Regulations of the
Strategy and
Sustainability
Committee of
Banco de Sabadell, S.A.

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#### CHAPTER I. PRELIMINARY

#### **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE**

The purpose of these Regulations is to determine, within the framework of the Articles of Association and the Regulations of the Board of Directors, the principles of action, powers and functions, as well as the basic rules of organisation and operation of the Strategy and Sustainability Committee (hereinafter, the Committee) of Banco de Sabadell, S.A. (hereinafter, Banco Sabadell, the Bank or the Entity).

#### ARTICLE 2. INTERPRETATION

- 1. These Regulations implement and complement the applicable legal rules, the Articles of Association and the Regulations of the Board of Directors of Banco Sabadell in relation to the Committee, and shall be interpreted in accordance with them, with those of higher-rank among them prevailing in the event of contradiction or conflict with these Regulations.
- 2. Any queries or discrepancies shall be resolved by a majority of the Committee itself and, if no majority is reached, by the Chairperson.
- 3. The provisions of the Regulations of the Board of Directors shall be of supplementary application to the Committee in all matters not provided for in these Regulations and which are not contradictory to its content.

# ARTICLE 3. APPROVAL, AMENDMENT AND PUBLICATION

- 1. The Regulations may only be adopted or amended by the Board of Directors by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Directors present. The proposal for approval or amendment may be made at the request of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, the Chairperson of the Committee or any of the members of the Committee. In the latter case, the proposer must necessarily formalise his proposal in writing and give reasons for it and address it to the Chairperson of the Committee, who shall present it to the next meeting of the Committee for its decision to submit it to the Board following a favourable report.
- 2. In any case, it must be amended when a change in the applicable law, in the Articles of Association or in the Board of Directors' Regulations makes it necessary.
- 3. Directors have a duty to be familiar with and comply with these Regulations. The Regulations will be published on the Bank's website for public information.

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#### CHAPTER II. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

# **ARTICLE 4. FUNCTIONS**

In addition to those expressly provided for in these Regulations, the Strategy and Sustainability Committee has all the functions assigned to it by law, the Articles of Association and the Regulations of the Board of Directors, as well as those attributed to it by decision of the Board of Directors directly or through the approval of a policy.

- A. The Committee shall have the following powers with regard to strategy:
- 1. To evaluate, propose and recommend to the Board of Directors actions of strategic relevance in matters of growth, development, diversification, business transformation and technology of the Company.
- 2. To inform and advise the Board of Directors on the long-term strategy of the Company, identifying new opportunities for value creation and submitting to the Board of Directors corporate strategy proposals in relation to new investment or divestment opportunities, financial transactions with a material accounting impact and relevant technological or organisational structural transformations. To study and propose recommendations or improvements to the strategic plans and their updates that are submitted to the Board of Directors from time to time.
- 3. To issue and submit to the Board of Directors, on an annual basis, a report containing the proposals, evaluations, studies and work carried out by the Committee in relation to the foregoing matters.
- B. In the area of sustainability, the Committee shall have the following powers:
- 1. To review the Company's sustainability and environmental policies, and inform the Board of Directors of possible modifications and periodic updates of the sustainability strategy.
- 2. To review the definition and modification of diversity and integration, human rights, equal opportunities and work-life balance policies and to periodically evaluate their degree of compliance.
- 3. To review the Bank's social action strategy and its sponsorship plans.
- 4. To review and report on the statement of non-financial information, prior to its review and report by the Audit and Control Committee and its subsequent formulation by the Board of Directors.
- 5. To receive information relating to reports, letters or communications from external supervisory bodies within the scope of this Committee's powers.

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- 6. To oversee the model for identifying, monitoring and managing sustainability risks and opportunities, including, where appropriate, environmental and climate change risks.
- 7. It shall also have all those functions assigned to it by law, the Articles of Association, the Regulations of the Board of Directors, the CNMV's Code of Good Governance of Listed Companies and any other applicable rules or recommendations.
- C. The Board may request the Committee to prepare reports on matters within its sphere of action.

# CHAPTER III. COMPOSITION, APPOINTMENT AND TERMINATION

#### ARTICLE 5. COMPOSITION AND APPOINTMENT

1. The Committee shall be composed of five non-executive Directors, appointed by the Board of Directors from among its members, the majority of whom shall be independent. The Chairperson of the Committee shall be the Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

In matters of strategy, the Managing Director shall participate in the meetings with the right to speak and vote, and, for this purpose, the Board shall be composed of six members.

The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors or, as the case may be, the Deputy Secretary of the Board of Directors.

2. The members of the Committee shall have overall expertise and experience appropriate to the functions they are called upon to perform, taking into account that some of them have specific experience in the following areas: strategy, banking business, digital transformation, international and sustainability. Efforts will be made to promote diversity, both in terms of gender, professional experience, skills, sectoral knowledge, international experience and geographical origin in the appointment of members of the Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 6. TERMINATION**

The members of the Committee shall cease to hold office in the following cases:

- 1. When they cease to be Directors of the Bank.
- 2. Upon consensus of the Board of Directors of the Bank.

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3. When they become executive directors, except as provided in article 5 with respect to the Managing Director.

