

Corporate Governance Report

POLA ORBIS HOLDINGS INC.

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The corporate governance of POLA ORBIS HOLDINGS INC. (the “Company”) is described below:

I. Basic Views on Corporate Governance, Capital Structure, Corporate Profile, and Other Basic Information

1. Basic Views

Based on our Group mission *to sensitize the world to beauty*, the POLA ORBIS Group offers a number of brands each with differing properties. We deploy our businesses based on the recognition that our strengths are in our *high brand loyalty through direct ties with customers, R&D capabilities in the skincare area through concentration of our resources, and multi-value chain strategy exploiting strong synergistic effects of our brands upon each other*. Each operating company under the Group umbrella essentially manages itself autonomously and independently, while POLA ORBIS HOLDINGS, as the holding company, retains management control over each operating company and strives to increase corporate value through ensuring sound management and improved efficiency in Group operations overall.

The POLA ORBIS Group also incorporates compliance into CSR activities, emphasizing compliance as an integral part of business. The POLA ORBIS Group strives to realize sustainable development of the Group through initiatives where the Group, as a good corporate citizen, works to deepen cooperation and establish trustful relationships with various stakeholders, including shareholders and business partners, and fulfills its corporate responsibilities. In addition, the Company has established the POLA ORBIS Group Code of Conduct to cover the various facets of responsible corporate activity, including legal compliance, environmental protection, and shareholder relations, and all executives and other employees pledge to abide by the Code of Conduct.

[Reasons for Noncompliance with the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

<Items not in compliance>

Based on [Principle 3-1: Enhancement of Information Disclosure], with regard to policies on dismissal included under policies for the appointment and dismissal of core management, no grounds for dismissal are established based on performance requirements or other matters, aside from having violated laws, regulations, or these articles of incorporation, or committed improper acts. Plans call for the continued study of this topic by the Board of Directors and the Nomination Advisory Committee, taking into comprehensive consideration such matters as individual performance evaluations, experience, abilities, and qualifications based on appointment requirements.

[Disclosure Based on the Principles of the Corporate Governance Code]

Descriptions regarding the following items are updated.

Supplemental Principle 2.4(1): Ensuring diversity in the promotion of core human resources
Principle 3.1 Full Disclosure: iii) Board policies and procedures in determining the remuneration of the senior management and directors
Supplemental Principle 3.1(3): Initiatives on sustainability
Supplemental Principle 4.10(1): Use of Optional Approach
Supplemental Principle 4.11(3): Analysis and evaluation of the effectiveness of the board
Efforts to realize management conscious of the costs of capital and share price

Disclosure based on each of the principles of the Company's Corporate Governance Code is described below.

In addition to this Report, the state of the Company's corporate governance efforts can be confirmed in the Integrated Report and other documents.

Integrated Report: <https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Library/AnnualReport.html>

[Principle 1-4: Policy on Cross-shareholdings and Standards for Execution of Voting Rights on such Shares]

<Policy on Cross-shareholdings>

When the Company holds listed shares, it shall do so based on the following policies.

- (1) It will not hold cross-shareholdings simply as a stable shareholder.
- (2) It will hold listed shares as cross-shareholdings only when recognized by the Board of Directors as reasonable and appropriate for business purposes, such as alliances and maintenance and strengthening of transactions.
- (3) The Board of Directors shall receive periodic reports on the status of individual cross-shareholdings, verify the reasonableness and appropriateness of such holdings, and disclose the details thereof.

<Standards for Execution of Voting Rights on Shares Held>

Voting rights on shares held shall be exercised appropriately based on the judgment of whether to support or oppose resolutions through consideration of the conditions of companies invested in, based on the precondition that proposed resolutions would not be harmful to shareholder value. Specific standards for execution shall be established for each issue held when holding shares of publicly traded stock.

[Principle 1-7: Appropriate Procedural Framework for Transactions with Interested Parties]

Transactions, such as those with interested parties, shall be subject to approval by the Company Board of Directors in a meeting whose participants include multiple outside directors to avoid harm to the joint interests of the Company and shareholders, and reporting to the Board of Directors after the transaction has been executed shall be obligatory. In addition, every business year, the directors and corporate auditors of POLA ORBIS Group companies shall be subject to an investigation of transactions between them or their family members within two degrees of consanguinity and the Company or its subsidiaries. The presence of such transactions and the conditions thereof shall be disclosed appropriately in Securities Reports and other reports, pursuant to the provisions of laws and regulations.

[Supplemental Principle 2-4(1): Ensuring diversity in promotion to core human resources]

The Group advocates diversity and inclusion in management, respecting individuality and promoting the realization of an environment in which every individual can demonstrate his or her own abilities to the maximum regardless of such factors as gender, nationality, or age. Considering people to be our most important assets, we also are striving to develop leaders with a wealth of individuality who are capable of driving the growth of our wide range of brands.

To develop human resources capable of seeing the Group as a whole from a global perspective, we are implementing measures that include a Groupwide next-generation leadership training program in which participants can learn together across organizational boundaries, a free-agency program under which human resources who meet certain conditions can take on the challenges of transfer to their preferred companies and sections within the Group, and a venture-capital program that seeks new business ideas from employees. In addition, in 2019 we launched a Talent Development Committee to effectively promote the development of candidates for Group management. We have established key positions and chosen candidates satisfying the requirements for each position, and we are monitoring their progress based on training plans formulated in accordance with their own individual challenges.

We have identified the rate of placing candidates in key positions as a key performance indicator (KPI), and we will move forward with continual development of candidates to realize our target of 200% in 2029. Since its founding, the Group has supported women's advancement in society by adapting to the changing times through the cosmetics business, and we provide opportunities for highly motivated and capable employees to succeed regardless of age and gender. Beginning with younger employees, we have adopted in stages the measures to support life planning by integrating life events and careers, and in 2018, POLA INC. revised its system for re-employment after retirement and abolished the mandatory retirement age. In these ways, we are building workplaces in which individuals can continue to utilize their experience.

Since 2022, the Group has adopted a new program to support independent learning, intended to enable the creation of new value in the Group by having employees acquire diverse perspectives by building on their sensitivity through diverse experiences and learning. We offer various learning environments including a sabbatical program under which employees can take time off work to concentrate on learning, an internal internship program to support learning on the job, and a program to support school attendance. The Group will continue supporting employees who demonstrate their individuality by improving their sensitivity by enhancing their internal qualities through independent learning.

Aiming to eliminate the gender gap in Japanese society for promoting diversity, since 2020, the Company and POLA INC. have been members of the 30% Club.* The Group Diversity Promotion Committee launched in 2022, chaired by the Chief Diversity Officer, Company Senior Corporate Officer (and POLA INC. Representative Director and President) Miki Oikawa, began Groupwide activities toward a diverse organization that embodies the concept of "A Person-Centered Management style," and Group companies formulated and began executing action plans reflecting their individual qualities. In 2022, we established specific KPIs and roadmaps, and in 2023 we shared the initiatives of individual Group companies and implemented activities based on discussions through subcommittee activities for reinforcement of lateral

cooperation among the Group companies and implementation of measures. In 2024, to realize an organization in which all personnel can leverage their individuality to succeed regardless of gender, we will ascertain the actual state of bias in the organization and among individual managers on the priority theme of gender bias management and proceed with efforts to build rules and systems to eliminate such bias.

As a specific numerical target, we established the KPI of the percentage of women executives between 30% to 50% by 2029, and we will continue human resource development and organization building to enable each and every individual to continue working in their own way through autonomous career development in the future as well.

*30% Club: A global movement led by the top management of companies that consider increasing the percentage of women in management to help enhance corporate leadership and governance and lead to improved business results. Its aims are to increase the percentage of women on the boards of directors of TOPIX 100 firms to 10% by the end of 2020 and 30% by the end of 2030 (<https://30percentclub.org/about/chapters/japan>).

See below for more information:

<Management diversity> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/employee/diversity/>

<Diversity policy and initiatives> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/social/diversity/>

<HR development policy> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/employee/education/>

[Principle 2-6: Demonstrating Functions as an Asset Owner for the Corporate Pension Plan]

The POLA ORBIS Group has adopted a contractual defined-benefit corporate pension plan covering the Company and some domestic subsidiaries. Pension assets are managed through the appropriate selection of multiple financial institutions, such as life insurers, and placement of human resources with specialties knowledge and experience in the sections in charge, and the state of such asset management is monitored periodically.

In addition, the Pension Management Committee has been established as an advisory body to ensure the stable and efficient management of the corporate pension plan. Chaired by the Company's officer in charge of finance, the Pension Management Committee's membership consists of persons from each company nominated by the chairperson, and the committee appropriately reviews the state of management and financial status of pension assets.

[Principle 3-1: Enhancement of Information Disclosure]

1. Management mission, management plans, etc.

The Group has identified as the Group mission *to sensitize the world to beauty*. In addition, its long-term vision and medium-term management plans are explained by the representative director at opportunities such as briefings on settlement of accounts, and related materials are posted to the website and made available through other means.

Explanatory materials concerning the medium-term management plan etc.: <https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Management/Plan.html>

Sustainability plan materials: <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/data/pdf/sustainability2024.pdf>

2. Basic views and basic policy on corporate governance, based on the principles of the Corporate Governance Code

As described in Section 1 under "Basic views on corporate governance, capital structure, corporate attributes, and other basic information" in this Report, the Company has strived to increase the corporate value of the Group as a whole by formulating the Basic Views on Corporate Governance and carrying out the management and supervision intended to secure the soundness of management and improve its efficiency at each Group member company as the Group holding company.

To ensure that each Group member company, like individuals, can grow through continual learning, discussions, and improvement while securing and demonstrating independence and autonomy, individual diversity, and flexibility to adapt to external changes and accept differences, the Company Board of Directors considers it essential not only to understand and carry out the intent of the Corporate Governance Code but also to continually assess, improve, and build the Company's corporate governance.

The Company Board of Directors has established the Basic Policy on Corporate Governance based on the five fundamental principles described in the Corporate Governance Code to fulfill its responsibilities while responding to the expectations of shareholders and other stakeholders.

3. Policies and procedures for decisions on remuneration of Directors and core management

The Board of Directors makes decisions on the remuneration for Company Directors and Executive Officers based on deliberations and reporting by the Compensation Advisory Committee taking into consideration individual positions and contributions to business performance.

In its 13th Regular General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 26, 2019, the Company resolved to adopt a share-based remuneration program linked to medium- to long-term performance (hereinafter "Program") to replace the existing stock-option program. Policies and procedures for decisions on remuneration of directors in the POLA ORBIS Group following the adoption of this Program are outlined below.

