

PART II – CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ASSESSMENT

1. Details of the Corporate Governance Code Implemented

The Company adopted the Code of Corporate Governance of the CMVM which is published on the CMVM's website at <http://www.cmvm.pt/en/recomendacao/recomendacoes/Pages/default.aspx>, having considered that the same ensures an adequate level of protection of its shareholders' interests, and company governance transparency.

The Company is also governed by its Code of Conduct, whose content is linked to corporate governance matters, and which may be consulted on its website. All of its Corporate Bodies are governed by regulations, which are documented and available on the Company's website at <http://www.jeronimomartins.pt/?lang=en>.

2. Analysis of Compliance with the Corporate Governance Code Implemented

2.1. Statement of Compliance

The Company complies in its essence with the Recommendations of the CMVM in the Corporate Governance Code of 2013. It is accepted, however, that there are some recommendations that were not adopted in their entirety as it is better explained below.

The following shows the breakdown of the recommendations contained in the Code of Corporate Governance of the CMVM that were adopted, partially adopted, not adopted and not applicable, as well as reference to the text of the Report where the compliance or justification for not adopting or partially adopting these recommendations may be found.

RECOMMENDATION	STATUS REGARDING THE ADOPTION	REFERRAL TO THE CGR TEXT
I. VOTING AND CORPORATE CONTROL		
I.1. Companies shall encourage shareholders to attend and vote at general meetings and shall not set an excessively large number of shares required for the entitlement of one vote, and implement the means necessary to exercise the right to vote by mail and electronically.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section I, point 12
I.2. Companies shall not adopt mechanisms that hinder the passing of resolutions by shareholders, including fixing a quorum for resolutions greater than that provided for by law.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section I, point 12
I.3. Companies shall not establish mechanisms intended to cause mismatching between the right to receive dividends or the subscription of new securities and the voting right of each common share, unless duly justified in terms of long-term interests of shareholders.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section I, point 12

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I.4. The company's articles of association that provide for the restriction of the number of votes that may be held or exercised by a sole shareholder, either individually or in concert with other shareholders, shall also foresee for a resolution by the General Assembly (5 year intervals), on whether that statutory provision is to be amended or prevails – without super quorum requirements as to the one legally in force – and that in said resolution, all votes issued be counted, without applying said restriction.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section I, point 13
I.5. Measures that require payment or assumption of fees by the company in the event of change of control or change in the composition of the Board and that which appear likely to impair the free transfer of shares and free assessment by shareholders of the performance of Board members, shall not be adopted.	Adopted	Part I, Section A, Sub-section I, points 4 and 5 and Section B, Sub-section I, point 12
II. SUPERVISION, MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT		
II.1. Supervision and Management		
II.1.1. Within the limits established by law, and except for the small size of the company, the board of directors shall delegate the daily management of the company and said delegated powers shall be identified in the Annual Report on Corporate Governance.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, points 21 and 28
II.1.2. The Board of Directors shall ensure that the company acts in accordance with its objectives and shall not delegate its responsibilities as regards the following: i) define the strategy and general policies of the company, ii) define business structure of the group iii) decisions considered strategic due to the amount, risk and particular characteristics involved.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 21
II.1.3. The General and Supervisory Board, in addition to its supervisory duties supervision, shall take full responsibility at corporate governance level, whereby through the statutory provision or by equivalent means, shall enshrine the requirement for this body to decide on the strategy and major policies of the company, the definition of the corporate structure of the group and the decisions that shall be considered strategic due to the amount or risk involved. This body shall also assess compliance with the strategic plan and the implementation of key policies of the company.	Not applicable	
II.1.4. Except for small-sized companies, the Board of Directors and the General and Supervisory Board, depending on the model adopted, shall create the necessary committees in order to: a) Ensure a competent and independent assessment of the performance of the executive directors and its own overall performance, as well as of other committees; b) Reflect on the system structure and governance practices adopted, verify its efficiency and propose to the competent bodies, measures to be implemented with a view to their improvement.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, points 24, 25, 29 and Section D, Sub-section III, point 69
II.1.5. The Board of Directors or the General and Supervisory Board, depending on the applicable model, should set goals in terms of risk-taking and create systems for their control to ensure that the risks effectively incurred are consistent with those goals.	Adopted	Part I, Section C, Sub-section III, points 50, 52 and 54

