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# **Highlights 2023**

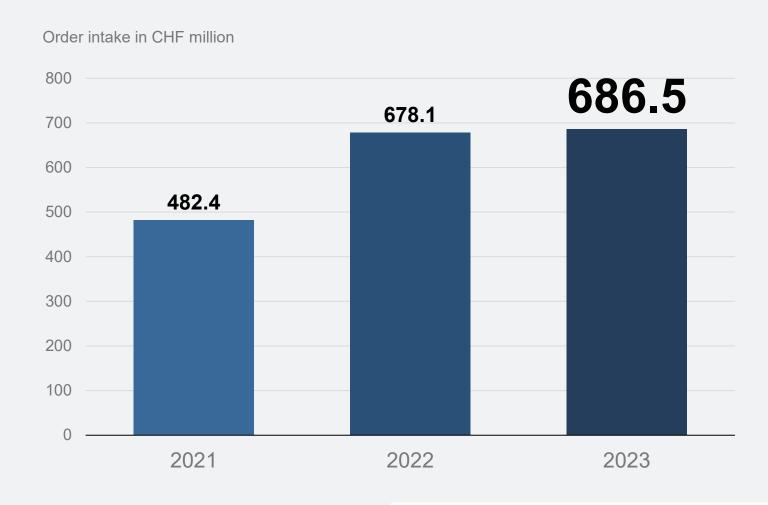
- Acquisitions
  - WUSTEC (as of 1 January 2023): services in automated wire prefabrication
  - Alcava Group (as of 1 October 2023): distribution company with sites in France, Morocco, and Tunisia
- Development and communication of Strategy 2028
- Integration of Komax and Schleuniger proceeding well, with various elements such as the optimization of the global distribution and service network
- Revenue development positively influenced by acquisitions, but negative currency effect (–3.1%) and very challenging overall market environment
- Significant one-time effects
  - Sale of building at Rotkreuz production site, Switzerland
  - Initiation of closure of Jettingen site, Germany



# Orders up slightly on previous year

Greater reluctance of customers to invest, particularly in Asia/China

- Order intake up slightly by 1.3% compared with very strong previous year
  - H1 2023: CHF 346.2 million
  - H2 2023: CHF 340.3 million
- Economic and geopolitical uncertainties along with muted market development in China impacted order situation
- Customers' reluctance to make investment decisions became increasingly pronounced as the year progressed

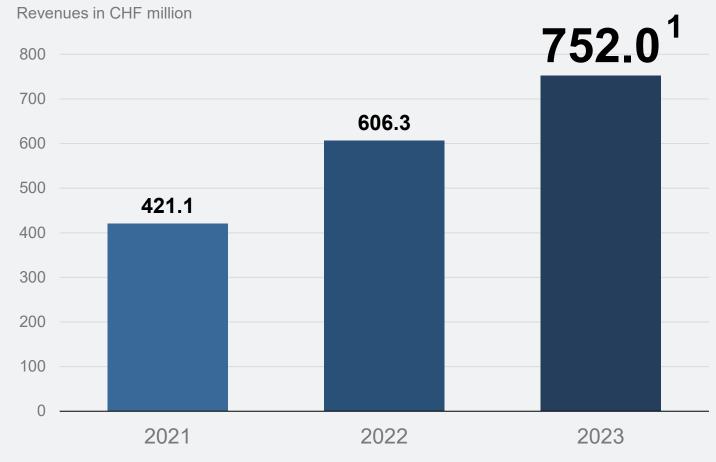




# Significant 24.0% increase in revenues

Schleuniger contributes to results over 12 months for first time

- Record-high order backlog of previous year (CHF 306.3 million) worked down to CHF 208.2 million
- First half of the year significantly stronger
  - H1 2023: CHF 393.8 million
  - H2 2023: CHF 358.2 million
- Factors behind development of revenues
  - Acquisition-related growth: 30.6%
  - Organic development: –3.5%
  - Foreign currency impact: –3.1%