(1) Basic views

The POLA ORBIS Group considers executive remuneration to be an important means of realizing the sustained growth of the Group and increases in corporate value over the medium to long term. As the Group holding company, the Company makes clear the roles and responsibilities in execution of individual responsibilities for the Company directors and other executives, whose main duties are to make decisions on

Group management as a whole and to supervise business execution, and the directors of subsidiaries to which the Company delegates business execution authority. Executive remuneration is based on the responsibility for business performance and other results in relevant areas of business execution and serves as strong motivation for the achievement of results over not only the short term but the medium and long terms as well. In addition, executive remuneration is oriented toward further sharing of gains with shareholders by making clear its linkage to share prices.

(2) Remuneration levels

Remuneration levels are set in light of the scale of individual roles and responsibilities, through consideration of the POLA ORBIS Group's business conditions and competitive strengths in external markets, and comparison with firms in the same industries or of the same size both in Japan and around the world.

(3) Remuneration structure

The POLA ORBIS Group's executive remuneration (excluding outside directors) consists of a fixed basic component and variable annual bonuses and a performance-linked share-based component. Annual bonuses include additional mission payments for officers responsible for specific missions, in addition to remuneration paid in accordance with the achievement of business performance targets.

Remuneration for outside directors consists of a fixed basic component and a non-performance-linked share-based component. Remuneration for corporate auditors consists only of a fixed basic component.

The share of executive remuneration accounted for by variable remuneration is set within the range 40% to 65% depending on the job grade category and mission of the individual executive. The variable remuneration of annual bonuses varies within the range of 0% to 200% depending on such factors as the Group's achievement of business performance targets and each individual's achievement of mission KPIs for the fiscal year, while that of the performance-linked share-based component varies within the range of 0% to 200% depending on such factors as the POLA ORBIS Group's achievement of business performance targets in the medium-term management plan and other targets.

(4) Executive remuneration decision-making process

To ensure objectivity and transparency in the executive remuneration decision-making process, the Company has established a Compensation Advisory Committee wherein the majority of the membership consists of outside directors to serve as a voluntary advisory body to the Board of Directors. Decisions on the POLA ORBIS Group's executive remuneration are made by the Board of Directors within the scope of the remuneration limits approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders based on deliberations and reporting by the Compensation Advisory Committee.

4. Nomination of candidates for directors and corporate auditors and appointment and dismissal of the CEO and core management

(1) Nomination, appointment, and dismissal of directors

Candidate directors are nominated from persons who have the ability to contribute to the Group's sustained growth and medium to long-term increases in its corporate value, who fully understand the Group's management policies and strategies, and who possess such properties as multifaceted points of view, flexible

thinking on reforms, and specialization with consideration for balance among such factors as knowledge, experience, abilities, and diversity of the Board of Directors as a whole based on an evaluation of executive competencies * reference 1.

To ensure objectivity and transparency in the appointment and dismissal process, the Company has established a nomination advisory committee wherein the majority of the membership consists of outside directors to serve as a voluntary advisory body to the Board of Directors. Decisions on appointment and dismissal are made by the Board of Directors and submitted to the General Meeting of Shareholders based on deliberations and reporting by the nomination advisory committee.

(2) Appointment and dismissal of the Representative Director and President

Appointment and dismissal of the Representative Director and President are considered the most important decisions of the nomination advisory committee. Decisions on the appointment and dismissal of the Representative Director and President are made by the Board of Directors based on sufficient deliberations and reporting by the nomination advisory committee regarding whether or not the appointee possesses a suitable temperament, abilities, deportment, and other properties as the Group's chief executive officer.

(3) Appointment and dismissal of Group core management

Human resources chosen as Group core management executives are those who are highly familiar with the management and businesses of the Group companies and have the ability to contribute to the Group's sustained growth by performing their responsibilities for Group management or businesses and implementing appropriate reforms and innovations, while also demonstrating strengths in executive competencies.

To ensure objectivity and transparency in the appointment and dismissal process, decisions are made by the Board of Directors based on deliberations and reporting by the nomination advisory committee. When appointing core management executives of the Company's major subsidiaries and sub-subsidiaries, a nomination advisory committee with different membership is convened.

(4) Nomination, appointment, and dismissal of candidate corporate auditors

In light of the nature of the post as a full-time position, nominees for corporate auditors must be able to collect internal information, maintain the auditing environment, and monitor and verify the state of development and operation of internal control systems on a regular basis to ensure the efficacy of auditing.

Decisions on the appointment and dismissal of corporate auditors are made by the Board of Directors with the consent of the Board of Corporate Auditors and submitted to the General Meeting of Shareholders.

* reference 1 <Executive Competency Model (10 items)>

To adapt to accelerating changes in the business environment and realize sustained growth, the POLA ORBIS Group has prepared a competency model that spells out 10 performance characteristics required of executives and personnel with management responsibilities. The competency model revised in January 2022 reflects a shift in focus from the behavioral properties of those demonstrating high performance to effecting innovation and a long-term perspective to identify our vision for the future. The Group considers the key competencies of Person-Centered Management, SHINKA (Evolution), and Reform to reflect the inherent nature of the Group.

<A Person-Centered Management style: Represents our group strength, Individual-centered management>

(1) Pursues of Social Significance

Earn trust by promoting business activities from a social point of conduct based on the mission to contribute to society

(2) Bi-i-shiki (≒ Esthetic Sense)

Ability to have impact on one's surroundings as a personal/unique leader by exhibiting one's attractive personality

(3) Concern for Diversity

Believing in one's individual abilities, respects and makes use of individuals.

<SHINKA (Evolution): Sensitivity to changes in society and active evolution>

(4) Long-term Vision

Define and penetrate the desired future image and direction with a long-term vision

(5) Business Context Awareness

Envisions the future market according to changes in social environment and recognizes the company's roles and positioning correctly

(6) Change-oriented

Creates innovation without sticking to conventional corporate thinking and actively leads to evolutionary opportunities

(7) Leverages an extensive external network

Utilizing a wide range of external networks in different fields, effectively incorporates diverse perspectives into the company

<Value creation: Achieves corporate value creation by taking on new challenges>

(8) Makes Decisions to Enhance Mobility

Enhances organizational agility by making timely decisions without relying on past experience

(9) Action-Oriented

Believes in oneself and repeats the process without fear of making mistake even if there is no perfect supporting evidence.

(10) Passion for Results

Stays passionate about what he/she wants to achieve through intrinsic motivation

5. Individual explanations of nomination of candidates for Director and Corporate Auditor and appointment of core management

Reasons for the nomination of candidates for director and corporate auditor are described in the notice of convocation of the general meeting of shareholders (reference documents) when submitting to that meeting a resolution on the appointment of one or more directors and/or corporate auditors.

Notice of convocation of general meeting of shareholders

<https://ir.po->

[holdings.co.jp/en/Stock/Meeting/main/00/teaserItems1/0/linkList/0/link/notice%20of%20the%2018th%20annual%20shareholders%20meeting_en.pdf](https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Stock/Meeting/main/00/teaserItems1/0/linkList/0/link/notice%20of%20the%2018th%20annual%20shareholders%20meeting_en.pdf)

When appointing new members of core management in the future, individual explanations will be provided on the Company website or in this Report.

[Supplemental Principle 3-1(3): Initiatives for Sustainability]

The Group has established the Sustainability Statement as its fundamental approach to sustainability and has identified five priority areas of sustainability linked to its long-term vision VISION 2029 and to the Medium-term Management Plan: (i) quality of life improvement through innovative technology and services; (ii) regional revitalization; (iii) culture, the arts, design; (iv) all-inclusive human resources; and (v) environment. Together with formulating the Sustainability Plan, which incorporates addressing social issues and autonomy to realize sustained business growth, we disclose information on our progress toward 2029 targets on nonfinancial KPIs approved by the Board of Directors to promote the Sustainability Plan.

For example, in area (i) quality of life improvement through innovative technology and services, we strive to deliver experiences that surpass customer expectations by expanding the business portfolio to include the fields of wellbeing and society. Specifically, following our development of Wrinkle Shot Serum, the first product in Japan recognized to have wrinkle-improving effects, we will create brand-new added value and demonstrate market advantages through the creation of a sustainable new pipeline for the future. We consider intellectual property and intangible assets such as these (including patent rights, trademark rights, and other IP rights, technologies, brands, designs, and expertise) to be important business resources.

To maintain and enhance these intangible assets, we will actively invest at least 2% of consolidated net sales in the R&D field while also growing the cosmetics business on a global basis and reforming and expanding the brand portfolio through strengthening research and technology strategies as well as creating new value and expanding our business domains.

In addition, we will protect assets such as the results of R&D and naming used by each brand as intellectual property rights (e.g., patent rights, design rights, and trademark rights), in a manner linked to management strategies, business strategies, research strategies, and other initiatives.

In addition to their utilization within the Group, we will also promote active utilization of the IP rights we secure through means such as alliances with other companies.

In addition to maximizing the value of Group IP through centralized management by the POLA ORBIS Holdings Intellectual Property & Regulatory Affairs Center, we also strive to protect Group IP rights through preventive investigation of infringements related to Group company products and services, to prevent loss of value by minimizing litigation risks. See "Reference Information" below for details of utilization and investment strategies for intangible assets.

In area (ii) regional revitalization, approximately 25,000 beauty directors are playing active roles in the roughly 2,800 shops of the core brand POLA (as of the end of 2023). These beauty directors contribute to regional revitalization through sales and hiring activities with close ties to the local community as shop owners launching new businesses grounded in their communities across Japan. Through the recruitment of beauty directors to handle sales activities and through aesthetic treatment services and consultations, we deliver the value of special, out-of-the-ordinary experiences to customers. We also hold local events called *marche* to attract customers and stimulate local communities.

To realize regional revitalization such as this, we have focused on (iv) all-inclusive human resources. In this way, the Company has recognized since its founding that the human capital who support it, including business partners and employees, are vital elements of business. It also recognizes the importance of enabling each and every individual to demonstrate his or her individuality and diverse thinking to the maximum, and it is enhancing environments to enable all personnel, regardless of factors, such as gender, nationality, or age, to participate in the organization and contribute to business. To promote diversity, we have established the Diversity Promotion Committee as a Groupwide cross-functional organization and appointed as its chairperson the (female) President of the POLA brand. As an enterprise that not only encourages diversity and inclusion but also supports women's progress, the Company has set a percentage of at least 50% of managerial positions filled by women as a nonfinancial target.

In addition, the Group has a multi-brand management orientation intended to establish brand individuality as a prominent characteristic, based on the expertise we have built up in the area of (iii) culture, the arts, and design over our history of more than 90 years. In the future, to adapt to an increasingly diverse society with increasing volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity (VUCA), we will contribute to a richly varied society while also building brands with which customers can identify, through building on their sensitivity and individuality.

