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**Corporate Governance Report 2023 Cyber Security 1 AB** 

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# **1. OVERVIEW OF CYBER1'S CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN 2023**

# 1.1. Introduction

Cyber Security 1 AB (556135-4811) ("CYBER1") is a Swedish public limited liability company listed in Stockholm (NASDAQ First North market). It is a holding company that directly or indirectly owns the operating subsidiaries constituting the CYBER1 Group ("CYBER1 Group"). Mangold Fondkommission AB was the Nasdaq First North certified advisor to CYBER1 in 2023.

The CYBER1 Group finds corporate governance a stabilizing force facilitating the commercial objectives to bloom. Sound corporate governance enhances transparency creating trust and reliability, which are core values of CYBER1. We further believe that solid corporate governance unites all stakeholders providing synergies to achieve and exceed the set goals. Because of this, we are committed to continuously developing and improving internal processes.

This Corporate Governance & Compliance Report ("the Report") covers 1 January 2023 - 31 December 2023. This Report complies with the Annual Accounts Act (1995:1554), Swedish Corporate Governance Code and other applicable regulations. It provides overall transparency in the CYBER1 Group's corporate governance and compliance, including the company's management. The Report has been reviewed by and includes a statement from CYBER1's auditors.

# 1.2. Summary of 2023: the Corporate Governance perspective

The Board of Directors continued their corporate governance and internal control projects, with preparation work conducted to establish the Internal Audit function and new subcommittees, which had its first full year of operations. The aim of these initiatives is to provide targeted input and guidance from the Directors. The work of the Audit & Governance Subcommittee and the Internal Audit will be the primary focus of the Corporate Governance Report. CYBER1's largest subsidiary (CYBER1 Solutions SA) received its B-BBEE (Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment) Level 1 status.

| 2023/2024  | Main Calendar Events  |  |  |  |
|------------|---|--|--|--|
| 2023-5-23  | 2023-5-23 Publication of the Q1 Interim Report                  |  |  |  |
| 2023-5-26  | 2023-5-26 Annual General Meeting                                |  |  |  |
| 2023-8-10  | 2023-8-10 Publication of the H1 Interim Report                  |  |  |  |
| 2023-11-13 | CYBER1 subsidiary in South Africa achieves B-BBEE Level 1 award |  |  |  |
| 2023-11-15 | Publication of Q3 Report  |  |  |  |

### **1.3.Regulatory Grounds**

2022/2024 Main Calandar Evente

CYBER1's regulatory environment consists of external and internal norms. Consequently, CYBER1 complies with multiple external and internal regulations, including the applicable rules on corporate governance.

### **External Rules**

Examples of the key external regulations include Swedish law, applicable EU law, NASDAQ Rules, including the Nasdaq Stockholm's Rule Book for Issuers, the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, The Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority's supplementary regulations, Swedish Financial Reporting Board's guidelines and suggestions, Swedish Corporate Governance Board's guidelines and suggestions.

#### **Internal Rules**

CYBER1 has adopted and continuously developed its internal rules to ensure sound compliance with the external regulations and promote commercial capabilities. The internal regulations include, among other things, Articles of Association and CYBER1's internal Policies and Guidelines. As an example of external regulation turning into an internal rule ensuring compliance, CYBER1 Board created and adopted Board Workflow -rules to set the frame for the Board working process to comply with one of the corporate governance requirements specified in the Swedish Companies Act. The internal rules contain the instructions regarding the division of work between the Board and the CEO. Rules further describe the reporting lines and obligations and have established instructions for the financial reporting. The Board reviews the Board Workflow rules when it deems necessary but not less frequently than annually.

**1.4. Compliance with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code** 

CYBER1 complies with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, which has the comply or explain -approach to the rules. The table below elaborates on how CYBER1 applies the rules and where the application differentiates from the Code requiring explanation.

| Rule   | Comply   | If non-compliance, reason, and explanation of the adopted solutions  |
|--|--|--|
| 1 The shareholders'<br>meeting   | CYBER1 <b>Complies</b> with <b>exception</b> listed on the right-side column.                            | Exception regarding the Nomination<br>Committee (Rule 1.3).<br>For more, see below (Rule 2)  |
| 2 The nomination<br>committee  | <b>Noncompliance</b> as the Nomination Committee<br>was not appointed in 2023 by the General<br>Meeting. | CYBER1 did not have a Nomination<br>Committee in 2023. CYBER1 adopted a<br>solution in accordance with the good market<br>practice, where the largest shareholder acts<br>as the nominator. For more, see section 2.4. |
| 3 The tasks of the board of directors  | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 4 The size and composition of the board                                      | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 5 The tasks of directors   | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 6 The chair of the board   | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 7 Board procedures   | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 8 Board Subcommittees  | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 9 Evaluation of the board of<br>directors and the chief<br>executive officer | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |
| 10 Remuneration of the<br>board and executive<br>management1                 | CYBER1 Complies.   |  |

 
 11 Information on corporate governance and sustainability
 CYBER1 Complies.

In accordance with the Code (Rule 10.2, subsection 8), CYBER1 hereby notifies that it does not have any infringement of the stock exchange rules applicable to the company or any breach of good practice on the securities market reported by the relevant exchange's disciplinary committee or the Swedish Securities Council during the most recent financial year.

#### **1.5. Principles, Mission & Core Values**

In addition to the **principles** provided by the law and regulations, CYBER1 follows the principles set out in this Report in accordance with the core values of the company. CYBER1's **Mission Statement** is to Deliver Innovative Resilience. Its overall **Vision** is to create the world's most resilient cyber security environments for our customers.

The **Core Values** of CYBER1 constitute the foundation of its culture, guiding all interaction, decisions, and work in and around CYBER1. CYBER1's Core Values utilize the acronym of R.E.P.E.A.T (Resilience, Ethical, Passionate, Excellence, Accountable, Trust).