#### CHAPTER IV. OPERATION OF THE COMMITTEE

#### ARTICLE 7. DEDICATION AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- 1. The Committee shall meet as often as necessary and at least once every three months, when convened by its Chairperson, at his own initiative or at the initiative of any member of the Committee, or whenever the Board or its Chairperson requests the issuance of a report or the adoption of proposals and, in any case, whenever it is appropriate for the proper performance of its functions. The meetings of the Committee shall be set out in the annual calendar.
- 2. The Committee shall establish an annual work plan which shall include, as a minimum, specific objectives for the year, an annual calendar of meetings which shall take into account the calendar of meetings of the Board of Directors and the date of the General Meeting of Shareholders in order to prepare, where appropriate, the reports to be presented on the matters to be discussed at the meetings, the systematic organisation of information and the agenda of the meetings, planning fixed sections for topics to be dealt with on a regular basis and topics to be dealt with only at certain meetings, the annual training needs, and, where appropriate, the scheduling of preparatory working sessions or meetings on specific topics, or, insofar as foreseeable, the need for external experts to advise on the performance of some of the tasks.
- 3. The Chairperson of the Committee shall chair the meetings, set the Agenda, direct the discussions and deliberations of the meetings, encouraging its members to participate freely in the deliberations, without being affected by internal or external pressures.
- 4. As Directors and members of the Committee, these members must act independently of the rest of the organisation in terms of judgement and action, carry out their work with the utmost diligence, competence and professional dedication, fulfil their obligations of loyalty and maintain the utmost confidentiality with regard to the information to which they have had access in the exercise of their office, even when they have ceased to hold such office.

#### **ARTICLE 8. NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

- 1. Notice of meetings shall be given at least five days in advance, except in the case of urgent meetings, by the Secretary of the Committee to each of its members by letter, e-mail or any other reliable means, and shall be authorised by the Chairperson or the Secretary by order of the Chairperson.
- 2. The available documentation shall be made available to the Directors three days in advance, except for those documents which, due to their characteristics and

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- deadlines for submission, must be submitted exceptionally and justifiably within a shorter period, or which should not be submitted for reasons of confidentiality.
- 3. It shall not be necessary to call a meeting of the Committee in advance when all members are present and unanimously agree to hold the meeting and the items on the agenda.

#### **ARTICLE 9. CONSTITUTION**

- 1. The Committee shall be constituted when the majority of its members are present, either in person or by proxy.
- 2. In the Chairperson's absence, the session shall be chaired by the Director with the most seniority on the Committee and, in the event of coincidence, by the oldest.
- 3. In the Secretary's absence, the Deputy Secretary, if any, or, failing that, the person appointed by the Committee for this purpose, shall act as Secretary.

#### **ARTICLE 10. RESOLUTIONS**

- 1. Resolutions shall be adopted by a majority of its members, present or represented. In the event of a tie, the Chairperson shall have the casting vote.
- 2. The Secretary of the Committee shall draw up minutes of each of the meetings held, which shall be approved at the same meeting or at the one immediately following. The minutes shall be signed by the Chairperson and the Secretary of the Committee or by those who performed these functions at the meeting in question.
- 3. The content of these meetings shall be reported to the Board of Directors at its next meeting, at which resolutions shall also be adopted on its proposal or after its report, or the resolutions adopted by the Committee shall be ratified where necessary.

#### **ARTICLE 11. ATTENDANCE**

The Committee may request the attendance at the meeting of such executives, including those who are Directors, as it deems appropriate, notifying the Chief Executive(s) so that he/she/they may arrange for their attendance. The Committee may also summon other directors, executives or professionals of the Entity or of the Banco Sabadell Group, the external experts and any member of the administration bodies of the investee companies, limiting their presence to those items on the agenda to which they are summoned.

# ARTICLE 12. TRAINING, ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

1. The Bank, through the Secretary of the Board of Directors, shall ensure that the Committee has sufficient resources to enable it to fulfil its functions.

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- 2. The Committee may inquire into any aspect of the Bank, having free access to any type of information or documentation held by the Bank relating to matters within the competence of the Committee and which it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. It may also seek, at the Bank's expense, the advice of external professionals in order to better perform its functions. The Committee shall ensure that any conflicts of interest do not impair the independence of external advice.
- 3. In order not to disrupt the day-to-day management of the Bank, the exercise of information and advisory powers shall be channelled through the Administration Department of the Committee, which shall respond to the Committee's requests by providing it with information directly, by offering it the appropriate interlocutors at the appropriate level of the organisation or by arranging for it to carry out the desired examination and inspection procedures on the spot.
- 4. The Committee may have a training plan, within the framework of the general plan of the Board or specific to the Committee, which ensures the updating of the knowledge necessary for the exercise of its functions and responsibilities and, in particular, in matters of strategic analysis and evaluation and sustainability, and in other aspects deemed appropriate.

#### **CHAPTER V. EVALUATION**

#### **ARTICLE 13. EVALUATION**

- 1. Within the framework of the annual evaluation provided for in the Board Regulation, the Committee shall evaluate its performance autonomously, in order to strengthen its functioning and improve planning for the following year, seeking the opinion of its members, and, when deemed appropriate, and in any case every three years, it shall be assisted by an external consultant.
- 2. The Committee shall coordinate the evaluation with the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, informing the Board of Directors of the aspects evaluated, the outcome of the evaluations and the actions proposed for continuous improvement.

# CHAPTER VI. INFORMATION TO OTHER BODIES OF THE BANK AND SHAREHOLDERS

# ARTICLE 14. RELATIONS WITH THE GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER COMMITTEES

1. The Committee shall draw up an annual report on the functioning and activities of the Committee, which shall be made available to the shareholders on the occasion of

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the call to the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, prior to its submission to the Board of Directors.

- 2. In addition to the provisions of articles 10.3 and 13.2 of these Regulations, the Chairperson of the Committee shall report periodically to the Board of Directors on its activities and shall advise and propose such measures as it deems appropriate to implement within the scope of its functions.
- 3. Appropriate coordination shall be maintained between the Strategy and Sustainability Committee and the other Board Committees.

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