In area (v) environment, the Company recognizes growth in carbon-dioxide and other emissions from economic activities, considered a major cause of climate change, to be an extremely important risk to its business activities. In response, the Board of Directors has decided to link CO₂ emissions reductions to medium- to long-term incentives for directors and other executives, and it has increased the efficacy of efforts toward solutions to the challenges of climate change. Each individual brand also is proactively carrying out resource-recycling initiatives. For example, in addition to switching to recyclable materials in the containers and packaging for some products, the Jurlique brand has formed a partnership with TerraCycle in Australia to recycle all packages, including the pumps and tubes that generally are difficult to recycle. In addition, POLA

INC. has begun resource-recycling activities conducted jointly with other companies across the boundaries between industries. In the future as well, the Group will contribute proactively to recycling of resources, in accordance with the POLA ORBIS Group Plastics Recycling Policy. The Company supports the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) regarding the impacts of climate-change-related risks and opportunities on its business activities, earnings, and other matters. It also implements disclosure activities that include scenario analysis based on the TCFD recommendations, which call for disclosure of climate-related information that could impact finances.

See below for further information.

<Sustainability Report> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/data/archive/>

<Sustainability Plan> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/data/pdf/sustainability2024.pdf>

<Integrated Report> <https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Library/AnnualReport.html>

<TCFD Initiatives> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/environmental/environment/>

<Human Capital Initiatives> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/employee/diversity/>

<Intellectual Property Initiatives> <https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/csr/governance/intellectual-property/>
<https://www.po-holdings.co.jp/en/rd/index.html>

[Supplemental Principle 4-1(1): Scope of Delegation of Authority by the Board of Directors to Management]

In addition to the POLA ORBIS Group management policies, management plans, management strategies, etc., in accordance with the provisions of laws and regulations, the Company's Articles of Association, and various rules established by the Company, the Board of Directors is also responsible for Group management based mainly on decision-making on important matters affecting Group management as well as oversight of business section by each Group member company regarding decisions made.

The Board of Directors proactively delegates business execution authority on decisions made to Group member companies and Group executives by clearly establishing Group management policies, management plans, management strategies, etc. and developing an environment in which individual Group member companies can execute the business activities of drafting and executing strategies and measures swiftly and dynamically based thereon.

[Principle 4-9: Standards for judgment of independence of independent outside directors and their required properties]

The Company has established the following policies on the nomination of candidates for outside director and standards for judgment of independence and nominates as candidates for outside director persons who satisfy these policies and standards.

<Policies on the nomination of candidates for outside director>

In addition to the standards for judgment of independence (* reference 2) established by the Company, candidates for outside director shall be nominated who satisfy the requirements enumerated below.

In addition, decisions on the nomination of candidates for outside director shall be made through resolutions of the Company Board of Directors in meetings whose participants include multiple outside directors that reflect consideration for a healthy balance in terms of knowledge, experience, abilities, and diversity on the Board of Directors as a whole.

- (1) They shall be expected to have the ability to take an overview of the management of the POLA ORBIS Group as a whole, ascertain the essential issues and risks, and proactively express opinions and explain matters appropriately to directors and core management.
- (2) They shall possess high levels of knowledge and abundant experience in the fields of corporate management, business reforms, customer service, logistics, legal and regulatory compliance, risk management, and internal controls.
- (3) In order properly to ensure the ability to devote the necessary time and labor to attendance in meetings of the Board of Directors, the Group Managerial Meeting, and other important meetings, and to fulfilling their other duties, they shall serve concurrently as directors of no more than five other listed companies aside from the Company, in principle.
- (4) The term of office of a Company outside director shall not exceed six years in principle.

* reference 2 <Standards for judgment of independence>

Outside directors and outside corporate auditors (hereinafter "outside executives") or candidates for outside executives shall be judged to be independent from the Company and to involve no fear of conflict of interest with general shareholders when the Company has determined, as a result of investigation conducted to a reasonable extent, that they do not meet any of the descriptions below.

- (1) Those involved in business execution on behalf of the Company or Company affiliates (hereinafter "POLA ORBIS Group") *1 or who were involved in business execution on behalf of the POLA ORBIS Group within the previous 10 years

- (2) Those for whom the POLA ORBIS Group is an important trading partner *2 or those involved in business execution on behalf of such parties
- (3) Important trading partners of the POLA ORBIS Group *3 or those involved in business execution on behalf of such parties
- (4) Those providing specialized services, such as consultants, CPAs, or attorneys, and receiving from the POLA ORBIS Group large amounts of monetary or other assets *4 other than executive remuneration
- (5) Those involved in business execution on behalf of companies appointing as executive persons involved in business execution on behalf of the POLA ORBIS Group
- (6) Those receiving donations in large amounts *4 from the POLA ORBIS Group (or those involved in business execution of corporations, unions, or other organizations receiving such donations in large amounts)
- (7) Shareholders holding 10% or more of voting rights in the Company, either directly or indirectly (or those involved in business execution of corporations, unions, or other organizations holding such voting rights)
- (8) Those who have met any of the descriptions under (2)-(7) above within the previous three years
- (9) Close relatives of those meeting any of the descriptions under (2)-(7) above (persons in important positions *5) *6
- (10) Others in circumstances that could lead to conflicts of interest with general shareholders and reasonably judged unsuitable for the position of independent outside executives

*1 "Those involved in business execution" refers to directors in charge of business execution, executive directors, executive officers, and other staff and employees.

*2 "Those for whom the POLA ORBIS Group is an important trading partner" refer to trading partners providing products or services to the POLA ORBIS Group for whom the value of such transactions in the most recent fiscal year was more than 2% of their (consolidated) net sales.

*3 "Important trading partners of the POLA ORBIS Group" refer to trading partners who provide products or services by the POLA ORBIS Group for whom the value of such transactions in the most recent fiscal year was more than 2% of the POLA ORBIS Group's consolidated net sales.

*4 As used in "large amounts of monetary or other assets" and "donations in large amounts," "large amounts" refer to amounts received of 10 million yen or more in the most recent fiscal year.

*5 "Persons in important positions" refer to directors involved in business execution, executive directors, executive officers, and others judged reasonably and objectively to be in similarly important positions.

*6 "Close relative" refers to a spouse, family members within two degrees of consanguinity, and family members living together with the individual concerned.

The Company judges the independence of outside executives based not only on the term of office or period with an organization but also considers effective independence to be an important consideration.

The Board of Directors has established policies employed, in principle, with regard to terms of office or periods with an organization when nominating candidates for outside executives, and decisions are made through careful deliberation.

[Supplemental Principle 4-10(1): Use of Optional Approach]

At least one-third of the Company Board of Directors is made up of independent outside directors. In addition, based on a fundamental policy of ensuring the objectivity, transparency, and efficacy of the following priority management topics related to such matters as human resources and remuneration, an optional Nomination Advisory Committee and an optional Compensation Advisory Committee have been established as advisory bodies to the Board of Directors. Independent outside directors make up a majority of the membership of each of these committees.

<Human resources>

- The makeup of the Board of Directors
- Nomination of candidates for Representative Director and President
- Nomination of candidates for Directors
- Appointment of executive officers
- Nomination of candidates for subsidiary representative directors and presidents

<Remuneration>

- Remuneration system
- Remuneration of Directors
- Remuneration of executive officers
- Remuneration of subsidiary representative directors

Independent outside directors make up a majority of the membership of each of these advisory committees. Each committee is chaired and led by an independent outside director appointed by the Board of Directors, and the Board of Corporate Auditors performs an observer role.

Each advisory committee deliberates on the above priority management topics related to human resources and remuneration and reports its findings to the Board of Directors. In FY 2023, the Nomination Advisory Committee met five times and the Compensation Advisory Committee met 11 times.

In addition to the above matters, each of these committees also reviews matters related to nomination and remuneration of management at subsidiaries and sub-subsidiaries. In deliberating on such matters, the structure of meeting membership and chairperson may vary with the subject in order to ensure more effective deliberations.

[Supplemental Principle 4-11(1): Views on the balance, diversity, and size of the Board of Directors in light of its overall knowledge, experience, and abilities]

In considering the balance of knowledge, experience, and skills on the Board of Directors, together with its diversity and size, the Company considers it important that the board consist of members who possess wide-ranging perspectives and a wealth of experience and specialized knowledge, as well as being able to reflect these properties in Company management through flexible thinking, and that their knowledge, experience, abilities, and other attributes are maintained in a healthy balance. In particular, the behavioral properties considered essential to the Group's creation of new value for society and realizing sustained growth have been identified as the Group's own executive competencies. Each director is expected to demonstrate leadership through utilizing his or her own individuality and strengths. These executive competencies are employed as requirements in the appointment of core management, including Company director candidates and executive officers and presidents and directors of major subsidiaries. The optional Nomination Advisory Committee reviews whether or not each candidate satisfies these requirements and advises the Board of Directors based on its findings. The Board of Directors makes decisions on individual candidates based on the Nomination Advisory Committee's recommendations. While the Company has adopted a system under which the leader and membership of the Nomination Advisory Committee may vary in accordance with the content of deliberations, when discussing nomination of candidates for Company director or appointment of presidents of major subsidiaries the leader and a majority of members must be outside directors.

A skills matrix is prepared covering such matters as the knowledge, experience, and competencies of each director and corporate auditor. Readers are encouraged to view the skills matrix, which is available on the Company website and elsewhere. Under the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the Company has up to 10 directors.

Skills matrix :

<https://ir.po->

[holdings.co.jp/en/Management/CorporateGovernance/main/04/teaserItems1/00/linkList/00/link/Skill%20Matrix_20230101_EN.pdf](https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Management/CorporateGovernance/main/04/teaserItems1/00/linkList/00/link/Skill%20Matrix_20230101_EN.pdf)

[Supplemental Principle 4-11(2): Concurrent positions of Directors and Corporate Auditors]

Other than outside directors and outside corporate auditors, no directors or corporate auditors serve concurrently as executives of other listed companies.

In light of the importance of ensuring the ability to devote the necessary time and labor to performance of their duties, a limit is set, in principle, on the number of other listed companies at which outside directors and outside corporate auditors may serve concurrently as executives, and this is used as a requirement in the candidate selection process.

In addition, the Company's Board of Directors' Rules require the approval of the Company Board of Directors for appointment as a director of another company.

The state of concurrent positions is disclosed annually in the notice of convocation of the general meeting of shareholders, Securities Report, Integrated Report, and other documents.

[Supplemental Principle 4-11(3): Analysis and evaluation of the efficacy of the Board of Directors as a whole]

1. Evaluation methods and processes

The significance behind evaluating the effectiveness of the Board of Directors is, we believe, to raise management quality and corporate value even higher by identifying issues at the Board of Directors and appropriately dealing with such issues to solve them.

