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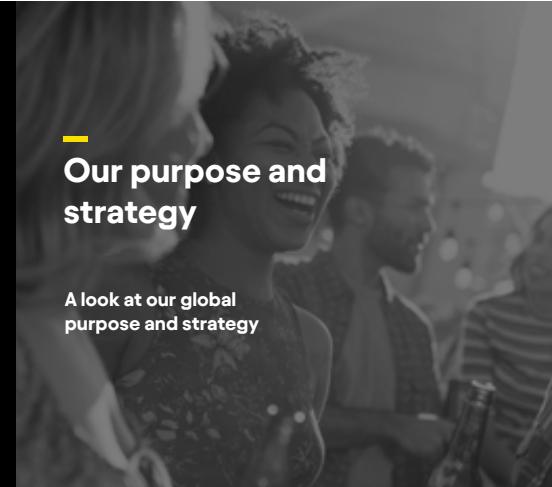


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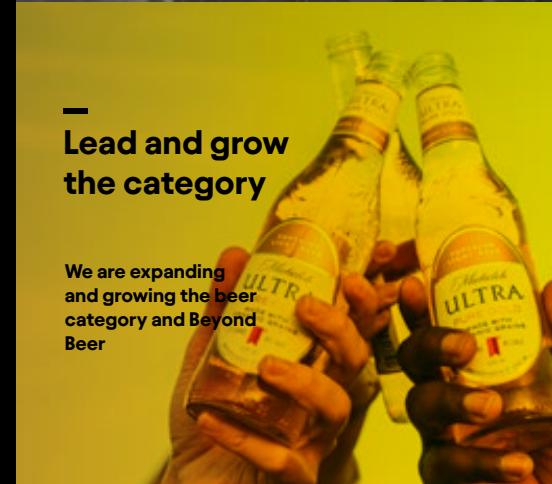
## Our purpose and strategy

A look at our global purpose and strategy



## Lead and grow the category

We are expanding and growing the beer category and Beyond Beer



## Optimize our business

We are driving superior value creation through thoughtful resource allocation and strong financial discipline



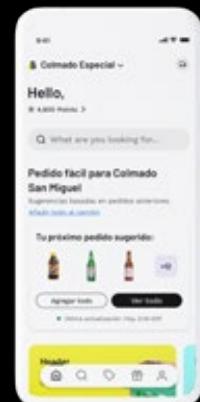
## 2021 in review

Key highlights of the year across our business



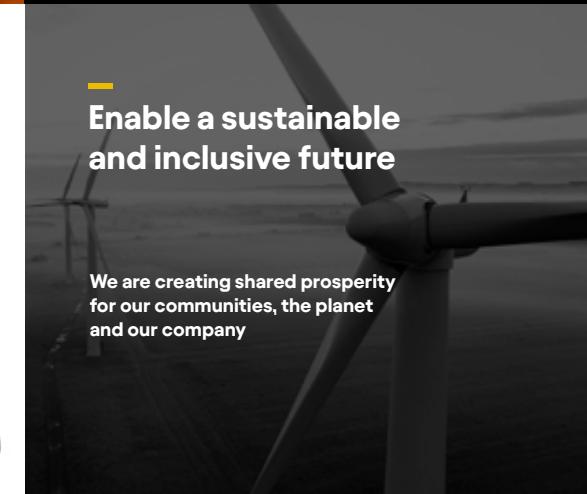
## Digitize and monetize our ecosystem

We are creating value from new technology capabilities within our ecosystem



## Enable a sustainable and inclusive future

We are creating shared prosperity for our communities, the planet and our company



# Letter to our shareholders

## To a future with more cheers

2021 was an important step in our journey to create a future with more cheers. After successfully transitioning our CEO leadership, we introduced our new global purpose and evolved our strategy. Our people dream big and continued to meet the moment to deliver strong results in a challenging operating environment. Energized by our new purpose and guided by our strategy, we are transforming our company from being the category leader to leading category growth.

## Continued momentum

We grew top-line by 15.6% in FY21, comprised of a mix of 9.6% volume and 5.5% revenue per hl growth, driven by premiumization and revenue management initiatives. EBITDA grew by 11.8%, at the top end of our 2021 outlook, as top-line growth

was partially offset by anticipated transactional FX and commodity headwinds, higher SG&A due primarily to higher variable compensation accruals and elevated supply chain costs. We delivered another year of strong cash flow generation, resulting in almost 10 billion USD of gross debt reduction.

Compared to pre-pandemic levels, we grew top-line by more than 10% and nearly recovered EBITDA on an organic basis.

## Our Purpose

This year was a unique opportunity to reimagine what a beer company can be and our path ahead.

*We Dream Big to Create a Future with More Cheers.* Our renewed purpose represents what we can make possible with our unique global ecosystem. It enables us to unlock and harness our existing infrastructure and assets to deliver more innovation, more sustainability, more occasions and more value for all our stakeholders.



We are energized by the momentum we built in 2021 and the journey ahead. Our performance and progress demonstrate our team's commitment to lead category growth. We delivered strong results while supporting our colleagues, partners and communities through the ongoing challenging environment. The Board of Directors and management team will remain focused on delivering on our purpose and strategy to drive long-term value creation.

Marty Barrington





This year was an important step in our journey to create a future with more cheers. Relentless execution of our strategy drove continued momentum to deliver over 15% top-line growth, EBITDA at the top-end of our outlook and another year of strong cash flow generation.

**Michel Doukeris**

## Evolved strategy to deliver long-term value creation

As part of our leadership transition we developed a comprehensive ten-year plan to evaluate our global business, the key growth opportunities and how we can leverage our ecosystem to drive long-term value creation. This ten-year plan is the foundation of our strategy, which is defined by three key pillars:

### Lead and grow the category

We are executing on five proven and scalable levers to drive category expansion and deliver consistent, balanced and profitable top-line growth. In FY21, the beer category grew in almost all of our key markets, and our beer volumes reached an all-time high.

- **Inclusive Category:** We are making the beer category more accessible for all consumers through focusing on inclusive pack and product innovation, particularly in emerging and developing markets. Our portfolio of inclusive brands, such as Nuestra Siembra in Ecuador and Golden in Peru, increased revenue by double digits.
- **Core Superiority:** Our mainstream portfolio delivered 10% revenue growth and outperformed the industry across most of our main markets. We have rolled out our double malt innovation concept across more than 12 brands in ten markets, which contributed revenue of over 450 million USD this year, led by Brahma Duplo Malte in Brazil.
- **Occasions Development:** Our non-alcoholic beer portfolio delivered double-digit revenue growth driven by global brand extensions such as Budweiser Zero and Stella 0.0, and local launches such as Cass Zero in South Korea and Quilmes Zero in Argentina. We continue to invest



in developing more occasions through liquid and pack innovations.

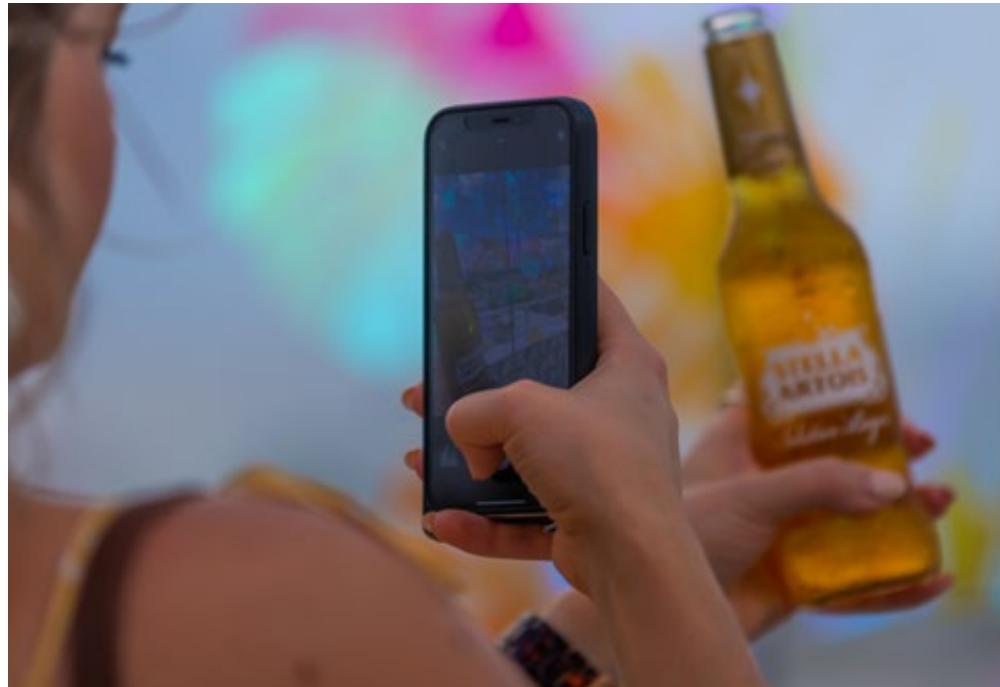
- **Premiumization:** We continue to lead the premium and super premium segment globally. Our portfolio delivered over 20% revenue growth in FY21 and now represents approximately one third of our total revenue, a 200bps increase versus FY20. Our global brands led the way, delivering 23% revenue growth outside of their home markets, where they typically command a price premium.

- **Beyond Beer:** Our global Beyond Beer business grew by over 20%, contributing 1.6 billion USD of revenue in FY21. In the US, Cutwater grew by triple digits, and in South Africa, Brutal Fruit and Flying Fish grew by strong double digits. Our seltzer portfolio in the US continued to outpace the industry, growing 1.7x the segment.

# 20%

revenue growth of our premium and super premium portfolio

We continue to drive innovation across these five levers to meet evolving consumer and customer needs. In FY21, our innovations again contributed more than 5 billion USD, making up approximately 10% of our total revenues. Our rolling 36 months share of innovation increased in almost all of our key markets. Additionally, remain focused on embedding creativity and brand building capabilities into the core of our business and are honored to have been named the Creative Marketer of the Year by Cannes Lions.



#### Digitize and monetize our ecosystem

We have built a vibrant ecosystem with more than two billion consumers and six million customers, generating over ten million weekly transactions. In FY21, the monthly active user base [MAU] of our proprietary business-to-business platform, BEES, reached 2.5 million users with over 50% of our revenue now through digital platforms. Our omni-channel direct-to-consumer [DTC] ecosystem of fast-growing e-commerce platforms and 12,000+ brick and mortar retail stores generated nearly 1.5 billion USD in revenue, increasing over 35% versus FY20.

- **Digitizing our relationships with our more than six million customers globally:** In FY21, BEES captured approximately 20 billion USD in gross merchandise value [GMV] with over 78 million orders placed, a greater than 6x increase versus 2020 as usage, adoption and availability accelerated. BEES is now live in 16 markets with further expansion ahead in 2022.
- **Leading the way in DTC solutions:** Our DTC e-commerce platforms delivered 62% revenue growth in FY21 to reach over half a billion USD and delivered 66 million orders, more than double FY20. Zé Delivery and PerfectDraft continued

to expand rapidly, with our DTC solution now available in 300 cities in Brazil and more than ten countries in Latin America. PerfectDraft contributed over 170 million USD in revenue and expanded to 55% more households than in 2020.

- **Unlocking value through new businesses:** We continue to explore new ways to generate additional value from our existing assets and capabilities. EverGrain, our saved barley ingredients company, expects to complete construction on a new production facility in 2022 to meet the increasing demand for our nutritional grain ingredients which are already in protein shakes, barley milks and breads in the market today.

#### Optimize our business

To maximize value creation, we are focused on three areas: disciplined resource allocation, robust risk management and an efficient capital structure. As a result of our business performance and strong cash flow generation, we reduced gross debt by nearly 10 billion USD to 88.8 billion USD as of 31 December 2021, leading to a net debt to EBITDA ratio of 3.96x. This ratio is now below 4.0x for the first time since the combination with SAB in 2016.

We maintained a strong liquidity position of approximately 22.2 billion USD, consisting of 10.1 billion USD available under our Sustainability-Linked Loan Revolving Credit Facility and 12.1 billion USD of cash. We redeemed most of our maturities due over the next five years, resulting in a weighted average maturity of our debt portfolio of greater than 16 years. Our bond portfolio has a very manageable weighted average pre-tax coupon rate of approximately 4% with 94% of the portfolio fixed rate. In addition, on 10 January 2022, we announced the redemption of a further 3.1 billion USD of bonds.

6 million

customers globally

10 billion USD

reduction of gross debt in 2021



## Shared prosperity for our communities, for the planet and for our company

Our business cannot exist without farmers, clean water, healthy communities, strong suppliers, a diverse and inclusive workforce and thriving natural ecosystems. That mindset is the foundation of everything we do. ESG plays a key role in delivering on our company strategy and purpose. The appointment of Ezgi Barcenas as our dedicated Chief Sustainability Officer, reporting directly to the CEO, further reinforced our commitment to accelerate a broader ESG agenda.

In 2021, we continued to make significant progress toward our ambitious 2025 Sustainability Goals.

In Sustainable Agriculture, we worked directly with more than 22 000 farmers, of which 74% met our criteria for skilled; 65% for connected and 69% for financially empowered. In Water Stewardship, 83% of our sites located in high-stress areas have started implementation of solutions such as infrastructure improvements, ecosystem restoration and other nature-based solutions. In Circular Packaging, as of the end of 2021, 74.5% of our products were in packaging that was returnable\* or made from majority recycled content.\*\* For Climate Action, 81% of our purchased electricity volume has been contracted to transition to renewable electricity and, we announced our ambition to achieve net zero carbon across our value chain by 2040.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact the world, the ability of our business and our people to leverage our scale and reach to support our communities has been truly impressive.

Many of our efforts focused on donating medical supplies, increasing vaccine awareness and access, and supporting the hospitality sector.

 Please refer to our 2021 ESG report for further details.

## To a future with more cheers

Our performance in 2021 reinforces our confidence that our unique ecosystem can deliver consistent growth and long-term value creation. We were recognized by Fortune as the most admired beer company in the world.

As we look ahead, we are energized by our momentum and unique opportunities to lead category growth, by activating consumer demand as the on-trade continues to re-open and marquee events return.

Our people and our culture of ownership remain our greatest competitive advantages; we take this opportunity to express our gratitude and admiration for the commitment, dedication and engagement of our colleagues globally as we continue to Dream Big to Create a Future with More Cheers.



# 81.4%

of our purchased electricity volume has been contracted to transition to renewable electricity



\*Kegs and returnable glass bottles

\*\*Average recycled content of cans portfolio is more than 50%

# Key figures 2021

## Performance

54.3 billion USD

2021 revenue

581.7 million hl

2021 beer volumes

19.2 billion USD

EBITDA

11.8%

organic EBITDA growth

\$2.88

underlying EPS

## Operations

~200

breweries

~50

operations in nearly 50 countries

## Brands

313

beer awards won at major international competitions in 2021

## People

169,000

colleagues

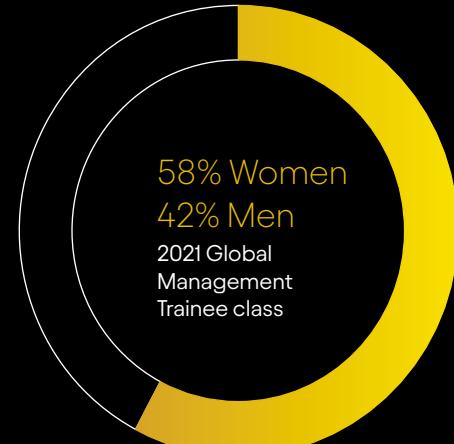
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nationalities represented



34%

34% of our salaried workforce are women  
[+4% since 2017]



## Community support

>3.5 million



units of hand sanitizer donated

>3.9 million



masks donated

>125



vaccination facilities supported

28



vaccination campaigns supported

## Sustainability

13.91%



decrease in water efficiency ratio since 2017

13.58%



reduction in emissions [Scope 1, 2 and 3] across our value chain since 2017 per hectoliter

>46k metric tons



total packaging reduced from 2018-2021

5 billion USD



revenue contribution from our innovations

50%+

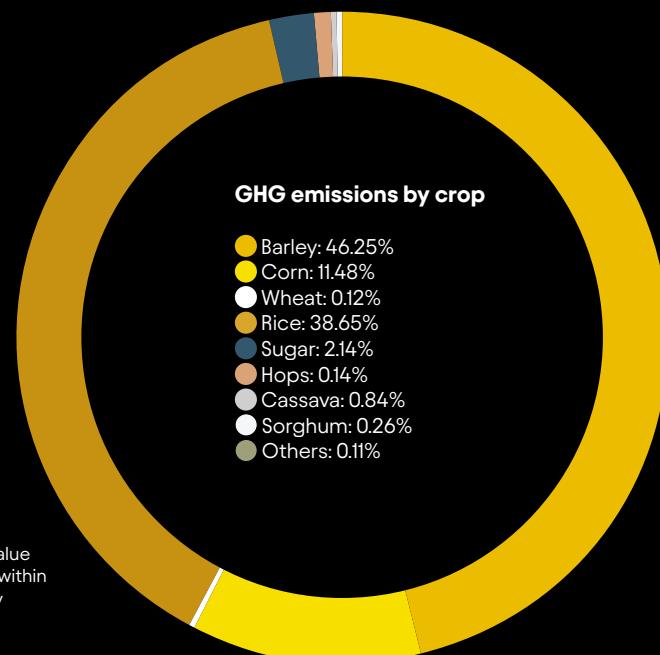


of our global revenue is now digital

78 million



orders placed through our BEES platform



## Entrepreneurship

6,000+



small retailers trained through our Escuela Tienda Cerca in Peru

35 start-ups



are in the third cohort of our 100+ Accelerator program

# Our global purpose

In December, we announced our new global purpose: We Dream Big to Create a Future with More Cheers.

As we welcomed new leadership, we reflected on who we are, why we exist and where we are going as we continue to build on our 600-year heritage. The first step on this journey was to define the role we want to play and where we want to go, as people increasingly expect more from the companies and brands they love.

This refreshed purpose represents what our company and our colleagues around the world can make possible when we dream big. It enables us to unlock, harness and realign our existing infrastructure and assets—to drive more innovation, more sustainability, more occasions and more value for all.

We are always looking to serve up new ways to meet life's moments, dream big to move our industry forward and make a meaningful impact in the world. This purpose is our commitment to building a future that everyone can celebrate and everyone can share. We are confident that we will make a meaningful impact across our entire value chain, for all our customers, consumers and local communities, as well as our 169,000 colleagues.

  
Hear from our leaders and colleagues on our purpose

We are dreaming big to create a future with more cheers by:

- Advancing **sustainability** around the world
- Driving category leadership and **innovation** to meet customer and consumer needs
- Leading the future **growth** of our industry, reaching more consumers on more occasions with our best-in-class portfolio
- Using **data and technology** to connect with our customers and consumers
- Connecting our **farmers** with resources
- Making a positive and lasting impact in our **local communities around the globe** in the moments that matter
- Empowering our 169,000 **colleagues** who are passionate owners and problem-solvers to lead real change

**This is our path to a more sustainable, inclusive and rewarding future.**



# **Our purpose manifesto**

**AB InBev always dreams big.**

**It's our culture and our heritage.**

**But more than that, it's our future.**

**A future where we always look forward.**

**Always serve up new ways to meet life's moments.**

**A future where we keep dreaming bigger.**

**To provide opportunities for our people.**

**Lift up our neighbors.**

**And make a meaningful impact on the world.**

**A future that everyone can celebrate.**

**And everyone can share in.**

**A future with more cheers.**

A photograph showing a group of diverse people, including men and women of various ethnicities, cheering and holding up several bottles, likely beer, in a celebratory atmosphere. The scene is lit with warm, golden light, creating a festive and joyful mood.

**“We dream  
big to create  
a future with  
more cheers.”**

# Our strategy

To transform our business and create a future with more cheers, our strategy focuses on organic growth and leading the category. In developing a ten-year plan, we have identified the following areas for focus:

## The beer category

Our beer portfolio and footprint are like no other—we sell one out of every four beers in the world and account for a third of the global beer profit pool. Beer will continue to be our core business and represents a sizable opportunity for us and our ecosystem. Beer is a growing and profitable category, and we can grow it and expand it with our global footprint, unique capabilities and operational expertise.

## Beyond Beer

We are innovating, bringing new liquids that capture new occasions and driving incremental growth to our current business.

## New businesses

We can harness the power of our existing platforms and ecosystem to help solve problems and to reimagine what a beer company can be. Within the technology space, platforms such as our business-to-business BEES platform, direct-to-consumer e-commerce solutions and fintech services compound the value of our core business. In the emerging biotech field, we can leverage our core brewing and fermentation capabilities in new and exciting ways.



Given these opportunities, we have evolved and simplified our strategy into three pillars:

### 1 Lead and grow the category

Our biggest opportunity is in the beer category, which is inclusive, natural and local. The beer category is inclusive—it is enjoyed by everyone, across geographies and socioeconomic groups. Beer is made with simple ingredients brewed naturally. It is fundamentally local. It is made from local ingredients grown by local farmers, and it is often a major part of local communities and economies.

#### Beer is loved, resilient and reliable.

All over the world, people are passionate about their favorite beer brands. The COVID-19 pandemic reinforced this truth as people continued to remain loyal to their favorite brands. In fact, our beer revenue in 2021 has outperformed pre-pandemic levels.

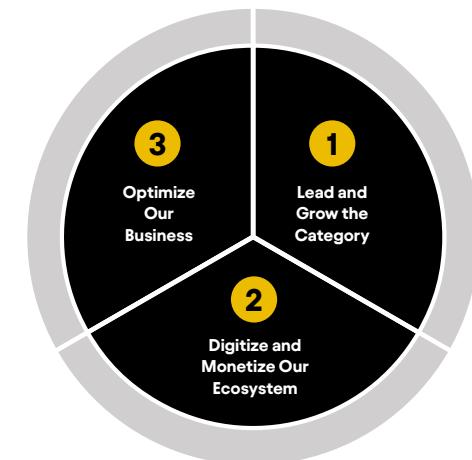
#### Beer is big and profitable.

Beer is the largest single category within consumer-packaged goods (CPG) and is the number one driver of CPG growth, according to

Euromonitor. It has been growing in volume and share of throat in the last five years across key markets including Africa, Latin America and Asia. Premium beer is growing almost twice as fast as premium spirits over the last few years, and beer is better positioned to further benefit from premiumization. Euromonitor projects that beer will grow and gain share of value and volume over the next five years due to beer's runway to further premiumize as well as expected population and per-capita consumption growth in key beer markets. With our footprint and ecosystem, we are well positioned to grow, accelerate and expand the category.

#### We want to move from being category leaders to leading category growth.

These simple words signal a very powerful shift in mindset and behaviors within our company—from inorganic to organic growth and from an internal view to a consumer-first mindset.





### To execute on this new strategy, we have evolved our Category Expansion Model.

We have been using our Market Maturity Model for several years to help us understand how our consumers and the category evolve as markets mature. Over the last five years, we have been refining and evolving that model, leveraging all of the data flowing through our vast ecosystem. As a result, we are evolving to a consumer-first, data-driven Category Expansion Model.

This model focuses on five proven, scalable levers that position us to expand the category.

#### Inclusivity

Our portfolio of inclusive brands increased revenue double digits. Through scaling the launches of our local crop brands, such as Nuestra Siembra in Ecuador and Golden in Peru, and focusing on inclusive pack and product innovations, we are making the beer category more accessible for all consumers, particularly in emerging and developing markets.

#### Core Superiority

We are strengthening our core portfolio by improving our products and packaging and democratizing access to premium benefits for the category. For example, we have rolled out our double malt innovation concept across more than 12 brands in ten markets including Brahma Duplo Malte in Brazil, Castle Double Malt in South Africa and Club Colombia Doble Malta in Colombia.

#### Occasions Development

We are reaching beyond traditional beer occasions, such as sports, to in-home and meals. Our non-alcoholic beer portfolio delivered double-digit revenue growth driven by global brand extensions such as Budweiser Zero and Stella 0.0, and local launches such as Cass Zero in South Korea and Quilmes Zero in Argentina.



#### Premiumization

We continue to lead the premium and super premium segment globally. We are providing consumers an opportunity to trade up through a market-leading portfolio of premium and super premium brands that can address nuanced and diverse needs in these occasions. One of our opportunities within premium is the continued international expansion of Michelob ULTRA, building on its success pioneering low carb, low-calorie beer in the US.

#### Beyond Beer

We are playing a critical role in expanding the category by addressing new and incremental consumer occasions. We are growing our Beyond Beer business with brands like Cutwater in the US, Brutal Fruit and Flying Fish in South Africa, Beats in Brazil and Mike's Hard Lemonade in Europe and Latin America.

2 Billion



consumers on our digital platforms

## 2 Digitize and monetize our ecosystem

The second pillar of our strategy focuses on unlocking value from our existing assets and expanding our addressable market through the digitization and monetization of our ecosystem. We have built an ecosystem with approximately 200 breweries—an unmatched distribution route to market that enables us to reach two billion consumers and six million customers, and generates ten million weekly transactions.

New technology capabilities have unlocked multiple ways for us to create value from this ecosystem. We now have a portfolio of new businesses and products that aim to solve customer and consumer pain points, with the potential to create significant value for our ecosystem. We believe their success will significantly strengthen our beer business. These technology innovations are positioned to have an impact on our business and on the category globally.

We are focusing on three areas in this space:

- Our business-to-business software and fintech services, such as BEES
- Our direct-to-consumer e-commerce solutions, including Zé Delivery and PerfectDraft
- Biotech initiatives that use our expertise in scaled fermentation to create sustainable food production

## The future is here and we are leading it.

To execute on our new strategic opportunities, we have simplified the way we manage our business, grouping our footprint into four clusters based on similar macroeconomic and consumer trends. This simplified framework makes it easier to create and share repeatable learnings, use our global scale and make better resource allocation decisions.

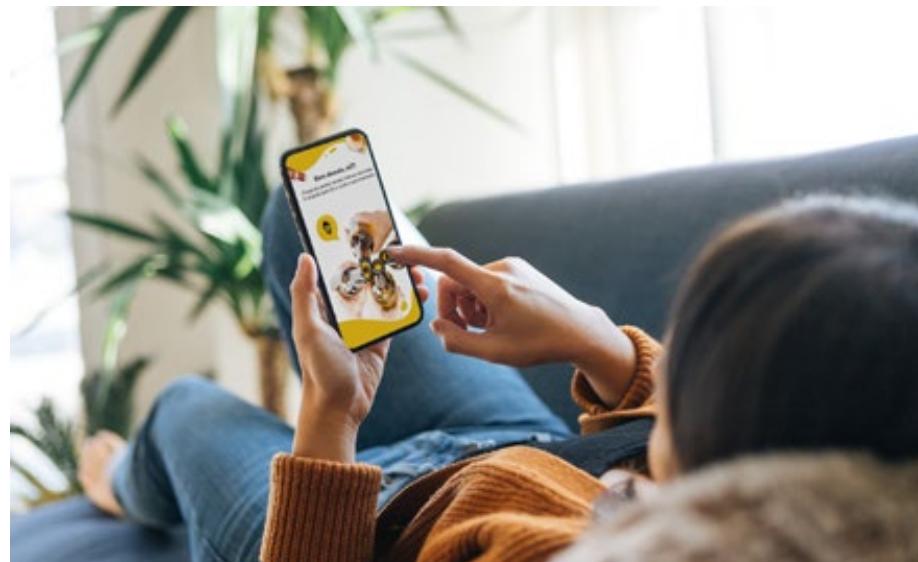
We will prioritize:

**Developing markets** that are seeing fast population, economic and per capita consumption growth across all segments, and, as a result, will represent a sizable amount of growth in global beer revenue in the future. Our goal in these markets is to premiumize the category and expand it through the development of new occasions such as in-home.

**China**, because of its size and unique operating environment, is its own priority. The growth of middle and upper economic classes is unparalleled, and in the next ten years this part of the population should grow faster than in the last decade. We expect it to play a key role for us as we continue to premiumize in the future.

**Developed markets** where people are typically wealthier and older, and where consumer trends are constantly evolving, require an innovative approach in the market and expansion into new, incremental segments such as Beyond Beer.

**Emerging markets**, which represent a sizable population that is growing fast, even though these markets may have lower disposable income relative to the others. As a result, they will be a significant opportunity for beer in the long term. We want to make the category as inclusive as possible and ensure that we have superior offerings.



## 3 Optimize our business

### Disciplined resource allocation is essential to optimize the growth potential of our business.

We have built a unique global ecosystem with our iconic brands. In terms of both profitability and cash conversion, we are best-in-class among our fast-moving consumer goods peers, with an EBITDA margin of around 35% and operating cash flow as a percentage of revenue of nearly 27%. We must allocate resources to drive growth and profitability.

Some examples include shifting resources in the US from our mainstream business to our premium and Beyond Beer portfolios, investing ahead of the industry in premiumizing the beer category in China and investing in increasing scale in markets like Nigeria and Mozambique.

To position our business for the future, we will continue to devote resources for new businesses. These are longer-term investments that extract new value from our ecosystem. They include initiatives such as our digital transformation with the BEES platform, and the emerging biotech platforms EverGrain and BioBrew.

### Robust risk management

We have taken steps to de-risk and de-lever our balance sheet. Over the past 18 months, we have paid down more than 22 billion USD of debt and redeemed almost all of our maturities over the next five years. With these actions, our current liquidity is sufficient to cover all of our maturities in aggregate through 2027. Additionally, we have no financial covenants on any of our debt.

### Efficient capital structure

To maximize long-term value creation, we aim to balance our capital allocation. While we continue driving consistent profitable growth through investing in the organic growth of our business, we will balance our leverage, return of cash to shareholders and selective mergers and acquisitions to further enhance value creation.

We are energized about the future with our simple strategy and its three pillars: lead and grow the beer category, digitize and monetize our ecosystem and optimize our business.

As we implement our purpose and strategy, we believe our culture of ownership is one of our greatest competitive advantages that will help us unlock the value of our unique platform to create a future with more cheers.

# Who we are and what we brew

## We dream big to create a future with more cheers.

Our history is extraordinary, and our heritage was built by people who were resilient in the face of challenging times and focused on making our world better today and for future generations. We are building on that legacy for the next leg of the journey.

Our culture of ownership defines who we are and what we do. It is how we build strong teams and deliver excellent results. It is critical that we foster a culture where everyone feels included and empowered, and where ideas are welcome from everyone.

Our Dream-People-Culture platform outlines our Ten Principles.

 Learn about our 10 Principles >



### Dream

1. We dream big. We are building a profitable growth company.

### People

2. Our greatest strength is our people. Great people grow at the pace of their talent and are rewarded accordingly. Great people deliver and transform.

3. We recruit, develop and retain people who can be better than ourselves. We are measured by the quality and diversity of our teams.

### Culture

4. We are a company of owners. Owners take results personally and lead by example.

5. We are never completely satisfied with our results. We embrace change, take smart risks and learn from our mistakes.

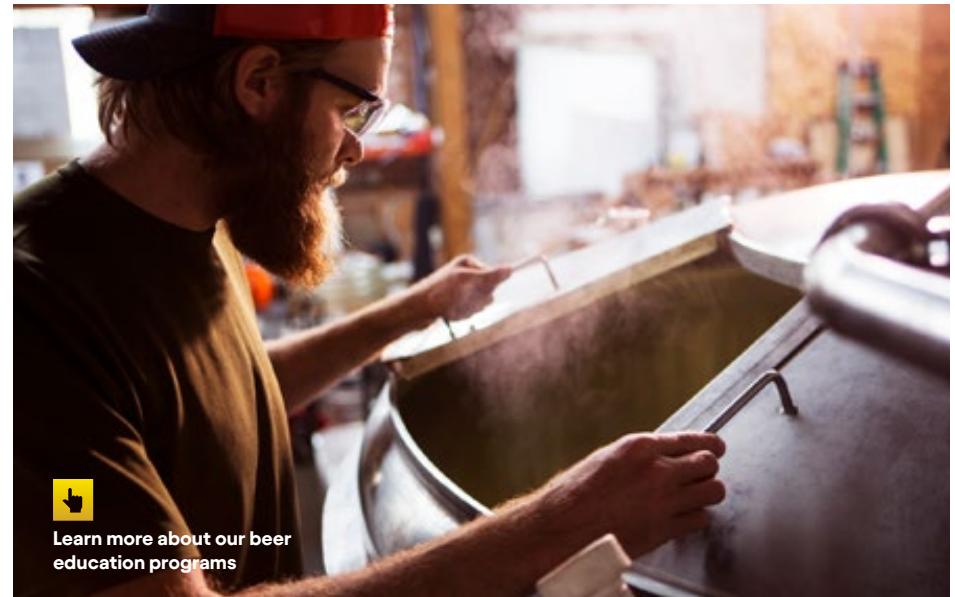
6. The consumer is our boss. We go where consumers go, because that is where growth is.

7. We strive to be the best at serving and partnering with our customers, who are the gateway to our consumers.

8. We believe in common sense and simplicity. We operate with excellence and efficiency in all we do, always having our customers and consumers in mind.

9. We manage our costs tightly to free up resources that will support profitable top-line growth.

10. We never take shortcuts. Integrity, hard work, quality and responsibility are key to building our company and our reputation.



Learn more about our beer education programs

## We have a passion for beer that is at the heart of everything we do.

The quality of our brands and the deep understanding of the needs of our consumers help us drive superior product experiences. Our passion for beer focuses on three components.

