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# **Corporate governance**

As a company listed on the Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market, 4C Strategies follows the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance, the regulations to be applied by companies whose shares are traded on a regulated market. The code ensures that companies are managed in a sustainable, responsible, and efficient way. In the Corporate Governance Statement 4C reports on issues as the Annual General Meeting, the work of the board, governance frameworks and remuneration.

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## **Corporate governance**

4C Group AB (publ) ("4C" or "Company") is a Swedish public limited company listed on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth Market since 24 May 2022 with registered office in Stockholm.

Corporate governance describes how rights and responsibilities are distributed in a company according to applicable laws, rules and internal processes. Corporate governance also defines the decisionmaking systems and structure through which shareholders directly or indirectly control a company and its operations. 4C's corporate governance is based on Swedish legislation, such as the Swedish Companies Act, the Accounting Act, the Annual Accounts Act and other applicable laws, ordinances, and internal regulations. 4C follows the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance, (the "Code") and Nasdaq Stockholm's Rulebook for Issuers.

This Corporate Governance Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable Swedish legislation and the Code. 4C Group's auditors have read this report and a statement from the auditor has been appended to it. No deviations from the Code or other regulations have taken place in 2022.

4C's governance model sets out the division of responsibilities within the group, with mandates and role descriptions designed to create a clear and transparent division of functions and areas of responsibility. The illustration on the right shows the formal corporate governance structure.

#### Annual general meeting 2022

The AGM for the 2021 fiscal year was held in Stockholm at Vattugatan 17 on 19 May 2022. The notice to the AGM was published on the company's website and in the Swedish Official Gazette. An announcement with information that the notice has been issued was published in the daily national paper Dagens Industri. Thirteen shareholders, accounting for 85 percent of the votes and 85 percent of the shares, were represented at the AGM.

#### The AGM passed, for example, resolutions on:

- Adopting the income statement and balance sheet as well as the group income statement and group balance sheet.
- To treat the result in accordance with the proposal of the Board of Directors in the annual report, meaning that the result is carried forward.
- Discharging the directors of the board and the CEO from liability in relation to the company.
- The remuneration to the Board of Directors and members of Committees.

#### **Corporate governance structure**



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- Re-election of the Board of Directors. Re-election of the registered auditing company Ernst & Young AB. Ernst & Young appointed Certified public accountant, Peter Gunnarsson, as responsible auditor.
- Adopting amended Articles of Association. The amendments of the Articles of Association included, among other changes, a new limit for the number of shares, that outstanding shares in the company shall be ordinary shares that carry one vote each at General Meetings and the introduction of a CSD clause and the removal of the pre-emptive clause.
- Splitting the shares in the company (1:20) whereby one existing share is divided into twenty new shares.
- Adopting guidelines for remuneration to senior executives and the instruction for the Nomination Committe.

#### **Shares and shareholders**

The shares in the Company were on 24 May 2022 listed on Nasdaq First North Premier Growth. At year-end 2022, the Company had a market capitalization of 1278 MSEK, distributed between 33 919 142 shares per the last day of trade 2022. 4C's share register is maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB. Each share corresponds to one vote at the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and gives equal rights to shares in the Company's assets and earnings. As of December 31, the largest single shareholder was Hedskog Equity AB, whose holding was 11.5% of the shares. The four largest shareholders accounted for 37.7% of the shares and votes in the Company.

#### **General meetings**

The highest decision-making body of the Company is the General Meeting where the shareholders exercises their influence.

According to the company's Articles of Association, the notice of the General Meetings shall be made by announcement in the Official Swedish Gazette and by posting the notice on the Company's website. Notification that the invitation has been issued is announced in the daily national paper Dagens Industri.

Notice of the General Meetings shall be issued no earlier than six weeks and no later than four weeks before the meeting if it is an AGM or if amendments of the articles of association will be raised. Notice of any other General Meeting shall be given no earlier than six weeks and no later than two weeks before the meeting. The AGM is held within six months of the end of the financial year and takes place in Stockholm.

The main shareholders in the company by year-end 2022 were:

Name	Number of shares	Votes	Capital
Hedskog Equity AB	3,892,378,	11.5%	11.5%
Priveq Investment AB	3,640,655	10.7%	10.7%
Klas Lindström	2,954,589	8.7%	8.7%
Mikael Edqvist	2,305,898	6.8%	6.8%
Total	12,793,520	37.7	37.7

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the CEO.

