	0	4,911	2,763	1,963	10	0	4,736
Interns <sup>6</sup>	159	127	0	0	286	122	116	1	0	239
<b>Total workforce</b>	<b>11,165</b>	<b>11,315</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>10,644</b>	<b>10,786</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21,453</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA. Interns are excluded from own workforce metrics.

<sup>2</sup> The definitions of contract types are based on the local laws of countries.

<sup>3</sup> Gender as specified by the employees.

<sup>4</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA. Interns are excluded from own workforce metrics.

<sup>5</sup> Non-guaranteed hours employees are employees without a guarantee of a minimum or fixed number of working hours.

<sup>6</sup> Interns are excluded from own workforce metrics.



➤ T.58 CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKFORCE: NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES<sup>1</sup> BY EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT TYPES<sup>2</sup> AND REGIONS (S1-6)

	2024						2023					
	Europe	EEMEA	APAC	LATAM	North America	Total	Europe	EEMEA	APAC	LATAM	North America	Total
Employees	5,234	3,881	4,893	4,415	3,791	22,214	5,044	3,872	4,740	3,772	3,786	21,214
Permanent employees	4,468	3,770	4,480	4,415	3,111	20,244	4,304	3,771	4,358	3,771	3,202	19,406
Temporary employees	698	111	413	0	680	1,902	713	101	382	1	584	1,781
Non-guaranteed hours employees <sup>3</sup>	68	0	0	0	0	68	27	0	0	0	0	27
Full-time employees	3,843	3,802	4,199	3,896	1,563	17,303	3,742	3,742	4,051	3,386	1,557	16,478
Part-time employees	1,391	79	694	519	2,228	4,911	1,302	130	689	386	2,229	4,736
<b>Employees per region (%)</b>	<b>24 %</b>	<b>17 %</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>20 %</b>	<b>17 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>	<b>24 %</b>	<b>18 %</b>	<b>22 %</b>	<b>18 %</b>	<b>18 %</b>	<b>100 %</b>

<sup>1</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA. Interns are excluded from own workforce metrics.

<sup>2</sup> The definitions of contract types are based on the local laws of countries.

<sup>3</sup> Non-guaranteed hours employees are employees without a guarantee of a minimum or fixed number of working hours.

## ➤ T.59 CHARACTERISTICS OF WORKFORCE: EMPLOYEE TURNOVER (S1-6)

	2024				2023 <sup>6</sup>			
	Women	Men	Other	Not disc.	Women	Men	Other	Not disc.
Total number of employees who left PUMA	4,052	4,147	14	67	4,107	4,249	14	80
Voluntary <sup>1</sup>	2,918	2,788	12	41	2,907	2,806	13	39
Dismissal <sup>2</sup>	571	809	1	13	519	727	0	15
Retirements	17	17	0	0	12	12	0	0
Other	546	533	1	13	669	704	1	26
Voluntary turnover (%) <sup>3</sup>	26 %				27 %			
Retail (%)	38 %				42 %			
Non-retail (%)	9 %				8 %			
Involuntary turnover (%) <sup>4</sup>	6 %				6 %			
Total turnover rate (%) <sup>5</sup>	32 %				33 %			
Average length of service at PUMA (in years)	4.28				4.17			

<sup>1</sup> Voluntary leave includes work contracts terminated by employees.

<sup>2</sup> Dismissals include work contracts terminated by employer.

<sup>3</sup> Voluntary turnover is calculated based on the data of all employees who left PUMA voluntarily (resignations). The formula used is the number of employees who left voluntarily divided by total number of employees (year-end head count).

<sup>4</sup> Involuntary turnover is calculated based on the data of all employees who left PUMA involuntarily (dismissals). The formula used is the number of employees who left involuntarily divided by total number of employees (year-end head count).

<sup>5</sup> Calculated considering voluntary and involuntary terminations, retirements and deceased employees divided by the total number of employees (year-end head count).

<sup>6</sup> The method for calculating the turnover rate has been adjusted compared to the publication in the Annual Report 2023.

## ➤ T.60 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING<sup>1</sup> AND SOCIAL DIALOGUE<sup>2</sup> COVERAGE BY PERCENTAGE (S1-8)

	2024		
	Collective bargaining coverage <sup>3</sup>		Social dialogue <sup>3</sup>
	Employees – EEA <sup>4</sup>	Employees – Non-EEA	Workplace representation (EEA) <sup>5</sup>
0-19 %		North America, EEMEA	
20-39 %		LATAM, APAC	
40-59 %			
60-79 %			
80-100 %	Germany		Germany

<sup>1</sup> Number of employees (year-end head count) covered by collective bargaining agreements divided by the number of employees (year-end head count) multiplied by 100.

<sup>2</sup> In PUMA SE, there is a Works Council structure. PUMA is not part of any other international agreements.

<sup>3</sup> It is disclosed where employees represent at least 10 % of the total number of employees. Voluntary statement is made for Germany since it is the location of the Headquarters.

<sup>4</sup> EEA: European Economic Area.

<sup>5</sup> Number of employees (year-end head count) working in establishments with workers' representatives divided by number of employees (year-end head count) multiplied by 100.

## T.61 GENDER DIVERSITY BY MANAGEMENT LEVELS (S1-9)

	2024						2023					
	Women		Men		Other		Women		Men		Other	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Number of employees <sup>1</sup>	11,006	50 %	11,188	50 %	20	<1 %	10,522	50 %	10,670	50 %	22	<1 %
Employees in leadership positions <sup>2</sup>	1,674	42 %	2,282	58 %	2	<1 %	1,596	43 %	2,114	57 %	2	<1 %
Employees in junior management <sup>3</sup>	981	45 %	1,222	55 %	2	<1 %	963	46 %	1,126	54 %	2	<1 %
Employees in middle management	470	42 %	656	58 %	0	0 %	428	42 %	593	58 %	0	0 %
Employees in top management <sup>4</sup>	223	36 %	404	64 %	0	0 %	205	34 %	395	66 %	0	0 %
Employees in non-management positions	9,332	51 %	8,906	49 %	18	<1 %	8926	51 %	8,556	49 %	20	<1 %

<sup>1</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA.

<sup>2</sup> Leadership positions refers to managers with at least one direct report.

<sup>3</sup> Junior management positions refer to first-line managers (lowest level of management).

<sup>4</sup> Top management positions refer to managers a maximum of two levels away from C-suite: (n-1) and (n-2).

## T.62 DIVERSITY BY AGE<sup>1</sup> (S1-9)

	2024						2023					
	-30		30-50		+50		-30		30-50		+50	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Number of employees <sup>2</sup>	10,246	46 %	10,743	48 %	1,225	6 %	10,027	47 %	10,037	47 %	1,150	5 %
Employees in leadership positions <sup>3</sup>	334	8 %	3,190	81 %	434	11 %	309	8 %	2,992	81 %	411	11 %
Employees in junior management	306	14 %	1,770	80 %	129	6 %	287	14 %	1,676	80 %	128	6 %
Employees in middle management	26	2 %	977	87 %	123	11 %	21	2 %	885	87 %	115	11 %
Employees in top management	2	<1 %	443	71 %	182	29 %	1	<1 %	431	72 %	168	28 %

<sup>1</sup> Age grouping is based on under 30 years old (-30), between 30-50 (30-50), over 50 years old (+50).

<sup>2</sup> Year-end head count data for global workforce, directly employed by PUMA.

<sup>3</sup> Leadership positions refers to managers with at least one direct report.

## T.63 ADEQUATE (LIVING) WAGE METRICS (S1-10)

	2024	2023
Employees getting an adequate (living) wage <sup>1</sup> (%)	100	100
Employees paid below the applicable adequate (living) wage (%)	0	0
Countries where employees earn below adequate (living) wage	n/a	n/a

<sup>1</sup> According to ESRS S1-10 all employees receive an adequate wage. All employees worldwide earn at least the minimum wages as defined on national levels. In case minimum wages are not defined on national level, wages of employees meet at least the living wage benchmark as defined by Fair Wage Network (applicable benchmark according to ESRS S1-10). All assessments have been performed internally.

## T.64 TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW METRICS (S1-13)

	2024			2023		
	Women	Men	Other	Women	Men	Other
Total training hours by gender <sup>1</sup>	85,835	85,069	131	80,288	80,064	129
Total training hours	171,035			160,481		
Average training hours per employee by gender <sup>2</sup>	7.8	7.6	6.6	7.6	7.5	5.9
Average training hours per employee <sup>3</sup>	7.7			7.6		
Employees participating in regular performance and career development review <sup>4</sup>	8,449	8,435	14	8,187	8,206	19
Percentage of reviews in proportion to the agreed number of reviews by the management <sup>5</sup>	88%	85%	93%	78%	84%	89%
Non-retail (%)	90%	84%	100%			
Retail (%)	85%	86%	90%			
Percentage of employees participating in regular performance and career development review <sup>6</sup>	77%	75%	70%	78%	77%	86%
Non-retail (%)	91%	83%	100%	91%	82%	100%
Retail (%)	67%	70%	63%	69%	72%	84%
Average amount spent on training per FTE (€)	250			234		

<sup>1</sup> Includes all training hours given to employees, globally.

<sup>2</sup> The average training hours are calculated by dividing the total training hours (by gender) by the number of employees (by gender, year-end head count).

<sup>3</sup> The average training hours are calculated by dividing the total training hours by the number of employees (year-end head count).

<sup>4</sup> PUMA has a formal and regular talent and performance management process that supports employees in their development. The performance review includes self-assessments and evaluations by the manager based on criteria known to employees that are consequently discussed in appraisal talks. Additionally, employees can request a 360-degree feedback.

<sup>5</sup> Every employee is supposed to have a performance review. Reported are digitally traceable performance reviews in Workday. Seasonal workers, employees in a terminated employment relationship, on leave or with a tenure of less than 3 months do not have a performance plan in Workday. No gender breakdown by Retail/Non-retail for 2023 available.

<sup>6</sup> The ratio is calculated by the number of performance reviews divided by number of employees (year-end head count).

## ➤ T.65 OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (S1-14)

	2024	2023
Number of employees trained on OHS	18,859	17,234
Percentage of employees trained on OHS	85 %	81 %
Total work-related fatalities	0	0
Total work-related injuries (accidents) <sup>1</sup>	89	98
Number of recordable work-related ill health <sup>2</sup>	2	n/a
Number of days lost to work-related injuries and ill-health <sup>3</sup>	1,687	n/a
Rate of work related injuries <sup>4</sup>		
Lost time injury (frequency) rate per 200,000 working hours	0.44	0.46
Lost time injury (frequency) rate per 1,000,000 working hours	2.21	2.29
Percentage of employees who are covered by occupational health and safety management system (internal) related to legal requirements	100 %	100 %
Percentage of employees who are covered by occupational health and safety management system (ISO 45001 Health and Safety Management System) <sup>5</sup>	8 %	8 %

<sup>1</sup> Accidents at work occurring at the place of work or during movement in the course of work (i.e. excluding accidents occurring between home and the workplace) resulting in a work stoppage of at least one day.

<sup>2</sup> Work related ill health cases include diseases of mental and physical health.

<sup>3</sup> No data for 2023 is available.

<sup>4</sup> Calculated based on the number of accidents divided by the number of employees (year-end head count).

<sup>5</sup> The coverage is calculated based on the number of employees (year-end head count) working in offices which are covered by ISO 45001 divided by the total number of employees (year-end head count).

## ➤ T.66 WORK-LIFE BALANCE METRICS (S1-15)

	2024		
	Women	Men	Other
Employees entitled to take parental leave (%) <sup>1</sup>	100 %		
Percentage of employees that took parental leave <sup>2</sup>	28 %	3 %	0 %

<sup>1</sup> According to PUMA's Global Parental Leave Policy, all PUMA employees are entitled to take parental leave.

<sup>2</sup> The percentage is calculated by the number of employees who took parental leave divided by the total number of employees in the same gender category (year-end head count).

## ➤ T.67 COMPENSATION METRICS (S1-16)

	2024
Gender pay gap	
Unadjusted gender pay gap <sup>1</sup>	2%
Total remuneration ratio <sup>2</sup>	
Annual total remuneration ratio of the highest paid individual to the median annual total remuneration of all employees	168
Annual total remuneration ratio of the highest paid individual to the median annual total remuneration of all employees, adjusted by local differences in purchasing power as well as differences in tax and social security deductions by country <sup>3</sup>	110
Annual total remuneration ratio of the highest paid individual to the median annual total remuneration of all employees in Germany <sup>4</sup>	73

<sup>1</sup> Unadjusted gender pay gap is calculated by subtracting the average gross hourly pay level of female employees from the average gross hourly pay level of male employees, then dividing the result by the average gross hourly pay level of male employees, multiplied by 100.

<sup>2</sup> The total remuneration is calculated by dividing the total annual remuneration in € for the highest paid individual by the median employee's gross annual total remuneration in € (excluding the highest paid individual). For the ratio the annual total direct compensation is applied, which includes base salary, bonus, car and long-term incentives. The total remuneration ratio is not validated by any external body other than the assurance provider.

<sup>3</sup> Total remuneration ratio considering differences by country in tax and social security deductions, adjusted for differences in purchasing power.

<sup>4</sup> Total remuneration ratio for Germany, considering that the highest paid individual is based in Germany.

## ➤ T.68 GENDER PAY METRICS BY EMPLOYEE CATEGORIES (S1-16)

	2024
	Women to men ratio <sup>1</sup>
Executive level (base salary only)	4.0%
Executive level (base salary and other cash incentives)	3.3%
Management level (base salary only)	3.3%
Management level (base salary and other cash incentives)	3.6%
Non-management level (base salary only)	0.5%

### Incidents, complaints and severe human rights impacts (S1-17)

In the reporting period, PUMA resolved four cases of minor harassment issues related to improper comments or behaviour in the workplace. All four cases have been duly investigated and documented. For each incident, appropriate remedial and disciplinary measures were implemented. The four cases are part of a total of 109 internal complaints related to work-related issues that were either reported through or recorded in SpeakUp in 2024. No severe human rights incidences have occurred at PUMA. None of these incidents have resulted in PUMA paying any fines, penalties, or compensation. Detailed information on SpeakUp and PUMA's methodology for compiling data, conducting investigations and handling cases can be found in [Business conduct policies and corporate culture \(G1-1\)](#) section.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ENTITY-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE)

The community engagement through employee volunteering fosters a sense of connection to the brand Impact related to community engagement is explained in [Material impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model \(IRO-1, SBM-3\)](#). As part of our people strategy, we encourage all of our employees around the world to participate and record projects for employee engagement. PUMA's P&O department is responsible for implementation of the initiatives in the areas of sports and health, environment, education and equality and non-discrimination. By actively participating in community

initiatives, our employees not only contribute to their company engagement and social good but also develop a deeper understanding of diverse perspectives and challenges.

Since the start of our community engagement program in 2016, we have recorded over 240,000 community engagement hours globally. These ranged from beach clean-ups and tree planting to organising and participating in charity runs, helping underprivileged people, especially children, by donating food and school supplies.

#### **Metrics and targets (MDR-M, MDR-T)**

##### **Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- Community engagement: 500,000 hours of community engagement donated by 2030

##### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- 2 hours community engagement per FTE
  - In 2024, PUMA employees spent 43,913 hours (3,233 hours for PUMA SE) on community engagement. Considering the number of full-time employees (FTEs) in 2024 (18.668), we exceeded our target, and employees spent 2.4 hours on community engagement. The measurement of the target is performed through our specialised HR software (Workday) based on 12 months data, and covering all subsidiaries of PUMA.

## **ESRS S2 WORKERS IN THE VALUE CHAIN**

### **IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY**

#### **Material value chain related impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

PUMA manages its material impacts, risks and opportunities related to workers in the value chain. We followed the same process to identify and assess our material topics as outlined in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

The value chain workers covered in this report include are farmers, foresters, primary sector producers, employees in supply chain factories and external warehouses, and local communities around raw material extraction and manufacturing sites. At PUMA, we are dedicated to respecting Human Rights and protecting the environment across our Group companies, suppliers, and business partners. Safeguarding Human Rights is integral to all our business functions.

PUMA has a comprehensive management program for material issues related to workers in the value chain. We evaluate these issues by considering Human Rights violations or social non-compliance, including child labour, excessive overtime, forced labour, unsafe work environments, low income, breaches of freedom of association, unsecured employment, lack of workers' representation, and insufficient training.

## 7 T.69 MATERIAL VALUE CHAIN WORKERS-RELATED IMPACTS AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material positive impacts</b>				
<b>Working conditions</b>				
Secured employment boosts local economies through increased consumer spending, supporting businesses and creating jobs	Upstream Downstream Medium, long term	Contributed  Local economic stability encourages worker participation in community activities and governance, ensuring a stable and prosperous supply chain for PUMA	When parents have secure jobs, they invest more in their children's education, leading to better job opportunities and a cycle of prosperity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure all workers are paid fair wages that meet or exceed local living wage standards</li> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> <li>- Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to plan the workforce that is needed</li> </ul>
Not working excessive working hours improves workers wellbeing	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Contributed  Ensuring no excessive overtime maintains a healthy and productive workforce, leading to higher job satisfaction, lower turnover, improved efficiency, better product quality, and reduced costs, securing PUMA's business	Employees in the supply chain could benefit from increased mental health by reducing stress and depression	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> <li>- Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to set a better production plan</li> </ul>
Social dialogue and freedom of association for better working conditions, wages and gender equality	Upstream Downstream Medium-term	Directly linked  Social dialogue improves working conditions, as issues can be raised and resolved, helping to maintain a healthy and productive workforce, leading to higher job satisfaction, lower turnover, improved efficiency, better product quality, reduced costs, and securing PUMA's business	Social dialogue improving working conditions, enabling poverty reduction, gender equality and reduced inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers-management committee at factory level</li> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> </ul>



Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>				
Measures against violence and harassment for a safe workplace	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Contributed Measures against violence and harassment ensure a safe and productive workforce, supporting PUMA's business model	These measures enhance the overall wellbeing and mental health of employees in the supply chain, foster an inclusive workspace, and provide opportunities for skill development and career growth	- Set up workers-management committee at factory level - Train factory staff
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Working conditions</b>				
Job insecurity	Upstream Downstream Short, medium term	Directly linked Job insecurity in the supply chain can lead to higher turnover and lower productivity, potentially disrupting the manufacture of textile and footwear products, which is central to PUMA's business model	On people Job insecurity causes workers to worry about their future, negatively impacting mental health, increasing turnover, and reducing productivity	- Set up workers grievance channels - Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to have a better production plan
Excessive working hours	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Excessive working hours lead to an unhealthy and less productive workforce, jeopardising PUMA's business	On people Excessive overtime increases the risk of heart disease, stroke, mental health issues, workplace accidents and injuries, reducing productivity	- Set up workers grievance channels - Set up and implement policy and standards - Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to plan the workforce that is needed
Inadequate wages	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked Inadequate wages reduce productivity and morale, increase turnover and costs, lower product quality, and can damage PUMA's reputation	Inadequate wages can lead workers to debt, reliance on high-interest loans, negative health impacts, and vulnerability to exploitation	- Set up workers grievance channels - Set workers-management committee at factory level - Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining

<b>Impacts</b>	<b>Value chain location and time horizon</b>	<b>Connection to impact</b>	<b>Impact on people or environment</b>	<b>Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions</b>
Lack of social dialogue and ability to organise	Upstream Downstream Short, medium term	Directly linked Unaddressed worker grievances can escalate into protests and strikes, disrupting production, increasing costs, and potentially damaging PUMA's reputation and business	Lack of social dialogue and ability to organise and collectively bargaining may frustrate workers and increase their vulnerability to exploitative conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Set up workers-management committee at factory level</li> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> </ul>
Widespread health and safety issues	Upstream Downstream Short, medium and long term	Directly linked Health issues among factory workers lead to higher absenteeism, lower productivity, disrupted production and increased costs, and affect PUMA's business	Widespread health and safety issues increase the likelihood of workers taking sick leave, resulting in higher absenteeism, lower productivity, and potential income loss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Set up and implement OHS policy and standards</li> </ul>
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>				
Widespread practices of unequal pay and opportunities	Upstream Downstream Short, medium and long term	Contributed Unequal pay and opportunities increase vulnerability and can lead to gender-based violence, an unsafe work environment, high turnover, low productivity and legal issues, and potentially damage PUMA's reputation and business	Unequal pay and opportunities reinforce gender power imbalances, leading to more gender-based violence, harm workers' health and job satisfaction, while lower income limits women's access to essential resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Target setting, regularly review and analyse pay data to identify and address any gender pay gaps</li> <li>- Establish and implement policies and standards that ensure equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender</li> </ul>
Lack of measures against violence	Upstream Downstream Short, medium and long term	Directly linked Lack of measures against violence and harassment creates an unsafe work environment, leading to high turnover, low productivity, absenteeism, reputational damage, legal issues, and loss of consumer trust, ultimately affecting PUMA's business	Lack of measures against violence can cause workers to suffer from physical and mental health issues, and women may face reproductive health complications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Set up workers-management committee at factory level</li> <li>- Train factory staff</li> </ul>

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Other work-related rights</b>				
Child labour	Upstream Downstream Long term	Directly linked  Potential child labour in PUMA's supply chain can severely damage its reputation, leading to a loss of consumer trust, boycotts, legal consequences, and financial penalties	Hiring child labour in the supply chain restricts their education opportunities, earning potential, and perpetuates poverty. This delays economic development and increases social inequality	- Establish and implement clear policies and standards - Zero tolerance approach - Set up workers grievance channels - Engage in industry initiatives to mitigate the risk of child labour upstream in the supply chain
Forced labour	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked  Forced labour in the supply chain can lead to legal issues and reputational damage and can severely impact PUMA's business	Forced labour can lead workers to mental and physical health issues like chronic anxiety and sleep disorders	- Implement policies and standards - Zero tolerance approach - Set up workers grievance channels

#### ➤ T.70 MATERIAL VALUE CHAIN WORKERS-RELATED RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)

Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and time horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Working conditions</b>			
Unsecured employment can lead to reputational and regulatory risks	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Rising wage costs, fluctuating material prices, and evolving regulations impact sourcing markets, leading to unstable employment, labour shortages, production delays and higher costs, potentially affecting PUMA's sales due to late deliveries and quality issues	- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining - Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to plan the workforce that is needed
Reputational risks related to excessive working hours	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Inaccurate sales forecasts and local minimum wage can lead to excessive working hours. Low productivity, inefficient suppliers, and reports of excessive working hours increase costs, cause delays, damage PUMA's brand image and erode its competitive advantage	- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining - Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to set a better production plan

<b>Risks and opportunities</b>	<b>Value chain location and time horizon</b>	<b>Origins, dependencies and relation to business</b>	<b>Mitigation actions and measures</b>
Reputational risks due to inadequate wage	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Low legal minimum wages result in inadequate pay, potentially harming PUMA's brand image through negative publicity, loss of consumer trust, and decreased sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Set up workers-management committee at factory level</li> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> </ul>
Reputational and regulatory risks due to freedom of association breach	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	In countries that have not ratified the ILO Convention on freedom of association or which do not comply with international standards, workers face union restrictions, while breaches at PUMA suppliers can harm its brand image, decrease trust and sales, and deter investors. PUMA could also face financial legal penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Set up workers-management committee at factory level</li> <li>- Promote workers' rights, including freedom of association and collective bargaining</li> </ul>
Reputational and regulatory risks due to health and safety issues	Upstream Downstream Medium term	Non-compliance with health and safety regulations can lead to fines, legal actions, and harm PUMA's reputation. PUMA could also face financial legal penalties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up climate adaptation plan including reskilling and upskilling for new technologies or green jobs</li> </ul>
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>			
Reputational risks arise from inadequate training and development programs for adopting new climate adaptation technologies	Upstream Downstream Medium term	Climate adaptation plan implementation depends on the level of education. Without upskilling for new green jobs, suppliers lacking climate adaptation skills could face extreme weather vulnerabilities, causing supply chain disruptions, higher costs, inefficiencies, and harming PUMA's sustainability targets and reputation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set up climate adaptation plan including reskilling and upskilling for new technologies or green jobs</li> </ul>
<b>Other work-related rights</b>			
Regulatory and reputation risks related to child labour	Upstream Medium term	One of the root causes of child labour is poverty. Despite strict policies and audits by PUMA, without supply chain traceability, child labour could persist in deeper supply chain tiers, leading to potential legal penalties and reputational damage that can decrease customers and investors' trust, sales and revenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish and implement clear policies and standards</li> <li>- Zero tolerance approach</li> <li>- Set up workers grievance channels</li> <li>- Engage in industry initiatives to mitigate the risk of child labour upstream in the supply chain</li> </ul>
Regulatory and reputation risks related to forced labour	Upstream Medium term	Lack of supplier traceability, low local wages, and poverty can lead to forced labour, resulting in fines, reputational damage, loss of customer trust, and reduced investment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Zero tolerance approach in sourcing</li> <li>- Supply chain traceability</li> <li>- Implementation of Code of Conduct and Social Standards setting measures</li> </ul>

Risks and opportunities	Value chain location and time horizon	Origins, dependencies and relation to business	Mitigation actions and measures
<b>Opportunities</b>			
<b>Equal treatment and opportunities for all</b>			
Competitiveness in the market due to job security	Upstream Downstream Short, medium, long term	Lower employee turnover reduces costs, fosters innovation, minimises supply chain disruptions and enhances PUMA's competitiveness. Success hinges on the local government's strategy for maintaining stable employment	- Set up workers grievance channels - Provide enough information about the planned business for suppliers to have a better production plan
Diverse teams unlocking innovation and new revenue streams	Upstream Downstream Long term	Companies with above-average diversity generate more revenue from innovation due to diverse teams bringing unique perspectives and ideas and enhances PUMA's competitiveness. Local cultural barriers might hinder efforts to achieve diversity	- Set up workers grievance channels - Target setting, regularly review and analyse pay data to identify and address any gender pay gaps - Establish and implement clear policies and standards that ensure equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender
Driving innovation via training and skills development	Upstream Downstream Medium term	Skilled workers are essential for driving innovation and climate adaptation, which in turn creates new markets and ensures supply chain stability. However, this relies on local education systems to provide the necessary upskilling for green jobs	- Set up climate adaptation plan, including reskilling and upskilling for new technologies or green jobs

Safeguarding Human Rights is integral to our operations, with zero tolerance for violations as outlined in our Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct, and Human Rights Policy.

As a responsible business partner, we recognise that our business practices and trading terms can impact our suppliers' factories. To ensure the interests, views, and rights of workers in our value chain are protected, factories producing for PUMA are regularly monitored for compliance with the PUMA Code of Conduct. Workers can raise their concerns through the various channels PUMA provides. We consider workers vulnerable if they face poor working conditions and job insecurity, including self-employed, unpaid family workers, informal, low-skilled, migrant workers, and women and minorities facing discrimination and limited opportunities.

In 2024, PUMA engaged in extensive stakeholder consultations to shape its 2030 sustainability targets. Additionally, a double materiality assessment was conducted to prioritise key sustainability issues for our long-term strategy and identify material topics for target setting. Stakeholder consultation details are explained in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

PUMA's 2030 sustainability strategy aligns with our business model by prioritising people and sustainability. By embedding these principles into our operations, we aim to meet the growing demand for responsible and ethical products. We are committed to integrating worker rights into our business strategy, mitigating negative impacts, and adapting our business model to address key issues.

PUMA adopted the ELEVATE intelligence (EiQ) tool to assess supply chain risks and manage material risks for suppliers, factories and sites. The scope of the current risk assessment is only PUMA. We plan to include stichd in 2025 for our risk assessment and develop appropriate countermeasures. We also

evaluated the social risks of key materials like cotton, polyester, leather, and rubber at the commodity level. We found risks of child and forced labor in cotton, leather, and rubber.

### **Policies related to value chain workers (S2-1)**

The Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of Human Rights Policy. Various departments manage implementation of the policy and report progress regularly to the Management Board and leadership team.

PUMA's policies address material topics identified in its double materiality assessment, focusing on financial, societal, and environmental impacts. Our Human Rights Policy commits to respecting Human Rights and protecting the environment across our operations, suppliers, and business partners. This includes upholding the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and ensuring rights such as adequate living standards, freedom of association, access to clean water, and a safe working environment free from discrimination, forced labour, or child labour. We have zero tolerance for Human Rights violations, as outlined in our Codes of Conduct and Ethics.

The policy applies to our entire value chain, including sourcing, production, procurement, logistics, sales, and other business activities. It also covers ethical advertising and consumer rights in all business locations.

Our policy aligns with international standards such as the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the International Bill of Human Rights, which consists of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the two Covenants that implement it, the ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Rights and Principles at Work, the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, and OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector.

We conduct due diligence to identify and mitigate Human Rights risks, including regular audits and assessments. Training is provided to employees and suppliers on Human Rights principles, and we have grievance mechanisms for confidential reporting of human rights violations, ensuring prompt and effective resolution.

PUMA engages with value chain workers and stakeholders to gather feedback and incorporate their interests into the policy. This includes exploring impact measurements, strengthening industry collaborations, and developing communication strategies to make our Human Rights efforts meaningful to consumers. The policy is available to all stakeholders through our website and other communication channels, ensuring transparency and accessibility.

Our Code of Conduct includes provisions addressing worker safety, precarious work, human trafficking, and the use of forced labour or child labour, in line with applicable ILO standards. Key commitments specifically relevant to value chain workers include:

- Fair wages and reasonable working hours, in compliance with local laws and international standards
- Safe and healthy working environments, free from hazards and risks
- Support for the right of workers to form and join trade unions and engage in collective bargaining
- Strict prohibition of forced labour, human trafficking, and child labour
- Equal opportunities and prohibition of discrimination based on race, gender, age, religion, or any other status
- Access to effective grievance mechanisms to report and resolve Human Rights violations.

All suppliers must display our Code of Conduct, which includes contact details for our Sustainability team as a whistleblower hotline. Grievances received and resolved are reported. In 2024, we updated our Code of Conduct to clarify definitions of child labour, slavery, supply chain traceability, use of security forces, chemical and waste management, and land rights. The update also emphasises our commitment to remediation and provides guidance on using the PUMA hotline for grievances.

We disclose cases of non-adherence to the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, or OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises involving value chain workers. Issues identified during our auditing and hotline activities are classified as zero tolerance, critical, or other issues in our Sustainability Handbooks. Zero tolerance issues result in immediate audit failure. New factories with these issues cannot produce PUMA goods, and established suppliers must address them immediately. If a factory fails to cooperate, the business relationship may be terminated. Other issues related to PUMA Code of Ethic are monitored by our Compliance team.

### **Engagement with value chain workers about impacts (S2-2)**

PUMA integrates the perspectives of value chain workers into its decision-making processes to manage actual and potential impacts effectively. This is achieved through several key practices:

- Feedback from value chain workers is collected through annual surveys, grievance mechanism interviews, and dialogue sessions. This feedback is crucial for assessing the effectiveness of PUMA's sustainability initiatives and targets and making necessary adjustments
- PUMA's due diligence processes include evaluating the working conditions and rights of value chain workers every 6 – 24 months, based on the level of risk. Insights gained from these evaluations are used to mitigate risks and enhance worker welfare.

PUMA collaborates with industry peers and expert organisations to benchmark best practices and incorporate value chain workers' perspectives into broader industry standards. By systematically incorporating the views of value chain workers, PUMA ensures that its decisions and activities are aligned with the needs and expectations of those directly affected by its operations.

Stakeholder dialogue was conducted to review PUMA's Vision 2030 strategy and targets. Representatives from the trade union IndustriAll, the multi-stakeholder organisation Fair Labor Association (FLA), the Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Better Cotton, which works with cotton farmers, and various Human Rights experts representing affected stakeholders provided their perspectives.

In 2023, PUMA developed a CSOs engagement policy, which was approved by the FLA. This policy formalises PUMA's commitment to engage with CSOs for information sharing and consultation purposes. This can lead to collaboration on specific challenges or remediation. Criteria for engagement are based on high-risk and high-production volume countries, severity and likelihood of violations or risks, knowledge gaps regarding new or upcoming risks, persistent issues identified through factory monitoring or risk assessment, and concerns raised through PUMA grievance mechanisms and third-party reports. This policy ensures that PUMA remains transparent and responsive to the concerns of CSOs and other stakeholders and will be implemented in the coming years.

Since February of 2024, PUMA engaged in a project called Access to Remedy for (Refugee) Workers under The Partnership for Sustainable Textiles (PST). The main goal is to improve working conditions for refugees in the Turkish textile industry. This is to be achieved by strengthening access to the grievance mechanism and remedies for (refugee) workers in the Turkish textile supply chain of PST member companies and enabling them to be aware of their workplace-related rights and know how to assert those rights.

### **Remediation of negative impacts and channels for value chain workers to raise concerns (S2-3)**

PUMA is working towards providing access to functioning grievance channels throughout its supply chain. Where we do not have direct operations, we seek partners who can run such complaints mechanisms, in accordance with the UN Guiding Principles. At the cotton farm level, the Better Cotton Grievance procedure provides a system for anyone engaged with its activities, people, or programmes to raise a complaint relating to any aspect of Better Cotton and its activities, including third parties.

PUMA and its suppliers offer different grievance channels to any worker as well as third parties, including CSOs, to raise their concerns regarding Human Rights, environmental protection, and violations of PUMA's

policies. Such concerns can be raised through workers' voice platforms, the PUMA hotline, and FLA third-party complaints. We operate multiple worker voice channels to reach more than half a million workers at our Tier 1 and core Tier 2 factories. Third-party engagement platforms cover 97 factories, representing over 79.7%% of our production volume. In 2024, PUMA's subsidiary stichd, which produces bodywear and socks, piloted MicroBenefits CIQ in Vietnam and plans to expand it to more factories in 2025.

PUMA has published its [Rules for the Complaints Procedure](#), explaining how PUMA's employees and the employees of PUMA's business partners, as well as external stakeholders, can submit complaints related to Human Rights, environmental risks and violations, or breaches of PUMA's policies. It explains the complaint submission process, confidentiality, non-retaliation, remedial actions, and how we assess the procedure's effectiveness.

PUMA aims for a safe environment free from harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and retaliation for those who submit complaints. PUMA works with business partners to protect the complainants' identity and ensure they do not face violence, threats, or harassment. In 2023, we reviewed our grievance system, surveying 14,823 workers across 45 factories in eight countries. The PUMA hotline was deemed legitimate by 94 % of workers, accessible by 80 %, and available in their language by 92 %.

Out of 12 allegation cases related to freedom of association breaches received in 2024. 11 were resolved through active engagement with factories, unions, and stakeholders. In Cambodia, union representatives were reinstated, and the factory joined the Better Factory Cambodia Industrial Relations programme. Another case involved union concerns about factory management monitoring their activities, which was resolved by providing a private space for union meetings. One case in Türkiye regarding a union's request for a Collective Bargaining Agreement is still under the FLA Third Party Complaint process.

As we observed several allegations related to freedom of association breach in Cambodia, in 2024, we partnered with Better Factories Cambodia to host training for 204 participants from 32 factories, covering topics like Freedom of Association and labour dispute resolution. All factories submitted CAPs, which we will verify in 2025. CENTRAL, a local NGO, released a report on Freedom of Association in Cambodia, leading to government-aligned unions calling for an investigation into CENTRAL. PUMA and other brands urged the Cambodian government to cancel the audit and respect civil society.

#### **Actions on material impacts on value chain workers, and managing material risks and opportunities related to value chain workers (S2-4, MDR-A)**

PUMA has several internal functions dedicated to managing impacts, ensuring negative impacts are mitigated and positive impacts are advanced. Key functions and their actions include:

- Sustainability department develops and implements PUMA's sustainability strategy, conducts sustainability audits, and collaborates with external stakeholders to improve sustainability practices
- Human Rights Officer and Compliance team monitor PUMA's risk management system, conducts risk analysis relating to Human Rights, and ensures compliance with Human Rights due diligence regulations
- Risk management function conducts formal interviews with selected risk owners on a semi-annual basis to identify, evaluate, and report risks
- Internal audit provides independent assurance on the effectiveness of PUMA's risk management and internal controls, conducts audits of various departments, reviews compliance with policies, and recommends improvements.

Mitigation measures include factory monitoring, grievance mechanisms, supplier scorecards, business integration, goal setting, and reporting. The effectiveness of these measures is evaluated based on compliance and progress. PUMA's social monitoring programme, accredited by the FLA, ensures fair labour standards and the remediation of violations. Frequent audit findings are publicly reported, and social KPIs on working hours, wages, and injury rates are published.



PUMA will take all appropriate measures to prevent, end, or minimise such violations or potential risks immediately, in accordance with the severity and the principle of proportionality. Appropriate measures include risk analysis, audits and/or on-site inspections, preventive measures such as training, and/or implementation of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP). PUMA expects full collaboration from its business partners throughout the remediation process. In the case of unresolved violations due to a lack of collaboration, PUMA reserves the right to terminate the business relationship with the business partner involved.

PUMA has established a comprehensive process to identify actual or potential negative impacts on value chain workers:

- PUMA conducts regular audits and assessments of its suppliers to identify risks related to labour practices, working conditions, and Human Rights
- When issues are identified, PUMA performs a root cause analysis to understand the underlying factors contributing to the problem
- PUMA engages with stakeholders, including workers, suppliers, and NGOs, to gather insights and feedback on potential impacts and appropriate actions
- Based on the findings, PUMA collaborates with suppliers to develop and implement action plans aimed at mitigating the identified risks and improving conditions.

PUMA ensures effective remedy processes for material negative impacts on value chain workers through the following approach:

- PUMA provides accessible grievance mechanisms for workers to report issues. These mechanisms are designed to be confidential and protect workers from retaliation
- PUMA continuously monitors the implementation of corrective actions through regular audits and follow-up assessments to ensure that issues are resolved effectively
- PUMA engages with various stakeholders, including workers, NGOs, and local communities, to gather feedback and ensure that the remedies are effective and meet the needs of those affected
- PUMA provides training for suppliers and workers to build capacity and ensure they understand their rights and the available grievance mechanisms.

PUMA is actively pursuing several initiatives to enhance opportunities for value chain workers:

- Fair wage initiatives: PUMA is working towards fair wages across its core factories by collaborating with suppliers to meet or exceed local wage standards
- Training and development: PUMA provides training programmes to improve workers' skills and productivity, which can lead to better job security and career advancement
- Health and safety improvements: PUMA is working to implement better health and safety standards in factories to create safer working environments
- Responsible sourcing practices: PUMA is focusing on responsible sourcing practices that not only protect the environment but also improve working conditions and job stability for workers
- Stakeholder engagement: PUMA engages with various stakeholders, including workers, suppliers, and NGOs, to gather feedback and continuously improve their practices.

The expected outcomes of PUMA's actions on Human Rights include improved working conditions, fair wages, and enhanced safety for workers throughout their supply chain. PUMA aims to resolve worker complaints effectively, increase transparency, and ensure compliance with international Human Rights standards. These efforts contribute to a more ethical and sustainable business model, fostering trust and collaboration with stakeholders.

### **Social monitoring program**

At PUMA, we manage our material impacts on supply chain workers from all Tier 1 and core Tier 2 suppliers through regular audits. We track the effectiveness of our actions to improve working conditions using tools

such as audits, training, surveys, and metrics. Our actions support the Sustainable Development Goals. PUMA actively involves value chain workers and their legitimate representatives in the design and implementation of its programmes and processes through several key approaches.

Since 1999, all direct PUMA Tier 1 factories have been frequently audited for compliance with ILO Core Conventions and environmental standards. Each year, 500–600 audits or assessment reports are collected. The audit programme also includes key Tier 2 suppliers and priority warehouses. PUMA's social compliance programme, accredited by the FLA, plays a crucial role in addressing Human Rights issues in several ways: the programme ensures that all factories producing PUMA goods adhere to the most stringent standards of fair labour practices. This includes compliance with local labour laws, fair wages, reasonable working hours, and safe working conditions.

In 2022, over 200 non-core Tier 2 suppliers were mapped, with only 13 having social audits. These reports were converted into PUMA's grading system. In 2024, we used a risk-based approach to set up a roll out audit plan to 82 non-core Tier 2 factories. We used EiQ to map social risks evaluating risks based on geography, product, and audit results. We will expand our social monitoring programme to these factories, starting audits in 2025 for 12 extremely risky factories, in 2026 for 48 high-risk, and in 2027 for 22 medium-risk. The main risks include freedom of association, forced labour, working hours, and occupational safety.

We have a team of compliance experts in all our major sourcing regions who regularly visit our core manufacturing partners. We work with external compliance auditors and with the ILO's Better Work Programme. Each PUMA supplier factory must undergo a regular compliance audit every six to 24 months based on their audit rating. All issues identified need to be remedied as part of a CAP.

We believe in using industry collaborations to introduce sustainable processes and find impactful solutions. PUMA has been a long-term member of various industry groups addressing environmental and social issues collectively. PUMA collaborates with organisations like Better Work, the FLA, and the Fair Wage Network (FWN). These partnerships help PUMA understand and address the needs and concerns of value chain workers.

To avoid duplication and audit fatigue, we increased shared assessments to 70.9% in 2024 (up from 67% in 2023). We plan to use assessments based on the Social & Labor Convergence Program (SLCP), a universal social assessment tool aimed at reducing the burden of redundant and resource-intensive social audits, for 370 factories in 2025. SLCP is ideal for building long-term supplier relationships and supporting them in managing their social and labour data. PUMA uses Better Work assessment reports and FLA-accredited brands' reports in lieu of our compliance programme. We aim to use external reports for up to 80% of our factories by the end of 2025.

Our Sustainability Handbook for Social Standards details our supplier compliance programme, including grievance mechanisms and case studies. In 2023, 1,035 participants from 557 factories completed e-learning training based on our social handbook, and in 2024, 601 participants from 587 factories passed the refresher course, covering 78.2% of PUMA's active factories.

In 2023, we developed supplier scorecards to better visualise our strategic performance towards 2025 targets, and in 2024, we included our 2030 targets. The scorecards cover Social KPIs such as audit ratings, worker training, injury rates, and fair wage performance. In 2024, PUMA held individual meetings with 38 suppliers to review the performance of 57 core Tier 1 factories using a scorecard.

In 2023 and 2024, suppliers were reminded that using undeclared subcontractors is a Zero Tolerance issue. They were asked to self-declare their Tier 1 subcontractors. In 2024, audits were conducted for Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers and warehouses, safeguarding the rights of over 671,000 workers.

PUMA used EiQ Sentinel tool to monitor near-real-time alerts on labour, health, safety, environment, ethics, and management systems in our supply chain. In 2024, four potential new factories had alert cases; three

were onboarded after resolving issues, while one was not due to unresolved fire safety concerns. For existing factories, four alert cases were found, including a factory closure in Indonesia, a workers' protest in Argentina, and two payment issues in Bangladesh, all resolved with PUMA's intervention.

In April 2024, we uploaded 698 audit results to the EiQ platform, identifying 14 high-risk factories due to issues like working hours management and missing safety or environmental permits. We followed up, with 71.4 % obtaining safety certificates and improving practices. One factory is under review, and three were deactivated due to non-compliance.

We also evaluated the social risks of key materials like cotton, polyester, leather, and rubber using the EiQ platform. The assessment covered risks such as child labour, forced labour, chemical exposure, unfair treatment, wages, and working hours. Results showed cotton has the highest social risks, followed by natural rubber and leather, with polyester having the lowest.

We do not make estimations or assumptions regarding audit-related KPIs, including any limitations. The audit findings are identified by an external third-party auditor other than the assurance provider. Each audit finding is labelled and defined with clear and precise names and descriptions.

PUMA's commitment to transparency includes public reporting on its sustainability efforts and Human Rights initiatives. This transparency allows value chain workers and their representatives to hold PUMA accountable and provide feedback on its programmes. Frequent audit findings at 258 active factories (tier 1 and Tier 2 excluding new factories) are publicly reported in the table below.

Excessive overtime is a common audit finding, despite PUMA's Code of Conduct limiting workweeks to 48 hours with one day off every seven days. Total weekly hours, including overtime, should not exceed 60 hours or local labour laws.

PUMA provided working hours management training for all Tier 1 factories and held root cause analysis workshops with core suppliers in 2022 and 2023. Factory management improved policies and monitoring systems, and action plans were developed to address overtime causes. PUMA also tracks the weekly average overtime of core Tier 1 suppliers annually.

## ➤ T.71 NUMBER OF MOST FREQUENT AUDIT FINDINGS<sup>1</sup>

Findings	2024	2023
Working hours management	72	77
Social security benefit	60	62
Legal obligation	41	46
Systematic excessive overtime	31	40
Fire safety equipment	25	18
Insufficient overtime wage	14	9
Chemical safety management	11	5
Dismissing and downsizing	10	9
OHS risk management	8	9
No pay slip	7	3

<sup>1</sup> Only active factories audited in both 2023 and 2024 are included for a year-to-year comparison

## **Working conditions**

### **Job security**

Workers may face job insecurity due to weak labour protections and informal employment. PUMA's Purchasing Practice Policy, developed in 2019, aims to minimise negative impacts on workers, promote fair labour practices, and secure jobs by avoiding drastic order reductions or irresponsible business relationship terminations.

In 2023, we added a clause to PUMA's Purchasing Practice Policy requiring a minimum six-month notice for ending partnerships or downscaling orders, published in January 2024. In 2024, 333 staff members participated in refresher training on responsible sourcing practices, emphasising the link between purchasing practices, working conditions, and Human Rights.

We track permanent employee percentages and turnover rates of core Tier 1 factories to develop improvement plans.