# CYBER1 CORE VALUES

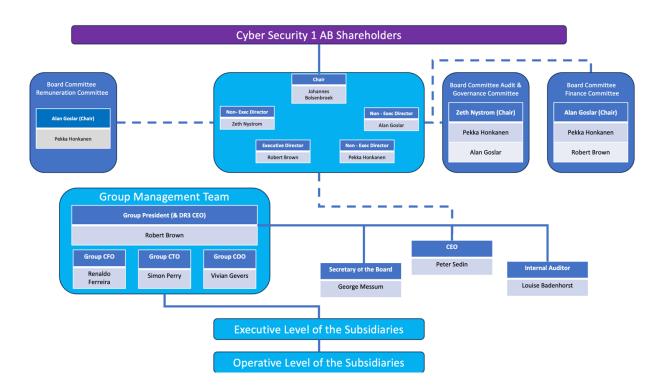


# **1.6.** Corporate Governance Model

**Shareholders** may exercise their rights at the **General Meetings** of CYBER1, the parent company of the CYBER1 Group, pursuant to applicable laws and the Articles of Association of the company. The General Meeting appoints the **Board of Directors**. The Board, in turn, appoints the **CEO** and the **Group Management Team** ("*GMT*"), including the **Group President**, who acts as the Chairman for the GMT. The Board and the GMT are two separate organs. Group Management Team and the CEO form the Executive Management of the Group.

The Board is responsible for the overall strategic decisions of the company upon the propositions of the Group Management Team, **Board committees**, or other respective organs. The CYBER1's GMT is responsible for preparing the Group Strategy, daily operative management, and all other applicable ongoing operative items. The Group President leads the management of the commercial operations of the Group. The CEO manages the daily management of the Cyber Security 1 AB in accordance with the guidelines provided by the Board.

To facilitate this, CYBER1 Group has in place adequate working procedures both at the level of the Board of Directors and within the management as described in this Report.



# **Operative Governance Structure Chart as of December 31st 2023**

# 1.7. Group Legal Structure

In addition to the Parent Company, Cyber Security 1 AB, the Group consists of directly or indirectly and wholly or partly owned subsidiaries. The South African BBBEE (Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment) impacts the legal structure and governance of the South African operations. The above structure includes the of the Finance Committee, alongside the Remuneration Committee and the Audit Committee into the Audit & Governance Committee. These Subcommittees have been implemented to provide focused Board support on key areas for the Executive team.

# **BBBEE in South Africa**

To streamline the processes while also promoting and facilitating sustainability in the form of the BBBEE compliance in South Africa, subsidiaries of CYBER1 have organized the legal structure through the Dynamic Recovery3 Holdings Company. This further enables to contribute to the BBBEE, allowing CYBER1 to participate in public tenders expanding the range of potential business. In 2023, CYBER1 Solutions South Africa announced its recent attainment of a B-BBEE (Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment) Level 1 status.

B-BBEE is a vital framework in South Africa, designed to address historical inequalities and promote economic transformation. The rating system ranges from Level 8 (the lowest) to Level 1

(the highest), with Level 1 indicating the highest commitment to empowerment and diversity. This achievement demonstrates CYBER1 and its subsidiaries dedication to advancing the economic empowerment of previously disadvantaged groups and fostering inclusivity. B-BBEE Level 1 status is measured under the amended Code of Good Practice and consists of five elements: ownership, management control, skills development, enterprise and supplier development and socio-economic development.

# Key Positives and Impact of B-BBEE Level 1 Certification for CYBER1 Solutions SA:

• Enhanced Market Access: B-BBEE Level 1 certification significantly improves CYBER1 Solutions SA's market access in South Africa. Many government and private sector organisations give preference to suppliers with high B-BBEE ratings, creating new opportunities for business growth and partnerships.

• Strengthened Reputation: Achieving Level 1 certification reinforces CYBER1 Solutions SA's reputation as a socially responsible and inclusive organization. European investors and clients, who may be unfamiliar with B-BBEE, will recognise the commitment to transformation and fairness.

• Improved Competitive Advantage: CYBER1 Solutions SA gains a distinct competitive advantage in a market where B-BBEE compliance is increasingly important. This certification will set the company apart from competitors, attracting new customers and investors.

• Broadened Supplier Network: As a Level 1 B-BBEE certified company, CYBER1 Solutions SA will have access to a wider network of empowered suppliers, reducing costs and enhancing supply chain efficiency.

• Social Responsibility: The achievement of B-BBEE Level 1 demonstrates CYBER1 Solutions SA's commitment to corporate social responsibility, making a positive impact on South African society and aligning with global sustainability goals.

Moving forward, regular audits are required for the B-BBEE Level 1, which are completed by external parties to assess best practises.

# The directly and wholly owned subsidiaries:

|                           | CYBER "                          | TRINE <mark>)(</mark> IA |                        |                     |   |                         |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Name of<br>the<br>Company | DYNAMIC<br>RECOVERY3<br>HOLDINGS | TRINEXIA<br>DMCC         | CYBER ONE<br>SOLUTIONS | CYBER1<br>SOLUTIONS | CREDENCE<br>SECURITY<br>SOUTH AFRICA<br>(INTACT SOFTWARE<br>DISTRIBUTION) | C1 SOLUTIONS<br>LIMITED |
| Domicile                  | South Africa                     | UAE, Dubai               | UAE (DMCC)             | Kenya               | South Africa  | UK                      |
| Company<br>Registrati     | M1999023928                      | JLT-68399                | DMCC-075632            | NO.C 81571          | K2011103356   | 6821858                 |
| on<br>Number              |                                  |                          |                        |                     |   |                         |