• **Growing our quality culture:** Quality is at the heart of everything we do. We have an industry-leading global brewmaster program and education programs such as the Academia da Cerveja in Brazil, the Beer Academy in Russia and Peru and the Facultad de la Cerveza in Bolivia. We are guided by our Ten Brewing Principles and offer beer education programs to equip our colleagues around the world to be brand and category ambassadors. For instance, this year we launched our HOPPY beer culture education platform ([hoppy.ab-inbev.com](https://hoppy.ab-inbev.com)) in China and Italy, doubling its user base to over 10,000.

• **Driving brand superiority:** We strive to win the hearts of consumers with the best products and

the highest-quality ingredients. For example, in our Stella Artois Draught Masters competition in Belgium and Italy, bartenders competed to serve the perfect Stella Artois using a specific nine-step pouring ritual.

• **Elevating our company reputation:** We infuse our unique passion for beer in our communications. For example, we use [tapintoyourbeer.com](https://tapintoyourbeer.com) to offer transparency to our consumers about our products in a simple, factual format. We also launched a home brewing TV series that features our brewmasters, breweries and beers—now streaming on Amazon Prime UK.



Learn about our Ten Brewing Principles

# 313



beer awards won: 96 bronze, 110 silver and 107 gold medals at major international competitions in 2021



## We are building a more resilient and sustainable supply chain.

We have been transforming our supply chain from seed to sip. In 2021, we combined our Supply and Procurement functions to create one interconnected and streamlined Global Supply Team led by Peter Kraemer, Chief Supply Officer. This year the new team worked through supply chain challenges, overdelivering committed volumes and improving our packaging efficiencies by 3% (Gross Line Yield) and productivity by 12%. Despite headwinds coming from commodities, labor and logistics challenges, our supply chain remained resilient.

## We are creating the supply chain of the future.

By innovating through discovery, development and the scaling of technology, we are able to deliver fresh beer to markets across the world while keeping sustainability as a top priority. For instance, we have implemented planning tools

to provide visibility across the full supply chain from supplier to customer. This gives us the ability to react to the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and manage our revenue while supporting the more than six million pubs, restaurants and family-run retailers that sell and serve our products.

To better meet our consumer needs and demand, we established a supply security routine to connect different sales scenarios with available materials and the level of inventories by pack. Additionally, we are using artificial intelligence (AI) to perform critical tasks and to train our colleagues through our partnership with DeepHow, an AI-powered training platform for manufacturers and field-service teams.

Our Global Innovation and Technology Center (GITEC) team also helped to bring innovations to market at improved speed and scale this year, with an average of four months from ideation to launch, an 18% reduction compared to 2020. An example of this is Flying Fish Seltzer in South Africa, which took only 75 days from ideation to launch.

## We are innovating to make progress on our sustainability journey.

Our 2025 Sustainability Goals aim to drive progress across our supply chain, and we are making progress locally in communities across our zones. From our brewing process to our packaging and more, we are innovating across our supply chain to make an impact.

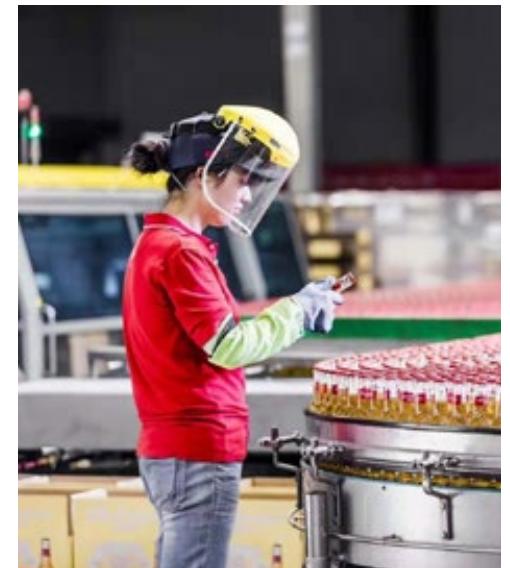
For example, in September our Ambev team in Brazil announced that its first large brewery, Ponta Grossa, and its first malting site, Passo Fundo, became carbon neutral. Located in the South region of Brazil, the brewery and the malting site have, collectively, reduced approximately 9,700 tons of carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) annually since 2018. Carbon neutrality refers to scope 1 and 2 emissions only and includes the compensation of emissions.

### [Read more about Ambev's announcement >](#)

Since packaging makes up the largest part of our carbon footprint, we are innovating across our packaging to reduce our emissions. For instance, in the UK our Budweiser Brewing Group piloted an ultra-low-carbon Budweiser can, which represents our lowest carbon footprint can ever produced in Europe. This year, our GITEC team developed a game-changing glass innovation by creating the world's lightest longneck glass beer bottle for commercial production. We are now exploring how to roll out the new bottle and further decrease our carbon footprint—the lightweight glass bottles cut  $\text{CO}_2$  emissions by an estimated 17% per bottle. Additionally, this year Corona became the first global beverage brand with a net zero plastic footprint globally.

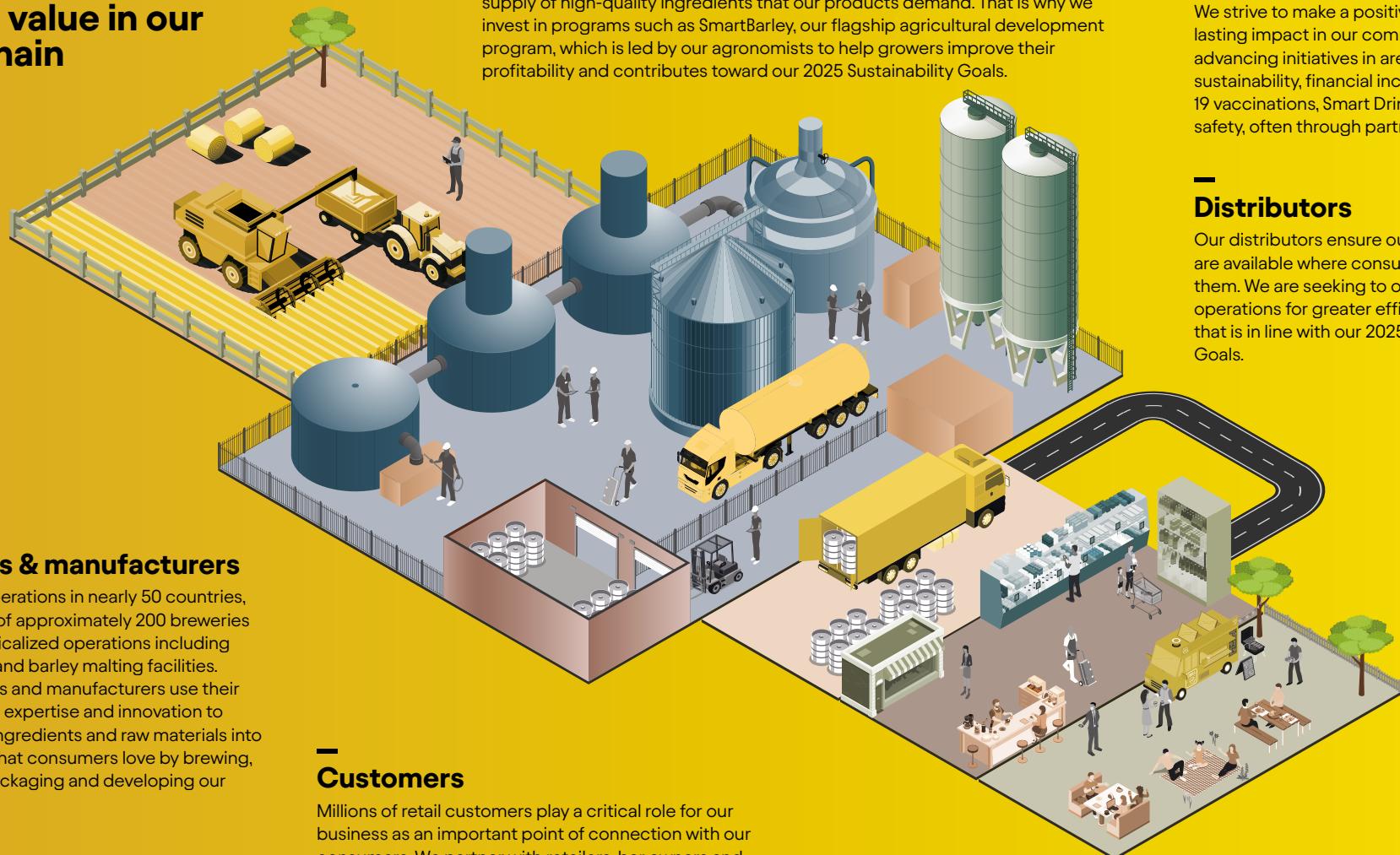
## We are partnering with start-ups to help build a more resilient and sustainable supply chain.

Alongside our Beer Garage team, the Good Company, a venture capital firm investing in Israeli start-ups, and our partners, we launched our first-ever Sustainable Supply Chain Challenge. Six start-ups from around the world took to the virtual stage to demonstrate how their solutions to build a more resilient and sustainable supply chain can become a reality. A finalist from the program, Mi Terro, a company that upcycles and engineers agricultural waste into a plastic alternative biomaterial, was chosen to be part of the third cohort of our 100+ Accelerator, a program focused on identifying and scaling breakthrough innovations in sustainability.



# From seed to sip

## Creating value in our supply chain



### Farmers

We value our relationships with our farmers, who provide natural ingredients for our products. Our mutual collaboration is a key element to creating a sustainable supply of high-quality ingredients that our products demand. That is why we invest in programs such as SmartBarley, our flagship agricultural development program, which is led by our agronomists to help growers improve their profitability and contributes toward our 2025 Sustainability Goals.

### Communities

We are an integral part of the communities where we live and work. We strive to make a positive and lasting impact in our communities, advancing initiatives in areas such as sustainability, financial inclusion, COVID-19 vaccinations, Smart Drinking and road safety, often through partnerships.

### Distributors

Our distributors ensure our products are available where consumers want them. We are seeking to optimize our operations for greater efficiency in a way that is in line with our 2025 Sustainability Goals.

### Brewers & manufacturers

We have operations in nearly 50 countries, consisting of approximately 200 breweries and 40 verticalized operations including hop farms and barley malting facilities. Our brewers and manufacturers use their knowledge, expertise and innovation to transform ingredients and raw materials into a product that consumers love by brewing, bottling, packaging and developing our products.

### Customers

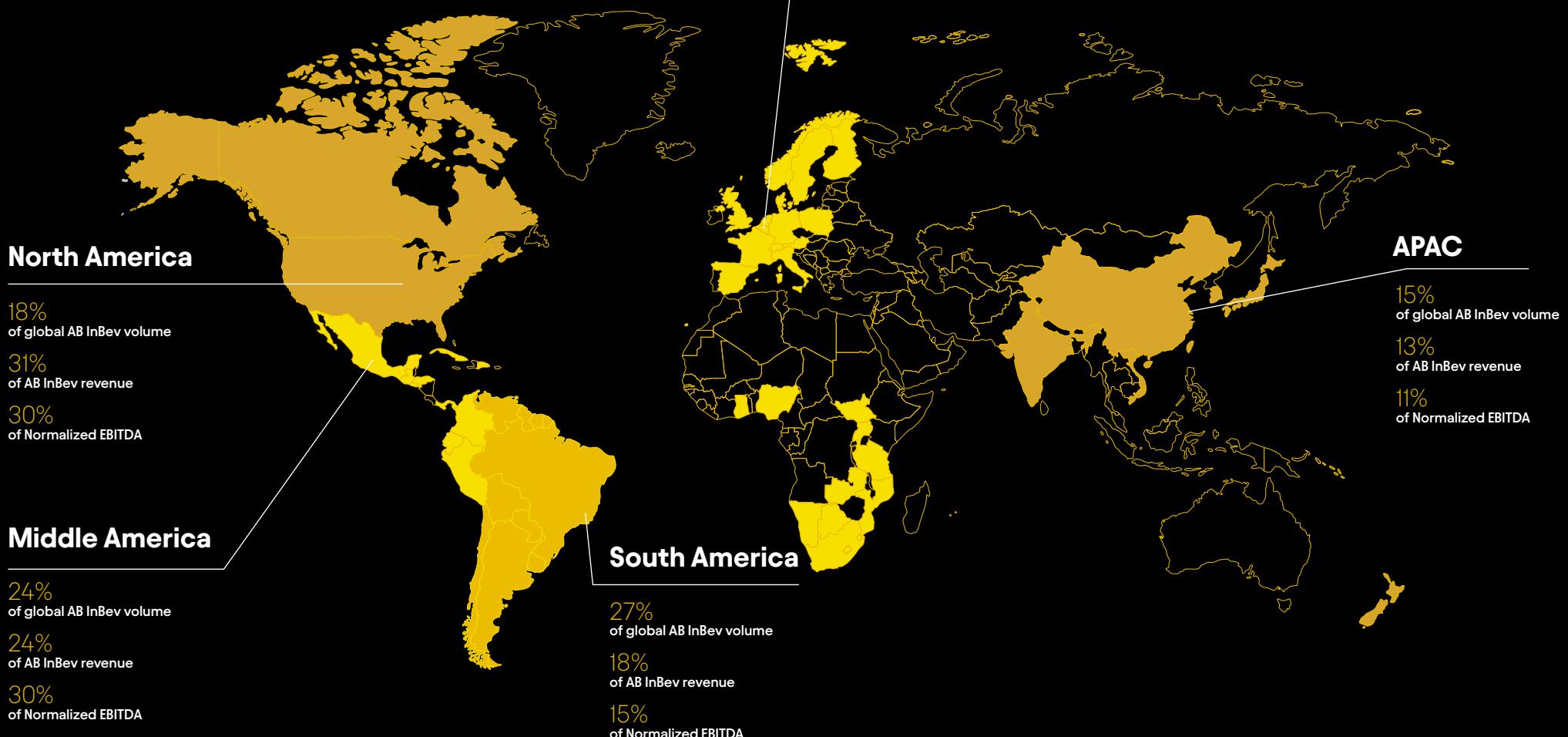
Millions of retail customers play a critical role for our business as an important point of connection with our consumers. We partner with retailers, bar owners and wholesalers to bring our beers to our consumers, while supporting their business growth, striving to provide best-in-class service as well as pursuing extraordinary execution of our brands on- and off-premise.

### Consumers

In the last step, but perhaps the most important of all, consumers enjoy our beer. We are always looking to serve up new ways to meet life's moments, and we connect with our consumers by offering meaningful brand experiences, in a responsible way.

# Where we operate

We have a diverse geographic footprint spanning nearly 50 countries worldwide. Our portfolio of more than 500 iconic global and local brands represents one in every four beers sold.



\*Percentages are based on share of AB InBev worldwide excluding global export and holding companies.

# — 2021 in review

## Our Performance

In 2021, we continued to meet the moment and built on our momentum to deliver a great year as we look toward the future.

We grew top-line by 15.6%, comprised of a mix of 9.6% volume and 5.5% revenue per hl growth, driven by premiumization and revenue management initiatives. EBITDA grew 11.8%, at the top-end of our 2021 outlook, as top-line growth was partially offset by anticipated transaction FX and commodity headwinds, higher SG&A due primarily to higher variable compensation accruals and elevated supply chain costs. We delivered another year of strong cash flow generation, resulting in almost 10 billion USD of gross debt reduction.

Compared to pre-pandemic levels, we grew topline by more than 10% and nearly recovered EBITDA on an organic basis.

Our performance in 2021 reinforces our confidence that our unique ecosystem can deliver consistent growth and long-term value creation. As we look ahead, we are energized by our momentum and unique opportunities to lead category growth, by activating consumer demand as the on-trade continues to re-open and marquee events return.

Our people and our culture of ownership remain our greatest competitive advantages; we take this opportunity to express our gratitude and admiration for the commitment, dedication and engagement of our colleagues globally as we continue to Dream Big to Create a Future with More Cheers.



# Global highlights

We are building on our momentum and creating a future with more cheers.

## JANUARY

Launched **EverGrain**, a sustainable ingredient company using a circular process that is revolutionizing the use of barley to deliver highly nutritious, great-tasting, barley-based protein and fiber ingredients to the world.



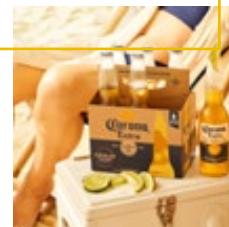
## FEBRUARY

Reinforcing our commitment to sustainability, we announced a **10.1 billion USD sustainability-linked loan revolving credit facility**—the first of its kind among publicly listed companies in the alcohol beverage industry.



## MARCH

Corona became the first global beverage brand to roll out six-pack cartons made using **barley straw** left over from the barley harvest.



Expanded our seltzer portfolio globally with the launch of **Michelob ULTRA Seltzer** in Mexico, establishing leadership in the nascent, but fast-growing segment.



governments drive vaccination and education efforts.



## APRIL

Our **100+ Accelerator** welcomed the Coca-Cola Company, Colgate-Palmolive Company and Unilever as new partners to jointly fund and pilot sustainable innovation in supply chains.

## JUNE

Celebrated winning a total of 40 **Cannes Lions Awards**, including four wins related to Smart Drinking campaigns and the "Tienda Cerca" campaign, which won a prestigious Grand Prix Cannes Lions Award in the Innovation Lions category—the first ever for our in-house creative agency, **draftLine**.

Invited **Georgetown University's Business for Impact** to examine our smart drinking goals and programs. The analysis resulted in a case study that affirmed how we have been and continue to be an industry leader toward reducing the harmful use of alcohol.

Opened our 10,000<sup>th</sup> **Modelorama store**, located in Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

Expanded our **BEES products** with BEES Force and BEES Deliver, empowering the frontlines, including delivery and operations crews, with new technology. This followed the launch of BEES Partner services, which tracks sales performance and unpacks new customer behaviors.





## JULY

**Michel Doukeris** assumed the role of Chief Executive Officer of Anheuser-Busch InBev, succeeding Carlos Brito, who stepped down after 15 years as CEO.

Expanded our **direct-to-consumer courier platform** to ten markets across Latin America.

Expanded our winning double malt concept to ten new markets this year, including the launch of **Castle Double Malt** in South Africa in July.



## AUGUST

**Ezgi Barcenas** began her tenure as our **Chief Sustainability Officer**, reporting to the CEO, reflecting our commitment to further accelerate our environmental, social and governance (ESG) agenda.

## SEPTEMBER

Celebrated our recognition as one of only **37 Global Compact LEAD companies** for our ongoing commitment to the UN Global Compact, its Ten Principles for responsible business and the related Sustainable Development Goals.

Launched **the third cohort of our 100+ Accelerator**, announcing 36 start-ups that will implement their innovative solutions in over 20 countries around the world.

Michel Doukeris, our CEO, alongside Nikhil Seth from the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), unveiled the latest feature of our Road Safety Toolkit—a **Virtual Immersive Experience**—to provide a more hands-on and better learning experience.

Celebrated **Global Smart Drinking Week** across all of our zones to recognize the importance of our efforts across our company and our brands, and the wellness of people around the world.

Continued the growth of our no- and low-alcohol portfolio globally with the expansion of **Budweiser Zero** to ten new markets and of **Stella 0.0** to five new markets, including its launch in the US in September.



## OCTOBER

Together with UNITAR, we launched a **Social Norms Toolkit** to support governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) around the world by sharing tools and best practices to influence behaviors.

## NOVEMBER

Celebrated being part of the **CDP's (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project)** disclosure in 2021 by providing our environmental data, recognizing that transparency is essential to tracking and accelerating our progress toward our 2025 Sustainability Goals.

Launched **Budweiser's first ever Non-Fungible Token (NFT)** collection with 1,936 unique digital cans, which sold out in less than an hour after launch. The total number of digital cans represents the year 1936, when the first Budweiser can was created. Each Budweiser Heritage Collection token is a one-of-a-kind digital asset generated using designs from throughout Budweiser's renowned history.

# New global purpose

## DECEMBER

Introduced our **new global purpose** and strategy to our investors and the press at our 2021 Investor Seminar.

Announced our ambition to achieve **net zero** across our value chain by 2040.

Fulfilled **67 million online orders** in 2021, more than double that in 2020, through our direct-to-consumer platform.

# Zone highlights

## North America

### Highlights

- Announced Anheuser-Busch's plan to invest more than 1 billion USD in its facilities over the next two years to drive economic prosperity in communities across the US.
- Welcomed Brendan Whitworth to the role of Zone President North America and Chief Executive Officer of Anheuser-Busch, succeeding Michel Doukeris.
- Teamed up with the White House for the #GrabABeer campaign in the US, offering our biggest beer giveaway ever to give eligible adults another reason to get their vaccines.
- Maintained Michelob ULTRA's position as the second largest brand in the US by volume and retail sales, according to IRI.

- Registered triple-digit growth of Cutwater in 2021, and expanded NUTRL, the number one vodka soda brand in Canada, to the US to respond to consumer desire for spirit-based seltzer.
- Introduced Stella Artois 0.0 in the US and launched Corona Sunbrew 0.0%, the world's first non-alcoholic beer with vitamin D, in Canada.



### Our key brands



### Zone performance

107.0 million hl



Volume

16.3 billion USD



Revenue

6.1 billion USD



EBITDA



# Middle America

## Highlights

- Launched Modelo Pura Malta and expanded the Beyond Beer segment in Mexico through innovations such as Michelob ULTRA Hard Seltzer and Corona Agua Rifada. We also launched the next phase of our OXXO rollout, expanding to approximately 3,400 additional stores by January 2022.
- Announced Grupo Modelo's investment of 154 million USD to expand its glass factory in Tierra Blanca, Veracruz, in the southeast region of Mexico.
- Launched Cerveza Nativa, Bavaria's first beer made from cassava produced by Colombian farmers.

- Saw growth across all segments of our portfolio in Colombia, with 2021 marking the highest per capita consumption in the country in the last 25 years.
- Launched Beck's and expanded Corona and Stella Artois in Ecuador.

- Fulfilled Grupo Modelo's fourth investment in Mexican hospitals during the pandemic as part of the award-winning #PorNuestroMéxico movement. The investment helped equip and support a medical unit at La Pastora Hospital in Mexico City to care for patients with COVID-19.



## Our key brands



## Zone performance

141.4 million hl



Volume

12.5 billion USD



Revenue

6.1 billion USD



EBITDA



Zone headquarters:  
Mexico City, Mexico

# South America

## Highlights

- Innovated to drive growth with Brahma Duplo Malte and strengthened brand equity with brands like Skol, Corona, Original and Beck's.
- Launched Spaten and Hoegaarden 0,0 in Brazil, and Patagonia Sendero Sur in Argentina, the first organic beer in the country (certified by Argencert).
- Set up a COVID-19 vaccination site in Argentina, administering up to 1,000 vaccines a day to support recovery efforts.
- Created Future Beverages, Ambev's new Business Unit in Brazil dedicated to alcoholic beverages that are different from beer. Daniela Cachich was appointed as BU President, reporting directly to Zone President Jean Jereissati.

## Our key brands



## Zone performance

156.6 million hl



Volume

9.5 billion USD



Revenue

3.1 billion USD



EBITDA



Zone headquarters:  
São Paulo, Brazil

# APAC

## Highlights

- Celebrated Budweiser China's recognition as "Excellent Beverage Supplier 2020" by the China Culture & Entertainment Industry Association (CCEA) for its work with local governments to support the economy and industry during the pandemic.
- Expanded our business-to-business platform BEES to China, and launched Corona Fresca Sea Salt & Guava in the country, a flavored beer with no artificial ingredients.
- Saw continued success of our innovations, the "All New Cass" and our new classic lager HANMAC in South Korea, and piloted Budweiser Beats, the brand's first non-alcoholic energy drink, in India.
- Announced BUD APAC's successful signing of a total of 500 million USD Sustainability-Linked Loan Revolving Credit Facilities (Green Financing Loan), one of the largest of this kind among publicly listed consumer goods companies in Asia Pacific.

## Our key brands



- Announced our first carbon-neutral brewery globally in Wuhan, China. Carbon neutrality refers to scope 1 and 2 emissions only and includes the compensation of emissions.



## Zone performance

88.4 million hl



Volume

6.8 billion USD



Revenue

2.3 billion USD



EBITDA



# EMEA

## Europe highlights

- Launched a campaign in Belgium and UK to support on-trade recovery. We committed to tipping 1 GBP to staff behind the bar for every pint of Stella Artois served, ultimately tipping more than 500,000 GBP to 20,000 bar staff across the country. For each Leffe beer sold in Belgium, Leffe offered a tip of one euro to the Horeca staff.
- Celebrated Beck's Unfiltered becoming the number one innovation in Germany, and launched Victoria in three markets. Extended no-alcohol portfolio through Corona Cero and Leffe Ruby 0.0.
- Enhanced parental leave policy for European colleagues, with extended weeks for primary and secondary caregivers and more flexible work schedules in returning to work. Primary caregivers will see paid leave increase from 16 to 26 weeks. Paid leave for secondary caregivers will increase from two to four weeks.



## Africa highlights

- Announced the ambition to achieve net zero operations in five major breweries by 2028, including Magor and Samlesbury breweries in the UK, and Leuven, Jupille and Bremen breweries in Belgium and Germany. Budweiser Brewing Group UK announced the first large-scale green hydrogen generation system at a brewery.
- Released Bud Light's wearable beer packs, which are boxes that consumers can wear on their heads, featuring the faces of players from England's national football team, as its official beer sponsor during the delayed Euro 2020 tournament.
- Grew our global brands Corona and Stella and our core brand Carling Black Label, while accelerating in the Beyond Beer segment with Brutal Fruit and Flying Fish.
- Debuted a new, refreshed look for Mosi Premium Lager, inspired by the vast green lands of Zambia.
- Opened a new 180 million USD brewery in Mozambique to help create jobs and stimulate the local economy.
- Announced a R2 billion capital investment in South African Breweries' [SAB] operations, including upgrades to operating facilities, installation of new equipment at selected plants, product innovations and other necessary operating systems.
- Announced that SAB Zenzele Kabilo has been listed on the B-BBEE segment of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.
- Partnered with local municipalities to implement Alcohol Evidence Centres (AECs) to help advance road safety, rolling out to ten new centers across South Africa after a successful pilot program.

## Our key brands



## Zone performance

86.7 million hl



Volume

8.0 billion USD



Revenue

2.6 billion USD



EBITDA

Zone headquarters:  
Leuven, Belgium



Zone headquarters:  
Johannesburg, South Africa

# Lead and grow the category

Our biggest opportunity is in the beer category, which is inclusive, natural and local. We want to move from being the category leader to leading category growth.



# Lead, premiumize and grow the beer category

We are investing in our global leadership position in the beer category through premiumization, driving organic growth and portfolio optimization. We are reaching more consumers on more occasions with our best-in-class portfolio of global, international, and craft and specialty premium brands across all markets, including Budweiser, Stella Artois, Corona and Michelob ULTRA.

## Our global brands are leading the way.

Our global brands—Budweiser, Stella Artois and Corona—delivered 22.9% revenue growth in 2021, outside their home markets, where they typically command a price premium.

## We are expanding beer brands into new markets.

To bring more tastes to more consumers, we are innovating and expanding our brands into new markets around the world. We seeded Michelob ULTRA, our premium, low-carb, low-calorie beer, in ten markets. The Corona brand family expanded with Corona Fresca Sea Salt & Guava in China, a flavored beer with no artificial ingredients. In Canada, we launched Corona Sunbrew 0.0%—the world's first non-alcoholic beer with vitamin D.

We also enhanced our non-alcoholic portfolio by expanding Budweiser Zero to more than ten markets, introducing Stella Artois 0.0 in the US and launching Hoegaarden 0.0 in Brazil and China. In Europe, we extended our portfolio through Corona Cero and Leffe Ruby 0.0, while Beck's Unfiltered became the number one innovation in Germany.

Our double malt concept continues to grow with the launch of Castle Double Malt in South Africa and expansion to ten additional countries. The first double malt beer from South Africa combines two carefully selected South African malts and is produced at South African Breweries' very own local malting plants. We also launched Safari Double Malt in Africa and Modelo Pura Malta in the Middle America Zone.

We brought Hoegaarden and Kona to Brazil. In Argentina, we launched Patagonia Sendero Sur, the first organic beer in the country certified by Argencert. Sales of the limited-edition brew supported the preservation of the Parque Municipal Llao Llao and the Parque Nacional Nahuel Huapi, public parks in San Carlos de Bariloche. Additionally, our beloved craft beer brand Goose Island continued to broaden its footprint, launching in Brazil and the UK in 2021, and launched Victoria in three new markets in Europe.



5+ billion USD 

in revenue contributed from innovations in 2021

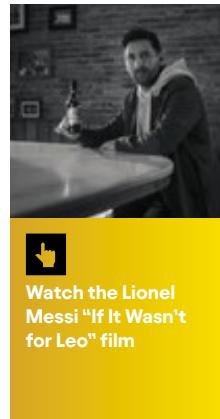




## Budweiser is at the center of culture.

We connected with consumers in 2021 through key cultural moments, including sports, the reopening of bars and vaccination efforts. Campaigns with NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo in Brazil, Nigeria, South Africa and the US, and global soccer legend Lionel Messi in Argentina, Colombia, Spain, the UK and South Africa ignited conversation on social media about the extraordinary dreams of real people.

Celebrating the reopening of bars in 2021, we launched the "Back to Live" campaign in Chile, Canada, Argentina, Colombia, Uruguay and Brazil. The campaign took place in over 1,000 points of consumption, and offered the first Budweiser for free with proof of vaccination. In the US, we helped raise awareness for COVID-19 vaccines by sitting out Budweiser's iconic Super Bowl airtime for the first time in 37 years and reallocating the media investment toward vaccination education.



[Watch the Lionel Messi "If It Wasn't for Leo" film](#)

## Corona is a sustainability champion.

In March, Corona launched the first 100% circular six-pack in the beer industry made with repurposed barley straw left over from the barley harvest. The brand pioneered a new technology that has the potential to transform the paper industry globally. On World Oceans Day, Corona became the first global beverage brand with a net zero plastic footprint globally, meaning that the brand is recovering more plastic from the environment than it releases into the world. To further build on Corona's ties to nature, this year Corona launched the top-performing Naturals campaign, proudly stating that it is made from the natural world with 100% natural ingredients. Local campaigns were run in the UK, Canada, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador and Paraguay.



[See Corona's journey to net zero plastic](#)



[Learn about Corona's new barley straw packaging](#)



[See how we supported the hospitality industry in Europe](#)

When pubs reopen, Stella Artois will tip £1 for every pint served



Join the movement & tip the bar staff  
#StellaTips



## Stella Artois is aiding the economic recovery.

As pubs and restaurants began to reopen around the world, Stella Artois helped the recovery. In the UK, the Stella Tips campaign committed to tipping 1 GBP to staff behind the bar for every pint of Stella Artois served, encouraging consumers to do the same and start a nationwide tipping movement. In the UK alone, we gave over 500,000 GBP in tips to more than 20,000 bar staff.

The Your Table Is Ready campaign in the US, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, the UK and Brazil helped drive consumers back to their local restaurants with the incentive of a free Stella Artois.

In Bogotá, Colombia, Stella Artois launched Frites Artois, a restaurant aimed at pairing the world's best international lager with the world's best frites. The location offers consumers an experience to celebrate life's moments while also supporting local farmers and businesses.

# Grow in Beyond Beer

The Beyond Beer segment continues to be a growth driver in the industry. We are developing our business through a strong portfolio strategy focused on premiumization and category expansion. Our global Beyond Beer business grew by over 20%, contributing 1.6 billion USD in total revenue in 2021.



## Our dream is to lead and shape the Flavored Alcoholic Beverages (FAB) category globally.

The FAB category aims to reach more consumers on more occasions. Outside of the US, we have developed a strong global brand in this category: Mike's Hard Lemonade, whose net revenue has increased five times since 2019. Mike's is now in more than 18 markets, including Colombia, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, China and the UK, with plans to expand in Europe, South America, Asia and Africa.

Using one of our global brands, we launched Corona Tropical in China and Colombia, and

Corona Agua Rifada in Mexico. Several local brands are also helping us lead in the FAB category, including Brutal Fruit in South Africa, which is now the leading FAB in the country, growing 96% versus 2020. Additionally, Beats, our high-energy FAB brand, is leading in Brazil and has grown 20% versus 2020.

## Our seltzer portfolio is expanding to meet consumer demand.

We are taking a portfolio approach to seltzer leadership. We are using our global beer brands to help grow the Beyond Beer segment globally. For instance, Michelob ULTRA Hard Seltzer currently has 48% market share in Mexico, with plans to continue the expansion across the Middle America Zone. We also launched Bud Light Seltzer in the UK in April, following the brand's success in the US.

In North America, we launched seasonal Bud Light Seltzer packs in the US, including a retro-themed summer pack, a flannel-themed fall pack and an ugly holiday sweater-themed winter pack with flavors such as blue raspberry, pumpkin spice and eggnog. We also expanded NUTRL, the number one vodka soda brand in Canada, to the US to respond to consumer desire for spirit-based seltzer. Our seltzer portfolio in the US continued to outpace the industry, growing 1.7x the segment.