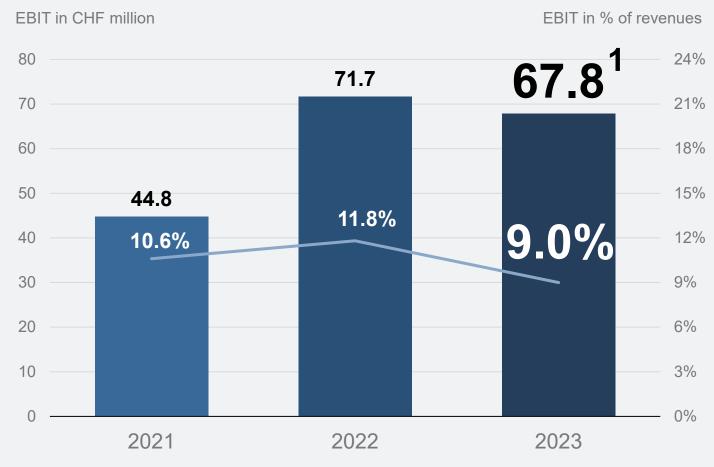
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# Sharp decline in EBIT in second half of the year

### Volume business weighs on EBIT margin

- EBIT significantly influenced by deferred customer investment decisions in highmargin volume business
- EBIT substantially higher in first half
  - H1 2023: CHF 44.4 million
  - H2 2023: CHF 23.4 million
- Two one-time effects
  - Sale of building in Rotkreuz
    CHF +11.1 million
  - Closure of Jettingen site
    CHF –6 1 million



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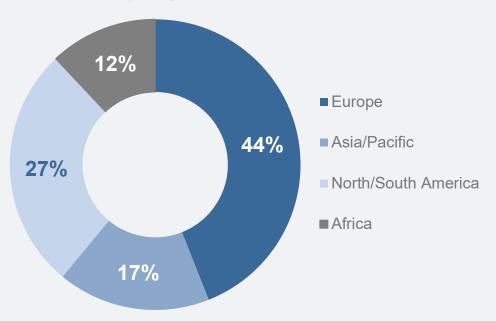
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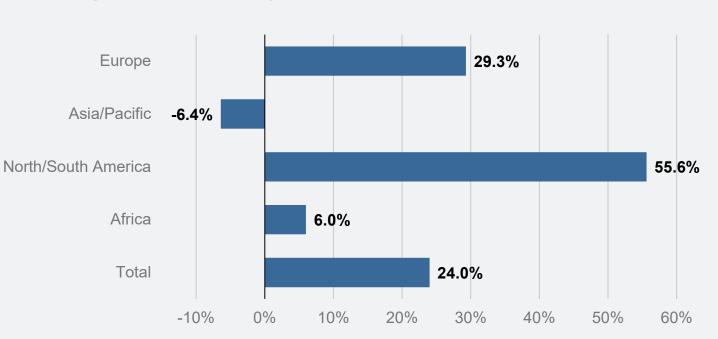
# Revenue growth primarily in Europe and Americas

Revenue development in Asia, particularly China, behind expectations

### Revenues by region in 2023



### Change from previous year



### Revenues by region in 2022

- Europe 42%North/South America 22%
- Asia/Pacific 22% Africa 14%

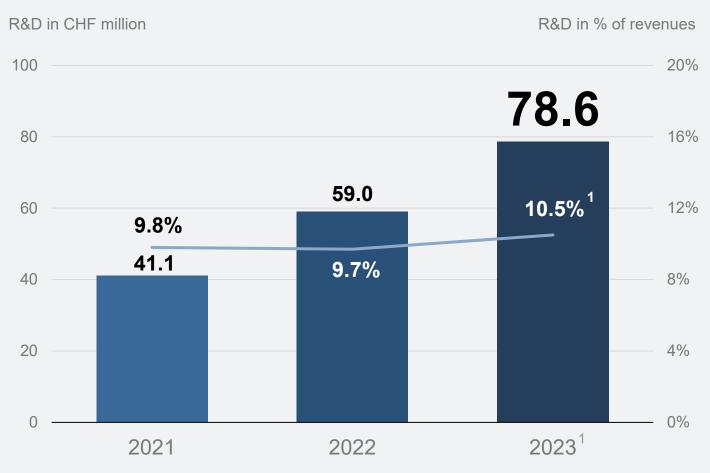
Schleuniger's first 12-month contribution decisive factor in clear sales growth.