The AGM's resolutions include, among other things:

remuneration for board members, including for

- Election of the auditor.
- Adoption of the income statement and balance sheet.
- Disposition of the bank's profit or loss.

• Election of the Board of Directors and

• Remuneration guidelines for the CEO and certain other senior executives.

All shareholders who are registered in the share register and who have notified their participation in time have the right to attend and vote. The Board of Directors may collect proxies at the company's expense in compliance with the procedure set out in the Swedish Companies Act.

The Board of Directors may resolve, ahead of a General Meeting of the shareholders, that the shareholders shall be entitled to exercise their voting rights by post prior to the meeting.

A shareholder that wishes to have a certain matter discussed on the General Meeting shall request this in writing to the Board of Directors. The matters shall be discussed at the General Meeting if the request has been received by the Board of Directors at least seven weekdays prior to the time when the convening notice may be submitted at the earliest, or thereafter if within time to include the matter in the convening notice to the General Meeting.

The Articles of Association do not contain restrictions on the number of votes for each shareholder at a General Meeting. Members of the Board of Directors are appointed and dismissed in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act and the articles of association does not contain special rules for this. Amendments to the Articles of Association are decided in the manner that follows from the Swedish Companies Act and the Articles of Association contain no special rules for this.

#### Extra general meeting 2022

An Extra General Meeting was held on 11 February 2022. The General Meeting resolved the number of directors of the board and remuneration to the Board of Directors and members of committees. The General Meeting resolved to re-elect the Board Members Andreas Hedskog, Mats Hjerpe and David Lidbetter. Louise Bagewitz, Lena Ridström and Christine Rankin were elected as new board members.

An Extra General Meeting was held Per Capsulam on 25 February 2022. The General Meeting adopted amendments to the articles of association, for example, to change company category to public limited liability company, change limits for share capital and number of shares and resolved to increase the company's share capital by way of a bonus issue.

An Extra General Meeting was held on 13 May 2022. The General Meeting resolved to authorize the Board of Directors to issue shares in connection with an IPO. It was further resolved to establish an incentive programme for senior executives and employees through an issue of warrants. More information regarding 4C's warrant program can be found in the minutes from the Annual General Meeting, which can be found on 4C's website.

#### Annual general meeting 2023

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, 1 June 2023 at Vasagatan 16, Stockholm.

#### Nomination committee

The Swedish Corporate Governance Code requires 4C to have a Nomination Committee. According to the current principles for the appointment of the Nomination Committee adopted by the AGM on 19 April 2022, the Nomination Committee shall consist of three shareholder representatives represented by the largest shareholders or shareholder groups in the company according to the share register from Euroclear Sweden AB as of 30 September each year. In addition to these three members, the Chairman of the Board may be an adjunct member of the Nomination Committee. In accordance with the Code, a member of the Nomination Committee shall carefully consider whether a conflict of interest or other circumstances exist that make it inappropriate to participate in the Nomination Committee before accepting the assignment. The Nomination Committee shall apply the Code.

The members of the Nomination Committee shall be published on 4C's website no later than six months before the AGM. If any of the three largest shareholders or shareholder groups refrains from appointing a shareholder representative or if a shareholder representative resigns before the mandate has been fulfilled without the shareholder or shareholder group that appointed the Nomination Committee member appointing a new representative, the Chair of the Board shall invite the next largest shareholder or shareholder group (i.e. the fourth largest shareholder or shareholder group) to appoint a shareholder representative within one week. This process will continue until the Nomination Committee is composed of three shareholder representatives. In the event of a change in the ownership of the company affecting the composition of the three largest shareholders or groups of shareholders, the shareholder or group of shareholders that does not have an owner representative on the Nomination Committee may contact the Chair of the Nomination Committee with a request to appoint a member. The Chair of the Nomination Committee shall then inform the other members of the request. If the change of ownership is not insignificant, a member appointed by a shareholder or group of shareholders no longer belonging to the three largest shall make his/her seat available and the new shareholder or group of shareholders shall be allowed to appoint a member.

The majority of the members of the Nomination Committee shall be independent of the company and its management. In addition, at least one of the members of the nomination Committee shall be independent of the largest shareholder or group of shareholders in the company with voting rights who cooperate in the management of the company. Members of the Board of Directors may be members of the Nomination Committee, but shall not constitute a majority of the members of the Nomination Committee. If more than one director is on the Nomination Committee, no more than one of them may be dependent in relation to the company's major shareholders. The Chair of the Board or any other member of the Board of Directors shall not be the Chair of the Nomination Committee. The Chief Executive Officer or any other member of senior management shall not be a member of the Nomination Committee.