1.6 billion USD

revenue of our Beyond Beer brands



## We are exploring innovative beverage offerings.

Ready-to-drink cocktails are the fastest-growing segment in the US alcohol industry, and we believe that the ready-to-drink category can give consumers access to bar-quality cocktails and expand to markets that show an appetite for premium cocktails. For instance, Cutwater, our canned, bar-quality cocktail line, continues to rapidly expand. Cutwater is now the leading ready-to-drink cocktail in the full-flavored cocktail space in the US, with triple-digit growth in 2021. We plan to expand Cutwater to additional markets in 2022 to meet the global demand for premium beverages.



We are also exploring additional beverages to bring even more offerings to our portfolio for more occasions. In 2021, we expanded Black Crown Gin & Tonic across South Africa, BABE in South Korea and Fuqi hard tea in China. We also invested in the ready-to-drink cocktail company Canteen Spirits, which features products including CANTEEN, a vodka-based canned cocktail; CANTINA, a tequila-based cocktail; and new CANTEEN Gin Spritz.

## Non-alcoholic beverages are driving growth Beyond Beer.

We took important steps into the non-alcoholic beverages space. We are driving double-digit incremental growth for the company, answering to a wide range of consumer needs in categories such as refreshment, energy, hydration and socializing.

One of our biggest priorities and successes in 2021 is the Accessible Energy territory. Two new brands, Fury in Honduras and El Salvador and Rockstar in Argentina, are solving consumers'

needs for an affordable daily energy boost option. Further exploring this space, we piloted Budweiser Beats, the brand's first non-alcoholic energy drink, in India. In Latin America, Fusion, a brand created in Brazil and launched last year in China, is building brand affinity with e-sports communities, drawing millions of views in partnership with the games Free Fire and League of Legends. Our efforts in e-sports also expanded to other categories, like malt. In Colombia, Pony Malta partnered with Free Fire to launch a new flavor inspired by the game, and created the biggest promotion in Pony Malta's history, with access to gift codes to redeem game-related prizes. Pony Malta also launched the first all-female e-sports team, SHE Gaming, to encourage more female representation.

We also expanded our strong partnership with Red Bull, adding China and South Africa to the map and fortifying our position in the fast-growing energy segment.

In Brazil, Guaraná Antarctica celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021 through a campaign that

centered on what it means to be Brazilian. The Guaraná team focused on highlighting creativity and boldness through an integrated channel strategy to strengthen communication and connect with adults. Guaraná was the most awarded Ambev brand at Cannes Lions in 2021.



# Digitize and monetize our ecosystem

New technology capabilities have unlocked new ways for us to create value from our ecosystem. With our portfolio of new businesses and products that aim to solve customer and consumer pain points, we believe we have the potential to create significant value for our business. These technology innovations are positioned to enhance our business and the category globally.

We are focusing on three areas in this space:

- Our business-to-business software and fintech services, such as BEES
- Our direct-to-consumer e-commerce solutions, including Zé Delivery and PerfectDraft
- Biotech initiatives that use our expertise in scaled fermentation to create sustainable food production

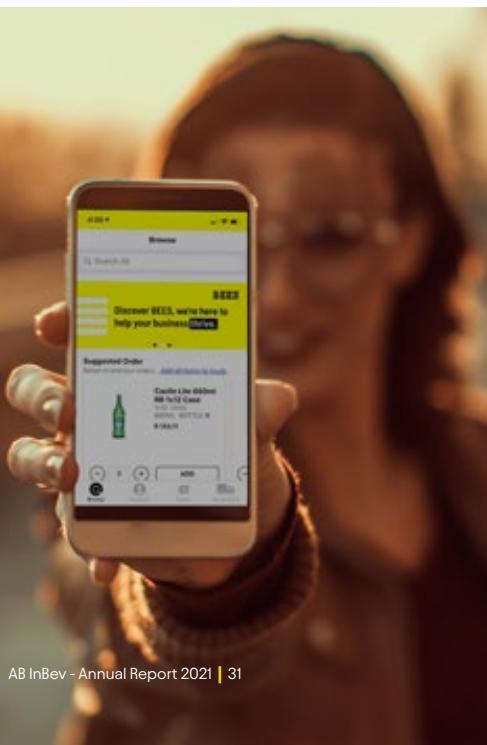


# Connect with our customers, consumers and partners

We are creating new value from our ecosystem by harnessing the power of data and technology. We are empowering our more than six million customers and more than two billion consumers through industry-leading innovations in business-to-business and direct-to-consumer capabilities, as 50% of our global revenue is now digital.

As we use more data and technology, digital ethics plays a crucial role. With a strategic focus on further digitizing our business and the way we engage with stakeholders across our value chain, we have built a digital ethics program that goes beyond data protection compliance.

 Learn more about our Ethics & Compliance approach in our ESG Report >



## Our fast-growing platform is inspiring growth and promoting digital inclusion to millions of small retailers.

Our proprietary business-to-business platform, BEES, is now live in 16 markets, including Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Mexico, Panama, Peru and the latest additions, China, South Africa and the US. Through the platform, customers can browse products, place orders, arrange deliveries, earn rewards, manage invoices and access business insights all in one place.

With more than 2.5 million monthly active users, BEES is demonstrating an accelerated growth trajectory, with over 20 billion USD in gross merchandise value (GMV), totaling 78 million orders placed in 2021. This rapid expansion has been supported by a state-of-the-art technology platform that we have been developing and investing behind for several years, which aims to enhance our relationship with customers who are our gateway to consumers around the world.

# 2.5 million

BEES monthly active users

## BEES has two main commercial objectives:

### 1. Accelerate profitable growth in our core business

BEES allows for a 24/7 personalized communication channel with our customers to ensure commercial priorities are delivered with world-class execution and speed. We are enabling key innovations and AI-generated personalized recommendations that help customers place orders in a fast and convenient way.

Our commercial strategy, B2O (BEES-to-Offline), includes digital platforms to improve the sales experience for customers and consumers, including traceable consumer coupons and points-based customer incentives. In 2021, we issued more than two million digital coupons to over one million unique consumers, with a coupon conversion rate of over 84%. Our rewards program offers customers the opportunity to earn bonus points that are linked to consumer benefits. For example, in Brazil, BEES activated specific retailers through a soccer campaign for Brahma Duplo Malte, resulting in approximately 110,000 retailers participating over the course of one week, and growing volume by ten percentage points.



Our CEO, Michel Doukeris, met with BEES customers in the Dominican Republic in October

### 2. Unlock new and profitable business opportunities

We have been evolving the way we sell and promote products and build our brands across all of our BEES markets. For instance, we provide AI-generated recommendations for quantity and assortment personalized for each individual customer, helping them place their order in an easier and faster way. Today, more than 80% of BEES customers in Brazil use our AI-generated recommendations.

Additionally, BEES is unlocking adjacent business opportunities through its e-commerce marketplace. BEES Marketplace allows customers to purchase a variety of products manufactured by other suppliers through our platform. This allows customers to find their favorite products, all in one shopping experience.



## Direct-to-consumer is transforming our business.

Our consumers are at the center of everything we do. We are developing direct-to-consumer channels to provide the best experience across all beverage occasions. Our direct-to-consumer portfolio is made up of our fast-growing e-commerce platforms along with approximately 12,000 brick-and-mortar retail stores to create an ecosystem that has generated nearly 1.5 billion USD in revenues in 2021.

During the COVID-19 lockdowns, our online channels saw significant growth. This year, our e-commerce platforms have fulfilled 66 million orders, representing sales growth of 62%. As online penetration of beer sales increases, our direct-to-consumer platform allows us to connect one-on-one with each consumer, gaining detailed insights. This enables us to personalize at scale, executing activations to drive higher consumer lifetime value.

As a company, we are uniquely positioned to develop a sustainable, long-term direct-to-consumer offering for three main reasons:

- **Our diverse portfolio** of leading brands gives us a differentiated value proposition, raises awareness and drives consumer adoption.

# 300



Zé Delivery is now available in more than 300 cities in Brazil.

- **Our extensive logistics network**, partnerships with millions of retailers and footprint of owned physical stores help to increase last-mile delivery efficiency, promote best-in-class service levels and ensure superior beer experiences.
- **Our technology** seamlessly connects these elements into a single ecosystem that enables us to rapidly expand to our direct-to-consumer platforms.

## Expanding successful platforms

This year marked the five-year anniversary of Zé Delivery, a technology platform in Brazil that connects consumers with retailers to deliver cold beer straight to their doorsteps within 30 minutes. In 2021, Zé Delivery monthly orders grew to record levels, doubling the number of orders compared to 2020. Zé Delivery is now available in roughly 300 cities across Brazil.

As a result of Zé's success, we are integrating all of our direct-to-consumer services into the same structure in different markets. This includes platforms such as Zé Delivery, Pit Stop, Chopp Brahma Express, ModeloramaNow, Empório da Cerveja, Sempre Em Casa and Coolers Autonomos. We now have courier platforms live in 35 cities across South and Central America.

As we expand our direct-to-consumer services into other countries, we are connecting with our physical store footprint. For example, in Mexico we are using our Modelorama stores to create an omnichannel experience via ModeloramaNow.

Our PerfectDraft business in Europe had a successful year, surpassing 170 million USD in revenue in 2021. PerfectDraft is delivering a wide assortment of beers that consumers love with a pub-quality home draught experience. With more than 40 brands to explore and easy e-commerce ordering, the service seamlessly connects our breweries to beer lovers' homes.

To make the delivery experience more sustainable, local and personal, Saveur Bière recently launched a new delivery service in Paris, France, that eliminates cardboard boxes and the need for shipping.

## We are supporting our customers through digital and fintech solutions.

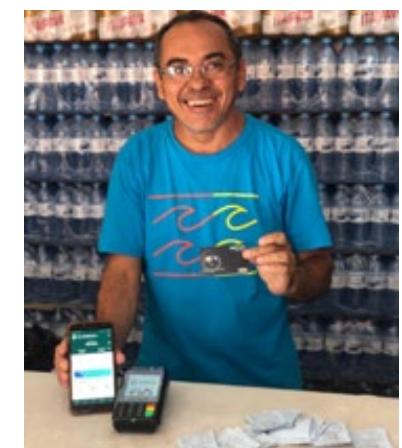
Z-Tech, our technology and innovation hub, is focused on offering digital solutions through investments, partnerships and in-house development of products to small- and medium-sized businesses, including restaurants and pubs who sell our products. In 2021, more than 270,000 small- and medium-sized businesses joined our digital platforms, and we expanded credit and payment pilots to South Africa and to countries in Europe.

Z-Tech's proprietary fintech platform, Donus, is available in Brazil and has reached over 242,000 opened digital accounts. This year Donus started offering short- and long-term loans and has already extended approximately 23 million USD in credit to SMBs in Brazil. Donus also joined Pix, the Brazilian Central Bank instant payment system, allowing clients to make payments in real time. In Mexico, Z-Tech's platform SíHay has offered digital payments solutions for more than 19,000 POCs and over 2.085 billion MXN (102.2 million USD) in credit through third parties.

In Brazil, Z-Tech is partnering with the start-up Lemon Energy to provide small retailers with convenient access to renewable energy and help reduce Scope 3 emissions generated at the point of sale. To date, Lemon Energy has helped more than 1,900 customers, saving them a total of nearly 100,000 BRL (18,200 USD) per month. This also helps to avoid 265 tons per month of carbon emissions, which is equivalent to planting 4,000 trees.

We also continued to work with the Get In app to offer small- and medium-sized businesses access to digital tools, including digital menus and reservation management. More than 8,900 restaurants are now using the platform, with about one million people seated, more than 200,000 monthly active users and 484,000 digital menus used monthly in 2021.

In 2021, Z-Tech also made a new investment in Mercafacil, a customer relationship management (CRM) platform focused on increasing revenue for retailers through consumer behavior management and an online sales integrator. This new partnership has the potential to help small- and medium-sized businesses increase their revenues and manage consumer interactions in a more efficient way.



# Unlock value from our global platform

The world is facing extraordinary challenges. A rapidly growing population is putting pressure on our food system, natural resources and environment. An unprecedented—and necessary—transformation in food production is underway, including a shift away from animals to plants as a source of protein.

## Our company is positioned to play a critical role in this transformation.

We have unique assets, capabilities and expertise that can make a meaningful contribution toward solving these extraordinary challenges.

As a global company developed through local communities and infrastructure, we have created vibrant local ecosystems connecting farmers, supply footprints, production and distribution networks. We operate approximately 200 breweries and logistics systems in nearly 50 countries worldwide. We are the world's leading consumer of malting barley, with more than 14,500 malting barley farmers in our direct supply chains from the US to Uganda.

We are applying biotech advancements to our production capabilities to help address global food and sustainability challenges. We can scale these solutions to create value for our partners, shareholders and society.

We are already developing two opportunities poised to contribute to both our company and the development of this biotech space: EverGrain and BioBrew.

### EverGrain

We are the largest user of malting barley in the world, sourcing over three million metric tons of quality malting barley directly from 14,500 farmers

every year. In January 2021, we launched EverGrain, a sustainable ingredient company that is revolutionizing the use of leftover barley from our barley harvest to deliver highly nutritious, great-tasting barley-based protein and fiber ingredients.

Historically in the fermentation process, we only extracted carbohydrates from our barley, leaving behind nutrient-rich protein and fibers. Every year our approximately 200 breweries around the world produce 1.4 million tons of saved grain that contain nutritional value. This gives us a unique opportunity to upcycle our used barley. Through years of research and development, we have developed the proprietary technology behind EverGrain to extract the proteins and fibers from those saved grains to create high-quality, plant-based ingredients.

Our ingredients are already in protein shakes, barley milks, breads and pastas, generating incremental revenues for our business. We are well positioned to meet increasing demand for



In 2021, we launched EverGrain during a ceremony in St. Louis

these products. We have a pilot facility in Newark, New Jersey, and have invested in a St. Louis facility, which is expected to come online in 2022.

### BioBrew

Based on population growth and modern consumption patterns, more food will be needed in the next 30 years than at any other point in human history. The application of biotechnology to food and beverage production presents an incredible opportunity over the next two decades, and the market for alternative fermented protein alone is estimated to reach 22 billion USD by 2035.

At the very core of this opportunity sits a fundamental technology at the heart of our business—fermentation. We have developed specific knowledge, supporting infrastructure and new operational processes that have potentially wide-ranging applications in the emerging biotechnology space.

To meet the growing global need for safe, sustainable animal-free protein, new players need to emerge to effectively scale these innovative bioproducts.

That is why we launched BioBrew, a technology platform venture from our investment and innovation group, ZX Ventures. We are exploring opportunities to apply large-scale fermentation and processing expertise beyond beer. By

partnering with precision fermentation specialists and using our collective fermentation assets, we are working to develop high-margin, value-added products.

BioBrew will eventually operate as a biomanufacturing platform that produces fermentation-derived proteins as a service for its customers to help address the world's need for alternatives to animal proteins. In early 2021, BioBrew announced a partnership with The Every Company™, a pioneer and leader in fermentation-based, alternative protein. The initiative will focus on unlocking scaled production of their innovative animal-free egg protein.

## We are meaningfully contributing to food production to meet increasing global food demand.

With our scale, assets, capabilities, fermentation capacity and expertise, our dream is to make a meaningful contribution to help address this global food challenge. Scaling these solutions aims to create value for our company and our society.

We are dreaming big in the biotech space to solve big problems, aiming to create more value and a future with more cheers.

# Optimize our business

The third pillar of our new strategy focuses on optimizing value for our business through strategic investments. It focuses on three main areas: disciplined resource allocation to drive growth, robust risk management and efficient capital structure.



# Invest in our future while supporting the recovery

We are committed to driving a safe and strong post-pandemic economic recovery across our value chain. By investing in communities and infrastructure through capital expenditures, we are spurring growth while also supporting local economies and helping to create jobs.

5.5 billion USD

in total capital expenditures

7.3 billion USD

in sales and marketing



Our strategy places significant emphasis on innovation and finding a better way to make a difference across the value chain. To achieve this, we are investing in our infrastructure to modernize our manufacturing and production.

For example, this year Anheuser-Busch announced a plan to invest more than 1 billion USD over the next two years in its facilities to drive economic prosperity in communities across the US. We are fortifying our operations and strengthening connections to our consumers through investments in our Fort Collins brewery in Colorado, the launch of EverGrain in St. Louis and a solar panel investment at our Los Angeles brewery.

In Mexico, Grupo Modelo invested over 154 million USD to expand its Tierra Blanca bottle factory in Veracruz. This will create 300 jobs and is expected to expand production from 3.5 million bottles per day to 5.5 million. Ambev in Brazil announced the investment of approximately 154 million USD in a new factory in the state of Paraná to produce bottles made of recycled glass. The plant, which will operate with 100% renewable electricity, is expected to come online in 2025.

In Africa, we invested 180 million USD to open a new brewery for Cervejas de Moçambique (CDM) in Mozambique, employing more than 2,000 people during the construction phase and creating 200 permanent jobs. The new facility will be capable of producing 80,000 bottles per hour. Additionally, South African Breweries invested



R2 billion across its South African operations to upgrade facilities and invest in new equipment. The investment will help boost the local economy as the country recovers from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the UK, we announced a 117 GBP million investment into our two major UK breweries in South Wales and Lancashire to increase our capacity and efficiency. Part of the investment was used to create a new bottling line at our brewery in Magor, which will supply the nation with more beer brewed using 100% British barley and 100% renewable electricity.

Labatt is investing in its operations across Canada through a 2019–2022 capital program that aims to help fuel the economic recovery. Investments are focused on innovation, facilities upgrades and expansions, and sustainability, including approximately 67 million CAD to sustainable practices such as reducing plastic use and water savings.

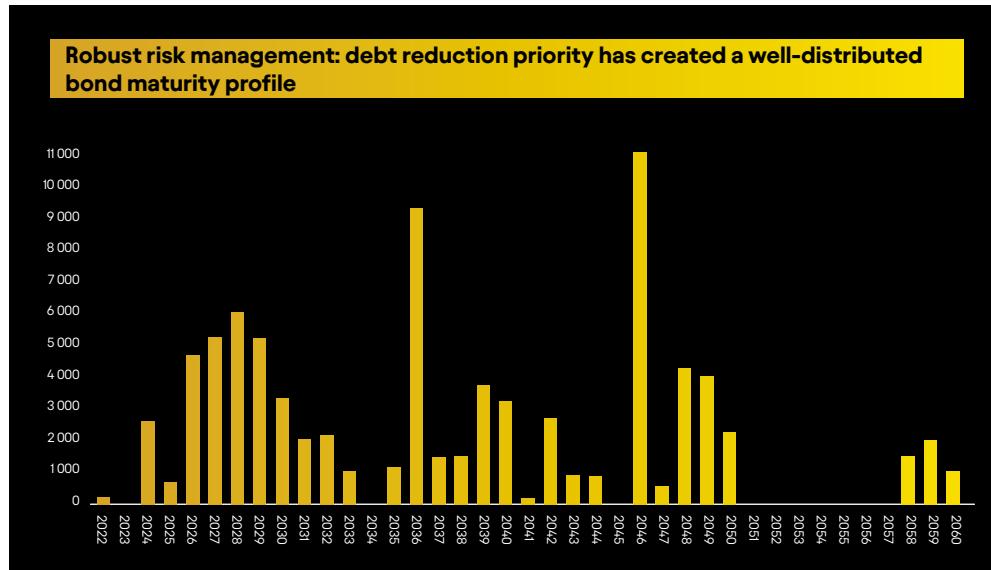
We will continue to optimize our capital allocation to fuel initiatives, create future growth for our company and seed innovation across our value chain.

# Robust risk management

During the year, we continued to take steps to proactively de-risk and de-lever our balance sheet. We reduced our gross debt from 98.6 billion USD as of December 31, 2020, to 88.8 billion USD as of December 31, 2021, while maintaining a strong liquidity position of approximately 22.2 billion USD, consisting of 10.1 billion USD available under our Sustainability-Linked Loan Revolving Credit Facility and 12.1 billion USD of cash.

We have redeemed the vast majority of our maturities due over the next five years, resulting in a weighted average maturity of our debt portfolio of approximately 16 years. In addition, on January 10, 2022, we announced the redemption of a further 3.1 billion USD of bonds.

3.96 x  
net debt to EBITDA  
10 billion USD  
gross debt reduction  
~22 billion USD  
total liquidity



# Efficient capital structure

Deleveraging to a ratio of around 2.0x net debt to normalized EBITDA remains our optimal capital structure to deliver value creation. As a result of the actions taken this year, we have made progress on our deleveraging path, reducing net debt to EBITDA from 4.78x as of December 31, 2020, to 3.96x as of December 31, 2021.



# Enable a sustainable and inclusive future

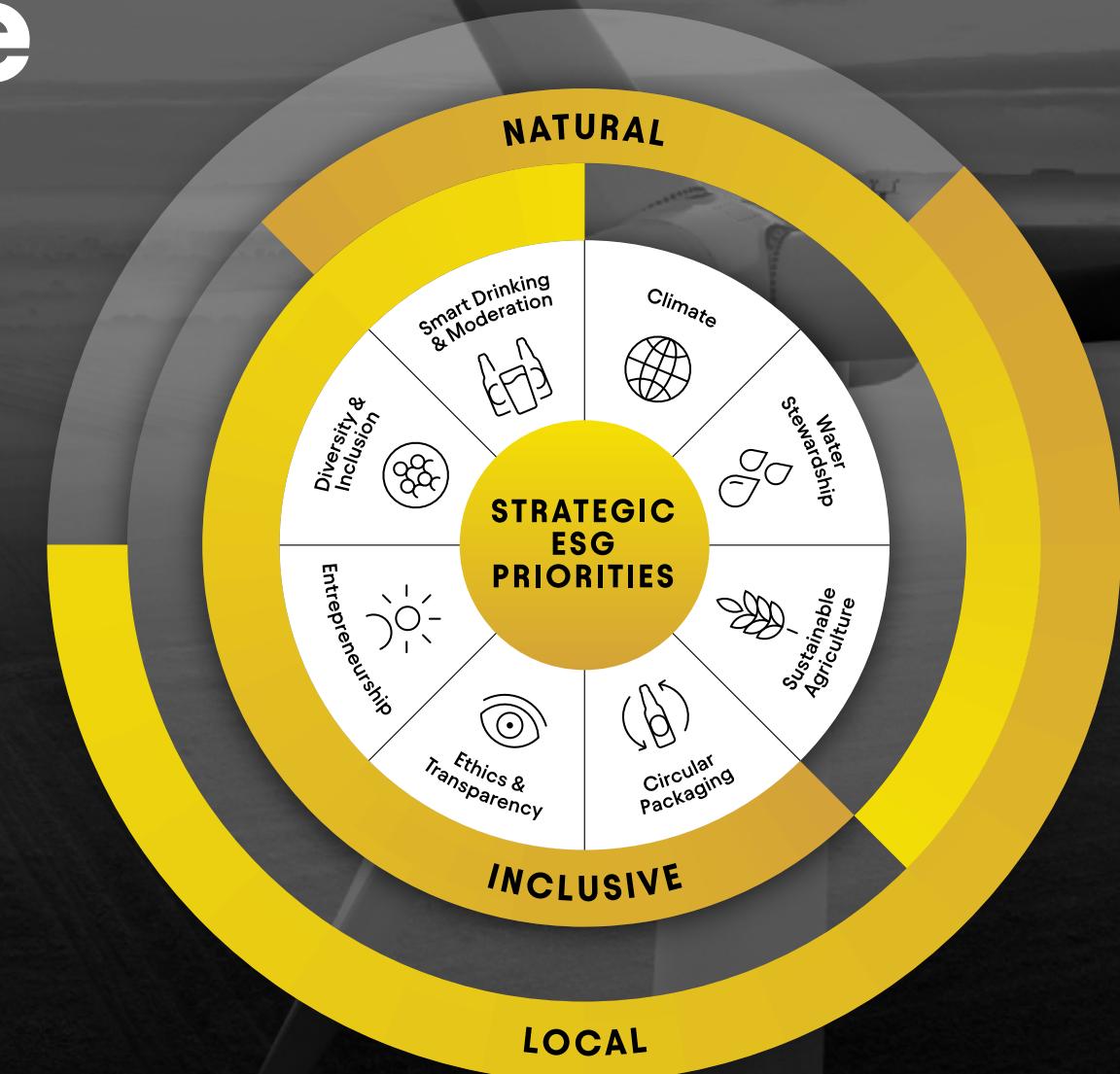
To us, a future with more cheers is shared prosperity, for our communities, for the planet and for our company. It is growth that is inclusive, value that is shared, and "wins" for the world that are truly worth celebrating. Sustainability is good business and is a foundational part of our company.

From building a resilient and agile value chain to solidifying our role as a trusted partner in local communities to identifying and capturing new sources of business value, Environmental, Social and Governance [ESG] plays a key role in delivering on our company strategy and purpose.

To enable a sustainable, equitable future for all, we have developed goals and ambitions programs that build environmental resilience, reduce the harmful consumption of alcohol and promote inclusive growth and sustainable livelihoods across our value chain.

We believe that the future of business and of the planet is inclusive. It is nature-based. It is local. Our commitments to improving the communities we are a part of remains unwavering. We are proud to lead the way to that future and to be a next-generation business today. We look ahead to 2022 and beyond with a renewed vision and focus to create a future with more cheers through greater shared prosperity.

 To learn more about our ESG approach and initiatives in more detail, check out our [2021 ESG Report >](#)



# Our strategic ESG priorities



## Smart Drinking & Moderation

- Influencing behavior change with social norms through the power of our brands and their marketing
- Providing Smart Drinking resources and evidence-based programs to consumers and communities
- Expanding consumer access to No- and Low-Alcohol Beer (NABL) alternatives
- Amplifying our Smart Drinking messages through digital and technology
- Advocacy efforts to reduce harmful consumption: promoting differentiation



## Water Stewardship

- Tailored solutions are needed to address the local, complex water challenges around the world
- Innovation can help unlock higher water efficiency and improved water security
- Partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaboration are critical for scaling impact



## Circular Packaging

- Innovation is key in developing sustainable, circular packaging
- Investing in local recycling systems is a critical enabler to scale circular packaging
- Brands can build awareness and engage consumers to think about their own packaging choices and recycling habits



## Entrepreneurship

- The digital transformation of small- and medium-sized businesses scales impact
- Empowering women entrepreneurs is good for communities and for business
- Capacity building and market linkages help sustain growth



## Climate

- Working toward a shared long-term ambition pushes us forward
- Short-term goals drive innovation and decarbonization today
- Focusing on additionality and proximity accelerates the energy transition



## Sustainable Agriculture

- Farmers are at the center of sustainable agriculture
- Building resilience with regenerative practices is critical to the future of farming and nature
- Technology is a key enabler of sustainable agriculture



## Ethics & Transparency

- Ethical behavior is the foundation for building a company to last
- Digital ethics is key to continue building trust with consumers and customers
- Respecting human rights is fundamental to creating healthy, thriving communities
- Prioritizing health and safety is critical for creating shared prosperity with our colleagues



## Diversity & Inclusion

- We strive to be an inclusive workplace with equal opportunity for all
- We are using the power of our brands to inspire change

# Supporting our communities in response to COVID-19

We are deeply connected to our communities. We have witnessed firsthand the impact COVID-19 has had on our business partners, our colleagues and our consumers. In 2021, many of our efforts to help our communities focused on vaccination access and awareness, donation of medical supplies and support to the hospitality sector during the reopening.



Our team in India worked with state governments, medical institutions and NGOs to equip 50 villages in the country with over 300 oxygen concentrators, more than 500,000 medical-grade surgical masks and over 5,000 COVID-19 testing kits.

 [Learn more about our support in India >](#)



We purchased vaccines to help increase availability in our communities. For instance, in Mozambique, Cervejas de Moçambique (CDM) donated 1 million USD toward the purchase of vaccines.

 [Learn more about CDM's donation >](#)



In the spring of 2021, we lent our support to the millions of pubs, restaurants and retailers in the recovery across Europe. Either through Stella Artois' tipping movement in the UK or Leffe's donation in Belgium and Hertog Jan's special limited-edition beer to support local hotels, restaurants and cafés in the Netherlands, our teams used the power of our brands to make a positive impact in our communities.

 [Read more about our support to Europe's hospitality industry >](#)

# Reflecting on our 2021 progress across priorities

## Smart Drinking & Moderation

Beer is part of celebrating life throughout the world and a major engine of economic activity. However, all products containing alcohol can be consumed in ways that cause harm. In the last decade, data from the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that the harmful consumption of alcohol has decreased around the world. But more must be done. Harmful drinking impacts our people, our communities and, therefore, our business. As the world's leading brewer, we are committed to accelerating continued progress toward the reduction of harmful consumption of alcohol worldwide.

Toward that end, in 2015 we launched our Smart Drinking Initiative, which aimed to bring to bear our company's resources, skills, capabilities and convening power to contribute to the global effort to reduce the harmful consumption of alcohol.

Since that time, we have evolved our Smart Drinking strategy into a five-pillar program:

- 1: Influencing behavior change with social norms through the power of our brands and their marketing
- 2: Providing Smart Drinking resources and evidence-based programs to consumers and communities
- 3: Expanding consumer access to No- and Low-Alcohol Beer (NABL) alternatives
- 4: Amplifying our Smart Drinking messages through digital and technology
- 5: Promoting the adoption of evidence-based public policy regarding alcohol

Here is how we are tracking the progress of our Smart Drinking Initiative in 2021.

 Social Norms	 Multi-Year Pilots	 Product Portfolio	 Labeling
<p><b>Ambition</b></p> <p>By shaping social norms through "social norms marketing" a specific technique to engage with consumers to improve behaviors in society, it is possible to reduce harmful consumption.</p> <p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>We have invested more than 450 million USD toward achieving our goal, which includes more than 100 million USD in 2021.* We are on track to deliver our 1 billion USD investment by 2025.</p>	<p><b>Ambition</b></p> <p>Our actions to reduce harmful drinking are evidence-based. Results are measured for continued improvement.</p> <p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>Reduce the harmful use of alcohol by at least 10% in six cities by the end of 2020. Implement the best practices globally by the end of 2025.</p>	<p><b>Ambition</b></p> <p>As consumers seek to make better, more responsible choices, it is important for them to have lower-alcohol alternatives that give them the flexibility to pace or taper off their drinking over the course of a social occasion.</p> <p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>This year NABL represented 6.7% of beer volume. While we are not on track to meet our goal for No- and Low-Alcohol Beers to represent 20% of our volume by 2025, we are making significant strides in our NABL innovations. We have expanded our NAB portfolio significantly from 26 to 42 brands over the last five years. These NAB brands are now available in 17 of our top 20 markets that represent 90% of our global volume, with LAB brands (3.5% alcohol or below) available in 14 markets.</p>	<p><b>Ambition</b></p> <p>Our labels and secondary packaging are a key touchpoint with consumers. They offer a unique platform to provide actionable advice that research has shown potentially influences drinking behaviors. Many countries do not require guidance labels.</p> <p><b>Progress</b></p> <p>Place a guidance label on all of our beer products in all of our markets by the end of 2020. Increase alcohol health literacy by the end of 2025.</p>

\*Investments from 2016 through 2019 amounting to 255.31 million USD have been reviewed and validated through prior assurance processes. The remaining investment contribution will be assured in 2022.

## 2021 highlights



### Influencing behavior change with social norms through the power of our brands and their marketing

Four Smart Drinking campaigns won awards at the prestigious 2021 Cannes Lions Awards, including Aguila's Live Responsible and Brazil's Responsible Billboards.

 [Learn more about our social marketing campaigns and initiatives >](#)



### Leading the largest voluntary alcohol labeling initiative to reduce harmful consumption of alcohol

In all countries where mandatory labeling is not required, we updated our label designs on 100% of our primary product packaging to incorporate actions that consumers can take to reduce harmful drinking.

 [Get more details about our voluntary alcohol labeling initiative >](#)



### Amplifying our Smart Drinking messages through digital and technology

We are investing in the development of technology-based solutions such as age verification tools to minimize the risk of illegal underage drinking and other forms of harmful drinking. We are also using our tools to amplify our message. For example, we use our BEES platform to embed tips and offer access to our Responsible Beverage Service training toolkits.

### Expanding access to Screening and Brief Intervention

We are supporting the AB InBev Foundation to expand access to Screening and Brief Intervention (SBI), which is a preventive program that measures an individual's drinking pattern during outpatient or wellness visits and motivates those identified as being at risk of harmful consumption of alcohol to change their behavior. In Mexico, the SBI program called ESCALEMOS, developed with the support of the Ministry of Health in Zacatecas and other community stakeholders, resulted in 50,000 people screened in 2021.

 [Learn more about SBI here >](#)



### Expanding consumer access to No- and Low-Alcohol Beer (NABL) alternatives

We are making significant strides in our NABL innovations. While we are not on track to meet our goal for NABL beers to represent 20% of our volume by 2025, we are expanding consumer choice. NAB brands are now available in 17 of our top 20 markets that represent 90% of our global volume, and LAB brands (3.5% alcohol or below) are available in 14 markets.

 [Learn more about our NABL portfolio >](#)



### Establishing partnerships to advance road safety

As one of the largest fleet operators in the world, we are developing industry-leading programs aimed at reducing road crashes associated with alcohol consumption. With Together for Safer Roads, we supported Houston Vision Zero, an initiative focused on eliminating traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2030 in the city, which is home to one of our flagship Anheuser-Busch breweries.

 [Read about the program >](#)



### Expanding our collaboration with UNITAR

We partnered with the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) to present the "Management Practices for Safer Roads Toolkit – The Immersive Virtual Experience," and we launched a Social Norms Toolkit to support governments and NGOs around the world by sharing tools and best practices to influence behaviors.