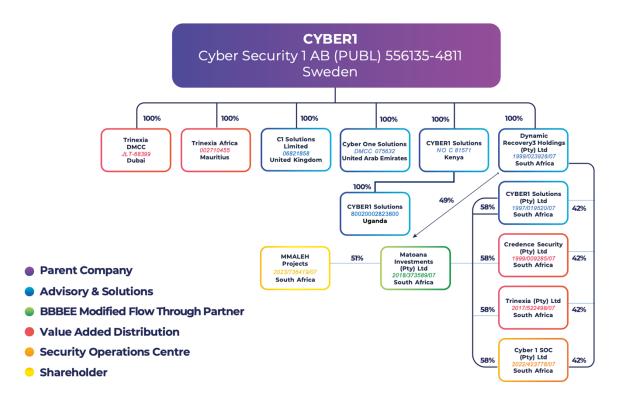
### The *indirectly* or *partly* owned subsidiaries:

|             |                   |                         | CYBER                          |                    |                    | C150C             |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Name of the | CREDENCE          | Matoana                 | CYBER1 Solutions               | Trinexia           | Trinexia Africa    | C1 SOC (Pty) Ltd  |
| Company     | SECURITY          | Investment<br>(Pty) Ltd | (Pty) Ltd                      | SOUTH AFRICA       | Distribution       |                   |
|             |                   |                         |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| Domicile    | South Africa      | South Africa            | South Africa                   | South Africa       | Mauritius          | South Africa      |
| Company     | M1999009285       | 2018/373589/0           | M1997019520                    | K2017522498        | C158696            | 2022/423778/07    |
| Registratio |                   | 9                       |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| n Number    |                   |                         |                                |                    |                    |                   |
| CYBER1's    | 100% Through      | 49% Through             | 42% Through Dynamic            | 100% in 2022 (from | 100% in 2022 (from | 100% Through      |
| ownership   | Dynamic Recovery3 | Dynamic                 | Recovery3 Holdings. 58%        | September).        | September).        | Dynamic Recovery3 |
| %           | Holdings.         | Recovery3<br>Holdings.  | Through Matoana<br>Investment. |                    |                    | Holdings.         |

# Name of the Company CYBERI Solutions

| Company      |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Domicile     | Uganda          |
| Company      | 80020002823800  |
| Registration |                 |
| Number       |                 |
| CYBER1's     | 100% Through C1 |
| ownership    | Solutions Kenya |
| %            | -               |

## **Legal Structure Chart**



# **2. THE GENERAL MEETING, SHARES, AND SHAREHOLDERS**

# 2.1. General Meeting

**The General Shareholders' meetings are**, in accordance with the Swedish Companies Act, the highest decision-making body of the Company. At the general meetings, the shareholders exercise their voting rights on key issues, including, inter alia, decisions regarding the adoption of income statements and balance sheets, allocation of the Company's results, discharge from liability for the board of directors and the CEO, election of directors of the board and auditor and remuneration to the board of directors and auditor. In addition to the annual general meeting ("AGM"), extraordinary general shareholders' meetings ("EGM") may be convened.

CYBER1 delivers the **Notice of a General Meeting** by an announcement in the Swedish Official Gazette and Dagens Industri. Notice of an Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting where an amendment to the Articles of Association is to be dealt with, is issued not earlier than six and no later than four weeks before the meeting. Notice of an Extraordinary General Meetings is issued no earlier than six and no later than two weeks before the meeting.

Under Swedish law, the **Annual General Meeting is held** within six months of the end of the financial year. The registered office in the Articles of Association is in the municipality of Stockholm, Sweden. Consequently, pursuant to the Swedish Companies Act, the CYBER1 **Annual Meeting location** is normally in Stockholm, Sweden, but where extraordinary circumstances so require, the general meeting may be held at another location.

**In 2023**, the General Meeting was held through postal voting on the 26th of May, without physical attendance of shareholders, representatives, and third-party parties. Shareholders were able to exercise their voting rights either by post before the meeting or in person.

The decisions of the AGM 2023 included, among others:

- No dividends shall be paid.
- Board of Directors fees:

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- SEK 400,000 for each Ordinary board member.
- SEK 450,000 for the chairman of the board.
- The auditor shall be paid in accordance with current approved accounts.
- Re- election of board members Alan Goslar, Johannes Bolsenbroek, Pekka Honkanen and Zeth Nyström and Robert Brown.
- RSM Stockholm AB was re-elected as auditor, Malin Lanneborn continuing to be the principal auditor.

Following the Code, the company chair, each member of the Board (in any case not less than as many members of the Board as are required for a quorum), the CEO, and the company's auditors are to be present at General Meeting. Given the international ownership of CYBER1, following the Code, the minutes of the meeting are translated into English. CYBER1 further follows a practice where a shareholder, or a proxy representative of a shareholder, who is neither a member of the Board nor an employee of the company verifies and signs the minutes of the shareholders'

meeting. Relevant documents are available with the Company and on the Company's webpage, <u>www.cyber1.com</u>, not less than three weeks before the general meeting.

Upon request by any shareholder and where the Board believes that such may take place without significant harm to the Company, the Board shall provide information at the general meeting in respect of any circumstances which may affect the assessment of a matter on the agenda or of the financial situation of the Company. A request for such information shall be made in writing by e-mail to the CEO of Cyber: <a href="mailto:peter.sedin@cyber1.com">peter.sedin@cyber1.com</a>.

**CYBER1's Annual General Meeting 2024** will be held on the **24<sup>th</sup> of May 2024.** For further information, please see CYBER1's website, <u>www.cyber1.com</u>.

## 2.2.Shares

CYBER1 has issued one class of shares, series A. At the General Meeting, one share gives one vote. As of the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2023, there are in total 1,025,928,865 shares in the Company, representing 1,025,928,865 votes. The Cyber Security 1 AB share register is managed by Euroclear (Sweden AB). All shares carry equal rights in the assets and earnings of the company.

There are no limitations on how many votes each shareholder can cast at a general meeting (besides the given limitation arising from the number of the owned shares). There are no known agreements between shareholders that could result restrictions on the transfer of shares. No uncommon restrictions on the transfer of shares on the basis of a provision of the law or the instruments of incorporation exist.