No fees shall be paid to the members of the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee shall be entitled to charge the company with costs such as recruitment consultants or other costs necessary for the Nomination Committee to fulfil its mandate.

The Nomination Committee is to draft proposals on the following issues for resolution by the 2023 AGM:

- the chair of the AGM,
- the election of Chair of the Board,
- other members of the Board of Directors of the company,
- the remuneration of the Board of Directors divided between the Chair and the other members and the principles for possible remuneration for committee work,
- the election and remuneration of the auditor
- decision on the principles for the appointment of a new Nomination Committee.

The Nomination Committee for the 2023 AGM is composed by the following members:

- Erik Syrén (appointed by Hedskog Equity AB). Chair of the Nomination Committee.
- Bengt Axelsson (appointed by Klas Lindström),
- Erik Ivarsson (appointed by Aktiebolag Grenspecialisten), and
- Adjunct member Andreas Hedskog Chairman of the Board for 4C Group AB.

Shareholders who have proposals relating to the work of the Nomination Committee should submit these to email address NominationCommittee@4cstrategies.com.

#### **Board of directors and CEO**

The Board of Directors is the highest decisionmaking body after the General Meeting, and the highest executive body. In accordance with the established Rules of Procedure, the Board of Directors is responsible for the overall organization and management. The Rules of Procedure include regulations of the distribution of work and responsibilities between the board members and the CEO, as well as between the Board of Directors and the various committees of the board. The Board of Directors determine the company's strategy and targets, the operational frameworks and the business plan and appoints, dismisses and evaluates the CEO. The Board of Directors shall further regularly evaluate the company's financial situation and ensure that the company has appropriate routines for control and reporting and that laws and regulations are followed. The Board of Directors is also ultimately responsible for ensuring that 4C has an appropriate organization and corporate governance which includes adopting policies and instructions for operating activities within the company.

Operating activities are managed by the CEO. According to the Instruction for Financial Reporting, the CEO is responsible for the financial reporting and shall ensure that the Board of Directors receive information sufficient to evaluate the financial situation of the company. The CEO shall regularly provide the Board of Directors with information on events that are significant to the company's progress, results, financial position, liquidity or other information of such significance that the Board of Directors should be informed of. Magnus Bergqvist was re-elected as CEO by the Board of Directors at the Statutory Board Meeting held 19 April 2022.

#### Work of the Board of Directors in 2022

The main focus of the Board of Directors in 2022 has been the IPO process. The board meetings also covered Group Management's reporting of business conditions, operations, organizational resources,

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results and financial position. Senior executives have participated in board meetings as required. A board meeting with focus on strategy was held in June. During the autumn were board meetings held to consider the budget and business plan for the following year. At the scheduled meetings, the Board of Directors discussed the agenda in accordance with the Rules of Procedure and the relevant documentation regarding the matters to be addressed was sent to all members prior to the board meetings.

According to the Rules of Procedure for the Board of Directors, a statutory board meeting shall be held immediately after the AGM and after an Extra General Meeting if required. Besides the Statutory board meeting shall at least 5 board meetings be held during the fiscal year. The company held 22 board meeting during 2022.

#### **Remuneration committee**

The Remuneration Committee operates under instructions adopted by the Board of Directors and evaluates and consults on matters relating to remuneration policies and remuneration and other terms of employment of senior management. Further, the Remuneration Committee shall ensure that remuneration is commensurate with prevailing market conditions and that the company's offering to its employees is competitive. The CEO's remuneration is approved by the Board of Directors. Remuneration of other senior executives is decided by the CEO after consulting with the Remuneration Committee.

The Remuneration Committee shall consist of at least two members and forms quorum if a majority of the members is present. The chairman has a casting vote if the vote is tied. In 2022, the Remuneration Committee's members were the Directors Mats Hjerpe (Chair of the Committee), David Lidbetter, and Lena Ridström. During the fiscal year 2022, the Remuneration Committee met on 2 occasions.

#### **Audit committee**

The Audit Committee operates under instructions adopted by the Board of Directors and exercises oversight over the Group's financial accounting and reporting, as well as audits carried out. This includes tasks such as ensuring the quality of the Group's financial reporting through reviewing interim reports, annual and sustainability reports, evaluating the work of the auditors, and reviewing and assessing the Group's internal control work. The Committee is responsible for ensuring that the Group complies with applicable laws and regulations, and monitoring legal and tax issues.