 [Read about our latest work with UNITAR >](#)

# Our 2025 Sustainability Goals

We have ambitious 2025 Sustainability Goals. Introduced in March 2018, the goals aim for holistic environmental and social impact and transformational change across our entire value chain. Our company's leadership and a cross-functional team of more than 70 colleagues designed these goals to deliver bold action today with measurable results that will drive long-term resilience and lasting positive impact.

The table to the right highlights our 2021 performance against key indicators related to our 2025 Sustainability Goals.

 Please click here to access our ESG Report and learn more >



Metric	2025 Goal	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017 (Baseline)
Total water use [in billion hl]	n/a	1.599 <sup>④</sup>	1.496 <sup>④</sup>	1.642 <sup>④</sup>	1.632 <sup>④</sup>	1.775 <sup>④</sup>
Water use by hectoliter of production [hl/hl]	2.50	2.66 <sup>④</sup>	2.70 <sup>④</sup>	2.80 <sup>④</sup>	2.95 <sup>④</sup>	3.09 <sup>④</sup>
Total GJ of energy [in millions]	n/a	58.8 <sup>④</sup>	55.2 <sup>④</sup>	61.4 <sup>④</sup>	61.1	61.4 <sup>④</sup>
Total GJ of energy purchased [in millions]	n/a	56.4 <sup>④</sup>	53.2 <sup>④</sup>	59.4 <sup>④</sup>	59.2 <sup>④</sup>	*
Energy usage per hectoliter of production [in MJ/hl]	n/a	97.7	99.7	104.6	110.1*	111.6 <sup>④</sup>
Energy purchased per hectoliter of production [in MJ/hl]	n/a	93.6 <sup>④</sup>	96.2 <sup>④</sup>	101.2 <sup>④*</sup>	106.8 <sup>④</sup>	*
Total direct and indirect GHG emissions [Scopes 1 and 2 in million metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e]	4.02	4.41 <sup>④</sup>	4.71 <sup>④</sup>	5.36 <sup>④</sup>	6.03 <sup>④</sup>	6.18 <sup>④</sup>
Total direct and indirect GHG emissions [Scopes 1, 2 and 3 in million metric tons of CO <sub>2</sub> e]	n/a	30.94 <sup>④</sup>	28.37 <sup>④</sup>	31.8 <sup>④</sup>	31.21	32.35
Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions per hectoliter of production [in kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/hl]	4.77	5.13 <sup>④</sup>	6.50 <sup>④</sup>	6.92 <sup>④</sup>	8.04 <sup>④</sup>	8.55 <sup>④</sup>
Scopes 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions per hectoliter of production [in kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/hl]	44.5	51.21 <sup>④</sup>	53.13 <sup>④</sup>	55.3 <sup>④</sup>	57.0	59.4
Scopes 3 GHG emissions per hectoliter of production [in kg CO <sub>2</sub> e/hl]	39.7	43.91 <sup>④</sup>	46.63	48.38	48.96	50.85
% Renewable Electricity: Operational**	100%	399% <sup>④</sup>	31.2% <sup>④</sup>	20.0% <sup>④</sup>	16% <sup>④</sup>	--
% Renewable Electricity: Contracted**	100%	81.4% <sup>④</sup>	70.6% <sup>④</sup>	61.3%	50%	--
% Returnable Packaging	n/a	36.4% <sup>④</sup>	36.4% <sup>④</sup>	40.9% <sup>④</sup>	43.5% <sup>④</sup>	46%
% Recycled Content in primary packaging						
Glass		43.8% <sup>④</sup>	43.2% <sup>④</sup>	42.3% <sup>④</sup>	41.4% <sup>④</sup>	37%
Cans	>50%	55.6% <sup>④</sup>	57.6% <sup>④</sup>	59.1% <sup>④</sup>	58.9% <sup>④***</sup>	59%
PET		20.0% <sup>④</sup>	26.0% <sup>④</sup>	22.8% <sup>④</sup>	15.7% <sup>④</sup>	21%
Direct farmers skilled, connected and financially empowered****						
Skilled	100%	74%	76%	50%	--	--
Connected	100%	65%	57%	45%	--	--
Financially Empowered	100%	69%	60%	35%	--	--

## ④ Assured metric

Please refer to External Assurance Report on page 53.

- For additional information regarding the KPIs scope, please refer to the Report Scope section on page 51.
- Our goals and data as included in the table on water, GHG emissions per hectoliter of production and energy pertain to our beverage facilities only and do not encompass our vertical operations, such as malt plants and packaging facilities.
- Total direct and indirect GHG emissions data encompass beverage facilities and most vertical operations, including malt plants and packaging facilities.
- Scope 1 accounts for 67.7% of our operational emissions and includes CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent [CO<sub>2</sub>e] from fuel used in our manufacturing processes and in cogeneration plants that generate on-site electricity. Scope 2 accounts for about 32.3% and represents emissions from purchased electricity.
- Scope 3 emissions constitute estimates based on a mix of supplier-based numbers, global emission factors and assumptions. Purchased Goods and Services, Upstream and Downstream Distribution, Product Cooling (including on and off premise but excluding at home cooling), and End of Life. Around 50% of emissions are calculated with own data or data reported by suppliers through the CDP.

\* In line with our sustainability goals, energy reporting will shift to energy purchased versus energy usage. Energy purchased per hl aligns with our RE100 sustainability goal of offsetting 100% of our purchased electricity with electricity sourced from renewable resources. Energy purchased per hl was not reported for breweries acquired from SABM in 2017.

\*\* For 2021, renewable electricity is reported by two metrics: operational electricity and contracted electricity. Our primary strategy is to help fund new-build renewable electricity projects, and as these can take time to build, we believe it is important to report both metrics. The contracted electricity metric tracks the commitments we have already made to our 100% renewable electricity goal, while our operational electricity measures our actual annual realization.

\*\*\* 2018 recycled content percentage in primary packaging for cans has been updated. The data correction has been done following the external supplier audits.

\*\*\*\* Smart Agriculture data is based on up-to-date estimates.

## Climate Action

### Ambition

100% of our purchased electricity will be from renewable sources, and we will reduce our carbon emissions by 25% across our value chain by 2025.

### Progress

28.63%

reduction in Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions vs. 2017 baseline

13.58%

reduction in Scopes 1, 2 and 3 GHG emissions vs 2017 baseline

39.9%

renewable electricity operational

81.4%

renewable electricity contracted

## 2021 highlights



Three of our facilities are now carbon neutral: our brewery in Wuhan, China, became our first carbon-neutral facility, followed by our brewery in Ponta Grossa, Brazil. We also announced our first carbon-neutral malthouse in Passo Fundo, Brazil. Carbon neutrality refers to Scopes 1 and 2 emissions only and includes the compensation of emissions.

 [Learn more about how we are reducing our carbon footprint at our facilities >](#)

In 2021 we continued to create a more sustainable fleet by piloting and utilizing low-carbon fuel technologies. In January, we leased 200 electric trucks in Colombia in partnership with Renting Colombia.

 [Get more details about our climate action initiatives >](#)

As part of our commitment to driving decarbonization and building climate resilience through our 2025 Sustainability Goals, we are proud to announce our ambition to achieve net zero across our value chain by 2040.

 [Learn more about our ambition to achieve net zero >](#)



This year we made significant progress toward achieving 100% renewable electricity. In South Africa, Castle Lite has begun to make the switch to renewable electricity to draw less electricity from the country's national grid and reduce GHG emissions. Our team in the US also announced that its entire portfolio of domestic beer and seltzer brands in the US is now brewed with 100% renewable electricity.

 [Read about Anheuser-Busch's initiatives on renewable electricity >](#)

## Water Stewardship

### Ambition

100% of our communities in high-stress areas will have measurably improved water availability and quality by 2025.

### Progress

2.66 hl/hl

water use efficiency ratio

100%

of sites in scope for our goal have conducted outreach, analyzed local water challenges and identified potential solutions

83%

of these sites have started implementation of solutions

3

of these sites have begun seeing measurable impact

### 2021 highlights



Grupo Modelo's Aquas Firmes project is working to recharge two of Mexico's most exploited aquifers to improve long-term water security for the local population, farmers and local industry—benefitting over 700,000 community members.

[Click here to learn about the project >](#)



In Peru, we are working to restore ancient water channels called amunas to improve water availability for nearby communities. In 2021, the project was recognized with a Lighthouse Award from the Brave Blue World Foundation.

[Click here to access Brave Blue World's announcement >](#)



We use reverse osmosis technology at nearly 80 of our facilities around the world, with some facilities having more than one reverse osmosis installation.



We signed agreements for the next phase of partnership with both The Nature Conservancy and The World Wildlife Fund to continue our watershed work together.

[Read more about our work with these two organizations >](#)



South African Breweries is working with partners to create an innovative artificial wetland at a brewery site that treats the local brewery effluent and uses the water and nutrients to irrigate a sustainable crop of spinach for the local community.

[Learn about the project >](#)

## Sustainable Agriculture

### Ambition

**100% of our direct farmers will be skilled, connected and financially empowered by 2025.**

### Progress

**>22,000**

direct farmers in 2021

**74%**

farmers Skilled

**65%**

farmers Connected

**69%**

farmers Financially Empowered

### 2021 highlights



In partnership with Rabobank, we are developing financial training programs to empower smallholder farmers in Zambia, Uganda and Tanzania.

[Learn more about how we are empowering farmers >](#)

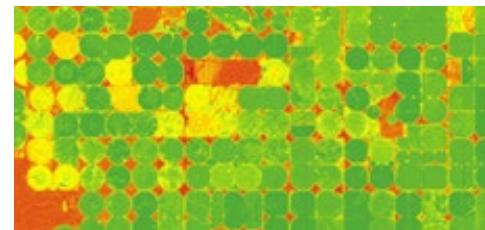


Empowering farmers to improve their soil health is a critical pillar of our commitment to building long-term supply chain resilience. We are partnering with The Nature Conservancy to develop a framework for soil health.

[See how we are implementing the framework >](#)



We are working with The Nature Conservancy and using transparency in our supply chain to better understand biodiversity risks and opportunities in our sourcing regions.



Our partnership with Sentera is providing real-time analytics and insights on their FieldAgent platform, which integrates seamlessly with the field data collected through our internal SmartBarley platform.

[Learn about the improvements to our agronomist toolkit & predictive models from 2021 >](#)



In 2020, we launched the Grower Advisory Panel in the United States to strengthen our connection with farmers and enable continuous improvement in our supply chain. In 2021, the panel identified and aligned on priority areas to be addressed, including collaborating on soil health and water stewardship opportunities, expanding the use of data to make crop decisions and continuing a focus on farm health and safety initiatives.

[Learn more about how we are addressing human rights topics in agricultural supply chains in our ESG Report >](#)

## Circular Packaging

### Ambition

100% of our products will be in packaging that is returnable or made from majority recycled content by 2025.

### Progress

36.4%

volume in returnable packaging in 2021

55.6%

recycled content in cans

43.8%

recycled content in glass

20.0%

recycled content in PET

### 2021 highlights



In 2021, Corona became the first global beverage brand with a net zero downstream operational plastic footprint, meaning the brand recovers more plastic from the environment than it releases into the world.

[Get the details on this milestone >](#)

In June, we announced the development of a scalable solution to produce the world's lightest longneck beer bottle. The technology reduces a bottle's weight from 180 to 150 grams, a change that cuts CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent emissions by 17% per bottle.

[Read more about our newest packaging innovations >](#)



We are piloting programs with retailers where we provide recycling collection services to their stores and reward them with points for each bottled recycled, which can then be redeemed through our digital platform BEES.

Rebounce, our glass bottle recovery project in Mexico, has recouped more than 120 million glass bottles in 2021. These recovered bottles were destined for single-use and instead are being refilled with beer for a more sustainable, returnable packaging.

## Ethics & Transparency

The Board of Directors and our leadership team are committed to promoting and maintaining the highest standards of ethical behavior and transparency. This guides everything that we do as an organization and serves as our foundation in creating a future with more cheers.

We have implemented internal codes, standards and global policies on a range of ethical issues, including anti-bribery and corruption, digital ethics, human rights and anti-discrimination. These codes, standards and policies are designed to guide and support our colleagues and business partners.

Further, prioritizing the health and safety of our colleagues is a core value. We are training our colleagues to make the right choices for safety at all times, for themselves and for others. Whether brewing or delivering our products, operating machinery, driving for work in any vehicle or commuting, safety always comes first. We work vigorously to achieve high standards of health and safety in our offices, breweries, facilities and throughout our value chain by building an independent safety culture through trainings, workshops and coaching sessions. Safety metrics are cascaded and monitored globally through our supply and logistics safety management systems.

## 2021 highlights



To help our colleagues in understanding and addressing ethical dilemmas, we launched new online trainings on a variety of topics, including anti-corruption, supply chain ethics, digital ethics, anti-money laundering and our COBC.

[Click here for our Code of Business Conduct >](#)



In 2021, our award-winning compliance data analytics platform BrewRIGHT continued its journey to improve adoption and proactive risk monitoring.



In 2021, we developed and launched a new supplier risk management process that integrates core risk areas, including human rights, and we engaged suppliers representing over 30% of our global procurement spend.

[Learn more about our approach to human rights >](#)

To support our digital transformation, we have created five principle-based rules to simplify and disseminate digital ethics and cybersecurity awareness. These rules have reached approximately 2,000 colleagues across key business functions in 2021 through a series of trainings.

We continue to pursue initiatives that further integrate safety into every aspect of our operations. As the world's leading brewer, we aim to be the benchmark of safety in our industry by integrating safety into every aspect of our operations and by developing safety leaders throughout all levels of the organization.

[See more details in our ESG Report >](#)

## Workplace safety metrics

	2021	2020	2019	2018
<b>Lost Time Injuries (LTIs)</b>				
Supply Employees	41 <sup>①</sup>	68 <sup>①</sup>	98 <sup>①</sup>	135 <sup>①</sup>
Second-tier logistics/ Sales Employees	127 <sup>①</sup>	125 <sup>①</sup>	208 <sup>①</sup>	318 <sup>①</sup>
Contractors (All)	115	110	262	492
<b>Total Recordable Injuries (TRIs)</b>				
Supply Employees (Own)	241 <sup>①</sup>	259 <sup>①</sup>	315 <sup>①</sup>	415 <sup>①</sup>
Contractors [Supply]*	109			
Second-tier logistics/ Sales [Employees + Contractors]	694	729	1,177	1,116
<b>Fatalities**</b>				
Supply Employees	1 <sup>①</sup>	0 <sup>①</sup>	1 <sup>①</sup>	1 <sup>①</sup>
Second-tier logistics/ Sales Employees	3 <sup>①</sup>	4 <sup>①</sup>	1 <sup>①</sup>	4 <sup>①</sup>
Contractors (All)	2 <sup>①</sup>	3 <sup>①</sup>	5 <sup>①</sup>	9 <sup>①</sup>

### <sup>①</sup> Assured metric

Please refer to External Assurance Report on page 53. Employees of ZX Ventures, our global investment and innovation team (approximately 300 FTE worldwide), are not included in the end of year incident data.

\*Data only reported as of 2021, as internal controls regarding the reporting of supply contractor TRIs (MDI & MTI) were not yet sufficiently implemented in prior years, resulting in lower data quality and robustness.

\*\*Fatalities data do not include commuting- and community-related fatalities as per AB InBev's reporting definitions. The table also does not include road fatalities of contractors who are fully managed by the contracted firm/company.

### **Lost Time Injuries (LTIs)**

Occupational injury resulting in more than one-day absence from work.

### **Total Recordable Injuries**

LTIs + modified duty injuries + medical treatment injuries.

### **Supply Employees**

Brewery and manufacturing facility employees, including first-tier logistics.

### **Second-tier logistics/Sales Employees**

Second-tier logistics, sales, Zone and global corporate employees.

### **Commuting Fatality**

An incident that occurs while coming to work or going homes, resulting in a fatality to our employee[s].

### **Community Fatalities**

Fatalities that occur to people outside of our operation in the course of doing business.

## Entrepreneurship

Small- and medium-sized businesses play a critical role in the economic development of communities by generating employment, providing vital services and contributing toward innovation. In this regard, beer is a formidable engine of economic growth, and we seek to strengthen the small businesses in our value chain through our programs with smallholder farmers, suppliers, retailers and recycling collectors.

We know that to sustain our business and build inclusive, thriving communities, we have a role to play in supporting their development and growth by providing skills training, mentorship, opportunities to scale and access to needed resources such as digital tools, financing and other critical inputs.

### 2021 highlights



Our BEES platform is using digital tools to connect small- and medium-sized retailers with their consumers while also promoting digital and financial literacy.

 [Learn more about our BEES platform >](#)



In Mexico, we are providing ongoing support and resources to retail owners of Modeloramas—small, family-run stores with strong connections to their neighborhoods and communities.

 [Get more details on our work with retailers >](#)



In Peru, we developed "Escuela Tienda Cerca," a virtual training platform for small retailers to strengthen their management, leadership and sales skills to adapt their businesses to the new normal of the COVID-19 pandemic.

 [Get more details on how we are advancing the skills of small retailers in Latin America >](#)

### Signature programs

#### 100+ Accelerator

In 2021, our 100+ Accelerator program welcomed The Coca-Cola Company, Colgate-Palmolive Company and Unilever as official program sponsors to help identify key shared sustainability challenges and to scale breakthrough technologies. In September 2021, we announced our third cohort with 35 start-ups that will be implementing solutions in over 20 countries. Seventeen of the start-ups are women-founded, and ten are joint pilots with our corporate partners.

 [Learn more about the 100+ Accelerator third cohort >](#)

#### Eclipse: sustainability-dedicated collaboration platform

Eclipse Activate is our program to educate suppliers and provide them with the tools needed to measure and track decarbonization across their supply chains in North America. We continuously seek ways to collaborate with our suppliers across our value chain and are proud to have more than 80 suppliers participating in the Eclipse platform.

 [Learn more about Eclipse >](#)

## Awards & recognitions

We are proud to have our ESG efforts recognized by leading rating and rankings agencies and awards organizations.



### CDP:

Made CDP's Water A List, earned an A- for our CDP Climate Change response and were celebrated as a 2021 CDP Supplier Engagement Leader, ranked among the top 8% assessed for supplier engagement on climate change.



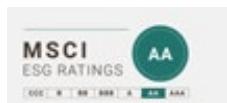
### Forbes:

Identified as a company leading the way when it comes to trying to support women inside and outside their workforces in the inaugural ranking of the Forbes World's Top Female Friendly Companies in 2021.



### UN Global Compact:

Recognized as a 2021 Global Compact LEAD participant for demonstrating ongoing commitment to the UN Global Compact Principles for responsible business and the SDGs.



### MSCI:

Rated AA by MSCI ESG Research in 2021 for our performance on ESG issues.



### FTSE4Good:

Listed in the FTSE4Good Index Series, which is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong ESG practices.



### Brave Blue World Lighthouse Awards:

Recognized with a Lighthouse Award from the Brave Blue World Foundation for our Water Stewardship initiative focused on restoring ancestral water channels in Peru.

## CANNES LIONS

### Cannes Lions:

Michelob ULTRA Pure Gold took home a prestigious Titanium Lion at the 2021 Cannes Lions Awards for its Contract for Change campaign, while four Smart Drinking campaigns won, including Aguilas Live Responsible and Brazil's Responsible Billboards.

### Reuters Events Responsible Business Awards:

Selected as winners in two award categories in the 2021 Reuters Events Responsible Business Awards: the Circular Transition Award for the pioneering work of EverGrain, and the Social Impact Award for our partnership with BanQu.

## Diversity & Inclusion

Our company must be an inclusive and diverse workplace where everyone feels they belong regardless of their personal characteristics or social identities. Our greatest strength is our people, and we support the opportunity for every individual to excel.

We work to continue fostering an inclusive workplace so that everyone can succeed in our business.

We are proud to report that we saw a 1pp increase (87%) from 2020 in the D&I index of our annual employee engagement survey. Overall, we saw a 4pp increase (88%) in our employee engagement index from 2020 with a 94% participation rate globally.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Number of nationalities represented in our overall workforce	122	122	123	121	125
Number of nationalities represented in our global headquarters	48	54	55	54	64
Percent of women in our overall workforce	18%	18%	19%	19%	21%
Percent of women in our salaried workforce	30%	30%	31%	32%	34%
Percent of women among our top five leadership levels	19%	20%	22%	24%	26%
Percent of women among our top three leadership levels	10%	11%	12%	14%	14%
Percent change in D&I index in annual employee engagement survey	1pp	2pp	0pp	1pp	NA

### Global Management Trainee (GMT) Program

GMT % female	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	58%	52%	45%	47%
Active	58%	51%	46%	49%
GMT # nationalities	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	34	29	35	34
Active	34	27	30	30

 Learn more about our GMT Program >

### Global MBA (GMBA) Program

GMBA % female	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	54%	52%	38%	52%
Active	54%	48%	36%	67%
GMBA # nationalities	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total	10	11	10	11
Active	10	11	9	5

 Learn more about our GMBA Program >

## 2021 highlights



We trained over 9,800 colleagues in bias breaking and trained 2,475 leaders in psychological safety.

 Click here to hear from one of our colleagues how we are brewing change >



Through our Women's Leadership Program, we provided 50 women leaders with an immersive, personalized program. We also launched our first Global Inclusive Leadership Program for 80 colleagues at the Vice President level.

 Discover all the ways we are advancing female talent >



In addition to our Global Parental Policy that was launched in 2018, this year our Europe and Africa Zones launched updated parental leave and return-to-work policies to empower new parents.

 Get more details on how we are supporting new parents >



We are using the power of our brands to inspire change. In the US, Michelob ULTRA committed to investing 100 million USD over the next five years to increase visibility for women's sports, and in Argentina, our Quilmes beer brand is supporting women's soccer.

 Learn more about Michelob ULTRA's campaign >

# Report scope

The Sustainability section of the 2021 Annual Report provides information about the progress toward our 2025 Sustainability Goals launched in March 2018. It highlights certain elements of the 2021 Environmental, Social and Governance Report.

Alongside our environmental sustainability and Smart Drinking initiatives, information on Road Safety, Diversity & Inclusion, Employee Engagement, Workplace Safety, Human Rights, Value Chain Engagement, Community Engagement and Business Ethics can be found on pages 37-50 of this report. These sections are intended to provide updates to stakeholders, including investors, colleagues, governments, NGOs, customers and consumers in countries where we operate.

AB InBev prepared the 2021 Annual Report (these chapters, ESG Report, and website) using the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) Standards and the Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB) Standards as guides. To help determine the content developed, a materiality assessment was conducted, which helped identify the key issues that are of most importance to our stakeholders and our company. Our materiality assessment may be found in the Environment, Social & Governance Report on page 56, and the GRI and the SASB Indices are included in the ESG Report on pages 71-77.

Our 2025 Sustainability Goals and overall sustainability agenda align with several of the UN SDGs established by the United Nations in 2015. Activities throughout our operations and supply chain are aligned to the metrics that are considered the most material to our business and critical to our stakeholders. We are focused on areas where we can make the most significant positive impact.

The data and stories presented in this report were gathered and verified with the assistance of content owners across all functions and geographic zones.

AB InBev has established processes for accurate and consistent reporting of Smart Drinking, 2025 Sustainability Goals and Safety performance data, as well as key performance indicators (KPIs). In the Assurance Report of the Independent Auditor (page 53) and in key places throughout the report (pages 42 and 47), we have identified which metrics have been externally assured by KPMG.

Environmental data from newly acquired operations are excluded from the running cycle. These facilities will be included in future reporting. Safety data is immediately tracked and monitored for all sites and included unless otherwise stated in text or footnotes. For all environmental and safety data, divestitures and closures are removed from the scope for the reporting year, but prior years are not adjusted.

End-of-year incident data in this report is captured in mid-January of the following year and validated based on information from that point in time. Injuries may develop and change status based on further medical diagnosis, treatment and incident management. This is a consistent practice to enable accurate year-over-year data comparison of a single point in time. Subsequent changes to the injury classification in the years following the reporting year are not taken into account for the current year's reporting purposes nor in the comparative data of prior years.

Global goals on water, energy purchased and GHG emissions presented in this report, as well as KPIs such as energy usage, include AB InBev's wholly owned operations, which includes both our beverage and vertical operations unless stated otherwise in text or footnotes. Energy use and purchased excludes the energy exported to third parties and certain projects under construction. The excluded energy use and purchase does not reflect the amount of energy used in our beer-brewing processes. For our beverage and vertical operations, including malting and packaging facilities, we use our VPO global management system. The key performance indicators energy usage, water usage and Scopes 1 and 2 emissions per hectoliter of production (in kg CO<sub>2</sub>/hl) exclude vertical operations. This data is reported annually to CDP. Specific data tables contain footnotes for additional data. Special Operations (SOPs), which are operations that fulfill one or more criteria including, but not limited to: reduced volume, low number of FTEs, complexity of brand mix and unusual products or production processes, are excluded from the reporting scope. The potential impact of the 74 SOPs facilities accounted for in 2021 is estimated to be 2.2% of the total Scopes 1 and 2 emissions. The following assumptions are applied for the calculation of this percentage: [1] country average Scopes 1 and 2 emissions per hl is applied, [2] average production volume per country is applied, [3] for experimental centers, the tons of CO<sub>2</sub> applied are the same as the ones for small facilities, and [4] for the SOPs

verticalized operations, emissions averages from larger existing sites apply.

For 2021, renewable electricity is reported by two metrics: operational electricity and contracted electricity. Our primary strategy is to help fund new-build renewable electricity projects, and as these can take time to build, we believe it is important to report both metrics. The contracted electricity metric tracks the commitments we have already made to our 100% renewable electricity goal, while our operational electricity measures our actual annual realization.

For recycled content calculation, a weighted average of recycled content is calculated based on purchases for each supplier and recycled content in the material. Our packaging goal applies to our primary packaging, which represents more than 83% of our total packaging volume by weight globally, though our work in circularity extends to secondary packaging and post-consumer waste. For packaging that is not returnable—namely one-way glass bottles, aluminum cans and PET bottles—we are committed to reaching a minimum of 50% recycled content. Data on recycled content percentage is provided by suppliers and tracked on a regular basis. Packaging purchases are derived from AB InBev's owned procurement system. In 2019 we started with suppliers' audits to further assess reliability of the recycled content data. While we were not able to complete planned visits due to COVID-19 in 2020 and again in 2021, we were still able to engage with suppliers virtually, discussing their key performance

indicators, measurements and main projects to enable improving recycled content. We were able to run several engagements across different zones and categories, and we collected data from our suppliers to calculate our recycled content progress. Our aim in 2022 is to be able to resume our suppliers' audits. Corona's Net Zero Plastic Footprint refers to the brand recovering more plastic from the environment than it releases into the world. Achieving this milestone comes after an extensive external assessment by South Pole, a leading climate solutions provider, of Corona's global operations against the 3RI Corporate Plastic Stewardship Guidelines. The brand also followed the Verra Plastic Waste Reduction Standard to calculate the impact of Corona's mitigation activities.

For Scopes 1 and 2 emissions calculation, the facilities in scope described above are included. Scope 3 emissions, which account for information beyond our operations and that impact our supply chain, are estimated values based on a mix of own and third-party data. Total percentage of Scope 3 emissions follows the Science Based Target initiative, where at least 66% of emissions are to be included in target scope. Approximately 50% of Scope 3 data is own data and data provided by suppliers via CDP. CDP data is used to calculate supplier-based emissions of raw and packaging materials used in the manufacturing of beer. This hybrid approach has been validated by the Science Based Target initiative, which entails a mix of own data, supplier data and market estimates. Scope 3 includes the following out of the 15 categories: Purchased Goods and Services, Upstream and Downstream Distribution, Emissions Related to Fuel Use Not Included in Scopes 1 and

2, Use of Product (Product Cooling including on and off premise and excluding home cooling) and end of life. Categories excluded include: Capital Goods, Waste Generated in Operations [more than 99% of waste generated is recycled], Business Travel, Employee Commuting, Upstream and Downstream Leased Assets, Processing of Sold Products, Franchises, Investments. These categories represent approximately less than 10% of total Scope 3 emissions.

This report contains forward-looking statements regarding estimations into the future. These generally include words and/ or phrases such as "will likely result", "aims to", "will continue", "is anticipated", "it is estimated", "anticipate", "estimate", "project", "result", "is predicted", "may", "might", "could", "believe", "expect", "plan", "potential", or other similar expressions. These statements are subject to uncertainties and are out of scope of assurance. Actual results may differ from those stated in this report due to causes but not limited to the impact of climate change, water stress, financial distress, negative publicity, our availability to hire and/or retain the best talent, emerging regulations and reputation of our brands, the ability to make acquisitions and/or divest divisions, access to capital, volatility in the stock market, exposure to litigation and other associated risks not mentioned, as well as risks identified in our Form 20-F filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission. Additional information about AB InBev's climate and water risks, management and performance of such is available through CDP.

# Limited Assurance Report of the Independent Auditor

To the readers of the Anheuser-Busch InBev 2021 Annual Report

## Introduction

We were engaged to provide limited assurance on the following information in the Anheuser-Busch InBev 2021 Annual Report (hereafter 'the Selected Information') of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (hereafter 'AB InBev') based in Leuven, Belgium:

- Water Use by Hectoliter of Production and Total Water Use (page 42)
- Total Energy purchased and Energy purchased per Hectoliter of Production (page 42)
- Percentage of purchased (operational) electricity from renewable sources (page 42)
- Percentage of contracted electricity from renewable sources (page 42)
- Total Direct and Indirect GHG Emissions and GHG Emissions per Hectoliter of Production (page 42)
- Total GHG Emissions (Scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions) and total GHG Emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3 Emissions) per Hectoliter of Production (page 42)
- Percentage of returnable primary packaging (page 42)
- Percentage of recycled content in primary packaging (page 42)
- Lost Time Injuries (LTI) – Supply Employees (own), Second Tier and Sales Employees (page 47)
- Total Recordable Injuries (TRI) – Supply Employees (own) (page 47)
- Fatalities (page 47)

The information reviewed as part of our limited assurance engagement has been indicated

throughout the 2021 Annual Report with the symbol 'Ⓐ'.

## Conclusion

Based on our procedures performed and evidence obtained, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Selected Information is not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the applied reporting criteria as disclosed in the section Report Scope on page 51 in the 2021 Annual Report.

## Basis for our conclusion

We have performed our review on the Selected Information in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000: "Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information", issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board.

This review engagement is aimed at obtaining a limited level of assurance. Our responsibilities under this standard are further described in the section Our responsibilities for the review of the Selected Information of our report.

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

## Scope of the group review

AB InBev is the parent company of a group of entities. The Selected Information incorporates the consolidated information of this group of entities as disclosed in the section 'Report Scope' on page 51 in the 2021 Annual Report.

Our group review procedures consisted of both review procedures at corporate [consolidated] level and at site level. Our selection of sites in scope of our review procedures is primarily based on the site's individual contribution to the consolidated information. Furthermore, our selection of sites considered relevant reporting risks and geographical spread.

By performing our procedures at site level, together with additional procedures at corporate level, we have been able to obtain sufficient and appropriate evidence about the group's reported information to provide a basis for our conclusion on the Selected Information.

## Responsibilities of the Board of Directors for the Selected Information

The Board of Directors of AB InBev is responsible for the preparation of the Selected Information in accordance with the applied reporting criteria as described in the section 'Report Scope' on page 51 in the 2021 Annual Report, including the identification of stakeholders and the definition of material matters. The choices made by the Board of Directors of AB InBev regarding the scope of

the information in the 2021 Annual Report and the reporting policy are summarized in the section 'Report Scope' on page 51 in the 2021 Annual Report.

The Board of Directors is also responsible for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the Selected Information that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## Our responsibilities for the review of the Selected Information

Our responsibility is to carry out a limited assurance engagement and to express a conclusion based on the work performed. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information, issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That Standard requires that we plan and perform the engagement to obtain limited assurance about whether the Selected Information is free from material misstatement.

Procedures performed in an assurance engagement to obtain a limited level of assurance are aimed to determine the plausibility of information and are less extensive than a reasonable assurance engagement. The level of assurance obtained in limited assurance

engagements is therefore substantially less than the level of assurance obtained in a reasonable assurance engagements.

Misstatements can arise from fraud or errors and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the decisions of users taken on the basis of the Selected Information. The materiality affects the nature, timing and extent of our review procedures and the evaluation of the effect of identified misstatements on our conclusion.

We apply the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

We have exercised professional judgement and have maintained professional scepticism throughout the review, in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, ethical requirements and independence requirements.

## Procedures performed

Our limited assurance engagement on the Selected Information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for the preparation of the Selected Information, and applying analytical and other evidence gathering procedures, as appropriate. These procedures included, among others:

- Identifying areas of the Selected Information where material misstatements are likely to arise, designing and performing limited assurance procedures responsive to those areas, and obtaining assurance evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion;
- Developing an understanding of internal control relevant to the limited assurance engagement in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing a conclusion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control;
- Evaluating the appropriateness of the reporting criteria used and their consistent application, including the reasonableness of estimates made by management and related disclosures to the Selected information;
- Interviewing relevant staff responsible for providing the information, for carrying out internal control procedures on the Selected Information and consolidating the data in the 2021 Annual Report;
- Remote visits to seven production sites in South-Africa, Brazil, China, the United Kingdom, the United States of America (two sites) and Mexico aimed at, on a local level, validating source data and evaluating the design and implementation of internal control and validation procedures;
- Reviewing relevant internal and external documentation, on a limited test basis, in order to determine the reliability of the Selected Information;
- Preliminary and final analytical review procedures to confirm our understanding of trends in the Selected Information at site and corporate level.