### **Freedom of association and social dialogue**

PUMA is committed to effective social dialogue and industrial relations. We encourage suppliers to join the ILO Better Work Programme, which supports factories setting up participating committee to facilitate communication and building trust between workers and management. PUMA ask suppliers to join Better Work program in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Pakistan, Egypt and Vietnam. We have partnered with Timeline Consultancy to train our Sustainability Team in promoting Worker Representative Committees in factories not enrolled in the Better Work Programme.

Since 2022, all 19 core Tier 1 factories in China have established Worker Representative Committees, with 52.8 % of representatives being female. Surveys showed increased trust, awareness, and productivity. The programme expanded in 2023 to include factories in Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Pakistan. By the end of 2024, 91.4 % of our core Tier 1 factories had freely elected worker representation, up from 66 % in 2023.

To ensure workers' voices are heard, we signed the Indonesia Freedom of Association (FoA) Protocol, aiming to eliminate union busting, foster healthy industrial relationships, and set fair rules for FoA. By the end of 2024, 10 Tier 1 factories had agreed to apply the protocol with 21 unions, resolving FoA cases internally without escalation.

The Americas Group is a multi-stakeholder forum promoting socially responsible apparel and footwear industries in the Americas. The Mexico Committee focuses on FoA and collective bargaining, hosting webinars and developing guidance for compliance with labour laws. Representatives from one Tier 1 and one Tier 2 PUMA factory attended both webinars. In June 2024, the Mexico Committee approved the Employer Guidance on FoA and Collective Bargaining. The next step is to follow up on its implementation at Mexico factories producing for PUMA in 2025.

### **Fair wages**

To ensure fair wages, PUMA has a zero tolerance policy for failing to pay at least the minimum wage. Suppliers must fully comply with local wage regulations to become or remain active PUMA partners. Since 2018, we have collaborated with the FWN to assess and improve wage practices at our factories.

The FWN assessment evaluates wage practices, identifying strengths and areas for improvement. FWN collaborates with factories to set up remediation plans to address issues like wage structures and communication strategies to enhance working conditions. Positive outcomes include strong factory performance in on-time wage payment, compliance with wage laws, and non-discriminatory practices. However, some factories need to adjust wages for inflation and involve worker representatives in wage discussions. Overall, worker satisfaction with wages and conditions has been high, with over 80 % of surveyed workers being satisfied.

In 2024, we conducted Fair Wage Assessments with 10 factories in Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, and China. Eight factories started Fair Wage Remediation due to gaps in meeting the living wage benchmark.

Since 2018, we have collected annual wage data from our core Tier 1 factories. In 2024, we used the FLA's Fair Compensation Dashboard to analyse 2023 wage data for 57 strategic Tier 1 factories, covering 136,097 workers: 32 factories paid a living wage on average to 70,602 workers in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Pakistan, Türkiye, and Vietnam, covering 45.9% of PUMA's global production volume. These 70,602 workers represent 11.6% of our total supply chain workforce.

### **Health and Safety**

PUMA conducts regular occupational health and safety (OHS) assessments and building safety inspections in high-risk countries.

PUMA signed the ACCORD agreement for Bangladesh and Pakistan, a legally binding agreement designed to improve safety in the garment industry in these countries. It respects human rights by ensuring safe working conditions for garment workers, thereby protecting their right to a safe and healthy work environment. It also empowers workers by involving them in safety initiatives and providing mechanisms to report safety concerns without fear of retaliation. Through the mechanism, we received a few cases of delayed payments and managerial abuse, all of which have been addressed.

In 2021, we updated our OHS Handbook and provided training to core Tier 1 and Tier 2 suppliers on OHS risk assessments. In 2024, accident reporting violations in trained factories decreased from four in 2023 to two in 2024. We will continue to emphasise accident reporting in 2025 training sessions. In 2024, we developed Fire Safety training for 72 factories and machinery safety training for 38 footwear factories. We will follow up on improvements during on-site visits in 2025.

In 2024, we used the EiQ risk assessment tool to assess building safety risks in sourcing countries. Four factories in India and one in Indonesia underwent Fire Safety Assessments, identifying several issues, with 45.8% resolved by August. The remaining issues are expected to be addressed by mid-2025. In Türkiye, we reviewed 26 factories for earthquake compliance, with 10 submitting valid permits and 15 requiring inspections. Five factories completed inspections, with two needing building reinforcements. New factories must provide valid occupancy permits or inspection reports.

### **Equal treatment and opportunities for all**

#### **Gender equity and measures against violence and harassment at the workplace**

Training women about their rights and empowering them is crucial for gender equality. At PUMA partner factories, 59.7% of workers are women, 48.5% of managerial positions at core Tier 1 suppliers are held by women, and 7.9% of core Tier 1 suppliers are owned by women.

Since 2021, 290,226 participants have completed Sexual Harassment Prevention training.

In 2023, we partnered with the China National Textile and Apparel Council to launch the Family-Friendly Factories project at three core factories in China, benefiting 5,747 workers in 2024. The project developed and implemented policies on maternity protection, caregiving support, and flexible work arrangements. By 2024, the factories achieved significant milestones, including forming Family-Friendly Committees and establishing Mother and Baby Care Rooms. These efforts reduced employee turnover by 18.9% on average. We expanded the programme to three more factories in September 2024 and will continue to monitor progress.

The Ready-Made Garment sector has driven Bangladesh's economic growth, with women making up 60% of the workforce but only 5% of line supervisors. The Gender Equality and Returns programme, a collaboration between the IFC and ILO, aims to improve this by promoting women's career progression in the garment industry through comprehensive training in soft and technical skills. In June 2024, PUMA launched the

Gender Equality and Returns programme in a Bangladesh factory, selecting 10 female workers for training. The factory completed all sessions in 2024, and PUMA plans to expand the programme to three more factories in 2025.

## Other work-related rights

### Forced labour

Since signing the Fair Labor Association/American Apparel and Footwear Association Commitment to Responsible Recruitment in 2018, PUMA has actively collaborated with suppliers, industry peers, and the UN's International Organisation for Migration (IOM) to protect the rights of foreign and migrant workers in our supply chain. We annually assess if our factories employ foreign migrant workers whether they have paid recruitment fees, since it can lead to debt bondage or risk of forced labour. We then work with our sourcing leaders, supplier top management, and sometimes other brands to agree on a repayment timeline for migrant workers. Repayments are sometimes made in instalments to avoid misunderstandings among workers, as not all are eligible for this payment.

From 2020 to 2024, 284 workers across 14 factories were reimbursed approximately USD 178,000. In 2024, we identified and addressed recruitment fee issues in Taiwan, Japan, and Mauritius, and conducted training on responsible recruitment. We also signed a three-year partnership with IOM to eliminate recruitment fees and sustain progress.

## ➤ T.72 FINANCIAL RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO VALUE CHAIN WORKERS RELATED ACTIONS (IN MILLION €) (S2-4)<sup>1</sup>

Action areas	2024	Until 2030
Social monitoring program	0,72	3,92
Grievance mechanism	0,04	0,15
Health and safety	0,14	0,72
Fair wage	0,07	0,25
Risk assessment	0,04	0,21
Supplier training	0,14	0,22
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,16</b>	<b>5,48</b>

<sup>1</sup> All resources listed here are included in the Other Operating Income and Expenses chapter of PUMA's consolidated financial statement.

All financial resources are operational expenses (OpEx) incurred annually in our supply chain for memberships, factories programs, and consulting fees. As part of our commitment to respecting human rights, we ensure that social projects are fully or partly funded from our own budget. We do not currently use external sustainable finance instruments, such as social bonds. Our action plan depends on local policies, when countries have gaps in labor laws, we apply international standards defined under ILO core conventions.

## METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, S2-5)

PUMA's sustainability targets apply upstream in the value chain and align closely with its Human Rights Policy objectives. Both aim to ensure ethical practices throughout the company's operations and supply chain.

As part of our Vision 2030, we have set specific targets for upstream value chain workers. These targets align with and support our business strategy and policy objectives. During the target-setting process, we considered our impact areas, international trends in human resources, PUMA's data trends over the years, and benchmarks from peers. These targets were established after consultations with internal stakeholders,

presentation at the Stakeholder Dialogue meeting, and approval from both the Management Board and Supervisory Board, including employee representatives.

PUMA organises regular meetings with expert stakeholders, including NGOs, labour unions, and industry experts. These meetings help identify lessons learned, refine sustainability targets, making them more measurable and ensuring that no key themes are missing. Stakeholder dialogues were held to review PUMA's 2030 strategy and targets, with trade union representatives (IndustriAll), a multi-stakeholder organisation (FLA), an NGO working with cotton farmers (Better Cotton), and human rights experts providing their perspectives. PUMA's commitment to transparency includes publishing detailed reports on its sustainability targets and progress. These reports are shared with stakeholders, who can then provide feedback and hold PUMA accountable.

All defined specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) targets were developed by PUMA and are global and are set for five years. Progress towards targets is as initially planned.

### **Vision 2030 Targets (Baseline year 2025)**

- 400,000 workers trained on Human Rights (forced labour, freedom of association, OHS) (*upstream, global*)
- Progressive salary increase towards living wage at core factories (*upstream, global*)
- No recruitment fees for foreign migrant workers (*upstream, global*)
- Zero gender pay gap at core factories (*upstream, global*)
- 100 % core Tier 1 CEOs sign the UN Women Empowerment Principles (*entity specific, upstream, global*)

Through these targets, we aim to improve working conditions in supplier factories, ensure fair compensation by setting a living wage target, protect foreign migrant workers from recruitment fees to mitigate forced labour risks, and enhance gender equity in our strategic Tier 1 factories. Progress towards the targets is measured annually, with data collected through social audits and the social reporting campaign, with contributions from upstream value chain factories. Additionally, we consider relevant and internationally recognised benchmarks, such as the Global Living Wage Coalition, for the living wage target. All set targets contribute to our progress in SDGs.

### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020)**

- Train 100,000 direct and indirect staff members on women's empowerment (baseline value: 0) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, the accumulated number of participants in sexual harassment prevention training came to 290,226
- Zero fatal accidents in suppliers (baseline value: Zero fatal accidents since 2018) (*upstream, global, including stichd*)
  - In 2024, we unfortunately had one fatality at one of our factories in China. An employee suffered a heart stroke in the workshop during working hours. By law, this is considered a work-related fatality
- Reduce accident rate to 0.5 in suppliers (baseline value: injury rate reduced from 0.5 to 0.4) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, the average injury rate in our core Tier 1 factories 0.2 %
- Ensure effective and freely elected worker representation at all core Tier 1 suppliers (baseline value: 33 % core Tier 1 factories have elected workers' representative) (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, 91.4 % of our core Tier 1 factories have freely elected worker representation, from 66.1 % in 2023
- No zero tolerance issue remains open (*upstream, global*)
  - No zero tolerance issue open.

Social data on sexual harassment prevention training is primary data from 152 core and non-core PUMA Tier 1 factories, accumulated from January 2021 to December 2024 with no extrapolation. Fatalities and injury rate are primary data for 57 PUMA core Tier 1 factories, covering 12 months, January to December 2024 with no extrapolation. Effective and freely elected worker representation is primary data from 57 PUMA core Tier

1 factories, accumulated from January 2022 to December 2024 with no extrapolation. Zero tolerance issue is primary data from 446 of core and non-core PUMA Tier 1, 89 core and non-core T2 factories, 3 warehouses and 14 non-commercial goods factories, covering 12 months, January to December 2024 with no extrapolation. These metrics are not validated by third parties other than the assurance provider.

Zero tolerance issues are severe breaches of PUMA's Code of Conduct that result in the immediate failure of an audit. Established suppliers must remedy all zero tolerance issues immediately by conducting a root cause analysis and implementing preventive measures to prevent recurrence. As a last resort, a business relationship can be terminated if the factory fails to cooperate. New suppliers identified with these issues cannot produce any PUMA goods. These issues include child labour, forced labour and all modern forms of slavery, non-compliance with basic government licensing regulations, payment below the legal minimum wage, falsified records, unauthorised subcontracting, imminent danger to life, and the illegal discharge of wastewater and hazardous waste.

At PUMA, we link performance criteria in the remuneration of all leaders globally with clear and defined sustainability targets. The resolution of zero tolerance issues prevailing at year-end is a bonus target for all sourcing leaders.

In 2024, we identified 25 zero tolerance issues and remedied 13 related to workers' compensation, transparency, unauthorised subcontracting, and illegal wastewater discharge. 12 factories were not onboarded or deactivated. The increase in issues is due to more Tier 1 subcontractors being audited, often unaware of the need to declare their subcontractors. We will continue to remind Tier 1 factories during 2025 training sessions.



## ESRS S4 CONSUMERS AND END-USERS

### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT

#### **Material consumers-related impacts, risks and opportunities in relation to strategy and business model (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

As a consumer brand, PUMA is dedicated to maintaining business practices that protect the health, safety, and privacy of consumers and end-users. We reach our consumers via wholesalers, online platforms selling PUMA products and our own stores. Consumers and end-users of PUMA products include athletes and individuals purchasing and using PUMA products globally. We consider our consumers within the scope of our IROs' analysis. Interests and views of stakeholders are explained in the [General information \(SBM-2\)](#) section.

#### **7 T.73 MATERIAL CUSTOMERS AND END CONSUMERS-RELATED IMPACTS AND THE RELATION TO BUSINESS MODEL (IRO-1, SBM-3)**

Impacts	Value chain location and time horizon	Connection to impact	Impact on people or environment	Effects on business model and strategy and examples of actions
<b>Material positive impacts</b>				
<b>Personal safety of consumers</b>				
Promotion of physical activity and sports	Downstream Short, medium, long term	Contributed and widespread impact PUMA's business inherently supports a healthy lifestyle by encouraging physical activity through the use of its products	Consumers by motivating them to be active and reducing health-related problems due to physical inactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business fundamentally connected to sports, emphasising the value of its products and their positive influence on more active, healthier lifestyles</li> <li>- Brand strategy promoting partnerships and collaborations with inspiring athletes and sport clubs</li> </ul>
<b>Material negative impacts</b>				
<b>Information-related impacts for consumers</b>				
Potential data breaches leading to reputational and regulatory damages	Downstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked and isolated incidents Potential impact especially due to online sales and business partners selling products via DTC channels, collection and storage of consumer sensitive data by PUMA and third-party vendors	On consumers who are shopping for PUMA products, online	Operational costs related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Developing and implementing global consumer Data Privacy policies and procedures to process data safely</li> <li>- Privacy protection measures to enhance consumers' confidence in making purchases</li> </ul>
<b>Personal safety of consumers</b>				
Potential neglected product safety features	Downstream Short, medium, long term	Directly linked and potential isolated incidents on health and safety	On consumers potential effects related to inappropriate product design, material choice or chemical use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PUMA's business responsibility as importer of the goods</li> <li>- Ensuring compliance with product safety regulations</li> <li>- Product recall policies</li> </ul>

We do not consider that any consumers, including those working in particular contexts or undertaking particular activities may be at any risk of harm. We protect vulnerable market segments such as children

and impaired audiences. Therefore, PUMA works with respect for the advertising of our children's and impaired target groups.

PUMA sells goods to consumers via wholesalers but also via direct-to-consumer channels (own physical stores and online). We recognise the potential impacts of our data processing activities on consumers and end-users' privacy and consent spheres. Breaches of privacy regulations could lead to a negative impact on any consumer, such as the leaking of private information. Such breaches could also lead to fines by market authorities.

#### **Policies related to consumers and end-users (S4-1)**

PUMA commits to respecting Human Rights across its global value chain, including consumers. We will also uphold Human Rights to ensure ethical advertisement and shopping experiences to avoid discriminatory behaviour, ensure consumers are safe when using PUMA products and respect consumers' data privacy rights in the locations where we conduct our business. We have established regular testing for product safety and grievance mechanisms that allow consumers and Human Rights defenders to report any potential issues without fear.

PUMA's Human Rights Policy aligns with several internationally recognised standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, and the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector. Any cases of non-compliance are documented and addressed through the SpeakUp platform which is publicly available on PUMA's website. No cases of involving violations of Human Rights involving consumers have been reported during the reporting year. In the case of a severe Human Rights violation, PUMA would search for an adequate and tailored remedy together with the affected parties the same way it handles Human Rights topics in the supply chain, which is explained in the [ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain](#) section. The Management Board is responsible for the approval and overall implementation of this policy. PUMA's Human Rights Officer oversees the policy.

PUMA promotes physical activity through diverse communication channels, adhering to an Ethical Marketing Policy that avoids exploitation, appropriation, and stereotyping. We work with multicultural models and ambassadors to reflect our diverse audience. Our campaigns ensure safety and positivity, especially for children and impaired groups, who participate voluntarily with guardian approval and PUMA's supervision. Advertising is directed at caregivers, not vulnerable segments. Adherence to this policy is monitored regularly by the marketing team through a content approval process. The most senior person responsible for the implementation of the policy is PUMA's VP Brand and Marketing.

To address potential neglected product safety features PUMA established a Product Safety Policy and RSL Implementation Manual for chemical management to layout the requirements, process, roles and responsibilities, and procedures in managing product mechanical and chemical safety. The documents are developed based on global product safety legislation and industrial best practice to ensure products do not pose a safety risk to consumers and end-users. The Management Board is responsible for the approval and implementation of these policies which are reviewed annually to benchmark and incorporate the latest requirements and best industrial practice.

In terms of potential data breaches, PUMA has established Data Privacy Policies that govern the collection, processing, storage, and sharing of personal data. These policies are designed to protect the rights of consumers and end-users and are regularly updated to reflect changes in legislation and best practices. PUMA's privacy policy outlines how the company collects, uses, stores, and protects personal data. The policy is published on PUMA's corporate website and the local e-com pages of our subsidiaries and it is monitored by local teams. The most senior person responsible for the implementation of the policy is PUMA's General Counsel.

These policies have been in place for several years and there have not been any changes during the reporting year. Consumers have not been directly involved in the design of these policies.

#### **Engagement with consumers and end-users about impacts (S4-2)**

PUMA actively tracks its consumers brand perception through various methods, including brand and sustainability perception surveys. These tools help PUMA understand how consumers view PUMA's overall brand image and its products. For instance, PUMA's brand tracker includes questions on product and marketing-related features, allowing the company to gauge consumer agreement. These insights are considered by different business units and sourcing teams.

In addition, PUMA is in constant contact with its main athletic ambassadors to receive direct feedback on the PUMA products under high performance conditions. No further engagements with consumers have taken place to influence the management of potential impacts.

#### **Remediation of negative impacts and channels for consumers and end-users to raise concerns (S4-3)**

To get valuable direct inputs from end-users regarding the brand, PUMA provides contact channels for all consumers on the PUMA website and contact information is also available on the product or product packaging. Consumers or end-users can reach out via email, telephone or social media channels to give us feedback about our products or raise complaints.

When a comment is received from consumers or end-users, the customer service team processes the request and directs it to the relevant parties. Any issues related to product safety are forwarded to the Product Compliance team for investigation and followed up by internal teams and suppliers as necessary. Upon receiving a complaint from consumers or end-users, the customer service team directs it to the appropriate parties. Complaints concerning product safety follow the Product Quality claim section under PIT – Sourcing Guidelines. The Product Compliance team is responsible for arranging a root cause analysis with the PUMA Product Line Manager, PUMA Product Development, PUMA Production team, and suppliers. This includes, but is not limited to, processes such as product design and material review, document review, and third-party testing. A corrective action plan is then submitted to ensure remediation is completed and to prevent the recurrence of similar issues. As of December 2024, no product safety complaints had been received during the reporting period.

PUMA collects personal data from customers, employees, and partners through various channels, including online forms, purchases and customer service interactions. The collected data is used for purposes such as processing orders, improving customer service, marketing, and complying with legal obligations. We respect the rights of our consumers and end-users regarding their personal data. This includes the right to access, correct, delete, and restrict the processing of their data. Consumers can exercise these rights through our dedicated data privacy email address. Consumers are also informed about all processed data by PUMA and the company's Data Privacy Policy can be found on [PUMA's corporate website](#) and [PUMA e-commerce](#). As of December 2024, one data privacy complaint was received during the reporting period.

Communication channels between PUMA and consumers are managed by third-party service providers. Consumers are made aware of the available communication channels on [PUMA's corporate website](#) and e-commerce [contact section](#). All grievances are treated confidentially and respect the rights of privacy and data protection. Consumers can use the telephone to raise concerns anonymously, other channels such as email and chat cannot be anonymised. No specific policies regarding protection against retaliation for individuals that use channels to raise concerns or needs are in place yet. We are able to assess that communication channels are used by consumers, we receive their concerns and questions on a regular basis and depending on the scale of the request the timeframe for resolving them will vary. We require external service providers to answer all inquiries received via telephone and email.

#### **Actions on material impacts on consumers, and managing material risks and opportunities related to consumers (S4-4, MDR-A)**

PUMA is committed to ensuring the well-being of its consumers and end-users through a comprehensive approach. To prevent and mitigate material negative impacts, PUMA has implemented comprehensive safety assessments and data protective policies and continuously tracks their effectiveness. In cases of

actual material impacts, PUMA provides or enables remedies to address these issues effectively depending on their scale.

PUMA ensures its own practices do not cause negative impacts by adhering to a strict code of conduct and a code of ethics and conducting regular internal audits to maintain high ethical standards. PUMA also focuses on delivering positive impacts through additional initiatives and processes, aligning them with the SDGs. Examples include employees engaging with local communities through various programs aimed at improving education, health, and well-being.

PUMA conducts an annual review of its product safety and RSL policies, aligning them with the latest global legislation and industry best practices. We engage with external organisations such as the Federation of the European Sporting Goods Industry (FESI) and the Apparel and Footwear International Restricted Substances List Management Group (AFIRM) to stay informed about the latest legislative developments in product safety and incorporate relevant requirements into our safety policies. PUMA has adopted the AFIRM RSL as the foundation for our RSL management. We also arrange annual training sessions with suppliers to update them on the latest PUMA requirements. All PUMA products must adhere to the design guidelines outlined in the PUMA Product Safety Policy to ensure they do not pose any mechanical safety risks to consumers and end-users.

Children's products and their components are required to undergo mechanical safety testing in PUMA-nominated third-party laboratories to ensure there are no mechanical safety risks. Additionally, all products and materials must be certified under the Oekotex 100 or bluesign® standards, or tested according to PUMA's RSL policy in nominated third-party laboratories, to ensure chemical safety.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including shin guards and protective goalkeeper gloves, are tested and certified by third-party laboratories in accordance with EU PPE regulations. Products or materials that do not comply with PUMA's requirements must be remediated before shipment. Suppliers are required to provide a corrective action plan, which is verified by the PUMA team to prevent recurrence of the issue. All corrective action plans are recorded and maintained on PUMA's Sharepoint. As part of our due diligence process, a number of products are randomly selected from suppliers and tested against PUMA's RSL in third-party laboratories.

PUMA involves consumers and end-users in decision-making processes related to sustainability, ensuring their voices are heard. PUMA has an initiative called Voices of a RE:GENERATION. This initiative aims to make PUMA's sustainability efforts more transparent and engaging, particularly for younger generations. It is designed to empower Gen Z sustainability advocates from different backgrounds by giving them a platform to influence PUMA's sustainability strategy and communication. These consumer ambassadors meet frequently with PUMA's sustainability senior management to discuss their views on how the topic can be addressed in a simpler and honest way.

PUMA's FOREVER. BETTER. sustainability program helps to transparently report the positive outcomes of programs and processes and highlights the tangible benefits for consumers and end-users, reinforcing the company's dedication to responsible business practices. PUMA actively pursues material opportunities to enhance the experience of its consumers and end-users by focusing on innovation and sustainability. For instance, PUMA has launched initiatives related to biodegradable shoes and apparel made from recycled materials, which cater to the growing demand for fashion made from certified and/or recycled materials. To manage material negative impacts, PUMA leverages its business relationships by collaborating closely with suppliers to ensure ethical practices and improve working conditions throughout its supply chain. This includes regular audits and providing training programs to help suppliers meet PUMA's high standards.

PUMA employs technical and organisational measures to protect personal data, including encryption, access controls, and regular security audits. Personal data may be shared with third-party service providers for specific purposes, such as payment processing and shipping. PUMA ensures that these providers adhere to strict data protection standards.

In case of a data breach, PUMA has a response plan that includes immediate containment, the notification of affected individuals and authorities, and a thorough investigation to prevent future incidents. The Data Protection Officer is informed and has to investigate what happened, within 72 hours needs to decide if the data protection authority has to be informed, also depending on the individual customer, what exactly happen, and which measures have been taken to minimise the breach.

Resources, staff and monitoring tools, are allocated to manage the effectiveness of the actions mentioned above. Product related impacts are managed by the Product Compliance team, Data Protection by the Legal team and encouragement of physical activity by the Marketing team.

During 2024, no severe human rights issues or incidents connected to consumers and/or end-users have been reported.

#### **METRICS AND TARGETS (MDR-M, MDR-T, S4-5)**

For the IROs identified as material in this chapter, PUMA has set a target focused on product safety. This target supports sustainable consumption and production and contributes to meeting the industry RSL standards. It also contributes to SDGs. It applies to global production activities, with the baseline being the products and materials used in the calendar year. The performance against this target is reported annually in PUMA's sustainability reports and can be tracked regularly through a database. Consumers have neither been engaged to set up, identifying opportunities, nor tracking performance against this target. It was developed by internal stakeholders. No targets or metrics have been set for the other material IROs.

#### **10FOR25 Targets (Baseline year 2020, Target year 2025)**

- Ensure that 100 % of all products are safe to use and achieve a compliance rate of over 90 % for RSL testing of products and materials (*upstream, global*)
  - In 2024, the RSL testing compliance rate was 98.9 %.

Only materials which pass an RSL test and/or are certified to comparable chemical standards such as Oekotex 100 or bluesign can be used to produce PUMA goods. The RSL compliance target has been in place for more than five years and its calculation methodology has not been modified to enable comparability. The RSL is reported as a compliance rate in percentage within the time interval of January to October from 638 factories of PUMA core and non-core Tier 1 and Tier 2. There is no extrapolation. All non-compliance cases are followed up with corrective action plans to remediate and avoid recurrence.

## GOVERNANCE INFORMATION

### ESRS G1 BUSINESS CONDUCT

#### IMPACT, RISK AND OPPORTUNITY MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGY

##### **Material business conduct-related impacts, risks and opportunities (IRO-1)**

PUMA regularly performs assessments to confirm existing risks or identify new risks and their impact when it comes to business conduct. In considering the nature of our business, the locations of our sales entities and sourcing facilities, we focus on the following compliance risks areas: bribery, corruption, money laundering, fraud, conflicts of interest, anti-competitive behaviour, Human Rights violations and environmental damages. When we examine the impact of risks, we look at the impact on our business operations, financial performance, and reputation. The result of each risk assessment is a risk matrix that we use to prioritise identified risks based on their likelihood and impact. This helps us focus resources on managing the most critical risks. Not only risks are spotted in this process opportunities are also addressed.

In relation to our business partners with whom we source our core products, we identify risks by conducting thorough due diligence, which involves sanctions and reputational checks, sanity checks and examination of their sustainability policies and ethical practices. The level of scrutiny applied to each business partner varies and we prioritise the country risk, the industry risk and the volume of the business.

The details of the process of identification of business conduct-related material topics are explained in the [General information \(IRO-1\)](#) section.

#### **T.74 MATERIAL BUSINESS CONDUCT-RELATED IMPACTS, RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES (IRO-1)**

Impacts	Actual or potential	Time horizon	Value chain location
<b>Material negative impacts</b>			
<b>Corporate culture</b>			
Undervaluing the influence of corporate culture on employees and business outcome	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Own operations
<b>Protection of whistleblowers</b>			
Insufficient measures to protect whistleblowers leading to a lack of trust	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Own operations
<b>Management of relationships with suppliers including payment practices</b>			
Suppliers may cut corners to meet low-cost demands and tight deadlines, leading to unsafe working conditions	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Delayed payments or unfair terms can strain suppliers' finances, hinder timely worker payments, and worsen working conditions. Lack of long-term commitments can also lead to job insecurity	Potential	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
<b>Risks and opportunities</b>			
<b>Risks</b>			
<b>Management of relationships with suppliers including payment practices</b>			
Financial risk arises from delays in raw material procurement and production, impacting sales, due to inefficient payment practices straining suppliers' finances	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Suppliers under financial pressure may cut corners, leading to products that do not meet brand quality standards and resulting in rework, returns, and reputational damage	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream

<b>Impacts</b>	<b>Actual or potential</b>	<b>Time horizon</b>	<b>Value chain location</b>
Poor relationship management can make suppliers less willing to offer favorable terms, share cost-saving opportunities, or accommodate urgent orders if they feel undervalued or insecure, leading to financial risks	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Over-reliance on a few suppliers can result in higher costs, production delays, quality issues, and disruptions, ultimately damaging the brand's reputation, customer trust, and revenue stability	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
Poor supplier relationships lead to inadequate communication and transparency, which may hinder brands to adhere to trade compliance standards and monitoring practices, resulting in non-compliance and financial risks	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream
<b>Corruption and bribery</b>			
Reputational risks associated with being linked to corruption cases	n/a	Short, medium, long term	Upstream Own operations
<b>Opportunities</b>			
<b>Management of relationships with suppliers including payment practices</b>			
Fair and timely payments build trust, encouraging suppliers to innovate and invest in new technologies, while long-term relationships give them the confidence to pursue innovative solutions	n/a	Medium, long term	Upstream
Ensuring suppliers' financial stability and maintaining regular, transparent communication reduces disruption risks and enhances supply chain resilience	n/a	Medium, long term	Upstream

### **The role of the administrative, supervisory and management bodies (GOV-1)**

As a company listed in Germany, PUMA adheres to the German Stock Corporation Act and the German Corporate Governance Code. PUMA has a dual management system featuring strict personal and functional separation between the Management Board and the Supervisory Board (two-tier board). Accordingly, the Management Board manages the company while the Supervisory Board monitors and advises the Management Board. PUMA has three bodies: the Management Board, the Supervisory Board, and the Annual General Meeting. The Management Board of PUMA manages the Company on its own responsibility with the goal of sustainable value creation. It develops PUMA's strategic orientation and coordinates it with the Supervisory Board. In addition, it ensures Group-wide compliance with legal requirements and an effective risk management and internal control system.

The members of the Management Board are appointed by the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board of PUMA consists of seven members, five of whom are shareholder representatives and two of whom are employee representatives. Shareholder representatives are being elected individually.

The Supervisory Board supervises and advises the Management Board on the implementation of the strategy. Supervision and advice also include, core compliance and sustainability issues, which are covered as a cross-sectional task in the Audit Committee and the Sustainability Committee. The Management Board informs the Supervisory Board regularly, promptly, and comprehensively about all issues of relevance to PUMA relating to strategy, planning, business development, the risk situation, risk management and the compliance management system. PUMA's sustainability strategy is approved by the Sustainability Committee and the Supervisory Board. It deals with deviations during business from the established plans and targets, stating the reasons. The Supervisory Board is involved by the Management Board in decisions of paramount importance for the Company and the Supervisory Board needs to approve those decisions.

The Management Board has put in place a Compliance Management System (CMS) to ensure good business conduct. It has implemented a Code of Ethics that defines the expectations of the Company regarding good

business conduct towards its employees, business partners and stakeholders. The Code of Ethics is part of every employee's contract and is thus binding for all employees. Through clear tone from the top the CEO regularly delivers clear messages on how important it is to follow the principles of the Code of Ethics. The Supervisory Board is informed in its regular quarterly meetings and, if necessary, on an ad-hoc basis about the status of the implementation of the CMS.

The members of the Management Board and the shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board bring a wealth of experience when it comes to expertise in business conduct matters. All aforementioned members are seasoned executives in C-level positions of international corporations who have been responsible for building structures on good corporate governance throughout their career. On top every training that employees are asked to conduct on a mandatory basis, must be finished by the members of the Management Board.

#### **Business conduct policies and corporate culture (G1-1)**

PUMA has established a comprehensive set of policies to guide business conduct at a Group-wide level. These policies are designed to ensure that all employees, at every level, uphold the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and ethical behaviour. The PUMA Code of Ethics, previously referred to in the sections on Policies related to own workforce (S1-1) and Remediation of negative impacts and channels to raise concerns (S1-3), outlines our commitment to ethical behaviour, Human Rights, and transparency. It applies globally and is relevant to various stakeholders, including employees and business partners in the supply chain. It promotes brand values and ethical conduct, protects Human rights and maintains transparency and accountability. Key areas covered by the Code of Ethics and the Group internal policies include: Human Rights protection, occupational health and safety, learn from mistakes, intellectual property, protection of PUMA assets, sustainability, quality and safety, business partners, conflicts of interest, insider trading, anti-money laundering, trade compliance, fair competition, anti-corruption, financial integrity, tax compliance, confidentiality, data privacy, animal welfare and SpeakUp.

The PUMA Code of Ethics helps mitigate several risks like bribery, anti-competitive behaviour, violations of Human Rights, tax evasion, money laundering etc. It is the basic document employees are asked to turn to educate themselves about the values of PUMA. More detailed internal policies complement the main principles of the Code of Ethics. In incorporating the Code of Ethics into the agreements with the business partners and suppliers, a strong relationship is built, and a transparent communication is ensured. The Code's anti-corruption measures ensure that PUMA and its partners operate with integrity and transparency, protecting the brand's reputation.

The policy framework defines zero tolerance issues within the organisation. PUMA is committed to adhering to the UN Global Compact principles related to governance. The Management Board and especially the CEO is responsible for the implementation of compliance policies. Each compliance policy is approved by all members of the Management Board and communicated by the CEO via email to all local General Managers responsible for implementation to all employees. All awareness measures on the core compliance risk areas are pre-aligned with the CEO.

To foster a positive corporate culture, we actively promote these values through regular trainings according to a training plan agreed with the Management Board, cascading awareness initiatives through posters, leaflets, emails, CEO messaging and a leadership team that leads by example. By embedding these principles into our daily operations, we aim to create an environment that encourages trust, accountability, and mutual respect.

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board are informed quarterly about compliance cases and the implementation status of our CMS.

PUMA behaves in a law-abiding, fair, respectful, and ethical manner towards its employees, consumers and business partners. The Compliance Organisation, Group Compliance in the headquarters and Local Compliance Officers in each and every PUMA entity, works together as a team to ensure that all PUMA



employees comply with PUMA's values. While PUMA Group Compliance at the headquarters sets the baseline, stricter local requirements take precedence, ensuring the highest standards are always met.

PUMA has developed a comprehensive risk assessment framework that incorporates key policies to address various identified risks. The framework aligns with our business objectives and regulatory requirements to ensure that all potential risks are identified, assessed, and mitigated effectively. Depending on their exposure to the identified risks, target groups of employees are built who receive more intensive training than others. Where external parties are involved, measures are taken to ensure that the risk associated with these parties is mitigated. This includes contractual clauses, onboarding, due diligence or training. After a policy has been released, related communication and training materials are developed to reinforce the understanding of the rules of the policy.

Internal controls and procedures ensure efficient operations and minimise errors, fraud and misconduct.

Our Code of Ethics, Anti-corruption and Anti-bribery Policy, and all other policies are in place to ensure we comply with local and international laws and regulations. PUMA's Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption Policy is consistent with the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. Employees are trained on these policies to ensure a thorough understanding of legal obligations. These policies mitigate risks related to legal penalties, financial loss, and reputational damage by ensuring that all activities comply with applicable laws and regulatory standards.

Breaches of law or our internal policies are not tolerated. Through the whistleblowing channel SpeakUp, PUMA can be informed about such breaches. PUMA's Whistleblowing Policy protects whistleblowers globally from retaliation and guarantees a confidential and fair treatment of the case.

In case violations occur, those are remediated, a new risk analysis is performed, and measures are taken to close potential gaps in the control system.

Tone from the top is key in PUMA's corporate culture, leadership demonstrates commitment through transparent communication, and by modelling the behaviours that align with our core values. This commitment is cascaded down to all levels in the organisation, ensuring a consistent culture framework. PUMA is dedicated to continuously developing a positive and inclusive corporate culture. We invest in training programs and workshops that focus on our values, ethics and leadership development. These programs are designed to help employees at all levels understand and embody the company culture.

During the onboarding process, new employees are introduced to PUMA's culture through orientation sessions that cover our values, mission and expectations. This ensures that from day one, employees are aware of and engaged with the company's culture.

Leadership development is another critical component of our culture-building efforts. We provide ongoing support and training for our leaders to ensure they act as role models and reinforce the desired culture within their teams. PUMA has developed a variety of communication channels, including regular townhall meetings and compliance awareness initiatives. Through the intranet culture stories, achievements and updates are shared with all employees. Compliance policies are communicated by the Management Board member responsible for the topic via email and are available on the intranet. Compliance awareness initiatives are communicated via multiple channels, like hardcopy, email and videos.

Compliance awareness initiatives are structured to echo a training plan, a new policy or a policy update, or to educate after a compliance incident.

Corporate culture is evaluated by regular employee feedback mechanisms, e.g. employee survey, open-door policy, that encourage employees to voice their opinions and concerns. Such feedback is analysed to identify trends, strengths and areas of improvement. The survey is conducted every three months. Culture alignment is also assessed during performance reviews, where employees are evaluated not only on their

job performance but also on how well they embody the company's core values. This approach ensures that cultural fit is a key component of overall performance. To maintain and improve our corporate culture, we regularly conduct internal audits to assess compliance with our values and standards. Action plans are developed to address any identified gaps, ensuring that our culture continues to evolve in a positive direction.

At PUMA, we act in accordance with the law and self-imposed standards of conduct in all business activities. PUMA's CMS is designed to systematically prevent, detect at an early stage and sanction violations of rules in the areas of corruption, money laundering, conflicts of interest, antitrust law, fraud or embezzlement. Violations of the law or internal policies are not tolerated.

As part of the CMS, PUMA has a Group-wide electronic whistleblower platform, operated by an external provider, to which employees and third parties can report illegal or unethical behaviour. Reporting is also possible to the P&O department or to the Local Compliance Officers. All cases in core compliance areas are documented and managed in the same way, no matter the reporting channel. Reporting from external stakeholders is enabled via a link to the whistleblower system on our website.

Violations from all risk areas can be reported. Reports of violations that do not fall within the core compliance risk areas are forwarded to the relevant departments, which are then responsible for investigating and implementing appropriate measures in the respective cases.

We have Case Handling Rules and Investigation Guidelines to support the members in our investigation team. All major cases in the whistleblowing platform are reported quarterly to the Management Board and Supervisory Board.

PUMA's whistleblowing platform SpeakUp fulfils all requirements of German and European whistleblowing law. Education on SpeakUp is a mandatory part of compliance trainings and is regularly communicated via Compliance Awareness Initiatives, e.g. SpeakUp poster in all PUMA buildings worldwide. PUMA has implemented Case Handling Rules and Investigation Guidelines to support the staff receiving the reports and investigating the cases. They are trained regularly and exchange on lessons learned from the case investigations in catch-up sessions.

PUMA protects all whistleblowers from retaliation. No employee will be subject to disciplinary or retaliatory actions due to reporting a concern or an incident in good faith. Every report is treated as strictly confidential. This is stated in our Whistleblowing Policy and is the mindset that we display in the course of every investigation.

PUMA takes every report seriously and investigates every substantiated compliance case. The investigation process is free from any undue influence and the standards applied are objective. If a violation has not been proven, the presumption of innocence applies. Incriminating and exculpating facts are equally included in the investigation. All investigations are conducted in a confidential manner and comply with the applicable laws. Disciplinary measures are taken in accordance with the principle of proportionality. In the event of misconduct by a business partner, appropriate consequences will also be taken in accordance with the principle of proportionality.

The PUMA Compliance Training Strategy resolved by the Management Board stipulates that two short trainings on core business conduct topics like preventing bribery, anti-money laundering, anti-trust, ethical behaviour, business partner due diligence, keeping information confidential etc. will be held every second year for all employees worldwide and one deep dive training on selected topics from the above listed ones will be held every three years for target groups based on their risk exposure to the topic.

The functions in PUMA that are most at risk of corruption and bribery, are typically those that involve interaction with external governmental bodies or business partners. Those are facility management, logistics, sourcing and procurement, sales, sports marketing, and marketing.

### **Prevention and detection of corruption or bribery and incidents (G1-3, G1-4)**

CMS helps us to operate within legal and regulatory boundaries while fostering ethical behaviour and good corporate governance, with a focus on the compliance risk areas including anti-corruption and anti-bribery. PUMA's CMS in this regard consists of three pillars including prevent, detect and respond.

- In "Prevent", we identify and assess the compliance risks via regular risk assessments, then formulate related policies and training to mitigate the related risks especially in areas like anti-corruption, bribery, anti-money laundering and fraud. A regular Tone from the Top is an important tool in preventing compliance violations
- We have established different whistleblowing channels to "Detect" violations against the law or our internal policies that we described above
- We "Respond" to compliance violations with actions that counter the severity of the case. Consequences can be warnings or other disciplinary measures, remediation action plans, awareness measures or an adaptation of the training content and cycle to the new evaluated risk situation. We include case studies and clear guidance on best practices and prohibited behaviours to prevent incidents of corruption or bribery.

Anti-corruption is a standard training module in our Compliance in-person training program, as well as in our e-learning training program. The whistleblowing channel SpeakUp is available on the internet page and available for both employees and external business partners. Information on SpeakUp and how allegations are handled are a standard training module in all our Code of Ethics e-learning and Compliance in-person trainings. We include a module on anti-corruption and anti-bribery in each training for our suppliers.

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Our Code of Ethics communicates our expectations regarding the prevention of corruption and bribery in business. A more detailed Anti-bribery and Anti-corruption Policy helps employees to comply with the expectations and is communicated by the CEO to all PUMA employees worldwide. It lays out approval processes for risky business transactions. Implemented internal controls like the segregation of duties and four-eyes principle limit opportunities for corrupt activities. The screening process established via the Business Partner Due Diligence policy ensures that business partners are carefully selected and the corresponding compliance clauses in the agreements request them to meet anti-corruption standards. Regular Code of Ethics e-learning and in-person compliance training programs as well as awareness measures make sure that the key messages are properly communicated to all the employees.

We have established a whistleblowing channel for employees and external partners to report corruption and bribery allegations. With the help of Internal Audit, suspicious activities in terms of corruption and bribery are identified. Cross department screening in SAP also helps to monitor financial transactions for red flags. Once PUMA is aware of corruption or bribery cases, the Case Handling Rules and Investigation Guidelines are in place to enable every case manager in each entity to conduct investigations properly and all cases are documented in a case management system and reported to the Management Board and Supervisory Board on a quarterly basis.

Corruption and bribery are zero tolerance issues at PUMA. Disciplinary consequences and remediation plans are mandatory for each confirmed corruption or bribery case. Annual Compliance e-learning is conducted targeting each PUMA employee with a business email account. Anti-corruption/bribery is subject at all in-person compliance trainings. Additional training is provided to executive/senior management with tailored case studies. All compliance training materials are developed by the Compliance team in order to be very relevant to the PUMA teams and to speak the language of the fairly young employee base. The compliance training strategy is approved by the Management Board.

At PUMA we ensure that the investigators are completely independent from the management chain or department that is involved in the matter. This includes:

- When appointing an investigator (case manager), Group Compliance makes sure that there no conflict of interests and they are from an unrelated entity or department, normally the local compliance officer or, where necessary, an external investigator
- PUMA has established clear and separate reporting lines for the investigators, ensuring they report the case solely to the compliance department, rather than to anyone involved in the matter
- Investigation Guidelines are in place, which clearly state that if a conflict of interest arises, e.g. if the responsible compliance officer is too close to the accused or the reporter, the case will be handled by Group Compliance, to ensure the case is impartially handled
- For particularly sensitive cases, we may engage external investigators or forensic auditors to further distance the investigation from internal influence.

The investigation is overseen by Group Compliance to ensure adherence to protocols, and fairness. The Compliance function reports all corruption/bribery cases and all other major cases to the Management Board and to the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board on a quarterly basis. The content of this report includes the quarterly summary/analysis of cases, comparisons to previous quarters, percentage of closed cases, key case summaries with follow-up measures, actions or learnings/recommendations derived from the key cases.

PUMA Compliance Policies are written in easy language that can be well understood by the staff. They are translated into the local languages and can be adapted to local needs. Compliance Policies are always released by the CEO to all employees worldwide to ensure the right Tone from the Top. In the CEO email, a copy of the policy is provided with a link to the intranet for easy access. Each compliance policy names a contact person to answer questions related to the understanding and implementation of the policy. The contact person can also bring back the latest information and feedback on the policy, ensuring that PUMA is prepared for possible updates. In all compliance training, including e-learning and in-person trainings, the related policies are repeatedly communicated.

PUMA has a compliance training strategy that illustrates which compliance training is provided to whom at which frequency in which format. Every new joiner receives onboarding training about compliance culture, introduction of risk areas and policies, expectations and the whistleblowing channel SpeakUp. Existing employees receive basic and deep-dive compliance training. Basic training educates about the fundamentals of the most relevant risk areas. They are covered by short annual e-learning. Deep-dive training provides deeper knowledge in certain risk areas and is designed for targeted employees with bigger risk exposure. This deep-dive compliance training is covered by longer e-learning and face-to-face compliance trainings. All training on anti-corruption/anti-bribery is mandatory. Training modules on anti-corruption are standard parts of all compliance trainings.

A hundred percent of function-at-risk are covered by training programs. Each Code of Ethics e-learning is mandatory for all employees and aims at a 100% completion rate. Such e-learning are communicated and launched via the CEO of PUMA to all employees worldwide. All e-learning are also conducted by the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board. On top of that the members of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board receive regular tailor-made compliance trainings, depending on the topics that are relevant for the fulfilment of their tasks.

In 2024, PUMA did not have confirmed cases on corruption or bribery.