With this in mind, we have pursued an approach that takes the evaluation process beyond self-evaluation by members of the Board of Directors to include an overall view based on evaluation and analysis of the directors' effectiveness from objective perspectives. The basic policy is for the board itself to apply the results gained through evaluation.

In accordance with this policy, since fiscal year 2017 we have employed assessments and analyses by third-party organizations with expertise in evaluating the effectiveness of the Board of Directors. In fiscal year 2023, as in the previous year, we interviewed the chairperson of the Board, created a questionnaire for all directors and auditors, collected responses, and prepared a report based on the questionnaire results.

Introducing into the evaluation process third-party organizations, which have nothing to gain from the Board of Directors, ensures anonymity, elicits frank comments, and preserves objectivity in evaluation results.

To complement the third-party evaluation, we also take the original approach of utilizing evaluations by employees who have completed in-house programs such as the Top Management Development Program.

These employees are selected to attend executive meetings and meetings of the Board of Directors as observers or interview members of the Board of Directors. This approach not only lends an employee perspective to evaluations but also serves as an important initiative to develop people with management potential.

These evaluation results were compiled and reported to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors then analyzes and verifies the content, works toward a shared understanding of inherent strengths and issues requiring attention, and advances concrete action plans aimed at addressing such issues.

In the future as well, the efficacy of the Board of Directors will be evaluated based on the above process, updated as appropriate.

2. Evaluation components and perspectives

Each evaluation was carried out from the following perspectives.

- (1) Composition and governance structure of the Board of Directors
- (2) Management of the Board of Directors
- (3) Support structures for the Board of Directors
- (4) State of participation in the Board of Directors
- (5) Matters related to nomination and remuneration of directors
- (6) Board of Corporate Auditors
- (7) Discussion of management strategies
- (8) Risk-management structure of the Board of Directors
- (9) Dialog with shareholders
- (10) Initiatives toward the long-term vision
- (11) The state of the Board of Directors

3. Summary of analysis and evaluation results

The following are evaluation results and the outcome of discussions in Board of Directors' meetings.

<Points rated highly>

The following points were viewed as demonstrating the Board of Directors' high level of effectiveness. The board will strive to maintain and enhance these points.

- (1) Fostering an environment of free and open debate through leadership meetings of Directors and executive officers
- (2) Fostering consciousness of increasing corporate value on a Groupwide basis from the perspective of Groupwide optimization through a multibrand strategy

<Issues recognized as requiring attention>

The following points were recognized as issues. The Board's effectiveness will be enhanced by establishing action plans to address these issues and repeatedly implementing and verifying them.

- (1) Deliberation on medium-term management plans with a greater consciousness of cash allocation
- (2) Enhancement of the diversity of the management board and utilizing knowledge from outside officers over the medium to long term
- (3) Further demonstration of the leadership of the management board

4. The state of improvements on the main issues identified last fiscal year is summarized below.

(1) Progress and clarification of discussions on the business and brand portfolio

Clarification of the Company's philosophy and long-term vision enabled more in-depth discussion of matters such as business portfolio expansion to contribute to social value. In the future, we will continue efforts to expand the business portfolio further, aiming for synergies through effective use of the Group's limited resources.

(2) Adoption of systems to enable appropriate business and investment decisions

There are numerous subjects on which business execution discussions need to focus in order to adapt to changing internal and external business environments. We reconsider as an issue the fact that the Board has not fully addressed all subjects that it should discuss. We will develop an action plan on this point and continue to address it.

(3) Consensus building on the state of the Board and its roles

We recognize that consensus has been achieved among Directors. From now on, we will strive to make roles clear through continual verification of the states of oversight and execution functions and of responsibilities and authority, in accordance with Group growth and the changing business environment.

[4-14(2): Training Policy]

Through continual improvement of skills, the directors and core management are subjected to self-evaluations and external evaluations of executive competencies for purposes of fulfilling their responsibilities. Through means that include the use of executive coaching and dialogue with members of the Nomination Advisory Committee as necessary, opportunities are created for promoting understanding and acceptance of matters including their roles, responsibilities, and commitment.

Efforts are made to help newly appointed executives understand their roles and responsibilities through explaining to them their expected roles and legal responsibilities upon appointment.

For newly appointed outside directors and outside corporate auditors, in addition to their expected roles, matters explained to them upon appointment also include the POLA ORBIS Group's management strategies and management plans, the state of management and business environments of individual Group companies, and other management issues. These are explained by the executives responsible and the Management Planning Division to ensure an understanding of these topics.

[Principle 5-1: Policies related to dialog with shareholders]

The Company considers proactive dialog with shareholders and investors and appropriately reflecting the opinions obtained from such dialog in management to be important topics for purpose of sustainable growth and medium- to long-term increases in corporate value. Based on this recognition, it has established as a fundamental policy of dialog with shareholders and investors by carrying out constructive dialog with stakeholders through PR and IR activities, and increasing their efficacy, and it implements the following activities accordingly.

1. Efforts to develop internal environments for constructive dialog

- (1) A director in charge of IR is chosen and an IR section established to serve as liaisons, and dialog with shareholders and investors is implemented through regular coordination and cooperation with Management Planning, Finance, SR, and other sections.
- (2) In each quarterly settlement of accounts, the representative director and the directors responsible for Management Planning, Finance, and IR hold a get-together conference to ensure the propriety of information disclosure and enhance it.
- (3) Through the briefing on settlement of accounts for each quarter, individual meetings, briefings for individual investors, as well as the website and other media, efforts are made to promote understanding of the Company's vision, management policies, and business plans.

2. Efforts to ensure the efficacy of dialog

- (1) Opportunities are available for the representative director to speak with investors in Japan every half-year and with overseas investors twice a year to explain in person and exchange opinions on business strategies, management policies, as well as policies and efforts on non-financial targets, such as ESG goals. These efforts are intended to increase investor engagement and the efficacy of dialogs.
- (2) Efforts are made to enhance dialog and make it more effective through communication of information suited to individual interests, through means such as quantification of various types of information and provision of information on products, and through proactive dialog engaged in by directors of important operating companies (Group executives).
- (3) As a means of dialog other than individual meetings, briefings, small meetings on specific themes, facility tours, and other activities are conducted by the representative director or the directors responsible during the briefings on quarterly settlement of accounts. In addition, regular opportunities for dialog with overseas investors are provided through conferences and other activities.

(4) The director responsible for IR reports regularly to the Group Managerial Meeting on the views and concerns of shareholders and investors ascertained through dialog, and these are reflected in the processes of formulating management plans, capital policies, etc., to work for increasing the efficacy of the dialog.

[Efforts to realize management conscious of the costs of capital and share price]

1. Analysis and evaluation

To increase corporate value over the medium to long term, the Company is focusing on creating new businesses and developing new business areas in addition to enhancing its core business of beauty care.

Based on the premise of realizing returns on capital in excess of capital costs, the published long-term management plan (VISION2029) identifies a target of ROE of 14% or higher, while the current medium-term management plan targets returns on capital of 10% or higher. However, a look at averages of capital costs (WACC), ROE, and the price-to-book value (P/B) ratio over the most recent five years (from the period ended December 2019 through that ended December 2023) shows averages of 6.2% for WACC, 6.4% for ROE, and 2.8 times (2.4 times most recently) for the P/B ratio.

ROE, which had exceeded 10% in 2019, is decreasing with lower net income. Currently it is trending at around the 6% level. We believe that one main reason for this result is lower profitability associated with changing internal and external business environments.

2. Improvement policies, targets, and initiatives

In light of current circumstances, we will aim to realize ROE of 10% or higher by 2026 through the following measures, which are intended to widen the spread between costs of capital and returns on capital based mainly on making capital more profitable through stable and sustained business growth.

- Accelerating decisions on withdrawal from unprofitable businesses and brands
- Returns to shareholders through stable dividends
- Improving balance-sheet efficiency
- Strategic investment to realize sustained growth

2. Capital Structure

Foreign Shareholding Ratio	Updated	Less than 10%
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[Status of Major Shareholders] Updated

Name / Company Name	Number of Shares Owned	Percentage (%)
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The POLA Art Foundation	78,616,944	35.50
Satoshi Suzuki	50,624,480	22.86
The Master Trust Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	12,622,200	5.70
The Bank OF New York Mellon 140051 (standing proxy: Mizuho Bank, Ltd., Settlement Sales Division)	4,937,200	2.23
Custody Bank of Japan, Ltd. (Trust Account)	4,857,700	2.19
Naoko Nakamura	4,770,832	2.15
Hiromi Suzuki	3,112,232	1.41
JPMorgan Securities Japan Co., Ltd.	1,843,646	0.83
The Bank of New York 133612 (standing proxy: Mizuho Bank, Ltd., Settlement Sales Division)	1,549,500	0.70
POLA ORBIS Group Employee Stock Ownership Plan	1,478,851	0.67

Controlling Shareholder (except for Parent Company)	-----
Parent Company	NA

Supplementary Explanation

In addition to the above, the Company holds 7,662,053 shares of treasury stock. The percentages of shares owned above are calculated on the basis of the total shares issued and outstanding not including treasury stock. While it has adopted an executive compensation BIP trust, shares of the Company stock held in that trust are not included in the number of shares of treasury stock.