Antwerp, 24 February 2022  
KPMG Bedrijfsrevisoren - Réviseurs d'Entreprises

Mike Boonen  
Partner

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# Management report

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Anheuser-Busch InBev is a publicly traded company (Euronext: ABI) based in Leuven, Belgium, with secondary listings on the Mexico (MEXBOL: ANB) and South Africa (JSE: ANH) stock exchanges and with American Depository Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BUD). As a company, we dream big to create a future with more cheers. We are always looking to serve up new ways to meet life's moments, move our industry forward and make a meaningful impact in the world. We are committed to building great brands that stand the test of time and to brewing the best beers using the finest natural ingredients. Our diverse portfolio of well over 500 beer brands includes global brands Budweiser®, Corona® and Stella Artois®; multi-country brands Beck's®, Hoegaarden®, Leffe® and Michelob Ultra®; and local champions such as Aguila®, Antarctica®, Bud Light®, Brahma®, Cass®, Castle®, Castle Lite®, Cristal®, Harbin®, Jupiler®, Modelo Especial®, Quilmes®, Victoria®, Sedrin® and Skol®. Our brewing heritage dates back more than 600 years, spanning continents and generations. From our European roots at the Den Hoorn brewery in Leuven, Belgium. To the pioneering spirit of the Anheuser & Co brewery in St. Louis, US. To the creation of the Castle Brewery in South Africa during the Johannesburg gold rush. To Bohemia, the first brewery in Brazil. Geographically diversified with a balanced exposure to developed and developing markets, we leverage the collective strengths of approximately 169 000 employees based in nearly 50 countries worldwide. For 2021, our reported revenue was 54.3 billion US dollar (excluding joint ventures and associates).

The following management report should be read in conjunction with our audited consolidated financial statements.

In the rest of this document we refer to Anheuser-Busch InBev as "AB InBev", "the company", "we", "us" or "our".

## Selected financial figures

To facilitate the understanding of our underlying performance, the comments in this management report, unless otherwise indicated, are based on organic and normalized numbers. "Organic" means the financials are analyzed eliminating the impact of changes in currencies on translation of foreign operations, and scopes. Scopes represent the impact of acquisitions and divestitures, the start-up or termination of activities or the transfer of activities between segments, curtailment gains and losses and year-over-year changes in accounting estimates and other assumptions that management does not consider part of the underlying performance of the business.

The tables in this management report provide the segment information per region for the period ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 in the format up to Normalized EBIT level that is used by management to monitor performance.

Whenever used in this report, the term "normalized" refers to performance measures (EBITDA, EBIT, Profit, EPS, effective tax rate) before non-underlying items and discontinued operations. Non-underlying items are either income or expenses which do not occur regularly as part of the normal activities of the company. They are presented separately because they are important for the understanding of the underlying sustainable performance of the company due to their size or nature. Normalized measures are additional measures used by management and should not replace the measures determined in accordance with IFRS as an indicator of the company's performance, but rather should be used in conjunction with the most directly comparable IFRS measures.

On 1 June 2020, we completed the previously announced sale of Carlton & United Breweries ("CUB"), our Australian subsidiary, to Asahi Group Holdings, Ltd ("Asahi"). Effective 30 September 2019, following the announcement on 19 July 2019 of the agreement to divest CUB to Asahi, we classified the assets and liabilities associated with the Australian operations as assets held for sale and liabilities associated with assets held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations. In addition, since the results of the Australian operations represented a separate major line of business, these were accounted for as discontinued operations as required by IFRS 5 and presented in a separate line in the consolidated income statement ("profit from discontinued operations") up to 31 May 2020. As a result, all the presentations of our underlying performance and organic growth figures do not reflect the results of the Australian operations.

The tables below set out the components of our operating income and operating expenses, as well as the key cash flow figures.

For the year ended 31 December Million US dollar	2021	%	2020	%
<b>Revenue<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>54 304</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>46 881</b>	<b>100%</b>
Cost of sales	(23 097)	43%	(19 634)	42%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>31 207</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>27 247</b>	<b>58%</b>
SG&A	(17 574)	32%	(15 368)	33%
Other operating income/(expenses)	805	1%	845	2%
<b>Normalized profit from operations (Normalized EBIT)</b>	<b>14 438</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>12 723</b>	<b>27%</b>
Non-underlying items	(614)	1%	(3 103)	7%
<b>Profit from operations (EBIT)</b>	<b>13 824</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>9 620</b>	<b>21%</b>
<b>Depreciation, amortization and impairment</b>	<b>4 771</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>4 598</b>	<b>10%</b>
Non-underlying impairment	281	1%	2 733	6%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>19 209</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>17 321</b>	<b>37%</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>18 876</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>16 951</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Normalized profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>5 723</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3 807</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Profit from continuing operations attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>4 670</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>(650)</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Profit from discontinued operations attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2 055</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>4 670</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1 405</b>	<b>3%</b>
For the year ended 31 December Million US dollar	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Operating activities</b>				
Profit from continuing operations	6 114	147		
Interest, taxes and non-cash items included in profit	12 693	17 024		
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital and use of provisions</b>	<b>18 806</b>	<b>17 171</b>		
Change in working capital	2 459	592		
Pension contributions and use of provisions	(375)	(616)		
Interest and taxes (paid)/received	(6 197)	(6 391)		
Dividends received	106	51		
Cash flow from operating activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	84		
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>14 799</b>	<b>10 891</b>		
<b>Investing activities</b>				
Net capex	(5 498)	(3 687)		
Acquisition and sale of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired/disposed of	(444)	(510)		
Net proceeds from sale/(acquisition) of other assets	65	(292)		
Proceeds from Australia divestiture	-	10 838		
Cash flow from investing activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	(13)		
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(5 878)</b>	<b>6 336</b>		
<b>Financing activities</b>				
Dividends paid	(2 364)	(1 800)		
Net (payments on)/proceeds from borrowings	(8 511)	(8 294)		
Payment of lease liabilities	(531)	(461)		
Sale/(purchase) of non-controlling interests and other	(192)	2 086		
Cash flow from financing activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	(6)		
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>(11 598)</b>	<b>(8 475)</b>		
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2 677)</b>	<b>8 752</b>		

<sup>1</sup> Turnover less excise taxes. In many jurisdictions, excise taxes make up a large proportion of the cost of beer charged to the company's customers.

# Financial performance

We are presenting our results under five regions: North America, Middle Americas, South America, EMEA and Asia Pacific.

The tables in this management report provide the segment information per region for the period ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 in the format down to Normalized EBIT level that is used by management to monitor performance.

The tables below provide a summary of our performance for the period ended 31 December 2021 and 2020 (in million US dollar, except volumes in thousand hectoliters) and the related comments are based on organic numbers.

AB INBEV WORLDWIDE	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Volumes	530 644	56	-	50 979	581 678	9.6%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>46 881</b>	<b>(193)</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>7 290</b>	<b>54 304</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
Cost of sales	(19 634)	61	(119)	(3 405)	(23 097)	(17.4)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>27 247</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>3 885</b>	<b>31 207</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
SG&A	(15 368)	100	(180)	(2 126)	(17 574)	(13.9)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	845	(187)	8	139	805	32.3%
Normalized EBIT	12 723	(218)	35	1 899	14 438	15.4%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>17 321</b>	<b>(207)</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>19 209</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	36.9%	-	-	-	35.4%	-118 bps

In 2021, our normalized EBITDA increased 11.8%, while our normalized EBITDA margin contracted 118 bps, reaching 35.4%.

Consolidated volumes grew by 9.6%, with own beer volumes up 9.7% and non-beer volumes up 8.7%, driven by a recovery year-over-year as the COVID-19 pandemic negatively impacted our volumes in 2020.

Consolidated revenue grew by 15.6% to 54 304m US dollar, with revenue per hectoliter growth of 5.5% driven by premiumization and revenue management initiatives. Combined revenues of our global brands, Budweiser, Stella Artois and Corona increased by 17.6% globally and 22.9% outside of their respective home markets.

Consolidated Cost of Sales (CoS) increased 17.4%, and increased 7.2% on a per hectoliter basis, driven by anticipated transactional foreign exchange and commodity headwinds.

Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) increased 13.9% due primarily to higher variable compensation accruals and elevated supply chain costs.

Consolidated other operating income/(expenses) in 2021 increased by 32.3% primarily driven by higher government grants and sales of non-core assets. In the fourth quarter of 2020 and in the second quarter of 2021, Ambev, recognized 481m US dollar and 226m US dollar income in Other operating income respectively related to tax credits in Brazil. The net impact is presented as a scope change and does not impact the presented organic growth. Additionally, Ambev recognized 118m US dollar of interest income in Finance income in 2021 (2020: 315m US dollar) related to these credits. Underlying profit attributable to equity holders and underlying EPS were positively impacted by 165m US dollar after tax and non-controlling interest (30 December 2020: 325m US dollar). Ambev's tax credits and interest receivables are expected to be collected over a period exceeding 12 months after the balance sheet date. As of 31 December 2021, the total amount of such credits and interest receivables represented 960m US dollar.

## VOLUMES

The table below summarizes the volume evolution per region and the related comments are based on organic numbers. Volumes include not only brands that we own or license, but also third-party brands that we brew as a subcontractor and third-party products that we sell through our distribution network, particularly in Europe. Volumes sold by the Global Export business, which includes our global headquarters and the export businesses which have not been allocated to our regions, are shown separately.

Thousand hectoliters	2020	Scope	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
North America	106 846	72	47	106 965	-
Middle Americas	120 800	(1)	20 648	141 447	17.1%
South America	144 209	(67)	12 480	156 622	8.7%
EMEA	76 207	(275)	10 775	86 707	14.2%
Asia Pacific	81 649	-	6 730	88 379	8.2%
Global Export and Holding Companies	933	326	299	1 558	23.8%
<b>AB InBev Worldwide</b>	<b>530 644</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50 979</b>	<b>581 678</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

**North America** total volumes were flat.

In the United States, our sales-to-retailers ("STRs") declined by 2.3%, estimated to be below the industry, while sales-to-wholesalers ("STWs") were flattish as inventories normalized following pandemic related volatility. In 2021, our above core portfolio delivered high-single digit volume growth, and now represents over 30% of revenue. Michelob ULTRA, the #2 beer brand in the country by volume, continued to outperform the industry and grew STRs by double digits in 2021. Our seltzer portfolio grew 1.7x the segment in 2021. Within the ready-to-drink cocktail segment, Cutwater once again grew by triple-digits for 2021.

In Canada, our volume was flattish versus in 2021 compared to 2020, as on-premise channel closures were mostly offset by strength in the off-premise channel. We continued to outperform the industry, led by our above core brands. Our Beyond Beer portfolio grew volume by double-digits.

**Middle Americas** total volumes increased by 17.1%.

In Mexico, in 2021 compared to 2020, our volumes grew by double-digits, below the industry. Our continued momentum is fueled by category and portfolio development, digital transformation, and channel expansion. In 2021, we expanded in the fast-growing Beyond Beer segment through innovations such as Michelob ULTRA Hard Seltzer and Corona Agua Rifada. We launched the next phase of our OXXO rollout, expanding to approximately 3,400 additional stores by January 2022. Our BEES platform continues to expand, with over 70% of our revenues now digital.

In Colombia, our volumes grew over 20% in 2021 compared to 2020, reflecting the power of our enhanced brand portfolio and consistent commercial strategy execution. Led by the implementation of our category expansion levers, the beer category continues to grow, with 2021 marking the highest per capita consumption in Colombia in the last 25 years. We saw growth across all segments of our portfolio this year. In 2021 compared to 2020, our core portfolio grew by double-digits and our super-premium portfolio grew even faster, led by the nearly 40% combined growth of our global brands and local premium brand, Club Colombia. The roll out and adoption of the BEES platform continued with over 85% of our revenues in 2021 through digital channels.

In Peru, fueled by consistent execution of our commercial strategy, we delivered record high volumes in the fourth quarter of 2021. On a full-year basis, our volumes grew by double-digits. Our global and local premium brands delivered particularly strong performances, growing double-digits in 2021. BEES continues to expand and 75% of our revenue is now digital.

In Ecuador, we delivered volume growth of double-digits in 2021 compared to 2020. We continue to focus on expanding the beer category and driving premiumization. Over 90% of our revenue in Ecuador is now digital.

**South America** total volumes increased by 8.7%.

In Brazil, our total volume grew by 7.3%, with beer volumes up by 7.0% and non-beer volumes up by 8.3%, in 2021 compared to 2020. We continue to execute our consumer and customer-centric strategy focused on innovation and the digital transformation of our business. In 2021, we delivered record high beer volumes and strengthened the health of our portfolio. Innovations represented more than 20% of revenue this year. BEES now covers more than 85% of our active customers across the country and helped contribute to an all-time high Net Promoter Score ("NPS"). Zé Delivery fulfilled more than 61 million orders in 2021, more than doubling versus 2020.

In Argentina, we grew volume by low teens in 2021 compared to 2020. Our premium brands led the way, due to the outperformance of Andes Origen, Corona and Stella Artois.

**EMEA** total volumes increased by 14.2%.

In Europe, our volumes grew by mid-single digits in 2021 compared to 2020. We continue to drive premiumization across Europe. Premium and super premium brands now make up over 50% of our revenue. In 2021, our global brands and our super premium portfolio grew by double-digits, led by Corona and Leffe. Our DTC solution, PerfectDraft, delivers the ultimate home beer experience, growing 9x as fast as the online beer category in both France and the UK according to our estimates.

In South Africa, our volumes grew by strong double-digits in 2021 compared to 2020. In 2021, strong underlying consumer demand for our products resulted in market share expansion in both beer and total alcohol versus pre-pandemic levels. We saw consistent growth across all segments of our brand portfolio in 2021, led by Carling Black Label, our leading core brand. We continue to accelerate the premium and Beyond Beer segments, both delivering strong double-digit growth. The adoption of the BEES platform continued with almost 90% of our revenues now through digital channels.

In Africa excluding South Africa, we continue to see an improving operating environment and strong consumer demand for our brands. This led to volume and growth across most of our key markets versus 2020. In Nigeria, our volumes outperformed the industry in 2021, despite supply chain constraints.

**Asia Pacific** total volumes increased by 8.2%.

In China, volumes grew by 9.3% in 2021 compared to 2020. Our market share expanded by an estimated 80bps versus 2020. We remain focused on driving premiumization, digital transformation, and expansion of our business. All segments of our portfolio grew in 2021, led by the double-digit increase of our premium and super premium portfolios, both above pre-pandemic levels. We addressed new consumer trends and occasions through the expansion of Budweiser Supreme as well as the launch of various flavor options, including Hoegaarden Fruity and Corona Sea Salt Guava.

In South Korea, in 2021, COVID-19 restrictions continued to impact the industry resulting in low-single digit volume decline compared to 2020. Our market share momentum accelerated throughout the year delivering an estimated expansion of nearly 130 bps, driven by the continued success of our innovations, the “All New Cass” and our new classic lager HANMAC.

## OPERATING ACTIVITIES BY REGION

The tables below provide a summary of the performance of each region, for the period ended 31 December 2021 (in million US dollar, except volumes in thousand hectoliters) and the related comments are based on organic numbers.

AB INBEV WORLDWIDE	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Volumes	530 644	56	-	50 979	581 678	9.6%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>46 881</b>	<b>(193)</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>7 290</b>	<b>54 304</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
Cost of sales	(19 634)	61	(119)	(3 405)	(23 097)	(17.4)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>27 247</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>3 885</b>	<b>31 207</b>	<b>14.3%</b>
SG&A	(15 368)	100	(180)	(2 126)	(17 574)	(13.9)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	845	(187)	8	139	805	32.3%
Normalized EBIT	12 723	(218)	35	1 899	14 438	15.4%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>17 321</b>	<b>(207)</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>2 000</b>	<b>19 209</b>	<b>11.8%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	36.9%	-	-	-	35.4%	-118 bps
North America	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Total volumes (thousand hls)	106 846	72	-	47	106 965	-
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>15 622</b>	<b>(16)</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>16 257</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Cost of sales	(5 870)	36	(47)	(303)	(6 185)	(5.2)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>9 752</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>10 072</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
SG&A	(4 369)	(69)	(52)	(279)	(4 769)	(6.4)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	(14)	1	-	59	46	-
Normalized EBIT	5 369	(48)	44	(16)	5 349	(0.3)%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>6 172</b>	<b>(36)</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>6 131</b>	<b>(0.9)%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	39.5%	-	-	-	37.7%	-160 bps
Middle Americas	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Total volumes (thousand hls)	120 800	(1)	-	20 648	141 447	17.1%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>10 032</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2 488</b>	<b>12 541</b>	<b>24.8%</b>
Cost of sales	(3 331)	(6)	(21)	(1 070)	(4 428)	(32.1)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>6 701</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<b>1 418</b>	<b>8 113</b>	<b>21.2%</b>
SG&A	(2 710)	(3)	(16)	(421)	(3 149)	(15.5)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	6	-	-	18	24	-
Normalized EBIT	3 997	(4)	(20)	1 015	4 988	25.4%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>5 014</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>1 121</b>	<b>6 126</b>	<b>22.4%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	50.0%	-	-	-	48.8%	-96 bps
South America	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Total volumes (thousand hls)	144 209	(67)	-	12 480	156 622	8.7%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8 092</b>	<b>(61)</b>	<b>(653)</b>	<b>2 116</b>	<b>9 494</b>	<b>26.3%</b>
Cost of sales	(3 786)	4	309	(1 290)	(4 763)	(34.1)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>4 306</b>	<b>(58)</b>	<b>(344)</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>4 730</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
SG&A	(2 417)	75	194	(615)	(2 762)	(26.2)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	522	(189)	(8)	71	397	65.3%
Normalized EBIT	2 412	(171)	(157)	282	2 365	14.0%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>3 179</b>	<b>(171)</b>	<b>(209)</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>3 125</b>	<b>11.7%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	39.3%	-	-	-	32.9%	-401 bps
EMEA	2020	Scope	Currency translation	Organic growth	2021	Organic growth %
Total volumes (thousand hls)	76 207	(275)	-	10 775	86 707	14.2%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>6 835</b>	<b>(364)</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>1 184</b>	<b>8 032</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
Cost of sales	(3 394)	172	(160)	(411)	(3 793)	(12.7)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>3 441</b>	<b>(192)</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>4 239</b>	<b>23.0%</b>
SG&A	(2 696)	198	(143)	(214)	(2 855)	(8.2)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	163	-	8	30	200	18.6%
Normalized EBIT	907	6	82	590	1 584	64.6%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>1 895</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>2 598</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	27.7%	-	-	-	32.4%	308 bps

<b>Asia Pacific</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Currency translation</b>	<b>Organic growth</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Organic growth %</b>
Total volumes (thousand hls)	81 649	-	-	6 730	88 379	8.2%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>5 648</b>	<b>(46)</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>6 848</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
Cost of sales	(2 605)	(2)	(184)	(257)	(3 048)	(9.9)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>3 042</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>3 800</b>	<b>19.0%</b>
SG&A	(2 097)	46	(139)	(140)	(2 330)	(6.8)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	146	-	9	(16)	139	(11.1)%
Normalized EBIT	1 091	(3)	107	413	1 609	37.9%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>1 737</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>2 321</b>	<b>25.0%</b>
Normalized EBITDA margin	30.8%	-	-	-	33.9%	277 bps
<b>Global Export and Holding Companies</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Scope</b>	<b>Currency translation</b>	<b>Organic growth</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Organic growth %</b>
Total volumes (thousand hls)	933	326	-	299	1 558	23.8%
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>1 133</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
Cost of sales	(648)	(142)	(16)	(74)	(880)	(9.5)%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>63.8%</b>
SG&A	(1 079)	(148)	(25)	(457)	(1 709)	(37.3)%
Other operating income/(expenses)	22	1	(1)	(22)	-	(96.6)%
Normalized EBIT	(1 053)	1	(20)	(384)	(1 457)	(36.5)%
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	<b>(677)</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>(11)</b>	<b>(407)</b>	<b>(1 093)</b>	<b>(60.4)%</b>

## REVENUE

Our consolidated revenue grew by 15.6% to 54 304m US dollar with revenue per hectoliter growth of 5.5% driven by premiumization and revenue management initiatives.

## COST OF SALES

Our cost of Sales (CoS) increased by 17.4% and increased by 7.2% on a per hectoliter basis, driven by anticipated transactional foreign exchange and commodity headwinds.

## OPERATING EXPENSES

Our total operating expenses increased 13.4% in 2021:

- Selling, General & Administrative Expenses (SG&A) increased by 13.9% due primarily to higher variable compensation accruals and elevated supply chain costs.
- Other operating income increased 32.3% primarily driven by higher government grants and sales of non-core assets. In addition, in the second quarter of 2021, Ambev, our subsidiary, recognized 226m US dollar income in Other operating income related to tax credits following a favorable decision from the Brazilian Supreme Court. In the fourth quarter of 2020 Ambev, recognized 481m US dollar related to tax credits in Brazil. The net impact is presented as a scope change.

## NORMALIZED PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION (NORMALIZED EBITDA)

Our normalized EBITDA increased 11.8% organically to 19 209m US dollar, with an EBITDA margin of 35.4%, representing an EBITDA margin organic contraction of 118 bps.

- North America EBITDA decreased 0.9% to 6 131m US dollar with a margin contraction of (160) bps to 37.7% primarily due to increased selling, general and administrative expenses.
- Middle Americas EBITDA increased 22.4% to 6 126m US dollar with a margin contraction of (96) bps to 48.8%. driven by top-line growth coupled with operational efficiencies.
- South America EBITDA increased 11.7% to 3 125m US dollar with a margin contraction of (401) bps to 32.9% as top-line growth was partially offset by anticipated transactional foreign exchange and commodity headwinds and higher selling, general and administrative expenses.
- EMEA EBITDA increased 30.6% to 2 598m US dollar with a margin enhancement of 308 bps to 32.4%, driven by top-line growth and strong operational leverage.
- Asia Pacific EBITDA increased 25.0% to 2 321m US dollar with a margin enhancement of 277 bps to 33.9% due to top-line growth driven by ongoing premiumization and revenue management initiatives.
- Global Export and Holding Companies EBITDA of (1 093)m US dollar in 2021 (2020: (677)m US dollar).

Differences in normalized EBITDA margins by region are due to a number of factors such as different routes to market, share of returnable packaging in the region's sales and premium product mix.

#### **RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NORMALIZED EBITDA AND PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS**

Normalized EBITDA and EBIT are measures utilized by us to demonstrate the company's underlying performance.

Normalized EBITDA is calculated excluding profit from discontinued operations and the following effects from profit from continuing operations attributable to our equity holders: (i) Non-controlling interest, (ii) Income tax expense, (iii) Share of results of associates, (iv) Net finance cost, (v) Non-underlying net finance cost, (vi) Non-underlying items above EBIT (including non-underlying impairment) and (vii) Depreciation, amortization and impairment.

Normalized EBITDA and EBIT are not accounting measures under IFRS accounting and should not be considered as an alternative to Profit from continuing operations attributable to equity holders as a measure of operational performance or as an alternative to cash flow as a measure of liquidity. Normalized EBITDA and EBIT do not have a standard calculation method and our definition of normalized EBITDA and EBIT may not be comparable to that of other companies.

**For the year ended 31 December**

**Million US dollar**

	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>		<b>4 670</b>	<b>1 405</b>
Non-controlling interest		1 444	797
<b>Profit of the period</b>		<b>6 114</b>	<b>2 202</b>
Profit from discontinued operations	21	-	(2 055)
<b>Profit from continuing operations</b>		<b>6 114</b>	<b>147</b>
Income tax expense	12	2 350	1 932
Share of result of associates	16	(248)	(156)
Non-underlying net finance cost/(income)	11	806	1 738
Net finance cost	11	4 803	5 959
Non-underlying items above EBIT (including non-underlying impairment)	8	614	3 103
<b>Normalized EBIT</b>		<b>14 438</b>	<b>12 723</b>
Depreciation, amortization and impairment (excluding non-underlying impairment)	10	4 771	4 598
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>		<b>19 209</b>	<b>17 321</b>

Non-underlying items are either income or expenses which do not occur regularly as part of the normal activities of the company. They are presented separately because they are important for the understanding of the underlying sustainable performance of the company due to their size or nature. Details on the nature of the non-underlying items are disclosed in Note 8 *Non-underlying items*.

## IMPACT OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Foreign currency exchange rates have a significant impact on our financial statements. The following table sets forth the percentage of our revenue realized by currency for 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
US dollar	29.6%	31.9%
Brazilian real	12.4%	12.7%
Chinese yuan	9.7%	9.1%
Mexican peso	9.4%	8.9%
Euro	6.2%	6.9%
Colombian peso	4.1%	3.8%
South African rand	4.0%	3.3%
Canadian dollar	3.7%	3.9%
Argentinean peso <sup>1</sup>	3.0%	2.4%
Pound sterling	2.7%	2.7%
Peruvian peso	2.6%	2.5%
Dominican peso	2.1%	1.9%
South Korean won	2.1%	2.3%
Other	8.1%	7.6%

The following table sets forth the percentage of our normalized EBITDA realized by currency for 2021 and 2020:

	2021	2020
US dollar	32.8%	31.6%
Mexican peso	13.6%	13.0%
Brazilian real	9.8%	14.5%
Chinese yuan	9.4%	7.6%
Colombian peso	5.4%	4.9%
Euro	4.3%	7.1%
Peruvian peso	4.0%	3.6%
South African rand	3.9%	2.6%
Dominican peso	3.0%	2.8%
Canadian dollar	2.9%	2.9%
Argentinean peso <sup>1</sup>	2.7%	2.0%
South Korean won	1.7%	1.9%
Pound sterling	0.3%	0.7%
Other	6.2%	5.0%

In 2021, the fluctuation of the foreign currency rates had a positive translation impact, including hyperinflation accounting impact, of 326m US dollar on our revenue (2020: negative impact of 3 410m US dollar), of 96m US dollar on our normalized EBITDA (2020: negative impact of 1 292m US dollar) and of 35m US dollar on our normalized EBIT (2020: negative impact of 950m US dollar).

Our profit from continuing operations (after tax) has been positively affected by the fluctuation of foreign currencies, including hyperinflation accounting impact, amounted to 41m US dollar (2020: negative impact of 288m US dollar), while the positive translation impact, including hyperinflation accounting impact, on our EPS (profit attributable to our equity holders) was 38m US dollar or 0.02 US dollar per share (2020: negative impact of 174m US dollar or 0.09 US dollar per share).

The impact of the fluctuation of the foreign currencies on our net debt amounted to 1 609m US dollar (decrease of net debt) in 2021, as compared to an impact of 3 426m US dollar (increase of net debt) in 2020. The impact of the fluctuation of the foreign currencies on the equity attributable to our equity holders amounted to 4 320m US dollar (decrease of equity), as compared to an impact of 9 943m US dollar (decrease of equity) in 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> Hyperinflation accounting was adopted in 2018 to report the company's Argentinian operations.

## PROFIT

Normalized profit attributable to our equity holders was 5 723m US dollar (normalized EPS 2.85 US dollar) in 2021, compared to 3 807m US dollar (normalized EPS 1.91 US dollar) in 2020. Underlying profit (normalized profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev excluding mark-to-market gains or losses linked to the hedging of our share-based payment programs and the impact of hyperinflation) was 5 774m US dollar in 2021 (Underlying EPS 2.88 US dollar) as compared to 5 022m US dollar in 2020 (Underlying EPS 2.51 US dollar) (see Note 22 *Changes in equity and earnings per share* for more details). Profit attributable to our equity holders for 2021 was 4 670m US dollar, compared to 1 405m US dollar for 2020 and includes the following impacts:

- *Net finance costs (excluding non-underlying net finance items)*: 4 803m US dollar in 2021 compared to a net finance cost of 5 959m US dollar in 2020. This decrease was primarily due to mark-to-market adjustment linked to the hedging of our share-based payment programs amounting to a loss of 23m US dollar in 2021, compared to a loss of 1 211m US dollar in 2020 resulting in a change of 1 188m US dollar.
- *Non-underlying net finance cost*: Non-underlying net finance cost amounted to 806m US dollar in 2021 compared to 1 738m US dollar cost in 2020. 25m US dollar loss resulted from mark-to-market adjustments on derivative instruments entered into to hedge the shares issued in relation to the combination with Grupo Modelo and the restricted shares issued in connection with the combination with SAB (2020: 1 008m US dollar loss) and 741m US dollar loss resulted from the early termination of certain bonds (2020: 795m US dollar loss).
- *Non-underlying items*: In 2021, we incurred (614)m US dollar of non-underlying costs (2020: (603)m US dollar) mainly comprising of (172)m US dollar of restructuring costs (2020: (157)m US dollar), (247)m US dollar of business and asset disposal costs (including impairment losses), mainly comprising 258m US dollar of non-cash impairment charge associated with Bedford Systems, a joint venture with Keurig Dr. Pepper following the announcement of the cessation of its business in December 2021 (2020: (239)m US dollar of costs mostly related to non-underlying impairment of intangible assets classified as assets held for sale and other intangibles), (105)m US dollar of costs associated with COVID-19 (2020: (182)m US dollar) which mainly relate to personal protection equipment for our colleagues, charitable donations and other costs incurred as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and (72)m US dollar cost related to the Zenzele Kibili scheme. During the second quarter of 2020, we reported a 2.5 billion US dollar non-cash goodwill impairment charge. The goodwill impairment charge was partially offset by a 1.9 billion US dollar gain on the disposal of the Australia operations reported in discontinued operations.
- *Income tax expense*: 2 350m US dollar in 2021 with an effective tax rate of 28.6% compared to 1 932m US dollar in 2020 with an effective tax rate of 100.4%. The 2021 and 2020 effective tax rates are negatively impacted by the non-deductible losses from derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs and the hedging of the shares issued in a transaction related to the combination with Grupo Modelo and SAB. The effective tax rate for 2020 was also negatively impacted by the non-deductible, non-cash goodwill impairment loss. The normalized effective tax rate excluding mark-to-market gains or losses linked to the hedging of our share-based payment programs was 27.9% in 2021 compared to 26.2% in 2020.
- *Profit attributable to non-controlling interest*: 1 444m US dollar in 2021 compared to 797m US dollar in 2020.
- *Profit from discontinued operations*: In 2020, we reported 2 055m US dollar in discontinued operations primarily attributable to an exceptional 1.9 billion US dollar gain on the divestiture of the Australian operations completed on 1 June 2020 (2021: nil).

# Liquidity position and capital resources

## CASH FLOWS

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Cash flow from operating activities	14 799	10 891
Cash flow from investing activities	(5 878)	6 336
Cash flow from financing activities	(11 598)	(8 475)
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(2 677)</b>	<b>8 752</b>

### Cash flow from operating activities

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations	6 114	147
Interest, taxes and non-cash items included in profit	12 693	17 024
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital and use of provisions</b>	<b>18 806</b>	<b>17 171</b>
Change in working capital	2 459	592
Pension contributions and use of provisions	(375)	(616)
Interest and taxes (paid)/received	(6 197)	(6 391)
Dividends received	106	51
Cash flow from operating activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	84
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>14 799</b>	<b>10 891</b>

Our cash flow from operating activities reached 14 799m US dollar in 2021 compared to 10 891m US dollar in 2020. The increase primarily results from higher profit and changes in working capital for 2021 compared to 2020 as our results for 2020 were negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Cash flow from investing activities

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Net capex	(5 498)	(3 687)
Acquisition and sale of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired/disposed of	(444)	(510)
Net proceeds from sale/(acquisition) of other assets	65	(292)
Proceeds from Australia divestiture	-	10 838
Cash flow from investing activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	(13)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>(5 878)</b>	<b>6 336</b>

Our cash outflow from investing activities was 5 878m US dollar in 2021 compared to a cash inflow of 6 336m US dollar in 2020. The decrease in the cash flow from investing activities was mainly due to the exceptional 10 838m US dollar proceeds from the divestiture of the Australian business reported in 2020 and higher net capital expenditures in 2021 compared to 2020.

Our net capital expenditures amounted to 5 498m US dollar in 2021 and 3 687m US dollar in 2020. Out of the total 2021 capital expenditures approximately 44% was used to improve the company's production facilities while 41% was used for logistics and commercial investments and 15% was used for improving administrative capabilities and for the purchase of hardware and software.

### Cash flow from financing activities

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Dividends paid	(2 364)	(1 800)
Net (payments on)/proceeds from borrowings	(8 511)	(8 294)
Payment of lease liabilities	(531)	(461)
Sale/(purchase) of non-controlling interests and other	(192)	2 086
Cash flow from financing activities on Australia discontinued operations	-	(6)
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>(11 598)</b>	<b>(8 475)</b>

Our cash outflow from financing activities amounted to 11 598m US dollar in 2021, as compared to a cash outflow of 8 475m US dollar in 2020. The increase is primarily driven by higher dividends paid in 2021 and the issuance of a 49.9% minority stake in our US-based metal container operations to Apollo for net proceeds of 3.0 billion USD in 2020. Proactive deployment of excess cash balances toward gross debt reduction resulted in a cash outflow of 8 294m US dollar and 8 511m US dollar in 2020 and 2021, respectively.