PUMA is dedicated to fostering a culture of integrity by offering global anti-corruption and anti-bribery e-learning every two years. The last session of e-learning on anti-corruption and anti-bribery was conducted in 2023 and is due again in 2025.

### **Management of relationships with suppliers (G1-2)**

PUMA has several practices to minimise supply chain disruptions, aligning with its strategy and risk management:

- Vendor Financing Program: Established in 2016, this program offers suppliers attractive financing terms through partnerships with banks like BNP Paribas, Standard Chartered Bank, and HSBC, ensuring liquidity during disruptions
- Collaborative adjustments: During the COVID-19 pandemic, PUMA worked with retail partners and manufacturers to adjust order placements, sharing the burden and maintaining continuity
- Continuous Communication: PUMA maintains ongoing dialogue with suppliers to assess risks related to factory work suspensions, layoffs, wage payments, and working conditions, addressing issues proactively
- Responsible purchasing: PUMA ensures orders are paid in full and materials compensated even if orders are cancelled, building trust and reliability
- Health and Safety Guidelines: PUMA guides manufacturers to follow government and ILO guidelines to protect workers' health, ensuring safe operations during crises
- Sustainability strategy: PUMA's FOREVER. BETTER. strategy, informed by the SDGs focuses on human rights, climate action, and circularity, ensuring long-term resilience and adaptability.

PUMA recognises the impact of its business practices on suppliers and aims to reduce negative effects through its Responsible Sourcing Policy.

Established in 2019, the Responsible Purchasing Practice Policy guides decisions and ensures consistency. PUMA trains its sourcing staff and suppliers on this policy, referencing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights to highlight the link between purchasing practices, working conditions, and human rights risks.

We ask strategic Tier 1 suppliers to participate in the Better Buying survey to gather feedback on PUMA's responsible purchasing practices. This survey collects anonymous ratings from suppliers based on five principles of responsible purchasing, helping us improve our practices. We share the survey results with our sourcing team and suppliers.

In 2023, PUMA added a responsible disengagement clause to its purchasing practices. Following Fair Labor Association guidelines, PUMA commits to providing at least six months' notice before significantly downscaling orders or ending business relationships. A longer notice period may be granted based on average production capacities over the past two to three years to mitigate impacts on workers and allow suppliers time to find new buyers.

PUMA's Code of Conduct is integral to our manufacturing agreements. As part of the manufacturing agreements all suppliers sign a legally binding Declaration of Principles specifying the principles and standards to be observed by the suppliers, including annexes on Anti-corruption, Building safety, Animal protection, PUMA sustainability audit, restricted substances, and PUMA cotton sourcing policies. The supplier acknowledges the importance of adhering to social and environmental standards and guarantees these rights to all employees and affected stakeholders. Additionally, the supplier commits to respecting internationally recognised human rights, complying with all applicable laws to prevent slavery, servitude, forced labour, and human trafficking, and avoiding any activities that would constitute an offense.

PUMA uses a Supplier Scorecard to evaluate and manage supplier performance based on several key criteria including environmental compliance, waste management and effluent treatment. PUMA conducts regular reviews and meetings with suppliers to discuss scorecard results, address any issues, and identify areas for improvement. Suppliers needing improvement get support and guidance to meet PUMA's standards.

PUMA extends its local supply chain initiatives in markets such as China, India, Latin America and Türkiye. By sourcing materials and products regionally, PUMA fosters closer relationships with local suppliers.

**Payment practices (G1-6)**

PUMA has digitised its supply chain to create transparency and operational efficiency, ensuring timely payments to suppliers. Consequently, all payments to vendors are automated and paper-free, ensuring timely payments as per our terms.

PUMA's standard contract payment terms require payment upon receipt of invoice within a specified number of days from the actual handover date. In 2024, approximately 76 % of annual invoices were paid according to these standard terms. The remaining invoices were paid based on local terms agreed upon between the sales subsidiary and the supplier. In 2024, there were no outstanding legal proceedings for late payments, as this process is automated.

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# INFORMATION CONCERNING TAKEOVERS

The following information, valid 31 December 2024, is presented in accordance with Art. 9 p. 1 c) (ii) of the SE Regulation in conjunction with Sections 289a, 315a German Commercial Code (HGB). Details under Sections 289a, 315a HGB which do not apply at PUMA SE are not mentioned.

## **Composition of the subscribed capital (Sections 289a [1][1], 315a [1][1] HGB)**

On the balance sheet date, subscribed capital totaled € 149,698,196.00 and was divided into 149,698,196 no-par value shares with a proportional amount in the statutory capital of € 1.00 per share. As of the balance sheet date, the Company held 873.783 treasury shares.

## **Shareholdings exceeding 10% of the voting rights (Sections 289a [1][3], 315a [1][3] HGB)**

As of 31 December 2024, there was one shareholder in PUMA SE that exceeded 10% of the voting rights. It was held by the Pinault family via several companies controlled by them (ranked by size of stake held by the Pinault family: Financière Pinault S.C.A., Artémis S.A.S. and Kering S.A.). The shareholding of Kering S.A. in PUMA SE amounted to 0.0% of the share capital on 31 December 2024, according to Kering's own information. The shareholding of Artémis S.A.S. amounted to 28.7% of the share capital on 31 December 2024 (after the capital reduction resulting from the share buy-back programme).

## **Statutory provisions and regulations of the Articles of Association on the appointment and dismissal of the members of the Management Board and on amendments to the Articles of Association (Sections 289a [1][6], 315a [1][6] HGB)**

Regarding the appointment and dismissal of the members of the Management Board, reference is made to the applicable statutory requirements of Section 84 German Stock Corporation Act (AktG). Moreover, Section 7[1] of PUMA SE's Articles of Association stipulates that Management Board shall consist of two members in the minimum; the Supervisory Board determines the number of members in the Management Board. The Supervisory Board may appoint deputy members of the Management Board and appoint a member of the Management Board as chairperson of the Management Board. Members of the Management Board may be dismissed only for good cause, within the meaning of Section 84[3] of the AktG or if the employment agreement is terminated, for which in each case a resolution must be adopted by the Supervisory Board with a simple majority of the votes cast.

Amendments to the Articles of Association of the Company require a resolution by the Annual General Meeting. Resolutions of the Annual General Meeting require a majority according to Art. 59 SE Regulation and Sections 133[1], 179 [2] [1] AktG (i.e. a simple majority of votes and a majority of at least three quarters of the share capital represented at the time the resolution is adopted). The Company has not made use of Section 51 SEAG.

## **Authority of the Management Board to issue or repurchase shares (Sections 289a [1][7], 315a [1][7] HGB)**

The authority of the Management Board to issue shares result from Section 4 of the Articles of Association and from the statutory provisions:

### **Authorized Capital**

By resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 5 May 2021, the Management Board is authorized, with approval of the Supervisory Board, to increase the share capital of the Company by up to EUR 30,000,000.00 by issuing, once or several times, new no par-value bearer shares against contributions in cash and/or kind until 4 May 2026 (Authorized Capital 2021). In case of capital increases against contributions in cash, the new shares may be acquired by one or several banks, designated by the Management Board, subject to the obligation to offer them to the shareholders for subscription (indirect pre-emption right).

The shareholders shall generally be entitled to pre-emption rights. However, the Management Board shall be authorized with approval of the Supervisory Board, to partially or completely exclude pre-emption rights

- to avoid peak amounts;
- in case of capital increases against contributions in cash if the pro-rated amount of the share capital attributable to the new shares for which pre-emption rights have been excluded does not exceed 10% of the share capital and the issue price of the newly created shares is not significantly lower than the relevant exchange price for already listed shares of the same class, Section 186 (3) sentence 4 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz, AktG). The 10% limit of the share capital shall apply at the time of the resolution on this authorization by the Annual General Meeting as well as at the time of exercise of the authorization. Shares of the Company (i) which are issued or sold during the term of the Authorized Capital 2021 excluding shareholders' pre-emption rights directly or respectively applying Section 186 (3) sentence 4 AktG or (ii) which are or can be issued to service option and convertible bonds applying Section 186 (3) sentence 4 AktG while excluding shareholders' pre-emption rights during the term of the Authorized Capital 2021, shall be counted towards said limit of 10%;
- in case of capital increases against contributions in cash insofar as it is required to grant pre-emption rights regarding the Company's shares to holders of option or convertible bonds which have been or will be issued by the Company or its direct or indirect subsidiaries to such an extent to which they would be entitled after exercising option or conversion rights or fulfilling the conversion obligation as a shareholder;
- in case of capital increases against contributions in kind for carrying out mergers or for the direct or indirect acquisition of companies, participation in companies or parts of companies or other assets including intellectual property rights and receivables against the Company or any companies controlled by it in the sense of Section 17 AktG.

The total amount of shares issued or to be issued based upon this authorization while excluding shareholders' pre-emption rights may neither exceed 10% of the share capital at the time of the authorization becoming effective nor at the time of exercising the authorization; this limit must include all shares which have been disposed of or issued or are to be issued during the term of this authorization based on other authorizations while excluding pre-emption rights or which are to be issued because of an issue of option or convertible bonds during the term of this authorization while excluding pre-emption rights. The Management Board shall be entitled, with approval of the Supervisory Board, to determine the remaining terms of the rights associated with the new shares as well as the conditions of the issuance of shares. The Supervisory Board is entitled to adjust the respective version of the Company's Articles of Association with regard to the respective use of the Authorized Capital 2021 and after the expiration of the authorization period.

The Management Board of PUMA SE did not make use of the existing Authorized Capital in the current reporting period.

#### **Conditional Capital**

The Annual General Meeting of 11 May 2022 has authorized the Management Board until 10 May 2027 with the approval of the Supervisory Board to issue once or several times, in whole or in part, and at the same time in different tranches bearer and/or registered convertible bonds and/or options and profit-participation rights and/or profit bonds or combinations thereof with or without maturity restrictions in the total nominal amount of up to € 1,500,000,000.00.



The share capital is conditionally increased by up to € 15,082,464.00 by issue of up to 15,082,464 new no-par value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2022). The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that conversion/option rights are exercised, or the conversion/option obligations are performed, or tenders are carried out and to the extent that other forms of performance are not applied.

No use has been made of this authorization to date.

#### **Authorization to acquire treasury shares**

The Annual General Meeting of 7 May 2020 resolved under agenda item 6 to authorize PUMA SE to acquire and utilize treasury shares until 6 May 2025, including the authorization to sell treasury shares while excluding shareholders' pre-emption rights and the authorization to offer and transfer treasury shares to third parties against non-cash consideration. The authorization from 2020 was extended by resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 5 May 2021 to the effect that the Supervisory Board was authorized to issue treasury shares to members of the Management Board as a component of Management Board remuneration, while excluding shareholders' pre-emption rights. In addition, the authorization from 2020 was extended by resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 11 May 2022 to the effect that the Management Board was authorized to issue shares acquired, excluding shareholders' subscription rights, in connection with share-based payment or employee share programs of the Company or its affiliated companies to persons who are or were employed by the Company or one of its affiliated companies or are a member of the management of a company affiliated with the Company. In all other aspects, the authorization from 2020 remained unchanged.

On the basis of the aforementioned authorization of 7 May 2020/5 May 2021, the Management Board of PUMA SE approved a share buyback program on 29 February 2024. The first tranche provides for the repurchase of treasury shares with a total purchase price of up to € 100 million and began on 6 March 2024 for the period until 6 May 2025. In accordance with the authorization granted by the Annual General Meeting 2020, the repurchased shares will be cancelled.

By resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2024, the aforementioned authorization to acquire and use treasury shares was revoked and the company was again authorized to acquire treasury shares up to ten percent of the share capital until 21 May 2029. In addition, the Supervisory Board was authorized to issue the acquired shares to members of the company's Executive Board, excluding shareholders' subscription rights. Furthermore, the Management Board was authorized to issue the acquired shares to persons who are or were employed by the company or one of its affiliated companies or are members of the management of one of its affiliated companies, excluding shareholders' subscription rights in connection with share-based compensation and employee share ownership programs of the company or its affiliated companies. If the shares are purchased on the stock exchange, the purchase price per share may not exceed 10% or fall short of 20% of the average closing price of the same class of company shares in XETRA (or a comparable successor system) on the last three trading days prior to the obligation to purchase. No use was made of this authorization to purchase treasury shares during the reporting period.

#### **Significant agreements of the Company which are subject to a change of control as a result of a takeover bid and the resulting effects (Section 289a [1][8], 315a [1][8] HGB)**

Material financing agreements of PUMA SE with its creditors contain the standard change-of-control clauses. In the case of change of control the creditor is entitled to termination and early calling-in of any outstanding amounts.

For more details, please refer to the relevant disclosures in Chapter 17 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 289F AND 315D HGB**

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The corporate governance statement (in accordance with Sections 289f and 315d HGB) includes the declaration of compliance, information on corporate governance practices and a description of the working methods of the Management Board and Supervisory Board. It is available at  
<https://about.puma.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance>  
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# RISK AND OPPORTUNITY REPORT

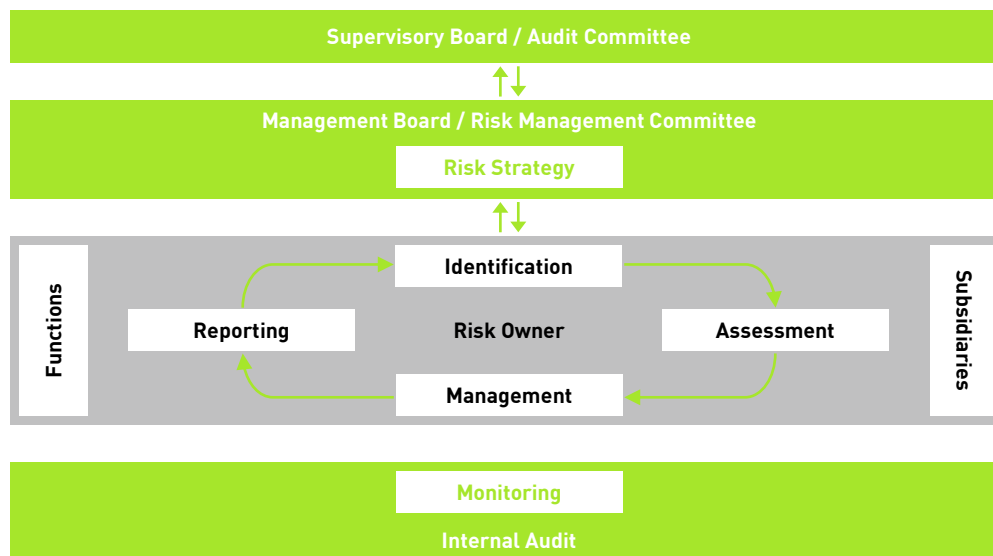
PUMA operates in a competitive, fast-paced, and international sport and lifestyle industry, continuously facing both risks and opportunities. The risk strategy is therefore to take business risks in a calculated manner in order to implement the corporate strategy with all its opportunities. For this purpose, effective risk and opportunity management is required so that opportunities can be recognised and capitalised, and risks can be identified and managed at an early stage. We define risks as potential future developments or events that may lead to a negative deviation from targets for the company (see the "Risk Management System" section). Similarly, opportunities are potential future developments or events that may result in a positive deviation from targets.

## RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The risk management system aims to identify and manage material risk at an early stage, including those that could even jeopardise the company's existence, thus supporting the achievement of the company's objectives. In addition, compliance with related laws, regulations and standards must be ensured, as well as transparency in relation to the risk situation from the perspective of partners such as customers, suppliers and investors. Therefore, PUMA has established an appropriate and effective risk management organisation which is able to identify risks at an early stage and manage them in accordance with the corporate strategy and promote risk awareness within the PUMA Group to facilitate risk-based decisions. As part of the organisation, risks are looked at Group-wide, unless explicitly stated to the contrary. As in the previous year, PUMA's risk management system is based on a comprehensive, interactive, and management-oriented approach to risks that is integrated into the company's organisation and is based on the globally recognised COSO standard (Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission). Opportunity management, however, is not part of the risk management system and is the responsibility of operational management teams in the respective regions, markets, and departments (see the "Opportunities" section).

The Management Board of PUMA SE bears overall responsibility for the risk management system in accordance with Section 91(3) AktG. The Management Board regularly updates the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE. In addition, pursuant to Section 107(4) AktG., the Audit Committee has a direct right to information from the operational management departments. The Risk Management Committee, which consists of the PUMA SE Management Board and selected managers, is responsible for the design, review, and adaptation of the risk management system. For the operational coordination of the risk management process and support of the risk officers, the risk management function of the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control department has been assigned to prepare the regular risk reporting to the Risk Management Committee. The responsibilities, tasks and processes of the risk management system are defined in PUMA's enterprise risk guidelines. The structure and design of the risk management system are as follows:

## ➤ G.17 RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



The risk owners are primarily the managers of the functional areas and the managing directors of subsidiaries. Risks are identified company-wide by performing a bottom-up analysis within the risk owner's area of responsibility. These risks are regularly reported to the risk management function and/or the local monitoring bodies in structured interviews that take place every six months or during the year using established internal reporting channels. As a part of the PUMA's risk culture, general information for risk management as well as training materials are made available to all employees.

The risks are evaluated and assessed based on their probability of occurrence and potential damage using quantitative criteria with the help of a systematic methodology. The quantitative criteria are represented in the form of risk classification ranges on a four-level scale: Low, Medium, Significant and High. While the risk assessment of the probability of occurrence is measured as a percentage rate, the extent of damage is based on the planned operating result for the upcoming financial year. PUMA follows a net risk approach, addressing the risks that remain after existing control measures have been implemented. The resulting risk assessments are presented as an aggregated risk group ("overall risk situation"). Thus, for the purpose of assessing materiality, the quantified risks arising from the extent of damage and the probability of occurrence are combined and classified in a comprehensive risk matrix with regard to their significance level ('low', 'moderate', 'material', 'critical') for internal monitoring and to assess their viability (see the following risk matrix chart).

For example, a risk may be classified as critical, in the case that its assessment reflects a combination of highest bandwidth for extent of damage ("High > € 50 million") and probability ("High > 50%"). The overview of risk groups is summarised in tabular form in the following table 'Overview of risk groups' in the order of their relative importance and their change during the year.

## ➤ G.18 RISK MATRIX

Likelihood in %						Impact in € million
high	>50					
significant	≤50 ≥20					
medium	<20 ≥10					
low	<10					
		≥2 <5 low	≥5 <20 medium	≥20 <50 significant	≥50 high	
Significance level		<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #90EE90;"></span> low	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #D3D3D3;"></span> moderate	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #808080;"></span> material	<span style="display:inline-block; width:15px; height:15px; background-color: #333333;"></span> critical	

Regular risk identification and assessment is carried out by the risk management function every six months with all major functional areas. The risks recorded and assessed are also reviewed with a top-down approach by the Risk Management Committee. This ensures that adequate consideration is given to interdependencies and the overall risk situation.

The risk owners are responsible for the operational management of identified risks. Risks can be managed by avoiding, reducing, diversifying, or transferring them to achieve the targeted and acceptable residual risk. Within the reporting process, material risks or those which could even jeopardise the company's existence are coordinated with and managed by the Risk Management Committee or the Management Board, considering the risk-bearing capacity, which is also based on the planned operating result.

The methodology and structure of the risk management system are continuously monitored in terms of their appropriateness and effectiveness and adapted or improved when required. This is carried out on the one hand by the Internal Audit department, as an independent audit body within the PUMA Group, and on the other hand through the utilization of the results of the auditor of PUMA SE, which assesses the early risk identification system annually for its fundamental suitability to be able to identify risks that endanger the company's existence at an early stage.

## **RISKS**

The following explanations of risk groups are presented based on their relative importance for the financial year 2024.

### **MACROECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS**

As an internationally operating enterprise, PUMA is exposed to challenges and uncertainties that affect the global economy. These risks may impact our sales and sourcing markets. For example, macroeconomic risks because of economic recessions, changes in interest rates, or inflation and cost pressures, might influence consumer behavior, production costs, revenues, and profit margins. Additionally, global events like political changes, social developments, geopolitical tensions, natural disasters and diseases can disrupt supply chain activities or affect consumer sentiment, are also reflected in macroeconomic conditions.

In 2024, macroeconomic risks are significantly influenced by global and regional economic, political and geopolitical instability. The geopolitical environment including the Middle East conflict, the ongoing conflicts between Russia and Ukraine, and the Red Sea Crisis remains challenging. The macroeconomic environment and volatile demand in key markets, particularly in North America and Europe, also continue to pose difficulties. Recession risks continue to weigh on consumer sentiment, which has not improved significantly. Additionally, the market environment in China remains uncertain, and competition with both local and global brands remain high.

Overall, we manage these challenges by maintaining close alignment and communication with regions and key markets to monitor and address critical developments affecting PUMA's business environment (e.g., price increases, supply chain interruptions, geopolitical tensions). We also develop alternative scenarios to analyse the possible occurrence of events. PUMA continues to make progress on its strategic initiatives of brand elevation, product excellence and distribution quality with special focus on the U.S. and China and focused on strong sell-through and the best possible service to its retail partners, brand ambassadors and consumers. Moreover, the Management Board is regularly updated about country and macroeconomic developments and defines action plans to quickly adapt to changing economic conditions.

### **BUSINESS PARTNERS**

As a global enterprise, managing sourcing and supply chain risks is crucial for PUMA. Our products are predominantly produced in Asian countries, including China, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and India. Production in these countries presents significant risks, including changes in sourcing, wage, and logistic costs, supply bottlenecks for raw materials or components, quality issues, and potential overdependence on individual suppliers. In 2024, global sourcing markets were impacted by ongoing geopolitical tensions, which affected supply chains and created risks for business operations. In addition, increasing state protectionism, trade conflicts, higher tariffs and stricter regulatory requirements - particularly in economic relations between America, Europe and Asia as a result of the recent US election - will have a significant impact on global trade and economic growth. These developments could have a negative impact on PUMA's business operations and financial condition.

To mitigate risks related to business partners, we have implemented a robust framework for sourcing and supply chain processes. Our sourcing portfolio is regularly reviewed and adjusted to avoid dependence on individual suppliers and sourcing markets. Long-term master framework agreements are established to secure future production capacities. Regular communication with PUMA entities allows us to anticipate price increases and strengthen our forecasting activities. A quality control process and the direct and partnership-like collaboration with suppliers ensure the quality and availability of our products. Additionally, we continuously analyse political, economic, and legal conditions and have enhanced our cooperation with suppliers and logistics partners to react to supply chain changes early and strengthen the supply chain. Collaboration with warehouse and logistics service providers is secured through selection processes, consistent contractual terms, and permanent monitoring of relevant indicators.

## CURRENCY RISKS

PUMA, as an internationally operating corporation, is exposed to transactional foreign currency risks. These currency risks arise to the extent that the exchange rates of currencies in which purchasing and sales transactions, as well as credit transactions and receivables, are conducted fluctuate against the functional currency of the PUMA Group – the euro.

PUMA's largest procurement market is the Asian market, where payment flows are primarily conducted in US dollars (USD), while the PUMA Group's revenues are largely invoiced in other currencies. PUMA manages currency risk in accordance with an internal policy. In line with the Group policy, significant risks are hedged up to a coverage ratio of 95% of the estimated foreign currency risks arising from expected purchasing and sales transactions over the next twelve to fifteen months. To hedge foreign currency risk, foreign exchange forward contracts and currency options are typically used, with a maturity of approximately twelve months from the balance sheet date. For significant risks subject to high hedging costs, high coverage ratios can only be achieved over shorter time periods.

PUMA exclusively enters into standard foreign exchange forward contracts and currency options with renowned international financial institutions to hedge already concluded or anticipated contracts. As of the end of 2024, the net exposure for the planning period of 2025 was adequately hedged against currency fluctuations, where possible.

Furthermore, foreign currency risks may arise from intra-group loans issued for financing purposes. To hedge currency risks associated with converting intra-group loans denominated in foreign currencies into the functional currencies of the Group companies (EUR), currency swaps and foreign exchange forward contracts are used.

In addition, as an international corporation with its own presence in numerous countries, PUMA is also exposed to translation risks. These arise during consolidation when the financial statements of foreign subsidiaries that do not report in euros are converted into the functional currency of the PUMA Group, the euro.

In high-interest and high-inflation countries, both transaction and translation risks can arise to a significant extent. PUMA does not hedge these risks, as the cost of hedging in high-interest countries—if hedging is even possible—often significantly exceeds the benefits of risk mitigation. Instead, the negative effects of currency fluctuations and inflation are primarily offset through price adjustments of products in the respective market.

To represent market risks, IFRS 7 requires sensitivity analyses that show the effects of hypothetical changes in relevant risk variables on earnings and equity. The periodic effects are determined by applying hypothetical changes in risk variables to the portfolio of financial instruments as of the reporting date. It is assumed that the portfolio as of the reporting date is representative of the entire year.

Currency risks in the sense of IFRS 7 arise from financial instruments that are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency and are of a monetary nature. Exchange rate differences resulting from the conversion of individual financial statements into the group currency are not considered. The relevant risk variables are generally all non-functional currencies in which the group uses financial instruments.

The currency sensitivity analysis is based on the net balance sheet risk denominated in foreign currencies. This also includes intra-group monetary assets and liabilities. In addition, outstanding currency derivatives are revalued as part of the sensitivity analysis. It is assumed that all other influencing factors, including interest rates and commodity prices, remain constant. Furthermore, the effects of projected operational cash flows are disregarded.

The foreign exchange forward contracts used to hedge currency-related payment fluctuations are included in an effective cash flow hedge relationship according to IFRS 9. Exchange rate changes of the currencies

underlying these transactions impact the hedging reserve in equity and the fair value of these hedging transactions.

## **PRODUCT AND MARKET ENVIRONMENT**

The sport and lifestyle industry is characterised by intense competition, constant innovation, frequent trend changes, and evolving consumer preferences. PUMA faces the challenge of continuously innovating and differentiating its products to capture consumer interest and gain an edge over its competitors. Product and market environment risks can arise from unanticipated, late, or insufficient responses to consumer demand. Constant changes in sport and lifestyle trends and long product lifecycles bear the risk of creating products that may not fully resonate with consumers, launching them at the wrong time, with the wrong marketing support or placing them in the wrong distribution channels. As a result, these risks could lead to a loss in market share, sales shortfalls, and diminished brand attractiveness. PUMA's brand image is significantly influenced by our media presence and coverage. For example, reports about law infringements, non-compliance with internal/external requirements or workplace standards, negative coverage associated to inferior product quality or recalls, and social media exposure can severely damage the brand image, ultimately resulting in lost sales and profit.

To mitigate these risks, we conduct systematic market research to identify relevant consumer trends as early as possible. Through targeted investments in product design and development, we ensure that our product range appeals to consumers around the world and aligns with our brand positioning, further building our distinctive brand DNA. PUMA's brand image is also strengthened through collaborations with celebrity brand ambassadors who embody PUMA's brand values and have great potential to influence PUMA's target audience. These ambassadors are carefully selected according to the requirements and needs of the brand and the company. In addition, careful press, social media and public relations work and monitoring of the media and social media environment is carried out to counter potential risks.

## **PROJECTS**

PUMA's strategic program portfolio includes important and critical projects to ensure that the flow of goods and information is sufficiently supported by modern warehouse, logistics and IT infrastructure. These include but are not limited to the implementation of IT systems to enhance operations, such as core value systems, e-commerce platforms, warehouses and supply chain. Risk associated with projects include ineffective change management, lack of resources, high costs, budget overruns, extended time frames, non-acceptance of users due to weak communication, increased vulnerability to potential data breaches and disruption to business processes. In particular, investments in warehouse-, logistics-, and IT-infrastructure are associated with risks, such as changes in market conditions or technological advancements that require adjustments.

In order to effectively manage project-related risks, e.g. in the area of warehouse-, logistics- and IT-infrastructure, PUMA has established Group project teams and regional project teams as well as guidelines to manage the introduction of new and existing projects that have a significant impact on the core value chain. In addition, as part of project management, a steering committee ensures that strategic projects and programs are efficiently managed, monitored and supported. This approach enables project risks to be identified at an early stage and measures to be taken in good time. Through clear prioritization and close coordination with stakeholders, project control is maintained beyond implementation to ensure success and alignment with business needs, including the continuous re-evaluation of projects and the resulting lower prospects of success or possible reversal.

## **LEGAL**

As an internationally operating group, PUMA is exposed to various legal risks. These risks could arise from Intellectual Property (IP) infringements, such as the unauthorized use of trademarks, patents or copyright potentially resulting in legal disputes, brand damage or loss of exclusivity rights. Contractual risks, including the possibility of third parties asserting claims and litigations for trademark infringements are also considered. Additionally, counterfeit products are often of inferior quality and may not meet safety



standards which can undermine a PUMA's brand reputation, reduce consumer trust and lead to legal disputes.

Continuous monitoring of contractual obligations and the integration of internal and external legal experts in contractual matters are essential to minimize legal risks. The legal team is responsible for protecting our intellectual property in order to act against brand piracy. This not only ensures a robust global portfolio of property rights, such as trademarks, designs and patents, but also involves close collaboration with customs, police and other authorities and provides input to legislators regarding the implementation of effective measures to protect intellectual property.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The ongoing digitalization of business environments brings new challenges to PUMA in the field of information technology which, – in case of incidents – may have an impact on our operations, data security and privacy, as well as overall performance. Key business procedures and processes, such as supply chain management, e-commerce, and financial reporting depend on digital services, infrastructure, and their unimpaired availability. Interruptions in service availability can disrupt essential processes and cause operational problems. Increasing sophistication of cyber-attacks, including the use of AI-based models, enables exposure to attacks using phishing, ransomware and malware that could compromise sensitive data and disrupt operations. Moreover, information security is of outmost importance for PUMA; the risk of a data breach might lead to financial loss, brand damage, legal claims, and loss of customer trust.

To mitigate these risks, we continuously implement technical and organizational measures. Key business procedures, processes and infrastructure related to information technology and security are established based on best-practice frameworks, regularly updated and controlled. These processes are subject to internal and external audits to ensure their reliability and the appropriateness of control mechanisms. Appropriate procedures and guidelines related to IT-incident response are in place and updated regularly. In addition, training and information campaigns are conducted regularly to increase awareness and knowledge on information security-related issues.

## **DEFAULT RISKS**

Due to its business activities, PUMA is exposed to default risk on trade receivables. These risks consider delayed payments and losses of accounts receivables (e.g., default of a customer) as well as default risks from counterparty's other contractual financial obligations (e.g., bank deposits, derivative financial instruments). This could lead to bad debt expenses and reduced liquidity and could have a negative impact on cash flow and profitability, as trade receivables are one of the most significant financial assets. In 2024, the risk of payment defaults increased as the amount of outstanding payments from business partners increased in line with the sales trend in various markets.

The risk of default is countered by continuous monitoring of outstanding receivables and payment targets as well as sufficient value adjustments. The default risk is limited, if possible, by credit insurance. The maximum default risk is reflected by the carrying amounts of the financial assets recognized in the balance sheet. In addition, default risks also arise to a lesser extent from other contractual financial obligations of the counterparty, such as bank balances and derivative financial instruments.

## **MONITORING OF WORKING CONDITIONS**

An important aspect of corporate responsibility is maintaining and monitoring good working conditions compliance with human rights in PUMA's own operations and throughout the supply chain to ensure that employee's rights and well-being are protected. This risk considers the potential event of human rights violation, social non-compliance or poor factory HR practices (such as child labour, excessive overtime, forced labour, unsafe work environment, low income, unsecured employment lack of workers and lack of training and skill development) in PUMA's supply chain.

To mitigate these risks, PUMA has implemented clear policies that are aligned with all relevant legislation on sustainability like the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act, United Nations' (UN) Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Guiding Principles (UNGPs) on Business and Human Rights, the International Labor Organization's Core Labor Conventions, and the ten principles of the UN Global Compact (UNGC). Regular audits and human rights/environmental risk assessments are conducted at the corporate and the supply chain level to evaluate compliance with applicable standards. Stakeholder dialogue with NGOs and partnerships with organizations (e.g., Fair Labor Association, German Partnership for Sustainable Textiles) enable transparent communication channels to address concerns and share best practices regarding human rights and environmental standards.

## **TAX**

As a global company PUMA is exposed to a complex tax environment with main challenges arising from cross-border transactions involving intercompany transfer of goods, services, and intellectual property. To minimize tax exposure, it is essential to optimize tax planning activities and ensure compliance with local and international laws and reporting requirements. In addition to compliance with national tax regulations applicable to individual group companies, there are increasing risks related to intra-group transfer pricing requirements. These must be applied for various internal business transactions in accordance with the arm's length principle between related parties. Different countries have implemented laws and guidelines for international taxes in alignment with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) recommendations to standardize transfer pricing requirements.

In order to manage tax-related risks effectively, PUMA has established a solid tax governance framework. This includes an adequate tax organization with internal and external tax experts to comply with the relevant tax regulations and to react to changes in the constantly evolving tax environment. For the group-internal transfer pricing, corresponding documentation and policies are in place and aligned with international and national requirements and standards. Guidelines and regulations for determining transfer pricing for intra-group transactions apply to foreign subsidiaries. They comply with the applicable internal procedures and are binding for employees acting on behalf of the Group. By means of internal tax reporting, external and internal tax experts can control and monitor tax developments at PUMA on an ongoing basis. Training and awareness activities are performed on a regular basis to ensure relevant stakeholders are informed about current tax developments and acquire further expertise for tax treatment activities. Both the Management Board, and the Supervisory Board, are regularly informed about ongoing tax developments at PUMA to identify and avoid tax-related risks as early as possible.

## **COMPLIANCE**

As an international group, PUMA is exposed to compliance risks resulting from the potential non-adherence to corporate governance rules, legal and regulatory requirements, or industry standards. These risks include fraud, conflict of interest, money laundering, corruption, violations of human rights, environmental protection and antitrust law, as well as deliberate misrepresentations in financial reporting which may lead to significant penalties, legal consequences, reputational damage and disruption to business operations.

PUMA has implemented various tools to manage such risks. This includes a functioning compliance management system, an internal control system, group controlling and internal audit departments to prevent, detect and sanction compliance-related topics at an early stage. Through the compliance management system, clear roles and responsibilities are assigned to group and local compliance functions. To ensure PUMA employees comply with PUMA's values, ongoing trainings, communication and awareness campaigns for policies and procedures are carried out. PUMA employees also have access to PUMA's electronic whistleblowing system (SpeakUP) for reporting illegal or unethical behavior, and violation of laws and PUMA policies.

## **DISTRIBUTION STRUCTURE**

PUMA relies on diversified distribution channels, including the Wholesale business with our retail partners and the Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) business with our PUMA-owned and operated retail stores and e-

commerce platforms. This strategy enables PUMA to reduce its dependency on individual distribution channels and/or retail partners.

The wholesale business accounts for the largest share of total revenue and is characterized by strong and long-term partnerships. The DTC business has a complementary role and is intended to ensure a better and more comprehensive presentation of PUMA products in a controlled brand environment, direct interaction with our end consumers and higher gross profit margins.

In the wholesale business, the competitive pressure from other sports brands, poses risks such as intensified market share competition, price pressure and reduced profit margins. Consumer purchase behavior is also changing, focusing more on e-commerce and a combination of stationary and digital trade. This requires continuous adjustment of the distribution structure. Distribution through our retail stores and e-commerce platforms is, however, also associated with various risks including required investments in expansion and infrastructure, store setup and refurbishment, higher fixed costs, and long-term lease obligations. These factors can have an adverse impact on profitability in the event of a business decline.

To mitigate risks, we conduct continuous monitoring of distribution channels and regular reporting by dedicated functions. We maintain strong collaborations with all our retail partners aligned with our wholesale-focused strategy. Our reporting and controlling system allow us to detect negative trends early on, and to take the countermeasures required to manage individual stores and overall to monitor the evolution of the distribution landscape. In the retail business, detailed location and profitability analyses are conducted before investment decisions to develop new store formats and concepts. In e-commerce, global activities are being standardized, and investments are being made in IT infrastructure to further enhance the shopping experience for our consumers. One example is our latest initiatives in China, where tailored digital services are specifically designed to meet local consumer needs. This enables more effective fulfillment of the individual and diverse demands of Chinese customers, fostering sustainable growth in a dynamic market.

## **SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability topics are highly important for PUMA, extending from corporate strategies and workforce considerations to sourcing and the entire value chain. The climate crisis, increasing pressure and dependencies on natural resources, changing consumer and customer expectations, and an evolving regulatory landscape concerning environmental and social aspects have led to a strong commitment to sustainability in our business practices. This includes the selection of certified/recycled materials, as well as the broader management of environmental and social topics, such as compliance with environmental management standards, responsible sourcing, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, strategies for renewable energy use, chemical management and upholding human rights. It also includes addressing workforce topics like talent management, diversity and inclusion, which are assessed comprehensively in other risk groups mentioned in this report.

All potential impacts, risks and opportunities are assessed with a comprehensive process at PUMA resulting in a detailed materiality assessment and focus on key areas. The risk of not implementing an effective sustainability strategy to our products, sourcing or corporate practices could lead to serious brand damage, loss of customer loyalty, supply chain disruptions, increased costs, and non-compliance with sustainability regulations.

PUMA's sustainability strategy, known as FOREVER.BETTER, reflects our commitment to managing material sustainability-related impacts, risks and opportunities. This strategy integrates sustainability targets into core business functions, ensuring that sustainability is a key priority across all levels of the organisation. There are measurable targets and key performance indicators which are regularly monitored and reported to Supervisory Board and Management Board, and stakeholders. Our strategy focuses on ten key areas for improving sustainability performance: Human Rights, Climate Action, Circularity, Products, Water and Air, Biodiversity, Plastics and the Oceans, Chemicals, Health and Safety, and Fair Income. These areas are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2024, after consulting with stakeholders,

PUMA developed new Vision 2030 sustainability targets, which build on these key areas and sharpen the focus under three main themes: Human Rights, Climate Action, and Circularity. Additionally, risk assessments and audits are conducted to ensure both PUMA entities and suppliers adhere to sustainability standards. PUMA also engages stakeholders through different initiatives like formal Stakeholder Dialogue meetings bringing all relevant external and internal parties in one room, or "Voices of a RE:GENERATION" allowing to discuss sustainability topics with generation Z representatives, industry peers, experts and activists.

As emerging risks, we have identified Climate Change Adaptation as well as PUMA's Impacts on Biodiversity.

The PUMA sustainability statement is part of the combined management report. Additional sustainability-related information can be found in the preceding chapter, "[Sustainability Statement](#)."

## **PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT**

The creative potential, commitment, and performance of PUMA employees are crucial for achieving our strategic and financial goals. Personnel-related risks include workforce management, talent management, employee engagement, and compliance with employment laws. Any staffing shortfall may lead to inadequate task performance and negatively impact operational efficiency. Moreover, strong global competition for highly qualified personnel persists. Therefore, the loss of key personnel and challenges in identifying, attracting, and retaining key talent could result in a loss of know-how and decreased business performance. Non-compliance with health and safety laws and regulations could result in accidents, penalties, employee dissatisfaction, business interruptions, and reputational damage at the Group level.

Our human resources strategy encourages independent thinking and action, which are key in maintaining an open corporate culture with flat hierarchies on a long-term and sustainable basis. To achieve this goal, we have implemented a control process to identify and assess human-resource risks. PUMA focuses on talent management by identifying key positions and talent, ensuring this talent is optimally trained and positioned, and planning for succession. We have also instituted additional national and global regulations and guidelines to ensure compliance with legal provisions and safeguard employee health, wellbeing and safety. Moreover, employee surveys are conducted to obtain feedback and measure engagement (e.g., "Great Place to Work", "Diversity Leader"). In 2024, PUMA received several awards recognizing our efforts to create a diverse, inclusive, and equal workforce (e.g., "Top Employer"). We will continue to make targeted investments in the human resource needs of functions or regions to meet the future requirements of our corporate strategy.

## **LIQUIDITY AND INTEREST RATE RISKS**

PUMA continually analyses short-term capital requirements by rolling cash flow planning at the level of the individual companies in coordination with the central Treasury department. In order to ensure the company's solvency, financial flexibility and a strategic liquidity buffer, PUMA maintains a liquidity reserve in the form of cash and confirmed credit facilities. In this respect, as of December 31, 2024, the PUMA Group had unused credit lines totaling € 1.360,2 million.

Medium and long-term funding requirements that cannot be directly covered by net cash from operating activities are financed by taking out medium and long-term loans. For this purpose, various promissory note loans were issued in several tranches with fixed and variable coupons and different remaining terms. The utilized promissory note loans amount to a total of € 426,4 million as of December 31, 2024, and have a remaining term of between/up to one and four years.

Changes in market interest rates around the world have an impact on future interest payments for variable interest liabilities. As PUMA only has a limited amount of variable interest-bearing liabilities, interest rate hedging instruments are used to a limited extent.

## RISK OVERVIEW TABLE

The following table summarizes the risk groups described above based on their relative importance (significance level) and any changes during the year:

### ➤ T.75 OVERVIEW OF RISK GROUPS

Risk Groups	Classification	Description	Significance level	Change compared to previous year
Macroeconomic Developments	Strategic	e.g., economic developments, political situation, geo-political tensions, natural disasters and diseases	Critical	↗
Business Partners	Operational	e.g., raw material bottlenecks, supply chain disruptions, trade conflicts, duties, sourcing and logistic costs, quality problems	Critical	↗
Currency Risks	Financial	e.g., exchange rate fluctuations	Critical	→
Product and Market Environment	Strategic	e.g., trends, customer requirements, brand image, media reports	Material	→
Projects	Strategic	e.g., warehouse-, logistics- and IT-infrastructure	Material	→
Legal	Regulatory	e.g., trademark law, patent law, counterfeit products	Material	→
Information Technology	Operational	e.g., cyberattacks, network and system failures, data protection	Material	→
Default Risks	Financial	e.g., payment claims against customers	Material	↗
Monitoring of Working Conditions	Regulatory	e.g., labor law, human rights, German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act	Material	→
Tax	Financial	e.g., transfer prices	Material	→
Compliance	Regulatory	e.g., fraud, corruption	Material	→
Distribution Structure	Strategic	e.g., change in the distribution landscape	Material	→
Sustainability	Regulatory	e.g., climate change, biodiversity, water resources, pollution, environmental standards	Material	→
Personnel Department	Operational	e.g., key positions, employee retention, health & safety	Moderate	→
Liquidity and Interest Rate Risks	Financial	e.g., cash, credit lines, custody fees, interest rate developments	Moderate	→

## OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities should be recognised, assessed and, where possible, exploited by PUMA at an early stage. Opportunity management is a company-wide responsibility that starts at the strategic level and extends through operational management to every single person in the company. As part of the annual strategic planning, budget and medium-term process, the opportunities identified are integrated into PUMA's overall planning approach. PUMA has identified and defined several key opportunity categories for the planning period and beyond.

PUMA's corporate strategy aims to strengthen our brand. With this overarching framework, we particularly want to create an even stronger foundation for growth, above-average success in the market, the acquisition of additional market share and sustainable profitability.

To strengthen the brand, we have defined three pillars that open up important opportunities: Establishing a distinctive brand DNA, strengthening our credibility and authenticity through a strong performance business and reinforcing our relevance in the Sportstyle prime segment.

PUMA will continue to invest in the brand and sees significant opportunities to increase market share in all key markets. To further increase brand equity, we relaunched our "See The Game Like We Do" campaign in April 2024 for the first time in ten years. The improvement in brand awareness in key markets and the positive KPI development following the campaign support the increase in popularity of the brand and the acquisition of additional market share.

In the second pillar, perception as an authentic and credible sports brand is further promoted through innovation, strong performances by our brand ambassadors and a strong presence at our sales partners' points of sale. In recent years, we have made great progress in our key sports categories and significantly strengthened our market position in soccer, running, fitness, basketball, golf and motorsports. In the running segment in particular, which we only re-entered a few years ago, we continue to see considerable potential for increasing our market share. Our product offering is continuously optimized and further developed across all categories, with a particular focus on innovation, technology (e.g. NITRO) and franchise management. In 2025, several international sporting events will provide an important platform to underline our performance and further strengthen our brand presence. We will build on the visibility and brand popularity we achieved at the 2024 Olympic Games.

The third pillar of our strategy focuses on increasing relevance in the Sportstyle Prime business. The prime segment and the success of our franchises offer PUMA a significant opportunity to increase our market share in a very large and relevant market segment. We will continue to focus on trends in the low profile segment, launch new products and expand distribution with key partners.

In terms of distribution, PUMA will continue to focus on the wholesale channel. Strong partnerships with our wholesale customers offer opportunities for future market share gains and business growth. However, we also see significant opportunities in our Direct-to-Consumer (DTC) business with a particular focus on PUMA's e-commerce channels. In line with our overall brand development strategy, we will continue to improve the consumer experience in all e-commerce channels and invest in the underlying technology infrastructure. New store formats and improvements to the overall shopping experience in our own retail stores can and should also lead to additional business opportunities. In the distribution area, ensuring delivery through new, state-of-the-art multi-channel distribution centres in key markets continues to support business development.

In the area of information technology, we identify opportunities both in the strategic realignment of our global organization and in the next phase of our Enterprise Business Planning (EBP) transformation, which will provide best practices and governance structures in all regions and thus contribute to a strengthened global structure. Furthermore, advances in generative artificial intelligence are driving new digital use cases that will impact almost all areas of work and offer significant potential for innovation and increased efficiency. In addition, modern technology platforms with a flexible, modular architecture will increase the

speed at which new functions are implemented and ensure an agile and scalable IT landscape that can quickly adapt to new requirements. We also see the integration of digital teams with comprehensive end-to-end responsibility as an opportunity to implement digital projects more efficiently and successfully. In summary, by creating a global Digital & Technology organization, we aim to support PUMA's growth and drive digital transformation to become faster and more efficient. Through innovation and close collaboration with our business partners, we will create seamless digital experiences for our employees and customers. At the same time, we have a responsibility to protect PUMA's data and assets through the use of cutting-edge technologies and targeted training for our employees.

