

## Media Release

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## VAT Group AG Annual General Meeting 2024: Shareholders approved all Board proposals and unchanged dividend of CHF 6.25 per share

The shareholders of VAT Group AG approved all motions proposed by the Board of Directors at today's ordinary Annual General Meeting (AGM), including the payout of an unchanged dividend of CHF 6.25 per share.

351 shareholders representing 67.82% percent of the company's share capital were present at the meeting held in St.Gallen.

The shareholders re-elected Dr. Martin Komischke as Chairman of the Board of Directors. In addition, Urs Leinhäuser, Karl Schlegel, Hermann Gerlinger, Libo Zhang, Daniel Lippuner and Petra Denk were confirmed as members of the Board of Directors. Thomas A. Piliszczuk was elected as a new member of the Board of Directors, replacing Maria Heriz who did not stand for re-election.

Urs Leinhäuser, Hermann Gerlinger and Libo Zhang were re-elected to the Nomination and Compensation Committee (NCC).

The shareholders approved a dividend from accumulated gains of CHF 6.25 per registered share of VAT. The last trading day with entitlement to receive a dividend is Wednesday, May 15, 2024, and VAT shares will be traded ex-dividend as of Thursday, May 16, 2024. The payment will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

The shareholders approved in a consultative vote the report on non-financial matters (Sustainability Report 2023). In addition, the compensation report 2023 was also endorsed by a vast majority of shareholders in a consultative vote. Shareholders also approved in separate binding votes the short-term incentive (STI) compensation of the Group Executive Committee (GEC) for the financial year 2023, the total maximum amount of fixed compensation of the GEC for the financial year 2025, the maximum amount of the long-term incentive (LTI) compensation of the GEC for the financial year 2025 and the total maximum amount of compensation for the eight members of the Board covering the next term until the AGM 2025.

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## **ABOUT VAT**

We change the world with vacuum solutions – that is our purpose as the world's leading supplier of highend vacuum valves. The Group reports in two segments: Valves and Global Service. The Valves segment is a global developer, manufacturer and supplier of vacuum valves for the semiconductor, displays, photovoltaics and vacuum coating industries as well as for the industrial and research sector. Global Service provides local expert support to customers and offers genuine spare parts, repairs and upgrades. VAT reported net sales of CHF 885 million in 2023 and employs some 2,700 people worldwide, with representatives in 29 countries and manufacturing sites in Switzerland, Malaysia, and Romania.

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