3. Corporate Attributes

Listed Stock Market and Market Section	Tokyo Stock Exchange, Prime Market
Fiscal Year-End	December
Type of Business	Chemicals
Number of Employees (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	More than 1000
Sales (consolidated) as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From ¥100 billion to less than ¥1 trillion
Number of Consolidated Subsidiaries as of the End of the Previous Fiscal Year	From 10 to less than 50

4. Policy on Measures to Protect Minority Shareholders in Conducting Transactions with Controlling Shareholder

5. Other Special Circumstances which may have Material Impact on Corporate Governance

Not applicable

II. Business Management Organization and Other Corporate Governance Systems regarding Decision-making, Execution of Business, and Oversight in Management

1. Organizational Composition and Operation

Organization Form	Company with Corporate Auditors
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[Directors]

Maximum Number of Directors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	10
Term of Office Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	2 years
Chairperson of the Board	Representative Director and Chairman
Number of Directors	8
Appointment of Outside Directors	Appointed
Number of Outside Directors	3
Number of Independent Directors out of Outside Directors	3

Outside Directors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*											
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	
Kazuyoshi Komiya	From another company												
Naomi Ushio	From another company												
Hikaru Yamamoto	From another company												

* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

* "○" when the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"△" when the director fell under the category in the past

* "●" when a close relative of the director presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"▲" when a close relative of the director fell under the category in the past

- Executive of the Company or its subsidiaries
- Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- Major client or supplier of the listed company or an executive thereof
- Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides remuneration as a director/corporate auditor
- Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of d, e, or f) (the director only)
- Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/corporate auditor are mutually appointed (the director only)
- Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the director only)
- Others

Name	Designation as an Independent Director	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Kazuyoshi Komiya	○	Designated an independent director of the Company	<p>Mr. Komiya possesses a wealth of knowledge and experience in corporate management. He performs his roles as an outside director properly through activities that include providing appropriate advice and recommendations regarding Company management as a whole and overseeing business execution. He also performs appropriate roles as chairperson of the optional Nomination Committee and a member of the optional Remuneration Committee. He has been chosen for reappointment as an outside director based on expectations that he will continue to perform the above roles.</p>
Naomi Ushio	○	Designated an independent director of the Company	<p>Ms. Ushio possesses a wide range of knowledge and expertise concerning addressing the challenges of utilizing the abilities of women workers as a specialist in management and human resources management. She performs her roles as an outside director properly through activities that include providing appropriate advice and recommendations regarding such subjects as Company human-resource development and diversity and inclusion initiatives and overseeing business execution. She also performs appropriate roles as a member of the optional Remuneration Committee and a member of the optional Nomination Committee. She has been chosen for reappointment as an outside director based on expectations that she will continue to perform the above roles. While she has no past experience in involvement in corporate management through means other than serving as an outside director and outside corporate auditor, in the Company's judgment she is capable of performing the duties of outside director properly for the reasons cited above.</p>
Hikaru Yamamoto	○	Designated an independent director of the Company	<p>Ms. Yamamoto possesses deep knowledge and discernment as a marketing expert and a researcher in</p>

			<p>consumer behavior using digital technology. She performs her roles as an outside director properly through activities that include providing advice and recommendations that contribute to increasing the Company's corporate value and overseeing business execution. She also performs appropriate roles as a member of the optional Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee.</p> <p>She has been chosen for reappointment as an outside director based on expectations that she will continue to perform the above roles.</p> <p>While she has no past experience in involvement in corporate management through means other than serving as an outside director, in the Company's judgment she is capable of performing the duties of outside director properly for the reasons cited above.</p>
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State of establishment of Voluntary Committee(s) Corresponding to Nomination Committee or Remuneration Committee	Established
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Committee's Name, Composition, and Attributes of Chairperson

	Committee's Name	All Committee Members	Full-time Members	Inside Directors	Outside Directors	Outside Experts	Other	Chairperson
Committee Corresponding to Nomination Committee	Nomination advisory committee	4	0	1	3	0	0	Outside Director
Committee Corresponding to Remuneration Committee	Compensation advisory committee	4	0	1	3	0	0	Outside Director

Supplementary Explanation

The membership and chairpersons of the Company's nomination advisory committee and compensation advisory committee are subject to change with the individual themes on which they deliberate. As noted under B. "State of establishment of voluntary committees and attributes of their membership and chairpersons," above, the members and chairs of these committees discuss matters related to appointments and the remuneration of Company Directors and executive officers.

[Corporate Auditors]

Establishment of a Board of Corporate Auditors	Established
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Maximum Number of Corporate Auditors Stipulated in Articles of Incorporation	5
Number of Corporate Auditors	3

Cooperation among Corporate Auditors, Accounting Auditors and Internal Audit Departments

At the start of the fiscal year, corporate auditors receive from the accounting auditors (Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC) explanations of audit policies and priorities, and they receive reports on audit plans and auditing status through periodic meetings, held in principle once each quarter. They also share information appropriately with accounting auditors through the provision of materials and exchange of opinions concerning auditing by the corporate auditors. In addition, a system has been developed for mutual supplementation of auditing functions by enhancing cooperation between the internal audit section and accounting auditors.

Appointment of Outside Corporate Auditors	Appointed
Number of Outside Corporate Auditors	2
Number of Independent Executive out of Outside Corporate Auditors	2

Outside Corporate Auditors' Relationship with the Company (1)

Name	Attribute	Relationship with the Company*												
		a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
Akio Sato	Lawyer													
Motohiko Nakamura	CPA										△			

* Categories for "Relationship with the Company"

* "○" when the auditor presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"△" when the auditor fell under the category in the past

* "●" when a close relative of the auditor presently falls or has recently fallen under the category;

"▲" when a close relative of the auditor fell under the category in the past

- a. Executive of the Company or its subsidiary
- b. Non-executive director or accounting advisor of the Company or its subsidiaries
- c. Non-executive director or executive of a parent company of the Company
- d. Corporate auditor of a parent company of the Company
- e. Executive of a fellow subsidiary company of the Company
- f. A party whose major client or supplier is the Company or an executive thereof
- g. Major client or supplier of the Company or an executive thereof
- h. Consultant, accountant or legal professional who receives a large amount of monetary consideration or other property from the Company besides remuneration as a corporate auditor
- i. Major shareholder of the Company (or an executive of the said major shareholder if the shareholder is a legal entity)
- j. Executive of a client or supplier company of the Company (which does not correspond to any of f, g, or h) (the corporate auditor only)
- k. Executive of a company, between which and the Company outside directors/corporate auditors are mutually appointed (the corporate auditor only)
- l. Executive of a company or organization that receives a donation from the Company (the corporate auditor only)
- m. Others

Name	Designation as an Independent Executive	Supplementary Explanation of the Relationship	Reasons of Appointment
Akio Sato	○	Designated an independent executive of the Company	<p>Based on his wealth of experience as an attorney highly familiar with company law, Mr. Akio Sato advises the Company as necessary on management topics through means including guidance concerning matters related to management and business risks, from specialized perspectives.</p> <p>He has been chosen for reappointment as an outside corporate auditor for the above reasons.</p> <p>While he has no past experience in involvement in corporate management through means other than serving as an outside director and outside corporate auditor, in the Company's judgment, he is capable of performing the duties of outside corporate auditor properly for the reasons cited above.</p>
Motohiko Nakamura	○	<p>Although Mr. Nakamura was affiliated formerly with our accounting auditor, during the time he was affiliated with it, no transactions took place between the Company and the accounting auditor.</p> <p>In addition, more than 10 years have passed since his resignation from the accounting auditor, and he is not in a position to be influenced by its intentions.</p> <p>He has been designated an independent executive of the Company in light of the above facts.</p>	<p>Based on his wealth of experience as a certified public accountant and a licensed tax accountant, Mr. Motohiko Nakamura advises the Company as necessary on management topics through means including guidance on addressing risks, chiefly financial risks, from specialized perspectives.</p> <p>He has been chosen for reappointment as an outside corporate auditor for the above reasons.</p> <p>While he has no past experience in involvement in corporate management through means other than serving as an outside corporate auditor, in the Company's judgment, he is capable of performing the duties of outside corporate auditor properly for the reasons cited above.</p>

[Independent Executives]

Number of Independent Executives

5

Matters relating to Independent Executives

All independent executives are qualified to serve as independent executives.

[Incentives]

Incentive Policies for Directors	Performance-linked Remuneration
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Supplementary Explanation

At the 13th Regular General Meeting of Shareholders held on March 26, 2019, the Company resolved to adopt a share-based remuneration program linked to medium- to long-term performance to replace the existing stock-option program. Policies related to remuneration of Directors in the Group following the adoption of this Program are as described under [Principle 3-1: Enhancement of Information Disclosure]: 3. “Policies and Procedures for Decisions on Remuneration of Directors and Core Management.”

Recipients of Stock Options	
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Supplementary Explanation

[Director Remuneration]

Disclosure of Individual Directors’ Remuneration	No Individual Disclosure
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Supplementary Explanation Updated
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Amounts of remuneration of Directors and Corporate Auditors (FY ended December 2023) are as shown below. (Figures in parentheses indicate breakdowns of remuneration etc.)

- 1) Directors: 5 persons paid; 150 million yen (base remuneration: 96 million yen; bonuses: 54 million yen; share-based compensation: —)
- 2) Outside Directors: 3 persons paid; 30 million yen (base remuneration: 30 million yen; share-based compensation: —)
- 3) Corporate Auditor: 1 person paid; 22 million yen (base remuneration: 22 million yen; bonuses: —)
- 4) Outside Corporate Auditors: 2 persons paid; 16 million yen (base remuneration: 16 million yen; bonuses: —)
- 5) Total*: 11 persons paid; 221 million yen (base remuneration: 167 million yen; bonuses: 54 million yen; share-based compensation: —)

* Since the amounts above have been rounded down to the nearest million yen, some differences may be present between individual items and total figures.
 * The figures above include remuneration of 22 million yen received from a subsidiary as an officer (by one Director) in the business year ended December 2023 (period no. 18).

Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods	Established
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Disclosure of Policy on Determining Remuneration Amounts and Calculation Methods

The Group's policies on remuneration of executives are as described under [Principle 3-1: Enhancement of Information Disclosure]: 3. "Policies and Procedures for Deciding on Remuneration of Directors and Core Management."

[Supporting System for Outside Directors and/or Outside Corporate Auditors]

Prior to holding meetings of important bodies, such as the Board of Directors, deliberation and explanatory materials are provided beforehand. In addition, the section in charge provides a prior explanation of matters when it has been judged necessary. In this way, outside directors are able to execute business operations, and outside corporate auditors to carry out auditing, effectively. In addition, periodic meetings are held among outside directors only, to enhance the sharing of information and opinions among them.

2. Matters on Functions of Business Execution, Auditing, Oversight, Nomination and Remuneration Decisions (Overview of Current Corporate Governance System)

(1) Board of Directors and executive structure

The Board of Directors consists of eight directors, three of whom are outside directors.

The Board bears responsibility for achievement of Group business performance and is authorized to supervise subsidiaries and make decisions for the Group on important matters.

The Board of Directors meets monthly to make resolutions and reports regarding important matters related to management, such as results of analysis of differences between budgeted and actual figures for the month, in addition to matters as prescribed in laws, regulations, and the Articles of Association.

Outside directors participate in meetings of the Board of Directors from an independent perspective and supervise management from broad-ranging points of view based on their abundant experience and knowledge.

(2) The Board of Corporate Auditors and Corporate Auditors

The Board of Corporate Auditors consists of three corporate auditors of whom two are outside corporate auditors.

Each corporate auditor attends important meetings, such as Group managerial meetings, as well as the General Meetings of Shareholders and Board of Directors meetings, as well as receiving reports from directors, employees, and the accounting auditor, among other activities involved in its supervision of the business execution of directors.

