

Corporate Governance 2017

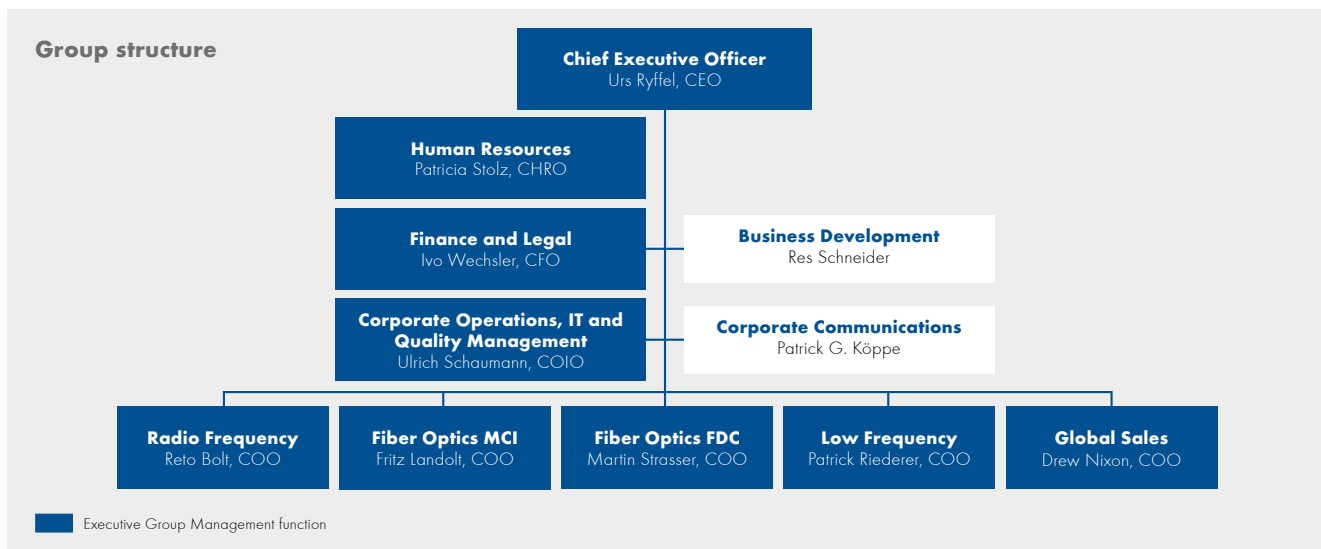
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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The term “Corporate Governance” refers to all of the principles and rules aimed at safeguarding shareholder interests. While maintaining decision-making capability and efficiency at the highest level of a company, these principles are intended to guarantee transparency and a healthy balance of management and control.

The following Corporate Governance report is structured in accordance with the Directive on Information relating to Corporate Governance (DCG) published by SIX Swiss Exchange. All information presented reflects the situation on 31 December 2017, unless otherwise stated.

1 Group structure and shareholders



1.1 Group structure

The HUBER+SUHNER Group operational management is structured as a matrix organisation. It is made up of the three technology segments, Radio Frequency, Fiber Optics (subdivided into Mobile Communication & Industry and Fixed Network & Data Center) and Low Frequency on the one side, and of Global Sales with seven regions on the other side. At Group level, the five service units Human Resources, Finance and Legal, Corporate Operations including IT and Quality Management, Business Development and Corporate Communications support the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

Listed Group company

HUBER+SUHNER AG, domiciled in Herisau AR, Switzerland, is the parent company for the HUBER+SUHNER Group. It is incorporated under Swiss law and its shares are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich (Swiss Reporting standard, security number 3'038'073, ISIN: CH0030380734). The market capitalisation as per 31 December 2017 amounted to CHF 989 million. Further key share data is provided on page 67 of this annual report.

Non-listed Group companies

Information about the HUBER+SUHNER AG Group companies, of which none are listed, is presented in the Notes to the Group Financial Statements under Group companies on page 48.

1.2 Significant shareholders

Based on the information available to the company, the following shareholders are exceeding a threshold of 3% of voting rights as of 31 December 2017:

Shareholder	Country	% of shares
Metrohm AG	CH	10.62%
Abegg Holding AG	CH	10.04%
S. Hoffmann-Suhner	CH	6.18%
EGS Beteiligungen AG	CH	5.72%
Huwa Finanz- und Beteiligungs AG	CH	3.19%
Norges Bank (the Central Bank of Norway)	NO	3.07%

The company holds 741 140 treasury shares (726 640 treasury stock and 14 500 other treasury shares).