The Audit Committee shall consist of at least two members, which shall not be employees of the company. The majority of the members shall also be independent of the company and its

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management. At least one member must also be independent of the company's major shareholders and have accounting or auditing proficiency. The Audit Committee forms quorum if a majority of the members is present. The chairman has a casting vote if the vote is tied.

During 2022, the Audit Committee's members were the Directors Christine Rankin (Chair of the Audit Committee) and Louise Bagewitz. During the fiscal year 2022, the Remuneration Committee met on four (4) occasions during the year and has, among other things, dealt with internal governance and control, the auditor's audit and reporting and internal financial reporting.

#### Auditor

Ernst & Young Aktiebolag is 4C's auditor with Peter Gunnarsson as responsible auditor. Peter Gunnarsson was elected the company's auditor on an Extra General Meeting 28 September 2021 and was re-elected on the annual general meeting 19 April 2022. Peter Gunnarsson is an authorised public accountant and member of FAR (Institute of the Accountancy Profession in Sweden).

Ernst & Young Aktiebolag's address is Box 7850, 103 99 Stockholm, Sweden.

Fees are paid to the auditors on the basis of current agreements and for extra contributions according to invoice. Further information about remuneration to the auditor, see Note G2 in the Annual Report 2022.

#### Internal controls and risk management

4C strives to create long-term value for shareholders and other stakeholders. This involves ensuring an effective organizational structure, systems for internal control and risk management, as well as transparent internal and external reporting. The description of our risk management below is based on the COSO framework, which is a system used to establish internal controls to be integrated into business processes. These controls provide reasonable assurance that the organization is operating ethically, transparently and in accordance with established industry standards.

Position	Elected	Independent <sup>1)</sup>	Board meetings	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Board compensation	Committee compensation
Chairman of the Board	2011	No/No	22/22			350,000	
Member	2016	Yes/No	22/22		2/2	175,000	25,000
Member	2012	Yes/Yes	22/22		2/2	175,000	15,000
Member	2022	Yes/Yes	21/21		2/2	175,000	15,000
Member	2022	Yes/Yes	21/21	4/4		175,000	25,000
Member	2022	Yes/Yes	21/21	4/4		175,000	15,000
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Refers to independence in relation to the company and its management or independence in relation to major shareholders in the company.
Newly elected in connection with the Extraordinary General Meeting February 11, 2022.

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The Board of Directors is responsible for the internal control as regulated in the Swedish Companies Act and the code. The Board of Directors has adopted e.g. Code of Conduct, Insider policy, Information Policy and other policy documents comprising instructions and procedures for operations that must be monitored regularly and reported.

The Executive Management team's work is based on the Board's established routines and procedures, as well as instructions for the CEO and reporting instructions. The Executive Management team and their function's staff lead the day-to-day operations primarily through policy instruments such as budgets, performance management, regular reporting and monitoring. To achieve efficient operations, 4C has a delegated the decision-making structure within operational entities and functional hierarchies with the CEO as the highest decision making authority.

The control environment for financial reporting is based on a division of roles and responsibilities in the organization, with accounting and reporting guidelines to support the process.

Financial information in financial reports is compared with related plans and variances are analysed. 4C's external reporting such as quarterly reports, the annual report and other financial reports are based on the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and are always processed by the Board of Directors before they are published.

#### **Control environment**

In order to maintain and develop a well-functioning control environment and complying with applicable laws and regulations, the Board of Directors has resolved a number of fundamental documents for risk management and financial reporting. These includes the Board of Directors' Rules of Procedure, instructions for the CEO, authorization regarding the organization of operations as well as internal policy documents. It is mandatory for all group employees to read specific policies both at the start of the employment and annually. 4C regularly conduct education and training on the adopted policies to ensure that the employees understand the content of relevant policies, routine descriptions and instructions. The Board of Directors is responsible for internal control of financial reporting which has been delegated to the CEO and CFO through reporting guidelines which aims to provide reasonable assurance of the reliability of external and internal financial reporting. Finally, all 4C's policies are subject to the Board of Directors annual review at the statutory meeting.

#### Risk assessment

Risk assessments is the process of analysing and evaluating the company's main risks and creating proper internal controls, risk responses and mitigation plans.

The work with risk assessment in a broad perspective is a fundamental part of the Board and the executive management's mission. This includes, for example, assessing, monitoring and mitigating financial risks, operational risks, and key business risks. Within 4C, risks assessments in all relevant areas of the company are regularly reported to the Board.

