Remuneration Report





Remuneration Report 2023

This Remuneration Report has been prepared in compliance with Musti Group plc's Remuneration Policy, which was adopted at Musti Group plc's Annual General Meeting on 21 January 2021. The Remuneration Policy has been in force during the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023 ('FY2023'). The Remuneration Report provides information on the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors and the CEO during the financial year. The remuneration and other financial benefits are reported on a cash basis. The Remuneration Report has been prepared in accordance with the section 'Remuneration Reporting' of the Finnish Corporate Governance (CG) Code 2020.

Overview of remuneration in the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

This is the third Remuneration Report for governing bodies applied within Musti Group plc ("Musti Group" or "Company") and it complies with the CG Code. The CG Code 2020 is available in full on the website of the Securities Market Association at <u>www.cgfinland.fi</u>. This Remuneration Report concerns the remuneration of the members of Musti Group's Board of Directors as well as the CEO of Musti Group in FY2023. The Remuneration Policy will be reviewed in January 2025 at the latest.

The Remuneration Committee of Musti Group's Board of Directors prepared this Remuneration Report, and the Board of Directors approved it on 14 December 2023. Musti Group's auditor, Ernst & Young Oy, has audited this Remuneration Report to confirm that it contains the information referred to in the Ministry of Finance Decree on the remuneration policy and remuneration report of a share issuer (608/2019). This remuneration report will be reviewed at Musti Group's 2024 Annual General Meeting.

This Remuneration Report is available on Musti Group's website at www.mustigroup.com/investors/corporate-governance/remuneration.

FY2023 net sales were EUR 425.7 (391.1) million, local currencies SEK and NOK had a negative impact of EUR -22.6 million on the topline. Growth was due to a higher number of customers, price increases and the acquisition of the second half of our pet food manufacturing factory in Lieto, Finland. FY2023 group adjusted EBITA increased by 23.7% in Q4 and by 10.0% for FY2023 despite the unfavorable performance of the local currencies SEK and NOK. Stable growth in such a volatile operating environment is a great achievement and pinpoints the resilience of the pet care sector and the strength of our ecosystem providing pet food, accessories, and services to our Pet Parent customers.

The purpose of remunerations paid by the Company is to drive its strategy and create long-term, sustainable performance with increased shareholder value. The structure of the remuneration of the Company's Board of Directors and the CEO and the decision-making order in FY2023 complied with Musti Group's Remuneration Policy for the governing bodies.

In FY2023 the Board members were paid a fixed annual fee. The amount of the fees paid depended on their duties in the Board of Directors – Chair and member of the Board of Directors, and Chair and member of a committee of the Board of Directors. The fees paid are disclosed under `Remuneration of the Board of Directors'.

The total remuneration paid to the CEO in FY2023 consisted of fixed monthly salary, fringe benefits, short-term bonus, and long-term incentive plan. The short-term bonus is to promote the Company's strategy through the achievement of annual targets. The aim of a share-based incentive plan is to align the objectives of the shareholders and key employees for increasing the value of the Company in the long term. The remuneration paid and incentive plans to the CEO are disclosed under `Remuneration of the CEO'.

Musti Group has two share-based long-term incentive plans ("Musti Performance Share plan"), each consisting of three consecutive performance periods.

The Performance Share Plan FY2020–2023 consists of three consecutive performance periods, covering the financial years 2020–2022, 2021–2023 and 2022–2024. The 2020–2022 program was paid out in January 2023. The programs 2021-2023 and 2022-2024 were in vesting/waiting period during FY2023.

The Performance Share Plan FY2023-2027 consists of three consecutive performance periods, covering the financial years 2023–2025, 2024–2026 and 2025–2027. The 2023–2025 program had performance (measurement) period during FY2023. The other two programs were not yet launched during FY2023.

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The Board of Directors decides separately for each performance period the performance criteria, and the related targets, as well as the minimum, target, and maximum reward potentially payable based on target attainment at the beginning of a performance period. The potential reward based on the plan will be paid partly in the Company's shares and partly in cash after the end of each performance period. The cash proportion is intended to cover taxes and tax-related expenses arising from the reward to a participant. No reward is paid if the participant's employment or service terminates for reasons related to the participant before the reward payment unless the Board of Directors decides otherwise.

The company's group management team member is obliged to hold at least 50% of the net number of shares paid to the member based on the plan, until the value of his or her total shareholding in the company equals to 50% (100% for the CEO) of his or her annual base salary. Such number of shares must be held as long as the membership in the group management team continues.

Development of Musti Group's financial performance and remuneration

The table below presents the development of the Board of Directors and the CEO's remuneration compared to the development of the average remuneration of Musti Group's employees and Musti Group's financial development during the last five financial years. Board remuneration numbers include both Board fees and Committee fees.