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II.1.6. The Board of Directors shall include a number of non-executive members ensuring effective monitoring, supervision and assessment of the activity of the remaining members of the board.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 18
<p>II.1.7. Non-executive members shall include an appropriate number of independent members, taking into account the adopted governance model, the size of the company, its shareholder structure and the relevant free float. The independence of the members of the General and Supervisory Board and members of the Audit Committee shall be assessed as per the law in force. The other members of the Board of Directors are considered independent if the member is not associated with any specific group of interests in the company nor is under any circumstance likely to affect an exempt analysis or decision, particularly due to:</p> <p>a. Having been an employee at the company or at a company holding a controlling or group relationship within the last three years;</p> <p>b. Having, in the past three years, provided services or established commercial relationship with the company or company with which it is in a control or group relationship, either directly or as a partner, board member, manager or director of a legal person;</p> <p>c. Being paid by the company or by a company with which it is in a control or group relationship besides the remuneration arising from the exercise of the functions of a board member;</p> <p>d. Living with a partner or a spouse, relative or any first degree next of kin and up to and including the third degree of collateral affinity of board members or natural persons that are direct and indirectly holders of qualifying holdings;</p> <p>e. Being a qualifying shareholder or representative of a qualifying shareholder.</p>	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 18
II.1.8. When board members that carry out executive duties are requested by other board members, said shall provide the information requested, in a timely and appropriate manner to the request.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 21
II.1.9. The Chair of the Executive Board or of the Executive Committee shall submit, as applicable, to the Chair of the Board of Directors, the Chair of the Supervisory Board, the Chair of the Audit Committee, the Chair of the General and Supervisory Board and the Chairman of the Financial Matters Board, the convening notices and minutes of the relevant meetings.	Not applicable	
II.1.10. If the chair of the board of directors carries out executive duties, said body shall appoint, from among its members, an independent member to ensure the coordination of the work of other non-executive members and the conditions so that said can make independent and informed decisions or to ensure the existence of an equivalent mechanism for such coordination.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 21
II.2. Supervision		
II.2.1. Depending on the applicable model, the Chair of the Supervisory Board, the Audit Committee or the Financial Matters Committee shall be independent in accordance with the applicable legal standard, and have the necessary skills to carry out their relevant duties.	Partially adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 19 and Subsection III, points 32, 33, and Part II, point 2.1., sub. a)