HUBER+SUHNER AG has published two disclosures in connection with shareholder participation in the reporting year. Disclosures can be viewed in the database of the SIX Swiss Exchange for significant shareholders: Available at: <https://www.six-exchange-regulation.com/en/home/publications/significant-shareholders.html>

The HUBER+SUHNER Board of Directors is not aware of any shareholders' agreements or other agreements with significant shareholders with respect to the company's registered shares held by them or to the exertion of shareholder rights.

1.3 Cross-shareholdings

The HUBER+SUHNER Group has not agreed to any capital or voting cross-shareholdings with other companies.

2 Capital structure

2.1/2.2 Capital/Authorised and conditional capital in particular

The HUBER+SUHNER AG share capital is fully paid-in and, on the balance sheet date, amounts to CHF 5 050 000. HUBER+SUHNER AG has no authorised or conditional capital. More information about the share capital is disclosed in the Notes to the Group Financial Statements under Share capital on page 47.

2.3 Changes in capital

There were no changes in capital in the last three reporting years.

2.4/2.5 Shares and participation certificates/ Dividend-right certificates

The share capital is divided into 20 200 000 registered shares, each with voting rights and a nominal value of CHF 0.25. HUBER+SUHNER has issued neither participation nor dividend right certificates.

2.6 Limitations on transferability and nominee registrations

In line with the Articles of Association, only those people who are registered in the shareholders register are recognised in relation to the company as a shareholder with voting rights or as a beneficiary with voting rights. The Board of Directors can deny registration as a shareholder with voting rights for the following reasons:

- a) if the purchaser, due to recognition as a shareholder, were to directly or indirectly acquire more than 5 % of the total number of registered shares entered in the Company Register,
- b) to the extent that the purchaser's recognition as a shareholder could, according to the information available to them, hinder the company from providing the records required by federal law about the composition of its circle of shareholders,
- c) if the purchaser, at the request of the company, does not expressly state that it has acquired the shares in its own name and for its own account and will hold them.

Private individuals, legal entities and business partnerships with mutual associations through capital, voting rights, management or in any other way, as well as individuals or legal entities and legal communities that are coordinated for the purpose of circumventing registration restrictions, shall be regarded as a single purchaser. The registration restrictions also apply when purchasing registered shares resulting from exertion of subscription, option and conversion rights.

The Shareholder Meeting has the power to make a decision about withdrawing registration restrictions to registered shares. At least two-thirds of the represented share votes and the absolute majority of nominal value of the shares issued must agree to this. Nominees are fundamentally not recognised for the position as a shareholder with voting rights.

In line with the regulations for registering HUBER+SUHNER AG shareholders in the share register, the Board of Directors is empowered to disregard the limit of 5 % in special cases,

particularly to ease the tradability of registered shares and in connection with company mergers and to increase the stability of the shareholder base by way of new core shareholders.

In the reporting year, the Board of Directors made one exception regarding the 5 % registration restrictions in connection with EGS Beteiligungen AG in order to strengthen the core shareholder base.

2.7 Convertible bonds and options

HUBER+SUHNER AG does not have any outstanding convertible bonds or any shareholder or employee options.

3 Board of Directors

3.1/3.2 Members of the Board of Directors/ Other activities and vested interests

The HUBER+SUHNER AG Board of Directors must consist of at least five members. At the Annual General Meeting on 5 April 2017 all seven acting members of the Board of Directors were re-elected. In addition, Urs Kaufmann – the former CEO and delegate of the Board of Directors – was elected as the new Chairman of the Board.

All members of the Board of Directors are non-executive. They do not participate in the executive management of the Group. They also do not have any significant business relationships with HUBER+SUHNER AG or other Group companies. Other than the Chairman, no member of the Board of Directors has served as a member of the HUBER+SUHNER Executive Group Management or one of its Group companies in the three years before the reporting period.

On 31 December 2017 the Board of Directors comprised of the following seven persons:

Urs Kaufmann

Chairman of the Board of Directors (since 6 April 2017)

1962, Swiss citizen, Member and Delegate of the Board of Directors since 2014

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. ETH (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology) Zurich. Senior Executive Program IMD, Lausanne. 1987 to 1993 Project Manager, Production Manager and Head of Sales at Zellweger Uster AG, Uster and USA. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 1994: 1994 to 1997 Managing Director of Henry Berchtold AG, a former subsidiary of HUBER+SUHNER AG. 1997 to 2000 Division Head and member of the Management Board of HUBER+SUHNER AG. Since 2001 member of the Executive Group Management and Chief Executive Officer from 2002 to 31 March 2017.