(3) Group Managerial Meeting

The Group managerial meeting convenes to contribute to the profits and growth of the Group as a whole. Membership in the Group managerial meeting consists of Company directors and the full-time corporate auditor as well as subsidiary presidents, directors, and others chosen for membership through resolutions of the Company Board of Directors, and it deliberates and receives reports on important matters related to the Company and subsidiaries.

(4) Internal audit section

The Company has established the Internal Audit Office as its internal audit section. The Internal Audit Office is separated from the business execution line as an organization under the direct jurisdiction of the representative director and chairman. It strives to realize highly effective internal auditing in order to contribute to the sound and appropriate management of the Company and Group companies. Specifically, through on-site audits of individual companies and sections, it evaluates mainly whether or not systems are in place that are adequately prepared for possible business risks and recommends improvements, as well as cooperating in auditing by the corporate auditors and the accounting auditor, to strive to implement auditing efficiently.

(5) Accounting auditor

The Company undergoes accounting audits under an auditing agreement concluded between the Company and Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC. As described above, the efficacy of auditing is ensured and an effective auditing structure achieved through mutual cooperation among individual agencies, sections, and other organizations in the Company. The names and affiliations of CPAs involved in accounting auditing of the Company and the structure of assistance for auditing operations are as described below. Neither of the two CPAs below has been involved in auditing of the Company for more than seven years.

- Name of affiliated audit firm: Ernst & Young ShinNihon LLC
- Names and titles of CPAs: Designated Limited Liability Partners/Executive Employees Tatsuya Yokouchi, Seizaburo Oya
- Structure of assistants involved in accounting audits: 9 CPAs and 15 others

Note: "Others" above refers to employees who have passed CPA qualifying examinations and computer-system audit personnel.

(6) Voluntary committees

In order to promote clarification of the roles and responsibilities of management and execution in the Group's management structure and improve governance, voluntary advisory committees have been established on the nomination of directors, appointment of executive officers, remuneration, and other matters. Outside directors make up majorities of the memberships of these voluntary advisory committees, and they deliberate on important subjects related to nomination of directors, appointment of executive officers, remuneration, and other matters and report to the Board of Directors on the results of their deliberation.

The membership of this voluntary appointment advisory committee and compensation advisory committee changes for individual topics of deliberation, and it also deliberates on nomination and compensation of management in Company subsidiaries and sub-subsidiaries.

As a holding company that owns operating companies and other subsidiaries that themselves own multiple cosmetics brands, the Company makes clear the responsibilities for Group business performance and other results and for business execution through the current corporate governance structure.

Management strategies and topics are deliberated on in the Group managerial meeting, which also oversees decision-making and execution of business by the Board of Directors.

In addition, outside directors are appointed to enhance the function for supervision of directors and governance is enhanced through the basic structure for demonstration of the auditing functions of the Board of Corporate Auditors. The Company has determined that it would be appropriate to continue efforts to improve governance through continual use of the current system.

III. Implementation of Measures for Shareholders and Other Stakeholders

1. Measures to Vitalize the General Shareholder Meetings and Smooth Exercise of Voting Rights

	Supplementary Explanations
Allowing Electronic Exercise of Voting Rights	A system for electronic exercise of voting rights via the Internet was adopted beginning in the fiscal year ended December 2010 (the fifth Regular General Meeting of Shareholders).
Participation in Electronic Voting Platform and other methods to improve the environment for exercise of voting rights by institutional investors	1. A platform for exercise of voting rights operated by ICJ, Inc., was adopted beginning in the fiscal year ended December 2013 (the eighth Regular General Meeting of Shareholders). 2. Electronic disclosure via the Company website, TD-net, and other means prior to issue of convocation notices has been employed since the fiscal year ended December 2015 (the 10th Regular General Meeting of Shareholders).
Providing Convocation Notice in English	Convocation notices (narrowly defined) and reference documents for the General Meeting of Shareholders have been translated into English, and the translations posted to the Company website, TD-net, etc., since the fiscal year ended December 2015 (the 10th Regular General Meeting of Shareholders).

2. IR Activities Updated

	Supplementary Explanations	Explanation by the representative himself/herself
Preparation and Publication of Disclosure Policy	The Company has established a Disclosure Policy as a fundamental policy and provides a wide range of information to stakeholders via its website and other media.	
Regular Investor Briefings for Individual Investors	Although briefings are held for individual investors as appropriate, these were postponed in fiscal 2023 in consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic.	No
Regular Investor Briefings for Analysts and Institutional Investors	The directors responsible conduct teleconferences in the first and third quarters, and during interim and year-end settlement of accounts, the president and directors responsible hold briefings on settlement of accounts. In addition, the representative director regularly holds small meetings with analysts and visits to investors.	Yes
Regular Investor Briefings for Overseas Investors	The directors and sections responsible visit overseas investors or provide online briefings several times a year. In addition, the representative director visits important regions or takes part in online meetings periodically to engage in dialog with investors.	Yes
Posting of IR Materials on Website	Preliminary reports on settlement of accounts, Securities Reports, Integrated Reports, and other disclosure materials are released on the Company website to provide a broad range of information in both Japanese and English. For the purposes of fair disclosure, the content of question-and-answer sessions held during quarterly briefings on the settlement of accounts is also released on the website in both Japanese and English soon after the end of the briefings or teleconferences. In addition, streaming video and materials including scripts also are released.	

	<p>Japanese IR library site: https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/ja/Library.html</p> <p>English IR library site: https://ir.po-holdings.co.jp/en/Library.html</p>
Establishment of Department and/or Manager in Charge of IR	The Corporate Communications Division has been established as the main section responsible for IR, and it handles timely and appropriate disclosure activities.

3. Measures to Ensure Due Respect for Stakeholders Updated

	Supplementary Explanations
Stipulation of Internal Rules for Respecting the Position of Stakeholders	<p>The Group has established the POLA ORBIS Group Code of Conduct and Compliance Book, covering various facets of responsible corporate activity, including legal compliance, environmental protection, and shareholder relations. These describe the need to respect all stakeholders. All employees submit a written pledge to abide by these rules.</p> <p>In our Sustainability Statement we pledge to continue to grow as a company that helps build a sustainable society, through interacting with all stakeholders, our communities, and society with integrity.</p>
Implementation of Environmental Activities, CSR Activities etc.	<p>The Company has established Corporate Communications Division, which functions to promote CSR in the Company, and the CSR Committee (chaired by the Company's director responsible for CSR), whose membership consists of presidents and directors of Group member companies. Group companies also establish CSR offices or persons responsible for promotion of CSR, in accordance with the sizes of their organizations, as they develop structures for promoting CSR in their own organizations. Specifically, initiatives are implemented in three areas: fundamental CSR, which consists of the basic activities of compliance with laws, regulations, and social ethics and appropriate disclosure of information; business CSR, which consists of efforts for cooperation with not only customers but a wide range of stakeholders through the main business activities, as well as invigorating the community, increasing employee satisfaction, and lessening the environmental impact (e.g., through development of eco-friendly products); and selective CSR, which involves contributing to society through cultural activities (e.g., support for traditional culture and the arts) and environmental-protection activities (e.g., recycling and tree planting). In addition, the materiality for sustainability is established in the five areas of quality of life improvement through innovative technology and services; regional revitalization; culture, the art, and design; all-inclusive human resources; and environment, and nonfinancial activity goals for 2029 have been established, which the entire Group is striving to achieve, and the results of these activities are reported annually on the website, in the Integrated Report, and elsewhere. Five targets among the nonfinancial KPIs that should be addressed more effectively (number of new businesses created, CO2 emissions reductions, percentage of women managers, switching to certified palm oil, and reducing water use) are linked to the medium- to long-term incentives for Group company executives. In addition, the Group CSR Committee and the CSR offices of individual companies under its jurisdiction cooperate across the Group to address the priority topic of risks related to strategic and business activities, implementing improvement measures targeting individual topics. Furthermore, executives and employees of all Group companies are made aware of these efforts through distribution of the Code of Conduct and Compliance Book, and monitoring and educational activities are conducted each year through employee attitude surveys, CSR e-learning, and other</p>

	<p>means to increase knowledge and awareness of compliance. In addition, a Group-wide helpline has been established to encourage provision of information on potential compliance issues by executives, employees, and trading partners, and a whistleblowing hotline has been established for business partners.</p>
Development of Policies on Information Provision to Stakeholders	<p>A Disclosure Policy has been established as a fundamental policy, and a wide range of information is provided to stakeholders through the website and other media.</p>
Other	<p>1. Human-resources development/diversity initiatives</p> <p>The Group considers its human resources to be its most important asset. As a unique competency, the Company defined <i>Bi-i-shiki</i> (Esthetic Sense) as the act of not being satisfied with things as they are and constantly striving to create something new based on intellectual curiosity in a time of dramatic change. The Company has adopted a system of internal training across the Group consisting of training sessions for the future provided for younger employees and business reform classes for middle managers. It is the president's aim through this system to accelerate business growth by training employees to realize innovation. Furthermore, the Talent Development Committee was established in 2019 to advance development of management human resources over the medium to long term, and it selects candidates from across the Group and handles tasks from preparation of training plans by monitoring their progress. In addition, as a diversity initiative the Company proactively supports women's career success. Since its founding, the Group has supported women's advancement in society through the cosmetics business in ways suited to the changing times. Based on this corporate culture built up over time since its founding, the Company is making progress on building an environment characterized by increasing opportunities for motivated and capable women employees to thrive and in which employees can demonstrate their own abilities to the fullest regardless of gender through means that include promotion to managerial and executive positions. These are intended to enable the Company to establish a position as a company that promotes women's success as professionals. POLA INC. joined the 30% Club Japan, which aims to resolve the gender gap in Japanese society, in 2020. Since January 2022, Company Senior Corporate Officer (and POLA INC. Representative Director and President), Miki Oikawa, has been appointed as the Chief Diversity Officer of the Group Diversity. As a general manager responsible for the diversity management, she leads the diversity promotion of the entire Group to accelerate the initiatives.</p> <p>Efforts such as these are connected to enabling women to build better careers, and the percentage of managerial positions held by women Group-wide, including overseas units, is 43.3%, while the figure in Japan has increased</p>

Other	<p>substantially from 13.6% in 2007, when the holding-company organization was adopted, to 31.0% in 2023. Within a workplace culture that respects women's views, women are demonstrating their abilities to a considerable extent in various ways, including developing products that reflect customers' points of view and enhancing the services we provide. Spurred by participation in the 30% Club Japan, the Group has set the targets of increasing percentage of women managers to at least 50% and the percentage of women executives to up to 50% Group-wide by 2029.</p> <p>2. Proactive efforts to support the raising of children (earning Kurumin certification)</p> <p>As part of its efforts to support women's careers in line with their life stages, the Group proactively provides support for the raising of children. It offers programs suitable to diverse ways of working, including shortened working hours and childcare flextime (for those caring for children through the end of March in their third-grade school year) from which employees can choose depending on their childcare circumstances.</p> <p>The Company and POLA INC. pays one-time benefits to employees who take childcare leave, regardless of gender. This is intended to support all employees who participate in child rearing. The Company makes these benefits available to partners of women employees who take childcare leave as well. Other measures include creating structures to support understanding throughout the workplace of the need to balance work and childcare after returning from leave and providing opportunities for employees to think about their career paths. Efforts such as these have helped the Group to achieve a high percentage of employees who return to work after taking childcare leave: 92.3% (in FY 2023).</p> <p>3. Creating workplaces where people with disabilities can work with peace of mind</p> <p>The Group strives to realize workplaces where people with disabilities can work with peace of mind.</p> <p>Out of consideration for employees who find it difficult to commute into urban centers, POLA INC., and ORBIS Inc. have opened satellite offices in suburban locations. Through these, the companies strive to provide workplaces in which people can demonstrate their abilities to the maximum, not only by easing the burden of commuting but also by employing barrier-free office designs and office equipment based on universal design principles.</p>
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In addition, POLA ORBIS HOLDINGS INC. accepts trainees from special needs schools attended by students with mental disabilities and help them secure employment with standard businesses. Group e-learning programs incorporate captioning and transcripts of audio materials for employees with hearing impairments.