# Unique innovative strength

### 724 employees in R&D and engineering

- Combination of Komax and Schleuniger along with progress made in various innovation projects resulted in higher R&D expenditure, comprising:
  - internal development services of CHF 67.4 million (2022: CHF 49.5 million)
  - third-party services of CHF 11.2 million (2022: CHF 9.5 million)
- Planned annual R&D expenditure remains at 8–9%
- Bundling of competencies and streamlining of product portfolio

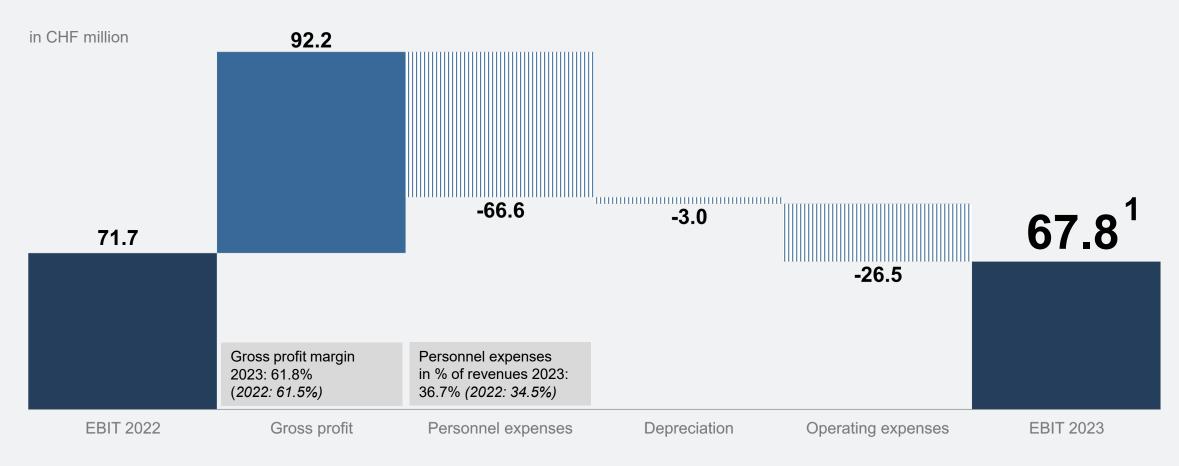


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# **Product mix impacts profitability**

EBIT declines by 5.5% to CHF 67.8 million

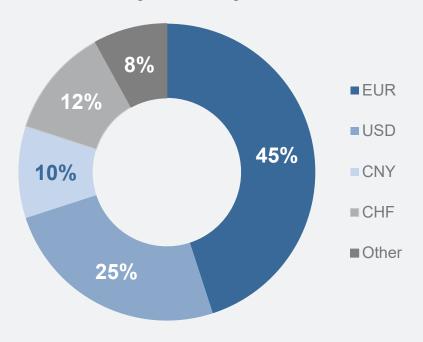


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# Negative foreign currency impact

### Revenues by currency in 2023



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EUR 47%CHF 10%

USD 19% – Other 10%

- CNY 14%

### Foreign exchange rates

Currency	Rate as at 31.12.2023	Average rate 2023	Rate as at 31.12.2022	Average rate 2022
EUR	0.940	0.990	0.990	1.020
USD	0.850	0.910	0.930	0.960
CNY	0.120	0.130	0.134	0.145