Other activities and vested interests

Chairman of the Board of Directors at Schaffner Holding AG, Luterbach. Member of the Board of Directors at SFS Group AG, Heerbrugg; Gurit Holding AG, Wattwil; Vetropack Holding AG, Bülach as well as Müller Martini Holding AG, Hergiswil. Executive committee member of SWISSMEM.

Dr. Beat Kälin

Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors

1957, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2009

(between 2015 and 5 April 2017 Chairman of the Board of Directors)

Education and professional background

Dr. sc. techn., dipl. Ing. ETH Zurich. MBA INSEAD, Fontainebleau. 1987 to 1997 various management positions with Elektrowatt Group, Stäfa and Zug. 1998 to 2004 SIG Schweizerische Industrie-Gesellschaft Holding AG, Neuhausen a.Rhf., member of Executive Group Management as of 1999. 2004 to 2006 member of the divisional management board for packaging technology at Robert Bosch GmbH, Neuhausen a.Rhf. 2006 to 2007 COO, 2007 to 2015 CEO and since May 2015 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Komax Group, Dierikon.

Other activities and vested interests

Member of the Investment Committee of the Investment Foundation VALYOU.

Prof. Dr. Monika Büttler

1961, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2014

Education and professional background

PhD at the University in St. Gallen. Diploma in Mathematics/Physics at the University in Zurich. Director of the Swiss Institute for Empirical Economic Research (SEW) at the University of St. Gallen, since 2004 full Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of St. Gallen, 1999 to 2004 Professor at the University of Lausanne, 1997 to 2001 Assistant Professor at the University of Tilburg, Netherlands.

Other activities and vested interests

Member of the Board of Directors of Schindler Holding Ltd., Hergiswil and member of the Suva Board (Swiss National Accident Insurance Fund) Lucerne. Member of the Bank Council of the Swiss National Bank, Zurich. Vice President of the Foundation Board, Gebert Rüt Stiftung, Zurich.

Dr. Christoph Fässler

1952, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2013

Education and professional background

Chemical Engineer ETH Zurich. 1980 to 1986 Holcim in the United States, Egypt, Brazil and Mexico. 1986 to 1998 Manager at Forma Vitrum AG, St. Gallen. 1998 to 2004 Division Manager at Schott, Germany. From 2005 to 2015 CEO and Delegate of the Board of Directors and since 2016 Chairman of the Board of Directors at Metrohm AG*, Herisau (since October 2017 additional CEO a.i.).

Other activities and vested interests

Member of the Board of Directors at the Alba Group, Appenzell; Elvy Weaving, Egypt and Cabana AG, Herisau.

George H. Müller

1951, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2001

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. ETH Zurich. 1976 to 1980 General Manager for Cosa do Brasil Ltda., São Paulo, Brazil. 1980 to 1990 member of the Executive Group Management and of the Board of Directors at UHAG Übersee-Handel AG, Zurich. Since 1990 Chairman and Delegate of the Board of Directors at Cosa Travel Ltd., Zurich.

Other activities and vested interests

Chairman of the Board at 3D AG, Baar. Consul General of Japan in Zurich.

Rolf Seiffert

1958, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2010

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. ETH Zurich. 1988 to 1998 positions in product development and product management with ABB Transportation / Adtranz, Zurich. 1999 to 2010 various line functions in product development and sales at Siemens Switzerland, Rail Automation, Wallisellen. 2011 to 2013 Vice President Sales at duagon AG, Dietikon. 2013 to 2015 Head of Sales at Ruf Telematik AG, Schlieren. 2015 to 2017 Managing Director and since 2018 Head of Railway Signaling at Kummler+Matter AG, Zurich.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Jörg Walther

1961, Swiss citizen, Board of Directors since 2016

Education and professional background

Lic. iur. University of Zurich. Admitted to the Aargau bar. MBA from the University of Chicago. Acquired several years of industry experience as a legal consultant to various multinational corporations. 1991 to 1995 Danzas Management, Basel, 1995 to 2001 ABB Asea Brown Boveri AG, Baden und Oerlikon, 2001 to 2009 Novartis International AG, Basel. Since 2010 partner at Schärer Attorneys at Law in Aarau.

Other activities and vested interests

Chairman of the Board of Directors at Proderma AG, Schötz. Member of the Board of Directors at SFS Group AG, Heerbrugg; Zehnder Group AG, Gränichen; AEW Energie AG, Aarau; Kraftwerk Augst AG, Augst as well as Immobilien AEW AG, Aarau. Chairman of the Special Expert Committee of Sika AG.