As a result of these efforts, as of January 2024, the Group employed 69 employees with disabilities. Group-wide efforts will continue in the future to build workplaces where every employee can demonstrate his or her abilities to the maximum extent, regardless of disability status.

4. Health management initiatives (inclusion in the Excellent Health and Productivity Management Corporation)

Under the POLA ORBIS Group Health Management Declaration, the Group recognizes the good health of employees to be the source of the growth and demonstration of diverse individuality and sensitivities that is the emphasis of the Group's philosophy. Centered on the Health Management Promotion Team, which is under the supervision of the Company's HR section, the Group strives to implement health management across the organization through cooperation with the Health Management Center, the Health Insurance Society, and the HR sections of Group companies. These activities have earned continuous inclusion for seven years (since 2018) under the Excellent Health and Productivity Management Corporation (Large Enterprises Category) established by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and inclusion in the "White 500" as a company making particularly outstanding health management efforts in FY2024.

5. Improving quality of life (QOL)

To realize a collection of individual businesses for diversifying values in beauty as called for in VISION2029, the Group will expand its business portfolio to include the domains of wellbeing and society.

The Groupwide research integration function will be concentrated in the Company's Multiple Intelligence Research Center (MIRC). Based on strategies decided on by the MIRC, the Frontier Research Center (FRC) of POLA Chemical Industries, Inc. will carry out research and create the seeds for application to new and existing businesses. In cosmetics development, we have established the new Technical Development Center (TDC) to accelerate more innovative

creation of new value and enhance technological development functions throughout the entire Group. We will greatly enhance our structures for creating new value by linking research, development, and production.

We also actively announce our results at academic gatherings, and the Group has captured the highest award six times at the International Federation of Societies of Cosmetic Chemists (IFSCC) events, including interim conferences. We are carrying out research and product development on subjects including not only the effects on the skin but also stress reduction and effects on others, among other topics.

Quality of life improvement through advanced technology and services is one of the five areas of the Group's materiality for sustainability.

6. Regional Revitalization

Since our founding, we have provided a broad range of employment opportunities for women. This remains unchanged today, more than 90 years later, and today POLA INC. holds recruitment forums across Japan not only to provide information on jobs with the Group but also to offer seminars and other opportunities to learn for women seeking their own jobs or career changes. In addition, POLA INC. concluded comprehensive cooperation agreements with Akita Prefecture in 2017, with the city of Kitakyushu (in Fukuoka Prefecture) and the city of Semboku (in Akita Prefecture) in 2018, with the city of Fuji (in Shizuoka Prefecture) in 2019, with Oita Prefecture in 2021, with Aomori Prefecture in 2023, and with Iwate Prefecture in 2024. Under these agreements we engage in various activities including holding events in each region, community building and employment support through the POLA Brand, and activities toward solutions to social challenges and community vitality through promoting the activities of women and improving seniors' health.

Regional revitalization is one of the five areas of the Group's materiality for sustainability.

7. Human-rights initiatives

We have established the Group Human Rights Due Diligence Rules to realize business activities reflecting concern for human rights throughout the value chain. Based on these Rules, we have identified topics of concern regarding human rights and implemented due diligence on each of the subjects of

	<p>ascertaining human-rights issues in the supply chain, control of customers' personal information, and appropriate workplace environments for employees, as we strive to identify topics and make improvements. Supplier CSR surveys check on working conditions, health and safety, and human-rights initiatives, and on-site auditing is conducted as necessary. Where needed, improvements are made together with business partners. Since 2023 we have been a member of Sedex, through which we assess supplier risks.</p>
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IV. Matters Related to the Internal Control System

1. Basic Views on Internal Control System and the Progress of System Development

Basically, the Company considers internal controls to be a process executed by all members of the organization to achieve the four corporate objectives of business efficacy and efficiency, reliable financial reports, business activities compliant with laws, regulations, and the preservation of assets (Business Accounting Council, Standards on Evaluation and Auditing of Internal Controls Related to Financial Reporting). Policies related to the development of internal controls systems approved by the Board of Directors are outlined below.

a. Systems for ensuring the efficient execution of duties of Directors of the Company and Group companies
In accordance with the Board of Directors Rules, the Board of Directors meets at least once a month and at other times as necessary.

Directors' duties are performed in accordance with the Job Authority Rules and the Rules on Division of Responsibilities, and appropriate review, decision-making, and reporting procedures are carried out based on these rules as well as the Group Managerial Meeting Rules, the Affiliate Management Rules, the Budget Management Rules, the Medium-term Management Plan Rules, and other rules. Furthermore, important matters related to internal controls are subjected to appropriate deliberation and decision-making by the Board of Directors. For important matters related to compliance, risk management, or CSR, the Group CSR Committee carries out appropriate deliberation, and decision-making procedures are conducted based on the Job Authority Rules.

b. Systems related to retention and control of information concerning the execution of duties of Directors
Based on the Document Control Rules, the minutes of the Board of Directors, minutes of deliberations in various meetings, and similar information related to the execution of duties of Directors are recorded in paper or electronic form (hereinafter "documents etc.") and retained appropriately. Any requests from Directors or Corporate Auditors to view these documents etc. are responded to swiftly.

c. Rules and other systems related to management of risks of losses to the Company and Group companies
The CSR Committee has been established under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors to manage risks related to business activities, including strategic and business risks, across the Group. Each section manages business risks appropriately in accordance with the Risk Management Rules and swiftly organizes a Task Force in accordance with the Crisis Control Rules in response to any emergencies.

d. Measures related to development of compliance systems in the Company and Group companies
The CSR Committee has been established under the jurisdiction of the Board of Directors to manage the compliance structure across the Group. Furthermore, Group companies also establish CSR offices or persons responsible for promotion of CSR in accordance with the sizes of their organizations as they develop structures for promoting compliance in their own organizations. In addition, the Group Code of Conduct

(hereinafter "Code of Conduct") is distributed to and publicized among all executives and employees in the Group, and all executives and employees submit written pledges to abide by the Code of Conduct. A Group-wide Helpline also has been set up to encourage provision of information by Executives and employees and to raise knowledge and awareness of compliance appropriately.

e. Measures related to developing structures for ensuring the propriety of operations within Group companies
Based on rules such as the Group Managerial Meeting Rules, Affiliate Management Rules, Budget Management Rules, and Medium-term Management Plan Management Rules, important topics, budgets, and medium-term plans of Group companies are subject to prior screening in the Group Managerial Meeting and prior approval or reporting in the Board of Directors. The Group Managerial Meeting endeavors to ensure a thorough understanding of these requirements among all companies, to prevent any omissions. Furthermore, even closer cooperation among Group companies will be implemented in the future, to ensure that the systems under a–d above permeate within Group companies as well.

f. Systems related to employees requested by Corporate Auditors to assist in their duties and the efficacy of instructions to such employees

When Corporate Auditors have requested the assignment of employees to assist in their duties, an appropriate section is assigned as the secretariat office to assist the corporate auditors. Corporate auditors implement measures to ensure the efficacy of instructions to such employees and their independence from the Board of Directors. In addition, a structure has been developed for mutual compensation of auditing activities by strengthening cooperation with the internal auditing section and the accounting auditor as well.

g. Systems for reporting to the corporate auditors by directors and employees of the Company and Group companies and other reports to the corporate auditors

When directors or employees have discovered violations of laws or regulations or matters that could cause significant damage to the Company, they swiftly report them to the corporate auditors. Directors and employees are required to submit reports on business or financial conditions swiftly when so requested by the corporate auditors. Corporate auditors actively take part in meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings, striving to obtain reports on business and financial conditions from Directors and employees. In addition, the internal auditing section reports on the results of internal auditing to the corporate auditors as appropriate. Also, the state of use of the Group Helpline, a system for reporting by directors and employees of Group companies to the corporate auditors, is reported to the corporate auditors each month.

h. Other systems for ensuring the efficacy of auditing by Corporate Auditors

Based on the Board of Corporate Auditors Rules, the Board of Corporate Auditors meets at least once a month and at other times as necessary. Corporate auditors actively take part in meetings of the Board of Directors and other important meetings, striving to collect information on subjects such as the state of business and finances. They also cooperate closely with the internal auditing section, taking care to ensure that audits will

be effective. Corporate auditors exchange opinions with the representative director, Directors, and the accounting auditor regularly or as needed. In addition, to increase further the efficacy of auditing by the corporate auditors, the costs recognized as necessary in execution of the duties of the corporate auditors are budgeted in advance, and the corporate auditors can receive advances or claim reimbursement after the fact from the Company for any urgent or extraordinary expenditures.

i. Basic views on eliminating antisocial forces and state of development of related measures

As stated in the Code of Conduct, the Group maintains a stance of *confrontation with antisocial groups*. In addition to establishing a hotline for reporting threats by antisocial forces, the Group also cooperates with local police by joining the national federation on countering organized crime syndicates and local associations on countering organized crime syndicates, as well as collecting information from external sources and proactively participating in training sessions as part of its efforts to exclude thoroughly any contact with antisocial forces. The Group also has prepared a manual on responding to antisocial forces and is publicizing it among employees and others.

j. Basic policy on internal controls related to financial reporting

(1) The transparency and fairness of information disclosure are secured through preparation and timely disclosure of financial reports conforming to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

(2) Appropriate assignment and training of human resources are conducted to increase specialized skills related to accounting and finance, focusing chiefly on the sections responsible for financial reporting.