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II.2.2. The supervisory body shall be the main representative of the external auditor and the first recipient of the relevant reports, and is responsible, <i>inter alia</i> , for proposing the relevant remuneration and ensuring that the proper conditions for the provision of services are provided within the company.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 30
II.2.3. The supervisory board shall assess the external auditor on an annual basis and propose to the competent body its dismissal or termination of the contract as to the provision of their services when there is a valid basis for said dismissal.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 45
II.2.4. The supervisory board shall assess the functioning of the internal control systems and risk management and propose adjustments as may be deemed necessary.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 30 and Section C, Sub-section III, point 52
II.2.5. The Audit Committee, the General and Supervisory Board and the Supervisory Board decide on the work plans and resources concerning the internal audit services and services that ensure compliance with the rules applicable to the company (compliance services), and should be recipients of reports made by these services at least when it concerns matters related to accountability, identification or resolution of conflicts of interest and detection of potential improprieties.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 29 and Section C, Sub-section III, point 50
II.3. Remuneration Setting		
II.3.1. All members of the Remuneration Committee or equivalent should be independent from the executive board members and include at least one member with knowledge and experience in matters of remuneration policy.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section II, point 67
II.3.2. Any natural or legal person that provides or has provided services in the past three years, to any structure under the board of directors, the board of directors of the company itself or who has a current relationship with the company or consultant of the company, shall not be hired to assist the Remuneration Committee in the performance of their duties. This recommendation also applies to any natural or legal person that is related by employment contract or provision of services with the above.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section II, point 67
II.3.3. A statement on the remuneration policy of the management and supervisory bodies referred to in Article 2 of Law No. 28/2009 of 19 June, shall also contain the following: a) Identification and details of the criteria for determining the remuneration paid to the members of the governing bodies ; b) Information regarding the maximum potential, in individual terms, and the maximum potential, in aggregate form, to be paid to members of corporate bodies, and identify the circumstances whereby these maximum amounts may be payable; d) Information regarding the enforceability or unenforceability of payments for the dismissal or termination of appointment of board members.	Partially Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69 and Part II, point 2.1, sub. b)
II.3.4. Approval of plans for the allotment of shares and/or options to acquire shares or based on share price variation to board members shall be submitted to the General Meeting. The proposal shall contain all the necessary information in order to correctly assess said plan.	Not applicable	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, points 73 and 74

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II.3.5. Approval of any retirement benefit scheme established for members of corporate members shall be submitted to the General Meeting. The proposal shall contain all the necessary information in order to correctly assess said system.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, points 69 and 76
III. REMUNERATION		
III.1. The remuneration of the executive members of the board shall be based on actual performance and shall discourage taking on excessive risk-taking.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69
III.2. The remuneration of non-executive board members and the remuneration of the members of the supervisory board shall not include any component whose value depends on the performance of the company or of its value.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69 and Sub-section IV, points 77, 78 and 79
III.3. The variable component of remuneration shall be reasonable overall in relation to the fixed component of the remuneration and maximum limits should be set for all components.	Not Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69 and Part II, point 2.1. sub.s b) and c)
III.4. A significant part of the variable remuneration should be deferred for a period not less than three years, and the right of way payment shall depend on the continued positive performance of the company during that period.	Not Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 72 and Part II, point 2.1. sub. d)
III.5. Members of the Board of Directors shall not enter into contracts with the company or with third parties which intend to mitigate the risk inherent to remuneration variability set by the company.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69
III.6. Executive board members shall maintain the company's shares that were allotted by virtue of variable remuneration schemes, up to twice the value of the total annual remuneration, except for those that need to be sold for paying taxes on the gains of said shares, until the end of their mandate.	Not applicable	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, points 69, 73 and 74
III.7. When the variable remuneration includes the allocation of options, the beginning of the exercise period shall be deferred for a period not less than three years.	Not applicable	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, points 69 and 74
III.8. When the removal of board member is not due to serious breach of their duties nor to their unfitness for the normal exercise of their functions but is yet due on inadequate performance, the company shall be endowed with the adequate and necessary legal instruments so that any damages or compensation, beyond that which is legally due, is unenforceable.	Adopted	Part I, Section D, Sub-section III, point 69, and Sub-section V, point 84
IV. AUDITING		
IV.1. The external auditor shall, within the scope of its duties, verify the implementation of remuneration policies and systems of the corporate bodies as well as the efficiency and effectiveness of the internal control mechanisms and report any shortcomings to the supervisory body of the company.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section V, point 42