Honorary chairmen:

Marc C. Cappis, 1935

David W. Syz, 1944

* Significant shareholders at HUBER+SUHNER AG

3.3 Rules in the Articles of Association on the number of permitted activities pursuant to Art. 12(1) No. 1 OaEC (Ordinance against Excessive Compensation at Listed Joint-Stock Companies)

As per article 30 of the Articles of Association, a Member of the Board of Directors may hold up to 5 posts as a member of the management board or administrative body of other listed legal entities. In addition, a Member of the Board of Directors may hold up to 20 posts as a member of the management board or administrative body of non-listed legal entities and up to 10 posts as a member of the management board of foundations and associations.

3.4 Elections and terms of office

According to legal provisions, all Members of the Board of Directors, the Chairman and the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee are elected annually and individually. The Articles of Association do not allow for any different election rules. The term of office of a Member of the Board lasts until the end of the next Annual General Meeting. Re-election is possible. Please refer to 3.1/3.2 for the first election per member. The Members of the Board resign at the Annual General Meeting in the year in which they turn 70 years of age. The Annual General Meeting also appoints the independent proxy representative each year. The term lasts until the end of the next Annual General Meeting. Re-election is possible.

3.5 Internal organisational structure

The Board of Directors exercises overall management, supervision and control over the management of the Group. Except for the election of the Chairman and the Members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee by the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors constitutes itself. The Board of Directors may appoint the Deputy Chairman from among its members, as well as a Secretary who does not need to be a Board Member.

Working practices of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors meets as often as business requires, at least five times a year. The Chairman – or if he is unable to attend – the Deputy Chairman or another Member of the Board – chairs the Board of Directors. He sets the dates of meetings and the agenda. He also ensures that Members receive the agenda at least ten days and decision documents as a general rule one week before the meetings. In addition to the CEO, the CFO also attends meetings of the Board of Directors as a representative of Executive Group Management. Depending on the business being discussed, other members of Executive Group Management may take part. Decisions are taken by the entire Board of Directors. The Board of Directors has a decision quorum if the majority of its members is present.

It takes decisions by a majority of the votes cast. In a tie, the Chairman has the casting vote. Delegation is not permissible. All decisions and negotiations are recorded in the minutes and approved by the Board of Directors.

In the reporting year, five regular half-day Board of Directors meetings, two telephone conferences as well as a one-day “strategy workshop” together with the entire Executive Group Management took place. The meetings were spread out regularly over the financial year.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors maintains on-going and close contact with the CEO and makes decisions regarding the disclosure of price sensitive facts or the adoption of posts outside the company by members of Executive Group Management. In addition, he is

responsible for monitoring implementation of and compliance with decisions made by the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors, as well as for informing all other members of the Board of Directors in a regular and timely manner. In addition to his core duties the Chairman executes additional tasks for the HUBER+SUHNER Group, such as contact with key stakeholders as well as a representative in the foundation committee or other organisations.

The composition and working practices of the committees

The Board of Directors has established two permanent committees for support, the Nomination and Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee.

The tasks and competencies, as well as the working practices of the committees are defined in detail in the Annex to the HUBER+SUHNER AG Bylaws.

The committees support the Board of Directors in its supervisory and control tasks and are primarily responsible for advice, assessment and preparation; they are made up as follows:

	Nomination and Compensation Committee	Audit Committee
Urs Kaufmann	Committee Chairman ¹⁾	
Beat Kälin	Member ²⁾	
Christoph Fässler	Member ³⁾	
Monika Büttler		Committee Chair
Jörg Walther		Member

¹⁾ since 6 April 2017

²⁾ until 5 April 2017 Committee Chairman

³⁾ until 5 April 2017

The committees meet as often as business requires, albeit at least twice a year. Minutes are taken at each meeting and sent to all meeting participants and to all Members of the Board of Directors. The committee chairmen report at the next Board of Directors meeting about the business discussed and make any proposals to the Board of Directors.

The Nomination and Compensation Committee (NCC)

The committee consists of at least two non-executive Members of the Board of Directors elected by the Annual General Meeting. If the office of one of the members elected by the Annual General Meeting becomes vacant, the Board of Directors appoints the missing member of the committee from among its members for the remaining term.

The committee prepares all the relevant decisions relating to nominating and compensating members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Group Management and relating to the Group's compensation policy. The CEO attends the meetings, except if his own performance is being assessed or his own remuneration is being proposed, and if necessary the CHRO (Chief Human Resources Officer). The committee held two half-day meetings in the reporting year.