#### **Control activities**

Control activities are designed to minimize the risks identified in the risk assessment. A various of control activities are carried out in the organization and comprise of a mix of preventive and detective controls including: approvals of authorized individuals at different levels in the organization, applying the arm's length principle, two-party approval for payments, clear attestation and clear decision-making procedures. These control activities, among others, are applicable for all entities within 4C Group, and monitored at group level.

The Audit Committee is engaged in the discussions regarding the financial reporting and it's risk assessment, internal governance and control activities.

#### Information and communication

An important part of internal control work is to ensure effective dissemination of relevant information to internal and relevant external stakeholders. 4C's routines and systems for providing information aim to provide the market with relevant, reliable, accurate and up-to-date information about the group's development and financial position.

The company CEO and CFO has jointly, on behalf of the Board of Directors, been given the overall responsibility for handling matters relating to insider information and IR communication. The Board of Directors has appointed 4C's CFO as responsible for the management of the insider list.

Internal communication takes place, for example, through 4C's intranet, on group monthly meetings, weekly meetings in the specific legal entities or in the respective group function. Other formal internal communication, such as 4C's policy framework, guidelines and instructions, are communicated and accessible on the intranet.

#### Monitoring

The Board of Directors has access to monthly reports on the group's revenues, results and financial position involving all parts of operational functions. At least one interim report and the annual report are audited by 4C's auditors.

The executive management meets frequently and monitors business development, financial performance and position, and significant events. The finance department and management analyse the financial figures, including follow up against planned targets, on a monthly basis level of detail. The Audit Committee monitors 4C's financial reporting and the efficiency of the company's internal control and risk management regarding financial reporting.

## Remuneration of the board of directors and senior executives

It was resolved at the AGM 2022 to adopt the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives. The guidelines apply to the CEO and other senior executives in the group as well as to any remuneration to the Board of Directors, other than approved director fees. The guidelines do not apply to any remunerations that has specifically been approved by the General Meetings or any remuneration in the form of shares, warrants, convertibles or other share-related instruments such as synthetic options or employ stock options, which require specific approval by the General Meeting.

It was decided at the AGM 2022, that the fee to the Chairman of the Board should amount to SEK 350,000 and SEK 175,000 to each non-employed board member. It was also decided that special fees for Committee work shall be paid, with SEK 15,000 to a member of a Committee and SEK 25,000 to the Chairman of a Committee.

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Further information about remuneration to the CEO and executive management, see Note G5 in the Annual Report 2022.

#### **Articles of association**

The Articles of Association stipulate, among other things, the company's operations, election and the number of Directors and auditors, changes to the articles of association, procedure for convening shareholders' meetings, matters for consideration at the AGM as well as share capital and number of shares. The Articles of Association are available at the company website: www.4cstrategies.com.

## Employees, personnel costs and remuneration to senior executives

Guidelines for remuneration to senior executives In order to meet 4C's business strategy and to the safeguard the company's long-term interests, 4C needs to recruit and retain skilled and qualified employees. The guidelines shall also stimulate an increased interest in the business and the result as a whole as well as increase the motivation of the senior executives and increase the belonging within the company. This requires that the company can offer market-based and competitive remuneration in each market where the company operates. Individual remuneration levels are based on experience, competence, responsibility, and performance. In accordance with the company's guidelines for remuneration to the CEO and group executives, remuneration must be market-based and consist of the following components: fixed cash salary, possible variable cash salary and other benefits and pension payments in accordance with the Company's policy, as applicable. The total cash remuneration, including pension benefits, shall, on a yearly basis, be in line with market practice and competitive on the labour

market where the senior executive is based and consider the individual responsibilities, competences, qualifications and experiences of the senior executive as well as reflecting any notable achievements. Fixed and variable cash salary shall be related to the senior executives' responsibility and authority. The fixed cash salary shall be revised on a yearly basis.

#### Fixed salary

The fixed salary will be based on the individual senior executive's area of responsibility, authority, competence, experience, and performance.

#### Variable remuneration

The senior executives may receive variable cash remuneration in addition to fixed cash salaries. The variable remuneration shall be based on the outcome of actual predetermined targets based on the 4C's business strategy and the long-term business plan approved by the Board of Directors. The targets may include share based or financial targets, on group level, operational goals and goals for sustainability and social responsibility, employee engagement or customer satisfaction. These targets are to be established and documented annually. The variable cash remuneration shall also be designed with the aim of achieving alignment between the participating senior executive and the company's shareholders in order to contribute to the company's long-term interest. Financial criteria may be based, for example, on the 4C Group's operating result (EBIT). Fulfilment of criteria for the payment of variable remuneration will be measurable, whereupon the outcome of financial criteria will be based on published reports, such as interim reports or annual reports.