(3) Together with ensuring that all directors and employees have a strong recognition of the importance of internal controls related to financial reporting, efforts are made to ensure that they develop and operate the following fundamental elements of internal control within the scopes of their own authority and responsibilities.

- Control environment

- Risk evaluation and response

- Control activities

- Information and communication

- Monitoring

- IT efforts

(4) Corporate auditors monitor and verify the propriety of financial reporting and the state of development and operation of such internal controls, from independent perspectives.

Reference: See “Corporate Governance Structure (Schematic)”

2. Basic Views on Eliminating Anti-Social Forces

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V. Other

1. Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures

Adoption of Anti-Takeover Measures	NA
Supplementary Explanation	
Not applicable	

2. Other Matters Concerning the Corporate Governance System

The state of the Group's policies and internal systems for timely disclosure of corporate information is outlined below.

1. POLA ORBIS Group Disclosure Policy

(1) Basic Policy

The POLA ORBIS Group strives to actively engage in public relations and investor relations activities and to develop relations of trust with all our shareholders, investors, and stakeholders. In order to achieve that, our policy is to disclose information about the Group in a timely and appropriate manner based on the principles of transparency, fairness, and consistency, in accordance with the Financial Instrument and Exchange Act and the rules set forth by the relevant financial instrument exchanges regarding timely disclosure. The POLA ORBIS Group also actively discloses any information not covered under these rules if it is deemed useful for shareholders or investors.

(2) Method of Disclosing Information

Information covered by the rules regarding timely disclosure set forth by the financial instrument exchange on which the POLA ORBIS Group is listed (information relating to decisions, events, and account settlement) shall be disclosed via TD-net (Timely Disclosure Network) provided by the exchange after an advance explanation is given to the exchange. Following TD-net disclosure, the same information shall be promptly provided to the media and posted on the Company's website. However, the posting of information on the Company website may be delayed due to system-related circumstances.

(3) Forecast of Performance and Items Relating to Forecasts for the Future

The POLA ORBIS Group's plans, forecasts, strategies, and other information not based on historical or current facts are plans or forecasts for future performance, which are based on judgments made in light of the information currently available. Therefore, future performance may differ due to fluctuations in a variety of risks and uncertainties as well as changes in the economic situation.

(4) Silent Period

In order to prevent the leakage of financial results information and ensure fairness, the POLA ORBIS Group has established a Silent Period that runs from the day immediately following the settlement of financial results (including quarterly results) to the date on which the results are made public. During this period, we will refrain from responding to questions and making comments regarding financial results. However, even during the silent period, we will respond to questions and such regarding information that has already been disclosed.

(5) Compliance with the Disclosure Policy

From the perspective of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), the POLA ORBIS Group will keep all the Group's executives and employees informed of the above disclosure policy and ensure their compliance.

2. Sections responsible and persons in charge of timely disclosure

Section in charge of disclosure: Corporate Communications Division (person responsible for disclosure: Director in charge of PR/IR)

Section in charge of information management: Management Planning Division (person responsible for information management: Director in charge of general planning)

3. Disclosure process for Company information

(1) Information collection process

In the event that company information (material facts such as information concerning decisions, occurrences, or settlement of accounts) has arisen concerning the Group, the person in charge of information management in the Company or the relevant Group company will report the details thereof to the Company's section in charge of information management.

(2) Processes of analysis and judgment

The Management Planning Division, which serves as the section in charge of information management, coordinates information related to decisions and occurrences included among company information concerning the Group, while the Management Planning Division and the Group Finance & Accounting Division coordinate information related to settlement of accounts. Then, this information is reported to the person responsible for information management. After receiving the above report, the person responsible for information management consults with the Representative Director and President and the person responsible for information disclosure to decide on the necessity, content, and methods of disclosure.

(3) Disclosure process

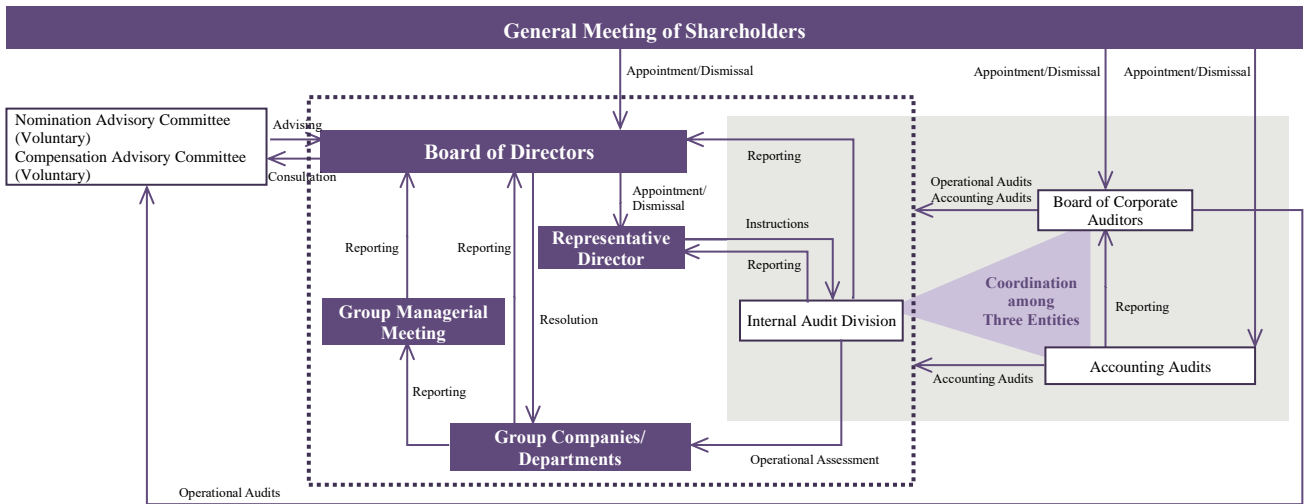
For information related to decisions and settlement of accounts included among Company information that requires timely disclosure, the section in charge of disclosure and the person responsible for disclosure will carry out timely disclosure after approval by the Board of Directors. Information related to occurrences may be disclosed swiftly without obtaining the approval of the Board of Directors, as an urgent measure.

Timely disclosure is conducted through the Timely Disclosure Network (TD-net) system provided by the Tokyo Stock Exchange and submittal of documents to the related press club, along with holding press conferences as necessary. In addition, information is posted swiftly to the Company website. For details, see the reference material "Overview of Structure for Timely Disclosure (Schematic)."

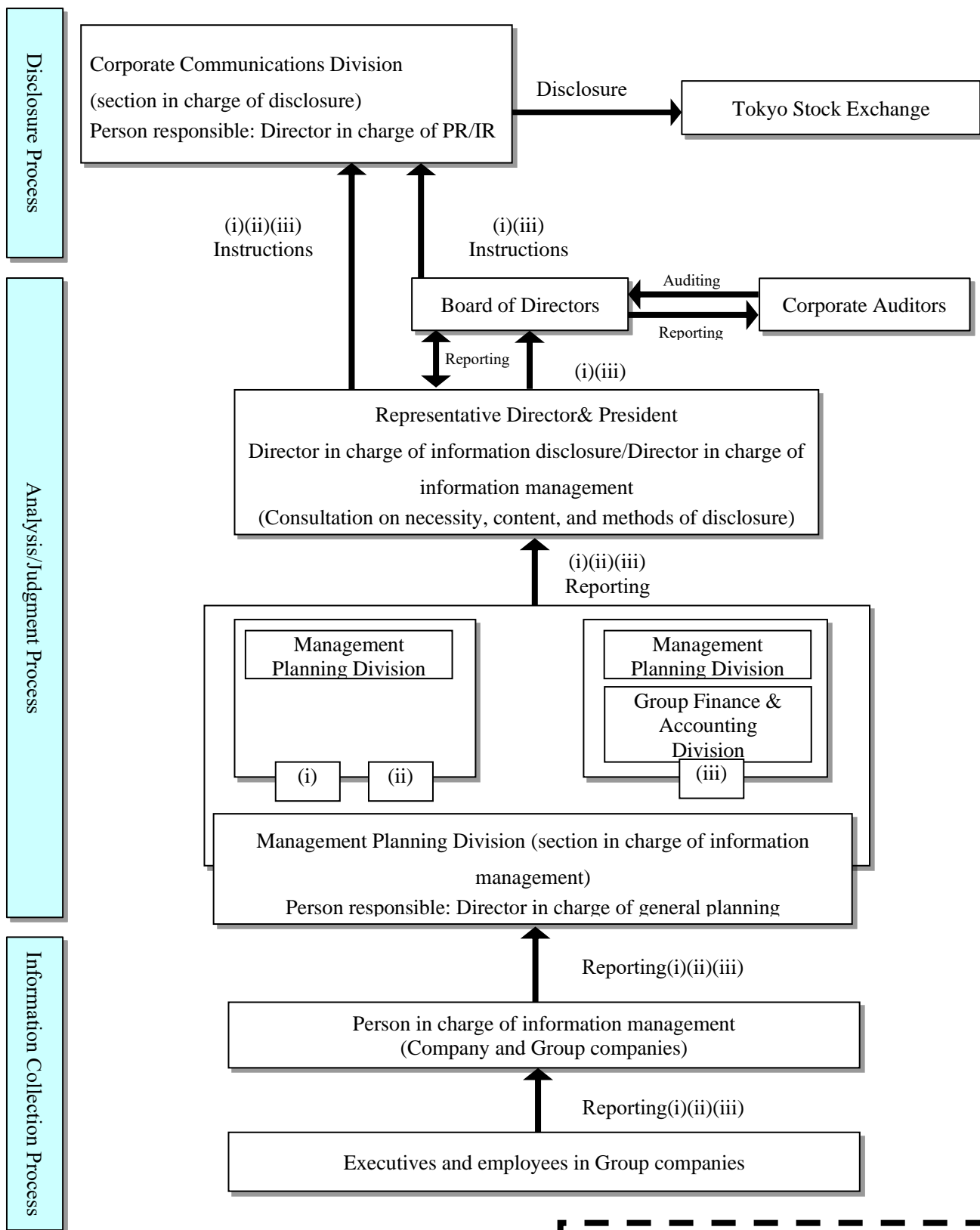
4. Establishment of the Basic Policy on Corporate Governance

Upon the enactment of the Corporate Governance Code, the Basic Policy on Corporate Governance was established and posted to the Company website. Its goal is to improve the Company's corporate governance further.

■ Corporate Governance Structure



Overview of Structure for Timely Disclosure (Schematic)



(i): Information concerning facts of decisions
(ii): Information concerning facts of occurrences
(iii): Information concerning settlement of accounts