The Nomination and Compensation Committee has the following main tasks:

- Managing the selection process and applications relating to new Board Members and the CEO
- Accompanying the selection process and applications relating to other members of the Executive Group Management and the essential employment conditions
- Preparing the compensation report
- Preparing proposals to the Annual General Meeting for the compensation votes for the attention of the Board of Directors

- Reviewing and requesting the individual remuneration of the CEO and the other members of the Executive Group Management in the context of the maximum compensation amounts approved by the Annual General Meeting
- Deciding upon the annual salary adjustments within the Group proposed by the CEO
- Informing the Board of Directors about all NCC-related events which are not directly the responsibility of the Board of Directors

Audit Committee (AC)

The committee consists of at least two members. The Board of Directors appoints the members and designates the Chairman annually. The committee supports the Board of Directors with financial management, supervision of accounting, financial reporting, internal auditing and cooperation with the external auditors. It decides on urgent technical matters. The duties and responsibilities assigned to the Board of Directors as per the Bylaws and the law remain with the Board of Directors as a whole body.

The CFO, CEO, the Head of Corporate Controlling and the external auditors take part in the committee meetings. If necessary, the committee will address certain agenda items alone with the external auditors. The committee held two half-day meetings in the reporting year.

The Audit Committee has the following main tasks:

- Reviewing the design of the accounting system and compliance with regulations and standards and, if necessary, proposing amendments for the attention of the Board of Directors
- Reviewing the yearly and half-yearly financial statements and other financial information to be published
- Monitoring the handling of risk management and the effectiveness of the internal control system (ICS)
- Reviewing Controlling function
- Monitoring business activity with regard to compliance with internal regulations and policies, relevant legislation and compliance, in particular with regard to the requirements of the SIX Swiss Exchange
- Verification of performance, independence and payment of external auditors, and addressing audit reports and election recommendations for the attention of the Board of Directors
- Determining the audit plan for internal auditors and addressing their audit reports
- Informing the Board of Directors about all Audit Committee-related events which are not directly the responsibility of the Board of Directors

3.6 Definition of areas of responsibility

The areas of authority and responsibility of the various bodies are set out in the Bylaws (available under www.hubersuhner.com/en/company/investors/corporate-governance)

The Board of Directors issues guidelines for business policy and makes decisions about all matters that are not reserved for, or assigned to, the Annual General Meeting or another company body by law, by the Articles of Association or the Bylaws. The Board of Directors in particular approves the strategy and organisation requested by the Executive Group Management, the budget, medium-term plan and other business that is of strategic importance due to its nature or financial magnitude. Written requests are required if the Board of Directors has to make a decision about projects.

The Board of Directors completely delegates the Group's operational

management to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), unless statutory regulations or the Bylaws state otherwise. The Bylaws are periodically reviewed and adapted by the Board of Directors.

3.7 Information and control instruments vis-à-vis the Executive Group Management

The Board's main information and control instrument is a management information system based on financial accounting according to Swiss GAAP FER. Group Financial Statements (income statement, balance sheet, cash flow statement) in comparison with the budget and the previous year and consolidated income statements and key figures for the divisions and regions are created on a monthly basis and distributed to all members of the Board of Directors.

Regular reporting by Executive Group Management to the Board of Directors also consists of a monthly written commentary from the CEO about the progress of business and the Group's result which is sent to all Board Members along with the monthly financial statements, and also of minutes from the monthly Executive Group Management meetings which are submitted to the Chairman.

The attendance of Executive Group Management members (especially by the CEO and CFO) at the Board of Directors' meetings and its committees is described in section 3.5 Internal organisational structure. During the Board of Directors' meetings, the CEO provides information about the current development of the business and about major business transactions; the CFO explains the yearly and half-yearly statements. Each Member of the Board can also ask for information about any HUBER+SUHNER Group matters.

The Board of Directors is also closely involved in the company's planning cycle. It receives the results of the strategic mid-term plan, which covers a period of 5 years, for approval in the third quarter. A detailed budget for the coming year is approved in the fourth quarter. In addition, the Board of Directors receives a forecast for the expected annual results twice a year.