### Foreign currency impact

Year	Revenues	Gross profit margin	EBIT margin
2023	-3.1%	-2.3%pts	-0.4%pts
2022	-2.8%	-1.6%pts	-1.5%pts



### Two one-time effects

Impact on revenues, EBIT

**Overall impact** 

Revenues: CHF +10.9 million

EBIT: CHF +5.0 million



### Sale of building at Rotkreuz production site, Switzerland

Revenues: CHF +11.1 million

EBIT: CHF +11.1 million



# Initiation of closure of Jettingen production site, Germany

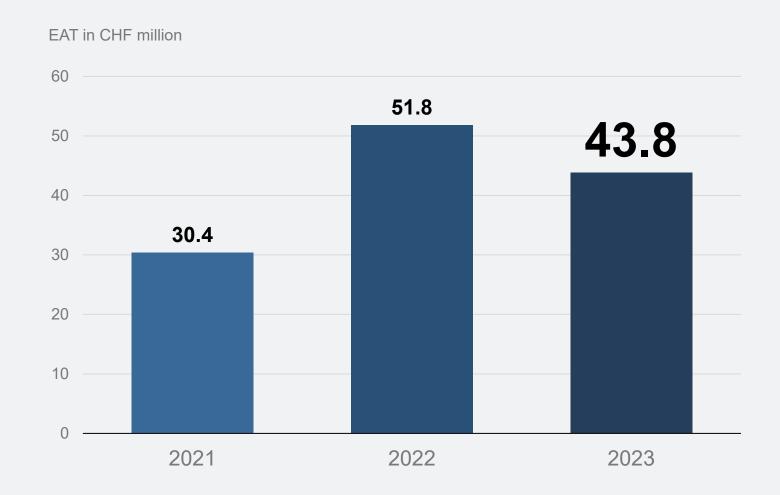
Revenues: CHF -0.2 million

EBIT: CHF –6.1 million

# Group earnings after taxes (EAT)

15.3% lower than in previous year

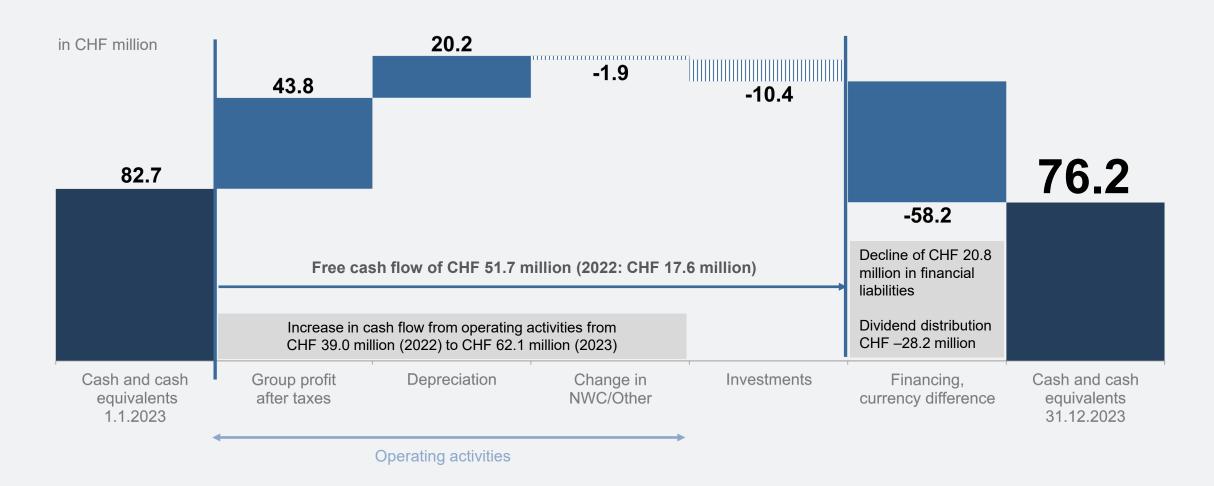
- Interest expense CHF 2.1 million higher than previous year due to higher interest rates
- Basic earnings per share:CHF 8.55 (2022: CHF 12.11)
- Tax rate of 28.0% (2022: 20.2%)