At PUMA, we are committed to people and our planet in all areas of our business. We take responsibility and are constantly finding new ways to become even more sustainable. As sustainability becomes increasingly more relevant to our end consumers and external stakeholders, the importance of sustainability-related communication, recycled and certified products and sustainability disclosures is growing. PUMA's strategic approach to sustainability is focused on maximizing impact within the company itself, within the supply chain and with the end customer. Numerous initiatives are currently underway. In 2024, for example, PUMA manufactured eight out of ten products in accordance with its sustainability index, thus reaching another milestone. The sustainable products are made from materials that are classified as preferred by Textile Exchange or come from certified sources. PUMA has launched the "Voices of a RE:GENERATION" initiative, which aims to continuously communicate with activists and environmentalists of today's generation and provide feedback to our leadership on how PUMA can further strengthen its sustainability initiatives and communicate its sustainability efforts to young audiences. Through these initiatives, we can further develop sustainability at PUMA, capitalize on resulting business opportunities, increase productivity, drive innovation, further strengthen the brand's reputation and ensure compliance with regulatory standards.

To achieve the goals of our corporate strategy, PUMA complements it with "nextlevel", a comprehensive efficiency program targeting cost optimization and operational improvement, which puts an increased focus on translating top-line growth into increased profitability growth. The "nextlevel" programme aims to achieve an EBIT margin of 8.5% by 2027 by optimizing direct and indirect costs. In combination with our brand elevation strategy, we are committed to achieve a 10% EBIT margin in the long term. PUMA will continue to strategically invest in the brand, innovative products, wholesale and retail, productive warehouses, advanced technologies and our people, which are the foundation for sustainable growth.

## **OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF THE RISK AND OPPORTUNITY SITUATION**

The assessment of the overall risk and opportunity situation of the Group and PUMA SE is the result of a consolidated view of the risk and opportunity categories described above for the financial year 2024. In line with the description in our economic report, our assessment of PUMA's overall risk situation this year is significantly influenced by geopolitical tensions, trade conflicts, a volatile environment with persistent currency headwinds and subdued consumer sentiment in key markets. Even though individual risks have increased, we see the overall risk situation as unchanged compared to the previous year. The Management Board is currently not aware of any material risks that, either individually, on an aggregated basis or in combination with other risks, could jeopardize the continued existence of the Group and PUMA SE.

However, we cannot exclude the possibility that in the future influencing factors, of which we are currently unaware or which we currently do not consider to be material, could have a negative impact on the continued existence of the Group or PUMA SE or individual consolidated companies. Also due to the extremely solid balance sheet and the positive business outlook, the Management Board does not see any significant threat to the continued existence of the PUMA Group and PUMA SE.

## MAIN FEATURES OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PUMA's internal control and risk management systems are designed to manage risks in a targeted manner instead of eliminating them completely. Although they do not guarantee absolute security, they help to support the achievement of our corporate goals and to identify, assess and limit significant risks at an early stage. These include the protection of company assets, reliable financial reporting and compliance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements. The internal control and risk management system is designed as an ongoing process that aims to identify potential risks to business objectives at an early stage, prioritize them according to their relevance and manage them effectively through targeted measures. This includes the definition of specific control objectives, the continuous monitoring of risks and countermeasures and the evaluation of the effectiveness and appropriateness of the controls implemented to reduce risk.

The core elements on which our internal control and risk management system is based include:

- **Risk management system (RMS):** Our risk management system provides a standardized method for identifying and assessing significant corporate risks, including their impact and probability of occurrence. It defines clear responsibilities and processes for risk management, which is integrated into daily business management. The system is based on the COSO standard. A description of our RMS can be found in the previous chapter "Risk management system".
- **Internal Control System (ICS):** PUMA's Internal Control System is a structured, consistent and ongoing process that is applied throughout the company and is based on the COSO principles and guidelines. The aim is to continuously optimize the internal control system by identifying control weaknesses and assessing specific risks in the areas of strategy, operations, finance, sustainability and compliance. The established process ensures that recommendations for action are formulated precisely and implemented promptly by the process owners. A description of our ICS can be found in the "Internal control system" section below.
- **Compliance Management System (CMS):** PUMA has implemented a Compliance Management System to systematically prevent, detect and remedy violations of the law. It is based on risk assessments, guidelines, training and a strong compliance culture. The PUMA Code of Ethics is a central component and defines binding values and standards of conduct for all employees. The whistleblowing platform "SpeakUp" can be used to anonymously report violations worldwide, whereby PUMA guarantees strict protection against reprisals. Complaints are investigated confidentially, and appropriate action is taken immediately in the event of confirmed violations.
- **Internal Audit System (IAS):** Internal Audit supports the improvement of management and the monitoring of processes within the PUMA Group. This is ensured through the systematic and consistent performance of independent audits, objective consulting services and targeted initiatives. In December 2024, PUMA's internal audit was audited by an independent third party to ensure compliance with the requirements of Domain III of the DIIR (German Institute of Internal Auditors) and the standards of the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). This independent audit confirmed that the internal audit creates added value for the Group, improves its operational processes and contributes to the achievement of the Group's objectives through a systematic, disciplined approach to assessing and optimizing the effectiveness and efficiency of risk management and internal control systems.

The Management Board receives ongoing support in assessing the effectiveness and appropriateness of the internal control and risk management system through regular reports from the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control and Group Compliance departments. Identified weaknesses are analyzed and remedied through targeted countermeasures. In addition, the managers of the respective departments are responsible for ensuring compliance with relevant control mechanisms and guidelines and for implementing and continuously monitoring an effective internal control and risk management system within their area of responsibility.



## INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM

PUMA's internal control system applies to all employees throughout the Group. It includes the principles, procedures and measures defined by the management of the PUMA Group. All key business processes that support the organizational implementation of management decisions must be taken into account. In addition, processes and controls in connection with financial and sustainability reporting are integrated in accordance with PUMA's internal control framework.

The methodology of the PUMA Group's internal control system is based on the COSO framework. This framework describes internal management and monitoring elements for central processes within the company, including sustainability reporting. It supports the goal of proper reporting, improving the efficiency and effectiveness of processes and compliance with legal requirements.

The PUMA control framework is applicable for all one hundred percent subsidiaries. The main goal here is to manage significant risks through appropriate control activities. The objective is to continuously improve the internal control system and to identify specific risks and potential improvements in the control environment at process level in order to define appropriate recommendations for action and to systematically track their timely implementation. Independent monitoring bodies such as the Supervisory Board and the Audit Committee help to ensure that the control environment remains up-to-date. The Management Board of PUMA SE bears overall responsibility for the internal control system. The Management Board regularly updates the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE. The internal control function of the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control Department has been tasked with preparing regular reports for the Management Board in order to help coordinate the internal control system from an operational perspective. The responsibilities, tasks and processes of the internal control system are defined in guidelines.

With regard to the PUMA control framework, the following five core components must be kept in mind: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring activities.

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### ➤ G.19 INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEM



The internal control system is based on the control environment established within the PUMA Group, in that it lays out principles for employee and management behavior within the company. The standards practiced are underpinned by internally formalized procedures and by clear guidelines on giving instructions and authorizations. Together with external regulations, these internal standards form a control environment that applies to all employees of the PUMA Group, supported by the relevant management and the process manager in the entities.

As described in the previous section headed "Risk Management," the PUMA Group is also subject to a large number of risks that may potentially impact on company goals. Risk identification and assessment is carried out every six months in order to present material risks at Group level. In this respect, the internal control system is designed to ensure that all identified risks are compensated for by appropriate control measures. In addition, the internal control system's risk assessment also includes a large number of more detailed risks in day-to-day operations – for example, operational activities in accordance with compliance regulations.

Control activities serve to counteract the identified business risks. In order to ensure that the control framework is continuously up-to-date and monitor its application in business processes, an annual "Internal Control Self-Assessment" (ICSA) is completed by the key business units of the PUMA Group. The internal control function ensures that the key business units – at parent and subsidiary company level – are included in the ICSA. The managers of these business units evaluate the specified control objectives of the PUMA Group in relation to their business area. When doing so, the existing control framework is assessed based on internal and external guidelines and best-practice standards. Based on the responses, a level of implementation of the controls is determined, which undergoes independent verification by the Internal Control function and is then communicated to the Management Board using established reporting channels. The results of the ICSA are also reported to the Audit Committee and the statutory auditors and are used by the internal audit function of the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control Department in risk-oriented audit planning.

The purpose of informing and communicating potential business risks and control activities is to help make sound business decisions, with the information required to do so being accessible within an appropriate and timely framework. Established communication channels are continuously used in the PUMA Group to achieve this. The internal control function coordinates awareness training and regular coordination meetings in order to continuously guarantee, and also strengthen, its cooperation with the Management Board and other managers of business units.

The use of a standardized software system as the basis for monitoring activities is intended to ensure the systematic and uniform implementation of ICSA across the entire company. The internal control function analyses the results of the ICSA and derives recommended actions, which are coordinated with the managers of the business units and the implementation status of which is reviewed and monitored continuously.

## **MAIN FEATURES OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS IT RELATES TO THE GROUP'S ACCOUNTING PROCESS**

The Management Board of PUMA SE is responsible for the preparation and accuracy of the annual financial statements, the consolidated financial statements and the combined management report of PUMA SE. The consolidated financial statements were prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards that apply in the EU, the requirements of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG) and the German SE Implementation Act (SEAG). Certain disclosures and amounts are based on current estimates by the Management Board and the management.

The Management Board is responsible for establishing and regularly monitoring an adequate internal control and risk management system concerning the consolidated financial statements and the disclosures in the combined management report. This control and risk management system is designed to ensure the

accuracy and reliability of internal and external financial reporting, as well as the presentation and correctness of the consolidated financial statements and the combined management report. It is based on a series of process-integrated monitoring measures and includes necessary actions such as internal directives, organizational and authorization policies, system and access authorizations, relevant corporate guidelines and manuals, segregation of duties within the Group, and the four-eyes principle. These measures are regularly reviewed for adequacy and effectiveness by the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control department. There are areas for improvement in the further development of access and roles management for our IT systems, especially for migration projects; any control weaknesses are analysed in detail and appropriate countermeasures are undertaken.

For monthly financial reporting and consolidation, PUMA has a group-wide reporting and controlling system that makes it possible to regularly and quickly detect deviations from projected figures and accounting irregularities and, where necessary, to take countermeasures.

By means of established internal reporting channels, the risk management system can regularly identify events that could affect the Group's economic performance and its accounting process so that it can analyse and evaluate the resulting risks and take the necessary actions to counter them.

The Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board meets on a regular basis with the independent statutory auditors, the Management Board and the Group Internal Audit, Risk Management & Internal Control Department to discuss the results of the internal audits and statutory audits with reference to the internal control and risk management system as it relates to the accounting process. At the annual meeting on the financial statements, the auditor reports to the Supervisory Board (including the Audit Committee) on the results of the audit of the annual and consolidated financial statements.

## **STATEMENT ON THE ADEQUACY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEMS**

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The Management Board also monitors the effectiveness of the risk management and internal control system as a whole. Accordingly, key aspects of the systems are reviewed on a quarterly basis as part of cyclical reporting. This is intended to ensure the following: the management of material risks with appropriate transparency, the discussion of individual issues in a suitable form and their traceability as well as the consideration of possible further developments of the systems. Supported by an established control environment, the continuous monitoring and improvement of the systems reflect the PUMA Group's open risk culture approach. For the time being, PUMA SE is not aware of any relevant circumstances beyond those described above that would essentially conflict with the appropriateness and effectiveness of the overall risk management and internal control system. Nevertheless, it should be noted that even systems that have been commented on as appropriate and effective are subject to inherent limitations. Accordingly, no complete prevention of any process violations and/or risks that actually occur can be guaranteed.

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# OUTLOOK REPORT

## GLOBAL ECONOMY

According to the winter forecast published by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy (ifw Kiel) on 12 December 2024, the global economy is facing increased economic policy uncertainty in a phase of already moderate momentum. The announcements of the new US administration are decisive in this regard. However, it is unclear what measures will actually be taken. Experts at the ifw Kiel expect global gross domestic product (GDP) to increase by 3.1% in 2025, following growth of 3.2% in 2024. The expected decline in inflation towards the 2% target is likely to be slow. In the opinion of the experts at the ifw Kiel, the main risks to the economic forecast for 2025 are that monetary policy will remain restrictive for longer than expected. Furthermore, there are still major risks to the global economy due to a possible escalation of geopolitical conflicts. Trade conflicts could also escalate further, although they could also be less severe than expected.

In addition to the economic forecast by the ifw Kiel, we would like to refer in the following to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) outlook published in January 2025. IMF experts expect global gross domestic product (GDP) to increase by 3.3% in 2025, with global growth expected to remain stable, though not particularly strong. This means that the growth outlook is below the historical average of 3.7% from 2000 to 2019. According to IMF experts, global inflation is still continuing its downward trend, but there are signs that progress is slowing in some countries and that higher inflation is persisting in a small number of cases. In those places where inflation is more persistent, central banks are more cautious in the easing cycle, keeping a close eye on economic and labour market indicators and exchange rate developments. Some central banks are raising interest rates, marking a point of divergence in monetary policy.

## SPORTING GOODS INDUSTRY

Unless the geopolitical environment has any significant negative impact on the overall economic environment, we expect growth in the sporting goods industry in 2025. Based on the Euromonitor report, we expect currency-adjusted growth in the sporting goods industry of around 2.9% in 2025. We expect demand for sporting goods to increase in 2025 as the trend towards increased sports activities and healthier lifestyles continues and becomes even more significant. This applies equally to the increasing popularity of athletic footwear and leisure/athletic apparel as an integral part of everyday fashion ("athleisure"). We also assume that major sporting events in 2025, such as the UEFA Euro 2024 women's football championship in Switzerland and the World Athletics Championships in Japan, will help to support growth in the sporting goods industry.

OUTLOOK 2025

In 2024, PUMA achieved sales growth across all regions and product divisions and improved its gross profit margin while the operating result (EBIT) remained stable. PUMA focused on its strategic priorities of brand elevation to improve its full price realisation in the future and on building the foundation for sustainable growth by strengthening its performance business and building consumer relevance in the Sportstyle Prime market.

In 2025, PUMA anticipates that geopolitical tensions and macroeconomic challenges will continue, especially trade disputes and currency volatility, which is expected to weigh on consumer sentiment and demand in key markets. Against this backdrop, PUMA expects **currency adjusted sales to grow in the low- to mid-single-digit percentage range**. But Latin America segment will grow faster than the general forecast in terms of currency-adjusted sales. While the environment remains volatile and challenging, the company will continue to focus on its controllables, executing its brand elevation strategy and taking decisive actions to address its cost basis with its nextlevel programme.

The nextlevel cost efficiency programme is expected to incur one-time costs of up to €75 million in 2025, which are related to the closure of unprofitable owned & operated retail stores, restructuring expenses and other one-time non-operating costs. In return, the company expects to generate additional EBIT of up to €100 million in 2025. The net contribution from the nextlevel cost efficiency programme to EBIT in 2025 is projected to be up to €25 million.

In order to provide a reliable outlook for the underlying performance of the business, the company provides an adjusted EBIT outlook for 2025, excluding one-time costs. Considering the one-time costs and net contribution from the nextlevel programme, continued investments in marketing, retail stores and infrastructure, PUMA expects an **adjusted EBIT in the range of €520 million to €600 million** for the financial year 2025 (2024: €622.0 million).

PUMA plans to continue investing in its retail store network and e-commerce business, along with warehouse and digital infrastructure, to enable its long-term growth objectives and therefore anticipates **capital expenditures (CAPEX) of around €300 million** in 2025 (2024: €263.0 million).

T.76 OUTLOOK 2025	
	Outlook for 2025
Sales growth (currency adjusted)	low- to mid-single digit
Adjusted operating result (EBIT)*	€ 520 million to € 600 million
CAPEX	around € 300 million
* Excluding one-time costs such as restructuring expenses and other one-time non-operating costs	

PUMA is committed to addressing short-term challenges while continuing to prioritise investments into the brand and infrastructure as foundation for mid to long term success.

## **FOUNDATION FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH**

The Management Board and Supervisory Board have set the long-term strategic priorities. The implementation of the action plans is being carried out in a targeted and value-oriented manner. PUMA's brand-strengthening strategy is complemented by the 'nextlevel' efficiency programme, which will create the basis for positive medium and long-term development.

Herzogenaurach, 11 March 2025

The Management Board

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# **CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## 7 T.01 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION OF PUMA SE

		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	3	368.2	552.9
Inventories	4	2,013.7	1,804.4
Trade receivables	5	1,246.5	1,118.4
Income tax receivables	22	87.6	90.1
Other current financial assets	6	328.3	94.9
Other current assets	7	260.9	270.4
<b>Current assets</b>		<b>4,305.2</b>	<b>3,931.1</b>
Deferred tax assets	8	243.6	296.1
Property, plant and equipment	9	765.7	685.6
Right-of-use assets	10	1,116.8	1,087.7
Intangible assets	11	585.8	530.8
Other non-current financial assets	12	95.4	83.6
Other non-current assets	12	28.1	25.6
<b>Non-current assets</b>		<b>2,835.4</b>	<b>2,709.3</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>7,140.6</b>	<b>6,640.4</b>



		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Liabilities and equity</b>			
Current borrowings	13	131.6	145.9
Trade payables	13	1,893.5	1,499.8
Income tax liabilities	22	69.1	79.3
Current lease liabilities	10	220.6	212.4
Other current provisions	16	39.0	27.7
Other current financial liabilities	13	47.1	78.6
Other current liabilities	13	470.0	493.4
<b>Current liabilities</b>		<b>2,870.9</b>	<b>2,537.2</b>
Non-current borrowings	13	356.4	426.1
Non-current lease liabilities	10	1,010.0	1,020.0
Deferred tax liabilities	8	14.2	12.4
Pension provisions	15	27.3	22.5
Other non-current provisions	16	29.3	27.3
Other non-current financial liabilities	13	2.9	11.4
Other non-current liabilities	13	1.1	1.3
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>		<b>1,441.0</b>	<b>1,520.9</b>
Subscribed capital	17	149.7	150.8
Capital reserve	17	94.8	93.8
Other reserves	17	2,602.5	2,330.4
Treasury stock	17	-19.3	-21.6
Equity attributable to the shareholders of PUMA SE		2,827.7	2,553.4
Non-controlling interests	17, 28	0.9	28.9
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>2,828.6</b>	<b>2,582.3</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>7,140.6</b>	<b>6,640.4</b>

# CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

## ➤ T.02 CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF PUMA SE

		2024	2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Sales</b>	<u>19, 24</u>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>
Cost of sales	<u>24</u>	-4,639.2	-4,615.1
<b>Gross profit</b>	<u>24</u>	<b>4,177.9</b>	<b>3,986.6</b>
Royalty and commission income		24.3	38.5
Other operating income and expenses	<u>20</u>	-3,580.2	-3,403.5
<i>Thereof impairment losses on trade receivables and other financial assets</i>		-1.9	-12.2
<b>Operating result (EBIT)</b>		<b>622.0</b>	<b>621.6</b>
Financial income	<u>21</u>	137.3	112.7
Financial expenses	<u>21</u>	-297.0	-256.0
<b>Financial result</b>		<b>-159.7</b>	<b>-143.3</b>
<b>Earnings before taxes (EBT)</b>		<b>462.3</b>	<b>478.3</b>
Income taxes	<u>22</u>	-120.0	-117.8
<b>Consolidated net income of the year</b>		<b>342.3</b>	<b>360.6</b>
Attributable to:			
Non-controlling interests	<u>17, 28</u>	60.7	55.7
<b>Net income attributable to the shareholders of PUMA SE</b>		<b>281.6</b>	<b>304.9</b>
Earnings per share (€)	<u>23</u>	1.89	2.03
Earnings per share (€) - diluted	<u>23</u>	1.89	2.03
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (million shares)	<u>23</u>	149.32	149.85
Weighted average number of outstanding shares, diluted (million shares)	<u>23</u>	149.38	149.87

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

## ➤ T.03 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF PUMA SE

		2024	2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Consolidated net income of the year</b>		<b>342.3</b>	<b>360.6</b>
Currency translation differences		84.2	-87.6
Net gain/ loss on cash flow hedges, net after tax	14	94.4	-18.0
Net gain/ loss on cost of hedging reserve - options, net after tax	14	11.3	0.0
Net gain/ loss on cost of hedging reserve - forward contracts, net after tax	14	-16.3	0.0
<b>Items expected to be reclassified to the income statement in the future</b>		<b>173.7</b>	<b>-105.6</b>
Remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability, net after tax	15	-2.8	-0.8
Neutral effects financial assets through other comprehensive income (FVOCI), net after tax	14	-2.8	-0.5
<b>Items not expected to be reclassified to the income statement in the future</b>		<b>-5.5</b>	<b>-1.3</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income</b>		<b>168.1</b>	<b>-106.9</b>
<b>Comprehensive income</b>		<b>510.5</b>	<b>253.7</b>
attributable to:			
Non-controlling interests		61.3	54.2
Shareholders of PUMA SE		449.2	199.6

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

## ➤ T.04 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS OF PUMA SE

		2024	2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Earnings before taxes (EBT)		462.3	478.3
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and impairment losses	9, 10, 11	386.9	357.5
Reversal of impairment losses	9, 10, 11	-29.4	-11.9
Non-realized currency gains/losses, net		-57.4	60.1
Financial income	21	-31.7	-37.8
Financial expenses	21	128.4	100.7
Gains/losses from the sale of fixed assets		0.2	-3.9
Changes to pension provision	15	0.2	-1.5
Other non cash effected expenses/income		18.7	22.5
<b>Gross cash flow</b>	25	<b>878.2</b>	<b>964.1</b>
Changes in receivables and other current assets	5, 6, 7	-231.5	-153.4
Changes in inventories	4	-218.2	352.1
Changes in trade payables and other current liabilities	13	380.3	-327.9
<b>Net cash from operational business activities</b>		<b>808.9</b>	<b>834.9</b>
Dividends received	12	0.4	0.0
Income taxes paid	22	-114.4	-181.3
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	25	<b>694.8</b>	<b>653.6</b>

		2024	2023
	Notes	€ million	€ million
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property and equipment	9, 11	-263.0	-300.4
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		8.7	14.3
Payments for other assets	12	-7.6	-36.3
Interest received	21	31.4	37.8
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>		<b>-230.5</b>	<b>-284.6</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Repayment of lease liabilities	10	-222.5	-208.0
Repayment of current borrowings	13	-125.0	-59.1
Raising of current borrowings	13	39.0	0.0
Raising of non-current borrowings	13	0.0	299.6
Dividend payments to shareholders of PUMA SE	17	-122.8	-122.8
Dividend payments to non-controlling interests	17, 28	-89.4	-92.4
Repurchase of own shares	17	-50.0	0.0
Interest paid	21	-127.2	-94.3
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-697.8</b>	<b>-277.1</b>
Exchange rate-related changes in cash and cash equivalents		48.8	-2.1
Change in cash and cash equivalents		-184.7	89.8
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the financial year		552.9	463.1
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year</b>	<b>3, 25</b>	<b>368.2</b>	<b>552.9</b>

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

## 7 T.05 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY OF PUMA SE (IN € MILLION)

	Subscribed capital	Capital reserve	Other reserves					Treasury stock	Shareholders' equity	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
			Revenue reserves incl. retained earnings	Difference from currency conversion	Cash flow hedging reserve	Reserve for hedging costs - options	Reserve for hedging costs - forward contracts				
<b>1 January 2023</b>	<b>150.8</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>2,496.2</b>	<b>-256.8</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-23.5</b>	<b>2,471.7</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>2,538.8</b>
Consolidated net income of the year			304.9						304.9	55.7	360.6
Other comprehensive income			-1.3	-85.9	-18.1				-105.3	-1.5	-106.9
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>303.6</b>	<b>-85.9</b>	<b>-18.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>199.6</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>253.7</b>
Dividend payments to shareholders of PUMA SE / non-controlling interests			-122.8						-122.8	-92.4	-215.3
Share-based payment and utilization/issue of treasury stock		3.0						1.9	4.9		4.9
Transaction with shareholders									0.0	0.1	0.1
<b>31 December 2023</b>	<b>150.8</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>2,677.0</b>	<b>-342.7</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-21.6</b>	<b>2,553.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>2,582.3</b>

	Other reserves										
	Subscribed capital	Capital reserve	Revenue reserves incl. retained earnings	Difference from currency conversion	Cash flow hedging reserve	Reserve for hedging costs - options	Reserve for hedging costs - forward contracts	Treasury stock	Shareholders' equity	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
31 December 2023	150.8	93.8	2,677.0	-342.7	-3.9	0.0	0.0	-21.6	2,553.4	28.9	2,582.3
Transition effect IFRS 9 (hedge accounting), net after tax			-4.9			-1.3	6.2		0.0		0.0
1 January 2024	150.8	93.8	2,672.1	-342.7	-3.9	-1.3	6.2	-21.6	2,553.4	28.9	2,582.3
Consolidated net income of the year			281.6						281.6	60.7	342.3
Other comprehensive income			-5.5	83.5	94.5	11.3	-16.3		167.5	0.6	168.1
Comprehensive income	0.0	0.0	276.1	83.5	94.5	11.3	-16.3	0.0	449.2	61.3	510.5
Hedging gains and losses transferred to cost of inventory					-4.3				-4.3		-4.3
Dividend payments to shareholders of PUMA SE / non-controlling interests			-122.8						-122.8	-89.4	-212.1
Share-based payment and utilisation/issue of treasury stock		-0.1						2.4	2.3		2.3
Repurchase of treasury shares								-50.0	-50.0		-50.0
Cancellation of treasury shares	-1.1	1.1	-49.9					49.9	0.0		0.0
Changes in the consolidation scope				-0.1					-0.1		-0.1
31 December 2024	149.7	94.8	2,775.6	-259.3	86.4	10.0	-10.1	-19.3	2,827.7	0.9	2,828.6

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## 1. GENERAL

Under the PUMA and Cobra Golf brand names, PUMA SE and its subsidiaries are engaged in the development and sale of a broad range of sports and sports lifestyle products, including footwear, apparel and accessories. The company is a European stock corporation (Societas Europaea/SE) and parent company of the PUMA Group; its registered office is on PUMA WAY 1, 91074 Herzogenaurach, Germany. The competent registry court is in Fürth (Bavaria), the register number is HRB 13085.

The consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE and its subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to in short as the "Group" or "PUMA") were prepared in accordance with the "International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)" accounting standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), as they are to be applied in the EU, and the supplementary accounting principles to be applied in accordance with Section 315e(1) of the German Commercial Code (HGB). All of the IASB standards and interpretations, as they are to be applied in the EU, which are mandatory for financial years as of 1 January 2024, have been applied.

The items contained in the financial statements of the individual Group companies are measured based on the currency that corresponds to the currency of the primary economic environment in which the Company operates. The consolidated financial statements are prepared in euros (EUR or €). The presentation of amounts in millions of euros with one decimal place may lead to rounding differences since the calculation of individual items is based on figures presented in thousands.

The cost of sales method is used for the consolidated income statement.

The following new or amended standards and interpretations have been used for the first time in the current financial year:

### **➤ T.06 NEW AND AMENDED STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

<b>Standard</b>	<b>Title</b>
<b>First-time adoption in the current financial year</b>	
Amendments to IFRS 16	Lease liabilities as part of a sale and leaseback transaction
Amendments to IAS 1	Classification of liabilities as current or non-current
Amendments to IAS 1	Non-current liabilities with covenants
Amendments to IAS 7 und IFRS 7	Supplier financing agreements



The amendments to the standards and interpretations described below, which were to be initially adopted as of 1 January 2024, did not materially affect the PUMA consolidated financial statements.

The amendments to IFRS 16 incorporate regulations for the subsequent measurement of a lease liability in the event of a sale and leaseback transaction into the standard. The amendment of IFRS 16 requires that the lease liability be measured in such a way that no profit or loss arises upon its subsequent measurement in relation to the right of use that has been reacquired. This change has no material effect on PUMA's consolidated financial statements.

The amendments to IAS 1 regarding the classification of liabilities as current or non-current only affect the presentation of liabilities as current or non-current in the balance sheet, but not the amount or the timing of the recognition of assets, liabilities, income or expenses or the information provided on these items. The amendments clarify that the classification of liabilities as current or non-current is based on rights existing at the end of the reporting period. The amendments stipulate that the classification is not affected by expectations as to whether an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of a liability. The amendments explain that rights exist when the obligations are met at the end of the reporting period and introduce a definition of "fulfilment" to clarify that fulfilment relates to the transfer of cash, equity instruments, other assets or services to the counterparty. These amendments had no material effect on PUMA's consolidated financial statements.

The amendments to IAS 1 relating to non-current liabilities with covenants determine that only those obligations that must be met by an entity on or before the reporting date affect the entity's right to defer settlement of a liability by at least twelve months after the reporting date and must therefore be taken into account in the assessment of the liability as current or non-current. Such obligations affect whether the right exists at the end of the reporting period, even where compliance with the obligation is not assessed until after the balance sheet date (e.g. an obligation based on the financial position of the entity as at the balance sheet date and its compliance is not assessed until after the balance sheet date). These amendments had no effect on PUMA's consolidated financial statements.

The amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7 concern additional mandatory disclosures in the notes relating to supplier financing agreements. The additional disclosures in the notes are intended to increase the transparency of reverse factoring agreements and their impact on liabilities, cash flows and liquidity risk in the financial statements. These changes had no effect on PUMA's net assets, financial position or earning position, but led to an increase in the number of disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

## NEW, BUT NOT YET MANDATORY, STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

The following standards and interpretations have been released but will only become effective in later reporting periods and are not applied earlier by the Group:

### ➤ T.07 NEW, BUT NOT YET MANDATORY, STANDARDS AND INTERPRETATIONS

Standard	Title	Date of adoption*	Planned first-time application
<b>Endorsed</b>			
Amendments to IAS 21	Lack of exchangeability	01/01/2025	01/01/2025
<b>Endorsement pending</b>			
Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	Contracts relating to nature-dependent electricity	01/01/2026	01/01/2026
AIP Volume 11	Annual improvements to IFRS	01/01/2026	01/01/2026
Amendments to IFRS 9 and IFRS 7	Changes in the classification and measurement of financial instruments	01/01/2026	01/01/2026
IFRS 18	Presentation and disclosure in the financial statements	01/01/2027	01/01/2027
IFRS 19	Subsidiaries without public accountability: information	01/01/2027	01/01/2027

\* Adjusted by EU endorsement, if applicable

With the exception of IFRS 18, PUMA does not expect that these amendments will have any significant effects on the net assets, financial position and results of operations.

IFRS 18 will replace the previous standard, IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements. Many IAS 1 requirements remain unchanged and have been supplemented with additional requirements. IFRS 18 aims to improve the presentation of financial information and to make financial statements more transparent and comparable. The main new features of IFRS 18 are that two mandatory subtotals have been introduced in the income statement: operating profit or loss and profit or loss before financing and income taxes. These subtotals are based on the classification of income and expenses in the following categories: the operating category, the investing category and the financing category. Furthermore, the income taxes category and the income from discontinued operations category are presented. The requirements of IFRS 18 also introduce additional notes disclosures, for example on management-defined performance measures (MPMs). These are key performance indicators publicly communicated by management separately from the consolidated financial statements that are not specified by IFRS accounting standards. In addition, IFRS 18 contains new guidelines aimed at improving the aggregation and disaggregation of items presented in the financial statements. PUMA assumes that the application of IFRS 18 may have an impact on the consolidated financial statements in future periods.

## 2. SIGNIFICANT CONSOLIDATION, ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION PRINCIPLES

### CONSOLIDATION PRINCIPLES

The consolidated financial statements were prepared as of 31 December 2024, the reporting date of the annual financial statements of the PUMA SE parent company, on the basis of uniform accounting and valuation principles according to IFRS, as applied in the EU.

### GROUP OF CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES

In addition to PUMA SE, the consolidated financial statements include all subsidiaries in which PUMA SE directly or indirectly holds existing rights that give it the current ability to direct the relevant activities. At present, control of all Group companies is based on a direct or indirect majority of voting rights.

Associated companies are generally accounted for in the Group using the equity method. As of 31 December 2024, however, the Group does not hold any investments in associated companies.

The changes in the number of Group companies (including the parent company PUMA SE) in the financial year 2024 were as follows:

#### **➤ T.08 CHANGE IN GROUP OF CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES**

<b>As of</b>	<b>31/12/2023</b>	<b>100</b>
Formation of companies		4
Disposal of companies		-2
<b>As of</b>	<b>31/12/2024</b>	<b>102</b>

The additions to the group of consolidated companies relate to the founding of PUMA Sports Vietnam Co Ltd, Vietnam, PUMA Central Europe GmbH, Germany, stichd sportmerchandising general trading L.L.C. – O.P.C., United Arab Emirates, and stichd sportmerchandising sports trading WLL, Qatar.

The disposals in the group of consolidated companies relate to the merger of PUMA SPORTS DISTRIBUTORS (PTY) LTD, South Africa within the group of consolidated companies and the liquidation of Puma Sport Israel Ltd. In Liq, Israel.

The changes in the group of consolidated companies did not have a significant effect on the net assets, financial position and results of operations.

The Group companies are allocated to regions as follows:

#### ➤ T.09 LIST OF SHAREHOLDINGS OF PUMA SE AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2024<sup>2</sup>

No.	Companies/Legal entities	Country	City	Shareholder	Share of capital
	<b>Parent company</b>				
1.	PUMA SE	Germany	Herzogenaurach		
	<b>EMEA</b>				
2.	Austria Puma Dassler Gesellschaft m.b.H.	Austria	Salzburg	direct	100%
3.	stichd austria gmbh	Austria	Salzburg	indirect	100%
4.	Puma Czech Republic s.r.o.	Czech Republic	Prague	indirect	100%
5.	PUMA DENMARK A/S	Denmark	Aarhus	indirect	100%
6.	PUMA Estonia OÜ	Estonia	Tallinn	indirect	100%
7.	PUMA Finland Oy	Finland	Helsinki	indirect	100%
8.	PUMA FRANCE SAS	France	Strasbourg	indirect	100%
9.	stichd france SAS	France	Boulogne Billancourt	indirect	100%
10.	PUMA International Trading GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	direct	100%
11.	PUMA Europe GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	direct	100%
12.	PUMA Central Europe GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	indirect	100%
13.	PUMA Sprint GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	direct	100%
14.	PUMA Mostro GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	indirect	100%
15.	PUMA Blue Sea GmbH	Germany	Herzogenaurach	indirect	100%
16.	stichd germany gmbh	Germany	Düsseldorf	indirect	100%
17.	PUMA UNITED KINGDOM LTD	Great Britain	Castleford	indirect	100%
18.	PUMA PREMIER LTD	Great Britain	Castleford	indirect	100%
19.	STICHD UK LTD	Great Britain	Mansfield	indirect	100%

No.	Companies/Legal entities	Country	City	Shareholder	Share of capital
20.	STICHD SPORTMERCHANDISING UK LTD	Great Britain	London	indirect	100%
21.	GENESIS GROUP INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	Great Britain	Manchester	direct	100%
22.	Sport Equipment Hellas S. A. of Footwear, Apparel and Sportswear u.Li.	Greece	Athens	direct	100% <sup>11</sup>
23.	PUMA ITALIA S.R.L.	Italy	Assago	indirect	100%
24.	STICHD ITALY SRL	Italy	Assago	indirect	100%
25.	Puma Benelux B.V.	Netherlands	Leusden	direct	100%
26.	PUMA International Sports Marketing B.V.	Netherlands	Leusden	direct	100%
27.	stichd group B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	direct	100%
28.	stichd international B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	indirect	100%
29.	stichd sportmerchandising B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	indirect	100%
30.	stichd B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	indirect	100%
31.	stichd logistics B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	indirect	100%
32.	stichd licensing B.V.	Netherlands	's-Hertogenbosch	indirect	100%
33.	PUMA NORWAY AS	Norway	Fornebu	indirect	100%
34.	PUMA POLSKA sp. z o.o.	Poland	Warsaw	indirect	100%
35.	PUMA SPORTS ROMANIA SRL	Romania	Bucharest	indirect	100%
36.	PUMA-RUS o.o.o.	Russia	Moscow	indirect	100%
37.	PUMA SPORTS S A (PTY) LTD	South Africa	Cape Town	indirect	100%
38.	PUMA IBERIA SLU	Spain	Madrid	indirect	100%
39.	STICHDIBERIA S.L.	Spain	Cornella de Llobregat	indirect	100%
40.	Nrotert AB	Sweden	Helsingborg	direct	100%
41.	PUMA Nordic AB	Sweden	Solna	indirect	100%
42.	Nrotert Sweden AB	Sweden	Helsingborg	indirect	100%
43.	stichd nordic AB	Sweden	Helsingborg	indirect	100%

No.	Companies/Legal entities	Country	City	Shareholder	Share of capital
44.	MOUNT PUMA AG	Switzerland	Oensingen	direct	100%
45.	Puma Retail AG	Switzerland	Oensingen	indirect	100%
46.	stichd switzerland ag	Switzerland	Egerkingen	indirect	100%
47.	PUMA Spor Giyim Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S.	Türkiye	Istanbul	indirect	100%
48.	PUMA UKRAINE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY	Ukraine	Kiew	indirect	100%
49.	PUMA Middle East FZ-LLC	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	indirect	100%
50.	PUMA UAE (L.L.C)	United Arab Emirates	Dubai	indirect	100%
51.	stichd sportmerchandising general trading L.L.C. - O.P.C.	United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	indirect	100%
52.	stichd sportmerchandising sports trading WLL	Qatar	Doha	indirect	100%
<b>Americas</b>					
53.	PUMA Sports Argentina S.A. (former Unisol S.A.)	Argentina	Buenos Aires	indirect	100%
54.	PUMA Sports Ltda.	Brazil	Sao Paulo	indirect	100%
55.	PUMA Canada, Inc.	Canada	Toronto	indirect	100%
56.	PUMA United Canada ULC	Canada	Vancouver	indirect	51%
57.	PUMA CHILE SpA	Chile	Santiago	direct	100%
58.	PUMA SERVICIOS SpA	Chile	Santiago	indirect	100%
59.	PUMA México Sport, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Mexico City	direct	100%
60.	Importaciones RDS, S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Mexico City	direct	100%
61.	GLOBAL LICENSE STICHD GROUP MEXICO S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Mexico City	indirect	100%
62.	Importaciones Brand Plus Licensing S.A. de C.V.	Mexico	Mexico City	indirect	100%
63.	Distribuidora Deportiva PUMA S.A.C.	Peru	Lima	indirect	100%
64.	Distribuidora Deportiva PUMA Tacna S.A.C.	Peru	Tacna	indirect	100%
65.	PUMA Sports LA S.A.	Uruguay	Montevideo	direct	100%

No.	Companies/Legal entities	Country	City	Shareholder	Share of capital
66.	PUMA Suede Holding, Inc.	USA	Wilmington	indirect	100%
67.	PUMA North America, Inc.	USA	Wilmington	indirect	100%
68.	Cobra Golf Incorporated	USA	Wilmington	indirect	100%
69.	PUMA United Aviation North America LLC	USA	Wilmington	indirect	70%
70.	PUMA United Canada Holding, Inc.	USA	Wilmington	indirect	100%
71.	PUMA United North America LLC	USA	Dover	indirect	51%
72.	Janed Canada, LLC	USA	Dover	indirect	51%
73.	stichd NA, Inc.	USA	Wilmington	indirect	100%
74.	PUMA Card Services NA, LLC.	USA	Plantation	indirect	100%
<b>Asia/Pacific</b>					
75.	PUMA Australia Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Melbourne	indirect	100%
76.	White Diamond Australia Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Melbourne	indirect	100%
77.	White Diamond Properties Pty. Ltd.	Australia	Melbourne	indirect	100%
78.	PUMA China Ltd. (彪马 (上海) 商贸有限公司)	China	Shanghai	indirect	100%
79.	stichd Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (斯梯起特贸易 (上海) 有限公司)	China	Shanghai	indirect	100%
80.	Guangzhou World Cat Information Consulting Services Company Ltd. (广州寰彪信息咨询服务有限公司)	China	Guangzhou	indirect	100%
81.	World Cat Ltd. (寰彪有限公司)	China	Hong Kong	direct	100%
82.	Development Services Ltd.	China	Hong Kong	direct	100%
83.	PUMA International Trading Services Ltd.	China	Hong Kong	indirect	100%
84.	PUMA ASIA PACIFIC LTD (彪馬亞太區有限公司)	China	Hong Kong	direct	100%
85.	PUMA Hong Kong Ltd. (彪馬香港有限公司)	China	Hong Kong	indirect	100%
86.	stichd Limited	China	Hong Kong	indirect	100%
87.	PUMA Sports India Private Ltd.	India	Bangalore	indirect	100%
88.	PT PUMA Cat Indonesia	Indonesia	Jakarta	indirect	100%

No.	Companies/Legal entities	Country	City	Shareholder	Share of capital
89.	PT PUMA Sports Indonesia	Indonesia	Jakarta	indirect	100%
90.	PUMA Japan K.K. (プーマ ジャパン株式会社)	Japan	Tokyo	indirect	100%
91.	PUMA Korea Ltd. (푸마코리아 유한회사)	(South) Korea	Seoul	direct	100%
92.	Stichd Korea Ltd	(South) Korea	Incheon	indirect	100%
93.	PUMA Sports Goods Sdn. Bhd.	Malaysia	Petaling Jaya	indirect	100%
94.	STICHD SOUTHEAST ASIA SDN. BHD.	Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	indirect	100%
95.	PUMA New Zealand Ltd.	New Zealand	Auckland	indirect	100%
96.	PUMANILA IT SERVICES INC.	Philippines	City of Makati	indirect	100%
97.	PUMA Sports Philippines Inc.	Philippines	City of Makati	indirect	100%
98.	PUMA SOUTH EAST ASIA PTE. LTD.	Singapore		indirect	100%
99.	PUMA Taiwan Sports Ltd. (台灣彪馬股份有限公司)	China (Taiwan)	Taipei	indirect	100%
100.	PUMA Sports (Thailand) Co., Ltd.	Thailand	Bangkok	indirect	100%
101.	World Cat Vietnam Sourcing & Development Services Company Limited (CÔNG TY TNHH DỊCH VỤ PHÁT TRIỂN & NGUỒN CUNG ỨNG WORLD CAT VIỆT NAM)	Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	indirect	100%
102.	PUMA Sports Vietnam Co Ltd	Vietnam	Ho Chi Minh City	indirect	100%

<sup>11</sup> subsidiaries which are assigned to be economically 100% PUMA Group

<sup>21</sup> This list is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Statement in accordance with [ESRS 2 SBM-1](#)

PUMA Mostro GmbH, PUMA Blue Sea GmbH, PUMA Sprint GmbH and PUMA Central Europe GmbH have made use of the exemption provision under Section 264(3) of the German Commercial Code (HGB). PUMA Europe GmbH and PUMA International Trading GmbH have also made use of the exemption provision under Section 264(3) HGB, but waive the exemption from the third subsection.

In accordance with Article 403 of the second book of the Dutch Civil Code (Article 2:403 BW), with effect from 1 January 2023, PUMA SE shall be jointly and severally liable for debts arising from legal transactions of the following Dutch subsidiaries with registered office in 's-Hertogenbosch (De Waterman 2, 5215 MX): stichd group B.V., stichd sport merchandising B.V., stichd licensing B.V., stichd international B.V., stichd logistics B.V. and stichd B.V.



## CURRENCY CONVERSION

In general, monetary items in foreign currencies are converted in the individual financial statements of the Group companies at the exchange rate valid on the balance sheet date. Any resulting currency gains and losses are immediately recognised in the income statement. Non-monetary items are converted at historical acquisition and manufacturing cost.

The assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries, whose functional currency is not the euro, have been converted to euros at the exchange rates valid on the balance sheet date. Expenses and income have been converted at the annual average exchange rates. Any differences resulting from the currency conversion of net assets relative to exchange rates that had changed in comparison with the previous year were adjusted directly in other comprehensive income.

The significant conversion rates per euro are as follows:

### ➤ T.10 SIGNIFICANT CONVERSION RATES

Currency	2024		2023	
	Exchange rate on 31 December	Average exchange rate	Exchange rate on 31 December	Average exchange rate
USD	1.0389	1.0824	1.1050	1.0813
CNY	7.5833	7.7875	7.8509	7.6600
JPY	163.0600	163.8519	156.3300	151.9903
MXN	21.5504	19.8314	18.7231	19.1830
ARS*	1,070.9281	-	892.9166	-

\* Due to the application of accounting for hyperinflationary economies in Argentina, all items in the financial statements are converted at the exchange rate applicable on the reporting date.

Argentina and Türkiye are in a hyperinflation environment. In 2022, the subsidiaries whose functional currency is the Argentine peso or the Turkish lira applied the accounting for hyperinflation economies in accordance with IAS 29 for the first time, with retroactive effect from 1 January 2022. The carrying amounts of non-monetary assets and liabilities, shareholders' equity and other comprehensive income are translated into the unit of measurement applicable at the balance sheet date and thus adjusted to reflect price changes. The financial statements are based on the concept of historical acquisition and/or production costs. The exchange rate as of 31 December 2024 was used for conversion into the reporting currency, the euro, for all items.