Internal auditing at HUBER+SUHNER is the responsibility of Corporate Controlling. The Head is subordinate to the CFO, but reports directly to the Audit Committee regarding this activity. This solution tailored to the specific situation and size of HUBER+SUHNER is cost effective and ensures that the expertise gained in the internal audits can be used by the employees in Controlling without any loss of information. A plan is prepared annually with the Group companies to be audited based on a financial risk assessment and in consultation with the external auditors. This is then submitted to the Audit Committee for approval. The audit priorities are, in particular, compliance with internal policies, processes and reviews and implementing the internal control system. The results of each audit are discussed in detail by the internal auditors with the relevant Group companies, and concrete improvement measures are agreed. The internal audit reports for the audits carried out are submitted, together with the suggestions for improvements, to the Audit Committee, the Chairman of the Board, the CEO, the CFO, the COO Global Sales, the management of the audited Group company and the external auditors. Audit reports with key findings are presented and discussed with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee checks annually that the main complaints and suggestions are processed.

The internal control system (ICS) is assessed annually by the external auditors in a comprehensive report to the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors and its existence confirmed.

Risk management of the HUBER+SUHNER Group and all Group companies is laid down in the Board of Directors risk policy and in the Executive Group Management regulations relating to risk management. In the reporting year, the Executive Group Manage-

ment checked the progress and effectiveness of the measures implemented and made a selection and reassessment of the significant financial, operational and strategic risks. This was based on its own top-down estimates and on bottom-up data from divisions and corporate functions. The risks were categorised according to probability of occurrence and financial impact. In addition, mitigating measures were defined for every listed risk, and operational responsibility was regulated. The evaluated risks as well as the on-going and planned measures and activities to adhere to Compliance-principles were presented in the 2017 Risk Report to the Board of Directors for review and approval. After discussions, the Board of Directors approved the risk report on 4 December 2017.

4 Executive Group Management

4.1/4.2 Members of Executive Group Management/ Other activities and vested interests

Executive Group Management is the highest management level; it assists the CEO with his operational management tasks. It deals with all business and decisions that are important for the company. On 31 December 2017, Executive Group Management consisted of the following nine persons:

Urs Ryffel

1967, Swiss citizen, CEO
(Chief Executive Officer)

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. ETH Zurich. 1992 to 1999 Head of the Business Development unit at ABB Schweiz, Zurich and Head of the Hydro Power Plant Service global business unit as Project Manager at ABB Kraftwerke AG, Baden. 1999 to 2002 General Manager for the Hydro Power segment at ALSTOM, Lisbon and for Hydro Power Plants and Systems in Paris. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2002 as Head of Rollers business unit. 2004 to 2007 Head of the Cable System Technology business unit. 2007 to 2016, Head of Fiber Optics Division; since 2008 member of the Executive Group Management and since 1 April 2017 Chief Executive Officer.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Reto Bolt

1966, Swiss citizen, Radio Frequency
(Chief Operating Officer Radio Frequency)

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. ETH Zurich. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 1993 as Operations Engineer for coaxial connectors, then held several managing positions in the operations department of the Radio Frequency Division. 2004 to 2007 Head of Global Management Systems, from 2007 to 2012 Head of the Cable Systems business unit within the Low Frequency Division. Since 2012 Head of Radio Frequency Division and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Fritz Landolt

1967, Swiss citizen, Fiber Optics – Mobile Communication & Industry
(Chief Operating Officer Fiber Optics MCI)

Education and professional background

Dipl. El.-Ing. HTL/STV, FH NDS Telecom Mgt, MBA University of Zurich. 1991 to 1996 R&D Engineer for pager at swissphone, Samstagern. 1996 to 2000 Product Manager for GSM-base stations at Philips Communication Systems, Zurich. 2000 to 2012 Director Network and Technology at Sunrise, Zurich. 2012 to 2013 Director Solutions&Engineering at Huawei, Zurich. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2014 as Product Unit Manager in the Fiber Optics Division. Since October 2016 Head of Fiber Optics Mobile Communication & Industry Division and since 2017 member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Drew Nixon

1965, American citizen, Global Sales
(Chief Operating Officer Global Sales)

Education and professional background

Bachelor in Business Administration, Babson College, Wellesley Massachusetts, USA. 1988 to 2000 working in various management functions for the American companies Charleswater Products INC, Boston Metal Products Corp, Cerplex Mass INC and Decibel Instruments INC. 2000 to 2004 as Director of Finance and Administration at Zettacom INC, Santa Clara, US. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2004 as Finance Director North America, 2008 to 2012 Managing Director North America, Vermont, 2012 to 2015 Managing Director of the Region North Asia, Shanghai. Since 2015, Chief Operating Officer Global Sales and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Patrick Riederer

1965, Swiss citizen, Low Frequency
(Chief Operating Officer Low Frequency)

Education and professional background

Chemical Engineer, Polytechnic School of Engineering, Winterthur. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 1991 as Material Development Engineer, 1994 to 1998 Product Manager, 1998 to 2002 Head of Cable Technology Product Management, from 2002 to 2007 Head of Cable Technology. Since 2008, Head of Low Frequency Division and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

Member of the Board of Directors at Wolfensberger Beteiligungen AG, Bauma.