As of 31 December 2021, we had total liquidity of 22.2 billion US dollar, which consisted of 10.1 billion US dollar available under our Sustainability-Linked Loan Revolving Credit Facility (“SLL RCF”) and 12.1 billion US dollar of cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments in debt securities less bank overdrafts. Although we may borrow such amounts to meet our liquidity needs, we principally rely on cash flows from operating activities to fund the company's continuing operations.

#### CAPITAL RESOURCES AND EQUITY

Our net debt amounted to 76.2 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2021 as compared to 82.7 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2020. As a result of our business performance and strong cash flow generation in 2021, we reduced gross debt by nearly 10 billion US dollar to 88.8 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2021, leading to a net debt to EBITDA ratio of 3.96x. This ratio is now below 4.0x for the first time since the combination with SAB in 2016.

Net debt is defined as non-current and current interest-bearing loans and borrowings and bank overdrafts minus debt securities and cash. Net debt is a financial performance indicator that is used by our management to highlight changes in the company's overall liquidity position. We believe that net debt is meaningful for investors as it is one of the primary measures our management uses when evaluating our progress towards deleveraging toward our optimal net debt to normalized EBITDA ratio of around 2x.

Our net debt decreased by 6.5 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2021 compared to 31 December 2020. Aside from operating results that are net of capital expenditures, the net debt is impacted mainly by the payment of interests and taxes (6.2 billion US dollar increase of net debt), dividend payments to shareholders of AB InBev and Ambev (2.4 billion US dollar) and foreign exchange impact on net debt (1.6 billion US dollar decrease of net debt).

Net debt to normalized EBITDA decreased from 4.8x for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2020 to 3.96x for the 12-month period ending 31 December 2021. Deleveraging to around 2x remains our commitment and we will prioritize debt repayment in order to meet this objective.

Consolidated equity attributable to our equity holders as at 31 December 2021 was 68 669m US dollar, compared to 68 024m US dollar as at 31 December 2020. The net increase in equity results from the profit attributable to equity shareholders partially offset by dividends paid and foreign exchange losses on translation of foreign operations primarily related to the combined effect of the weakening of the closing rates of the Colombian pesos, the Peruvian Sol, the South African rand and the Mexican pesos, partially offset by the weakening of the closing rate of the Euro, which resulted in a foreign exchange translation adjustment of 4 320m US dollar as of 31 December 2021 (decrease of equity).

Further details on interest-bearing loans and borrowings, repayment schedules and liquidity risk, are disclosed in Note 23 *Interest-bearing loans and borrowings* and Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

As of 31 December 2021, the company's credit rating from Standard & Poor's was BBB+ for long-term obligations and A-2 for short-term obligations, with a stable outlook, and the company's credit rating from Moody's Investors Service was Baa1 for long-term obligations and P-2 for short-term obligations, with a stable outlook.

# Research and development

Given our focus on innovation, we place a high value on research and development. In 2021, we spent 298m US dollar in research and development (2020: 296m US dollar). The spent focused on product innovations, market research, as well as process optimization and product development.

Research and development in product innovation covers liquid, packaging and draft innovation. Product innovation consists of breakthrough innovation, incremental innovation and renovation. The main goal for the innovation process is to provide consumers with better products and experiences. This implies launching new liquid, new packaging and new draught products that deliver better performance both for the consumer and in terms of top-line results, by increasing our competitiveness in the relevant markets. With consumers comparing products and experiences offered across very different drink categories and the offering of beverages increasing, our research and development efforts also require an understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of other beverage categories, spotting opportunities for beer and developing consumer solutions (products) that better address consumer need and deliver better experience. This requires understanding consumer emotions and expectations. Sensory experience, premiumization, convenience, sustainability and design are all central to our research and development efforts.

Research and development in process optimization is primarily aimed at quality improvement, capacity increase (plant debottlenecking and addressing volume issues, while minimizing capital expenditure) and improving efficiency. Newly developed processes, materials and/or equipment are documented in best practices and shared across business regions. Current projects range from malting to bottling of finished products.

Knowledge management and learning is also an integral part of research and development. We seek to continuously increase our knowledge through collaborations with universities and other industries.

Our research and development team is briefed annually on the company's and the business regions' priorities and approves concepts which are subsequently prioritized for development. The research & development teams invest in both short- and long-term strategic projects for future growth, with the launch time depending on complexity and prioritization. Launch time usually falls within the next calendar year.

The Global Innovation and Technology Center ("GITeC"), located in Leuven, accommodates the Packaging, Product, Process Development teams and facilities such as Labs, Experimental Brewery and the European Central Lab, which also includes Sensory Analysis. In addition to GITeC, we also have Product, Packaging and Process development teams located in each of our geographic regions focusing on the short-term needs of such regions.

# Risks and uncertainties

Under the explicit understanding that this is not an exhaustive list, AB InBev's major risk factors and uncertainties are listed below. There may be additional risks which AB InBev is unaware of. There may also be risks AB InBev now believes to be immaterial, but which could turn out to have a material adverse effect. Moreover, if and to the extent that any of the risks described below materialize, they may occur in combination with other risks which would compound the adverse effect of such risks. The sequence in which the risk factors are presented below is not indicative of their likelihood of occurrence or of the potential magnitude of their financial consequence.

AB InBev's business, financial condition, cash flows and operating results have been and may continue to be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. AB InBev has experienced disruptions to its ability to operate its production facilities in some countries, and in the future, it may experience further disruption to its ability to operate its production facilities or distribution operations as a result of regulatory restrictions, safety protocols, social distancing requirements and heightened sanitation measures. AB InBev has also experienced constraints in its ability to source beverage containers and disruptions in the availability of transportation services and labor in certain markets, and may experience further disruption to its supply chain and distribution operations. Any sustained interruption in AB InBev's operations or its business partners' operations, distribution network or supply chain, or any significant continuous shortage of raw materials or other supplies could impact AB InBev's ability to make, manufacture, distribute or sell its products or may result in an increase in its costs of production and distribution. Sales of AB InBev's products in the on-premise channel have been significantly impacted by the implementation of social distancing and lockdown measures in most of its markets, including the closure of bars, clubs and restaurants and restrictions on sporting events, music festivals and similar events. Although sales in the on-premise channel improved as a result of the easing of social distancing and lockdown measures in many of these markets, such improvements have been, and may continue to be, impacted by the re-implementation of restrictions in certain markets due to the emergence and spread of new COVID-19 variants. Any future outbreak or recurrence of COVID-19 cases in other markets that have eased social distancing and lock down measures may similarly result in the re-implementation of such measures and a further negative impact on our sales. If the COVID-19 pandemic intensifies and expands geographically, or efforts to curb the pandemic are ineffective, its negative impacts on AB InBev's sales could be more prolonged and may become more severe. Deteriorating economic and political conditions in many of AB InBev's major markets affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as increased unemployment, decreases in disposable income, declines in consumer confidence, or economic slowdowns or recessions, could cause a further decrease in demand for its products. Furthermore, the ongoing economic impacts and health concerns associated with the COVID-19 pandemic may continue to affect consumer behavior, spending levels and consumption preferences. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on global economic conditions has impacted and may continue to impact the proper functioning of financial and capital markets, as well as foreign currency exchange rates, commodity and energy prices and interest rates. A continuation or worsening of the levels of market disruption and volatility seen in the recent past could have an adverse effect on AB InBev's ability to access, or costs of, capital or borrowings, its business, its liquidity, its net debt to EBITDA ratio, credit ratings, results of operations and financial condition. Compliance with governmental measures imposed in response to COVID-19 has caused and may continue to cause us to incur additional costs, and any inability to comply with such measures can subject AB InBev to restrictions on its business activities, fines, and other penalties, any of which can adversely affect its business. In addition, responses to the COVID-19 pandemic may result in both short-term and long-term changes to fiscal and tax policies in impacted jurisdictions, including increases in tax rates.

Any of the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic (or any future outbreak or recurrence of COVID-19 following the relaxation of social distancing and lockdown measures or the emergence and spread of new COVID-19 variants), including those described above, alone or in combination with others, may have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's results of operations, financial condition and cash flows.

AB InBev is exposed to the risk of a global recession or a recession in one or more of its key markets, and to credit and capital market volatility and an economic or financial crisis (including as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic), or otherwise. These could result in reduced consumption or sales prices of AB InBev's products, which in turn could result in lower revenue and reduced profit. AB InBev's financial condition and results of operations, as well as AB InBev's future prospects, would likely be hindered by an economic downturn in any of its key markets. Consumption of beer and other alcohol and non-alcohol beverages in many of the jurisdictions in which AB InBev operates is closely linked to general economic conditions and changes in disposable income. A continuation or worsening of the levels of market disruption and volatility seen in the recent past could have an adverse effect on AB InBev's ability to access capital, its business, results of operations and financial condition, and on the market price of its shares and American Depository Shares.

AB InBev's results of operations are affected by fluctuations in exchange rates. Any change in exchange rates between AB InBev's operating companies' functional currencies and the U.S. dollar will affect its consolidated income statement and balance sheet when the results of those operating companies are translated into U.S. dollar for reporting purposes as

translational exposures are not hedged. Also, there can be no assurance that the policies in place to manage commodity price and transactional foreign currency risks to protect AB InBev's exposure will be able to successfully hedge against the effects of such foreign exchange exposure, especially over the long-term. Further, the use of financial instruments to mitigate currency risk and any other efforts taken to better match the effective currencies of AB InBev's liabilities to its cash flows could result in increased costs.

Following the categorization of Argentina in AB InBev's results for the third quarter of 2018 as a country with a three-year cumulative inflation rate greater than 100%, the country is considered as a hyperinflationary economy in accordance with IFRS rules (IAS 29), resulting in the restatement of certain results for hyperinflation accounting. If the economic or political situation in Argentina further deteriorates, the South America operations may be subject to additional restrictions under new Argentinean foreign exchange, export repatriation or expropriation regimes that could adversely affect AB InBev's liquidity and operations, and ability to access funds from Argentina.

AB InBev may not be able to obtain the necessary funding for its future capital or refinancing needs and may face financial risks due to its level of debt and uncertain market conditions. AB InBev may be required to raise additional funds for its future capital needs or to refinance its current indebtedness through public or private financing, strategic relationships or other arrangements and there can be no assurance that the funding, if needed, will be available or provided on attractive terms. AB InBev has incurred substantial indebtedness by entering into a senior credit facility and accessing the bond markets from time to time based on its financial needs, including as a result of the acquisition of SAB. The portion of AB InBev's consolidated balance sheet represented by debt will remain significantly higher as compared to its historical position. AB InBev's increased level of debt could have significant consequences for AB InBev, including (i) increasing its vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions, (ii) limiting its flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in its business and the industry in which AB InBev operates, (iii) impairing its ability to obtain additional financing in the future and limiting its ability to fund future working capital and capital expenditures, to engage in future acquisitions or development activities or to otherwise realize the value of its assets and opportunities fully, (iv) requiring AB InBev to issue additional equity (potentially under unfavorable market conditions), and (v) placing AB InBev at a competitive disadvantage compared to its competitors that have less debt. AB InBev's ability to repay and renegotiate its outstanding indebtedness will be dependent upon market conditions. Unfavorable conditions, including significant price volatility, dislocations and liquidity disruptions in the global credit markets in recent years, as well as downward pressure on credit capacity for certain issuers without regard to those issuers' underlying financial strength, could increase costs beyond what is currently anticipated. Such costs could have a material adverse impact on AB InBev's cash flows, results of operations or both. Further, AB InBev may restrict the amount of dividends it will pay as a result of AB InBev's level of debt and its strategy to give priority to deleveraging toward its optimal net debt to normalized EBITDA ratio of around 2x.

Also, a credit rating downgrade could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's ability to finance its ongoing operations or to refinance its existing indebtedness. In addition, a failure of AB InBev to refinance all or a substantial amount of its debt obligations when they become due, or more generally a failure to raise additional equity capital or debt financing or to realize proceeds from asset sales when needed, would have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

AB InBev's results could be negatively affected by increasing interest rates or the future discontinuance of certain benchmarks. Although AB InBev enters into interest rate swap agreements to manage its interest rate risk and also enters into cross-currency interest rate swap agreements to manage both its foreign currency risk and interest-rate risk on interest-bearing financial liabilities, there can be no assurance that such instruments will be successful in reducing the risks inherent in exposures to interest rate fluctuations.

The ability of AB InBev's subsidiaries to distribute cash upstream may be subject to various conditions and limitations. The inability to obtain sufficient cash flows from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries and affiliated companies could adversely impact AB InBev's ability to pay dividends and otherwise negatively impact its business, results of operations and financial condition.

Changes in the availability or price of raw materials, commodities, energy and water, including as a result of currency fluctuations, constraints on sourcing and unexpected increases in tariffs on such raw materials and commodities, like aluminum, could have an adverse effect on AB InBev's results of operations to the extent that AB InBev fails to adequately manage the risks inherent in such volatility, including if AB InBev's hedging and derivative arrangements do not effectively or completely hedge against foreign currency risks and changes in commodity prices.

Certain of AB InBev's operations depend on effective distribution networks to deliver its products to consumers, and distributors play an important role in distributing a significant proportion of beer and other beverages. Generally, distributors purchase AB InBev's products from AB InBev and then on-sell them either to other distributors or points of sale. Such distributors are either government-controlled or privately owned but independent wholesale distributors for distribution of AB InBev's products, and there can be no assurance that such distributors will not give priority to AB InBev's competitors.

Further, any inability of AB InBev to replace unproductive or inefficient distributors, who could engage in practices that harm AB InBev's reputation as consumers look to AB InBev for the quality and availability of its products, or any limitations imposed on AB InBev to purchase or own any interest in distributors or wholesalers as a result of contractual restrictions, regulatory changes, changes in legislation or the interpretations of legislation by regulators or courts could adversely impact AB InBev's business, results of operations and financial condition.

The continued consolidation of retailers in markets in which AB InBev operates could result in reduced profitability for the beer industry as a whole and indirectly adversely affect AB InBev's financial results.

AB InBev relies on key third parties, including key suppliers, for a range of raw materials for its beer, alcoholic beverages and soft drinks, and for packaging material. The termination of or any material change to arrangements with certain key suppliers or the failure of a key supplier to meet its contractual obligations could have a material impact on AB InBev's production, distribution and sale of beer, alcoholic beverages and soft drinks and have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition. Certain of AB InBev's subsidiaries may purchase nearly all of their key packaging materials from sole suppliers under multi-year contracts. The loss of or temporary discontinuity of supply from any of these suppliers without sufficient time to develop an alternative source could cause AB InBev to spend increased amounts on such supplies in the future. In addition, a number of key brand names are both licensed to third-party brewers and used by companies over which AB InBev does not have control. Although AB InBev monitors brewing quality to ensure its high standards, to the extent that one of these key brand names or joint ventures, companies in which AB InBev does not own a controlling interest and/or AB InBev's licensees are subject to negative publicity, it could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

A portion of the company's global portfolio consists of associates in new or developing markets, including investments where the company may have a lesser degree of control over the business operations. The company faces several challenges inherent to these various culturally and geographically diverse business interests. Although the company works with its associates on the implementation of appropriate processes and controls, the company also faces additional risks and uncertainties with respect to these minority investments because the company may be dependent on systems, controls and personnel that are not under the company's control, such as the risk that the company's associates may violate applicable laws and regulations, which could have an adverse effect on the company's business, reputation, results of operations and financial condition.

AB InBev may have a conflict of interest with its majority-owned subsidiaries. For example, a conflict of interest could arise if the subsidiary brings a legal claim for an alleged contractual breach, which could materially and adversely affect AB InBev's financial condition. A conflict of interest may also arise as a result of any dual roles played by AB InBev directors who may also be managers or senior officers in the subsidiary. Notwithstanding policies and procedures to address the possibility of such conflicts of interest, AB InBev may not be able to resolve all such conflicts on terms favorable to AB InBev.

The size of AB InBev, contractual limitations it is subject to and its position in the markets in which it operates may decrease its ability to successfully carry out further acquisitions and business integrations. AB InBev cannot enter into further transactions unless it can identify suitable candidates and agree on the terms with them. The size of AB InBev and its position in the markets in which it operates may make it harder to identify suitable candidates, including because it may be harder for AB InBev to obtain regulatory approval for future transactions. If appropriate opportunities do become available, AB InBev may seek to acquire or invest in other businesses; however, any future acquisition may pose regulatory, antitrust and other risks.

An inability to reduce costs could affect AB InBev's profitability. Additionally, the Tax Matters Agreement AB InBev has entered into with Altria Group Inc. imposes some limits on the ability of the Combined Group to effect some reorganizations which it may otherwise consider.

Failure to generate significant cost savings and margin improvement through initiatives for improving operational efficiencies could adversely affect AB InBev's profitability and AB InBev's ability to achieve its financial goals. AB InBev is pursuing a number of initiatives to improve operational efficiency. If AB InBev fails for any reason to successfully complete these measures and programs as planned or to derive the expected benefits from these measures and programs, there is a risk of increased costs associated with these efforts, delays in benefit realization, disruption to the business, reputational damage or a reduced competitive advantage in the medium term.

AB InBev entered into a consent decree with the U.S. Department of Justice in relation to the combination with SAB, pursuant to which AB InBev's subsidiary, Anheuser-Busch Companies, LLC, agreed not to acquire control of a distributor if doing so would result in more than 10% of its annual volume being distributed through distributorships controlled by AB InBev in the U.S. AB InBev's compliance with its obligations under the settlement agreement is monitored by the U.S. Department of

Justice and the Monitoring Trustee appointed by them. Were AB InBev to fail to fulfill its obligations under the consent decree, whether intentionally or inadvertently, AB InBev could be subject to monetary fines or other penalties.

A substantial portion of AB InBev's operations are carried out in developing European, African, Asian and Latin American markets. AB InBev's operations and equity investments in these markets are subject to the customary risks of operating in developing countries, which include, amongst others, political instability or insurrection, human rights concerns, external interference, financial risks, changes in government policy, political and economic changes, changes in the relations between countries, actions of governmental authorities affecting trade and foreign investment, regulations on repatriation of funds, interpretation and application of local laws and regulations, enforceability of intellectual property and contract rights, local labor conditions and regulations, lack of upkeep of public infrastructure, potential political and economic uncertainty, application of exchange controls, nationalization or expropriation, empowerment legislation and policy, corrupt business environments, crime and lack of law enforcement as well as financial risks, which include risk of illiquidity, inflation, devaluation, price volatility, currency convertibility and country default. Moreover, the economies of developing countries are often affected by changes in other developing market countries, and, accordingly, adverse changes in developing markets elsewhere in the world could have a negative impact on the markets in which AB InBev operates. Such developing market risks could adversely impact AB InBev's business, results of operations and financial condition. Furthermore, the global reach of AB InBev's operations exposes it to risks associated with doing business globally, including changes in tariffs. The Office of the United States Trade Representative has enacted tariffs on certain imports into the United States from China. If significant tariffs or other restrictions are placed on imports from China or any retaliatory trade measures are taken by China, this could have a material adverse effect on global economic conditions and the stability of global financial markets, and may significantly reduce global trade, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business in one or more of its key markets and results of operations.

Competition and changing consumer preferences in its various markets and increased purchasing power of players in AB InBev's distribution channels could cause AB InBev to reduce prices of its products, increase capital investment, increase marketing and other expenditures or prevent AB InBev from increasing prices to recover higher costs and thereby cause AB InBev to reduce margins or lose market share. Also, innovation faces inherent risks, and the new products AB InBev introduces may not be successful, while competitors may be able to respond more quickly to the emerging trends, such as the increasing consumer preference for "craft beers" produced by smaller microbreweries. In recent years, many industries have seen disruption from non-traditional producers and distributors, in many cases, from digital only competitors. AB InBev's business could be negatively affected if it is unable to anticipate changing consumer preference for such platforms. Any of the foregoing could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business, financial condition and results of operations.

If any of AB InBev's products is defective or found to contain contaminants, AB InBev may be subject to product recalls or other associated liabilities. Although AB InBev maintains insurance against certain product liability (but not product recall) risks, it may not be able to enforce its rights in respect of these policies and, in the event that contamination or a defect occurs, any amounts it recovers may not be sufficient to offset any damage it may suffer, which could adversely impact its business, reputation, prospects, results of operations and financial condition.

In recent years, there has been public and political attention directed at the soft drinks and alcoholic beverage industries, as a result of a rising health and well-being trend. Despite the progress made on AB InBev's Smart Drinking Goals, AB InBev may be criticized and experience an increase in the number of publications and studies debating its efforts to reduce the harmful consumption of alcohol, as advocates try to shape the public discussions. AB InBev may also be subject to laws and regulations aimed at reducing the affordability or availability of beer in some of its markets. Additional regulatory restrictions on AB InBev's business, such as those on the legal minimum drinking age, product labeling, opening hours or marketing activities, may cause the social acceptability of beer to decline significantly and consumption trends to shift away from it, which would have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business, financial condition and results of operations.

Negative publicity and campaigns by activists, whether or not warranted, connecting us, our supply chain or our business partners with workplace and human rights issues, whether actual or perceived, could adversely impact our corporate image and reputation and may cause our business to suffer. We have made a number of commitments to respect human rights, including our commitment to the principles and guidance contained in the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, through our policies. Allegations, even if untrue, that we are not respecting our commitments or actual or perceived failure by our suppliers or other business partners to comply with applicable workplace and labor laws, including child labor laws, or their actual or perceived abuse or misuse of migrant workers could negatively affect our overall reputation and brand image.

AB InBev could incur significant costs as a result of compliance with, and/or violations of or liabilities under, various regulations that govern AB InBev's operations or the operations of its licensed third parties, including the General Data Protection Regulation adopted in the European Union, which was fully implemented in May 2018.

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Labatt Breweries of Canada (“Labatt”), the Canadian subsidiary of our subsidiary Ambev, researches non-alcohol beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol (“THC”) and cannabidiol (“CBD”), both derived from cannabis, and also commercializes a non-alcohol CBD beverage in Canada only, which could lead to increased legal, reputational and financial risks as the laws and regulations governing recreational cannabis are still developing, including in ways that AB InBev may not foresee. For instance, the involvement in the legal cannabis industry in Canada may invite new regulatory and enforcement scrutiny in other markets. Cannabis remains illegal in many markets in which AB InBev operates, and violations of Law could result in significant fines, penalties, administrative sanctions, convictions or settlements arising from civil proceedings or criminal charges. Furthermore, the political environment and popular support for cannabis legalization has changed quickly and remains in flux.

AB InBev is now, and may in the future be, a party to legal proceedings and claims, including collective suits (class actions), and significant damages may be asserted against it. Given the inherent uncertainty of litigation, it is possible that AB InBev might incur liabilities as a consequence of the proceedings and claims brought against it, including those that are not currently believed by it to be reasonably possible, which could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev’s business, results of operations, cash flows or financial position. Important contingencies are disclosed in Note 30 *Contingencies* of the 2021 consolidated financial statements.

AB InBev may be subject to adverse changes in taxation, which makes up a large proportion of the cost of beer charged to consumers in many jurisdictions. Increases in excise and other indirect taxes applicable to AB InBev’s products tend to adversely affect AB InBev’s revenue or margins, both by reducing overall consumption and by encouraging consumers to switch to other categories of beverages, including unrecorded or informal alcohol products. Minimum pricing is another form of fiscal regulation that can affect AB InBev’s profitability. Furthermore, AB InBev may be subject to increased taxation on its operations by national, local or foreign authorities, to higher corporate income tax rates or to new or modified taxation regulations and requirements (including potential changes in the U.S and Brazil). For example, in response to the increasing globalization and digitalization of trade and business operations, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is working on proposals for international tax reform as an extension of its Base Erosion and Profit Shifting project. The proposals are comprised in a two-pillar approach: Pillar One, which is focused on the re-allocation of some of the taxable profits of multinational enterprises to the markets where consumers are located; and Pillar Two, which is focused on establishing a global minimum corporate taxation rate. In June 2021, the finance ministers of the G7 nations announced an agreement on the principles of the two-pillar approach. Subsequently, in October 2021, the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework announced that 136 countries and jurisdictions had joined an agreement on the two-pillar approach, including the establishment of a global minimum corporate tax rate of 15%. The OECD aims for a multilateral convention on Pillar One to be signed in 2022 and implemented in 2023. The aim for Pillar Two is for domestic legislation to be introduced during the course of 2022 and become effective in 2023 and for treaty changes to be implemented by a multilateral instrument in 2024. Changes in tax treaties, the introduction of new legislation, updates to existing legislation, or changes to regulatory interpretations of existing legislation as a result of these or similar proposals could impose additional taxes on businesses and increase the complexity, burden and cost of tax compliance in countries where we operate. An increase in excise taxes or other taxes could adversely affect the financial results of AB InBev as well as its results of operations.

Antitrust and competition laws and changes in such laws or in the interpretation and enforcement thereof, as well as being subject to regulatory scrutiny, could affect AB InBev’s business or the businesses of its subsidiaries. For example, in connection with AB InBev’s previous acquisitions, various regulatory authorities have imposed (and may impose) conditions with which AB InBev is required to comply. The terms and conditions of certain of such authorizations, approvals and/or clearances required, among other things, the divestiture of the company’s assets or businesses to third parties, changes to the company’s operations, or other restrictions on the company’s ability to operate in certain jurisdictions. Such actions could have a material adverse effect on AB InBev’s business, results of operations, financial condition and prospects. In addition, such conditions could diminish substantially the synergies and advantages which the company expects to achieve from such future transactions.

AB InBev operates its business and markets its products in emerging markets that, as a result of political and economic instability, a lack of well-developed legal systems and potentially corrupt business environments, present it with political, economic and operational risks. Although AB InBev is committed to conducting business in a legal and ethical manner in compliance with local and international statutory requirements and standards applicable to its business, there is a risk that the employees or representatives of AB InBev’s subsidiaries, affiliates, associates, joint ventures/operations or other business interests may take actions that violate applicable laws and regulations that generally prohibit the making of improper payments to foreign government officials for the purpose of obtaining or keeping business, including laws relating to the 1997 OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act.

Although AB InBev’s operations in Cuba are quantitatively immaterial, its overall business reputation may suffer or it may face additional regulatory scrutiny as a result of Cuba being a target of U.S. economic and trade sanctions. In addition, in

January 2021, the former Trump Administration designated Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism. If investors decide to liquidate or otherwise divest their investments in companies that have operations of any magnitude in Cuba, the market in and value of AB InBev's securities could be adversely impacted. In addition, Title III of U.S. legislation known as the "Helms-Burton Act" authorizes private lawsuits for damages against anyone who traffics in property confiscated without compensation by the Government of Cuba from persons who at the time were, or have since become, nationals of the United States. Although this section of the Helms-Burton Act has been suspended by discretionary presidential action since its inception in 1996, on 2 May 2019, the former Trump Administration activated Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, thereby allowing nationals of the United States that hold claims under the Helms-Burton Act to file suit in U.S. federal court against all persons trafficking in property confiscated by the Cuban government.

As a result of the activation of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, AB InBev may be subject to potential U.S. litigation exposure beginning 2 May 2019, including claims accrued during the prior suspension of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act. Given the unprecedented activation of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act, there is substantial uncertainty as to how the statute will be interpreted by U.S. courts. AB InBev has received notice of a claim purporting to be made under the Helms-Burton Act. It remains unclear how the activation of Title III of the Helms-Burton Act will impact AB InBev's U.S. litigation exposure with respect to this notice of claim.

AB InBev relies on the reputation of its brands and its success depends on its ability to maintain and enhance the image and reputation of its existing products and to develop a favorable image and reputation for new products. An event, or series of events, that materially damages the reputation of one or more of AB InBev's brands could have an adverse effect on the value of that brand and subsequent revenues from that brand or business. Further, any restrictions on the permissible advertising style, media channels and messages used may constrain AB InBev's brand building potential and thus reduce the value of its brands and related revenues.

AB InBev may not be able to protect its current and future brands and products and defend its intellectual property rights, including trademarks, patents, domain names, trade secrets and know-how, which could have a material adverse effect on its business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition, and in particular, on AB InBev's ability to develop its business.

If the business of AB InBev does not develop as expected, or if the adverse economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic continue, impairment charges on goodwill or other intangible assets may be incurred in the future that could be significant and that could have an adverse effect on AB InBev's results of operations and financial condition.

Climate change or other environmental concerns, or legal, regulatory or market measures to address climate change or other environmental concerns, could have a long-term, material adverse impact on AB InBev's business and results of operations. In addition, social attitudes, customer preferences and investor sentiment are increasingly influenced by environmental, social and corporate governance ("ESG") considerations, and as a result AB InBev may face pressure from its shareholders, regulators, suppliers, customers or consumers to further address ESG-related concerns, and may be subject to regulatory inquiry or legal action. Further, water scarcity or poor water quality may affect AB InBev by increasing production costs and capacity constraints, which could adversely affect AB InBev's business and results of operations. Additionally, AB InBev's inability to meet its compliance obligations under EU emissions trading regulations may also have an adverse impact on AB InBev's business and results of operations.

AB InBev's operations are subject to environmental regulations, which could expose it to significant compliance costs and litigation relating to environmental issues.

Further, AB InBev may be exposed to labor strikes, disputes and work stoppages or slowdowns, within its operations or those of its suppliers, or an interruption or shortage of raw materials for any other reason that could lead to a negative impact on AB InBev's costs, earnings, financial condition, production level and ability to operate its business. AB InBev's production may also be affected by work stoppages or slowdowns that affect its suppliers, distributors and retail delivery/logistics providers as a result of disputes under existing collective labor agreements with labor unions, in connection with negotiations of new collective labor agreements, as a result of supplier financial distress or for other reasons. A work stoppage or slowdown at AB InBev's facilities could interrupt the transport of raw materials from its suppliers or the transport of its products to its customers. Such disruptions could put a strain on AB InBev's relationships with suppliers and customers and may have lasting effects on its business even after the disputes with its labor force have been resolved, including as a result of negative publicity.

AB InBev relies on information and operational technology systems, networks and services to support a variety of business processes and activities, including procurement and supply chain, manufacturing, distribution and consumer marketing, and process, transmit, and store electronic information. Although AB InBev takes various actions to prevent cyber-attacks and to minimize potential technology disruptions, such disruptions could impact AB InBev's business and expose it to legal claims or regulatory penalties. For example, if outside parties gained access to AB InBev's confidential data or strategic

information and appropriated such information or made such information public, this could harm AB InBev's reputation or its competitive advantage, or could expose AB InBev or its customers to a risk of loss or misuse of information. More generally, technology disruptions can have a material adverse effect on AB InBev's business, results of operations, cash flows or financial condition.

AB InBev may not be able to recruit or retain key personnel and successfully manage them, which could disrupt AB InBev's business and have an unfavorable material effect on AB InBev's financial position, its income from operations and its competitive position.

AB InBev's business and operating results could be negatively impacted by social, technical, natural, physical, public health or other disasters.

Although AB InBev maintains insurance policies to cover various risks, it also uses self-insurance for most of its insurable risks. Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occur, this could adversely impact AB InBev's business, results of operations and financial condition.

AB InBev's ordinary shares currently trade on Euronext Brussels in euros, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange in South African rand, the Mexican Stock Exchange in Mexican pesos and its ordinary shares represented by American Depository Shares (the "ADSs") trade on the New York Stock Exchange in U.S. dollars. Fluctuations in the exchange rates between the euro, the South African rand, the Mexican peso and the U.S. dollar may result in temporary differences between the value of AB InBev's ordinary shares trading in different currencies, and between its ordinary shares and its ADSs, which may result in heavy trading by investors seeking to exploit such differences.

#### RISKS ARISING FROM FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Note 28 of the 2021 consolidated financial statements on *Risks arising from financial instruments* contain detailed information on the company's exposures to financial risks and its risk management policies.

## Changes in labels of alternative performance measurements ("APMs")

Following a report on European Union (EU) issuers' use of Alternative Performance Measures (i.e., non-IFRS measures, or "APMs"), issued by the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in December 2019, the company has relabeled "non-recurring" items to "non-underlying" items.

## Events after the balance sheet date

Please refer to Note 33 *Events after the balance sheet date* of the consolidated financial statements.

## Corporate governance

For information with respect to Corporate Governance, please refer to the Corporate Governance section, which forms an integral part of our annual report.

# Statement of the Board of Directors

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The Board of Directors of AB InBev SA/NV certifies, on behalf and for the account of the company, that, to their knowledge, (a) the financial statements which have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of the company and the entities included in the consolidation as a whole and (b) the management report includes a fair review of the development and performance of the business and the position of the company and the entities included in the consolidation as a whole, together with a description of the principal risks and uncertainties they face.

# Independent auditors' report

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## STATUTORY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING OF ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV NV/SA ON THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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We present to you our statutory auditor's report in the context of our statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of Anheuser-Busch InBev NV/SA (the "Company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the Group"). This report includes our report on the consolidated financial statements, as well as the other legal and regulatory requirements. This forms part of an integrated whole and is indivisible.

We have been appointed as statutory auditor by the general meeting d.d. 24 April 2019, following the proposal formulated by the board of directors and following the recommendation by the audit committee and the proposal formulated by the works' council. Our mandate will expire on the date of the general meeting which will deliberate on the annual accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021. We have performed the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements of Anheuser-Busch InBev NV/SA for three consecutive years.