Gains and losses on the net monetary position are included in the financial result. In the financial year 2024, the net profit from the monetary items amounted to €2.1 million (previous year: €7.7 million). The amount also includes interest income from invested cash and cash equivalents in accordance with IAS 29.28.

The price index used for Türkiye as of 31 December 2024 was 2,684.6 (31 December 2023: 1,859.4) and is based on the consumer price index. The general price index used for Argentina as of 31 December 2024 was 7,686.2 (31 December 2023: 3,500.4).

## ACCOUNTING AND VALUATION PRINCIPLES

### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments are classified and recognised in accordance with IFRS 9. Acquisitions and disposals of financial assets, with the exception of trade receivables, are initially recognised on the settlement date and are recorded at fair value.

For investments (equity instruments), IFRS 9 allows a measurement at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) under certain conditions. If these investments, however, are disposed of or adjusted in value, the gains and losses from these investments which were not realised up to this point are reclassified to retained earnings in accordance with IFRS 9.

### DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS/HEDGE ACCOUNTING

PUMA is applying the provisions of IFRS 9 for phase 3 hedge accounting for the first time as of 1 January 2024. Previously, the option of continuing to apply IAS 39 for hedge accounting was exercised. For reasons of materiality, PUMA does not restate comparative information for previous periods. Consequently, an adjustment was made to the opening balance sheet as of 1 January 2024. For existing cash flow hedge relationships, the hedging cost approach was applied retrospectively on a mandatory basis for options held as at the opening date and voluntarily for the components of forward exchange contracts excluded from the designation. This resulted in a correction of the opening balance sheet in a high single-digit million euro amount, with the amount being withdrawn from retained earnings and allocated to other comprehensive income.

Derivative financial instruments are recognised at fair value at the time a contract is entered into and thereafter. At the time a hedging instrument is concluded, PUMA classifies the derivatives as hedges of a planned transaction and hedging variable interest flows from the promissory note loans (cash flow hedge accounting).

At the time when the transaction is concluded, the hedging relationship between the hedging instrument and the underlying transaction as well as the purpose of risk management and the underlying strategy are documented. In addition, assessments as to whether the derivatives used in the hedge accounting compensate effectively for a change in the cash flow of the underlying transaction are documented at the beginning of the hedging relationship and continuously thereafter.

As under IAS 39, the PUMA Group now also generally designates the spot component of currency forwards and the intrinsic value of currency and interest rate options in a hedging relationship under IFRS 9. The effective cumulative changes in fair value resulting from the spot component or the intrinsic value are initially recognised directly in equity in the cash flow hedging reserve in other comprehensive income, taking into account deferred taxes.

When accounting for currency hedges as cash flow hedges, the time values of the option contracts as well as the forward components and the currency basis spreads of the forward exchange contracts are excluded from designation in a hedging relationship. For these components excluded from designation, the hedging cost approach is applied mandatorily for options and voluntarily for currency forwards.

When accounting for interest rate hedges as cash flow hedges, the time values of the option transactions are excluded from designation in a hedging relationship. The hedging cost approach is mandatory for these components excluded from designation. The effective cumulative changes in market value of the non-designated components are recognised as hedging costs in other comprehensive income as a separate item, taking into account deferred taxes.

In general, the changes in market value of the components designated in hedging relationships for foreign currency hedges accumulated in other comprehensive income are included in the acquisition costs when hedged non-financial assets are initially recognised or, in other cases, are reclassified to the income

statement in the same period as the hedged item affects profit or loss. The adjustment of non-financial assets affects profit or loss in the same way and in the same periods as the affected non-financial items affect profit or loss. A corresponding disclosure is made both in the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity. In the case of interest rate hedges, the changes in market value accumulated in accumulated other equity are reclassified to interest expense. The components excluded from the designation are reclassified from other comprehensive income to the financial result.

In the unusual case for the PUMA Group that derivative financial instruments are not designated as hedging instruments, they continue to be classified and measured at fair value through profit or loss.

The Group documents the existence of an economic relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged underlying transaction on the basis of the key valuation parameters, such as the reference interest rate, the currency, the amount and the time of their respective cash flows (critical terms match method). The Group uses the cumulative dollar offset method to assess whether the derivative designated in each hedging relationship is expected to be prospectively effective and whether it was retrospectively effective in relation to offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged underlying transaction. All derivatives classified as hedging instruments are therefore linked to specific, committed and planned transactions. The economic relationship between the hedging instrument and the hedged underlying transaction can be determined qualitatively and quantitatively.

The main reason for ineffectiveness is the decline or loss of hedged transactions in these hedging relationships. A change in credit risk may also result in ineffectiveness.

The fair values of the derivative instruments are shown under Other current and non-current financial assets or liabilities.

## **PUMA AS LESSEE**

The leases for which PUMA acts as a lessee are identified at the individual contract level. For these leases, PUMA recognises a right-of-use asset and a respective lease liability, with the exception of short-term leases (defined as leases with a term of no more than 12 months) and low-value lease agreements (with a value of less than €5,000 at contract conclusion). In the case of a short-term lease or low-value lease, the Group recognises the lease payments on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease agreement as other operating expense.

In addition, right-of-use assets are not recognised for intangible assets. PUMA has made use of the option and decided not to apply IFRS 16 with regard to leases for intangible assets.

The lease liability at initial recognition is measured at the present value of the not yet paid lease payments at the beginning of the lease agreement. The present value is calculated using the incremental borrowing rate, as the interest rate implicit in the lease is usually not known.

A number of lease agreements, particularly for real estate properties, contain extension and termination options. When determining agreement terms, all facts and circumstances are taken into account that offer a financial incentive to exercise the extension option or not to exercise the termination option. The changes in the term of a lease due to the exercise or non-exercise of such options are only taken into account for the agreement term if they are sufficiently certain.

The lease liability is recognised as a separate line item on the consolidated balance sheet.

The right-of-use assets comprise the respective lease liability as part of initial valuation. Lease instalments that are paid before or at the beginning of the lease are added. Lease incentives received from the lessor are deducted and initial direct costs are included. If dismantling obligations exist with regard to the leased

assets, they are included in the valuation of the right-of-use assets. The subsequent valuation of the right-of-use assets is at acquisition cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

The right-of-use assets are generally depreciated over the term of the lease. If the useful life of the asset underlying the lease is shorter, this limits the depreciation period accordingly. Depreciation starts with the commencement of the lease.

As part of the practical expedient, IFRS 16 permits dispensing with a separation between non-lease components and lease components. With regard to land and buildings, PUMA generally does not apply the practical expedient, meaning that the right-of-use assets relating to land and buildings only contain leasing components. With regard to other right-of-use assets (comprising technical equipment & machines and motor vehicles), the practical expedient is generally applied, the result of which is that the leasing components and non-leasing components are both recognised.

The right-of-use assets are recognised as a separate line item in the consolidated balance sheet.

The right-of-use assets are subject to the impairment regulations pursuant to IAS 36. As a general rule, the right-of-use assets are tested for impairment (impairment test) if there is any indication that the value of the asset could be impaired. The right-of-use assets, in particular in connection with the Group's own retail stores, are subjected to an impairment test if there are indicators or changes in planning assumptions that suggest that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. To this end, a triggering event test of all retail stores, each of which is a separate cash-generating unit, is carried out after preparation of the annual budget planning or on an ad-hoc basis.

For the purposes of the triggering event test, the recoverable amount of the respective retail stores is determined as a value in use using a simplified discounted cash flow method, taking partial account of cash flows attributable to other cash-generating units. The value in use is determined on the basis of the planned cash flows for the retail stores according to the budget, which is prepared on a bottom-up basis and approved by management. The forecast period is derived from the expected useful lives of the respective retail store and is reviewed annually. Following the bottom-up budget, revenue and cost developments are used as a basis for the remaining useful life, the growth rate of which is based on expected nominal retail growth. Growth rates in the single-digit percentage range are expected for all retail stores over the three-year detailed planning period. In calculating the value in use of retail stores, cash flows in non-inflationary countries were measured at a weighted cost of capital rate of between 8.1% and 33.0% (previous year: between 8.8% and 38.0%) and the cash flows of retail stores in the two hyperinflation countries with a weighted cost of capital between 35.8% and 54.4% (previous year: between 31.2% and 145.0%). This was based on a risk-free interest rate on equivalent term structures of 2.6% (previous year: 3.1%) and a market risk premium of 6.8% (previous year: 7.0%).

If, in the triggering event test, the carrying amount of the retail store assets exceeds the simplified value in use, the recoverable amount of this cash-generating unit is calculated with the discounted cash flow method using the above cost of capital rates. This is based on the individual planning of cash flows for the retail store. In some exceptional cases, the recoverable amount corresponds to a higher fair value less costs to sell, assuming alternative subletting, which is determined according to Level 3 of IFRS 13 "Fair value measurement". If an impairment arises, the right-of-use asset is impaired first.

If there are indications that retail stores for which impairment has been recorded in the past have been able to achieve a turnaround or that their fair value has increased and that their right-of-use assets are therefore recoverable, the impairment is reversed up to a maximum of the amount of amortised costs.

If there is an impairment loss or a reversal of an impairment loss, this is allocated to the central area in the segment reporting under IFRS 8. However, the impaired assets are reported in the relevant operating segments.

## PUMA AS LESSOR

If PUMA acts as a lessor, it is determined at the beginning of the lease whether it is a finance lease or an operating lease. In order to classify the lease agreement, PUMA makes an overall assessment of whether the lease essentially transfers all the risks and benefits associated with ownership of the underlying asset. If this is the case, it is classified as a finance lease. If not, it is classed as an operating lease. Various indicators are taken into account as part of this assessment, such as whether the lease agreement is for the majority of the economic useful life of the underlying asset. At our discretion, the leases in which PUMA acts as an intermediate lessor are in most cases finance leases, as subletting always covers most of the term of the main lease. If PUMA acts as an interim lessor, the shares in the main lease contract and the sub-lease contract are accounted for separately.

In the case of finance leases, a net investment (receivable) equal to the discounted future rental payments to be received is recognised in the balance sheet and reported under other assets (without inclusion in working capital). The incremental borrowing rate is used to determine the discount rate, as the interest rate underlying the lease is generally unknown. Interest income from finance leases is reported in cash flow from investing activities.

If the lease is classified as an operating lease, the lease payments are immediately recognised in profit or loss as rental income.

## CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include cash and bank balances. This also includes free cash and cash equivalents that are invested as a fixed-term deposit with a term of up to three months. The total amount of cash and cash equivalents is consistent with the cash and cash equivalents stated in the cash flow statement.

Cash and cash equivalents are measured at amortised cost. They are subject to the impairment requirements in accordance with IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments". PUMA monitors the credit risk of these financial instruments taking into account the economic situation, external credit rating and/or premiums for credit default swaps (CDS) of other financial institutions. The credit risk from cash and cash equivalents is classified as immaterial, due to the relatively short terms and the investment-grade credit rating of the counterparties, which signals a low probability of default for the financial instruments.

## INVENTORIES

The Group procures inventories primarily from third parties and these are reported as goods within inventories. To a small extent, footwear and golf clubs are produced in-house, which are reported as finished goods together with the goods within the inventories.

Inventories are measured at acquisition or manufacturing cost or at the lower net realisable values derived from the selling price at the balance sheet date. The acquisition cost of merchandise is determined using an averaging method. Value adjustments are adequately recorded, depending on age, seasonality and realisable market prices.

## TRADE RECEIVABLES

Trade receivables are initially measured at the transaction price and subsequently at amortised cost with deduction of value adjustments, in the form of a provision for risks.

When determining the provision for risks for trade receivables, PUMA uniformly applies the simplified method in order to determine the expected credit losses over the remaining lifetime of the trade receivables (called "lifetime expected credit losses") in accordance with the provisions of IFRS 9 "Financial Instruments". For this, trade receivables are classified by geographic region into suitable groups with shared credit risk characteristics. The expected credit losses are calculated using a matrix that presents

the age structure of the receivables and depicts a likelihood of default for the individual maturity bands of the receivables on the basis of historic credit default events and future-based factors. The percentage rates for the probabilities of default are checked regularly to ensure they are up to date. If objective indications of a credit impairment are found regarding the trade receivables of a certain customer, a detailed analysis of this customer's specific credit risk is conducted and an individual provision for risks is established for the trade receivables with respect to this customer. If credit insurance is in place, it is taken into account when determining the amount of the risk provision.

The Group assumes that the default risk of a financial asset has increased significantly if it is more than 30 days overdue.

## **OTHER FINANCIAL ASSETS**

Other financial assets are classified based on the business model for control and the cash flows of the financial assets. In the Group, financial assets are generally held under a business model that provides for "holding" the asset until maturity, in order to collect the contractual cash flows. The second condition is that the terms and conditions of the financial asset result in cash flows at specified times, which exclusively represent repayments and interest payments on the outstanding nominal amount.

The "trading" business model is used for financial assets in the form of derivatives without a hedging relationship. These are valued at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL).

Non-current financial assets include rental deposits and other assets. Non-interest-bearing non-current assets are discounted to the present value if the resulting effect is significant.

## **INVESTMENTS**

The investment recognised under non-current financial assets belongs to the category measured at "fair value through other comprehensive income" (FVOCI), since these investments are held over the long term for strategic reasons.

All purchases and disposals of investments are recorded on the settlement date. Investments are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs. They are also recognised at fair value in subsequent periods. Unrealised gains and losses are recognised in other comprehensive income, taking into account deferred taxes. The gain or loss on disposal of investments is transferred to retained earnings.

The category measured at "fair value through profit or loss" (FVPL) is not used with regard to investments.

## **PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Property, plant and equipment are measured at acquisition cost, net of accumulated depreciation. The depreciation period depends on the expected useful life of the respective item. The straight-line method of depreciation is applied. The useful life depends on the type of the assets involved. Buildings are subject to a useful life of between ten and fifty years, and a useful life of between three to ten years is assumed for movable assets.

Repair and maintenance costs are recorded as an expense as of the date on which they were incurred. Substantial improvements and upgrades are capitalised to the extent that the criteria for recognition of an asset item apply.

## **INVESTMENT PROPERTY**

Investment property is accounted for in the same way as property, plant and equipment in accordance with the cost model, with their acquisition or production costs less scheduled depreciation and any necessary impairment losses. Depreciation is carried out on a straight-line basis and the useful lives are generally equivalent to those of property, plant and equipment used in-house.

## **OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS (NOT INCLUDING GOODWILL)**

Acquired intangible assets largely consist of concessions, intellectual property rights and similar rights. These are measured at acquisition cost, net of accumulated amortisation. The useful life of intangible assets is between three and ten years. Scheduled depreciation is done on a straight-line basis.

There are also trademark rights acquired for a fee in relation to Cobra Golf. Cobra Golf, founded in 1978, has a brand history spanning over 40 years in golf. The Cobra brand represents the core of the Golf business area and is continued through ongoing marketing investments by the PUMA Group in the Cobra brand. Due to the stability of the golf market and the continuation of the brand by PUMA, an indefinite useful life is assumed for the Cobra brand.

## **IMPAIRMENT OF ASSETS**

Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life are not amortised according to schedule but are subjected to an annual impairment test. Property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, and other intangible assets with finite useful lives are tested for impairment if there is any indication of impairment in the value of the asset concerned. In order to determine whether there is a requirement to record the impairment of an asset, the recoverable amount of the respective asset (the higher amount of the fair value less costs to sell and value in use) is compared with the carrying amount of the asset. If the recoverable amount is lower than the carrying amount, the difference is recorded as an impairment loss. The test for impairment is performed, if possible, at the level of the respective individual asset, otherwise at the level of the cash-generating unit. Goodwill, on the other hand, is tested for impairment only at the level of a group of cash-generating units. If it is determined within the scope of the impairment test that an asset needs to be impaired, then the goodwill, if any, of the group of cash-generating units is written down initially and, in a second step, the remaining amount is distributed proportionately over the remaining assets within the application scope of IAS 36. If the reason for the recorded impairment no longer applies, a reversal of impairment loss is recorded to the maximum amount of the amortised costs. There is no reversal of an impairment loss for goodwill.

The recoverable amount is primarily calculated using the discounted cash flow method. For determining the fair value less costs to sell and value in use, the expected cash flows are based on corporate planning data. Expected cash flows are discounted using an interest rate in line with market conditions. As part of the fair value determination less cost to sell, no special synergies of cash-generating units are taken into account, and corporate planning data is adjusted to the assumptions of market participants, if required. Moreover, there is a difference between the fair value less costs to sell and the value in use because the costs to sell are also taken into account.

Trademarks with an indefinite useful life are subjected to an impairment test based on the relief from royalty-method during the financial year or when the occasion arises. If there is evidence that the underlying Cobra business is insufficiently profitable, the trademark is not only valued individually using the relief-from-royalty method, but the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units to which the trademark is attributable is determined.

See [Chapter 11](#) for further details, in particular regarding the assumptions used for the calculation.

## **BORROWINGS, OTHER FINANCIAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER LIABILITIES**

In general, these items are recognised at fair value, taking into account transaction costs, and subsequently recognised at amortised cost. Non-interest or low-interest-bearing liabilities with a term of at least one year are recognised at present value, taking into account an interest rate in line with market conditions, and are compounded until their maturity at their repayment amount.

The "trading" business model is used for financial liabilities in the form of derivatives without a hedge relationship. These are valued at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL).

Current borrowings also include those long-term loans that have a maximum residual term of up to one year.

## **PROVISIONS FOR PENSIONS AND SIMILAR OBLIGATIONS**

In addition to defined benefit plans, some companies apply defined contribution plans, which do not result in any additional pension commitment other than the current contributions. The pension provision under defined benefit plans is generally calculated using the projected unit credit method. This method takes into account not only known pension benefits and pension rights accrued as of the reporting date, but also expected future salary and pension increases. The defined benefit obligation (DBO) is calculated by discounting expected future cash outflows at the rate of return on senior, fixed-rate corporate bonds. The currencies and maturity periods of the underlying corporate bonds are consistent with the currencies and maturity periods of the obligations to be satisfied. In some of the plans, the obligation is accompanied by a plan asset. In that case, the pension provision shown is reduced by the plan asset.

Details regarding the assumed life expectancy, the mortality tables used and other assumptions are shown in [Chapter 15](#).

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

Provisions for the expected expenses from warranty obligations pursuant to the respective national sales contract laws are recognised at the time of sale of the relevant products, according to the best estimate in relation to the expenditure needed in order to fulfil the Group's obligation.

Provisions are also made to account for onerous contracts. An onerous contract is assumed to exist where the unavoidable costs for fulfilling the contract exceed the economic benefit arising from this contract.

## **MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMMES**

PUMA uses cash-settled share-based payments, share-based payments settled in cash or equities, and key performance indicator-based long-term incentive programmes. The share-based payments settled in cash or equities are accounted for in the same way as cash-settled share-based payments.

Detailed information on the management incentive programmes is presented in [Chapter 18](#).

## **RECOGNITION OF SALES**

The Group recognises sales from the sale of sporting goods. The sales are measured at fair value of the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled from the contract with customers, taking into account returns, discounts and rebates. Amounts collected on behalf of third parties (such as VAT) are not included in sales. The Group records sales at the time when PUMA fulfils its performance obligation to customers and has transferred the right of disposal over the product to customers.

The Group sells footwear, apparel and accessories both to wholesalers and directly to customers through its own retail activities and online sales channels. Meanwhile, the sales-related warranty services cannot be purchased separately and do not lead to services that go beyond the assurance of the specifications at the time of the transfer of risk. Accordingly, the Group records warranties in the balance sheet in accordance with IAS 37 "Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets".

In the case of sales of products to wholesalers, the sales revenue is recorded at the date on which the right of disposal over the products is transferred to customers, in other words, when the products have been shipped to the specific location of the wholesaler (delivery). After delivery, the wholesaler bears the inventory risk and has full right of disposal over the manner and means of distribution and the selling price of the products. In the case of sales to end customers in the Group's own retail stores, the sales are recorded at the date when the right of disposal over the products is transferred to the end customer, in other words, the date on which the end customer buys the products in the retail store. The payment of the



purchase price is due as soon as the customers purchase the products. In the case of sales of goods through our own online sales channels, sales are realised when the end customers have accepted the goods and the power of disposal over the goods has been passed to the end customer. The payment terms applied correspond to the standard industry payment terms for each country.

Under certain conditions and according to the contractual stipulations, customers have the option to exchange products or return them for a credit. The amount of the expected returns is estimated on the basis of past experience and is deducted from sales in the form of a liability based on refund obligations. The asset value of the right arising from the product return claim is recorded under inventories and leads to a corresponding reduction of cost of sales.

#### **ROYALTY AND COMMISSION INCOME**

The Group recognises license and commission income from the out-licensing of trademark rights to third parties in accordance with IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers. Income from royalties is recognised in the income statement in accordance with the invoices to be submitted by the licensees. In certain cases, values must be estimated in order to permit accounting on an accrual basis. Commission income is invoiced if the underlying purchase transaction is classified as realised.

#### **ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL EXPENSES**

Advertising expenses are recognised in the income statement at the time they are incurred. In general, promotional expenses stretching over several years are recognised as an expense over the contractual term on an accrual basis. Any expenditure surplus exceeding the economic benefit that results from this allocation of expenses after the balance sheet date is recognised in the financial statements in the form of an impairment of assets and, if necessary, a provision for anticipated losses. If promotional and advertising contracts provide for additional payments when predefined targets are achieved (e.g. medals, championships), which cannot be predicted exactly in terms of time and amount, they are recognised in full in profit or loss at the relevant date.

#### **FINANCIAL RESULT**

The financial result includes interest income from financial investments and interest expenses from loans, along with interest income and expenses in connection with derivative financial instruments. The financial result also includes interest expenses from lease liabilities as well as discounted, non-current liabilities associated with acquisitions and those arising from the valuation of pension commitments, in addition to interest income from finance leases.

Exchange rate effects that can be directly allocated to an underlying transaction are shown in the respective income statement item.

#### **INCOME TAXES**

Current income taxes are determined in accordance with the tax regulations of the respective countries where the individual Group companies conduct their operations.

PUMA management regularly assesses individual tax issues to determine whether there is scope for interpretation in view of existing tax regulations. If appropriate, these issues are taken into account in income tax liabilities or deferred taxes. The income tax assessment is generally carried out at the level of the individual case, taking into account any possible interactions. Appropriate balance sheet provisions have been made for potential risks from uncertain tax positions, taking into account IFRIC 23.

#### **DEFERRED TAXES**

Deferred taxes resulting from temporary valuation differences between the IFRS and tax balance sheets of individual Group companies and from consolidation procedures, which are levied by the same taxation

authority and can be netted, are charged to each taxable entity and recognised either as deferred tax assets or deferred tax liabilities.

Deferred tax assets may also include claims for tax reductions that result from the expected utilisation of existing losses carried forward to subsequent years and which is likely to materialise. Deferred tax assets or liabilities may also result from accounting treatments that do not affect the income statement.

Deferred tax assets are recognised only to the extent that the respective tax advantage is likely to materialise.

## **ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires some assumptions and estimates that have an impact on the measurement and presentation of the recognised assets and liabilities, income and expenses, and contingent liabilities. The assumptions and estimates are based on premises, which in turn are based on currently available information. In individual cases, the actual values may deviate from the assumptions and estimates made. Consequently, future periods involve a risk of adjustment to the carrying amount of the assets and liabilities concerned. If the actual development differs from the expectation, the premises and, if necessary, the carrying amounts of the relevant assets and liabilities are adjusted with an effect on profit or loss.

All assumptions and estimates are continuously reassessed. They are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations regarding future global and industry-related trends that appear reasonable under the current circumstances. Assumptions and estimates mainly relate to the valuation of goodwill and trademarks, inventories, liabilities from refund obligations, taxes and leases in which PUMA is the lessee. The most significant forward-looking assumptions and sources of estimation and uncertainty as of the reporting date concerning the above-mentioned items are discussed below.

### **Goodwill and brands**

A review of the impairment of goodwill is based on the calculation of the value in use as a leading valuation concept. In order to calculate the value in use, the Group must estimate the future cash flows from those cash-generating units to which the goodwill is allocated. To this end, the data used were from the three-year plan, which is based on forecasts of the overall economic development and the resulting industry-specific consumer behaviour. Another key assumption concerns the determination of an appropriate interest rate for discounting the cash flow to the present value (discounted cash flow method). The relief-from-royalty method is used to value brands. See [Chapter 11](#) for further details, in particular regarding the assumptions used for the calculation.

### **Inventories**

Inventories are measured at acquisition or manufacturing cost or at the lower net realisable values derived from the selling price at the balance sheet date. Value adjustments are adequately recorded, depending on age, seasonality and realisable market prices. Further details on the inventory valuation are provided in [Chapter 4](#).

### **Liabilities from refund obligations**

The Group recognises sales from the sale of sporting goods. The sales are measured at fair value of the consideration to which the Group expects to be entitled from the contract with customers, taking into account returns, discounts and rebates. As customers have the opportunity to exchange goods under certain conditions and in accordance with the contractual agreements, the amount of expected return deliveries is estimated on the basis of experience. The accrual of sales takes place via the liability from refund obligations.

### **Taxes**

Tax items are determined taking into account the various prevailing local tax laws and the relevant administrative opinions and, due to their complexity, may be subject to different interpretations by persons

subject to tax on the one hand and the tax authorities on the other hand. Differing interpretations of tax laws may result in subsequent tax payments for past years; these are included based on the assessment of the management, using the most probable amount or the expected value for the individual case.

The recognition of deferred taxes requires that estimates and assumptions be made concerning future tax planning strategies as well as expected dates of occurrence and the amount of future taxable income. The taxable income from the relevant corporate planning is derived for this assessment. It takes into account the past financial position and the business development expected in the future. Deferred tax assets are recorded in the event of companies incurring a loss only if it is highly probable that future positive results will be achieved. See [Chapter 8](#) for further information.

#### **PUMA as lessee**

The measurement of lease liabilities under leases in which PUMA is the lessee is based on assumptions for the discount rates used, the lease term and the determination of fixed lease payments. To determine the present value of future minimum lease payments, PUMA uses country- and currency-specific interest rates on borrowings with compatible terms. The fixed lease payments also include firmly agreed upon minimum amounts for agreements with a predominantly variable lease amount.

Significant assumptions are made in the subsequent valuation of rights of use for retail stores in the context of assessing the existence of an impairment and determining the impairment requirement. Among other things, assumptions are made about the duration of the lease, the future economic development and profitability of the retail stores, and also the underlying interest rate. See [Chapter 10](#) for further information.

#### **DISCRETIONARY DECISIONS**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires discretionary decisions relating to the application of accounting methods and the amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses reported. Information on the application of accounting policies that have the most material impact on the amounts recorded in the financial statements can be found in the following notes:

#### **Evaluation of the control of companies with non-controlling interests**

The determination as to whether the Group controls the companies with non-controlling interests is presented in [Chapter 28](#), Information on non-controlling interests.

#### **PUMA as lessee**

The accounting for leases in which PUMA is the lessee includes discretionary decisions, in particular in relation to the term of the lease agreements with regard to determining whether the exercise of extension options is sufficiently certain. In addition to the basic lease period, the Group includes extension options in the determination of the lease term if management is sufficiently certain that such options will be exercised after taking into account all facts and circumstances.

Some real estate leases contain extension options that can only be exercised by PUMA and not by the lessor. If possible, the Group seeks to include extension options when concluding new leases in order to ensure operational flexibility. On the date of provision, the Group assesses whether it is sufficiently certain that the extension options will be exercised. The assessment is carried out individually for each contract and takes into account the amount of the company's own investments and the possibility of changing macroeconomic conditions in the future. If significant events or significant changes occur during the term of the contract that are within PUMA's control, it will be reassessed as to whether it is sufficiently certain that the extension option will be exercised.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

## 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

As of 31 December 2024, the Group has € 368.2 million (previous year: € 552.9 million) in cash and cash equivalents. This includes bank balances, including short-term financial investments with an original term of up to three months. The average effective interest rate of financial investments was 1.8% (previous year: 1.1%) for countries without hyperinflation. In countries with hyperinflation, the average effective interest rate of financial investments was 62.4% (previous year: 40.9%). There are no cash and cash equivalents subject to transfer restrictions in the current year (previous year: € 45.6 million).

## 4. INVENTORIES

Inventories are allocated to the following main groups:

### ➤ T.11 INVENTORIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Goods/inventory and finished goods		
Footwear	672.4	625.9
Apparel	473.2	420.8
Accessories/Others	211.2	216.0
Raw materials, consumables and supplies	34.5	34.9
Prepayments made	0.3	2.9
Goods in transit	576.0	458.7
Inventory adjustments related to returns	46.1	45.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,013.7</b>	<b>1,804.4</b>

The raw materials, consumables and supplies mainly relate to raw materials for the production of golf clubs and footwear.

The table shows the carrying amounts of the inventories net of value adjustments. Of the value adjustments in the amount of € 111.4 million (previous year: € 157.1 million) approx. 67.2% in financial year 2024 (previous year: approx. 64.3%) were recognised in profit or loss in cost of sales.

The volume of inventories recorded as an expense during the period mainly includes the cost of sales shown in the consolidated income statement.

The inventory adjustments related to returns represents the historical acquisition or production costs of the inventories for which a return is expected.

## 5. TRADE RECEIVABLES

The trade receivables are broken down as follows:

### ➤ T.12 TRADE RECEIVABLES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Trade receivables, gross	1,308.5	1,183.4
Less provision for risks	-61.9	-65.0
<b>Trade receivables, net</b>	<b>1,246.5</b>	<b>1,118.4</b>

The change in the provision for risks for financial assets in the "trade receivables" class measured at amortised cost relates to receivables in connection with revenues from contracts with customers and has developed as follows:

### ➤ T.13 CHANGE OF RISK PROVISIONS FOR TRADE RECEIVABLES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Status of provision for risks as of 1 January</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>57.9</b>
Exchange rate differences	-0.6	-1.6
Additions	15.0	26.7
Utilisation	-4.3	-3.8
Reversals of unused provision for risks	-13.1	-14.3
<b>Status of provision for risks as of 31 December</b>	<b>61.9</b>	<b>65.0</b>

The age structure of the trade receivables is as follows:

### ➤ T.14 AGE STRUCTURE 2024 (IN € MILLION)

2024	Total	Not due	Overdue			
			0-30 days	31-90 days	90-180 days	Over 180 days
Trade receivables, gross	1,308.5	1,053.2	84.5	79.6	28.6	62.6
Provision for risks	-61.9	-16.2	-2.3	-3.8	-3.5	-36.2
Trade receivables, net	1,246.5	1,037.0	82.2	75.9	25.0	26.4
Expected loss rate		1.5%	2.7%	4.7%	12.4%	57.8%

## ➤ T.15 AGE STRUCTURE 2023 (IN € MILLION)

2023	Overdue					
	Total	Not due	0-30 days	31-90 days	90-180 days	Over 180 days
Trade receivables, gross	1,183.4	952.3	92.4	83.4	14.1	41.4
Provision for risks	-65.0	-16.4	-4.0	-8.2	-4.5	-31.9
Trade receivables, net	1,118.4	935.8	88.4	75.2	9.6	9.5
Expected loss rate		1.7%	4.3%	9.8%	32.0%	77.1%

With respect to the net carrying amounts of trade receivables, PUMA assumes that the debtors will satisfy their payment obligations or that, in the event of a default, the net carrying amount will be covered by existing credit insurance. There are no significant risk concentrations as the customer base is very broad and there are no correlations.

Trade receivables are derecognised when, in the context of factoring agreements, essentially all risks and opportunities relating to these receivables have been transferred to a third party. As of 31 December 2024, receivables in the amount of € 269.7 million (previous year: € 141.7 million) were derecognised as a result of factoring agreements. The cash flows are categorised as cash inflow from operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

## 6. OTHER CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS

Other current financial assets are broken down as follows:

## ➤ T.16 OTHER CURRENT FINANCIAL ASSETS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Fair value of derivative financial instruments	147.1	34.5
Lease receivables	12.4	14.9
Remaining financial assets	168.8	45.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>328.3</b>	<b>94.9</b>

The amount shown is due within one year. The fair value corresponds to the carrying amount.

## 7. OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Other current assets are broken down as follows:

### ➤ T.17 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Prepaid expense relating to the subsequent period	102.1	98.3
Other receivables	158.7	172.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>260.9</b>	<b>270.4</b>

The amount shown is due within one year. The fair value corresponds to the carrying amount.

Other receivables mainly comprise receivables relating to VAT of €100.0 million (previous year: €98.9 million) and other taxes of €35.3 million (previous year: €25.6 million).

## 8. DEFERRED TAXES

Deferred taxes relate to the items shown below:

### ➤ T.18 DEFERRED TAXES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Tax loss carry-forwards	56.3	76.9
Inventories	62.0	74.5
Remaining current assets	12.8	13.5
Non-current assets	48.4	56.3
Lease liabilities (current and non-current)	286.9	290.8
Provisions and other liabilities	124.4	118.1
<b>Deferred tax assets (before netting)</b>	<b>590.7</b>	<b>630.1</b>
Current assets	47.3	17.4
Intangible assets	41.7	42.1
Right-of-use assets	243.5	258.2
Remaining non-current assets	26.9	24.6
Provisions and other liabilities	1.8	4.1
<b>Deferred tax liabilities (before netting)</b>	<b>361.2</b>	<b>346.4</b>
<b>Deferred tax assets, net</b>	<b>229.5</b>	<b>283.7</b>

As of 31 December 2024, tax losses carried forward amounted to a total of €417.2 million (previous year: €447.9 million). Deferred tax assets were recognised for these items in the amount at which the associated tax advantages are likely to be realised in the form of future profits for income tax purposes. In financial year 2024, no deferred tax items were recognised for the losses carried forward in the amount of €143.6 million (previous year: €102.9 million), of which €136.4 million (previous year: €94.5 million) are

vested. The remaining tax losses carried forward, for which no deferred tax items were recognised, in the amount of € 7.2 million (previous year: € 8.3 million) will expire within the next six years.

In addition, no deferred tax items were recognised for temporary differences in the amount of € 20.7 million (previous year: € 27.0 million) because they were not expected to be realised as of the balance sheet date.

For Group companies that achieved a negative tax result in this or the previous financial year, a total of deferred tax assets in the amount of € 190.5 million were recognised after deduction of any deferred tax liabilities (previous year: € 157.1 million) as sufficiently positive tax results can be expected in the future on the basis of the relevant projections. Of this amount, € 56.3 million is attributable to the sales units in the USA. The approach was based on a projection that deviates from the general corporate planning and completely disregards potential future business opportunities and market share gains. A further share of € 15.5 million is attributable to the United Kingdom distribution unit. The assumption of sufficient future positive tax profits is based on the expectation of higher sales volumes (supported by the current order book) and the initiation of a range of measures aimed at optimising costs.

No deferred taxes on retained profits at subsidiaries were recognised where these gains are to be reinvested on an ongoing basis and there is no intention to make a distribution in this respect.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are netted if they relate to a taxable entity and can in fact be netted. Accordingly, they are shown in the balance sheet as follows:

#### ➤ T.19 DEFERRED TAX ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Deferred tax assets	243.6	296.1
Deferred tax liabilities	14.2	12.4
<b>Deferred tax assets, net</b>	<b>229.5</b>	<b>283.7</b>

The changes in deferred tax assets (net) were as follows:

#### ➤ T.20 MOVEMENT OF DEFERRED TAXES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Deferred tax assets, net as of 1 January</b>	<b>283.7</b>	<b>253.1</b>
Recognition in the consolidated income statement	-15.0	22.8
Adjustment related to remeasurements of the net defined benefit liability, recognised in other comprehensive income	0.7	0.2
Adjustment related to the cash flow hedge reserve, recognised in other comprehensive income	-35.0	10.1
Adjustment related to the reserve for hedging costs - options, recognised in other comprehensive income	-0.2	0.0
Adjustment related to the reserve for hedging costs - forward contracts, recognised in other comprehensive income	1.3	0.0
Currency exchange effects	-6.2	-2.5
<b>Deferred tax assets, net as of 31 December</b>	<b>229.5</b>	<b>283.7</b>



## 9. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The development of property, plant and equipment is shown in the following tables:

### ➤ T.21 MOVEMENTS OF PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT 2024 (IN € MILLION)

	Real estate	Technical equipment and machines	Other equipment, furniture and fixture	Assets under construction	Total
<b>Purchase costs as of 1 January 2024</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>753.2</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>1,260.0</b>
Additions*	2.5	30.4	112.8	40.3	185.9
Disposals	-3.3	-3.9	-64.9	-2.2	-74.3
Transfers	9.4	56.9	23.7	-94.6	-4.7
Currency changes	22.5	10.0	17.8	3.4	53.7
<b>As of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>220.6</b>	<b>315.9</b>	<b>842.6</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>1,420.7</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2024</b>	<b>-56.0</b>	<b>-49.7</b>	<b>-468.7</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>-574.4</b>
Depreciation	-6.5	-17.9	-97.8	0.0	-122.3
Disposals	1.9	3.4	61.1	0.0	66.4
Transfers	0.0	-0.3	0.4	0.0	0.1
Impairment losses	-8.8	0.0	-0.6	0.0	-9.4
Currency changes	-0.9	-4.5	-10.0	0.0	-15.3
<b>As of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>-70.4</b>	<b>-69.0</b>	<b>-515.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>-655.0</b>
<b>Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>150.2</b>	<b>246.9</b>	<b>326.9</b>	<b>41.7</b>	<b>765.7</b>

\* This information is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Declaration in accordance with [ESRS E1-3](#).

## ➤ T.22 MOVEMENTS OF PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT 2023 (IN € MILLION)

	Real estate	Technical equipment and machines	Other equipment, furniture and fixture	Assets under construction	Total
<b>Purchase costs as of 1 January 2023</b>	<b>175.2</b>	<b>170.8</b>	<b>706.3</b>	<b>75.1</b>	<b>1,127.4</b>
Additions*	23.9	16.6	118.4	66.5	225.4
Disposals	-4.8	-0.4	-41.0	-2.8	-49.0
Transfers	0.1	39.7	2.2	-42.3	-0.4
Currency changes	-5.0	-4.1	-32.6	-1.8	-43.4
<b>As of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>189.5</b>	<b>222.5</b>	<b>753.2</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>1,260.0</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2023</b>	<b>-54.5</b>	<b>-37.3</b>	<b>-443.2</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-535.2</b>
Depreciation	-6.2	-15.0	-84.4	0.0	-105.7
Disposals	3.5	0.4	38.6	0.0	42.5
Transfers	0.0	-0.3	-0.0	0.0	-0.3
Currency changes	1.2	2.5	20.3	0.1	24.2
<b>As of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>-56.0</b>	<b>-49.7</b>	<b>-468.7</b>	<b>-0.0</b>	<b>-574.4</b>
<b>Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>133.5</b>	<b>172.8</b>	<b>284.6</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>685.6</b>

\* This information is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Declaration in accordance with [ESRS E1-3](#).

Investment properties have a carrying amount of € 27.7 million as of 31 December 2024 (previous year: € 21.1 million) and are reported as real estate under property, plant and equipment. The fair value of investment properties as of 31 December 2024 is € 20.9 million (previous year: € 23.3 million). This was determined by external, independent experts who have relevant professional qualifications and current experience with the location and type of properties to be valued. The fair value was determined on the basis of the market-comparative approach, which reflects the most recent transaction prices for similar properties. In the current financial year, impairment losses of 8.8 million (previous year: € 0.0 million) were recognised in financial expenses for investment properties. The affected asset is reported in the segment reporting in the Latin America region. The calculation was based on the value in use, taking into account a cost of capital rate of 3.8%.

The rental income generated by the Group from investment properties amounted to € 1.4 million in the financial year (previous year: € 0.6 million). Direct operating expenses for investment properties, which generated rental income in the financial year, amounted to € 0.0 million (previous year: € 0.0 million).

## 10. LEASES

### PUMA AS LESSEE

The Group rents and leases offices, warehouses, facilities, technical equipment and machinery, motor vehicles and sales rooms for its own retail business. As a rule, the lease agreements have a term of between one and fifteen years. Some agreements include renewal options and price adjustment clauses.

The carrying amounts for right-of-use assets recognised in the balance sheet relate to the following asset classes:

#### ➤ T.23 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS 2024 (IN € MILLION)

	Real estate – retail stores	Real estate – warehouses & offices	Others	Total
Depreciation	117.4	87.9	13.5	218.7
Additions*	147.6	67.5	11.9	227.0
Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2024	528.9	522.5	65.4	1,116.8

#### ➤ T.24 RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS 2023 (IN € MILLION)

	Real estate – retail stores	Real estate – warehouses & offices	Others	Total
Depreciation	107.1	89.7	12.2	209.0
Additions*	174.1	71.9	14.3	260.3
Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2023	464.2	557.7	65.7	1,087.7

\* This information is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Declaration in accordance with [ESRS E1-3](#).

The item "Others" includes technical equipment and machinery, as well as motor vehicles.

The following lease liabilities result:

#### ➤ T.25 LEASE LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Current lease liabilities	220.6	212.4
Non-current lease liabilities	1,010.0	1,020.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,230.6</b>	<b>1,232.4</b>

The amounts recognised in the consolidated income statement are as follows:

#### ➤ T.26 RECOGNISED IN INCOME STATEMENT (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Depreciation of right-of-use assets incl. impairment losses and reversal of impairment losses (included in operating expenses)	196.6	202.8
Interest expenses (included in financial expenses)	51.1	46.8
Expenses for short-term leases (included in operating expenses)	10.0	11.3
Expenses for leases of low-value assets (included in operating expenses)	1.0	1.2
Expenses for variable lease payments (included in operating expenses)	36.6	35.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>295.3</b>	<b>297.5</b>

Variable lease payments are incurred in connection with the Group's own retail stores. These are based on the sales amount and are therefore dependent on the overall economic development.

Total cash outflows from lease liabilities in 2024 amounted to €273.6 million (previous year: €254.8 million).

Due to reduced earnings prospects based on updated financial planning and estimates, impairment losses in the total amount of €7.3 million were recorded for the rights of use of assets in connection with PUMA's own retail stores in financial year 2024 (previous year: €5.7 million). To determine the impairment, the recoverable amount was calculated for the individual retail stores. The recoverable amount for the impaired retail stores is €16.7 million (previous year: €65.3 million), of which €15.4 million was determined on the basis of the value in use (previous year: €65.3 million) and €1.3 million on the basis of the fair value (previous year: €0.0 million). In the financial year under review, reversals of impairment losses amounting to a total of €29.4 million (previous year: €11.9 million) were recorded for retail stores. There were no impairment losses or impairment reversals in the other categories of right-of-use assets.

In 2024, PUMA entered into lease agreements that had not yet commenced by year-end. As a result, no lease liabilities and corresponding right-of-use assets had been recognised as of 31 December 2024. Future lease payments in connection with these agreements amount to €16.0 million (previous year: €2.0 million) for the next year, €75.9 million for years two to five (previous year: €28.2 million) and €97.1 million for the subsequent period (previous year: €48.5 million). The lease terms for these are up to 12 years (previous year: 15 years).

The maturity analysis of lease liabilities is as follows:

#### ➤ T.27 MATURITY ANALYSIS OF LEASE LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Due within one year	265.0	255.8
Due between one and five years	678.9	679.6
Due after five years	502.5	510.4
<b>Total (undiscounted)</b>	<b>1,446.5</b>	<b>1,445.8</b>
Interest expense (not yet realised)	-215.9	-213.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,230.6</b>	<b>1,232.4</b>

#### PUMA AS LESSOR

PUMA rents out properties owned and leased as a lessor. From the lessor's point of view, these (sub)leases are classified as operating or finance leases.

The net investments from finance leases are shown as receivables in the balance sheet and are reduced by the repayment portion included in the lease payment. The interest portion included in the lease payment is reported as interest income in the financial result.

The maturities of the existing receivables on lease payments against third parties classified as finance leases are as follows:

#### ➤ T.28 MATURITY ANALYSIS OF LEASE RECEIVABLES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Due within one year	13.9	16.8
Due between one and five years	16.5	24.8
Due after five years	2.1	4.5
<b>Total (undiscounted)</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>46.1</b>
Interest income (not yet realised)	-4.0	-5.4
Provision for risks	-0.3	-0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>40.2</b>

The following income was recognised in the consolidated income statement in connection with leases:

**➤ T.29 RECOGNISED IN INCOME STATEMENT (IN € MILLION)**

	2024	2023
<b>Operating leases</b>		
Fixed rental income	1.8	1.0
<b>Finance leases</b>		
Variable rental income	1.6	0.4
<b>Total rental income (included in other operating income)</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>1.4</b>
Selling profit (included in other operating income)	2.5	8.0
Interest income (included in financial income)	2.5	1.2

Future lease payments from operating leases for the coming year amount to €1.8 million (previous year: €1.6 million) and to €7.4 million for years two to five (previous year: €5.1 million).

## 11. INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets mainly include goodwill, intangible assets with indefinite useful lives (e.g. brands), assets associated with the Company's own retail activities and software licenses.