#### Pension and insurance

Pension premiums shall amount to a maximum of 25 percent of the pensionable salary. Pension

benefits shall be premium-defined. Normally, entitlement to pension is at the age of 65. Variable cash remuneration will not qualify for any pension entitlements/contributions. If the company is bound by a collective bargaining agreement, deviations from what is stated herein may occur to meet requirements in any such applicable collective bargaining agreement.

#### Other benefits

4C may provide other benefits to senior executives in accordance with the company's policies. Such other benefits may include company healthcare and education.

### Agreement on severance pay to senior executives

Upon termination of employment, the period of notice may not exceed 12 months. Fixed cash salary during the period of notice and severance pay may not exceed one years' fixed cash salary. In the event of termination of employment by the executive, the period of notice may not exceed six months without entitlement to severance pay.

### The decision-making process for establishing, reviewing, and implementation of the guidelines

The Board of Directors has established a Remuneration Committee. The duties of the Committee include preparing the Board of Directors' decisions on proposed guidelines for remuneration for executive management. The remuneration Committee will also monitor and evaluate programs for variable remuneration for senior management, the application of guidelines for remuneration to senior executives, and applicable remuneration structures and levels in the company. The members of the remuneration Committee are independent in relation to the company management. The CEO and other members of the executive management absent themselves during the course of the Board of Directors consideration of and decisions on remuneration-related matters, where they are affected by such issues. STRATEGY

## Board of Directors



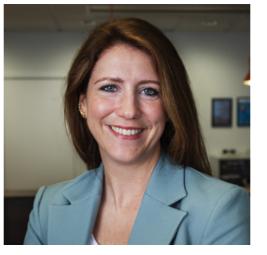
#### Andreas Hedskog (born 1974) Chair of the Board since 2011

Education: MA from the University of Cambridge and OPM from Harvard Business School. Reserve Officer Mj, Swedish Defence University. Background: Andreas Hedskog is the founder of 4C Strategies and was the CEO of the company for eleven years, before becoming chair of the board in 2011.

**Current assignment:** Chair of the board of Hedskog Equity AB. Board Member of HAEVE AB, Newbury Pharmaceuticals AB, Säkerhets- och försvarsföretagen, SnigelDesign AB and Stiftelsen Scur. Deputy director of Bold Communication Sweden AB.

Previous positions (last five years): Southside Padel AB.

Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 3,892,378



Louise Bagewitz (born 1981) Board member since 2022

Education: Master in Business Administration & Management from Stockholm School of Economics and Certificate of Management Excellence from Harvard Business School in Boston. Background: Louise has a long experience of working in the intersection between business and tech, and has held positions as CIO, COO and CEO. Louise Bagewitz was previously CEO of Fortnox Finance AB, part of the Fortnox Group. Prior to that, Louise was acting CEO and President of IST Group, an educational tech company, and IT Director at Nobia.

**Current positions:** Group CEO of Crowd Collective, an IT consulting business within the Akind Group. CEO in Crowd Collective Group AB and Crowd Collective Holding AB. Member of the board at Norwegian fintech Kravia Group AS. **Previous positions (last five years):** CEO Fortnox Finance AB and CEO of IST Group AB. Chairman of the board of IST Sverige AB, Sigfridshäll i Växjö AB and Lärandets Hus AB. Member of the board of JaRocka Roll Studios AB, Schoolido AB, Capcito Finance AB, Capcito Lending 2 AB and Capcito

Systems AB.

Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 0



#### David Lidbetter (born 1963) Board member since 2012

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**Education:** Senior Leadership and Board Director programmes at Henley Business School and London Business School.

Background: David Lidbetter has a 25-year Executive career holding senior leadership roles within the Support Services sector. He previously worked for G4S in Regional CEO and Global Divisional roles building a wealth of knowledge and expertise within Security, Logistics, Risk Management and Outsourcing. He was Chairman, and Director, on numerous JV and subsidiary Boards across EMEA. Since leaving executive duties he has operated as a NED, consultant and industry expert advising many of Europe's leading Private Equity funds and PE led businesses. Current positions: Owner and director of Ilumina

Ltd.

Previous positions (last five years): -Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 14,000

#### Lena Ridström (born 1965) Board member since 2022

**Education:** Master in Business Administration from Linköping University.

**Background:** Lena Ridström has 30 years of experience from the software and IT industry (mainly ERP and SCM solutions) with positions as Sales Management, General Management, CEO and board assignments.