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IV.2. The company or any entity with which it maintains a control relationship shall not engage the external auditor or any entity with which it finds itself in a group relationship or that incorporates the same network, for services other than audit services. If there are reasons for hiring such services - which must be approved by the supervisory board and explained in its Annual Report on Corporate Governance - said should not exceed more than 30% of the total value of services rendered to the company.	Partially Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section II, point 30, Sub-section III, point 37, Sub-section V, point 46, and Part II, point 2.1, sub. e)
IV.3. Companies shall support auditor rotation after two or three terms whether four or three years, respectively. Its continuance beyond this period must be based on a specific opinion of the supervisory board that explicitly considers the conditions of auditor's independence and the benefits and costs of its replacement.	Adopted	Part I, Section B, Sub-section V, point 44
V. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS		
V.1. The company's business with holders of qualifying holdings or entities with which they are in any type of relationship pursuant to article 20 of the Portuguese Securities Code, shall be conducted during normal market conditions.	Adopted	Part I, Section A, Sub-section II, point 10, Section E, Sub-section I, points 89 and 91
V.2. The supervisory or oversight board shall establish procedures and criteria that are required to define the relevant level of significance of business with holders of qualifying holdings - or entities with which they are in any of the relationships described in article 20/1 of the Portuguese Securities Code - thus significant relevant business is dependent upon prior opinion of that body.	Adopted	Part I, Section E, Sub-section I, point 91
VI. INFORMATION		
VI.1. Companies shall provide, via their websites in both the Portuguese and English languages, access to information on their progress as regards the economic, financial and governance state of play.	Adopted	Part I, Section C, Sub-section IV, point 56 and Sub-section V, point 59
VI.2. Companies shall ensure the existence of an investor support and market liaison office, which responds to requests from investors in a timely fashion and a record of the submitted requests and their processing, shall be kept.	Adopted	Part I, Section C, Sub-section IV, points 56 and 58

In light of the text of the recommendations, the following recommendations, also referenced in the table above, were not fully complied with. The corresponding explanations are detailed below.

a) Regarding **recommendation II.2.1**, it is hereby clarified that the Audit Committee saw fit to appoint as its Chairman the Director that undertook that role during the previous mandate, despite the fact that this Director no longer met the objective independence criteria defined in Subparagraph b of Paragraph 5 of Article 414 of the Commercial Companies Code, bearing in mind the high degree of independence shown by the Chairman of this Committee in exercising his functions to date. In the benefit

of the Company and its shareholders, the Audit Committee decided to maintain its Chairman.

b) With respect to subparagraph **b** of **recommendation II.3.3.**, it is important to explain that the matter concerning the remuneration of Directors, including the setting of maximum limits for all the components of the remuneration, depends exclusively on the Remuneration Committee, which is a Committee appointed by the General Shareholder's Meeting and independent of the Board of Directors. Thus, the full compliance with the referred recommendation is within the exclusive competence of the Remuneration Committee. The latter decided not to follow the recommendation, as it recognised that the manner in which the remuneration of Executive Directors is structured is adequate and allows the alignment between the interests of Executive Directors and those of the Company in the long term, being in line with the remuneration practices of similar companies, taking into account the characteristics of the Company.

c) Regarding **recommendation III.3.:** see explanation in the preceding subparagraph.

d) In relation to **recommendation III.4.,** it should be noted that the Company's Remuneration Policy does not provide for the deferred payment of all or part of the variable component of remuneration, and the Remuneration Committee believes that it has found, thusfar, the mechanisms that allow the alignment of the interests of the Executive Directors with the long-term interests of the Company and the shareholders, enabling the sustained growth of the Company's business and the corresponding value creation for the shareholders.

e) As regards **recommendation IV.2.,** it is important to explain that in 2011 the Audit Committee established the rules concerning the provision of consultancy services by the External Auditor. These rules determine: i. the possibility of contracting those services, if the auditor's independence is assured; and ii. the obligation to obtain prior approval of the said Committee, from the moment the global amount of fees related to these type of services in that year surpasses 10% of the global amount of fees concerning audit services. The Audit Committee considers that the provision of non-audit services up to the said amount of 10% does not compromise the auditor's independence. Furthermore, the Committee considers this solution as the most appropriate to the Group's geographical multi-location and to the specific needs of its subsidiaries set up in other jurisdictions.

3. Other Information

There is no other data or additional information, which is relevant for understanding the corporate governance model and practices adopted.