The development of intangible assets is shown in the following table:

### ➤ T.30 MOVEMENTS OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS 2024 (IN € MILLION)

	Goodwill	Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life	Other intangible assets	Total
<b>Purchase costs as of 1 January 2024</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>397.5</b>	<b>829.1</b>
Additions	0.0	0.0	74.2	74.2
Disposals	0.0	0.0	-67.8	-67.8
Transfers	0.0	0.0	4.2	4.2
Currency changes	-1.7	8.2	0.5	6.9
<b>As of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>283.5</b>	<b>154.5</b>	<b>408.4</b>	<b>846.5</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2024</b>	<b>-46.3</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-234.5</b>	<b>-298.2</b>
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	-29.2	-29.2
Disposals	0.0	0.0	67.0	67.0
Transfers	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
Currency changes	-0.1	0.0	-0.5	-0.5
<b>As of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>-46.3</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-196.7</b>	<b>-260.7</b>
<b>Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>237.2</b>	<b>136.9</b>	<b>211.7</b>	<b>585.8</b>

## ➤ T.31 MOVEMENTS OF INTANGIBLE ASSETS 2023 (IN € MILLION)

	Goodwill	Intangible assets with an indefinite useful life	Other intangible assets	Total
<b>Purchase costs as of 1 January 2023</b>	<b>289.3</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>341.0</b>	<b>781.2</b>
Additions	0.0	0.0	74.2	74.2
Disposals	0.0	0.0	-16.8	-16.8
Transfers	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6
Currency changes	-4.0	-4.6	-1.5	-10.1
<b>As of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>285.3</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>397.5</b>	<b>829.1</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation as of 1 January 2023</b>	<b>-46.6</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-210.5</b>	<b>-274.7</b>
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	-37.0	-37.0
Disposals	0.0	0.0	11.9	11.9
Transfers	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1
Currency changes	0.4	0.0	1.3	1.6
<b>As of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>-46.3</b>	<b>-17.6</b>	<b>-234.5</b>	<b>-298.2</b>
<b>Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2023</b>	<b>239.0</b>	<b>128.7</b>	<b>163.0</b>	<b>530.8</b>

The item Other intangible assets includes advance payments in the amount of € 20.7 million (previous year: € 21.6 million).

The current amortisation of intangible assets in the amount of € 29.2 million (previous year: € 37.0 million) is included in the other operating expenses. Of this, € 7.7 million relate to sales and distribution expenses (previous year: € 11.5 million), € 0.0 million to expenses for product management/merchandising (previous year: € 0.1 million), and € 21.5 million to administrative and general expenses (previous year: € 25.3 million).

### INFORMATION ON PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS FOR IMPAIRMENT TESTS

Goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are not amortised according to schedule. Impairment tests with regard to goodwill were performed in the past financial year using the discounted cash flow method. The data from the three-year plan for the respective cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units was used as a basis for this. Planning on the level of the cash-generating units was thereby derived from the PUMA Group's three-year plan. The following key assumptions have been made for the PUMA Group plans:

Based on the basic assumptions regarding overall economic development, planning at Group level assumes that geopolitical tensions will not increase any further. Under these conditions, we expect our business to continue to grow profitably.

Planned sales growth is based on the good future growth prospects in the sporting goods industry and on market share gains by PUMA. This is to be achieved, in particular, via the continued consistent implementation of the Forever Faster corporate strategy and the increase in PUMA's brand heat.

The improvement in EBIT margin in the planning period is the result of a slight increase in gross profit margin due to, for example, a higher share of own retail sales as a result of above-average growth of the e-commerce distribution channel. Furthermore, the slightly weaker percentage increase of other operating



income and expenses compared to sales growth is also expected to contribute to the improvement of the EBIT margin; for example, the operating requirements for planned sales growth over the coming years have essentially been met, meaning that economies of scale can be realised. In addition, the "nextlevel" efficiency programme is intended to help achieve cost savings and operational leverage.

The planning of investments and working capital is based on historical experience and is carried out in accordance with strategic objectives.

The future tax payments are based on current tax rates in the respective country.

For periods beyond the three-year plan, an annual growth rate is determined and used to forecast future cash flows beyond the three-year period. The assumed growth rate is based on long-term expectations of inflation rates and does not exceed the long-term average growth rates for the business area in which the respective cash-generating unit, or group of cash-generating units, operates.

The recoverable amount for the respective cash-generating unit or group of cash-generating units was determined on the basis of the value-in-use. This did not result in impairment losses for any cash-generating units.

#### **INTANGIBLE ASSETS WITH AN INDEFINITE USEFUL LIFE**

In connection with the Golf business unit (CPG – Cobra PUMA Golf), the Cobra brand exists as an intangible asset with an indefinite useful life amounting to €136.9 million (previous year: €128.7 million). The carrying amount of the Cobra brand is significant in comparison to the overall carrying amount of the intangible assets with an indefinite useful life. It was assigned to the North America business segment, where the headquarters of Cobra PUMA Golf is located. The recoverable amount of the Cobra brand was determined using the relief-from-royalty method (level 3 – see explanation in [Chapter 14](#)). A discount rate of 10.0% p.a. (previous year: 10.6% p.a.), a royalty rate of 6.0% (previous year: 6.0%) and a sustainable 2.0% growth rate (previous year: 2.0%) was used. Cobra or CPG's three-year plan shows average revenue growth in the mid-to-high single-digit percentage range. The management's key assumptions about improvement in the EBIT margin in Cobra's or CPG's three-year plan are essentially in line with the fundamental assumptions in the plans at Group level. The estimated recoverable amount of the Cobra brand exceeds its carrying amount by approximately €19.9 million (previous year: approx. €15.4 million).

A reduction of the royalty rate to approximately 5.2% (previous year: approx. 5.4%) or a reduction of the average planned sales revenues by approximately 13.2% (previous year: approx. 10.3%) would not result in any impairment requirement for the Cobra brand, and the recoverable amount would correspond to the carrying amount.

If there is evidence that the underlying Cobra business is insufficiently profitable, the trademark is not only valued individually using the relief-from-royalty method, but the recoverable amount of the cash-generating units to which the trademark is attributable is determined. In 2024, there were no indications of this.

## GOODWILL

Goodwill is allocated to the Group's identifiable groups of cash-generating units (CGUs) according to the countries where the activities are carried out. Summarised by regions, goodwill is allocated as follows:

### ➤ T.32 COMPOSITION OF GOODWILL (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
PUMA UK	1.7	1.6
Genesis	7.4	7.0
Subtotal Europe	9.1	8.7
PUMA Canada	9.5	9.7
PUMA United NA	2.1	2.0
Subtotal North America	11.6	11.7
PUMA Argentina	16.8	15.8
PUMA Chile	0.5	0.5
PUMA Mexico	10.6	12.2
Subtotal Latin America	27.9	28.5
PUMA China	2.5	2.5
PUMA Taiwan	13.2	13.3
Subtotal Greater China	15.6	15.8
PUMA Japan	33.6	35.0
Subtotal Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China)	33.6	35.0
stichd	139.4	139.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>237.2</b>	<b>239.0</b>

Assumptions used in conducting the impairment tests in 2024:

### ➤ T.33 ASSUMPTIONS IMPAIRMENT TEST 2024

	Tax rate (range)	WACC before tax (range)	WACC after tax (range)
Europe	25.0%	13.3%-13.4%	10.4%
North America *	26.2%	12.7%	9.8%
Latin America	27.0%-35.0%	15.2%-56.0%	11.7%-50.8%
Greater China	20.0%-25.0%	12.6%-12.7%	9.9%-10.3%
Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) *	38.1%	15.6%	10.1%
stichd *	25.0%	12.5%	9.7%

\* The information for North America, Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) and stichd relates in each case to only one cash-generating unit (CGU)

The tax rates used for the impairment test correspond to the actual tax rates in the respective countries. The weighted average cost of capital (WACC) was derived on the basis of the weighted average cost of total capital, taking into account a standard market capital structure (ratio of debt to equity) and including the most important listed competitors (peer group).

In addition, a growth rate of 2.0% (previous year: 2.0%) is generally assumed. A growth rate of less than 2.0% (previous year: less than 2.0%) was applied only in justified exceptional cases, where the long-term expectations on inflation rate for the country in which the cash-generating unit operates were lower than the assumed growth rate; this applies, in particular, to the UK, China, Japan and Taiwan.

The cash-generating unit stichd includes goodwill of € 139.4 million (previous year: € 139.4 million), which is significant in comparison to the overall carrying amount of goodwill. The recoverable amount was determined by a value-in-use calculation with a discount rate of 9.7% p.a. (previous year: 10.2% p.a.) and a growth rate of 2.0% (previous year: 2.0%). The three-year plan of stichd shows sales growth in the mid-to-high single-digit percentage range. The three-year plan of stichd illustrates that the company expects a stronger improvement in the EBIT margin compared to the Group, something that stichd has already achieved in the past, as well as a return to its historical profitability.

The cash-generating unit PUMA Japan includes goodwill of € 33.6 million (previous year: € 35.0 million), which is significant in comparison to the overall carrying amount of goodwill. The recoverable amount was determined by a value-in-use calculation with a discount rate of 10.1% p.a. (previous year: 10.5% p.a.) and a growth rate of 1.5% (previous year: 1.2%). PUMA Japan's three-year plan provides for sales growth in the mid-to-high single-digit percentage range. PUMA Japan's three-year plan shows that the company expects a strong improvement in the EBIT margin and a return to the historical profitability level of PUMA Japan. The estimated recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit PUMA Japan exceeds its carrying amount by approximately € 19.4 million (previous year: approx. € 20.0 million).

An increase in the discount rate to around 11.4% or a reduction in the average planned operating result (EBIT) over the three-year period of around 12.5% would not result in an impairment of the goodwill of PUMA Japan and the recoverable amount would correspond to the carrying amount.

The following table contains the assumptions for the performance of the impairment tests in the previous year:

#### ➤ T.34 ASSUMPTIONS IMPAIRMENT TEST 2023

	<b>Tax rate (range)</b>	<b>WACC before tax (range)</b>	<b>WACC after tax (range)</b>
Europe	19.0%	13.3%	11.1%
North America *	26.2%	12.7%	10.3%
Latin America	27.0%-35.0%	16.5%-64.1%	12.1%-51.7%
Greater China	20.0%-25.0%	12.9%-14.0%	10.5%-11.2%
Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) *	38.1%	16.4%	10.5%
stichd *	25.0%	13.1%	10.2%

\* The information for North America, Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China) and stichd relates in each case to only one cash-generating unit (CGU)

## 12. OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS

Other non-current financial and non-financial assets consist of:

### ➤ T.35 OTHER NON-CURRENT ASSETS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Investments	18.5	21.2
Fair value of derivative financial instruments	28.0	1.4
Lease receivables	15.8	25.3
Remaining financial assets	33.1	35.7
<b>Total of other non-current financial assets</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>83.6</b>
Other non-current non-financial assets	28.1	25.6
<b>Other non-current assets, total</b>	<b>123.5</b>	<b>109.1</b>

The investments relate to the 5.32% shareholding in Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co. Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien (BVB) with registered office in Dortmund, Germany. According to the audited IFRS consolidated financial statements 2023/2024 of Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co. Kommanditgesellschaft auf Aktien, equity as of 30 June 2024 amounted to € 327.0 million (30 June 2023: € 282.7 million) and the result of the last financial year was € 44.3 million (previous year: € 9.6 million).

Other financial assets mainly include rental deposits in the amount of € 29.8 million (previous year: € 31.9 million). The other non-current non-financial assets mainly include accruals and deferrals in connection with promotional and advertising agreements.

### 13. LIABILITIES

The residual terms of liabilities are as follows:

#### ➤ T.36 LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024				2023			
	Total	Residual term of			Total	Residual term of		
		up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	over 5 years		up to 1 year	1 to 5 years	over 5 years
<b>Borrowings</b>	<b>488.0</b>	<b>131.6</b>	<b>356.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>572.0</b>	<b>145.9</b>	<b>426.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Trade payables</b>	<b>1,893.5</b>	<b>1,893.5</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1,499.8</b>	<b>1,499.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Other liabilities *</b>								
Liabilities from other taxes	111.2	111.2	0.0	0.0	110.0	110.0	0.0	0.0
Liabilities relating to social security	12.0	12.0	0.0	0.0	10.6	10.6	0.0	0.0
Payables to employees	121.8	121.8	0.0	0.0	123.6	123.6	0.0	0.0
Liabilities from refund obligations	213.5	213.5	0.0	0.0	236.9	236.9	0.0	0.0
Liabilities from derivative financial instruments	21.8	19.9	1.9	0.0	58.2	47.7	10.5	0.0
Remaining other liabilities	40.9	38.8	2.1	0.1	45.4	43.2	2.0	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,902.5</b>	<b>2,542.2</b>	<b>360.3</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2,656.5</b>	<b>2,217.7</b>	<b>438.5</b>	<b>0.2</b>

\* The maturity analysis on lease liabilities is presented in [Chapter 10](#).

The liabilities from refund obligations result from contracts with customers and essentially comprise obligations from customer return rights.

## INFORMATION REGARDING SUPPLIER FINANCING AGREEMENTS

PUMA offers its suppliers a programme to finance supplier invoices. The largest programme, the PUMA Vendor Financing Programme (PVFP), enables suppliers to pre-finance their invoices to PUMA from one of the partner banks significantly before the agreed payment date in return for an interest discount. The financing terms are linked to the achievement of sustainability targets by the suppliers. Participation in this programme is voluntary. This supplier financing programme has no impact on PUMA; the payment date, payment methods and the original contractual conditions remain unchanged. In the balance sheet, liabilities are accordingly still shown as trade payables and cash outflows are included in the cash flow statement under cash flow from operating activities.

There are also some individual programmes with local suppliers. These too are intended to give suppliers the opportunity to pre-finance their invoices prior to the agreed payment dates, and in return, PUMA is granted partially extended payment periods; however, this is at the sole discretion of the financing partners. As PUMA does not incur any additional interest for the payment of supplier liabilities to the partner banks and, from the Group's point of view, the extended payment periods do not differ significantly from normal payment periods in the countries concerned, the liabilities are still reported as trade payables in the balance sheet and cash outflows are included in the cash flow statement under cash flow from operating activities in this case.

### T.37 INFORMATION ON SUPPLIER FINANCING AGREEMENTS

	2024		2023	
	PVFP	Other programmes	PVFP	Other programmes
<b>Carrying amount of trade payables subject to supplier finance arrangements (in € million)</b>				
Presented as trade payables	352.3	42.9	362.0	35.0
Of which suppliers have received payment from the bank	139.1	17.7	-	-
<b>Range of payment due dates (in days) *</b>				
Trade payables that are part of supplier finance arrangements	90	90-120	-	-
Trade payables that are not part of supplier finance arrangements	90	60-120	-	-

\* The above-mentioned ranges of payment dates for the other programmes include ranges from multiple different countries. Under a supplier financing agreement, payment periods are extended by a maximum of 30 days, with the extended payment periods still not differing significantly from normal payment periods in the countries concerned.

## 14. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

### CARRYING AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND ALLOCATION TO VALUATION CATEGORIES

#### 7 T.38 CARRYING AMOUNTS OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND THEIR FAIR VALUE (IN € MILLION)

	Measurement categories under IFRS 9	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		2024	2024				2023	2023			
<b>Financial assets</b>											
Cash and cash equivalents	<sup>1</sup> AC	368.2					552.9				
Trade receivables	AC	1,246.5					1,118.4				
Other current financial assets											
Derivatives - hedge accounting	n/a	102.9	102.9		102.9		22.8	22.8		22.8	
Derivatives - no hedge accounting	<sup>2</sup> FVPL	44.1	44.1		44.1		11.6	11.6		11.6	
Lease receivables	n/a	12.4					14.9				
Remaining current financial assets	AC	168.8					45.6				
Other non-current financial assets											
Derivatives - hedge accounting	n/a	28.0	28.0		28.0		1.4	1.4		1.4	
Investments	<sup>3</sup> FVOCI	18.5	18.5	18.5			21.2	21.2	21.2		
Lease receivables	n/a	15.8					25.3				
Remaining non-current financial assets	AC	33.1					35.7				
<b>Financial liabilities</b>											
Current borrowings											
Bank liabilities	AC	61.6					15.2				
Promissory note loans (PNL)	AC	70.0	69.9		69.9		130.8	124.9		124.9	

	Measurement categories under IFRS 9	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
		2024	2024				2023	2023			
Trade payables	AC	1,893.5					1,499.8				
Current lease liabilities	n/a	220.6					212.4				
Other current financial liabilities											
Derivatives - hedge accounting	n/a	13.7	13.7		13.7		22.6	22.6		22.6	
Derivatives - no hedge accounting	FVPL	6.2	6.2		6.2		25.1	25.1		25.1	
Remaining current financial liabilities	AC	27.2					30.9				
Non-current borrowings (PNL)	AC	356.4	361.0		361.0		426.1	427.4		427.4	
Non-current lease liabilities	n/a	1,010.0					1,020.0				
Other non-current financial liabilities											
Derivatives - hedge accounting	n/a	1.9	1.9		1.9		10.5	10.5		10.5	
Remaining non-current financial liabilities	AC	1.0					0.9				
<b>Total financial assets at amortised cost</b>		<b>1,816.6</b>					<b>1,752.6</b>				
<b>Total financial liabilities at amortised cost</b>		<b>2,409.6</b>					<b>2,103.6</b>				
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>		<b>44.1</b>					<b>11.6</b>				
<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>		<b>6.2</b>					<b>25.1</b>				
<b>Total financial assets at FVOCI</b>		<b>18.5</b>					<b>21.2</b>				

<sup>1</sup> AC = at amortised cost

<sup>2</sup> FVPL = fair value through PL

<sup>3</sup> FVOCI (fair value through OCI) = equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income



Financial instruments that are measured at fair value in the balance sheet were determined using the following hierarchy:

**Level 1:** Use of prices quoted on active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

**Level 2:** Use of input factors that do not involve the quoted prices stated under level 1, but can be observed for the asset or liability either directly (i.e. as the price) or indirectly (i.e. derived from the price).

**Level 3:** Use of factors for the valuation of the asset or liability that are based on non-observable market data.

Reclassification between different levels of the fair value hierarchy are recorded at the end of the reporting period in which the change occurred.

The fair value of the investments held for strategic reasons only refers to equity instruments of the category "fair value through OCI" (FVOCI) and is determined on the basis of level 1. The market values of the derivative assets and liabilities as well as the fair value of the promissory note loans were determined in accordance with level 2.

The following table shows the measurement techniques used for determining Level 2 fair values for financial instruments.

### ➤ T.39 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS MEASURED AT FAIR VALUE - LEVEL 2

Type	Measurement technique	Material, non-observable input factors	Connection between material, non-observable input factors and fair value measurement
Forward exchange contracts	The fair values are determined on the basis of current market parameters, i.e., reference prices observable on the market, taking into account forward premiums and discounts. The discounted result of the comparison of the forward price on the reporting date with the forward price of the valuation date is included in the measurement. The fair values are also checked for the counterparty's non-performance risk. In doing this, PUMA calculates credit value adjustments (CVA) or debt value adjustments (DVA) on the basis of an up/down method, taking current market information into account, in particular the creditworthiness of the company's business partners. No material deviations were found, so that no adjustments were made to the fair value determined.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Currency options	The valuation is based on Garman Kohlhagen model, an extended version of the Black Scholes model.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Promissory note loans	The valuation takes into account the cash value of expected payments, discounted using a risk-adjusted discount rate.	Not applicable	Not applicable
Interest options	The valuation is based on the Black Scholes model.	Not applicable	Not applicable

Of the fair value of the derivatives with a hedge relationship with positive market values of €131.0 million (previous year: €24.2 million), €125.4 million (previous year: €24.5 million) related to the valuation of the spot component. Of the fair value of the derivatives with a hedge relationship with negative market values of €15.5 million (previous year: €33.1 million), €13.0 million (previous year: €40.7 million) related to the valuation of the spot component.

Cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables and other receivables have short maturities. Accordingly, as of the reporting date, the carrying amount approximates fair value. Receivables are stated at nominal value, taking into account deductions for default risk.

The fair values of other financial assets correspond to their carrying amount, as the interest calculation occurs at the prevailing market interest rates on the balance sheet date. Other (current and non-current) financial assets include €38.9 million (previous year: €40.3 million) that were pledged as rental or other deposits at usual market rates.

Trade payables have short residual maturities; their carrying amounts therefore approximate fair value.

The remaining financial liabilities have short residual maturities; the recognised amounts therefore approximate fair value.

## NET RESULT BY VALUATION CATEGORY

The following table shows the net result by valuation category:

### ➤ T.40 NET GAINS/LOSSES FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Financial assets at amortised cost (AC)	2.9	5.8
Financial liabilities at amortised cost (AC)	-148.6	-89.3
Derivatives without hedging relationship measured at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL)	63.4	7.7
Financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI)	-2.4	-0.5

The net result was determined by taking into account interest income and expense, dividends, currency exchange effects, changes in provisions for risks as well as gains and losses from disposals. It also includes effects from the fair value measurement of derivatives without a hedging relationship.

The net result includes interest income of €29.4 million (previous year: €36.6 million) and interest expenses of €75.2 million (previous year: €47.7 million) according to the effective interest method.

General administrative expenses include changes in risk provisions for receivables.

## DISCLOSURES RELATING TO FINANCIAL RISKS

The PUMA Group is exposed to the following risks from the use of financial instruments:

- Default risk
- Liquidity risk
- Market risk

These risks and the principles of risk management are explained below.

## PRINCIPLES OF RISK MANAGEMENT

The Management Board of PUMA SE is responsible for developing and monitoring risk management in the PUMA Group. To this end, the Management Board has set up a Risk Management Committee that is responsible for designing, reviewing and adapting the risk management system. The Risk Management Committee regularly reports to the Management Board on its work.

The guidelines for the risk management system define the responsibilities, tasks and processes of the risk management system. The guidelines for the risk management system and the risk management system itself are reviewed regularly in order to be able to pick up on any changes in market conditions and PUMA's activities and incorporate them accordingly.

The Audit Committee, on the one hand, monitors the Management Board's compliance with the guidelines and the Group risk management processes. On the other hand, the Audit Committee monitors the effectiveness of the risk management system with regard to the risks to which the PUMA Group is exposed. The Internal Audit department supports the Audit Committee in its monitoring tasks. To this end, regular audits and ad hoc audits are also carried out by the Internal Audit department. Their results are reported directly to the Audit Committee.

## DEFAULT RISK

Default risk is the risk of financial losses if a customer or party to a financial instrument fails to meet its contractual obligations. Default risk arises in principle from trade receivables and from other contractual financial obligations of the counterparty, such as bank deposits and derivative financial instruments.

Without taking into account any existing credit insurance policies or other guarantees received, the maximum default risk is equal to the carrying amount of the financial assets.

At the end of financial year 2024, there was no relevant concentration of default risk by customer type or region. Default risk is mainly influenced by individual customer characteristics. In accordance with our credit guidelines, new customers are checked for creditworthiness before we offer them our regular payment and delivery terms. In addition, we set specific receivables limits for each customer. In particular, the international credit insurance programme that PUMA has concluded for all major subsidiaries contributes to risk mitigation. The creditworthiness of our customers and the limits on receivables are monitored on an ongoing basis, which also includes requests for individual credit limits from credit insurance providers for all customers who have external accounts that exceed a certain value limit. The credit insurer's response to such credit limit requests always includes information on the creditworthiness. Customers with a credit rating that does not meet the minimum requirements set may, as a rule, only acquire products against advance payment.

Further activities to reduce default risk include retention of title clauses, and also in individual cases the selective sale of trade receivables (without recourse) and the obtaining of bank guarantees or parent company guarantees for our customers.

At the end of the financial year 2024, no individual customers accounted for more than 10% of trade receivables.

The central Treasury department has a comprehensive overview of the banks involved in currency hedging instruments and the management of cash and cash equivalents. Business with banks is focused on core banks with the appropriate credit rating (currently a minimum rating of BBB+ or better), while maximum risk amounts are specified for banks that have also been engaged in addition to this. The counterparty risks resulting from this are reviewed at least once every six months.

PUMA held derivative financial instruments with a positive market value of €175.1 million in 2024 (previous year: € 35.8 million). The maximum default risk for an individual bank from such assets amounted to €34.6 million (previous year: €7.5 million).

In accordance with IFRS 7, the following table contains further information on the offsetting options for derivative financial assets and liabilities. Most agreements between financial institutions and PUMA include a mutual right to offsetting; the right to offsetting is only enforceable in the event of the default of a business partner. Therefore, the criteria for offsetting in the balance sheet are not met.

The carrying amounts of the derivative financial instruments affected by the aforementioned offsetting agreements are shown in the following table:

#### ➤ T.41 OFFSETTING POSSIBILITIES OF DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Gross amounts of financial assets recognised in the balance sheet	175.1	35.8
Financial instruments that qualify for offsetting	0.0	0.0
<b>= Net book value of financial assets</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>35.8</b>
Offsettable on the basis of framework agreements	-21.7	-34.5
<b>Total net value of financial assets</b>	<b>153.5</b>	<b>1.3</b>

	2024	2023
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Gross amounts of financial liabilities recognised in the balance sheet	21.8	58.2
Financial instruments that qualify for offsetting	0.0	0.0
<b>= Net book value of financial liabilities</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>58.2</b>
Offsettable on the basis of framework agreements	-21.7	-34.5
<b>Total net value of financial liabilities</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>23.7</b>

#### LIQUIDITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Group may not be able to meet its financial liabilities by delivering cash or other financial assets in accordance with the agreement. The objective of the Group in managing liquidity is to ensure that, as far as possible, sufficient cash and cash equivalents are always available in order to meet the payment obligations upon maturity, under both normal and strained conditions.

PUMA aims to maintain the amount of cash, cash equivalents and fixed loan commitments at a level that covers the effects of an assumed worst-case scenario. This scenario is based on the events and financial impact of the COVID-19 crisis in Q2 2020, which must be covered accordingly.

PUMA has confirmed credit lines totalling €1,842.9 million (previous year: €1,552.8 million), of which €1,360.2 million (previous year: €986.1 million) had not been utilised as of 31 December 2024. The increase of €290.1 million in confirmed credit lines compared to the previous year resulted in particular from the early repayment of the syndicated revolving credit facility of €800.0 million with an original term until December 2025. This credit facility was replaced in December 2024 by a new syndicated revolving credit facility of €1,200.0 million with a term until December 2029 and two extension options of one year each. The financing partners are again nine of PUMA's international core banks.

No financial liabilities were utilised from credit lines granted only until further notice.

The effective interest rate of the current and non-current financial liabilities was 4.7% (previous year: 3.9%).

PUMA also participates in supplier financing agreements (for further explanations see [Chapter 13](#)), the main purpose of which is to allow suppliers to pre-pay their invoices via a bank on a voluntary basis. Programmes are offered by PUMA's central sourcing company (PUMA International Trading GmbH) for suppliers exporting goods to PUMA subsidiaries worldwide and by individual local PUMA subsidiaries for local deliveries from local suppliers. The financing partners involved in all of these programmes are international banks from among the PUMA's international core banks with an appropriate credit rating. From the Group's point of view, the supplier financing agreements do not extend the payment terms or do not extend them significantly. Any extension of payment periods is at the sole discretion of the financing partners. For this reason, and in view of the balanced distribution of the programmes across five of the Group's core banks, PUMA faces no additional liquidity risk.

The following table shows the future cash outflows from the financial liabilities existing as at the reporting date, as well as the contractual cash flows in connection with derivatives with a negative market value. These are non-discounted gross amounts including expected interest payments, but exclude presentation of the effects of offsetting:

#### ➤ T.42 CONTRACTUAL CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCIAL LIABILITIES 2024 (IN € MILLION)

	Total	2025	2026	2027 et seq.
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Borrowings	-523.7	-144.7	-217.9	-161.1
Trade payables	-1,893.5	-1,893.5		
Other liabilities	-28.2	-27.2	-0.9	-0.1
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>-29.8</b>	<b>-25.6</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
Cash inflow derivative financial liabilities	798.0	726.9	71.1	
Cash outflow derivative financial liabilities	-827.8	-752.5	-75.0	-0.3

The following values were determined for the previous year:

#### ➤ T.43 CONTRACTUAL CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCIAL LIABILITIES 2023 (IN € MILLION)

	Total	2024	2025	2026 et seq.
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>				
Borrowings	-634.0	-166.9	-85.1	-382.0
Trade payables	-1,499.8	-1,499.8		
Other liabilities	-31.8	-30.9	-0.5	-0.4
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>	<b>-47.0</b>	<b>-43.8</b>	<b>-2.2</b>	<b>-1.0</b>
Cash inflow derivative financial liabilities	2,876.6	2,397.1	479.5	
Cash outflow derivative financial liabilities	-2,923.6	-2,440.8	-481.8	-1.0

## MARKET RISK

Market risk is the risk that market prices, such as exchange rates, share prices or interest rates, may change, thereby affecting the income of the Group or the value of the financial instruments held.

The aim of market risk management is to manage and control market risk within acceptable margins while optimising returns.

To manage market risks, PUMA acquires and sells derivatives and also enters into financial liabilities. All transactions are carried out within the framework of the Group's risk management regulations.

## CURRENCY RISK

PUMA is exposed to transactional foreign currency risks such that the quoted currencies used for acquisition, disposal and credit transactions and for receivables do not match the functional currency of the Group companies.

In financial year 2024, PUMA designated currency hedges in the cash flow hedge accounting in order to hedge the amount payable of purchases denominated in USD, and converted to EUR, as well as for other currency risks resulting from internal resale to PUMA subsidiaries.

Furthermore, currency swaps and forward exchange contracts are used to hedge foreign exchange risks when measuring intra-group loans denominated in foreign currencies.

The estimated foreign currency risks are initially subjected to a quantitative materiality test, while simultaneously taking hedging costs into account. Material risks are then hedged, in accordance with the Group directive, up to a hedging ratio of up to 95% of the estimated foreign currency risks from expected acquisition and disposal transactions over the next 12 to 15 months. Forward exchange contracts and currency options, usually with a term of around 12 months from the reporting date, are used to hedge the foreign currency risk. For significant risks that are subject to large hedging costs, high hedging ratios can only be achieved over shorter terms.

The summarised quantitative information about the Group's currency risk is as follows:

### ➤ T.44 EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK 2024 (IN € MILLION)

As of 31 December 2024	USD	MXN	JPY
Risk from forecast transactions	-1,698.5	248.4	185.7
Balance sheet risk	-753.9	87.4	8.1
<b>Gross risk</b>	<b>-2,452.4</b>	<b>335.7</b>	<b>193.8</b>
Hedged with currency options	221.4	0.0	-39.9
Hedged with forward exchange contracts	2,318.2	-155.2	-112.2
<b>Net risk</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>180.5</b>	<b>41.7</b>

#### ➤ T.45 EXPOSURE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK 2023 (IN € MILLION)

As of 31 December 2023	USD	MXN	JPY
Risk from forecast transactions	-1,716.4	269.1	190.0
Balance sheet risk	-628.3	78.8	13.4
<b>Gross risk</b>	<b>-2,344.7</b>	<b>347.9</b>	<b>203.4</b>
Hedged with currency options	18.1	0.0	-51.5
Hedged with forward exchange contracts	1,933.1	-211.1	-110.3
<b>Net risk</b>	<b>-393.5</b>	<b>136.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>

Forward exchange contracts and the risk from forecast transactions were calculated on a one-year basis.

The nominal amounts of open exchange rate-hedging transactions refer primarily to forward exchange contracts in a total amount of € 4,135.4 million (previous year: € 3,745.0 million).

The market values of open exchange rate-hedging transactions on the balance sheet date consist of:

#### ➤ T.46 MARKET VALUE OF EXCHANGE RATE HEDGING CONTRACTS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Forward exchange contracts	161.0	35.5
Currency options	14.1	0.3
<b>Currency hedging contracts, assets</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>35.8</b>
Forward exchange contracts	21.0	56.0
Currency options	0.0	1.2
<b>Currency hedging contracts, liabilities</b>	<b>21.0</b>	<b>57.2</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>154.1</b>	<b>-21.4</b>



The net risk position and the average hedging rates are broken down as follows:

#### ➤ T.47 AVERAGE HEDGING RATES

	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Currency risk				
<b>Net risk position (€ million)</b>	<b>1,403.8</b>	<b>496.1</b>	<b>1,076.5</b>	<b>504.2</b>
<b>Forward exchange contracts</b>				
Average EUR/USD exchange rate	1.113	1.117	1.108	1.110
Average EUR/MXN exchange rate	21.969	-	19.978	-
Average EUR/JPY exchange rate	157.814	155.475	138.560	148.736
<b>Currency options</b>				
Average EUR/USD exchange rate (Put/Call)	1.060/1.126	1.110/1.162	1.050/1.144	1.039/1.131
Average EUR/MXN exchange rate (Put/Call)	-	-	-	-
Average EUR/JPY exchange rate (Put/Call)	145.990/159.979	-	140.198/157.850	143.733/161.366

#### Currency sensitivity analysis

In order to disclose market risks, IFRS 7 requires sensitivity analyses that show the effects of hypothetical changes in relevant risk variables on earnings and equity. The periodic effects are determined by relating the hypothetical changes caused by the risk variables to the balance of the financial instruments held as of the balance sheet date. The underlying assumption is that the balance as of the balance sheet date is representative for the entire year.

Currency risks as defined by IFRS 7 arise on account of financial instruments that are denominated in a currency which differs from the functional currency and are monetary in nature. Differences resulting from the conversion of the individual financial statements to the group currency are not taken into account. All non-functional currencies in which PUMA employs financial instruments are generally considered to be relevant risk variables.

The currency sensitivity analysis is based on the net balance sheet risk denominated in foreign currencies. This also includes intra-company monetary assets and liabilities. Outstanding currency derivatives are also reassessed as part of the sensitivity analysis.

The following table shows the increase or decrease of profit or loss or cash flow hedging reserve in equity in the event of a 10% appreciation or depreciation against the euro spot price. It is assumed that all other influencing factors, including interest rates and commodity prices, remain constant. The effects of the forecasted operating cash flows are also ignored.

#### ➤ T.48 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES 2024 (IN € MILLION)

As of 31 December 2024	USD	MXN	JPY
<b>Nominal amounts of outstanding hedge contracts</b>	2,710.0	-155.2	-161.9
	<b>EUR +10%</b>	<b>EUR +10%</b>	<b>EUR +10%</b>
Equity	-286.1	10.1	10.7
Profit or loss	2.5	-1.0	-0.1
	<b>EUR -10%</b>	<b>EUR -10%</b>	<b>EUR -10%</b>
Equity	99.6	-16.8	-23.8
Profit or loss	-3.1	1.2	0.1

#### ➤ T.49 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATE CHANGES 2023 (IN € MILLION)

As of 31 December 2023	USD	MXN	JPY
<b>Nominal amounts of outstanding hedge contracts</b>	2,413.7	-211.1	-123.7
	<b>EUR +10%</b>	<b>EUR +10%</b>	<b>EUR +10%</b>
Equity	-151.3	17.9	-1.0
Profit or loss	2.0	-0.6	-0.1
	<b>EUR -10%</b>	<b>EUR -10%</b>	<b>EUR -10%</b>
Equity	218.9	-11.0	-23.7
Profit or loss	-2.4	0.8	0.1

Currency risks and other risk and opportunity categories are discussed in greater detail in the Combined Management Report in the [Risk and Opportunity Report](#).

### INTEREST RATE RISK

The interest rate risk in the PUMA Group is primarily attributable to variable-interest borrowings. Interest rate management is carried out centrally by the Treasury division on the basis of specified limits. Within this framework, the division manages and monitors interest rate risk through the use of interest rate derivatives. Transactions are only concluded with counterparties that are creditworthy. Derivative financial instruments must not be used for speculative purposes, but only to hedge risks related to underlying transactions.

As of 31 December 2024, €153.0 million (previous year: €207.5 million) of the financial liabilities were subject to variable interest.

Interest rate collars were also concluded at the same amount and with the same maturity to hedge the risk of interest rate changes for the variable interest rate promissory note tranches in the amount of €150.0 million in May 2023.

There is an economic relationship between the underlying and hedging transactions, since the terms of the interest rate collars correspond to those of the floating rate loans. This applies to the nominal amount, maturity, payment and interest adjustment dates. The underlying risk of interest rate collars is identical to that of the hedged risk components. A hedge ratio of 1:1 has therefore been established for the hedging relationship.

The net risk position and the average hedged interest rate are as follows:

#### ➤ T.50 AVERAGE HEDGED INTEREST RATE

	2024		2023	
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current
Interest rate risk				
<b>Net risk position (€ million)</b>	<b>3.0</b>		<b>54.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Average hedged interest rate in % based on current fixing (Cap/Floor)		4.7%/1.5%		4.7%/1.5%

#### Interest sensitivity analysis

The result in the Group depends on the development of the market interest rate level. A change in the interest rate level would have an impact on the Group's income and equity. The analysis carried out includes all interest-bearing financial instruments that are subject to interest rate risk.

A change in the interest rate level of 100 basis points would have the following effects on profit or loss and the cash flow hedging reserve in equity:

#### ➤ T.51 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS FOR INTEREST RATE RISK (IN € MILLION)

	2024		2023	
	+1.0%	-1.0%	+1.0%	-1.0%
Equity	0.0	0.0	0.8	0.0
Profit or loss	0.4	-1.5	0.4	-1.9

## INFORMATION ON HEDGING INSTRUMENTS THAT ARE IN A HEDGING RELATIONSHIP

On the balance sheet date, the amounts relating to items designated as hedged underlying transactions were as follows:

### 7 T.52 DESIGNATED HEDGE ITEMS (IN € MILLION)

	Change in value used for calculating hedge ineffectiveness	Cash flow hedge reserve	Reserve for hedging costs	Balance remaining in the cash flow hedge reserve from hedging relationships for which hedge accounting is no longer applied
<b>As of 31 December 2024</b>				
Currency risk – sales transactions	-13.1	5.3	-4.3	0.0
Currency risk – sourcing transactions	175.3	81.1	4.4	0.0
Interest rate risk	0.0	0.0	-0.3	0.0
<b>As of 31 December 2023</b>				
Currency risk – sales transactions	-8.2	19.6	0.0	0.0
Currency risk – sourcing transactions	-5.4	-23.5	0.0	0.0
Interest rate risk	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

The amounts relating to items designated as hedging instruments have the following effects on the consolidated statement of financial position and consolidated income statement:

#### ➤ T.53 DESIGNATED HEDGE INSTRUMENTS (IN € MILLION)

	Nominal value	Carrying amount						
				Line item in the balance sheet where the hedging instrument is included	Changes in the value of the hedging instrument, recognised in other comprehensive income	Amount from hedging reserve transferred to cost of inventory	Amount reclassified from the cash flow hedge reserve to the income statement	Line item in the income statement affected by the reclassification
		Assets	Liabilities					
As of 31 December 2024					in the financial year 2024			
Currency risk – sales transactions	1,139.7	14.3	-13.0	other current/ non-current financial assets/ liabilities	13.1	-	29.3	Sales
Currency risk – sourcing transactions	2,374.3	111.0	0.0		-175.3	-5.9	-	Cost of sales
Interest rate risk	150.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	-	0.0	Financial expenses
As of 31 December 2023					in the financial year 2023			
Currency risk – sales transactions	1,082.2	22.3	-6.2	other current/ non-current financial assets/ liabilities	8.2	-	29.8	Sales
Currency risk – sourcing transactions	1,996.4	2.3	-34.5		5.4	-12.9	-5.1	Cost of sales
Interest rate risk	150.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	-	0.0	Financial expenses

The following table shows the reconciliation of the changes in equity in relation to hedging reserves:

#### ➤ T.54 CHANGES IN THE HEDGING RESERVES (IN € MILLION)

	2024		2023
	Cash flow hedging reserve	Reserve for hedging costs	Cash flow hedging reserve
<b>Reserve as of 31 December</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Transition effect IFRS 9		4.9	
<b>Reserve as of 1 January</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>14.2</b>
Change in fair value			
Thereof currency risk*	162.2	12.3	-13.6
Thereof interest rate risk	0.0	0.6	0.0
Amount included in the acquisition cost of non-financial assets	-5.9	0.0	12.9
Amount reclassified to the income statement			
Thereof currency risk**	-29.3	-20.3	-27.5
Thereof interest rate risk	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax effect	-36.8	2.4	10.1
<b>Reserve as of 31 December</b>	<b>86.4</b>	<b>-0.2</b>	<b>-3.9</b>

\* The change in the fair value of the hedging reserve of €12.3 million relates to sales transactions in the amount of € - 22.4 million and sourcing transactions in the amount of €34.7 million.

\*\* Of the amounts reclassified from the hedging reserve to the income statement, €25.8 million were incurred in connection with sales transactions and € -46.1 million in connection with sourcing transactions.

The change in the fair values of options or the change in the forward components and the currency basis spreads of the forward exchange contracts are recorded as cost of a transaction-related hedging separately under equity in the reserve for hedging costs and are recognised in the financial result through profit or loss when the underlying transaction occurs.

A small portion of the originally planned sourcing and sales volume in foreign currencies did not transpire, leading to an excess of hedging transactions. Hedge accounting was terminated for those sourcing and sales transactions that were no longer expected to transpire, and the fair value was transferred as a profit or loss from the cash flow hedging reserve to the consolidated income statement. As soon as any highly likely sourcing or sales transaction is no longer expected to transpire, an offsetting transaction is concluded. Across all currency pairs, an amount of €0.1 million (previous year: €5.5 million) was recorded in the financial result through profit or loss (see also [Chapter 21](#)).

## 15. PENSION PROVISIONS

Pension provisions result from employees' claims and, if applicable, their survivors, for benefits which are based on the statutory or contractual regulations applicable in the respective country in the event of invalidity, death or when a certain retirement age has been reached. Pension commitments in the PUMA Group include both benefit- and contribution-based pension commitments and include both obligations from current pensions and rights to pensions payable in the future. The pension commitments are partially financed by external plan assets.

The risks associated with the pension commitments mainly concern the usual risks of benefit-based pension plans in relation to possible changes in the discount rate and inflation trends, and recipient longevity. In order to limit the risks of changed capital market conditions and demographic developments, plans with the maximum obligations were agreed or insured for new hires a few years ago in Germany and Great Britain. The specific risk of obligations based on salary is low within the PUMA Group. The introduction of an annual cap for pensionable salary in the Great Britain plan in 2016 covers this risk for the highest obligations. The Great Britain plan is therefore classified as a non-salary obligation.

### ➤ T.55 PRESENT VALUE OF PENSION OBLIGATION 2024 (IN € MILLION)

	Germany	Great Britain	Other companies	PUMA Group
<b>Present value of pension obligation as of 31 December 2024</b>				
Salary-based obligations				
Annuity	0.0	0.0	11.5	11.5
One-off payment	0.0	0.0	10.9	10.9
Non-salary based obligations				
Annuity	50.4	31.4	0.0	81.8
One-off payment	8.3	0.0	0.0	8.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.7</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>112.5</b>

The following values were determined in the previous year:

#### ➤ T.56 PRESENT VALUE OF PENSION OBLIGATION 2023 (IN € MILLION)

	Germany	Great Britain	Other companies	PUMA Group
<b>Present value of pension obligation as of 31 December 2023</b>				
Salary-based obligations				
Annuity	0.0	0.0	8.8	8.8
One-off payment	0.0	0.0	9.1	9.1
Non-salary based obligations				
Annuity	49.3	31.9	0.0	81.2
One-off payment	8.2	0.0	0.0	8.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>107.3</b>

The main pension arrangements are described below:

The general pension scheme of PUMA SE essentially provides for pension payments to a maximum amount of € 127.82 per month and per eligible employee. It was closed for new members beginning in 1996. In addition, PUMA SE provides individual commitments (fixed sums in different amounts) as well as contribution-based individual benefits (in part from salary conversion). The contribution-based individual benefits are insured plans. There are no statutory minimum funding requirements. The volume of domestic benefit obligations amounts to € 58.7 million as of the end of 2024 (previous year: € 57.5 million) and thus accounts for 52.2% (previous year: 53.6%) of the total obligation. The fair value of the plan assets for the domestic obligations is € 51.0 million (previous year: € 50.4 million), while the corresponding pension provision amounts to € 7.7 million (previous year: € 7.1 million).

The defined benefit plan in Great Britain has been closed to new entrants since 2006. These are salary- and service-dependent commitments for retirement, disability and surviving dependents' pensions. In 2016, a growth cap of 1% p.a. on the pensionable salary was introduced. Partial capitalisation of the retirement pension is permitted. Statutory minimum funding requirements apply. The liability for the benefit entitlements under the defined benefit plan in the Great Britain amounted to € 31.4 million at the end of 2024 (previous year: € 31.9 million) and represents 27.9% (previous year: 29.7%) of the total liability. The liability is covered by assets of € 28.9 million (previous year: € 29.7 million). The provision amounts to € 2.5 million (previous year: € 2.2 million).



The present value of the pension obligation has developed as follows:

#### ➤ T.57 DEVELOPMENT OF PRESENT VALUE OF PENSION OBLIGATION (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Present value of pension obligation as of 1 January</b>	<b>107.3</b>	<b>104.3</b>
Cost of the pension obligation earned in the reporting year	2.1	2.0
Interest expense on pension obligation	4.8	4.4
Employee contributions	0.8	0.6
Benefits paid	-4.3	-4.5
Effects from transfers	0.1	0.0
Actuarial gains (-) and losses	0.5	0.1
Currency exchange effects	1.2	0.5
<b>Present value of pension obligation as of 31 December</b>	<b>112.5</b>	<b>107.3</b>

The changes in the plan assets are as follows:

#### ➤ T.58 DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN ASSETS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Plan assets as of 1 January</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>82.4</b>
Interest income on plan assets	3.8	3.5
Actuarial gains and losses (-)	-3.0	-0.9
Employer contributions	0.8	1.2
Employee contributions	0.8	0.6
Benefits paid	-3.2	-2.2
Currency exchange effects	1.2	0.6
<b>Plan assets as of 31 December</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>85.2</b>

The pension provision for the Group is derived as follows:

#### ➤ T.59 PENSION PROVISION (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Present value of pension obligation from benefit plans	112.5	107.3
Fair value of plan assets	-85.6	-85.2
<b>Financing status</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>
<b>Pension provision as of 31 December</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Thereof assets	0.4	0.4
Thereof liabilities	27.3	22.5

In 2024, the benefits paid amounted to € 4.3 million (previous year: € 4.5 million). Payments of € 3.1 million are expected for 2025. Of this, € 1.0 million is expected to be paid directly by the employer. The employer contributions to external plan assets in 2024 amounted to € 0.8 million (previous year: € 1.2 million). Employer contributions of € 2.2 million are expected in 2025.