### **Report on the consolidated financial statements**

#### ***Unqualified opinion***

We have performed the statutory audit of the Group's consolidated financial statements, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at 31 December 2021, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and the notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information, and which is characterised by a consolidated statement of financial position total of USD 217 627 million and a profit for the year of USD 6 114 million.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the Group's net equity and consolidated financial position as at 31 December 2021, and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium.

#### ***Basis for unqualified opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium. Furthermore, we have applied the International Standards on Auditing as approved by the IAASB which are applicable to the year-end and which are not yet approved at the national level. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements" section of our report. We have fulfilled our ethical responsibilities in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium, including the requirements related to independence. We have obtained from the board of directors and Company officials the explanations and information necessary for performing our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key Audit Matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><b>Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life</b></p> <p>As described in Notes 4, 14 and 15 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company has recorded goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life for an amount of \$115 796 million and \$38 320 million, respectively, as of 31 December, 2021. Impairment analyses of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are performed annually and whenever a triggering event has occurred, in order to determine whether the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount.</p> <p>Impairment tests are conducted by management, in accordance with IAS 36, in which management applies a discounted cash flow approach based on current acquisition valuation models for its cash-generating units showing an invested capital to EBITDA multiple above 9x and valuation multiples for its other cash-generating units. The Company uses a strategic plan based on external sources in respect of macro-economic assumptions, industry, inflation and foreign exchange rates, past experience and identified initiatives in terms of market share, revenue, variable and fixed cost, capital expenditure and working capital assumptions. Management's cash flow projections include significant judgement, estimates and assumptions, related to the weighted average cost of capital and the terminal growth rate.</p> <p>The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful life is a key audit matter are the following: (i) the high degree of auditor judgment and subjectivity in applying procedures relating to the valuation of the cash-generating units due to the significant amount of judgment by management when developing this estimate, (ii) the audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge to assist in evaluating the audit evidence obtained from these procedures and (iii) the significant audit effort necessary in evaluating the significant assumptions relating to the estimate, related to the weighted average cost of capital and the terminal growth rate.</p>	<p>Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to management's goodwill and indefinite-lived asset impairment testing, including controls over the valuation of the Company's cash-generating units.</p> <p>These procedures also included, among others, testing management's process for developing the fair value estimates; evaluating the appropriateness of the discounted cash flow model; testing the completeness, accuracy, and relevance of underlying data used in the models; and, with the assistance of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge, evaluating the significant assumptions used by management, related to the weighted average cost of capital and the terminal growth rate.</p> <p>Evaluating management's assumptions involved evaluating whether the assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) the current and past performance of the cash-generating unit, (ii) the consistency with external market and industry data, (iii) whether these assumptions were consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit and (iv) analysis of sensitivities in the Company's discounted cash flow model.</p>
<p><b>Key Audit Matter</b></p> <p><b>Uncertain tax positions</b></p> <p>As described in Notes 4 and 30 to the consolidated financial statements, significant judgment by management is required in determining the worldwide provision for income tax. There are some transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Some subsidiaries within the group are involved in tax audits and local enquiries usually in relation to prior years. Investigations and negotiations with local tax authorities are ongoing in various jurisdictions at the balance sheet date and, by their nature, these can take considerable time to conclude. In assessing the amount of any income tax provisions to be recognized in the consolidated financial statements, estimation is made of the expected successful settlement of these matters.</p> <p>The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to uncertain tax positions is a key audit matter are the following (i) the high degree of auditor judgment and subjectivity in applying procedures related to uncertain tax positions due to the significant amount of judgment by management when developing this estimate, including a high degree of estimation uncertainty relative to the numerous and complex tax laws, frequency of tax audits, and the considerable time to conclude investigations and negotiations with local tax authorities as a result of such audits, and (ii) the involvement of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge to assist in evaluating the audit evidence obtained from these procedures.</p>	<p><b>How our audit addressed the key audit matter</b></p> <p>Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included testing the effectiveness of controls relating to completeness of the uncertain tax positions, as well as controls over measurement of the liability.</p> <p>These procedures also included, among others, (i) testing the information used in the calculation of the income tax provisions, including intercompany agreements, international, federal, and state filing positions, and the related final tax returns; (ii) testing the calculation of the income tax provision by jurisdiction, including management's assessment of the technical merits of tax positions and estimates of the amount of tax benefit expected to be sustained; (iii) testing the completeness of management's assessment of both the identification of uncertain tax positions and possible outcomes thereof; and (iv) evaluating the status and results of income tax audits by the relevant tax authorities.</p> <p>Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge were used to assist in the evaluation of the completeness and measurement of the Company's uncertain tax positions, including evaluating the reasonableness of management's assessment of the chance of loss related to tax positions and the application of relevant tax laws.</p>

## **Responsibilities of the board of directors for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements**

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation of consolidated financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union and with the legal and regulatory requirements applicable in Belgium, and for such internal control as the board of directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the board of directors is responsible for assessing the Group's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the board of directors either intends to liquidate the Group or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

## **Statutory auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

In performing our audit, we comply with the legal, regulatory and normative framework applicable to the audit of the consolidated financial statements in Belgium. A statutory audit does not provide any assurance as to the Group's future viability nor as to the efficiency or effectiveness of the board of directors' current or future business management at Group level. Our responsibilities in respect of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the board of directors' are described below.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Group's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the board of directors;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the board of directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Group's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our statutory auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our statutory auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Group to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- Obtain sufficient and appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the Group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with the audit committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit. We also provide the audit committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with the audit committee, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter.

## **Other legal and regulatory requirements**

### **Responsibilities of the board of directors**

The board of directors is responsible for the preparation and the content of the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements.

### **Statutory auditor's responsibilities**

In the context of our engagement and in accordance with the Belgian standard which is complementary to the International Standards on Auditing (ISAs) as applicable in Belgium, our responsibility is to verify, in all material respects, the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements and to report on these matters.

### **Aspects related to the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements**

In our opinion, after having performed specific procedures in relation to the directors' report on the consolidated financial statements, this directors' report is consistent with the consolidated financial statements for the year under audit, and it is prepared in accordance with article 3:32 of the Companies' and Associations' Code.

In the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we are also responsible for considering, in particular based on the knowledge acquired resulting from the audit, whether the directors' report is materially misstated or contains information which is inadequately disclosed or otherwise misleading. In light of the procedures we have performed, there are no material misstatements we have to report to you.

The non-financial information is included in a separate report of the directors' report which is part of section "2021 AB InBev Environmental, Social & Governance Report" of the annual report. The report of non-financial information contains the information required by virtue of article 3:32, §2 of the Companies' and Associations' Code, and agrees with the consolidated accounts for the same year. The Company has prepared the non-financial information, based on reference framework Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. However, in accordance with article 3:80, §1, 5° of the Companies' and Associations' Code, we do not express an opinion as to whether the non-financial information has been prepared in accordance with the said framework as disclosed in the separate report of the directors' report on the consolidated accounts.

### **Statement related to independence**

- Our registered audit firm and our network did not provide services which are incompatible with the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements, and our registered audit firm remained independent of the Group in the course of our mandate.
- The fees for additional services which are compatible with the statutory audit of the consolidated financial statements referred to in article 3:65 of the Companies' and Associations' Code are correctly disclosed and itemized in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

### **European Uniform Electronic Format (ESEF)**

We have also verified, in accordance with the draft standard on the verification of the compliance of the financial statements with the European Uniform Electronic Format (hereinafter "ESEF"), the compliance of the ESEF format with the regulatory technical standards established by the European Delegated Regulation No. 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 (hereinafter: "Delegated Regulation"). The board of directors is responsible for the preparation, in accordance with ESEF requirements, of the consolidated financial statements in the form of an electronic file in ESEF format (hereinafter "consolidated financial statements") included in the annual financial report.

Our responsibility is to obtain sufficient appropriate evidence to conclude that the format and marking language of the digital consolidated financial statements comply in all material respects with the ESEF requirements under the Delegated Regulation.

Based on the work we have performed, we believe that the format of and marking of information in the digital consolidated financial statements included in the annual financial report of Anheuser-Busch InBev NV/SA per 31 December 2021 comply in all material respects with the ESEF requirements under the Delegated Regulation.

### **Other statements**

This report is consistent with the additional report to the audit committee referred to in article 11 of the Regulation (EU) N°537/2014.

Diegem, 23 February 2022

The statutory auditor  
PwC Bedrijfsrevisoren BV / Reviseurs d'Entreprises SRL  
Represented by

*Koen Hens*

Koen Hens  
Statutory Auditor

# Consolidated financial statements

## Consolidated income statement

For the year ended 31 December

Million US dollar, except earnings per shares in US dollar

	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Revenue</b>		<b>54 304</b>	<b>46 881</b>
Cost of sales		(23 097)	(19 634)
<b>Gross profit</b>		<b>31 207</b>	<b>27 247</b>
Distribution expenses		(5 889)	(5 104)
Sales and marketing expenses		(7 292)	(6 861)
Administrative expenses		(4 394)	(3 404)
Other operating income/(expenses)	7	805	845
<b>Profit from operations before non-underlying items</b>		<b>14 438</b>	<b>12 723</b>
COVID-19 costs	8	(105)	(182)
Restructuring	8	(172)	(157)
Business and asset disposal (including impairment losses)	8	(247)	(239)
Acquisition costs business combinations	8	(17)	(25)
Zenzele Kibili costs	8	(72)	-
Impairment of goodwill	8	-	(2 500)
<b>Profit from operations</b>		<b>13 824</b>	<b>9 620</b>
Finance cost	11	(5 234)	(6 601)
Finance income	11	431	642
Non-underlying net finance income/(cost)	11	(806)	(1 738)
<b>Net finance income/(cost)</b>		<b>(5 609)</b>	<b>(7 697)</b>
Share of result of associates and joint ventures	16	248	156
<b>Profit before tax</b>		<b>8 463</b>	<b>2 079</b>
Income tax expense	12	(2 350)	(1 932)
<b>Profit from continuing operations</b>		<b>6 114</b>	<b>147</b>
Profit from discontinued operations	21	-	2 055
<b>Profit of the period</b>		<b>6 114</b>	<b>2 202</b>
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations attributable to:			
Equity holders of AB InBev		4 670	(650)
Non-controlling interest		1 444	797
Profit of the period attributable to:			
Equity holders of AB InBev		4 670	1 405
Non-controlling interest		1 444	797
Basic earnings per share	22	2.33	0.70
Diluted earnings per share	22	2.28	0.69
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	22	2.33	(0.33)
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	22	2.28	(0.33)
Basic earnings per share before non-underlying items and discontinued operations <sup>1</sup>	22	2.85	1.91
Diluted earnings per share before non-underlying items and discontinued operations <sup>1</sup>	22	2.80	1.87
Underlying earnings per share <sup>1</sup>	22	2.88	2.51

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

<sup>1</sup> Basic earnings per share and diluted earnings per share before non-underlying items and discontinued operations and Underlying earnings per share are not defined metrics in IFRS. Refer to Note 22 *Changes in equity and earnings per share* for more details.

# Consolidated statement of comprehensive income/(loss)

For the twelve-month period ended 31 December  
Million US dollar

	Notes	2021	2020
<b>Profit of the period</b>		<b>6 114</b>	<b>2 202</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss): items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss:</b>			
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	22	504	(263)
		<b>504</b>	<b>(263)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss): items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss:</b>			
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations	22	(4 681)	(10 951)
Effective portion of changes in fair value of net investment hedges		156	479
Cash flow hedges recognized in equity		1 060	739
Cash flow hedges and cumulative translation adjustments reclassified from equity to profit or loss in relation to Australia divestiture	22	-	426
Cash flow hedges reclassified from equity to profit or loss		(920)	(533)
		<b>(4 385)</b>	<b>(9 841)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss), net of tax</b>		<b>(3 881)</b>	<b>(10 104)</b>
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss)</b>		<b>2 233</b>	<b>(7 901)</b>
Attributable to:			
Equity holders of AB InBev		934	(8 156)
Non-controlling interest		1 299	255

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# Consolidated statement of financial position

As at Million US dollar	Notes	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property, plant and equipment	13	26 678	26 419
Goodwill	14	115 796	120 971
Intangible assets	15	40 430	41 527
Investments in associates and joint ventures	16	5 874	6 143
Investment securities	20	161	137
Deferred tax assets	17	1 969	2 019
Employee benefits	24	5	6
Income tax receivables		1 137	869
Derivatives	28	48	138
Trade and other receivables	19	1 580	1 661
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>193 678</b>	<b>199 891</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investment securities	20	374	396
Inventories	18	5 399	4 482
Income tax receivables		381	655
Derivatives	28	621	827
Trade and other receivables	19	5 046	4 833
Cash and cash equivalents	20	12 097	15 252
Assets classified as held for sale	21	30	74
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>23 949</b>	<b>26 519</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>217 627</b>	<b>226 410</b>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity</b>			
Issued capital	22	1 736	1 736
Share premium		17 620	17 620
Reserves		15 431	17 798
Retained earnings		33 882	30 870
<b>Equity attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>		<b>68 669</b>	<b>68 024</b>
Non-controlling interests	32	10 671	10 327
<b>Total equity</b>		<b>79 340</b>	<b>78 351</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	23	87 369	95 478
Employee benefits	24	2 261	2 970
Deferred tax liabilities	17	12 204	12 627
Income tax payables		726	808
Derivatives	28	100	1 759
Trade and other payables	27	1 008	1 522
Provisions	26	436	544
<b>Total non-current liabilities</b>		<b>104 104</b>	<b>115 707</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Bank overdrafts	20	53	5
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	23	1 408	3 081
Income tax payables		1 334	1 036
Derivatives	28	5 786	5 046
Trade and other payables	27	25 434	22 965
Provisions	26	169	219
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>34 184</b>	<b>32 352</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<b>217 627</b>	<b>226 410</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# Consolidated statement of changes in equity

Million US dollar	Notes	Attributable to equity holders of AB InBev									Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
		Issued Capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Reserves	Share-based payments reserves	Other comprehensive income reserves	Retained earnings	Total			
		1 736	17 620	(6 270)	50 104	2 327	(21 279)	31 484	75 722	8 831	84 553	
<b>As per 1 January 2020</b>												
<b>Profit/(loss) of the period</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 405	1 405	797	2 202	
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>												
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations (gains/(losses))	22	-	-	-	-	-	(9 943)	-	(9 943)	(529)	(10 473)	
Cash flow hedges	22	-	-	-	-	-	198	-	198	8	206	
Cash flow hedges and cumulative translation adjustments reclassified from equity to profit or loss in relation to Australia divestiture	22	-	-	-	-	-	426	-	426	-	426	
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	22	-	-	-	-	-	(243)	-	(243)	(20)	(263)	
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	(9 562)	1 405	(8 156)	255	(7 901)	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 118)	(1 118)	(804)	(1 923)	
Treasury shares	-	-	-	1 359	-	-	-	(974)	385	-	385	
Share-based payments	25	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3	17	20	
Hyperinflation monetary adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160	160	99	259	
Sales/(purchase) of non-controlling interests <sup>1</sup>	32	-	-	-	1 116	-	-	-	1 116	1 869	2 985	
Scope and other changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(87)	(87)	60	(26)	
<b>As per 31 December 2020</b>		<b>1 736</b>	<b>17 620</b>	<b>(4 911)</b>	<b>51 220</b>	<b>2 330</b>	<b>(30 841)</b>	<b>30 870</b>	<b>68 024</b>	<b>10 327</b>	<b>78 351</b>	
Million US dollar	Notes	Attributable to equity holders of AB InBev									Non-controlling interest	Total Equity
		Issued Capital	Share premium	Treasury shares	Reserves	Share-based payments reserves	Other comprehensive income reserves	Retained earnings	Total			
		1 736	17 620	(4 911)	51 220	2 330	(30 841)	30 870	68 024	10 327	78 351	
<b>As per 1 January 2021</b>												
<b>Profit/(loss) of the period</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4 670	4 670	1 444	6 114	
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>												
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations (gains/(losses))	22	-	-	-	-	-	(4 320)	-	(4 320)	(205)	(4 525)	
Cash flow hedges	22	-	-	-	-	-	105	-	105	35	140	
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	22	-	-	-	-	-	479	-	479	25	504	
<b>Total comprehensive income/(loss)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3 736)	4 670	934	1 299	2 233	
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1 139)	(1 139)	(1 112)	(2 251)	
Treasury shares	-	-	-	917	-	-	-	(836)	81	-	81	
Share-based payments	25	-	-	-	-	451	-	-	451	28	478	
Hyperinflation monetary adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	231	231	143	374	
Scope and other changes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	86	86	(14)	73	
<b>As per 31 December 2021</b>		<b>1 736</b>	<b>17 620</b>	<b>(3 994)</b>	<b>51 220</b>	<b>2 780</b>	<b>(34 577)</b>	<b>33 882</b>	<b>68 669</b>	<b>10 671</b>	<b>79 340</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> The 2020 sale of non-controlling interest relates to the issuance of a 49.9% minority stake in the company's US-based metal container operations completed in December 2020 (refer to Note 22 Changes in equity and earnings per share for more details).

# Consolidated statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 December Million US dollar	Notes	2021	2020
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>			
<b>Profit/(loss) from continuing operations</b>			
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	10	5 052	4 829
Impairment losses on goodwill	14	-	2 500
Impairment losses on receivables, inventories and other assets		135	218
Additions/(reversals) in provisions and employee benefits		196	278
Net finance cost/(income)	11	5 609	7 697
Loss/(gain) on sale of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		(94)	(69)
Loss/(gain) on sale of subsidiaries, associates and assets held for sale		(44)	7
Equity-settled share-based payment expense	25	510	169
Income tax expense	12	2 350	1 932
Other non-cash items included in profit		(773)	(381)
Share of result of associates and joint ventures	16	(248)	(156)
<b>Cash flow from operating activities before changes in working capital and use of provisions</b>		<b>18 806</b>	<b>17 171</b>
Decrease/(increase) in trade and other receivables		164	516
Decrease/(increase) in inventories		(1 232)	(427)
Increase/(decrease) in trade and other payables		3 527	503
Pension contributions and use of provisions		(375)	(616)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>		<b>20 890</b>	<b>17 147</b>
Interest paid		(3 987)	(4 340)
Interest received		200	255
Dividends received		106	51
Income tax paid		(2 410)	(2 306)
Cash flow from operating activities on Australia discontinued operations	21	-	84
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>		<b>14 799</b>	<b>10 891</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment and of intangible assets	13/15	(5 640)	(3 781)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment and of intangible assets		142	94
Acquisition of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	6	(451)	(510)
Sale of other subsidiaries, net of cash disposed of	6	7	-
Net proceeds from sale/(acquisition) of other assets		65	(292)
Proceeds from Australia divestiture	21	-	10 838
Cash flow from investing activities on Australia discontinued operations	21	-	(13)
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>		<b>(5 878)</b>	<b>6 336</b>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>			
Sale/(purchase) of non-controlling interests	22	-	3 039
Proceeds from borrowings	23	454	14 822
Payments on borrowings	23	(8 965)	(23 116)
Cash net finance (cost)/income other than interests		(192)	(953)
Payment of lease liabilities		(531)	(461)
Dividends paid		(2 364)	(1 800)
Cash flow from financing activities on Australia discontinued operations	21	-	(6)
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>		<b>(11 598)</b>	<b>(8 475)</b>
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(2 677)</b>	<b>8 752</b>
Cash and cash equivalents less bank overdrafts at beginning of year		15 247	7 169
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations		(526)	(674)
<b>Cash and cash equivalents less bank overdrafts at end of period</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12 043</b>	<b>15 247</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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## **1. Corporate information**

Anheuser-Busch InBev is a publicly traded company (Euronext: ABI) based in Leuven, Belgium, with secondary listings on the Mexico (MEXBOL: ANB) and South Africa (JSE: ANH) stock exchanges and with American Depository Receipts on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: BUD). As a company, we dream big to create a future with more cheers. We are always looking to serve up new ways to meet life's moments, move our industry forward and make a meaningful impact in the world. We are committed to building great brands that stand the test of time and to brewing the best beers using the finest natural ingredients. Our diverse portfolio of well over 500 beer brands includes global brands Budweiser®, Corona® and Stella Artois®; multi-country brands Beck's®, Hoegaarden®, Leffe® and Michelob Ultra®; and local champions such as Aguila®, Antarctica®, Bud Light®, Brahma®, Cass®, Castle®, Castle Lite®, Cristal®, Harbin®, Jupiler®, Modelo Especial®, Quilmes®, Victoria®, Sedrin® and Skol®. Our brewing heritage dates back more than 600 years, spanning continents and generations. From our European roots at the Den Hoorn brewery in Leuven, Belgium. To the pioneering spirit of the Anheuser & Co brewery in St. Louis, US. To the creation of the Castle Brewery in South Africa during the Johannesburg gold rush. To Bohemia, the first brewery in Brazil. Geographically diversified with a balanced exposure to developed and developing markets, we leverage the collective strengths of approximately 169 000 employees based in nearly 50 countries worldwide. For 2021, AB InBev's reported revenue was 54.3 billion US dollar (excluding joint ventures and associates).

The consolidated financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2021 comprise the company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as "AB InBev" or the "company") and the company's interest in associates, joint ventures and operations.

The consolidated financial statements were authorized for issue by the Board of Directors on 23 February 2022.

## **2. Statement of compliance**

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard as issued by the International Accounting Standard Board ("IASB") and in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards as adopted by the European Union up to 31 December 2021 (collectively "IFRS"). AB InBev did not early apply any new IFRS requirements that were not yet effective in 2021 and did not apply any European carve-outs from IFRS.

## **3. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements by the company and its subsidiaries.

### **(A) BASIS OF PREPARATION AND MEASUREMENT**

Depending on the applicable IFRS requirements, the measurement basis used in preparing the financial statements is cost, net realizable value, fair value or recoverable amount. Whenever IFRS provides an option between cost and another measurement basis (e.g., systematic re-measurement), the cost approach is applied.

### **(B) FUNCTIONAL AND PRESENTATION CURRENCY**

Unless otherwise specified, all financial information included in these financial statements has been stated in US dollar and has been rounded to the nearest million. As from 2009, following the combination with Anheuser-Bush, the company changed the presentation currency of the consolidated financial statements from the euro to the US dollar to provide greater alignment of the presentation currency with AB InBev's most significant operating currency and underlying financial performance. The functional currency of the parent company is the euro.

### **(C) USE OF ESTIMATES AND JUDGMENTS**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### **(D) PRINCIPLES OF CONSOLIDATION**

Subsidiaries are those entities controlled by AB InBev. AB InBev controls an entity when it is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. In assessing control, potential voting rights are taken into account. Control is presumed to exist where AB InBev owns, directly or indirectly, more than one half of the voting rights (which does not always equate to economic ownership), unless it can be demonstrated that such ownership does not constitute control. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date that control commences until the date that control ceases. Total comprehensive income of subsidiaries is attributed to the owners of the company and to the non-controlling interests even if this results in the non-controlling interests having a deficit balance.

Associates are undertakings in which AB InBev has significant influence over the financial and operating policies, but which it does not control. This is generally evidenced by ownership of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. A joint venture is an arrangement in which AB InBev has joint control, whereby AB InBev has rights to the net assets of the arrangement, rather than rights to its assets and obligations for its liabilities. Associates and joint ventures are accounted for by the equity method of accounting, from the date that significant influence or joint control commences until the date that significant influence or joint control ceases. When AB InBev's share of losses exceeds the carrying amount of the associate or joint venture, the carrying amount is reduced to nil and recognition of further losses is discontinued except to the extent that AB InBev has incurred legal or constructive obligations on behalf of the associate or joint venture.

Joint operations arise when AB InBev has rights to the assets and obligations to the liabilities of a joint arrangement. AB InBev accounts for its share of the assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses as from the moment joint operation commences until the date that joint operation ceases.

The financial statements of the company's subsidiaries, joint ventures, joint operations and associates are prepared for the same reporting year as the parent company, using consistent accounting policies. In exceptional cases when the financial statements of a subsidiary, joint venture, joint operation or associate are prepared as of a different date from that of AB InBev, adjustments are made for the effects of significant transactions or events that occur between that date and the date of AB InBev's financial statements. In such cases, the difference between the end of the reporting period of these subsidiaries, joint ventures, joint operations or associates from AB InBev's reporting period is no more than three months. Results from the company's associates Anadolu Efes and Castel are reported on a three-month lag. Therefore, estimates are made to reflect AB InBev's share in the result of these associates for the last quarter. Such estimates are revisited when required.

Transactions with non-controlling interests are treated as transactions with equity owners of the company. For purchases from non-controlling interests, the difference between any consideration paid and the relevant share acquired of the carrying value of net assets of the subsidiary is recorded in equity. Gains or losses on disposals to non-controlling interests are also recorded in equity where there is no loss of control.

All intercompany transactions, balances and unrealized gains and losses on transactions between group companies have been eliminated. Unrealized gains arising from transactions with joint ventures, joint operations and associates are eliminated to the extent of AB InBev's interest in the entity. Unrealized losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealized gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.

A listing of the company's most important subsidiaries, joint ventures, joint operations and associates is set out in Note 34 *AB InBev companies*.

#### **(E) SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A number of new standards, amendment to standards and new interpretations became mandatory for the first time for the financial year beginning on 1 January 2021 and have not been listed in these consolidated financial statements as they either do not apply or are immaterial to AB InBev's consolidated financial statements.

#### **(F) FOREIGN CURRENCIES**

##### **Foreign currency transactions**

Foreign currency transactions are accounted for at exchange rates prevailing at the date of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the balance sheet. Gains and losses resulting from the settlement of foreign currency transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognized in the income statement. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the foreign exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies that are stated at fair value are translated to US dollar at foreign exchange rates prevailing at the dates the fair value was determined.

### **Translation of the results and financial position of foreign operations**

Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated to US dollar at foreign exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Income statements of foreign operations, excluding foreign entities in hyperinflationary economies, are translated to US dollar at exchange rates for the year approximating the foreign exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. The components of shareholders' equity are translated at historical rates. Exchange differences arising from the translation of shareholders' equity to US dollar at period-end exchange rates are taken to other comprehensive income (translation reserves).

### **Financial Reporting in hyperinflationary economies**

In May 2018, the Argentinean peso underwent a severe devaluation, causing Argentina's three-year cumulative inflation to exceed 100% and thus, triggering the requirement to transition to hyperinflation accounting as prescribed by IAS 29 *Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies*. IAS 29 requires that the results of the company's Argentinian operations be reported as if these were highly inflationary as of 1 January 2018.

Under IAS 29, non-monetary assets and liabilities stated at historical cost, equity and income statements of subsidiaries operating in hyperinflationary economies are restated for changes in the general purchasing power of the local currency, applying a general price index. These re-measured accounts are used for conversion into US dollar at the period closing exchange rate. As a result, the balance sheet and net results of subsidiaries operating in hyperinflation economies are stated in terms of the measuring unit current at the end of the reporting period.

Consequently, the company applied hyperinflation accounting for its Argentinean subsidiaries for the first time in the year-to-date September 2018 unaudited condensed interim financial statements, with effect as of 1 January 2018. The IAS 29 rules are applied as follows:

- Non-monetary assets and liabilities stated at historical cost (e.g. property plant and equipment, intangible assets, goodwill, etc.) and equity of Argentina were restated using an inflation index. The hyperinflation accounting impacts resulting from changes in the general purchasing power from 1 January 2018 are reported in the income statement in a dedicated account for hyperinflation monetary adjustments in the finance line (see also Note 11 Finance cost and income)
- The income statement is adjusted at the end of each reporting period using the change in the general price index. It is converted at the closing exchange rate of each period (rather than the year-to-date average rate which is used for non-hyperinflationary economies), thereby restating the year-to-date income statement account for both inflation index and currency conversion.

The 2021 results, restated for purchasing power, were translated at the December 2021 closing rate of 102.749214 Argentinean pesos per US dollar (2020 results - at 84.143520 Argentinean pesos per US dollar).

### **Exchange rates**

The most important exchange rates that have been used in preparing the financial statements are:

1 US dollar equals:	Closing rate		Average rate	
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Argentinean peso	102.749214	84.143520	-	-
Brazilian real	5.580497	5.196694	5.368651	5.133082
Canadian dollar	1.270792	1.273981	1.249693	1.346594
Colombian peso	3 977.14	3 438.52	3 741.19	3 689.50
Chinese yuan	6.352382	6.537798	6.456753	6.947936
Euro	0.882924	0.814930	0.841767	0.878101
Mexican peso	20.583378	19.948838	20.339905	21.182539
Pound sterling	0.741903	0.732646	0.725564	0.780195
Peruvian nuevo sol	3.976006	3.621009	3.877055	3.491580
South Korean won	1 188.32	1 088.02	1 139.06	1 185.02
South African rand	15.947907	14.686598	14.873785	16.213180

### **(G) INTANGIBLE ASSETS**

#### **Research and development**

Expenditure on research activities, undertaken with the prospect of gaining new scientific or technical knowledge and understanding, is recognized in the income statement as an expense as incurred.

Expenditure on development activities, whereby research findings are applied to a plan or design for the production of new or substantially improved products and processes, is capitalized if the product or process is technically and commercially feasible, future economic benefits are probable, and the company has sufficient resources to complete development. The

expenditure capitalized includes the cost of materials, direct labor and an appropriate proportion of overheads. Other development expenditure is recognized in the income statement as an expense as incurred. Capitalized development expenditure is stated at cost less accumulated amortization (see below) and impairment losses (refer to accounting policy O).

Amortization related to research and development intangible assets is included within the cost of sales if production related and in sales and marketing if related to commercial activities.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets are capitalized as part of the cost of such assets.

#### **Supply and distribution rights**

A supply right is the right for AB InBev to supply a customer and the commitment by the customer to purchase from AB InBev. A distribution right is the right to sell specified products in a certain territory. Acquired distribution rights are measured initially at cost or fair value when obtained through a business combination. Amortization related to supply and distribution rights is included within sales and marketing expenses.

#### **Brands**

If part of the consideration paid in a business combination relates to trademarks, trade names, formulas, recipes or technological expertise these intangible assets are considered as a group of complementary assets that is referred to as a brand for which one fair value is determined. Expenditure on internally generated brands is expensed as incurred.

#### **Software**

Purchased software is measured at cost less accumulated amortization. Expenditure on internally developed software is capitalized when the expenditure qualifies as development activities; otherwise, it is recognized in the income statement when incurred. Amortization related to software is included in cost of sales, distribution expenses, sales and marketing expenses or administrative expenses based on the activity the software supports.

#### **Other intangible assets**

Other intangible assets, acquired by the company, are recognized at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses. Other intangible assets also include multi-year sponsorship rights acquired by the company. These are initially recognized at the present value of the future payments and subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

#### **Subsequent expenditure**

Subsequent expenditure on capitalized intangible assets is capitalized only when it increases the future economic benefits embodied in the specific asset to which it relates. All other expenditures are expensed as incurred.

#### **Amortization**

Intangible assets with a finite life are amortized using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Licenses, brewing, supply and distribution rights are amortized over the period in which the rights exist. Brands are considered to have an indefinite life unless plans exist to discontinue the brand. Discontinuance of a brand can be either through sale or termination of marketing support. When AB InBev purchases distribution rights for its own products the life of these rights is considered indefinite, unless the company have a plan to discontinue the related brand or distribution. Software and capitalized development costs related to technology are amortized generally over 3 to 5 years.

Brands are deemed intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and, therefore, are not amortized but tested for impairment on an annual basis (refer to accounting policy O).

#### **Gains and losses on sale**

Net gains on sale of intangible assets are presented in the income statement as other operating income. Net losses on sale are included as other operating expenses. Net gains and losses are recognized in the income statement when the control has been transferred to the buyer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs can be estimated reliably, and there is no continuing managerial involvement with the intangible assets.

### **(H) BUSINESS COMBINATIONS**

The company applies the acquisition method of accounting to account for acquisitions of businesses. The cost of an acquisition is measured as the aggregate of the fair values at the date of exchange of the assets given, liabilities incurred, and equity instruments issued. Identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities acquired or assumed are measured separately at their fair value as of the acquisition date. The excess of the cost of the acquisition over the company's interest in the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill.

The allocation of fair values to the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed is based on various assumptions requiring management judgment.

Acquisition-related costs are expensed as incurred.

If the business combination is achieved in stages, the acquisition date carrying value of AB InBev's previously held interest in the acquiree is re-measured to fair value at the acquisition date; any gains or losses arising from such re-measurement are recognized in profit or loss.

#### (I) GOODWILL

Goodwill is determined as the excess of the consideration paid over AB InBev's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the acquired subsidiary, jointly controlled entity or associate recognized at the date of acquisition. All business combinations are accounted for by applying the purchase method.

In conformity with IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*, goodwill is stated at cost and not amortized but tested for impairment on an annual basis and whenever there is an indicator that the cash generating unit to which goodwill has been allocated, may be impaired (refer to accounting policy O). Goodwill is expressed in the currency of the subsidiary or jointly controlled entity to which it relates and is translated to US dollar using the year-end exchange rate. In respect of associates and joint ventures, the carrying amount of goodwill is included in the carrying amount of the investment in the associate.

If AB InBev's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities recognized exceeds the cost of the business combination such excess is recognized immediately in the income statement as required by IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*. Expenditure on internally generated goodwill is expensed as incurred.