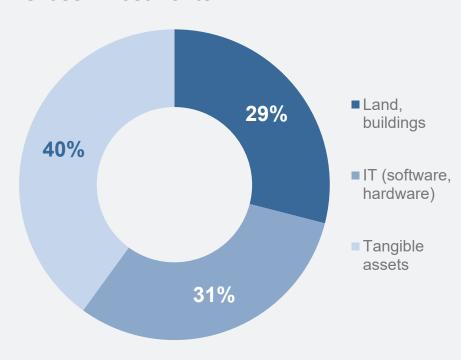
# Very high free cash flow

Sharp rise to CHF 51.7 million



### **Gross investment volume**

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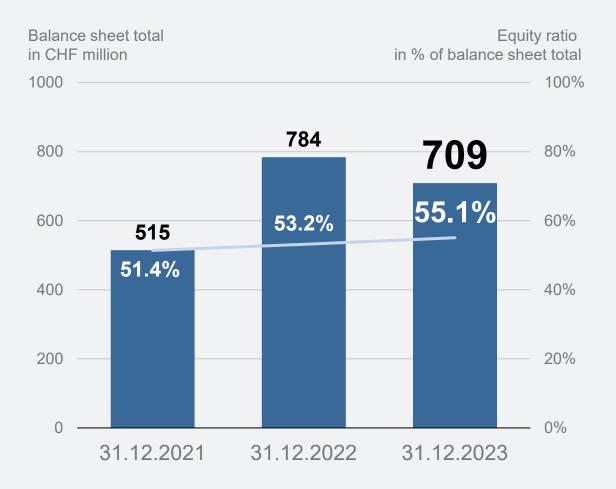


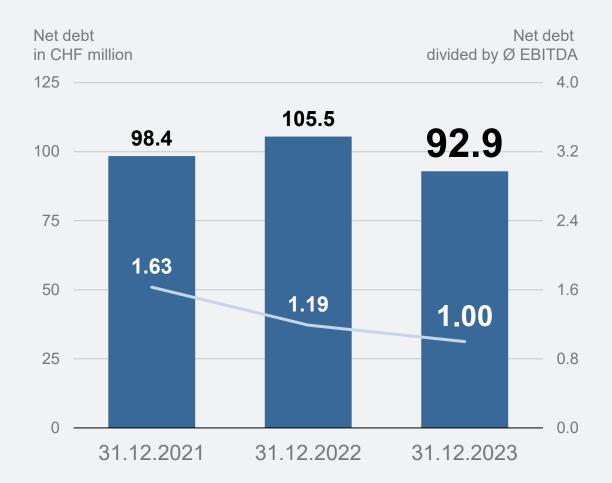
- Gross investment: CHF 28.5 million (2022: CHF 13.1 million)
  - Tangible assets (CHF 20.8 million)
  - Intangible assets (CHF 7.7 million)
- Sale of associated company (CHF 0.7 million)
- Investments in participations CHF 13.3 million (2022: CHF 9.3 million)
- Divestment (sale of building in Rotkreuz): approx. CHF 28 million
- Planned investment volume going forward (excl. acquisition and sale of companies): approx. 3% of annual revenues



### Solid financial foundation

High equity ratio, low net debt ratio







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# Optimization of distribution and service network

Overview of distribution channels of Komax and Schleuniger

- Objectives
  - No loss of customers
  - Offering Komax Group products on a one stop basis from a single source in every country
- Implementation
  - Individual solution for each country, for example
    - Sale of Komax Portugal to distribution partner Estanflux (Spain)
    - Acquisition of Alcava Group (distribution partner of Schleuniger in France, Morocco, and Tunisia)
    - Takeover of Schleuniger distribution partner by Komax distribution partners in Poland and Australia
  - Challenging process in places
  - Majority of optimization measures already completed