# 2.3. Shareholders

According to the share register, on December 31, 2023, CYBER1 had 1,932 shareholders. On that date, the largest shareholders of the company were:

| Name of the Shareholder                | Number of Shares | % Of the<br>Ownership<br>in<br>31.12.2023 |
|--|------------------|---|
| SAXO BANK A/S CLIENT ASSETS            | 247 567 329      | 24.13%                                    |
| ABN AMRO SWEDEN CLIENT NON-<br>TREATY  | 210 255 502      | 20.49%                                    |
| SIX SIS AG, W8IMY                      | 104 019 637      | 10.14%                                    |
| MORGAN STANLEY & CO INTL PLC,<br>W8IMY | 89 869 411       | 8.76%                                     |
| Robert Brown                           | 68 386 438       | 6.67%                                     |
| CS (CH) CLIENT OMNIBUS ACC             | 59 299 000       | 5.78%                                     |
| Other Shareholders                     | 246,531,548      | 24.03%                                    |
| Total                                  | 1,025,928,865    | 100%                                      |

# 2.4. Nomination Committee

In 2023, no nomination committee was appointed. Consequently, CYBER1 adopted the good market practice where the largest shareholder makes the propositions. Pursuant to the Code, the tasks of the nomination committee include propositions on:

**1)** Candidates for the post of the chair and other members of the board.

- **2)** Fees and other remuneration to each member of the board.
- **3)** The statutory external auditor for election.
- 4) Auditor remuneration.

In the General Meeting 2023, the largest shareholder, Marlo Finance BV, proposed that:

**1)** For the period until the next annual general meeting has been held, the reelection of board members Alan Goslar, Johannes Bolsenbroek, Pekka Honkanen and Zeth Nyström and Robert Brown.

**2)** Fees to the board of directors shall be SEK 400,000 each and SEK 450,000 to the chairman of the board.

**3)** RSM Stockholm AB is re-elected as auditor, who has informed that if the general meeting resolves in accordance with the proposal, Malin Lanneborn will be appointed to continue to be the principal auditor.

**4)** The auditor shall be paid in accordance with current approved accounts.

The propositions by Marlo Finance BV were based on building continuity with two existing board members, whilst enhancing competence within the Nordic region around corporate governance practices and longer-term strategic initiatives. Marlo Finance BV was presented with the work experience and credentials of the board members proposed prior to their nomination to the Board. The new members had previously collaborated.

# **3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# **3.1.Role of the Board, Chair, and Directors**

**The Board** is responsible for CYBER1's organization and the strategic plan. Board appoints, evaluates, and, if necessary, dismisses the chief executive officer. The Board oversees the management of the company's operations conducted by the Group Management Team. The Board is responsible for accepting the Group's long-term development and strategy upon the proposition of the Group Management Team. The Board also oversees and evaluates the Group's operations and takes responsibility for the other duties outlined in the Swedish Companies Act and other applicable regulations, including defining the appropriate guidelines and policies to ensure long-term value creation, risk control protocols, legal compliance, and sound external communication. Robert Brown serves in the Board of Directors as an executive member and in the GMT as a Group President, fulfilling the Code's requirement that no more than one elected member of the board may be a member of the executive management of the company or a subsidiary.

**The chair** has a particular responsibility to ensure that the work of the board is well organised and conducted efficiently. The chair also oversees the implementation of the decisions.

Pursuant to the Code, **Directors** devote the necessary time and care and ensure they have the competence required, to effectively safeguard and promote the interests of CYBER1 and its shareholders. The Board divides tasks and particular areas of focus for each member, for example, throughout the committees. Furthermore, directors in their roles oversee that CYBER1 pursues its goals in accordance with the Group Strategy and, while striving towards success, pay attention broadly to the operative environment. This means considerations relating, for example, to sustainability, equality, and compliance. Each director acts independently and with integrity in the interests of CYBER1 and all its stakeholders.

## 3.2. Size and Composition of the Board

The board has a size and composition enabling it to manage CYBER1's affairs efficiently and with integrity.

According to the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three and not more than nine members, with a maximum number of six deputies. Pursuant to the AGM Decision, aligning with the Articles of Association, CYBER1 has five members of the Board and no deputy members.