Current positions: Lena is CEO of Columbus Sweden AB, an IT consulting company in the development, implementation and maintenance of digital business solutions with 500 employees in Sweden, 1,600 globally. Current board assignments are Oriola Oyj, IMI group and 4C Strategies. **Previous positions (last five years):** : Lena has had employments in IFS as sales director, founder and CEO of Axido, CEO of UnitedLog and Primelog, the latter sold to Pagero 2017. Lena has also had board assignments in Capacent (listed 2015), SealFX and Good Solutions.

Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 2,201

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#### Mats Hjerpe (born 1974) Board member since 2016

Education: Master's degree in Business and Economics from Stockholm University. **Background:** Mats Hierpe is a Partner and Investment Manager at Priveg Investment and holds a number of Board positions in Priveq's portfolio companies. Mats joined Priveg in 2003 and prior to that was at Aragon Fondkommission. Current positions: Director of Caybon Holding AB, Caybon LP AB, Caybon International AB, QleanAir AB, QleanAir Scandinavia AB, Priveq Holding V AB, Trustscale AB, Smoke Free Systems Finance AB, Aquilonis AB and Aquilonis Invest AB. Deputy director of Priveg Advisory AB, Priveg Investment V(A) AB and Priveq Investment V(B) AB. Previous positions (last five years): Director of CSAM Health AS, CSAM Group AS, Hedskog Equity AB and YPO Service AB. Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 0



Christine Rankin (born 1964) Board member since 2022

Education: Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Economics from Stockholm University.

Background: Christine Rankin was formerly a Chartered Accountant and Partner at PwC where she worked from 1988-2014, mainly with listed companies. Christine Rankin has also held several senior positions at Spotify AB and Cherry AB (CFO). Current positions: Director and Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee and Member of the Remuneration Committee of Coinshares International Ltd. Director and member of the Audit Committee and Remuneration committee of Orexo AB (publ). Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of Bonesupport AB (publ). Previous positions (last five years): Head of Corporate Control at Veoneer Inc. Chair of the Board of Zeunity AB. Director of Adventure Box Technology AB (publ). CFO of Cherry AB (publ). Director and Chair of the Audit Committee of Technopolis plc. Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 850

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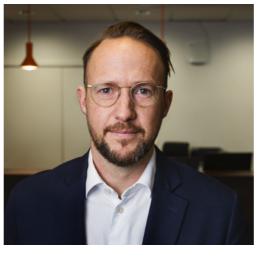
## Executive management



#### Magnus Bergqvist (born 1970) CEO since 2011

Education: Studies in economics at the Stockholm School of Economics and Uppsala University. Background: Magnus Bergqvist has been working in IT management and software consulting since the 90's and has been 4C's CEO since 2011. Prior to joining the Company, Magnus was Vice President at SAP Nordic & Baltics. Current positions: -Previous positions (last five years): -

Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 581,460



Anders Nordgren (born 1981) CFO since 2019

Education: Master's degree in Business and Economics from Uppsala University. Background: Anders Nordgren started his career as an auditor at PwC, after which he held various positions within the finance function at Tradedoubler. Anders joined the Company as CFO in 2019 and was previously CFO at iStone AB. Current positions: – Previous positions (last five years): Executive position (CFO) at iStone AB.

Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 21,000



#### Klas Lindström (born 1975) Deputy CEO since 2006

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Education: Bachelor's degree in political science from Uppsala University. Courses in Business Administration at the Stockholm School of Economics. Completed the Owners/Presidents/ Managers course at Harvard Business School. Intelligence officer in the reserve. **Background:** Klas has held a number of parallel positions within the 4C Group since its start, member of the Board of Directors, Chief Sales Officer, Managing Director for the Nordic company. Klas has more than 20 years of experience in risk and crisis management internationally and in Sweden. He has broad expertise in strategic development and planning for the management of defence forces and societal critical functions. In addition to his line role within the Company, Klas has assisted authorities and companies with operational crisis management in connection with terrorist attacks, weather disruptions, cyberattacks, disease outbreaks, etc. Current positions: Director of Lagga invest AB,

Sapere Aude Handelsbolag and La Pluie de rose AB. Deputy director of Mikael Edqvist AB. **Previous positions (last five years):** Director of OBSIT Communication AB. **Holdings/shareholdings in 4C:** 2,954,589