Dr. Ulrich Schaumann

1957, Swiss citizen, Corporate Operations, IT and Quality Management
(Chief Operations + IT Officer)

Education and professional background

Dipl. Masch.-Ing. ETH Zurich, postdoctoral degree to Dr. sc. techn. ETH Zurich. 1986 to 1992 different functions in production and logistics as well as Head of Logistics at Zellweger Uster AG, Uster. 1992 to 2005 different functions in supply management, engineering and responsibility for the head office in Switzerland, as well as member of the board at H.A. Schlatter AG, Schlieren. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2005 as a Manager Global Operations, 2013 to 2015 Manager Corporate Operations. Since 2015 Chief Corporate Operations + IT Officer and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

Member of Board of Directors at Romay AG, Oberkulm.

Patricia Stolz

1969, Swiss citizen, Human Resources
(Chief Human Resources Officer)

Education and professional background

Human Resources Specialist with certificate of competence and EMBA University of Applied Sciences St. Gallen. 1990 to 2003 assistant in Human Resources at NAW Nutzfahrzeuge AG, Arbon. 2003 to 2007 Head of HR Management at Flawa AG, Flawil. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2008 as Human Resources Manager of the Fiber Optics Division. Since 2015 Chief Human Resources Officer and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Dr. Martin Strasser

1974, Austrian citizen, Fiber Optics – Fixed Network & Data Center
(Chief Operating Officer Fiber Optics FDC)

Education and professional background

Dipl. Ing. Dr. techn. TU Vienna, EMBA Zurich University of Applied Sciences in Business Administration. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2002 as Project Leader Research+Advanced Development. 2004 to 2008 Product Manager in the Fiber Optics Division and since 2008 member of the division management. 2008 to 2016 Product Unit Manager for Fiber Management Systems. Since October 2016 Head of Fiber Optics – Fixed Network & Data Center Division and since 2017 member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

Ivo Wechsler

1969, Swiss citizen, Finance and Legal
(Chief Financial Officer)

Education and professional background

Lic. oec. HSG (University of St. Gallen). 1995 to 1997 at Schweizerische Bankgesellschaft (UBS) in Corporate Finance in Zurich/

London. 1998 to 2000 Controller and from 1999, Head of Controlling & Treasury at Sunrise Communications, Rümliang. 2001 to 2007 Head Corporate Controlling and from 2005 in addition Head Corporate Treasury, Ascom Group, Bern. Joined HUBER+SUHNER in 2008 as Head Corporate Controlling. Since 2010 Chief Financial Officer and member of the Executive Group Management.

Other activities and vested interests

None

4.3 Rules in the Articles of Association on the number of permitted activities pursuant to Art. 12(1) No. 1 OaEC

As per article 30 of the Articles of Association, a member of the Executive Group Management may hold up to 3 posts as a member of the management board or administrative body of other listed legal entities. In addition, a member of the Executive Group Management may hold up to 5 posts as a member of the management board or administrative body of non-listed legal entities and up to 5 posts as a member of the management board of foundations and associations.

4.4 Management contracts

There are no management contracts with companies or individuals outside of the HUBER+SUHNER Group.

5 Compensation, shareholdings and loans

Information about the compensation and loans of the Board of Directors and Executive Group Management are summarised in the Compensation Report on pages 21 to 25. Information about shareholdings of the Board of Directors and Executive Group Management are shown in the Financial Statements HUBER+SUHNER AG on page 60.

6 Shareholders' participation rights**6.1 Voting rights restrictions and representation**

Each share entitles to one vote. Each shareholder may be represented either by the independent proxy, a representative authorized by written or electronic power of attorney or by another individual or legal entity by a power of attorney in writing. Proxy holders do not need to be shareholders.

When exercising voting rights, no shareholder representing another shareholder may, with his own shares and the shares he represents, together account for more than 10 % of the entire share capital. Proxy holders, who are not shareholders, may not represent more than 10 % of the entire share capital. Individuals, legal entities and groups with joint legal status which are bound by capital or voting rights, by consolidated management or in another manner, or individuals, legal entities and legal communities which coordinate their action to circumvent the above restrictions are to be considered as one sole shareholder. The limitation does not apply to the independent proxy representative.