|   | Johan<br>Bolsenbroek  | Robert<br>Brown  | Alan<br>Goslar<br>Member of the  | Pekka<br>Honkanen  | Zeth<br>Nyström<br>Member of the Audit &  |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|
|   | Chairman of the Board   | Executive member,<br>Group President, Member<br>of Finance Committee                     | Remuner of the<br>Remuneration committee<br>(Chair), the Audit &<br>Governance committee<br>and the Finance<br>Committee (Chair) | Government of the Addit of<br>Governance committee<br>and the Finance<br>Committee   | Governance committee<br>(Chair)   |
| Born  | 1966  | 1970   | 1947   | 1951   | 1946  |
| Role in the<br>Board  | Non independent in relation to<br>larger shareholders and in<br>relation to the Company.  | Non independent in relation to<br>larger shareholders and in relation<br>to the Company. | Independent of the Company and<br>Group Management   | Independent of the Company and<br>Group Management   | Independent of the Company<br>and Group Management.   |
| Education   | MBA in International Business<br>from the University of Georgia –<br>Terry College of Business and a<br>BBA in International business<br>from Nyenrode Business<br>Universiteit | KES, South Africa  | University of the Witwatersrand  | M.Sc in computer science and<br>economy from Turku University  | Bachelor's degree in economics<br>from Gothenburg University  |
| Member of<br>the Board<br>since                               | Chairman of the Board since 2020.   | Ordinary Board member since 2021.  | Ordinary Board member since<br>2020  | Ordinary Board member since<br>2020  | Ordinary Board member since<br>2020   |
| Other<br>positions and<br>board<br>memberships                | Co-owner and CFO of Triangle<br>Studios B.V. CEO of<br>ScreenCheck International Group  | Director, CSSA & CSAD  | Dial Advisory Limited, Owner<br>of Payment Advisory<br>Management Services   | Senior Advisor of Enfuce<br>Financial Services, Owner,<br>Chairman of PHOY Solutions<br>Ltd and Takana Group Oy  | Chairman of Trosa Fibernät AB,<br>the Trosa municipality<br>broadband provider. Member of<br>the City Council of Trosa, Lay<br>Judge for Svea Hovrätt.                                      |
| Principal<br>working<br>experience                            | Managing Partner at BdR<br>Executive Partners B.V.  | CEO of Dynamic Recovery<br>Holdings, CEO of Cyber Security<br>1 AB                       | CEO Transactworld Ltd,<br>Chairman of supervisory Board<br>of Payon AG   | Board Member of Paytrail Oy<br>and Poplatek Oy (both now Part<br>of the Nets Group). Chairman of<br>Silverskin Information Security<br>Ltd. Senior roles within Visa<br>International and OP Financial<br>Group. | C.E.O, C.O.O and C.M.O of<br>Speedy Tomato AB (Now Telia<br>Communications), Tess Brazil<br>(now Telia), Europolitan AB<br>(now Telenor) and Hi3G AB<br>(now 3/Three<br>telecommunications) |
| Holdings in<br>CYBER1<br>(Euroclear,<br>December 30,<br>2021) | 5 750 000 shares  | 68 386 438 shares  | 2 400 000 shares   | 1 159 966 shares   | 600 000 shares  |

# **3.1.** Board's Composition and Attendance at meetings

Meetings between January 1 and December 31, 2023. In 2023, the Board held 21 meetings in total.

| Name                              | Role or Position                                | Number of Board meetings<br>Participated |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| Johan Bolsenbroek                 | Chairman of the Board                           | 21                                       |
| Robert Brown                      | Executive Director Group President              | 21                                       |
| Alan Goslar                       | Member of the Remuneration and Audit Committees | 21                                       |
| Pekka Honkanen                    | Member of the Remuneration Committee            | 21                                       |
| Zeth Nyström                      | Member of the Audit Committee                   | 21                                       |
| Invitations to the Board meetings |   |  |
| Peter Sedin                       | Chief Executive Officer                         | 12                                       |
| Vivian Gevers                     | Chief Operating Officer                         | 6  |
| Gemma Theron                      | Chief Financial Officer                         | 4  |
| Simon Perry                       | Chief Technology Officer                        | 1  |
| Ethel Nyembe                      | Executive Director (Africa)                     | 1  |
| Louise Badenhorst                 | Internal Auditor                                | 1  |
| George Messum                     | Board Secretary                                 | 19                                       |
| Total meetings                    |   | 21                                       |

#### Secretary of the Board



|                              | George                   |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                              | Messum                   |
|                              | Secretary of the Board,  |
|                              | Director                 |
| Born                         | 1991                     |
| Education                    | MSc Software & Systems   |
|                              | Security, University of  |
|                              | Oxford. BA International |
|                              | Relations, Loughborough  |
|                              | University               |
| In the Position since        | Secretary of the Board   |
|                              | since 2021               |
| Other positions and board    | n/a                      |
| memberships                  |                          |
| Principal working experience | Citigroup, Trust         |
|                              | Payments                 |
| Holdings in CYBER1           | 12,500 shares            |
| (December 31, 2023)          |                          |

The Board appointed Operations & Strategy Director, **George Messum**, to act as the Secretary of the Board from 2021 to present.

The Secretary of the Board supports the Board by assisting before, during, and after the Board meetings and other Board-related matters and projects.

### 3.1.Board work & Fees

#### Board work

In 2023, a total of twenty one (21) Board meetings were held. The board acts according to the Board Workflow constituting Rules of Procedure with a recurring structure with predetermined main points. The agenda, including informational material and decision-making documentation

prior to Board meetings, were customarily sent in the Board Pack well in advance before each meeting.

CYBER1 continuously assesses the risks relating to conflicts of interest in its work. Following the applicable laws, directors are disqualified from participating in any decision regarding agreements between themselves and CYBER1. The same applies to agreements between CYBER1 and any third party or legal entity in which the Board member has an interest that may be contrary to the interests of CYBER1.

In line with the Code, a majority of the Board members elected by the AGM are independent in relation to CYBER1 and Group management. Also, at least two of the Board members, who are independent in relation to CYBER1 and Group management, are independent in relation to the company's major shareholders. The composition of CYBER1's Board of Directors fulfils the independence requirements of the Code.

### **Board Fees**

Remuneration to Board members was proposed by the largest shareholder, Marlo Finance BV, for resolution by the AGM. The Board fees are SEK 400,000 for each Ordinary board member and SEK 450,000 for the chairman of the board.

### **3.2.Board Committees**

According to the Board Workflow and in line with the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, the Board delegates responsibilities within the Board. Board delegates some of the tasks to the Board Committees. Consequently, the Board Committees prepare reports and recommendations as well as provide follow-up reports on decisions and actions taken by the Board. CYBER1 Board appointed a Remuneration Committee (Alan Goslar and Pekka Honkanen), an Audit & Governance Committee (Zeth Nyström, Alan Goslar and Pekka Honkanen) and Finance Committee (Alan Goslar, Pekka Honkanen and Robert Brown). The Committees are confirmed following the next Board meeting following the AGM.