The changes in pension provisions are as follows:

#### ➤ T.60 DEVELOPMENT OF THE PENSION PROVISION (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Pension provision as of 1 January</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>21.9</b>
Pension expense	3.1	2.8
Actuarial gains (-) and losses recorded in other comprehensive income	3.5	1.0
Employer contributions	-0.8	-1.2
Direct pension payments made by the employer	-1.1	-2.3
Transfer values	0.1	0.0
Currency exchange differences	0.0	-0.2
<b>Pension provision as of 31 December</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>22.1</b>
Thereof assets	0.4	0.4
Thereof liabilities	27.3	22.5

The expenses in financial year 2024 are structured as follows:

#### ➤ T.61 EXPENSES FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Cost of the pension obligation earned in the reporting year	2.1	2.0
Interest expense on pension obligation	4.8	4.4
Interest income on plan assets	-3.8	-3.5
Administration costs	0.0	0.0
<b>Expenses for defined benefit plans</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.8</b>
Thereof personnel costs	2.1	1.9
Thereof financial costs	1.0	0.9

In addition to the defined benefit pension plans, PUMA also makes contributions to contribution plans. Payments for financial year 2024 amounted to € 21.3 million (previous year: € 19.8 million).

Actuarial gains and losses recorded in Other comprehensive income:

#### ➤ T.62 GAINS AND LOSSES RECORDED IN OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Revaluation of pension commitments</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>0.1</b>
Actuarial gains (-) and losses resulting from changes in demographic assumptions	-0.1	-0.7
Actuarial gains (-) and losses resulting from changes in financial assumptions	-0.5	0.0
Actuarial gains (-) and losses due to adjustments based on experience	1.1	0.8
<b>Revaluation of plan assets</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>
Amounts not recorded due to the maximum limit applicable to assets	0.0	0.0
Adjustment of administration costs	0.0	0.0
<b>Total revaluation amounts recorded directly in other comprehensive income</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>1.0</b>

Plan assets investment classes:

#### ➤ T.63 PLAN ASSETS INVESTMENT CLASSES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	1.2	0.3
Equity instruments	6.1	6.0
Bonds	7.0	7.4
Investment funds	3.5	3.2
Derivatives	7.8	10.0
Real estate	3.2	2.9
Insurance	51.3	50.6
Other	5.5	4.9
<b>Total plan assets</b>	<b>85.6</b>	<b>85.2</b>

Of which, investment classes with a quoted market price:

#### ➤ T.64 PLAN ASSETS WITH A QUOTED MARKET PRICE (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Cash and cash equivalents	1.2	0.3
Equity instruments	6.1	6.0
Bonds	7.0	7.4
Investment funds	3.5	3.2
Derivatives	7.8	10.0
Real estate	2.4	2.1
Insurance	0.0	0.0
Other	5.4	4.7
<b>Plan assets with a quoted market price</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>33.7</b>

Plan assets still do not include the Group's own financial instruments or real estate used by Group companies.

The plan assets are used solely to fulfil the defined benefit obligations. In some countries, there are legal requirements for the type and amount of funds to be selected, while in others (e.g. Germany), the financing of pension obligations is on a voluntary basis. In Great Britain, a trustee board comprising representatives of the company and employees is responsible for asset management. The investment strategy aims for long-term gains with tolerable volatility. It was last revised in 2022 to reduce the risk profile. In 2023 and 2024, the trustees continued to monitor the investment strategy.

The following assumptions were used to determine pension obligations and pension expenses:

#### ➤ T.65 ASSUMPTIONS USED TO DETERMINE THE PENSION OBLIGATIONS

	2024	2023
Discount rate	4.17%	4.55%
Future pension increases	2.00%	1.93%
Future salary increases	2.24%	2.05%

The indicated values are weighted average values. A standard interest rate of 3.50% was applied for the eurozone (previous year: 4.45%).

The 2018 G Heubeck guideline tables were used as mortality tables for Germany. For Great Britain, the mortality was assumed based on basic table series S4 taking into account life expectancy projections in accordance with CMI2023 with a long-term trend of 1%.

The following overview shows how the present value of pension obligations from benefit plans would have been affected by changes to significant actuarial assumptions.

#### ➤ T.66 SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS FOR PENSION OBLIGATION (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Effect on present value of pension obligations if		
the discount rate were 50 basis points higher	-3.9	-3.7
the discount rate were 50 basis points lower	4.3	4.2

Salary and pension trends have only a negligible effect on the present value of pension obligations due to the structure of the benefit plans.

The weighted average duration of pension obligations is around 12 years (previous year: around 12 years).

This disclosure is part of PUMA's 2024 sustainability statement in accordance with [ESRS S1-4](#).

## 16. OTHER PROVISIONS

### ➤ T.67 OTHER PROVISIONS (IN € MILLION)

	2023					2024		2023
		Currency changes, transfers	Additions	Utilisation	Reversals		Thereof non-current	Thereof non-current
Provisions for:								
Warranties	2.1	0.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	2.1	0.0	0.0
Purchasing risks	7.4	0.0	0.8	-1.7	-2.6	3.9	0.0	0.0
Litigation risks	13.9	-0.2	4.5	-3.4	-0.9	14.0	6.0	7.5
Dismantling obligations	16.9	0.2	3.2	-2.1	-1.9	16.4	13.4	13.9
Personnel provisions	5.9	8.4	5.5	-0.4	-0.2	19.2	9.9	5.9
Other	8.7	0.2	7.3	-3.3	-0.1	12.8	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>55.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>-11.1</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>68.2</b>	<b>29.3</b>	<b>27.3</b>

The warranty provision is determined on the basis of the historical value of sales generated during the past six months. It is expected that the majority of these expenses will fall due within the first six months of the next financial year. Purchasing risks relate primarily to materials and moulds that are required for the manufacturing of shoes and result in cash outflows in the subsequent period.

The provisions relating to dismantling obligations are predominantly long-term and are incurred in connection with the retail stores, warehousing areas and office space rented by the Group. They are established on the basis of the expected settlement values and the agreed rental periods. Estimates are made in relation to costs and the actual amount of time that such properties are in use.

Personnel provisions mainly relate to non-current variable compensation components. The litigation risks relate to any form of legal dispute, including those relating to trademark and patent rights. The other provisions relate to other risks, in particular those associated with sourcing.

Current provisions are expected to be paid out in the following year, non-current provisions are expected to be paid out in a period of up to ten years. There are no significant compounding effects. The recognition and valuation of provisions is based on past experience of similar transactions. All events until the preparation of the consolidated financial statements are taken into account here.

## 17. EQUITY

### SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL

The subscribed capital corresponds to the subscribed capital of PUMA SE.

The subscribed capital as at the balance sheet date pursuant to the Articles of Association amounted to € 149,698,196.00 (previous year: € 150,824,640.00) and is divided into 149,698,196 (previous year: 150,824,640) no-par value shares with voting rights. This corresponds to a proportional amount of € 1.00 per share.

In financial year 2024, the registered share capital was reduced by €1,126,444.

All shares grant the same rights. The shareholders are entitled to receive the agreed dividends and have one voting right per share at the Annual General Meeting. This does not apply to treasury shares held by the Company, which do not grant the Company any rights.

Changes in the outstanding shares:

### ➤ T.68 CHANGE IN OUTSTANDING SHARES

	2024	2023
<b>Outstanding shares as of 1 January, share</b>	<b>149,844,544</b>	<b>149,758,644</b>
Repurchase of treasury stock, share	-1,128,961	0
Issue of treasury stock, share*	108,830	85,900
<b>Outstanding shares as of 31 December, share</b>	<b>148,824,413</b>	<b>149,844,544</b>

\* The issue of treasury stock relates to compensation in connection with promotional and advertising agreements.

### AUTHORISED CAPITAL

As of 31 December 2024, the Company's Articles of Association provide for authorised capital totalling € 30,000,000.00:

Pursuant to Section 4.2. of the Articles of Association, the Management Board is authorised, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to increase the Company's share capital until 4 May 2026 by up to € 30,000,000.00 (Authorised Capital 2021) by issuing up to 30,000,000 new no-par value bearer shares against cash and/or non-cash contributions on one or more occasions. In the case of capital increases against contributions in cash, the new shares may be acquired by one or several banks, designated by the Management Board, subject to the obligation to offer them to the shareholders for subscription (indirect subscription right). The shareholders shall generally be entitled to subscription rights. However, the Management Board is authorised, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, to exclude shareholders' subscription rights in whole or in part in the cases specified in Section 4.2. of the Articles of Association.

The Management Board of PUMA SE did not make use of the existing authorised capital in the current reporting period.

## **CONDITIONAL CAPITAL**

By resolution of the Annual General Meeting of 11 May 2022, the Management Board was authorised until 10 May 2027, with the consent of the Supervisory Board, through one or more issues, altogether or in parts and in various tranches at the same time, to issue bearer or registered convertible and/or option bonds, profit-sharing rights or participation bonds or a combination of these instruments with or without a term limitation in a total nominal amount of up to €1,500,000,000.00.

The share capital was conditionally increased by up to €15,082,464.00 by issuing up to 15,082,464 new no-par value bearer shares (Conditional Capital 2022). The conditional capital increase shall only be implemented to the extent that conversion/option rights are exercised, or the option/conversion obligations are met or tenders are carried out and to the extent that other forms of performance are not applied.

No use has been made of this authorisation to date.

## **TREASURY STOCK**

The resolution adopted by the Annual General Meeting on 7 May 2020 authorised the Company to purchase treasury shares up to a value of 10% of the share capital until 6 May 2025. By resolution of the Annual General Meeting of 5 May 2021, the Supervisory Board was authorised to issue the acquired shares to the members of the Management Board of the Company, excluding the shareholders' subscription rights. By resolution of the Annual General Meeting of 11 May 2022, the Management Board was, moreover, authorised to issue the acquired shares, excluding the shareholders' subscription rights, as part of the Company's or its affiliated companies' share-based payments or employee share programmes to individuals currently or formerly in an employment relationship with the Company or one of its affiliated companies or to members of the management of one of the Company's affiliated companies. If purchased through the stock exchange, the purchase price per share must not exceed 10% or fall below 20% of the average closing price for the Company's shares with the same attributes in the XETRA trading system (or a comparable successor system) during the last three trading days prior to the date of purchase.

Based on the aforementioned authorisation dated 7 May 2020/5 May 2021, the Management Board of PUMA SE approved a share buyback programme on 29 February 2024. The first tranche provides for the buyback of treasury shares with a total purchase price of up to €100 million and began on 6 March 2024 for the period until 6 May 2025. The repurchased shares will be redeemed in accordance with the authorisation granted by the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

By resolution of the Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2024, the aforementioned authorisation to acquire and utilise treasury shares was revoked and the Company was again authorised to acquire treasury shares of up to ten percent of the share capital until 21 May 2029. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board was authorised to issue the acquired shares to the members of the Management Board of the Company, excluding the shareholders' subscription rights. In addition, the Management Board was authorised to issue the acquired shares, excluding the shareholders' subscription rights, as part of the Company's or its affiliated companies' share-based payments or employee share programmes to individuals currently or formerly in an employment relationship with the Company or one of its affiliated companies or to members of the management of one of the Company's affiliated companies. If purchased through the stock exchange, the purchase price per share must not exceed 10% or fall below 20% of the average closing price for the Company's shares with the same attributes in the XETRA trading system (or a comparable successor system) during the last three trading days prior to the date of purchase.

As of the balance sheet date, the Company holds a total of 873,783 PUMA shares in its own portfolio, which corresponds to 0.58% of the subscribed capital.



## REPURCHASE OF TREASURY SHARES

On 29 February 2024, the Management Board of PUMA SE approved a share buyback programme on the basis of the authorisation granted by the Annual General Meeting on 7 May 2020/5 May 2021. The first tranche provides for the buyback of treasury shares with a total purchase price of up to €100 million and begins in March 2024 for the period until 6 May 2025.

In the period from March 2024 up to and including 31 December 2024, PUMA SE acquired 1,128,961 shares in the first tranche at a total price of €49,999,986.41 (excluding acquisition costs) and an average purchase price of €44.29 per share. This corresponded to 0.75% of the subscribed capital.

The repurchased shares serve the purposes stated in the aforementioned authorisation, in particular redemption. PUMA SE has withdrawn 1,126,444 units of the repurchased shares by resolution of the Board of Management dated 26 November 2024.

Further information on the repurchase of treasury shares can be found in the following table.

### ➤ T.69 REPURCHASE OF TREASURY SHARES IN THE FINANCIAL YEAR

Month	Number of shares	Total price in €	Average purchase price per share in €	Amount in the nominal capital in €	Amount in the nominal capital in %
January	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	105,713	4,310,868.52	40.78	105,713	0.07%
April	88,714	3,706,587.20	41.78	88,714	0.06%
May	85,933	4,120,879.78	47.95	85,933	0.06%
June	420,053	19,152,694.86	45.60	420,053	0.28%
July	417,373	18,253,518.89	43.73	417,373	0.28%
August	3,386	133,635.38	39.47	3,386	0.00%
September	2,096	79,852.16	38.10	2,096	0.00%
October	2,198	85,187.58	38.76	2,198	0.00%
November	1,378	61,630.85	44.72	1,378	0.00%
December	2,117	95,131.19	44.94	2,117	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,128,961</b>	<b>49,999,986.41</b>	<b>44.29</b>	<b>1,128,961</b>	<b>0.75%</b>

## DIVIDENDS

The amounts eligible for distribution relate to the retained earnings of PUMA SE, which is determined in accordance with German commercial law.

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board will propose to the Annual General Meeting that, from the retained earnings of PUMA SE for financial year 2024, a dividend of € 0.61 (previous year: € 0.82) per circulating share, or a total of € 90.8 million (with respect to the circulating shares as of 31 December 2024), be distributed to the shareholders.

Proposed appropriation of the retained earnings of PUMA SE:

### **➤ T.70 PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF THE RETAINED EARNINGS OF PUMA SE**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Retained earnings of PUMA SE as of 31 December, € million	510.5	486.4
Retained earnings available for distribution, € million	510.5	486.4
Dividend per share, €	0.61	0.82
Number of outstanding shares*, share	148,824,413	149,719,682
Total dividend*, € million	90.8	122.8
Carried forward to the new accounting period*, € million	419.8	363.7

\* Previous year's values adjusted to the outcome of the Annual General Meeting

## RESERVES

The equity reserves are broken down as follows:

### **Capital reserve**

The capital reserve includes the premium from issuing shares, as well as amounts from the grant, conversion and expiry of share options.

### **Revenue reserves incl. retained earnings**

The revenue reserves incl. retained earnings include the net earnings of the financial year as well as the earnings achieved in the past by the companies included in the consolidated financial statements to the extent that it was not distributed. In addition, the valuation effects from the pension provision recognised in other comprehensive income are recognised in retained earnings, together with fees paid for the repurchase of treasury shares that exceed the nominal amount.

### **Difference from currency conversion**

The equity item for currency conversion serves to record the foreign exchange differences from the conversion of the financial statements of subsidiaries with non-euro accounting.

### **Cash flow hedging reserve**

The position of "cash flow hedging reserve" comprises the fair value of cash flow hedges (intrinsic value for options and the spot component for forward contracts) in relation to hedged transactions that have not yet occurred.

### **Reserve for hedging costs – options**

The position includes the fair value of costs of hedging for cash flow hedges according to the "cost of hedging" approach (time value component).

**Reserve for hedging costs – forward contracts**

The item includes the fair value of costs of hedging for cash flow hedges according to the 'cost of hedging approach for forward transactions (forward component).

**NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS**

This item comprises non-controlling interests. The composition is shown in [Chapter 28](#).

**CAPITAL MANAGEMENT**

The Group's objective is to retain a strong equity base in order to maintain both investor and market confidence, and to strengthen future business performance.

Capital management relates to the consolidated equity of PUMA. This is presented in the consolidated statement of financial position and in the consolidated statement of changes in equity.

## 18. MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAMMES

Virtual shares with cash settlement and other global long-term incentive programmes are used at PUMA to tie the management to the Company with a long-term incentive effect.

The current programmes are described below:

### **EXPLANATION OF "VIRTUAL SHARES", TERMED "MONETARY UNITS" (FULL TERM: MONETARY UNITS PLAN – MUP)**

Monetary units were granted on an annual basis to members of the Management Board beginning in 2013 as part of a management incentive programme. Monetary units are based on the PUMA share performance. Each of these monetary units entitles the holder to a cash payment at the end of the term. The entitled cash payment compares the performance using the average virtual appreciation rights of the last thirty trading days before the start of the year of issue with the virtual appreciation rights of the last thirty trading days before the exercise date. The maximum increase in value (cap) is limited to 300% of the amount allocated. Monetary units are subject to a vesting period of three years. After that, there is an exercise period beginning 30 days after each quarterly publication date for a period of two years which can be freely used by participants for the purposes of execution. Virtual shares are reduced on a pro rata basis in the event of withdrawal during the vesting period. This programme will expire and be replaced by the Performance Share Plan. As a result, no more shares were issued from this programme in financial year 2024.

### **EXPLANATION OF "VIRTUAL SHARES" (FULL TERM: PERFORMANCE SHARE PLAN – PSP)**

Virtual shares were granted on an annual basis to members of the Management Board beginning in 2021 as part of a management incentive programme. The virtual shares are based on the PUMA share performance. Each of these virtual shares entitles the holder to a cash payment at the end of the term. However, the Supervisory Board reserves the right to make the payment in PUMA shares instead of cash. This cash payout is based on the PUMA closing prices for the last thirty trading days before the exercise date. The final number of virtual shares is between 50% and 150%, depending on the relative Total Shareholder Returns (TSR) compared to the MDAX index. The PUMA and MDAX index TSRs are calculated using the arithmetic means of each of the TSR values on the 30 trading days before the start and end of the performance period. The averages calculated in this way for PUMA and the MDAX index are then compared with each other. The difference in percentage points between the PUMA TSR and the MDAX index TSR is then calculated (= TSR outperformance in percentage points). The maximum increase in value (cap) is limited to 300% of the amount allocated. Virtual shares are subject to a vesting period of four years. They are generally paid out within the first quarter of the fifth year after their issue. Virtual shares are reduced on a pro rata basis in the event of withdrawal during the vesting period. For the programmes issued in financial years 2021 and 2022, the DAX acts as the basis for calculating virtual shares, while the MDAX index is used starting financial year 2023.

In financial year 2024, expenses of €1.3 million were recorded for this purpose on the basis of the employment contract commitments to the Management Board members (previous year: expenses of €2.4 million).

## ➤ T.71 VIRTUAL SHARES, MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Plan	MUP	PSP	MUP	PSP	PSP	PSP	
Issue date	1/1/2021	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2022	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	
Term	5	4.25	5	4.25	4.25	4.25	Years
Vesting period	3	4	3	4	4	4	Years
Base price PUMA share at issue	86.23	86.23	106.95	106.95	51.86	54.92	EUR/share
Reference value PUMA share at the end of the financial year	45.21	45.21	45.21	44.80	46.76	45.58	EUR/share
Weighted share price at the time of exercise	40.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	EUR/share
Participants in the year of issue	3	2	1	3	4	5	Persons
Participants at the end of the financial year	3	2	1	3	4	5	Persons
Number of monetary units/virtual shares as of 1 January 2024	34,548	7,070	10,323	16,458	81,279	81,382	Shares
Number of monetary units/virtual shares exercised in the financial year	-8,942	0	0	0	0	0	Shares
Number of monetary units/virtual shares expired in the financial year	0	0	0	-2,829	-12,197	-9,014	Shares
<b>Final number of monetary units/virtual shares as of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>25,606</b>	<b>7,070</b>	<b>10,323</b>	<b>13,629</b>	<b>69,082</b>	<b>72,368</b>	<b>Shares</b>

This commitment consisting of share-based remuneration transactions with cash compensation is recorded as personnel provisions and remeasured at fair value on every balance sheet date, provided it has not been exercised yet. The expenses are recorded pro rata over the vesting period. Based on the valuation of external experts at fair value and taking into account exercises during the year in 2024, the provision for these programmes amounts to €5.3 million at the end of the fiscal year (previous year: €4.4 million).

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "GAME CHANGER 2.0" PROGRAMME**

In 2018, the Long-Term Incentive Programme (LTIP) "Game Changer 2.0" was launched. Participants in this programme consist mainly of top executives reporting to the Management Board and individual key positions in the PUMA Group. The objective of this programme is to retain these employees in the Company on a long-term basis and to allow them to share in the medium-term success of the Company.

The LTIP "Game Changer 2.0" consists of two plan parts, a Performance Cash Plan and a Performance Share Plan, each with a 50% share. The Performance Cash Plan gives a reward for the PUMA Group's financial performance, while the Performance Share Plan gives a reward for the performance of the PUMA SE share in the capital market.

The performance period of the Performance Cash Plan is three years and is based on the average medium-term targets of the PUMA Group in terms of EBIT, sales and cash flow or working capital as a percentage of sales. Payment is made in cash and is limited to a maximum of 200% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap).

The Performance Share Plan uses virtual shares to manage the incentive. The term is up to five years. This is divided into a three-year performance period and a two-year exercise period in which the virtual shares are paid out in cash. A payout is only possible at the four exercise times (6, 12, 18 or 24 months after the end of the performance period). The average share price of the last 30 trading days before the exercise date determines the value of a virtual share. The payout is limited to a maximum of 300% of the pro-rata Target Amount granted and will only be paid out if the defined exercise hurdle (if applicable) has been reached at least once during the Performance Period.

The payment is subject to the condition that the individual participants are in an active, untermiated employment relationship with a PUMA Group company on the specified date.

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "GAME CHANGER 2.0 – 2023" PROGRAMME**

In 2020, the global "Game Changer 2.0 – 2023" programme, as outlined above, was launched. The Performance Cash Plan is based on the following targets: EBIT (70%), cash flow (15%) and sales (15%). As part of the Performance Share component, payment is limited to a maximum of 300% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap). In the reporting year, an amount of €0.3 million (of which, €0.3 million from the Performance Share Plan) was paid out to the participants. €0.0 million was released for this programme in the year under review (previous year: release of €0.1 million). This resulted in a provision for this programme at the end of the financial year of €0.1 million (previous year: €0.5 million). The Performance Share Plan portion accounted for €0.1 million (previous year: €0.5 million).

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "GAME CHANGER 2.0 – 2024" PROGRAMME**

In 2021, the global "Game Changer 2.0 – 2024" programme, as outlined above, was launched. The Performance Cash Plan is based on the following targets: EBIT (45%), working capital as a percentage of sales (15%), and sales (40%). As part of the Performance Share component, payment is limited to a maximum of 300% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap). An employment relationship until 31 December 2023 is required. In the reporting year, an amount of €2.2 million (of which, €0.8 million from the Performance Share Plan) was paid out to the participants. In addition, €0.8 million was released as a provision for this programme (previous year: €0.2 million) and a prorated amount of €0.0 million (previous year: €1.1 million) was set aside for this programme. This resulted in a provision for this programme at the end of the financial year of €0.3 million (previous year: €3.4 million). The Performance Share Plan portion accounted for €0.3 million (previous year: €1.2 million).

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "GAME CHANGER 2.0 – 2026" PROGRAMME**

In 2023, the global "Game Changer 2.0 – 2026" programme, as outlined above, was launched. The Performance Cash Plan is based on the following targets: EBIT (70%), cash flow (15%) and sales (15%). As part of the Performance Share component, payment is limited to a maximum of 300% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap). An employment relationship until 31 December 2025 is required. In the reporting year, a prorated amount of €1.5 million (previous year: €1.8 million) was set aside and €0.1 million was released as a provision for this programme (previous year: €0.0 million). This resulted in a provision for this programme at the end of the financial year of €3.1 million (previous year: €1.8 million). The Performance Share Plan portion accounted for €1.5 million (previous year: €1.0 million).

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "GAME CHANGER 2.0 – 2027" PROGRAMME**

In 2024, the global "Game Changer 2.0 – 2027" programme, as outlined above, was launched. The Performance Cash Plan is based on the following targets: EBIT (70%), cash flow (15%) and sales (15%). As part of the Performance Share component, payment is limited to a maximum of 300% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap). An employment relationship until 31 December 2026 is required. In the reporting year, a prorated amount of €1.0 million (previous year: €0.0 million) was set aside for this programme. This resulted in a provision for this programme at the end of the financial year of €1.0 million (previous year: €0.0 million). The Performance Share Plan portion accounted for €0.4 million (previous year: €0.0 million).

## **EXPLANATION OF THE "ROAD 2 10B" PROGRAMME**

In 2022, the "Game Changer 2.0" programme was replaced by the one-time "Road 2 10B" long-term incentive programme (LTIP). The participants in this programme consist of key specialists and managers of the PUMA Group. The aim of this programme is to retain these employees in the long term and to allow them to participate in the medium-term success of the company.

The LTIP "Road 2 10B" consists of two plan parts, a Performance Cash Plan and a Performance Share Plan, each with a 50% share. The Performance Cash Plan gives a reward for the PUMA Group's financial performance, while the Performance Share Plan gives a reward for the performance of the PUMA SE share in the capital market.

The Performance Cash Plan is focused on the following targets: EBIT, sales and working capital as a percentage of sales based on the three-year plan set by the Management Board of PUMA SE. For participants in the programme with an employment relationship at Group level, the target achievement is based on the following Group targets: EBIT (45%), sales (40%), and working capital as a percentage of sales (15%). For participants in the programme with an employment relationship at the national or regional level, 50% of the target achievement is based on achieving the Group targets. The remaining 50% is based on achieving the following targets at the national or regional level: EBIT (22.5%), sales (20%) and working capital as a percentage of sales (7.5%). Payment is limited to a maximum of 200% of the granted proportionate target amount (cap).

The Performance Share Plan is based on the performance of the PUMA share price. The term is up to five years, divided into a three-year performance period and a subsequent two-year exercise period, in which the virtual shares are paid out in cash. A payout is only possible at the four exercise times (6, 12, 18 or 24 months after the end of the performance period). The average share price of the last 30 trading days before the exercise date determines the payout value of a virtual share. The payout is limited to a maximum of 300% of the granted prorated target amount (cap) and is only made if an exercise hurdle of +10% share-price appreciation is exceeded once during the performance period.

In the reporting year, €0.5 million was released for this programme (previous year: €0.6 million) and €2.0 million was added on a pro-rata basis (previous year: €0.8 million). This results in a provision for this programme of €7.6 million at the end of the financial year (previous year: €6.0 million). The performance share plan accounts for €0.0 million (previous year: €0.4 million).

## 7 T.72 VIRTUAL SHARES, NON-MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBERS

Plan	Game Changer 2023	Game Changer 2024	Road 2 10b	Game Changer 2026	Game Changer 2027	
Issue date	1/1/2020	1/1/2021	1/1/2022	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	
Term	5	5	5	5	5	Years
Vesting period	3	3	3	3	3	Years
Basis price at program start	67.69	86.23	106.95	51.86	54.92	EUR/share
Reference value at the end of the financial year	45.21	45.21	0.00	45.21	29.03	EUR/share
Weighted share price at the time of exercise	53.45	54.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	EUR/share
Participants in the year of issue	60	76	486	84	59	Persons
Participants at the end of the financial year	8	24	428	77	59	Persons
Number of virtual shares as of 1 January 2024	8,991	21,440	95,559	55,167	44,838	Shares
Number of virtual shares expired in the financial year	0	0	-7,532	-4,624	0	Shares
Number of virtual shares added in the financial year (new participants)	0	0	0	241	0	Shares
Number of virtual shares exercised in the financial year	-5,675	-14,061	0	0	0	Shares
<b>Final number of virtual shares as of 31 December 2024</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>7,379</b>	<b>88,027</b>	<b>50,784</b>	<b>44,838</b>	<b>Shares</b>



# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

## 19. SALES

Sales result from contracts with customers. The following tables show the breakdown by distribution channel and product division:

### ➤ T.73 BREAKDOWN BY DISTRIBUTION CHANNEL (IN € MILLION)\*

	2024	2023
Wholesale	6,391.8	6,468.6
Direct-to-consumer (DTC)	2,425.4	2,133.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>

### ➤ T.74 BREAKDOWN BY PRODUCT DIVISION (IN € MILLION)\*

	2024	2023
Footwear	4,733.6	4,583.4
Apparel	2,813.9	2,763.0
Accessories	1,269.7	1,255.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>

\* This information is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Declaration in accordance with [ESRS 2 SBM-1](#), [ESRS E1-5](#), [ESRS E1-6](#) and [ESRS E3-4](#).

## 20. OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES

According to the respective functions, other operating income and expenses include personnel, advertising, sales and distribution expenses as well as rental and leasing expenditure, travel costs, legal and consulting expenses and other general expenses. Rental and lease expenses associated with the Group's own retail stores include revenue-based rental components.

Other operating income and expenses are allocated based on functional areas as follows:

#### ➤ T.75 OTHER OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES (IN € MIO.)\*

	2024	2023
Sales and distribution expenses	2,911.6	2,799.0
Product management/merchandising	89.3	82.5
Research & development	92.0	89.0
Administrative and general expenses	495.6	450.9
<b>Other operating expenses</b>	<b>3,588.4</b>	<b>3,421.3</b>
<b>Other operating income</b>	<b>-8.3</b>	<b>-17.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,580.2</b>	<b>3,403.5</b>
Thereof personnel expenses	967.6	894.4
Thereof depreciation and amortisation	370.2	351.7
Thereof impairment losses	7.9	5.7
Thereof reversals of impairment losses	-29.4	-11.9

\* This information is part of PUMA's 2024 Sustainability Declaration in accordance with [ESRS E1-3](#), [ESRS E2-2](#), [ESRS E3-2](#), [ESRS E4-3](#), [ESRS E5-2](#), [ESRS S2-4](#).

Within the sales and distribution expenses, marketing/retail expenses account for a large proportion of the operating expenses. In addition to advertising and promotional expenses, they also include expenses associated with the Group's own retail activities. Other sales and distribution expenses include logistics expenses and other variable sales and distribution expenses.

The expenses for product management/merchandising consist of personnel and material costs for the preparation of product range plans, provision of product guidelines and market research.

Research and development expenses include all costs incurred in connection with global or local development activities.

Administrative and general expenses mainly include personnel and material costs from the human resources, IT, finance, law and general administration/management functional areas.

Impairment losses in the reporting year amounted to €7.3 million for right-of-use assets (previous year: €5.7 million) and €0.6 for property, plant and equipment (previous year: €0.0 million). In contrast, there were reversals of impairment losses on right-of-use assets amounting to €29.4 million (previous year: €11.9 million).

In the consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE, fees of €2.7 million (previous year: €2.0 million) are recorded as operating expenses for the auditor of the consolidated financial statements, KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Nuremberg, Germany. The audit fee is divided into fees for audit services for the annual and consolidated financial statements as well as the audit review of the half-year financial report in the amount of €2.1 million (previous year: €1.8 million) and other assurance services amounting to €0.4 million (previous year: €0.2 million) mainly for the audit of non-financial (consolidated) reporting (with full application of the first sentence of ESRS as a framework) and other services in the amount of €0.2 million (previous year: €0.0 million), which related to services rendered in connection with CSRD/ESG sustainability readiness in anticipation of a future audit of sustainability reporting and, to a lesser extent, to quality assurance in the implementation of regulatory requirements. In addition to expenses for PUMA SE, the fees also include the fees of the domestic and foreign subsidiaries audited directly by the Group auditor.

In financial year 2024, government grants amounted to a mid-single-digit million amount. Government grants are deducted from the corresponding expenses.

Other operating income comprises income from the sale of fixed assets in the amount of €2.3 million (previous year: €8.5 million), capital gains from finance leases totalling €2.5 million (previous year: €8.0 million), and rental income totalling €3.4 million (previous year: €1.4 million).

Overall, other operating expenses include personnel costs, which consist of:

#### ➤ T.76 PERSONNEL COSTS (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Wages and salaries	740.6	688.7
Social security contributions	107.7	101.2
Expenses from share-based payments with cash compensation	4.4	5.2
Expenses for retirement pension and other personnel expenses	114.9	99.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>967.6</b>	<b>894.4</b>

In addition, cost of sales includes personnel costs in the amount of €17.7 million (previous year: €6.2 million).

The average number of employees for the year was as follows:

#### ➤ T.77 EMPLOYEES

	2024	2023
Marketing/retail/sales	13,564	13,092
Research & development/product management	1,435	1,360
Administrative and general units	3,669	3,570
<b>Total annual average</b>	<b>18,668</b>	<b>18,023</b>

As of the end of the year, a total of 19,599 individuals were employed (previous year: 18,681).

## 21. FINANCIAL RESULT

The financial result consists of:

### ➤ T.78 FINANCIAL RESULT (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Interest income	28.9	36.6
Interest income - lease receivables	2.5	1.2
Other financial income	105.9	74.9
<b>Financial income</b>	<b>137.3</b>	<b>112.7</b>
Interest expense	-76.3	-53.1
Interest expense - lease liabilities	-51.1	-46.8
Interest expense of valuation of pension plans	-1.0	-0.9
Loss from foreign currency-conversion, net	-88.5	-69.4
Other financial expenses	-80.1	-85.9
<b>Financial expenses</b>	<b>-297.0</b>	<b>-256.0</b>
<b>Financial result</b>	<b>-159.7</b>	<b>-143.3</b>

Interest income comprises interest income from bank balances in the amount of € 24.5 million (previous year: € 34.7 million) and other interest income in the amount of € 4.5 million (previous year: € 1.9 million).

The item 'Other financial income' of € 105.9 million (previous year: € 74.9 million) includes, income from forward components and the time value in connection with currency derivatives recognised in profit or loss in the amount of € 65.8 million (previous year: € 65.4 million), but also hedging gains from free standing derivatives totalling € 39.8 million (previous year: € 9.6 million), as well as dividend income of € 0.4 million (previous year: € 0.0 million) from the investment in Borussia Dortmund GmbH & Co. KGaA (BVB).

The item 'interest expense' includes € 40.0 million (previous year: € 28.2 million) in interest expense in connection with borrowings and € 36.3 million (previous year: € 24.8 million) in interest expense for factoring and other items.

The item 'Other financial expenses' includes expenses from the forward component and the time value in connection with currency derivatives of € 51.7 million (previous year: € 58.1 million), hedging losses from free standing derivatives of € 2.2 million (previous year: € 4.1 million), the loss on net monetary position in connection with hyperinflation of € 17.4 million (previous year: € 23.7 million), and the impairment of investment property of € 8.8 million (previous year: € 0.0 million).

## 22. INCOME TAXES

### ➤ T.79 INCOME TAXES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Current income taxes	105.0	140.6
Deferred taxes	15.0	-22.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>117.8</b>

Current income taxes include € 4.6 million in out-of-period income (previous year's income: € 0.8 million). Deferred taxes include tax income of € 5.0 million (tax income in previous year: € 0.3 million), which is attributable to the occurrence or reversal of temporary differences.

In general, PUMA SE and its German subsidiaries are subject to corporate income tax, plus a solidarity surcharge and trade tax. Thus, a weighted mixed tax rate of 27.22% continued to apply for the financial year.

Reconciliation of the theoretical tax expense with the effective tax expense:

### ➤ T.80 TAX RATE RECONCILIATION (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
<b>Earnings before income tax</b>	<b>462.3</b>	<b>478.3</b>
Theoretical tax expense		
Tax rate of the SE = 27.22% (previous year: 27.22%)	125.8	130.2
Tax rate difference with respect to other countries	-1.7	-21.0
Other tax effects:		
Income tax for previous years	-7.3	3.7
Losses and temporary differences for which no tax claims were recognized	11.0	6.4
Changes in tax rates	3.0	-0.4
Current tax expense related to global minimum top-up tax	5.4	0.0
Non-deductible expenses for tax purposes and non-taxable income and other effects	-16.2	-1.1
<b>Effective tax expense</b>	<b>120.0</b>	<b>117.8</b>
Effective tax rate	25.9%	24.6%

For financial year 2024, the total tax advantage from previously uncapitalised tax losses, tax credits or temporary differences from previous years which led to a reduction in deferred tax expenses, amounted to € 0.0 million (previous year: € 7.5 million). Deferred tax expenses due to an impairment of deferred tax assets amounted to € 10.7 million in the financial year (previous year: € 11.3 million).

The PUMA Group falls within the scope of application of the global minimum taxation under the Pillar 2 tax legislation. The PUMA Group makes use of the exemption for the recognition of deferred taxes that result from the introduction of global minimum taxation and recognises it as a current tax as soon as it is incurred.

Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates have adopted new tax legislation that provides for the introduction of local minimum taxation from 1 January 2025. As a result, from 2025, the PUMA Hong Kong Ltd. and PUMA Middle East FZ-LLC subsidiaries will be responsible for the minimum tax on their business activities rather than the parent company, PUMA SE.

The tax effect resulting from items that were directly included in other comprehensive income can be found in [Chapter 8](#).

## 23. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The earnings per share are determined in accordance with IAS 33 by dividing the consolidated annual surplus (consolidated net earnings) attributable to the shareholders of the parent company by the weighted average number of outstanding shares.

The calculation is shown in the table below:

### ➤ T.81 EARNINGS PER SHARE

	2024	2023
Net income (€ million)	281.6	304.9
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (shares)	149,320,990	149,852,251
<b>Earnings per share (€)</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>2.03</b>
Net income for calculating the diluted earnings per share (€ million)	281.6	304.9
Weighted average number of outstanding shares (shares)	149,320,990	149,852,251
Dilutive effect from share-based payments	54,858	19,651
Weighted average number of outstanding shares, diluted (shares)	149,375,847	149,871,901
<b>Earnings per share (€) - diluted</b>	<b>1.89</b>	<b>2.03</b>

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 24. SEGMENT REPORTING

Segment reporting is based on geographical areas of responsibility in accordance with the PUMA internal reporting structure, with the exception of stichd. The geographical area of responsibility corresponds to the business segment. Sales, the operating result (EBIT), earnings before taxes (EBT) and other segment information are allocated to the corresponding geographical areas of responsibility according to the registered office of the respective Group company.

The internal management reporting includes the following reporting segments: Europe, EEMEA (Eastern Europe, Middle East, Africa, India, Southeast Asia and Oceania), North America, Latin America, Greater China, rest of Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China, Southeast Asia and Oceania) and stichd. These are reported as reportable business segments in accordance with the criteria of IFRS 8.

The reconciliation includes information on assets, liabilities, expenses and income in connection with centralised functions that do not meet the definition of business segments in IFRS 8. Central expenses and income include in particular central sourcing, central treasury, central marketing, impairment losses on non-current assets and other global functions of the Company headquarters.

The Company's main decision-maker is defined as the entire Management Board of PUMA SE.

The external sales presented in the segment reporting are generated in each segment by the sale of footwear, apparel and accessories. They include both wholesale revenues and revenues from own retail activities. The percentage breakdown of sales revenues by wholesale business and own retail activities per segment essentially corresponds to the group-wide breakdown (see [Chapter 19](#)). The Greater China segment is an exception, with wholesale revenue accounting for around 50% of its sales. In the previous year, the stichd segment generated revenue almost exclusively from wholesale customers.

Business relations between the companies of the segments are based on prices that would also be agreed with third parties. With the exception of stichd's sales of goods in the amount of €57.8 million (previous year: €37.1 million), there are no significant internal revenues, which is why they are not included in the presentation.

The most important earnings indicator for the management and allocation of resources by the Management Board is the operating result (EBIT) of the business segments, which is defined as gross profit less attributable other operating expenses plus licence and commission income and other operating income, but excluding central costs and central marketing expenses.

The external sales, operating result (EBIT), inventories and trade receivables of the business segments are regularly reported to the main decision-maker. Amounts recognised by the Group from the intra-group profit elimination on inventories in connection with intra-group sales are not allocated to the business segments in the way that they are reported to the main decision-maker. Investments, depreciation and non-current assets at the level of the business segments are not reported to the main decision-maker. Intangible assets are allocated to the business segments in the manner described in [Chapter 11](#). Liabilities, the financial result and income taxes are not allocated to the business segments and are therefore not reported to the main decision-maker at the business segment level.

Non-current assets and depreciation comprise the carrying amounts and depreciation of property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets and intangible assets during the past financial year. The investments comprise additions to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets.

Since PUMA is only active in the sporting goods industry business field, a further breakdown is made according to the footwear, apparel and accessories product divisions in accordance with the internal reporting structure.

## BUSINESS SEGMENTS

### ➤ T.82 BUSINESS SEGMENTS (IN € MILLION)

	Sales (third parties)		EBIT		Capital expenditure	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	1-12/2024	1-12/2023
Europe	2,061.0	2,016.0	268.9	251.4	41.5	25.8
EEMEA*	1,742.1	1,757.5	363.3	396.6	33.5	30.3
North America	2,124.9	2,095.9	323.6	295.0	49.4	75.5
Latin America	1,342.4	1,239.9	254.0	285.3	51.8	75.8
Greater China	604.0	582.2	98.0	84.5	13.8	10.3
Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China)*	424.7	420.5	57.4	56.7	4.6	4.3
stichd	497.1	459.4	66.8	89.5	24.3	22.1
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>8,796.2</b>	<b>8,571.3</b>	<b>1,432.0</b>	<b>1,458.9</b>	<b>218.7</b>	<b>244.1</b>

\* Due to a change in the structure of the internal organisation, Oceania was assigned to the EEMEA region and the previous year's figures were adjusted accordingly

	Depreciation and amortisation		Inventories		Trade receivables (third parties)	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Europe	67.3	61.7	541.8	498.5	218.4	196.4
EEMEA*	65.3	62.2	463.3	371.2	340.1	298.8
North America	87.2	83.3	468.0	466.1	214.1	204.9
Latin America	50.7	39.2	314.7	306.9	227.0	223.7
Greater China	30.5	29.3	150.4	109.6	71.6	40.6
Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China)*	21.9	21.5	56.4	65.0	75.5	79.3
stichd	15.3	11.2	134.0	104.8	93.8	72.1
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>338.2</b>	<b>308.3</b>	<b>2,128.7</b>	<b>1,922.0</b>	<b>1,240.6</b>	<b>1,115.7</b>

\* Due to a change in the structure of the internal organisation, Oceania was assigned to the EEMEA region and the previous year's figures were adjusted accordingly



	Non-current assets	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Europe	521.3	477.4
EEMEA*	225.0	211.7
North America	815.5	741.8
Latin America	256.0	221.5
Greater China	87.9	91.8
Asia/Pacific (excluding Greater China)*	97.8	96.2
stichd	238.3	226.0
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>2,241.9</b>	<b>2,066.4</b>

\* Due to a change in the structure of the internal organisation, Oceania was assigned to the EEMEA region and the previous year's figures were adjusted accordingly

#### ➤ T.83 PRODUCT NET SALES (THIRD PARTIES IN € MILLION, GROSS PROFIT MARGIN IN %)

	Sales (third parties)		Gross profit margin	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	1-12/2024	1-12/2023
Footwear	4,733.6	4,583.4	46.9%	45.4%
Apparel	2,813.9	2,763.0	48.1%	47.8%
Accessories	1,269.7	1,255.3	47.6%	46.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>	<b>47.4%</b>	<b>46.3%</b>

## RECONCILIATIONS

### ➤ T.84 RECONCILIATIONS (IN € MILLION)

	Sales (third parties)	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>8,796.2</b>	<b>8,571.3</b>
Central areas	20.9	30.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>

	EBIT	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>1,432.0</b>	<b>1,458.9</b>
Central areas	-323.4	-344.6
Central expenses marketing	-486.6	-492.7
Consolidation	0.0	0.0
<b>Operating result (EBIT)</b>	<b>622.0</b>	<b>621.6</b>
<b>Financial result</b>	<b>-159.7</b>	<b>-143.3</b>
<b>Earnings before taxes (EBT)</b>	<b>462.3</b>	<b>478.3</b>

	Capital expenditure		Depreciation and amortisation	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	1-12/2024	1-12/2023
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>218.7</b>	<b>244.1</b>	<b>338.2</b>	<b>308.3</b>
Central areas	41.4	55.5	32.0	43.4
Consolidation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>260.2</b>	<b>299.6</b>	<b>370.2</b>	<b>351.7</b>

	Inventories		Trade receivables (third parties)		Non-current assets	
	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
<b>Total business segments</b>	<b>2,128.7</b>	<b>1,922.0</b>	<b>1,240.6</b>	<b>1,115.7</b>	<b>2,241.9</b>	<b>2,066.4</b>
Central areas	3.7	1.6	6.0	2.8	226.3	237.7
Consolidation	-118.6	-119.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,013.7</b>	<b>1,804.4</b>	<b>1,246.5</b>	<b>1,118.4</b>	<b>2,468.3</b>	<b>2,304.1</b>

## GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Sales revenue (with third parties) is reported in the geographical market in which it arises. Non-current assets are allocated to the geographical market based on the registered office of the relevant subsidiary, regardless of the segment structure.