Compensation EUR thousand	FY2023	FY2022	FY2021	FY2020	FY2019
Chair of the Board	70,000	70,000	65,000	60,000	60,000
Vice-Chair of the Board	45,000	47,500	42,500	30,000	30,000
Other members of the Board (average)	41,667	40,833	32,500	30,000	26,250
CEO	533,576	659,740	614,456	653,754	412,264
Average Musti Group employee*	47,334	47,824	47,963	42,405	42,107

*The average compensation in this table is the paid-out compensation during the year. The remuneration of the average Musti Group employee is based on all personnel.

Net sales, EUR million and like-for-like sales growth, %







Operating profit, EUR million





Remuneration of the Board of Directors

The Annual General Meeting 2023 confirmed the following fixed annual fees for the members of the Board of Directors:

	EUR
Chair of the Board	65,000
Members of the Board	35,000

The Annual General Meeting 2023 confirmed the following annual fees for the members of the Committees:

	EUR
Chair of the Committee	7,500
Committee members	5,000

The Annual General Meeting 2023 decided that the annual remuneration for the members of the Board of Directors will be paid in Company shares and cash so that 50% of the annual remuneration will be used to purchase Company shares in the name and on behalf of the members of the Board of Directors from the market at a price determined in public trading, and the rest of the annual remuneration will be paid in cash.

Board members are not compensated separately for attending the Board meetings. Travel expenses resulting from Board meetings are compensated in accordance with the Company's travel compensation regulations. Remuneration for the Board members does not include pension payments.

Members of the Board of Directors are not included in Musti Group's short- or long-term incentive programs.

Fees paid to the Board members in the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

Committee Membership	Board Annual Fee in total	Committee Fee	Total
Member of the Remuneration Committee	65,000	5,000	70,000
Member of the Audit Committee and the Remuneration Committee	35,000	10,000	45,000
Chair of the Remuneration Committee	35,000	7,500	42,500
Chair of the Audit Committee	35,000	7,500	42,500
Member of the Audit Committee	35,000	5,000	40,000
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Remuneration of the CEO

The Company's CEO was David Rönnberg throughout the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023.

The remuneration of the CEO consists of a fixed monthly salary, fringe benefits, an annual bonus potential (short-term incentive plan) and long-term incentive plan. The retirement age of the CEO is 63 years under current legislation. The CEO is entitled to life insurance and supplementary pension payments on behalf of Musti Group in accordance with a pension agreement concluded with the Company. The CEO receives a supplementary pension at the age of 63.

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Short-term performance bonus

The CEO is eligible to participate in the bonus scheme in accordance with the company's bonus policy. The purpose of the short-term bonus (STI) is to promote the company's strategy through the achievement of annual targets. The terms of the bonus are decided annually by Musti Group's Board of Directors. The bonus of the CEO is based on financial targets set for the financial year. For the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023, the maximum performance bonus was equivalent to a six months' full salary. The performance criteria for the bonus are Group EBITA, Group EBITDA and Group Sales. The fulfilment of the bonus criterions is evaluated after the year end 30 September 2023 and rewards are paid in December 2023.

Long-term incentive plan

Musti Group has two share-based long-term incentive plans ("Musti Performance Share plan"), each consisting of three performance periods. The aim of a share-based compensation plan is to align the objectives of the shareholders and key employees for increasing the value of the Company in the long term.

The plan FY2020–2023 includes the performance periods financial year 2020–2022, 2021–2023 and 2022–2024. The plan FY2023–2027 includes the performance periods of the financial years 2023–2025, 2024–2026 and 2025–2027. The CEO is part of all currently valid long-term incentive plans.

The CEO is obliged to hold at least 50% of the net number of shares paid based on the plan, until the value of his or her total shareholding in the Company equals 100% of his or her annual base salary. Such number of shares must be held as long as the CEO's service contract continues.

Remuneration paid to the CEO in the financial year 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023

Fixed salary, including benefits	Short-term bonus*	Long-term incentive	Additional pension	Total remuneration
444,350	35,528	817,489	0	1,265,367

*Earned based on performance in the fiscal year 1 October 2021 – 30 September 2022, paid in December 2022.

Long-term incentive plan in place in the financial year 1 October 2022 - 30 September 2023

Performance period	Grant date, EUR	Grant date share price, EUR	Earnings criteria	Criteria outcome (out of maximum level)	Number of shares received in payment	Payment in cash, EUR	Payment date	Share price on payment date, EUR
FY2020-FY2022	7 May 2020	11.78	Total shareholder return (TSR) and adjusted EBITA	71%	96,434	1,256,658	January 2023	16.03
FY2021-FY2023	26 November 2020	21.04	Total shareholder return (TSR) and adjusted EBITA	To be confirmed latest in January 2024	-	-	January 2024	-
FY2022-FY2024	27 January 2022	26.06	Total shareholder return (TSR) and adjusted EBITA	0%	-	-	January 2025	-
FY2023-FY2025	12 January 2023	15.50	Total shareholder return (TSR) and adjusted EBITA	To be confirmed latest in January 2026	-	-	January 2026	-



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