### 3.2.1. Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee consists of **Alan Goslar** and **Pekka Honkanen**. The committee held meetings in 2023 surrounding executive remuneration, as well as facilitating the Staff Share Incentive Program as adopted in the 2022 AGM. For 2024, the committee aims to work with the operational management and identify areas where the company can attract and importantly retain key employees. The main tasks of the Remuneration Committee consist of reviewing and preparing, for resolution by the Board, proposals on salary and other remuneration, including retirement compensation, for the Group Management Team and CEO. The Committee also reviews and prepares resolutions to be made by the Board, proposals to the AGM on Guidelines for remuneration and remuneration adjustments to the Group Management and Executive Team. Remuneration Committee does this by analyzing trends impacting on remuneration, other legislative changes, disclosure rules and the general global executive remuneration environment.

# 3.2.2. Audit & Governance Committee

The Audit Committee consist of **Zeth Nyström** (Chair), **Alan Goslar** and **Pekka Honkanen**. The Committee held meetings during 2023. The Audit & Governance Committee is appointed by the Board of Directors and is a body within the Board. The purpose of the Committee is to comply with the statutory obligations set to the audit committee and, by complying, to improve internal controls of the company.

#### 3.2.3 Finance Committee

The Finance Committee consists of **Alan Goslar** (Chair), **Robert Brown** and **Pekka Honkanen**. The Committee held meetings during 2023. The purpose of the Committee is to manage relationships with the major shareholders and other key stakeholders in relation to the financing of the company as well as setting the standards and requirements for financial reporting.

### **3.3.Self-Evaluation of the Board**

The performance and assessment of the Board build upon the Board Workflow, constituting the inflow of data regarding the participation of the board member and the content of the participation. With the Board Workflow, different objectives and areas of focus are distributed among the Board. The outcomes are measurable and traceable, forming the grounds for assessment of the members of the Board. This aims to improve Board's working methods and efficiency. The outcome of the evaluation was communicated to the largest shareholder acting on behalf of the nomination committee.

#### 4. EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

Executive management of CYBER1 consists of CEO and Group Management Team. The operative management and executive decisions take place in the Group Management Team which is led by the Group President as illustrated in the operative chart above [see page 6].

# 4.1. CEO

|                                | Peter<br>Sedin<br>CEO                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Born                           | 1968                                 |
| Education                      | Global Executive MBA, Stockholm      |
|                                | School of Economics, MSc Mechanical  |
|                                | Engineering, Linköping University    |
| In the Position since          | Chief Executive Officer since 2021   |
| Other positions and board      | CEO & Founder, Asight AB             |
| memberships                    |                                      |
| Principal working experience   | Board member, Scandinavian School    |
|                                | of Brussels, Vice President at Volvo |
|                                | Construction                         |
| Holdings in CYBER1             | 0 shares                             |
| (Euroclear, December 30, 2021) |                                      |

As of the 1st of June 2021, The Board appointed **Peter Sedin** as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of CYBER1.

The CEO coordinates and manages the regulatory and compliance environment of CYBER1 in accordance with the applicable regulations and, consequently, directions given by the Board.

Similarly to the board members, the CEO's performance and assessment build upon the CEO's defined role and responsibilities as well as different objectives and areas of focus. The outcomes are measurable and traceable, forming the grounds for the Board to assess the CEO's performance.

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#### 4.2. Group Management Team

Group Management Team is the operative organ in the Group managing the day-to-day business. The Board of Directors appoints the Group Management Team and the Group President to manage the Group as the Chairman of the Team. In his role, the Group President reports to the Board of Directors, and his primary duty is the day-to-day management of the Group's operations. The Group President acts as the Chairman of the Group Management Team and, in that role, leads the work of the Group Management Team. In 2023, Group Management Team consisted of four members. The President, the Chief Operations Officer (COO), the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and the Chief Technical Officer (CTO). The role and responsibilities of the Group President have been described below.

### 4.2.1. Group President & Executive Director

The Group President, **Robert Brown**, is responsible for formulating reports and the documentation of the decision-making in accordance with the applicable rules. The President takes necessary actions to ensure that the company's accounting complies with the applicable laws and to ensure that the company's funds are managed in a satisfactory manner. It is, therefore, the President's responsibility to ensure that the company has efficient internal controls and procedures for ensuring that the established principles for financial reporting and internal control are applied. Group President participates in the Board meetings as an ordinary board member.

## 4.2.2. COO

COO, **Vivian Gevers**, is responsible for designing, defining, and implementing strategies and policies, As supervising the Group HR function, as well as overseeing the day-to-day administrative and operational functions of the business. COO promotes CYBER1 culture, values, and mission. The COO reports directly to the Group President.

#### 4.2.3. CFO

CFO, **Gemma Theron**, is responsible for group finance, including tracking cash flow and financial planning as well as analyzing the company's financial strengths and weaknesses and proposing corrective actions. As a group CFO, she also manages the group risk function. CFO reports directly to the Group President. In October 2023, the CYBER1 accepted the resignation of its CFO Gemma Theron, due to family commitments and change of personal circumstances. Beyond 2023, Renaldo Ferreira was appointed as the Acting Chief Financial Officer (CFO), effective 1st of February 2024.

# 4.2.4. CTO

CTO, **Simon Perry**, is responsible for research and development, project management, product and service quality and business development from the scientific and technological perspectives. As a group CTO, his duty is to enable CYBER1 to reach its financial and marketing goals using an innovative tech approach. CTO reports directly to the Group President.