The Board of Directors may decide on exceptions to restrictions on voting rights and representation. The Board of Directors did not grant any exceptions in the reporting year.

Powers of representation and voting instructions to the independent proxy representative are granted in accordance with legal provisions.

6.2 Quorums required by the Articles of Association

The Annual General Meeting makes its decisions and carries out its elections with a relative majority of votes unless the law determines otherwise. A decision by the Annual General Meeting which assembles at least 2/3 of the represented share votes and the absolute majority of the nominal value of the shares issued, is required for:

1. Relaxation or cancellation of the limitations on the transferability of registered shares
2. Conversion of registered shares into bearer shares
3. Dissolution of the company.

6.3/6.4 Convocation of the Annual General Meeting Inclusion of items on the agenda

Convening the Annual General Meeting and placing items on the agenda are done in compliance with articles 699 and 700 OR. In addition, Article 9 of the Articles of Association stipulates that the represented minimum nominal value for shareholders placing an item on the agenda must be CHF 50 000. The Board of Directors must be notified of the request to place an item on the agenda and be given the proposals in writing no later than 60 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

6.5 Entries in the share register

As a general rule, no entries of registered shareholders are made in the share register in the five working days before the Annual General Meeting takes place. The Board of Directors announces the deadline for making entries in the share register in the invitations to the Annual General Meeting. The Board of Directors did not grant any exceptions in this respect in the reporting year.

7 Changes of control and defence measures

7.1 Duty to make an offer

No statutory rules governing opting-up respectively opting-out exist according to the Financial Market Infrastructure Act (FMIA).

7.2 Clauses on changes of control

There are no provisions in the employment contracts with Executive Group Management or board members that refer to a change of control.

The share blocking periods are not repealed when members of the Board of Directors or Executive Group Management resign. According to the HUBER+SUHNER AG Compensation Policy, the Board of Directors can prematurely repeal existing blocking periods in special circumstances such as a change of control on request by the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

8 Auditors

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

PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Zurich, or its legal predecessor Schweizerische Treuhandgesellschaft, has acted as auditor for HUBER+SUHNER AG and various Group companies since 1969. The current lead auditor, Mr. Beat Inauen, has been in charge since 7 April 2016. His tenure as lead auditor is restricted to a maximum of seven years as per article 730a(2) Swiss Code of Obligations. The auditors are elected by the Annual General Meeting for a term of one year.

8.2/8.3 Auditing fees/Additional fees

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) charged TCHF 432 for auditing the Group Financial Statements and the individual financial statements of different Group companies during the reporting year and TCHF 203 for various additional services from PwC (of which TCHF 162 for tax advice and TCHF 41 for other consulting advice).

8.4 Information instruments pertaining to the external audit

The Audit Committee informs the Board of Directors of the external auditors' work and collaboration. Each year, the external auditors create an audit plan, a confirmation of "analytical review" of the half-yearly financial statements and a comprehensive report on the annual financial statements with findings about accounting, the internal control system, the Compensation report (chapter 5) and the audit results for the attention of the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee assesses the annual scope of the audit and the audit plans and discusses the audit findings with the external auditors. The external auditors took part in both Audit Committee meetings in the reporting year.

The Audit Committee annually assesses the external auditors' performance, independence and fees and submits a recommendation to the Board of Directors suggesting which external audit company should be proposed for election by the Annual General Meeting.

The reports and presentations composed by the auditors, the discussions in the meetings, the factual and objective perspectives and the technical and operational expertise form the basis for assessment.

The Audit Committee reviews the appropriateness and the scope of the various additional services provided by the external auditors. If the planned additional services exceed the maximum amount set by the Audit Committee, the Audit Committee must be informed in advance.

9 Information policy

As a listed company, HUBER+SUHNER informs its internal and external stakeholders actively, completely and in good time in order to be a credible and sustainable business partner. The SIX Swiss Exchange regulations, legal provisions and internal guidelines are important bases.

The results of operations in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER are published in the yearly report and the half-yearly report and presented at the media and analyst conference and at the Annual General Meeting. Further regular press releases show the development of net sales and orders: At the end of January regarding the past financial year and at the end of October regarding the first three quarters of the current year. The current dates and contact information can be found in the section "Management Report 2017" on page 9 of this Annual Report.

Additional information which could affect the share price is published in accordance with SIX Swiss Exchange ad hoc publication requirements. Official announcements and company notices are published in the Swiss Commercial Gazette (SHAB).

The CEO is responsible for corporate communications. He is supported by the CFO in investor relations.

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