# Further optimizations underway

### Organizational structure and product portfolio

- Optimization of organizational structure
  - Colombo production site (Komax Testing Brasil) (production discontinued in 2023)
  - Jettingen production site (Schleuniger GmbH)
    (closure initiated in 2023, final orders being worked through in 2024)
  - Jambol production site (Komax Testing Bulgaria)
    (closure initiated in 2024, production will cease at the end of April 2024)
- Optimization of product portfolio
  - Step-by-step optimization
  - "Best of" strategy



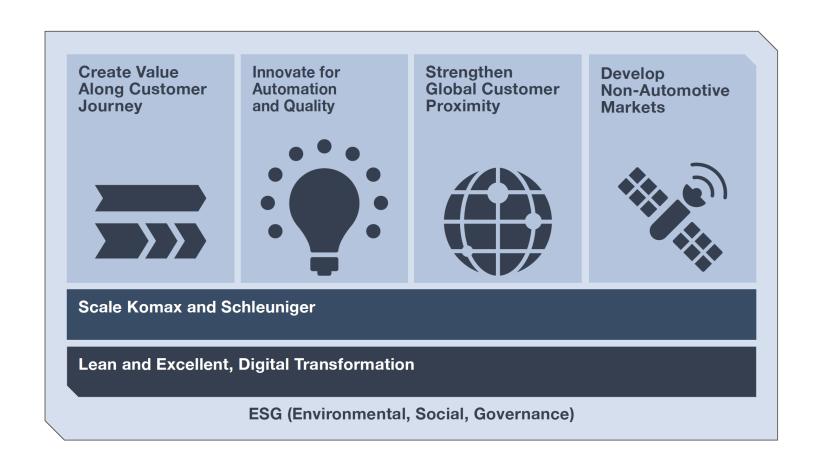
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### Key strategic priorities and initiatives

- Increase in service business
- Investment of 8–9% of revenues in research and development
- Expansion of presence in Asia, particularly China
- Focus on two market segments outside of automotive industry
- Consistent exploitation of strengths of Komax and Schleuniger
- Optimization of processes and supply chains
- ESG as framework with 13 non-financial targets





# Ambitious targets for growth and profitability

Mid-term targets 2028

### - Revenues

The extent to which the lower end of the bandwidth can be surpassed will primarily depend on acquisition activities

### - EBIT

Rising revenue figures and advantageous product mix to facilitate higher-than-proportional profitability

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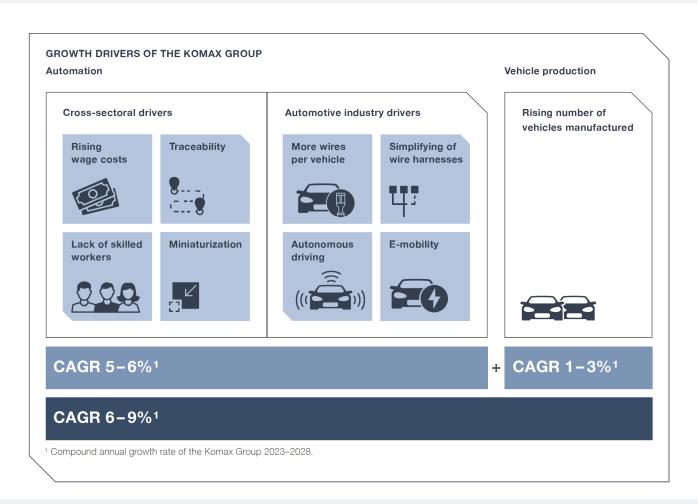
revenues 2028 in CHF billion

120-160

EBIT 2028 in CHF million

# Automation is a key growth driver

80% of wire processing continues to be done by hand



- Eldorado scenario in automation
- 90% automation potential
  - 80% manual work
  - 20% machine-based work, overall equipment effectiveness (OEE) amounts to just 50%, however, which gives rise to a further 10% of automation potential
- As in 2023, around 90 million vehicles are expected to be manufactured in 2024