#### 4.3. Composition of the Group Management Team

As of 31 December 2023, the Group Management Team consisted of four members, all contracted by one of the Group companies and appointed to the GMT position by the CYBER1 Board of Directors. Members of the GMT serve on an ongoing basis. For the Financial Year 2023, the Board appointed the following members to the GMT:

|   | Robert<br>Brown<br>Group President                                 | Vivian<br>Gevers<br>coo                              | Renaldo Ferreira<br>Acting CFO   | Simon<br>Perry<br>CTO                                   |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| Born  | 1970   | 1982   | 1988   | 1982  |
| Education   | KES, South Africa  | BCom in Management,<br>University of South<br>Africa | BCom in Financial<br>Management Sciences at<br>the University of Pretoria,<br>Postgraduate Diploma in<br>Accounting Sciences<br>from the University of<br>South Africa, SAICA<br>Accredited. | Northcliff High   |
| Member of the<br>Exec since                                   | Group President since 2021   | Chief Operating Officer since 2019                   | Chief Financial Officer<br>since 2024  | Chief Technical Officer<br>since 2021                   |
| Other positions<br>and board<br>memberships                   | Director, CSSA & CSAD  | N.A.   | N.A  | Chief Technical Officer,<br>Cyber Security South Africa |
| Principal<br>working<br>experience                            | CEO of Dynamic Recovery<br>Holdings, CEO of Cyber<br>Security 1 AB | Managing Director,<br>Credence Security<br>Dubai     | Lead Financial Manager<br>at C1 Solutions, Financial<br>Manager at Federal<br>Airlines, Assistant Auditor<br>at Logista CA(SA)   | Sales Engineer, McAfee                                  |
| Holdings in<br>CYBER1<br>(Euroclear,<br>December 30,<br>2021) | 68,386,438 shares  | 360,000 shares                                       | 0 shares   | 19,750 shares   |

### **4.1.Operations Director**

In addition to the CEO and Group Management Team, CYBER1's executive management includes the Operations Director, **George Messum**, to assist in running the management of the Group. Mr. Messum was appointed as Operations Director since 2022 and primarily supports the Executive team on strategy creation and subsequent implementation of Board and Executive initiatives. The Operations Director works externally with the company's Certified Advisor on matters related to compliance with Nasdaq First North Growth Market. In 2021, the board appointed Mr. George Messum to act as Board Secretary in addition to his duties as Operations Director.

### 5. AUDITORS

#### 5.1. External Auditor

CYBER1's auditors are elected by the Annual General Meeting. **RSM Stockholm AB** was reelected as an auditor in the Annual General Meeting 2023. **Malin Lanneborn** was appointed to continue to be the principal auditor. In accordance with the Decision of the AGM, the auditor shall be paid in accordance with current approved accounts.

#### **5.2.Internal Auditor**

The Group Management Committee and Board of Directors continuously monitor the company's internal control in conjunction with external and internal financial reporting. Regarding the financial reporting, the Audit Committee monitors the efficiency of the internal controls and risk management. In 2023 the Board decided to begin the process of creating an Internal Audit function. The Internal Audit function conducted its first full twelve months of operation. The role of Internal Audit is to provide an assurance that the organisation's risk management, governance, internal control processes are operating effectively and the company assets are managed in accordance with the shareholder expectations. designed to provide. For more on Audit Committee, please see above [page 14].

## 5.3 Internal Audit Update 2024

Internal Audit is an independent and objective function that evaluates, recommends, and monitors improvement to the effectives of CYBER1 AB's risk management, internal controls, and governance process throughout the Group. This also applies to compliance with CYBER1AB governance documents, including the Code and Conduct.

The function is directly subordinate to the Board of Directors and Audit Committee. It performs it's work risk-based and in accordance with an established internal audit plan.

Audit charter and the internal audit plan are drafted by the Audit committee and decided on by the Board of Directors. The Head of Internal Audit reports administratively to the President and informs the management teams of the business units and other units about audit activities that have been performed. The Head of Internal Audit also submits a report to the Audit Committee at each regular Committee meeting.

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The Internal Audit function has been established and has conducted several audits within the group to date, following the audit plan. Internal Audit has been adopted well within the group we can see an increase in meeting compliance requirements within the business.

# **6. REMUNERATION**

CYBER1 has implemented formal processes for deciding on the remuneration of members of the board and the executive management. The main responsibility for this is on the Remuneration Committee (see section "remuneration committee", page 14) and as described on the largest shareholder taking actions in the absence of the Nomination Committee.

CYBER1 follows the grandfather principle where remuneration is not decided by the direct supervisor but the supervisor of the supervisor. In cooperation with the corporate governance team, the Group HR collaborate to ensure that the remuneration and other terms of employment of members of the Board and the executive management are designed to ensure that the company has access to the competence required at a cost appropriate to the company. Furthermore, the adoption of internal procedures, including software solutions, enables to follow that the taken measurements have the intended effects on the company's operations.

#### 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

For the expected future developments from the risk and uncertainties perspective, CYBER1 closely follows the development of the global covid-19 crisis and its direct and indirect consequences. CYBER1 simultaneously expects the international markets to continue to witness vast turbulence while the role of the cyber security industry will likely grow due to this turmoil. The global uncertainties impact the markets and, consequently, the clients. This puts many companies before a challenging task where they should make intelligent decisions on resource allocation in an unpredictable market situation. Under these uncertainties and for companies facing these difficulties, CYBER1 aims to provide suitable solutions benefitting all parties.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that an efficient system for internal control and risk management exists. CYBER1 has implemented functions to enable monitoring and assessment of risks. In 2022, COO Vivian Gevers managed CYBER1 Group's risk management process. Risk Management is designed to ensure that critical business risks are effectively identified, assessed, and mitigated so that they do not affect the company's ability to achieve its business objectives. In 2021 the risk management process did not face significant changes. Following completion of a number of initiatives, from 2023 the responsibility for risk and corporate governance will be led by the CFO, who will provide updates and visibility on risk management and risk status to the Board. As a follow-up of the update, CYBER1 will review and, where necessary, update the risk management processes.