#### Martin Rusner (born 1985) Chief Product Officer since 2021

Education: Bachelor's degree in political science and crisis management and master's degree in political science and security policy. Military training and education in areas such as tactics, leadership, strategy, defence technology, etc. **Background:** Martin has been employed within the 4C Group since 2013 and assumed his current position as Chief Product Officer in 2021 after various management positions within sales, software implementation and consultancy in the Group. Martin has extensive experience of the military sector and is still active as a reserve officer. Current positions: Deputy board member of Austria Travel Sweden AB and reserve officer in the Swedish Armed Forces. Previous positions (last five years): Board Member of the Reserve Officers' Society in Svealand. Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 24,687

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Mikael Grape (born 1982) Managing Director Nordics since 2019

Education: Master's degree in political science from Uppsala University.

Background: Mikael has worked at the 4C Group in various positions since 2011. Previous positions have included Senior Consultant and Head of Business Development. He was appointed as Managing Director for the Nordic segment in 2019, with responsibility for operations in the Nordic region. He also has experience as an analyst in the Swedish Armed Forces, including assignments to the defence attaché offices in Belgrade and Saraievo.

Current positions: Director of Hässlingby Gård AB. Deputy director of Catharina Bildt AB. Previous positions (last five years): -Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 49,580



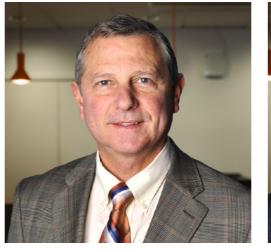
#### Jonas Jonsson (born 1985) Managing Director International since 2017

Education: Master of Law studies from Lund University and Reserve Officer in the Navy, Swedish Armed Forces.

Background: Jonas has worked in the 4C Group in various positions since 2013. Previous positions have included Head of Legal, Senior Consultant and Director of Sales. He has extensive experience in software implementation from customers around the world, and has worked on most of the Group's strategic software deals as a commercial and legal advisor. He was appointed as Managing Director for the International segment in 2017, responsible for the Groups international expansion, and in 2019 also became fully responsible for the operations in the UK.

Current positions: -

Previous positions (last five years): : -Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 56,850



Michael Coss (born 1959) Managing Director North America since 2016

Education: Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and Master of Social Science (MSSc) from Syracuse University. Background: Michael is responsible for the Group's operations and growth in the North American market. He was previously involved in General Dynamics' expansion into military simulation and training. He is an infantry officer with extensive experience in special operations, light infantry and armed forces in global security positions, including service with the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff. Current positions: -Previous positions (last five years): -Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 42,000



#### Mikael Edqvist (born 1978) Senior VP North America since 2016

Education: Master in Mechanical Engineering Studies, courses in logistics at Lund University and Energy security studies at Uppsala University. Background: Mikael has extensive experience in the development of software and training systems for defence forces. Mikael Edgvist has more than 20 vears of experience in selling software and solutions internationally and has led the Company's ventures in the UK and US and worked extensively with the Company's international customers since the Company's formation. Current positions: Board member for Mikael Edavist AB.

Previous positions (last five years): -Holdings/shareholdings in 4C: 2,305,898



Maria Larsson (born 1976) Chief Human Resources Officer since 2020

Education: Sociology with orientation towards work, Organization and Human Resource Management, at Uppsala University. Background: Maria has 18 years of experience working in HR and management roles and has previously been HR Director at Visma and HR manager at Sirius IT. In her previous positions, Maria has also had business area responsibility at Visma Consulting, among others. Current positions: -Previous positions (last five years): Senior Manager HR Nordics at Dassault Systèmes AB. Aktieinnhav i 4C: 1.900

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# Auditor's report on the corporate governance statement

To the general meeting of the shareholders of 4C Group AB (Publ), corporate identity number 556706–0412

#### **Engagement and responsibility**

It is the Board of Directors who is responsible for the corporate governance statement for the year 2022 on pages 79–89 and that it has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

#### The scope of the audit

Our examination has been conducted in accordance with FAR's standard RevR 16 The auditor's examination of the corporate governance statement. This means that our examination of the corporate governance statement is different and substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. We believe that the examination has provided us with sufficient basis for our opinions.

#### Opinions

A corporate governance statement has been prepared. Disclosures in accordance with chapter 6 section 6 the second paragraph points 2–6 the Annual Accounts Act and chapter 7 section 31 the second paragraph the same law are consistent with the annual accounts and the consolidated accounts and are in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act

Malmö, 2 May 2023

Ernst & Young AB

Peter Gunnarsson Authorized Public Accountant