# ESG strategy defined and implementation underway

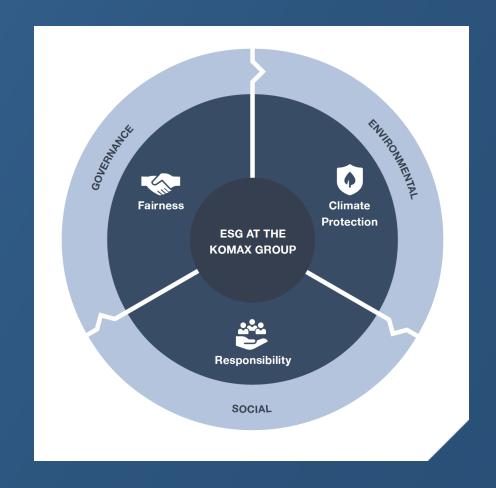
### 13 non-financial targets

### 2023 milestones

- ESG anchored as fundamental part of Strategy 2028
- Creation of Sustainability and Innovation Committee (Board of Directors level) as well as ESG Committee (operating level)
- Sustainability anchored in Articles of Association
- Publication of first ESG Report in accordance with GRI standards
- Attainment of ESG targets as bonus-relevant element of management performance (from 2024 financial year)

### Focus areas 2024

- Advancing implementation of 13 ESG targets
- Promotion of sustainability in all areas through an array of initiatives
- Further development of ESG reporting (e.g. integration of TCFD)



## Dividend and changes on Board of Directors

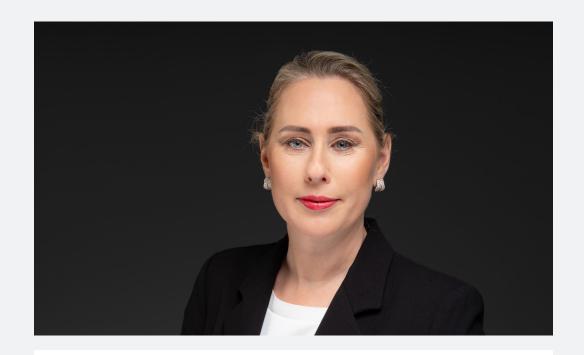
Annual General Meeting of 17 April 2024

### **Distribution**

- The Board of Directors is taking account of the volatile, challenging business environment
- Dividend of CHF 3.00 (previous year: CHF 5.50)
- Half of distribution from capital contribution reserves

### **Changes on Board of Directors**

- Kurt Haerri will not stand for re-election due to term-of-office limitations
- Annette Heimlicher to be proposed as new Board member
  - CEO of Contrinex Group, Switzerland, since 2012
  - Considerable business experience in industrial sector
  - Master's degree in economics from London School of Economics



**Annette Heimlicher** 



# **Priority areas 2024**

- Mastering the volatile market situation
  - Maintaining high level of flexibility
  - Intensifying sales activities
  - Reducing costs
- Further optimization of location structure and product portfolio
- Strengthening of position in China
- Launch of various new product innovations
- Implementation of Strategy 2028



### **Outlook**

The weaker market development that made itself increasingly noticeable toward the end of 2023 is persisting, and the Komax Group started the new financial year with a lower order level than in the previous year. It is confident, however, that the trend toward automation will continue unabated, and hence so, too, the demand for its solutions.

The Komax Group will continue to drive the integration process forward in 2024, optimizing additional structures so as to be best equipped to implement its 2028 growth strategy.

The market is currently showing signs of extreme volatility, as it is still beset by a number of economic and geopolitical uncertainties. Consequently, visibility in terms of the development of business is very low, and no forecast for the 2024 financial year can be made as yet.



### **Next financial communication**

### Financial calendar

Annual General Meeting 17 April 2024

Half-year results 2024 13 August 2024

Investors Day 22 November 2024

Preliminary information on 2024 financial year

21 January 2025

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