### 8. INTERNAL CONTROL

Pursuant to the Companies Act and the Code, the Board is accountable for securing that CYBER1 maintains sufficient internal controls and keeps itself continually informed of how the company's system for internal control fulfils its purpose. In 2021, the internal control system was based on the previous organic framework harnessing flexibility. In 2021, CYBER1 identified internal control, including organisational structures, roles and responsibilities, reporting lines and requirements, the delegation of authority, external reporting, and authorities as focus points of improvement. Consequently, CYBER1 took multiple actions to clarify, define, and enhance internal control. The CFO of CYBER1 is responsible for ensuring the reliability of the financial reports. The accuracy and reliability are ensured by focusing on the accuracy of data entry, cross-referencing and working together with internal and external experts who review the reliability of the reports. The control mechanisms for financial information include internal cross-checking and reviews conducted by internal and external advisors and experts. The financial reporting is structured according to the applicable laws and regulations. For more on financial risk management, see the Annual Report 2023.

In relation to the operative structure and internal control, CYBER1 initiated a review and clarification process of the company's roles and responsibilities to increase efficiency and cover potential operational gaps. The review of the roles and responsibilities relates to the assessment of the governance of the human resources. CYBER1 identified the need for a Group-wide review and will proceed with it in 2023. CYBER1 created a new Group Corporate Governance Calendar to help the Board and executives to manage the complete year cycle. The Board created and adopted a compressed Board Calendar, including regular updates and recurring items. As part of the calendar process, the Board initiated a creation process of a new Year-End-Process to assist in managing the overall Group year-end-process, including financial reports and subsidiary management all the way to the annual report of the parental company. The defined roles describing the responsibilities formalize further the routines to ensure compliance with the reporting and other obligations.

CYBER1 Board chose to begin the process of establishing the internal audit function at the end of 2022. The Audit & Governance Committee will support the Internal Auditor on overall guidance on behalf of the Board of Directors. The Board measured that the financial reports and overall reporting to the Board functioned adequately and has utilised the Finance Subcommittee, to provide continous feeedback on the relavant reports required both presently and in the future.

# 9. HUMAN RESOURCES

The COO led the CYBER1 Groups Human Resources ("HR") functions in 2023. COO delegated the daily management to the respective human resources personnel within the subsidiaries. CFO reports to the Board on HR matters. The Human Resource function is led by the COO, aligning with the business head units and local HR representatives.

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|------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| CYBER1           | 1  | 0               | 1               |
| CYBER1 Group     | 209  | 88              | 121             |
| CYBER1 Directors | 5  | 0               | 5               |
| CYBER1 Senior    | 5  | 2               | 3               |
| Executives       |  |                 |                 |

# The average number of personnel and gender distribution

### **10.RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**

CYBER1 conducts research and development into identifying the latest security trends and challenges clients face. The company utilizes its expertise in cyber security to ascertain the best security products and services to be utilized via our key partnerships. Our research projects, in collaboration with our customers and other partners, are a vital part of product development when we prepare for meeting future demands. The company employees possess industry-leading accreditations, which enables thorough decision-making rationale on the types of

cybersecurity services that are utilized. This process of analyzing new technological solutions, combined with a review of existing partnerships, ensures that CYBER1's efforts in its research and development positively correlate to its performance with its clients.

#### **11.ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE & SUSTAINABILITY**

CYBER1 conducts environment, climate, and sustainability analysis as part of the risk assessment. CYBER1 contributes to the environmental work within its business operations and sphere of influence. With the contribution, CYBER1 aims to contribute to the environmental work to promote a sustainable society, producing constant advancement, preventing pollution, and accomplishing sustainable profitability and a positive brand.

CYBER1 follows and expects everyone it partners with to follow, at a minimum level, the national laws, and regulations of the country in which the party operates, including norms relating to the environment, climate, and sustainability. In its internal work, CYBER1 prioritizes the health, safety and wellbeing of employees, consultants, and business partners. We aim to achieve zero work-related accidents and illnesses.

CYBER1 Board oversees the assessment of the environment and climate-related risks and opportunities. As part of the risk assessment conducted by the COO, the management assesses and reports on the issue to the Board. Consequently, the Board can react similarly to any other risks or opportunities and, by doing this, also manage climate-related risks and opportunities.

Global sustainability topics touch us in our business activities. With business operations worldwide, including countries classified as high-risk countries from an environmental, human rights or corruption perspective, CYBER1 works to ensure that we pursue our business with a focus on our core values promoting sustainability. As a framework, CYBER1 uses the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by the United Nations and specifically the BBBEE framework in South Africa.

In 2024 CYBER1 increasingly focuses on the environment, climate, and sustainability to promote its corporate social responsibility while supporting its global business activities. This includes, among others, reviewing the long-term Corporate Social Responsibility plan. With this, CYBER1 aims to promote good working conditions, a sustainable environment, good ethics, and uphold human rights.

### **12.CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PROCESS**

### 12.1. Reporting

CYBER1 informs shareholders annually regarding corporate governance functions in the company and how the company applies the Swedish Corporate Governance Code. Communication regarding corporate governance matters happens primarily with the Corporate Governance Report. CYBER1 communicates financial information by publishing quarterly and annual reports and other required financial disclosures. CYBER1 publishes reports on the website: <a href="http://www.cyber1.com">www.cyber1.com</a>.

#### **13.AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE GOVERNANCE REPORT**

Unofficial translation



#### AUDITOR'S REVIEW OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

To the annual general meeting in Cyber Security 1 AB, registration number 556135-4811

#### The engagement and responsibilities

The board is responsible for the corporate governance report for the year 2023 and for having it prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

#### Focus and scope of the audit

Our audit was performed in accordance with FAR's recommendation RevR 16 *The auditor's audit of the corporate governance report.* This means that our review of the corporate governance report has a different focus and a significantly smaller scope compared with the focus and scope of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and good auditing practice in Sweden. We believe that this review provides us with a sufficient basis for our statements.

#### Opinion

A corporate governance report has been prepared. Information in accordance with chapter 6 Section 6, second paragraph, items 2-6 of the Annual Accounts Act and Chapter 7 Section 31, second paragraph of the same Act is compatible with the other parts of the annual accounts and consolidated accounts and is in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

Stockholm May 24, 2024

RSM Stockholm AB

Malin Lanneborn Authorized public accountant

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