### ➤ T.85 GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION BY REGIONS (IN € MILLION)

	Sales (third parties)		Non-current assets	
	1-12/2024	1-12/2023	31/12/2024	31/12/2023
Germany, Europe	682.7	631.6	536.9	507.0
USA, North America	1,982.7	1,933.7	653.8	604.5
Other countries	6,151.7	6,036.5	1,277.6	1,192.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,817.2</b>	<b>8,601.7</b>	<b>2,468.3</b>	<b>2,304.1</b>

## 25. NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The cash flow statement was prepared in accordance with IAS 7 and is structured based on cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities. The indirect method is used to determine the cash outflow/inflow from operating activities. The gross cash flow, derived from earnings before income tax and adjusted for non-cash income and expense items, is determined within cash flow from operating activities. Cash outflow/inflow from operating activities less investments in property, plant and equipment as well as intangible assets is referred to as free cash flow.

The cash and cash equivalents reported in the cash flow statement include all cash and cash equivalents shown in the statement of financial position under the item "Cash and cash equivalents", i.e. cash on hand, checks and current bank balances including short-term financial investments.

The following table shows the cash and non-cash changes in financial liabilities in accordance with IAS 7.44A:

**➤ T.86 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES TO THE CASH INFLOW/ OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES 2024 (IN € MILLION)**

	Notes	Balance 1/1/2024	Non-cash changes				Cash changes	Balance 31/12/2024
			Effect of exchange rates	IFRS 16 Lease obligations	Transfer within financial liabilities	Other		
Lease liabilities	<u>10</u>	1,232.4	19.2	201.4	0.0	0.0	-222.5	1,230.6
Current borrowings	<u>13</u>	145.9	1.0	0.0	70.0	0.6	-86.0	131.6
Non-current borrowings	<u>13</u>	426.1	0.0	0.0	-70.0	0.3	0.0	356.4
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,804.4</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>201.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-308.5</b>	<b>1,718.6</b>

**➤ T.87 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL LIABILITIES TO THE CASH INFLOW/ OUTFLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES 2023 (IN € MILLION)**

	Notes	Balance 1/1/2023	Non-cash changes				Cash changes	Balance 31/12/2023
			Effect of exchange rates	IFRS 16 Lease obligations	Transfer within financial liabilities	Other		
Lease liabilities	<u>10</u>	1,230.4	-44.9	254.9	0.0	0	-208.0	1,232.4
Current borrowings	<u>13</u>	75.9	-0.6	0.0	125.0	4.8	-59.1	145.9
Non-current borrowings	<u>13</u>	251.5	0.0	0.0	-125.0	0.0	299.6	426.1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,557.8</b>	<b>-45.6</b>	<b>254.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>32.5</b>	<b>1,804.4</b>

The lease liabilities totalling €1,230.6 million (previous year: €1,232.4 million) comprise short-term lease liabilities of €220.6 million (previous year: €212.4 million) and long-term leasing liabilities of €1,010.0 million (previous year: €1,020.0 million).

## 26. OTHER FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

### OTHER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

The Company has other financial obligations associated with license, promotional and advertising agreements, which give rise to the following financial obligations as of the balance sheet date:

#### **T.88 COMMITMENTS FROM LICENSE, PROMOTIONAL AND ADVERTISING AGREEMENTS (IN € MILLION)**

	2024	2023
From license, promotional and advertising agreements:		
Due within one year	491.6	402.4
Due between one and five years	1,346.9	1,203.5
Due after five years	929.9	314.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,768.4</b>	<b>1,920.2</b>

As is customary in the industry, the promotional and advertising agreements provide for additional payments on reaching pre-defined goals (e.g. medals, championships). These are contractually agreed, but by their nature cannot be predicted exactly in terms of their timing and amount.

In addition, there are other financial obligations amounting to €278.8 million (previous year: €246.5 million), of which €153.3 million (previous year: €146.5 million) are long-term. In addition to service contracts totalling €276.7 million (previous year: €234.2 million), these also include other obligations amounting to €2.2 million (previous year: €12.3 million).

### CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Individual PUMA companies are involved in legal disputes arising from normal operating activities, e.g. relating to intellectual property rights and employee matters. If an outflow of resources from these legal disputes is classified as probable and the amount of the obligation can be reliably estimated, the risks arising from these legal disputes are included in the other provisions. However, if the probability of occurrence is classified as low, these legal disputes are recognised as contingent liabilities, which are estimated at €0.3 million in this financial year (previous year: €0.8 million).

Contingent liabilities also exist due to uncertainties in the appraisal of the facts by the tax and customs authorities in India and the tax authorities in the Netherlands. Based on external reports, management currently assumes that the receivables of the Indian and Dutch tax and customs authorities will not result in any cash outflow.

Overall, the PUMA management considers that the impact of the total of the contingent liabilities on the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Company is immaterial.

## **27. COMPENSATION OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD**

Disclosures pursuant to Section 314(1) 6 HGB (German Commercial Code [Handelsgesetzbuch]) in conjunction with Section 315e HGB.

### **COMPENSATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The total compensation of the members of the Management Board in financial year 2024 was €10.2 million (previous year: €10.3 million).

The total remuneration of the Management Board includes the share-based remuneration granted for the financial year with a fair value of €4.5 million (previous year: €4.2 million) and 81,382 performance shares issued (previous year: 81,279).

### **TOTAL COMPENSATION OF FORMER MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

The total compensation of former members of the Management Board and their surviving dependants amounted to €5.6 million in financial year 2024 (previous year: €0.7 million).

In addition, there were defined benefit pension obligations to former members of the Management Board and their widows/widowers amounting to €2.5 million (previous year: €2.4 million) as well as defined contribution plans from deferred compensation of former members of the Management Board and managing directors amounting to €47.3 million (previous year: €47.2 million). Both items are recognised accordingly within pension provisions to the extent they were not offset against plan assets of an equal amount.

### **COMPENSATION OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD**

The compensation paid to the Supervisory Board comprised fixed compensation and additional compensation for committee activities, and amounted to a total of €0.5 million (previous year: €0.4 million).

## **28. DISCLOSURES RELATING TO NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS**

The summarised financial information about subsidiaries of the Group in which non-controlling interests exist is presented below. This financial information relates to all companies with non-controlling interests in which the identical non-controlling shareholder holds an interest. The figures represent the amounts before intercompany eliminations.

Evaluation of the control of companies with non-controlling interests:

The Group holds a 51% capital share in PUMA United North America LLC, PUMA United Canada ULC and Janed Canada LLC (inactive company). With these companies, there are profit-sharing arrangements in place which differ from the capital share for the benefit of the respective identical non-controlling shareholder. PUMA receives higher license fees in exchange.

In addition, there is a shareholding in the capital and the result, amounting to 70%, in the company PUMA United Aviation North America LLC.

The contractual agreements with these companies respectively provide PUMA with a majority of the voting rights at the shareholder meetings, and thus the right of disposal regarding these companies. PUMA is exposed to fluctuating returns from the sales-based license fees and from variable earnings. The Group also controls the key activities of these companies. The companies are accordingly included in the consolidated financial statements as subsidiaries with full consolidation with recognition of non-controlling interests.

The non-controlling interests existing on the balance sheet date relate to PUMA United North America LLC, PUMA United Canada ULC, Janed Canada, LLC (inactive) and PUMA United Aviation North America LLC at € 0.9 million (previous year: €28.9 million).

The following tables show a summary of the financial information for subsidiaries with non-controlling interests:

#### ➤ T.89 ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Current assets	235.5	112.9
Non-current assets	7.9	8.6
Current liabilities	235.5	85.3
Non-current liabilities	0.0	0.0
Net assets	7.9	36.3
Net assets attributable to non-controlling interests	0.9	28.9

#### ➤ T.90 INCOME STATEMENT (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Sales	427.9	411.8
Net income	61.7	56.8
Profit attributable to non-controlling interests	60.7	55.7
Other comprehensive income of non-controlling interests	0.6	4.3
Total comprehensive income of non-controlling interests	61.3	54.2
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	89.4	92.4

#### ➤ T.91 CASH (IN € MILLION)

	2024	2023
Net cash from operating activities	80.3	101.8
Net cash used in investing activities	0.0	-0.3
Net cash used in financing activities	-80.3	-101.4
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	0.0	0.0

## 29. RELATED PARTY RELATIONSHIPS

In accordance with IAS 24, relationships with related companies and persons that control or are controlled by the PUMA Group must be reported. All natural persons and companies that can be controlled by PUMA, that can exercise relevant control over the PUMA Group or that are under the relevant control of another

related party of the PUMA Group are considered to be related companies or persons within the meaning of IAS 24.

As of 31 December 2024, there was one shareholder in PUMA SE that held more than 20% of the voting rights. This shareholder was the Pinault family, through several companies controlled by them (in order of proximity to the Pinault family: Financière Pinault S.C.A., Artémis S.A.S. and Kering S.A.). According to information provided by Kering S.A., Kering S.A.'s interest in PUMA SE amounted to 0.0% of the share capital on 31 December 2024. Artémis S.A.S. held 28.7% of the share capital of PUMA SE on 31 December 2024 (after the capital reduction as a result of the share buyback programme). Since Artémis S.A.S. and Kering S.A. thus hold more than 20% of the voting rights in PUMA SE, there is a presumption of significant influence in accordance with IAS 28.5 and IAS 28.6. They and all other companies directly or indirectly controlled by Financière Pinault S.C.A. and which are not included in the consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE, are considered to be related parties in the following.

In addition, the disclosure obligation pursuant to IAS 24 extends to transactions with associated companies as well as transactions with other related companies and persons.

Transactions with related companies and persons largely concern sales of goods and licensing agreements under normal market conditions.

The following overview illustrates the scope of the business relationships:

#### ➤ T.92 DELIVERIES AND SERVICES RENDERED AND RECEIVED (IN € MILLION)

	Deliveries and services rendered		Deliveries and services received	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Companies included in the Artémis Group	0.8	2.1	0.0	0.0
Other related companies and persons	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

#### ➤ T.93 NET RECEIVABLES AND LIABILITIES (IN € MILLION)

	Net receivables from		Liabilities to	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
Companies included in the Artémis Group	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
Other related companies and persons	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Receivables from related companies and persons are not subject to value adjustments.



## **CLASSIFICATION OF THE REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH IAS 24.17:**

The members of key management personnel in accordance with IAS 24 are the Management Board and the Supervisory Board. These are counted as related parties.

In financial year 2024, the remuneration of the members of the Management Board of PUMA SE for short-term benefits amounted to € 5.7 million (previous year: € 6.1 million), for termination benefits to € 4.1 million (previous year: € 0.0 million) and the share-based payment € 2.4 million (previous year: € 1.4 million). Furthermore, just like in the previous year, no remuneration was granted in the form of other long-term benefits or in the form of post-employment benefits in the reporting year. Accordingly, the total expenditure for the reporting year amounted to € 12.2 million (previous year: € 7.5 million).

In financial year 2024, the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board of PUMA SE for short-term benefits amounted to € 0.5 million (previous year: € 0.4 million).

## **30. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board submitted the required compliance declaration with respect to the recommendations issued by the Government Commission German Corporate Governance Code pursuant to Section 161 of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz – AktG) and published it on the Company's website (<https://about.puma.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance>).

## **31. EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE**

As already announced in the publication of 22 January 2025, PUMA has initiated the comprehensive efficiency programme 'nextlevel', with the aim of translating sales growth into higher profitability growth in the future through cost optimisation. To this end, direct and indirect costs are to be optimised and personnel costs aligned with the strategic growth areas. The programme is expected to result in one-time costs, which will be offset by cost savings in 2025 and subsequent years.

No further events took place after the balance sheet date that had a material impact on the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the PUMA Group.

### **32. DATE OF RELEASE**

The Management Board of PUMA SE released the consolidated financial statements on 11 March 2025 for distribution to the Supervisory Board. The task of the Supervisory Board is to review the consolidated financial statements and state whether it approves them.

Herzogenaurach, 11 March 2025

The Management Board

Freundt

Neubrand

Valdes

This is a translation of the German version. In case of doubt, the German version shall apply.

## APPENDIX 1 OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THEIR MANDATES STATUS: 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND THEIR MANDATES

**Arne Freundt**

Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

**Hubert Hinterseher (until 30 September 2024)**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

**Markus Neubrand (since 1 October 2024)**

Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

**Anne-Laure Descours (until 31 December 2024)**

Chief Sourcing Officer (CSO)

**Maria Valdes**

Chief Product Officer (CPO)

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND THEIR MANDATES

**Héloïse Temple-Boyer** (first elected on 18 April 2019)

**(Chair)**

Paris, France

Deputy CEO of ARTÉMIS S.A.S., Paris/France

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises (Information according to the requirements of Section 285 no. 10 German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB))\*:

- Kering S.A., Paris/France\*\*
- Christie's International Plc., London/ United Kingdom\*\*
- CAA LL.C., Los Angeles/USA\*\*
- Giambattista Valli S.A.S., Paris/France
- Société d'exploitation de l'hebdomadaire le Point S.A., Paris/France
- Pinault Collection, Paris/France
- Royalement Vôte Editions S.A.S., Paris/France

\* All mandates are mandates within the ARTÉMIS/KERING-Group. Only Kering S.A. is a listed company.

\*\* Mandates at non-group listed companies or comparable functions within the meaning of recommendation C.4 of the GCGC.

**Thore Ohlsson** (first elected on 21 May 1993, until 22 May 2024)  
**(Deputy Chair until 22 May 2024)**  
Falsterbo, Sweden

President of Elimexo AB, Falsterbo/Sweden

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises (Information according to the requirements of Section 285 no. 10 German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB)):

- Tomas Frick AB, Vellinge/Sweden
- Orrefors Kosta Boda AB, Kosta/Sweden
- Infinitive AB, Malmö/Sweden
- Friskvårdcenter AB, Malmö/Sweden
- Totestories AB, Vellinge/Sweden

**Jean-Marc Duplaix** (first elected on 24 May 2023)  
**(Deputy Chair since 22 May 2024)**  
Paris, France

Deputy CEO of Kering S.A., Paris/France

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises (Information according to the requirements of Section 285 no. 10 German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB))\*

- Balenciaga S.A.S., Paris/France
- Yves Saint Laurent S.A.S., Paris/France
- Balenciaga Operations S.A.S., Paris/France

\* The mandates are mandates within the Kering-Group. Kering S.A. is a listed company. Balenciaga S.A.S., Yves Saint Laurent S.A.S., and Balenciaga Operations S.A.S. are not listed.

**Harsh Saini** (first elected on 22 May 2024)  
London, United Kingdom

Independent Management Consultant for non-profit organisations

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises: None

**Roland Krüger** (first elected on 22 May 2024)  
Singapore

Member of the Board of Directors of Weybourne Holdings Pte. Ltd. (note: The Dyson Family Office),  
Singapore

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises (Information according to the requirements of Section 285 no. 10 German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch, HGB)):

- Weybourne Holdings Pte. Ltd.\*

\* Mandate at non-group listed company or comparable function within the meaning of recommendation C.4 of the GCGC.

**Fiona May** (first elected on 18 April 2019)  
Calenzano, Italy

Independent Management Consultant

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises: None

**Martin Köppel** (first elected on 25 July 2011)  
**(Employees' Representative)**  
Adelsdorf, Germany

Chair of the Works Council of PUMA SE

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises: None

**Bernd Illig** (first elected on 9 July 2018)  
**(Employees' Representative)**  
Bechhofen, Germany

Teamhead IT Endpoint Management of PUMA SE

Membership in other statutory supervisory boards in Germany: None

Membership in comparable domestic and foreign controlling bodies of commercial enterprises: None

## **SUPERVISORY BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **Personnel Committee**

- Héloïse Temple-Boyer (Chair)
- Roland Krüger (since 22 May 2024)
- Fiona May
- Martin Köppel

### **Audit Committee**

- Jean-Marc Duplaix (Chair)
- Thore Ohlsson (until 22 May 2024)
- Roland Krüger (since 22 May 2024)
- Harsh Saini (since 13 June 2024)
- Fiona May (since 22 May 2024)
- Bernd Illig

### **Nominating Committee**

- Roland Krüger (Member and Chair since 22 May 2024)
- Héloïse Temple-Boyer (Chair until 22 May 2024)
- Fiona May (until 22 May 2024)
- Jean-Marc Duplaix (until 22 May 2024)
- Harsh Saini (since 13 June 2024)

### **Sustainability Committee**

- Harsh Saini (Member and Chair since 13 June 2024)
- Fiona May (Chair until 13 June 2024)
- Héloïse Temple-Boyer (until 22 May 2024)
- Martin Köppel
- Bernd Illig (since 22 May 2024)

# DECLARATION BY THE LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

We state to the best of our knowledge that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Group in accordance with the applicable accounting principles, and that the Group management report, which is combined with the Management report of PUMA SE for the financial year 2024, provides a true and fair view of the course of the development and performance of the business and the position of the Group, together with a description of the principal risks and opportunities associated with the expected performance of the Group.

Herzogenaurach, 11 March 2025

The Management Board

Freundt

Neubrand

Valdes

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To PUMA SE, Herzogenaurach

## REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OF THE COMBINED MANAGEMENT REPORT

### OPINIONS

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE, Herzogenaurach, and its subsidiaries (the Group), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, consolidated statement of changes in equity and consolidated statement of cash flows for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2024, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including significant information on the accounting policies. In addition, we have audited the management report of the Company and the Group (combined management report) of PUMA SE for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 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 consolidated financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the IFRS Accounting Standards issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) (hereinafter referred to as "IFRS Accounting Standards") as adopted by the EU, and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to Section 315e (1) HGB [Handelsgesetzbuch: German Commercial Code] and, in compliance with these requirements, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, and financial position of the Group as of December 31, 2024, and of its financial performance for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2024, and
- the accompanying combined management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Group's position. In all material respects, this combined management report is consistent with the consolidated 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, we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations relating to the legal compliance of the consolidated financial statements and of the combined management report.

### BASIS FOR THE OPINIONS

We conducted our audit of the consolidated 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 Consolidated Financial Statements and of the Combined Management Report' section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the group entities 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 consolidated financial statements and on the combined management report.

## **KEY AUDIT MATTERS IN THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

### **REVENUE RECOGNITION CUT-OFF FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS**

Please refer to Sections 2 and 19 in the notes to the consolidated financial statements for further information on the accounting policies applied.

#### **THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RISK**

The consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE for financial year 2024 report revenue of EUR 8,817.2 million. Revenue includes revenue of EUR 6,391.8 million from the sale of goods to wholesale customers.

The Group recognizes revenue from the sale of goods to wholesale customers when it fulfils a performance obligation through the transfer of a promised asset to a customer. An asset is transferred when (or as) the customer obtains control of that asset. In accordance with the transfer of control, revenue from wholesale customers is recognized at a point in time in the amount to which the Group is entitled.

The Management Board of PUMA SE has defined the criteria for the recognition of revenue at a point in time in a group-wide accounting policy and implemented processes for correct recognition and cut-off.

In the final weeks prior to the reporting date, a range of transactions with wholesale customers take place with individual contractual agreements on the transfer of risk. In addition, there are internally defined and externally communicated revenue targets for the financial year, which represent a key benchmark for measuring corporate success.

There is the risk for the consolidated financial statements that revenue in the reporting year is overstated due to it being recognized in the wrong period, meaning that it is not recorded on an accrual basis.

#### **OUR AUDIT APPROACH**

In order to audit revenue recognition cut-off for wholesale customers, we assessed the design, setup and effectiveness of the internal controls relating to outgoing goods and the acceptance of goods and invoicing, in particular the determination and verification of the correct transfer of control. In addition, we reviewed the presentation of revenue recognition in the group-wide accounting policy to ensure compliance with IFRS 15.

Furthermore, we assessed revenue recognition cut-off for wholesale customers by reconciling invoices with the related orders, underlying contracts and external delivery records. This was based on revenue recognized at the end of December 2024 and selected using a mathematical/statistical procedure.

#### **OUR OBSERVATIONS**

PUMA SE's approach to revenue recognition cut-off with wholesale customers is appropriate.

## **IMPAIRMENT TESTING OF RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS FOR RETAIL STORES**

For information on the accounting policies applied, please refer to Sections 2 and 10 in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### **THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT RISK**

As of December 31, 2024, right-of-use assets of EUR 1,116.8 million are recognized in the consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE. A significant portion of the right-of-use assets is attributable to retail stores (EUR 528.9 million). Right-of-use assets amount to 15.6% of the group's total assets and thus have a material influence on the Group's net assets.

Owing to the large number of leases and the resulting transactions, the Parent Company has set up group-wide processes and controls for the measurement of leases.

Right-of-use assets for retail stores are tested for impairment at the level of the individual retail stores as cash-generating units. The impairment test compares the carrying amount of the cash-generating unit with its recoverable amount. The Parent Company determines the recoverable amount for the retail stores indicating potential impairment by routinely using the discounted cash flow method. If the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized for the right-of-use asset of the cash-generating unit. The recoverable amount is the higher of an asset's fair value less costs to sell and its value in use.

Impairment testing of right-of-use assets for retail stores based on the value in use is complex and based on a range of assumptions that require judgment. Among others, these include the business and earnings performance of the retail store for the next year, the assumed growth rates, the applied discount rate and the use of extension options. The Group recognized impairment losses in the amount of EUR 7.3 million for right-of-use assets for retail stores during the financial year.

In particular, due to the judgments for measuring right-of-use assets for retail stores based on the value in use, there is the risk for the consolidated financial statements that an impairment of right-of-use assets may not be identified.

### **OUR AUDIT APPROACH**

Using the information obtained during our audit, we assessed whether there were any indicators of impairment for right-of-use assets for retail stores. In doing so, we thoroughly examined the Parent Company's approach to determining the need to recognize impairment losses and, based on the information obtained in the course of our audit, assessed whether there were any indications of impairment that had not been identified by the Parent Company.

With the involvement of our valuation specialists, we then assessed (among other elements) the appropriateness of the Parent Company's calculation method for a sample of retail stores selected based on risk. For this purpose we discussed the expected business and earnings development for the retail stores selected in this sample and the assumed growth rates with those responsible for planning. Where accounting judgments were made for determining the lease term, we examined these judgments to determine whether the underlying assumptions were comprehensible in light of the prevailing market conditions and risks in the industry.

We also assessed the accuracy of the Parent Company's previous forecasts for the affected right-of-use assets by comparing the budgets from the previous financial year for the selected retail stores in the sample with the actual results, and we analyzed any deviations. Further, we compared the assumptions and data underlying the discount rates with our own assumptions and publicly available data. We also assessed whether the calculation method for the discount rate was appropriate.

We verified the computational accuracy of the carrying amount of the right-of-use assets determined by PUMA SE for the retail stores included in the sample.

In order to take forecast uncertainty into account, we examined the impact of potential changes in the discount rate, earnings performance and long-term growth rates on the value in use by calculating alternative scenarios for the selected sample and comparing these with the values stated by the Group (sensitivity analysis).

## **OUR OBSERVATIONS**

The calculation method used for impairment testing of right-of-use assets for retail stores is appropriate and in line with the accounting policies to be applied.

The Parent Company's assumptions and data used for the measurement of the right-of-use assets for retail stores are appropriate.

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

The Management Board 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 combined non-financial statement for the Company and the Group, which is contained in the combined management report, and
- the combined corporate governance statement for the Company and the Group referred to in the combined management report.

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

Our opinions on the consolidated 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 consolidated 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.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD AND THE SUPERVISORY BOARD FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE COMBINED MANAGEMENT REPORT**

The Management Board is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that comply, in all material respects, with IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to Section 315e (1) HGB and that the consolidated financial statements, in compliance with these requirements, give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position, and financial performance of the Group. In addition, the Management Board is responsible for such internal control as it has determined necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud (i.e., fraudulent financial reporting and misappropriation of assets) or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the Management Board is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. It also has the responsibility for disclosing, as applicable, matters related to 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 unless there is an intention to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or there is no realistic alternative but to do so.

Furthermore, the Management Board is responsible for the preparation of the combined management report that, as a whole, provides an appropriate view of the Group's position and is, in all material respects, consistent with the consolidated financial statements, complies with German legal requirements, and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In addition, the Management Board is responsible for such arrangements and measures (systems) as they have 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 Group's financial reporting process for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements and of the combined management report.

### **AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OF THE COMBINED MANAGEMENT REPORT**

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

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 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 consolidated 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 Group's internal control or of these arrangements and measures.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used by the Management Board and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Management Board and related disclosures.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in the auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements and in the 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 Group to cease to be able to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements present the underlying transactions and events in a manner that the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and financial performance of the Group in compliance with IFRS Accounting Standards as adopted by the EU and the additional requirements of German commercial law pursuant to Section 315e (1) HGB.
- Plan and perform the audit of the consolidated financial statements to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business segments within the Group to provide a basis for our opinions on the consolidated financial statements and on the combined management report. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our opinions.
- Evaluate the consistency of the combined management report with the consolidated financial statements, its conformity with [German] law, and the view of the Group's position it provides.
- Perform audit procedures on the prospective information presented by the Management Board in the combined management report. On the basis of sufficient appropriate audit evidence we evaluate, in particular, the significant assumptions used by the Management Board 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 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.

## **OTHER LEGAL AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS**

### **REPORT ON THE ASSURANCE ON THE ELECTRONIC RENDERING OF THE CONSOLIDATED 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 consolidated financial statements and the combined management report (hereinafter the 'ESEF documents') contained in the electronic file „PUMA KA 2024.zip“ (SHA256-Hashwert: 044183bc89c3223ae4b8b1dd9f21047f37c5c010ff731cbd7ecb35e3e284d95b) 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 consolidated financial statements and the combined management report into the ESEF format and therefore relates neither to the information contained in these renderings nor to any other information contained in the file identified above.

In our opinion, the rendering of the consolidated 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 our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements and the accompanying combined management report for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2024, contained in the 'Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements and 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 consolidated 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 applies the IDW Standard on Quality Management 1: Requirements for Quality Management in Audit Firms (IDW QMS 1) (09.2022).

The Company's Management Board is responsible for the preparation of the ESEF documents including the electronic rendering of the consolidated financial statements and the combined management report in accordance with Section 328 (1) sentence 4 item 1 HGB and for the tagging of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Section 328 (1) sentence 4 item 2 HGB.

In addition, the Company's Management Board is responsible for such internal control that 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 judgment and maintain professional skepticism 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 of 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 consolidated financial statements and the audited combined management report.
- Evaluate whether the tagging of the ESEF documents with Inline XBRL technology (iXBRL) in accordance with the requirements of Articles 4 and 6 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815, as amended as of the reporting date, enables an appropriate and complete machine-readable XBRL copy of the XHTML rendering.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE EU AUDIT REGULATION**

We were elected as auditor of the consolidated financial statements at the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024. We were engaged by the Supervisory Board on November 7, 2024. We have been the auditor of the consolidated financial statements of PUMA SE without interruption since financial year 2022.

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 MATTER – USE OF THE AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Our auditor's report must always be read together with the audited consolidated financial statements and the audited combined management report as well as the examined ESEF documents. The consolidated financial statements and combined management report converted to the ESEF format – including the versions to be entered in the German Company Register [Unternehmensregister] – are merely electronic renderings of the audited consolidated 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 made available in electronic form.

## **GERMAN PUBLIC AUDITOR RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENGAGEMENT**

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

Nuremberg, March 11, 2025

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# REPORT BY THE SUPERVISORY BOARD



➤ **HÉLOÏSE TEMPLE-BOYER**  
CHAIR OF THE  
SUPERVISORY BOARD

## DEAR SHAREHOLDERS,

PUMA looks back on the 2024 financial year as a year of sports that was marked by the UEFA Euro 2024 in Germany and the Olympic Games in Paris. These major events provided the perfect stage for PUMA to strengthen its credibility as a sports brand. Nevertheless, the year was also marked by an increasingly challenging market environment and market conditions remained tense. Despite these circumstances, the PUMA Group was able to maintain its strong growth momentum, and gain market share.

With the Brand Elevation strategy, which aims to strengthen the brand, PUMA wants to ensure sustainable and profitable growth. 2024 was the first year of implementing this strategy and the PUMA Group was able to make important progress in implementing it.

This included the **first brand campaign** in more than 10 years, which was an important step in strengthening PUMA's **brand value**. The campaign was shown to increase brand awareness among our consumers, and the Management Board will continue to invest in brand campaigns in 2025, which we strongly support.

PUMA proved its credibility as an innovative sports brand in 2024 through the top performances of its athletes and teams at the UEFA Euro 2024 and the Olympic Games. The special focus was on PUMA's innovative NITRO™ technology, which enabled the athletes to achieve even better performances.

For Sportstyle Prime, 2024 was a transition year. A new product, marketing and go-to-market strategy was established, which led to PUMA's trend styles such as Speedcat, Inhale and Mostro generating enormous headlines in relevant media. This lays the foundation for Sportstyle Prime to grow again in 2025.

We are also proud of the progress PUMA has made on the road to sustainability. With 'VISION 2030', PUMA has expanded and further developed the current 10FOR25 sustainability goals to achieve an even greater impact in the areas of climate, circular economy and human rights.



Despite all the challenges, PUMA has remained true to its 'People First' approach. In 2024, the company was recognized as a Top Employer worldwide, in 24 countries and in four regions. This award proves that PUMA offers the same high standard as an employer to its employees around the world.

The progress made in 2024 gives us confidence that the PUMA management team is on the right track. We are particularly pleased that the management board is acting as a team and has been able to adapt quickly and smoothly to the personnel changes. This team spirit motivates employees and is also widely recognised and appreciated by external stakeholders.

## **PERSONNEL CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD DURING THE REPORTING YEAR**

For PUMA, 2024 was marked by personnel changes on the Management Board and Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board and the former Chief Financial Officer, Hubert Hinterseher (CFO), mutually agreed on his resignation from office as of September 30, 2024. Markus Neubrand took over as his successor on October 1, 2024. As the Supervisory Board, we are pleased to have gained in Markus a highly competent finance manager with extensive experience and to have ensured a smooth transition on the Management Board.

Anne-Laure Descours' (CSO) contract was scheduled to expire at the end of 2024. We are pleased that she will continue to serve the Management Board as an external consultant on sustainability matters.

With Anne-Laure's departure, the size of the PUMA Management Board will be reduced from four to three members for the time being. Anne-Laure's responsibilities as CSO have been assumed by our CPO Maria Valdes, who is now responsible for PUMA's products end-to-end, from product creation to production.

At this point, I would like to thank Anne-Laure and Hubert once again on behalf of the entire Supervisory Board for their energetic and tireless efforts for PUMA and for their contribution to the company's success in recent years. We also enthusiastically welcome Markus Neubrand as the new CFO.

There were also personnel changes on the Supervisory Board in the past financial year. Following our first governance roadshow at the end of 2023 that allowed for an open conversation with some of our shareholders, we decided to implement several changes in order to improve our governance. After the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024, Thore Ohlsson resigned from his position on the Supervisory Board after more than 30 years. In addition, the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024, voted to expand the Supervisory Board from six to seven members and elected Harsh Saini and Roland Krueger as new shareholder representatives on the Supervisory Board. This enabled the Supervisory Board to expand its expertise in the areas of sustainability, retail management and marketing. In addition, the personnel changes led to an increased number of representatives who are considered independent by institutional investors on the shareholder side. Furthermore, a majority of the shareholder representatives on all of the Supervisory Board's committees are now considered independent by institutional investors.

## **REMUNERATION SYSTEM**

Another focus of the Supervisory Board's work is to continuously optimize the compensation system and adapt it to current market conditions in order to attract the best talent.

In 2024, our focus was on developing a new remuneration system for the Management Board, which will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in 2025 for approval.

We wanted to develop a new remuneration system that creates incentives for prioritizing long-term business growth and closely links the remuneration of our Management Board to the success of the company, but also rewarding the achievement of individual financial and sustainability targets and retaining talent in the long term. To do this, we worked with external experts. We are convinced that the new remuneration system meets the expectations of all stakeholders and hope that it will meet your approval at the Annual General Meeting on May 21, 2025.

## OUTLOOK

Although the current share price performance does not meet our expectations, I am convinced that it does not reflect the actual value of our company or its good operating performance. The Supervisory Board and the Management Board assume that the current challenging market environment is only temporary and are confident that our Brand Elevation strategy will lead to sustainable growth and further market share gains. This will be positively reflected on the company's value in due course.

## SUPERVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

The meetings of the Supervisory Board and its committees generally take place in-person with the option of participation via a video link. Meetings are held exclusively as video conferences in exceptional circumstances. In 2024 the Supervisory Board convened to four regular meetings, in which it advised the Management Board on the management of the company and supervised its conduct of business. The Supervisory Board discussed with the Management Board on the Company's business policies, all relevant aspects of corporate development and corporate planning, the Company's economic situation, including its net assets, financial position and results of operations, the adequacy of capital resources and all key decisions for the Group. The Management Board informed the Supervisory Board regularly, comprehensively, and in a timely manner in written and verbal form about the implementation of all decisions and about all major business transactions. The members of the Management Board took part in meetings of the Supervisory Board and its committees; the Supervisory Board also met regularly without the Management Board. The Supervisory Board also held seven extraordinary meetings in the 2024 financial year. At these meetings, the Supervisory Board discussed the results of the fourth quarter of 2023, the annual result for the 2023 financial year and the outlook for 2024. At these meetings, the Supervisory Board also discussed the new compensation system for the Management Board, which was developed in 2024, the succession in the Executive Board to replace the Chief Financial Officer Hubert Hinterseher, and the budget for 2025. Furthermore, a constituent meeting of the Supervisory Board took place in 2024 following the election of two new members of the Supervisory Board by the Annual General Meeting. Several matters were decided via circular resolutions using electronic means of communication. All members participated in drawing up the resolutions. Whenever necessary, representatives of the shareholders and employees held separate preliminary discussions prior to the meetings.

Plenary Supervisory Board	Attendance at meetings (referring to regular and extraordinary meetings)	Attendance in %
Héloïse Temple-Boyer	12/12	100
Thore Ohlsson (until May 22, 2024)	5/5	100
Jean-Marc Duplaix	12/12	100
Harsh Saini (since June 13, 2024)	7/7	100
Roland Krueger (since May 22, 2024)	7/7	100
Fiona May	12/12	100
Martin Koeppel	12/12	100
Bernd Illig	12/12	100

The Supervisory Board discussed in detail the Company's key business transactions, based on the reports by the Management Board and the Committees, and presented its own ideas. The Management Board provided the Supervisory Board with detailed information on any deviations of the business performance from the budgeted figures, both in writing and orally. The Supervisory Board verified these explanations using the supporting documents, which were always submitted in appropriate time before the meetings. The Supervisory Board was involved in all key decisions at an early stage. In addition, the Chair of the Supervisory Board maintained, and continues to maintain, regular verbal or written contact with the CEO and keeps herself informed of all major developments. Overall, these discussions did not give any indication that the Management Board was managing the Group in anything other than a lawful and proper manner.

The Supervisory Board members took part, on their own initiative, in the educational and training measures necessary for the performance of their duties. The Company supports the Supervisory Board members in their training activities, for example by having the Legal Department regularly prepare changes in the legal framework for the Supervisory Board and report about them in the meetings. In 2024, the Supervisory Board received an update on the German Supply Chain Act (“Lieferkettensorgfaltspflichtengesetz”, LkSG) and the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). There is an established onboarding process to familiarize new Supervisory Board members with the PUMA business model, group structures and special topics.

## MAIN ADVISORY FOCUS

In 2024, the main focus was on the following issues: review and approval of the 2023 consolidated and annual financial statements and the 2023 non-financial report, dividend proposal, setting the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024, realization of personnel adjustments on the Management Board (in particular appointment of Markus Neubrand as member of the Management Board (Chief Financial Officer (CFO)) from October 1, 2024), development of the new remuneration system for the Management Board for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in 2025, follow-up of the new Brand Elevation strategy of the Management Board, current business and revenue development, markets and trends, financial position of the Group, corporate and budget planning 2025 as well as medium-term planning, including investments, further improvement of the compliance management and the risk management and internal control system as well as material litigation in the Group. In addition, the Supervisory Board regularly dealt with the development and implementation of sustainability topics.

As every year, the Personnel Committee and the Supervisory Board determined the degree of achievement of the targets for the individual Management Board members with regards to 2023. The Supervisory Board decided on the individual targets for the variable Management Board remuneration for the 2024 financial year upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

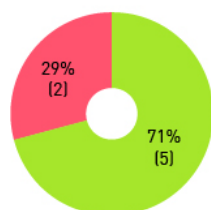
The members of the Supervisory Board are required to disclose to its Chair any conflicts of interest without undue delay. In the past year, no such disclosures were made.

## COMMITTEES

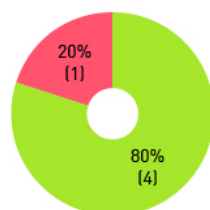
The Supervisory Board has established four committees to perform its duties: The Personnel Committee, the Audit Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Sustainability Committee. Until the Annual General Meeting 2024, the Personnel Committee, the Audit Committee and the Sustainability Committee each comprised two representatives of the shareholders and one representative of the employees. As a result of the expansion of the Supervisory Board from six to seven members the composition changed to the effect shown in the graphic below:

Shareholder Representatives
 Employee Representatives

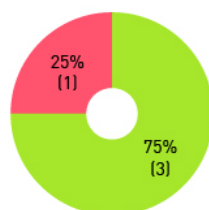
#### SUPERVISORY BOARD



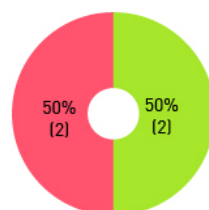
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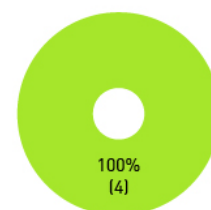
#### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE



#### SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The composition of the committees can be found in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. The Supervisory Board receives regular reports on their work.

### PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee has the task of preparing the conclusion and amendment of employment contracts with the members of the Management Board, reviewing the remuneration report and establishing policies for human resources and personnel development. It met in two regular meetings in 2024, decided on the target achievement for the individual Management Board members and set the targets for 2024. In addition, the focus of the deliberations in the financial year 2024 was on personnel planning in the Board of Management as a result of Anne-Laure Descours' resignation from the Management Board at the end of her appointment contract on December 31, 2024. Corresponding recommendations for resolutions were made to the Supervisory Board. I personally plan to resign as Chair of the Compensation Committee in 2025, after the review of the compensation system has been completed, so that a Chair of the Compensation Committee can be appointed who is considered independent by the institutional shareholders.

Personnel Committee	Attendance at meetings	Attendance in %
Héloïse Temple-Boyer (Chair)	2/2	100
Fiona May	2/2	100
Martin Koeppel	2/2	100
Roland Krueger (since May 22, 2024)	0/0	100

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee held four regular meetings in the financial year 2024. In particular, the Audit Committee is responsible for the accounting review, particularly comprising the consolidated financial statements and the group management report, group half year report, interim financial information and the single entity financial statements in accordance with the German Commercial Code (HGB). It is furthermore responsible for monitoring the accounting process, the effectiveness of the internal control system, the risk management system, the internal audit system, compliance and the statutory audit of the financial statements, with particular regard to the process of selecting an auditor. The Audit Committee is also responsible for conducting the selection process of the auditor. In addition, the Audit Committee monitors the independence of the auditor and ensures that the non-audit services of the auditor commissioned by the Management Board do not give rise to any grounds for disqualification or partiality or any threat to independence. The Audit Committee issues the audit mandate on behalf of the Supervisory Board to the auditor elected by the general meeting, determines the audit areas of the audit, monitors the quality of the audit and the services additionally provided by the auditor and agrees the fee with the auditor. Heads of the corporate functions were also available for reports and questions on individual agenda items at the committee meetings. The Audit Committee meets regularly with the auditor, also without the Management Board.

As a result of the new composition, the majority of the members of the Audit Committee are shareholder representatives who are considered independent by the institutional investors. We also consider the Chairman of the Audit Committee, Jean-Marc Duplaix, to be independent because Kering S.A. no longer holds any shares in PUMA SE.

Audit Committee	Attendance at meetings (referring to regular and extraordinary meetings)	Attendance in %
Jean-Marc Duplaix (Chair)	4/4	100
Thore Ohlsson (until May 22, 2024)	2/2	100
Roland Krueger (since May 22, 2024)	2/2	100
Harsh Saini (since June 13, 2024)	2/2	100
Fiona May (since May 22, 2024)	2/2	100
Bernd Illig	4/4	100

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee has the task of proposing suitable candidates to the Supervisory Board for its election proposals to the Annual General Meeting. It held one meeting in the last financial year.

Nominating Committee	Attendance at meetings (referring to regular and extraordinary meetings)	Attendance in %
Héloïse Temple-Boyer (Chair until May 22, 2024)	1/1	100
Roland Krueger (Member and Chair since May 22, 2024)	0/0	100
Jean-Marc Duplaix (until May 22, 2024)	1/1	100
Fiona May (until May 22, 2024)	1/1	100
Harsh Saini (since June 13, 2024)	0/0	100

In 2024, the main focus of the Nominating Committee's work was on the succession planning for Thore Ohlsson and on finding the right candidates for the recomposition of the Supervisory Board. Roland Krueger has taken over the chair of the Nominating Committee.

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

In order to fulfil the responsibility that the Sustainability Committee of a leading global sporting goods manufacturer has, the Supervisory Board decided last year that the Sustainability Committee will meet four times a year from now on. The frequency of the meetings will also help us as a Supervisory Board to meet the increasing demands expressed by shareholders that the Supervisory Board further monitors the company's efforts to fulfil its due diligence in the supply chain. It will also allow us to thoroughly address new ESG reporting requirements.

The Sustainability Committee met four times in the 2024 financial year to discuss the company's sustainability strategies. The focus was on the approval of the sustainability targets 'VISION 2030', sustainability-related projects within the company, and relevant upcoming legislation, in particular the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). Since the Annual General Meeting on 22 May 2024, the Sustainability Committee has consisted of four members. It is now chaired by Harsh Saini, who has a broad expertise in the area of ESG.

Sustainability Committee	Attendance at meetings (referring to regular and extraordinary meetings)	Attendance in %
Harsh Saini (Member and Chair since June 13, 2024)	2/2	100
Fiona May (Chair until June 13, 2024)	3/4	75
Héloïse Temple-Boyer (until May 22, 2024)	2/2	100
Martin Koeppel	4/4	100
Bernd Illig (since May 22, 2024)	2/2	100

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

As in previous years, the Supervisory Board addressed current developments in the financial year 2024 regarding the German Corporate Governance Code in the version dated April 28, 2022 (effective as of 27 June 2022) (GCGC). The GCGC contains essential statutory regulations and recommendations for the management and supervision of listed companies and standards for responsible corporate governance. The corporate governance standards have long been a part of the corporate routine.

Pursuant to Principle 23 of the GCGC, the Supervisory Board reports on corporate governance in the Corporate Governance Statement. The Company satisfies all requirements of the GCGC, to the extent required by it. The Statement of Compliance of November 9, 2024 is available to our shareholders at any time on the Company's website under <https://about.PUMA.com/en/investor-relations/corporate-governance> at STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE.

## ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ADOPTED

The annual financial statements for PUMA SE prepared by the Management Board in accordance with the German Commercial Code (Handelsgesetzbuch/HGB), the consolidated financial statements for PUMA group prepared in accordance with Section 315a HGB on the basis of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the combined management report for PUMA SE and the PUMA Group, each for the financial year 2024, have been audited by the statutory auditors, KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft, Nuremberg, who were appointed at the Annual General Meeting on May 22, 2024 and commissioned by the Supervisory Board to audit the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements and have been given an unqualified auditor's opinion. The lead auditor on the KPMG team is Matthias Koeplin and he has been assigned the role since 2022. PUMA has not paid non-audit related fees in excess of audit related fees to its auditor.

In their report, the statutory auditors conclude that PUMA's institutionalized risk management system, in accordance with Section 91(2) of the German Stock Corporation Act (Aktiengesetz/AktG), is capable of detecting at an early stage and countering any developments that might jeopardize the continuity of the Company as a going concern. The Supervisory Board has been updated by the Management Board regularly on all relevant risks in this regard, in particular its assessments of market and procurement risks, financial risks (including currency risks) and organizational risks.

The accounting records, the audit reports from the statutory auditors and the Management Board's and Supervisory Board's recommendation on the appropriation of net profit were made available to all members of the Supervisory Board in a timely manner. At the meeting of the Audit Committee on March 11, 2025 and at the subsequent Supervisory Board meeting held on the same day, the statutory auditors reported on the key results of their audit and discussed them in detail with the Management Board and the members of the Supervisory Board. No discrepancies were detected.

The Supervisory Board reviewed in detail the annual financial statements, the combined management report for PUMA SE and the PUMA Group, the Management Board's and the Supervisory Board's recommendation on the appropriation of net profit and the consolidated financial statements and raised no objections.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Audit Committee, the Supervisory Board agreed with the results of the audit of both statements and approved the annual financial statements of PUMA SE and the consolidated financial statements for the financial year 2024. The 2024 annual financial statements have thus been adopted.

The Management Board and the Supervisory Board resolved to propose to the Annual General Meeting a distribution of a dividend of € 0.61 per dividend entitled share to the shareholders for the financial year 2024. In this context, the liquidity situation of the Company, the financing and the effects on the capital market were discussed. The payout is conditional to an overall sound macroeconomic environment. A total amount of around € 90.8 million will be paid out in dividends from PUMA SE's retained earnings. The remaining retained earnings of around € 419.8 million will be carried forward.

In its meeting on March 5, 2025, the Supervisory Board also approved the non-financial report in accordance with §§ 315c in conjunction with §§ 289c to 289e of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

## THANKS

We would like to express our gratitude and recognition to the Management Board, the management teams at the Group companies, the Works Council and all our employees for their hard work and their outstanding cooperation in 2024. We look forward to 2025, a year in which PUMA will come to the market with an impressive portfolio of new and innovative products.

Herzogenaurach, March 11, 2025

On behalf of the Supervisory Board

Héloïse Temple-Boyer  
Chair