#### (J) PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Property, plant and equipment is measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses (refer to accounting policy O). Cost includes the purchase price and any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management (e.g., nonrefundable tax and transport cost). The cost of a self-constructed asset is determined using the same principles as for an acquired asset. The depreciation methods, residual value, as well as the useful lives are reassessed and adjusted if appropriate, annually.

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of qualifying assets are capitalized as part of the cost of such assets.

##### Subsequent expenditure

The company recognizes in the carrying amount of an item of property, plant and equipment the cost of replacing part of such an item when that cost is incurred if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied with the item will flow to the company and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other costs are expensed as incurred.

##### Depreciation

The depreciable amount is the cost of an asset less its residual value. Residual values, if not insignificant, are reassessed annually. Depreciation is calculated from the date the asset is available for use, using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The estimated useful lives are defined in terms of the asset's expected utility to the company and can vary from one geographical area to another. On average the estimated useful lives are as follows:

Industrial buildings – other real estate properties	20 - 50 years
Production plant and equipment:	
Production equipment	10 - 15 years
Storage, packaging and handling equipment	5 - 7 years
Returnable packaging:	
Kegs	2 - 10 years
Crates	2 - 10 years
Bottles	2 - 5 years
Point of sale furniture and equipment	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Information processing equipment	3 - 10 years

Where parts of an item of property, plant and equipment have different useful lives, they are accounted for as separate items of property, plant and equipment.

Land is not depreciated as it is deemed to have an indefinite life.

## **Gains and losses on sale**

Net gains on sale of items of property, plant and equipment are presented in the income statement as other operating income. Net losses on sale are presented as other operating expenses. Net gains and losses are recognized in the income statement when the control has been transferred to the buyer, recovery of the consideration is probable, the associated costs can be estimated reliably, and there is no continuing managerial involvement with the property, plant and equipment.

## **(K) LEASES**

### **The company as lessee**

The company assesses whether a contract is or contains a lease at inception of a contract. The company recognizes a right-of-use asset and a corresponding lease liability with respect to all lease agreements in which it is the lessee, except for short-term leases (defined as leases with a lease term of 12 months or less) and leases of low value assets. For these leases, the company recognizes the lease payments as an operating expense on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease, and payments for these leases are presented in cash flow from operating activities.

The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of the lease payments that are not paid at the commencement date, discounted by using the rate implicit in the lease. If this rate cannot be readily determined, the company uses its incremental borrowing rate specific to the country, term and currency of the contract. In addition, the company considers its recent debt issuances as well as publicly available data for instruments with similar characteristics when calculating the incremental borrowing rates.

Lease payments include fixed payments, less any lease incentives, variable lease payments that depend on an index or a rate known at the commencement date, and purchase options or extension option payments if the company is reasonably certain to exercise these options. Variable lease payments that do not depend on an index or rate are not included in the measurement of the lease liability and right-of-use asset and are recognized as an expense in the income statement in the period in which the event or condition that triggers those payments occurs.

A lease liability is remeasured upon a change in the lease term, changes in an index or rate used to determine the lease payments or reassessment of exercise of a renewal and/or purchase option. The corresponding adjustment is made to the related right-of-use asset.

The right-of-use assets comprise the initial measurement of the corresponding lease liability, lease payments made at or before the commencement day and any initial direct costs. They are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. The right-of-use assets are depreciated starting at the commencement date over the shorter period of useful life of the underlying asset and lease term (refer to accounting policies J and O).

The lease liability is presented in the 'Interest-bearing loans and borrowings' line and the right-of-use assets are presented in the 'Property, plant and equipment' line in the consolidated statement of financial position. In addition, the principal portion of the lease payments is presented within financing activities and the interest component is presented within operating activities in the consolidated cash flow statement.

### **The company as lessor**

Leases where the company transfers substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessee are classified as finance leases. Leases of assets under which all the risks and rewards of ownership are substantially retained by the company are classified as operating leases. Rental income is recognized in other operating income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

## **(L) INVENTORIES**

Inventories are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. The weighted average method is used in assigning the cost of inventories.

The cost of finished products and work in progress comprises raw materials, other production materials, direct labor, other direct cost and an allocation of fixed and variable overhead based on normal operating capacity. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less the estimated completion and selling costs.

Inventories are written down on a case-by-case basis if the anticipated net realizable value declines below the carrying amount of the inventories. The calculation of the net realizable value takes into consideration specific characteristics of each inventory category, such as expiration date, remaining shelf life, slow-moving indicators, amongst others.

## **(M) TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES**

Trade receivables are amounts due from customers for goods sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business and generally due for settlement within 30 days. Trade receivables are recognized initially at the amount of the consideration

that is unconditional unless they contain significant financing components, when they are recognized at the amount adjusted for the time value of money. The company holds trade and other receivables with the objective to collect the contractual cash flows and therefore measures them subsequently at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

Trade and other receivables are carried at amortized cost less impairment losses. To determine the appropriate amount to be impaired factors such as significant financial difficulties of the debtor, probability that the debtor will default, enter into bankruptcy or financial reorganization, or delinquency in payments are considered.

Other receivables are initially recognized at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost. Any impairment losses and foreign exchange results are directly recognized in profit or loss.

#### **(N) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash balances and short-term highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition that are readily convertible into cash. They are stated at face value, which approximates their fair value. In the cash flow statement, cash and cash equivalents are presented net of bank overdrafts.

#### **(O) IMPAIRMENT**

The carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If there is an indicator of impairment, the asset's recoverable amount is estimated. In addition, goodwill, intangible assets that are not yet available for use and intangibles with an indefinite useful life are tested for impairment annually at the cash-generating unit level (that is a country or group of countries managed as a group below a reporting region). An impairment loss is recognized whenever the carrying amount of an asset or the related cash-generating unit exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in the income statement.

##### **Calculation of recoverable amount**

The recoverable amount of non-financial assets is determined as the higher of their fair value less costs to sell and value in use. For an asset that does not generate largely independent cash inflows, the recoverable amount is determined for the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The recoverable amount of the cash generating units to which the goodwill and the intangible assets with indefinite useful life belong is based on discounted future cash flows using a discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset. These calculations are corroborated by valuation multiples, quoted share prices for publicly traded subsidiaries or other available fair value indicators.

Impairment losses recognized in respect of cash-generating units firstly reduce allocated goodwill and then the carrying amounts of the other assets in the unit on a pro rata basis.

##### **Reversal of impairment losses**

Non-financial assets other than goodwill that suffered an impairment are reviewed for possible reversal of the impairment at each reporting date. An impairment loss is reversed only to the extent that the asset's carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation or amortization, if no impairment loss had been recognized.

#### **(P) FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT**

A number of AB InBev's accounting policies and notes require fair value measurement for both financial and non-financial items.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. When measuring fair value, AB InBev uses observable market data as far as possible. Fair values are categorized into different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

- Level 1: inputs are unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: inputs are observable either directly (i.e., as prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices).
- Level 3: fair value measurements incorporate significant inputs that are based on unobservable market data.

If the inputs used to measure the fair value of an asset or liability fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy, then the fair value measurement is categorized in its entirety in the same level of the fair value hierarchy as the lowest level input that is significant to the entire measurement.

The company applies fair value measurement to the instruments listed below.

### **Derivatives**

The fair value of exchange traded derivatives (e.g., exchange traded foreign currency futures) is determined by reference to the official prices published by the respective exchanges (e.g., the New York Board of Trade). The fair value of over-the-counter derivatives is determined by commonly used valuation techniques.

### **Debt securities**

This category includes both debt securities designated at FVOCI and FVPL. The fair value is measured using observable inputs such as interest rates and foreign exchange rates. When it pertains to instruments that are publicly traded, the fair value is determined by reference to observable quotes. In circumstances where debt securities are not publicly traded, the main valuation technique is the discounted cash flow. The company may apply other valuation techniques or combination of valuation techniques if the fair value results are more relevant.

### **Equity securities designated as at FVOCI**

Investments in equity securities comprise quoted and unquoted securities. When liquid quoted prices are available, these are used to fair value investments in quoted securities. The unquoted securities are fair valued using primarily the discounted cash flow method.

### **Non-derivative financial liabilities**

The fair value of non-derivative financial liabilities is generally determined using unobservable inputs and therefore fall into level 3. In these circumstances, the valuation technique used is discounted cash flow, whereby the projected cash flows are discounted using a risk adjusted rate.

## **(Q) SHARE CAPITAL**

### **Repurchase of share capital**

When AB InBev buys back its own shares, the amount of the consideration paid, including directly attributable costs, is recognized as a deduction from equity under treasury shares.

### **Dividends**

Dividends paid are recognized in the consolidated financial statements on the date that the dividends are declared unless minimum statutory dividends are required by local legislation or the bylaws of the company's subsidiaries. In such instances, statutory minimum dividends are recognized as a liability.

### **Share issuance costs**

Incremental costs directly attributable to the issue of new shares or options are shown in equity as a deduction, net of tax, from the proceeds.

## **(R) PROVISIONS**

Provisions are recognized when (i) the company has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of past events, (ii) it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation, and (iii) a reliable estimate of the amount of the obligation can be made. Provisions are determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and, where appropriate, the risks specific to the liability.

### **Restructuring**

A provision for restructuring is recognized when the company has approved a detailed and formal restructuring plan, and the restructuring has either commenced or has been announced publicly. Costs relating to the ongoing activities of the company are not provided for. The provision includes the benefit commitments in connection with early retirement and redundancy schemes.

### **Onerous contracts**

A provision for onerous contracts is recognized when the expected benefits to be derived by the company from a contract are lower than the unavoidable cost of meeting its obligations under the contract. Such provision is measured at the present value of the lower of the expected cost of terminating the contract and the expected net cost of continuing with the contract.

### **Disputes and Litigations**

A provision for disputes and litigation is recognized when it is more likely than not that the company will be required to make future payments as a result of past events, such items may include but are not limited to, several claims, suits and actions relating to antitrust laws, violations of distribution and license agreements, environmental matters, employment related disputes, claims from tax authorities related to indirect taxes, and alcohol industry litigation matters.

## (S) EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

### Post-employment benefits

Post-employment benefits include pensions, post-employment life insurance and post-employment medical benefits. The company operates a number of defined benefit and defined contribution plans throughout the world, the assets of which are generally held in separate trustee-managed funds. The pension plans are generally funded by payments from employees and the company, and, for defined benefit plans taking account of the recommendations of independent actuaries. AB InBev maintains funded and unfunded pension plans.

#### a) Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognized as an expense in the income statement when incurred. A defined contribution plan is a pension plan under which AB InBev pays fixed contributions into a fund. AB InBev has no legal or constructive obligations to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

#### b) Defined benefit plans

A defined benefit plan is a pension plan that is not a defined contribution plan. Typically, defined benefit plans define an amount of pension benefit that an employee will receive on retirement, usually dependent on one or more factors such as age, years of service and compensation. For defined benefit plans, the pension expenses are assessed separately for each plan using the projected unit credit method. The projected unit credit method considers each period of service as giving rise to an additional unit of benefit entitlement. Under this method, the cost of providing pensions is charged to the income statement so as to spread the regular cost over the service lives of employees in accordance with the advice of qualified actuaries who carry out a full valuation of the plans at least every three years. The amounts charged to the income statement include current service cost, net interest cost (income), past service costs and the effect of any curtailments or settlements. Past service costs are recognized at the earlier of when the amendment / curtailment occurs or when the company recognizes related restructuring or termination costs. The pension obligations recognized in the balance sheet are measured at the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using interest rates based on high quality corporate bond yields, which have terms to maturity approximating the terms of the related liability, less the fair value of any plan assets. Re-measurements, comprising of actuarial gains and losses, the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding net interest) and the return on plan assets (excluding net interest) are recognized in full in the period in which they occur in the statement of comprehensive income. Re-measurements are not reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods.

Where the calculated amount of a defined benefit liability is negative (an asset), AB InBev recognizes such pension asset to the extent that economic benefits are available to AB InBev either from refunds or reductions in future contributions.

### Other post-employment obligations

Some of AB InBev's companies provide post-employment medical benefits to their retirees. The entitlement to these benefits is usually based on the employee remaining in service up to retirement age. The expected costs of these benefits are accrued over the period of employment, using an accounting methodology similar to that for defined benefit pension plans.

### Termination benefits

Termination benefits are recognized as an expense at the earlier when the company is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to terminate employment before the normal retirement date and when the company recognizes costs for a restructuring. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognized if the company has made an offer encouraging voluntary redundancy and when the company can no longer withdraw the offer of termination, which is the earlier of either when the employee accepts the offer or when a legal, regulatory or contractual requirement or restriction on the company's ability to withdraw the offer takes effect.

### Bonuses

Bonuses received by company employees and management are based on pre-defined company and individual target achievement. The estimated amount of the bonus is recognized as an expense in the period the bonus is earned. To the extent that bonuses are settled in shares of the company, they are accounted for as share-based payments.

## (T) SHARE-BASED PAYMENTS

Different share and share option programs allow company senior management and members of the board to acquire shares of the company and some of its affiliates. The fair value of the share options is estimated at grant date, using an option pricing model that is most appropriate for the respective option. Based on the expected number of options that will vest, the fair value of the options granted is expensed over the vesting period. When the options are exercised, equity is increased by the amount of the proceeds received.

Equity-settled share-based payment transactions with parties other than employees are measured at the fair value of the goods or services received, except where that fair value cannot be estimated reliably, in which case they are measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted, measured at the date the company obtains the goods or the counterparty renders the service.

#### (U) INTEREST-BEARING LOANS AND BORROWINGS

Interest-bearing loans and borrowings are recognized initially at fair value, less attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, interest-bearing loans and borrowings are stated at amortized cost with any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount being recognized in the income statement (in accretion expense) over the expected life of the instrument on an effective interest rate basis.

#### (V) TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

Trade and other payables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

#### (W) INCOME TAX

Income tax on the profit for the year comprises current and deferred tax. Income tax is recognized in the income statement except to the extent that it relates to items recognized directly in equity, in which case the tax effect is also recognized directly in equity.

Current tax is the expected tax payable on the taxable income for the year, using tax rates enacted, or substantively enacted, at the balance sheet date, and any adjustment to tax payable in respect of previous years.

In accordance with IAS 12 *Income Taxes* deferred taxes are provided using the so-called balance sheet liability method. This means that, for all taxable and deductible differences between the tax bases of assets and liabilities and their carrying amounts in the balance sheet a deferred tax liability or asset is recognized. Under this method a provision for deferred taxes is also made for differences between the fair values of assets and liabilities acquired in a business combination and their tax base. IAS 12 prescribes that no deferred taxes are recognized (i) on initial recognition of goodwill, (ii) at the initial recognition of assets or liabilities in a transaction that is not a business combination and affects neither accounting nor taxable profit and (iii) on differences relating to investments in subsidiaries to the extent that they will probably not reverse in the foreseeable future and to the extent that the company is able to control the timing of the reversal. The amount of deferred tax provided is based on the expected manner of realization or settlement of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities, using currently or substantively enacted tax rates.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to offset current tax liabilities and assets, and they relate to income taxes levied by the same tax authority on the same taxable entity, or on different taxable entities which intend either to settle current tax liabilities and assets on a net basis, or to realize the assets and settle the liabilities simultaneously.

The company recognizes deferred tax assets, including assets arising from losses carried forward, to the extent that future probable taxable profit will be available against which the deferred tax asset can be utilized. A deferred tax asset is reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that the related tax benefit will be realized.

The company presents income tax provisions in income tax liabilities. Assets and liabilities for uncertain tax treatments are presented as current tax assets/liabilities or deferred tax assets/liabilities.

#### (X) INCOME RECOGNITION

##### Goods sold

Revenue is measured based on the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in a contract with a customer and excludes amounts collected on behalf of third parties. The company recognizes revenue when performance obligations are satisfied, meaning when the company transfers control of a product to a customer.

Specifically, revenue recognition follows the following five-step approach:

- Identification of the contracts with a customer
- Identification of the performance obligations in the contracts
- Determination of the transaction price
- Allocation of the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contracts
- Revenue recognition when performance obligations are satisfied

Revenue from the sale of goods is measured at the amount that reflects the best estimate of the consideration expected to receive in exchange for those goods. Contracts can include significant variable elements, such as discounts, rebates, refunds, credits, price concessions, incentives, performance bonuses and penalties. Such trade incentives are treated as variable consideration. If the consideration includes a variable amount, the company estimates the amount of consideration to which it will be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods or services to the customer. Variable consideration is only included in the transaction price if it is highly probable that the amount of revenue recognized would not be subject to significant future reversals when the uncertainty is resolved.

#### Royalty income

The company recognizes the sales-based or usage-based royalties in other operating income when the later of the following events occurs: (a) the customer's subsequent sales or usage; and (b) the performance obligation to which some or all of the sales-based or usage-based royalty has been allocated has been satisfied (or partially satisfied).

#### Rental income

Rental income is recognized in other operating income on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

#### Government grants

A government grant is recognized in the balance sheet initially as deferred income when there is reasonable assurance that it will be received and that the company will comply with the conditions attached to it. Grants that compensate the company for expenses incurred are recognized as other operating income on a systematic basis in the same periods in which the expenses are incurred. Grants that compensate the company for the acquisition of an asset are presented by deducting them from the acquisition cost of the related asset.

#### Finance income

Finance income comprises interest received or receivable on funds invested, dividend income, foreign exchange gains, losses on currency hedging instruments offsetting currency gains, gains on hedging instruments that are not part of a hedge accounting relationship, gains on financial assets measured at FVPL as well as any gains from hedge ineffectiveness (refer to accounting policy Z).

Interest income is recognized as it accrues (taking into account the effective yield on the asset) unless collectability is in doubt.

#### Dividend income

Dividend income is recognized in the income statement on the date that the dividend is declared.

### (Y) EXPENSES

#### Finance costs

Finance costs comprise interest payable on borrowings, calculated using the effective interest rate method, foreign exchange losses, gains on currency hedging instruments offsetting currency losses, results on interest rate hedging instruments, losses on hedging instruments that are not part of a hedge accounting relationship, losses on financial assets classified as trading, impairment losses on financial assets as well as any losses from hedge ineffectiveness (refer to accounting policy Z).

All interest costs incurred in connection with borrowings or financial transactions are expensed as incurred as part of finance costs. Any difference between the initial amount and the maturity amount of interest-bearing loans and borrowings, such as transaction costs and fair value adjustments, are recognized in the income statement (in accretion expense) over the expected life of the instrument on an effective interest rate basis (refer to accounting policy V). The interest expense component of lease payments is also recognized in the income statement (in accretion expense) using the effective interest rate method.

#### Research and development, advertising and promotional costs and systems development costs

Research, advertising and promotional costs are expensed in the year in which these costs are incurred. Development costs and systems development costs are expensed in the year in which these costs are incurred if they do not meet the criteria for capitalization (refer to accounting policy G).

#### Purchasing, receiving and warehousing costs

Purchasing and receiving costs are included in the cost of sales, as well as the costs of storing and moving raw materials and packaging materials. The costs of storing finished products at the brewery as well as costs incurred for subsequent storage in distribution centers are included within distribution expenses.

## (Z) FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGE ACCOUNTING

AB InBev uses derivative financial instruments to mitigate the transactional impact of foreign currencies, interest rates, equity prices and commodity prices on the company's performance. AB InBev's financial risk management policy prohibits the use of derivative financial instruments for trading purposes and the company does therefore not hold or issue any such instruments for such purposes.

### Classification and measurement

Except for certain trade receivables, the company initially measures a financial asset at its fair value plus, in the case of a financial asset not at fair value through profit or loss, transaction costs directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset. Debt financial instruments are subsequently measured at amortized cost, FVOCI or FVPL. The classification is based on two criteria: the objective of the company's business model for managing the assets; and whether the instruments' contractual cash flows represent 'solely payments of principal and interest' on the principal amount outstanding (the 'SPPI criterion').

The classification and measurement of the company's financial assets is as follows:

- *Debt instruments at amortized cost:* comprise investments in debt securities where the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest and the company's business model is to collect contractual cash flows. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and any impairment charges for such instruments are recognized in profit or loss.
- *Debt instruments at FVOCI with gains or losses recycled to profit or loss on derecognition:* comprise investments in debt securities where the contractual cash flows are solely payments of principal and interest and the company's business model is achieved by both collecting contractual cash flows and selling financial assets. Interest income, foreign exchange gains and losses and any impairment charges on such instruments are recognized in profit or loss. All other fair value gains and losses are recognized in other comprehensive income. On disposal of these debt securities, any related balance within FVOCI reserve is reclassified to profit or loss.
- *Equity instruments designated at FVOCI, with no recycling of gains or losses to profit or loss on derecognition:* these instruments are undertakings in which the company does not have significant influence or control and is generally evidenced by ownership of less than 20% of the voting rights. The company designates these investments on an instrument-by-instrument basis as equity securities at FVOCI because they represent investments held for long term strategic purposes. Investments in unquoted companies are subsequently measured at cost, when appropriate. These investments are non-monetary items and gains or losses presented in the other comprehensive income include any related foreign exchange component. Dividends received are recognized in the profit or loss. These investments are not subject to impairment testing and upon disposal, the cumulative gain or loss accumulated in other comprehensive income are not reclassified to profit or loss.
- *Financial assets and liabilities at FVPL:* comprise derivative instruments and equity instruments which were not designated as FVOCI. This category also includes debt instruments which do not meet the cash flow or the business model tests.

### Hedge accounting

The company designates certain derivatives as hedging instruments to hedge the variability in cash flows associated with highly probable forecast transactions arising from changes in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. To hedge changes in the fair value of recognized assets, liabilities and firm commitments, the company designates certain derivatives as part of fair value hedge. The company also designates certain derivatives and non-derivative financial liabilities as hedges of foreign exchange risk on a net investment in a foreign operation.

At the inception of the hedging relationships, the company documents the risk management objective and strategy for undertaking the hedge. Hedge effectiveness is measured at the inception of the hedge relationship and through periodic prospective effectiveness assessments to ensure that an economic relationship exists between hedged item and hedging instrument.

For the different type of hedges in place, the company generally enters into hedge relationships where the critical terms of the hedging instrument match exactly the terms of the hedged item. Therefore, the hedge ratio is typically 1:1. The company performs a qualitative assessment of effectiveness. In circumstances where the terms of the hedged item no longer exactly match the critical terms of the hedging instrument, the company uses a hypothetical derivative method to assess effectiveness. Possible sources of ineffectiveness are changes in the timing of the forecasted transaction, changes in the quantity of the hedged item or changes in the credit risk of either parties to the derivative contract.

### **Cash flow hedge accounting**

Cash flow hedge accounting is applied when a derivative hedges the variability in cash flows of a highly probable forecasted transaction, foreign currency risk of a firm commitment or a recognized asset or liability (such as variable interest rate instrument).

When the hedged forecasted transaction or firm commitment subsequently results in the recognition of a non-financial item, the amount accumulated in the hedging reserves is included directly in the initial carrying amount of the non-financial item when it is recognized.

For all other hedged transactions, the amount accumulated in the hedging reserves is reclassified to profit or loss in the same period during which the hedged item affects profit or loss (e.g., when the variable interest expense is recognized).

When a hedging instrument or hedge relationship is terminated but the hedged transaction is still expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss (at that point) remains in equity and is reclassified to profit or loss when the hedged transaction occurs. If the hedged transaction is no longer expected to occur, the cumulative gain or loss recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified to profit or loss immediately.

Any ineffectiveness is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

### **Fair value hedge accounting**

When a derivative hedges the variability in fair value of a recognized asset or liability (such as a fixed rate instrument) or a firm commitment, any resulting gain or loss on the hedging instrument is recognized in the profit or loss. The carrying amount of the hedged item is also adjusted for fair value changes in respect of the risk being hedged, with any gain or loss being recognized in profit or loss. The fair value adjustment to the carrying amount of the hedged item is amortized to profit or loss from the date of discontinuation.

### **Net investment hedge accounting**

When a non-derivative foreign currency liability hedges a net investment in a foreign operation, exchange differences arising on the translation of the liability to the functional currency are recognized directly in other comprehensive income (translation reserves).

When a derivative financial instrument hedges a net investment in a foreign operation, the portion of the gain or the loss on the hedging instrument that is determined to be effective is recognized directly in other comprehensive income (translation reserves) and is reclassified to profit or loss upon disposal of the foreign operation, while the ineffective portion is reported in profit or loss.

### **Offsetting**

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset, and the net amount presented in the statement of financial position when, and only when, the company has a currently legally enforceable right to set off the amounts and it intends either to settle them on a net basis or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

## **(AA) SEGMENT REPORTING**

Operating segments are components of the company's business activities about which separate financial information is available that is evaluated regularly by senior management. The company has six operating segments.

AB InBev's operating segment reporting format is geographical because the company's risks and rates of return are affected predominantly by the fact that AB InBev operates in different geographical areas. The company's management structure and internal reporting system to the Board of Directors is set up accordingly. The company's five geographic regions are North America, Middle Americas, South America, EMEA and Asia Pacific.

The aggregation criteria applied are based on similarities in the economic indicators (e.g., margins) that have been assessed in determining that the aggregated operating segments share similar economic characteristics, as prescribed in IFRS 8. Furthermore, management assessed additional factors such as management's views on the optimal number of reporting segments, AB InBev historical geographies, peer comparison (e.g., Asia Pacific and EMEA being a commonly reported regions amongst the company's peers), as well as management's view on the optimal balance between practical and more granular information.

The results of Global Export and Holding Companies, which includes the company's global headquarters and the export businesses in countries in which AB InBev has no operations are reported separately. The company's five geographic regions plus the Global Export and Holding Companies comprise the company's six reportable segments for financial reporting purposes.

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the period to acquire property, plant and equipment, and intangible assets other than goodwill.

**(BB) NON-UNDERLYING ITEMS**

Non-underlying items are those that in management's judgment need to be disclosed separately by virtue of their size or incidence. Such items are disclosed on the face of the consolidated income statement or separately disclosed in the notes to the financial statements. Transactions which may give rise to non-underlying items are principally restructuring activities, impairments, gains or losses on disposal of investments and the effect of the accelerated repayment of certain debt facilities.

**(CC) DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS AND NON-CURRENT ASSETS HELD FOR SALE**

A discontinued operation is a component of the company that either has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale and represents a separate major line of business or geographical area of operations and is part of a single coordinated plan to dispose of or is a subsidiary acquired exclusively with a view to resale.

AB InBev classifies a non-current asset (or disposal group) as held for sale if its carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use if all of the conditions of IFRS 5 are met. A disposal group is defined as a group of assets to be disposed of, by sale or otherwise, together as a group in a single transaction, and liabilities directly associated with those assets that will be transferred. Immediately before classification as held for sale, the company measures the carrying amount of the asset (or all the assets and liabilities in the disposal group) in accordance with applicable IFRS. Then, on initial classification as held for sale, non-current assets and disposal groups are recognized at the lower of carrying amount and fair value less costs to sell. Impairment losses on initial classification as held for sale are included in profit or loss. The same applies to gains and losses on subsequent re-measurement. Non-current assets classified as held for sale are no longer depreciated or amortized.

**(DD) RECENTLY ISSUED IFRS**

To the extent that new IFRS requirements are expected to be applicable in the future, they have not been applied in preparing these consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

A number of amendments to standards are effective for annual periods beginning after 1 January 2021 and have not been discussed either because of their non-applicability or immateriality to AB InBev's consolidated financial statements.

## 4. Use of estimates and judgments

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires management to make judgments, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of making the judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

These estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognized in the period in which the estimate is revised if the revision affects only that period or, if the revision affects both current and future periods, in the period of the revision and future periods.

Although each of its significant accounting policies reflects judgments, assessments or estimates, AB InBev believes that the following accounting policies reflect the most critical judgments, estimates and assumptions that are important to its business operations and understanding results: business combinations, intangible assets, goodwill, impairment, provisions, share-based payments, employee benefits and accounting for current and deferred tax.

The fair values of acquired identifiable intangibles are based on an assessment of future cash flows. Impairment analyses of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are performed annually and whenever a triggering event has occurred, in order to determine whether the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount. These calculations are based on estimates of future cash flows.

The company uses its judgment to select a variety of methods including the discounted cash flow method and option valuation models and makes assumptions about the fair value of financial instruments that are mainly based on market conditions existing at each balance sheet date.

Actuarial assumptions are established to anticipate future events and are used in calculating pension and other long-term employee benefit expenses and liabilities. These factors include assumptions with respect to interest rates, rates of increase in health care costs, rates of future compensation increases, turnover rates, and life expectancy.

The company is subject to income tax in numerous jurisdictions. Significant judgment is required to determine the worldwide provision for income tax. There are some transactions and calculations for which the ultimate tax determination is uncertain. Some subsidiaries within the group are involved in tax audits and local enquiries usually in relation to prior years. Investigations and negotiations with local tax authorities are ongoing in various jurisdictions at the balance sheet date and, by their nature, these can take considerable time to conclude. In assessing the amount of any income tax provisions to be recognized in the financial statements, estimates are made of the expected successful settlement of these matters. Estimates of interest and penalties on tax liabilities are also recorded. Where the final outcome of these matters is different from the amounts that were initially recorded, such differences will impact the current and deferred income tax assets and liabilities in the period that such determination is made.

Judgments made by management in the application of IFRS that have a significant effect on the financial statements and estimates with a significant risk of material adjustment in the following year are further discussed in the relevant notes hereafter.

In preparing these consolidated financial statements, the significant judgments made by management in applying the company's accounting policies and the key sources of uncertainty relate mainly to accounting for the COVID-19 pandemic impact on the company's results as discussed below.

### COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT

Management considered the impact of COVID-19 and the current economic environment on the basis of preparation of these consolidated financial statements. The company continues to adequately manage its liquidity and capital resources (refer to Note 20 *Cash and cash equivalents and investment securities*, Note 23 *Interest-bearing loans and borrowings* and Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*). As such, management concluded the company is able to continue as a going concern.

### COVID-19 costs

As required by IAS 1 *Presentation of financial statements*, the company has assessed the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on its performance for the year ended 31 December 2021 and reported (105)m US dollar of costs in non-underlying items as a result of the pandemic. These expenses mainly comprise costs related to personal protection equipment for the company's employees, charitable donations and other costs incurred as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Refer to Note 8 *Non-underlying items*.

## 5. Segment reporting

Segment information is presented by geographical segments, consistent with the information available to and regularly evaluated by the chief operating decision maker. AB InBev operates its business through six business segments. Regional and operating company management is responsible for managing performance, underlying risks, and the effectiveness of operations. Internally, AB InBev's management uses performance indicators such as normalized profit from operations (normalized EBIT) and normalized EBITDA as measures of segment performance and to make decisions regarding the allocation of resources. The organizational structure comprises five regions: North America, Middle Americas, South America, EMEA and Asia Pacific. In addition to these five geographic regions, the company uses a sixth segment, Global Export and Holding Companies, for all financial reporting purposes.

On 1 June 2020, AB InBev divested CUB, its Australian subsidiary, to Asahi (refer to Note 21 *Assets classified as held for sale, liabilities associated with assets held for sale and discontinued operations*). Since the results of the Australian operations represented a separate major line of business, these were accounted for as discontinued operations ("profit from discontinued operations") up to 31 May 2020.

All figures in the tables below are stated in million US dollar, except volume (million hls) and Normalized EBITDA margin (in %).

	North America		Middle Americas		South America		EMEA		Asia Pacific		Global Export and Holding companies		AB InBev Worldwide	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Volume</b>	107	107	141	121	157	144	87	76	88	82	2	1	582	531
<b>Revenue</b>	16 257	15 622	12 541	10 032	9 494	8 092	8 032	6 835	6 848	5 648	1 133	652	54 304	46 881
<b>Normalized EBITDA</b>	6 131	6 172	6 126	5 014	3 125	3 179	2 598	1 895	2 321	1 737	(1 093)	(677)	19 209	17 321
Normalized EBITDA margin %	37.7%	39.5%	48.8%	50.0%	32.9%	39.3%	32.4%	27.7%	33.9%	30.8%	-	-	35.4%	36.9%
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	(782)	(803)	(1 138)	(1 017)	(760)	(767)	(1 014)	(988)	(712)	(646)	(364)	(376)	(4 771)	(4 598)
<b>Normalized profit from operations</b>	5 349	5 369	4 988	3 997	2 365	2 412	1 584	907	1 609	1 091	(1 457)	(1 053)	14 438	12 723
Non-underlying items (including non-underlying impairment)	(239)	(222)	(100)	(112)	(60)	(62)	(112)	(2 629)	(40)	(29)	(63)	(50)	(614)	(3 103)
<b>Profit from operations</b>	5 110	5 147	4 888	3 885	2 305	2 350	1 472	(1 722)	1 569	1 062	(1 520)	(1 103)	13 824	9 620
Net finance income/(cost)													(5 609)	(7 697)
Share of results of associates and joint ventures													248	156
Income tax expense													(2 350)	(1 932)
<b>Profit from continuing operations</b>													6 114	147
Profit from discontinued operations													-	2 055
<b>Profit/(loss)</b>													6 114	2 202
Segment assets (non-current)	63 722	63 765	67 516	72 331	12 917	12 348	34 098	35 578	13 453	13 845	1 973	2 024	193 678	199 891
Gross capex	868	646	1 307	829	1 154	727	1 051	768	605	508	655	303	5 640	3 781
FTE	19 691	20 281	51 969	48 751	42 209	40 630	22 215	22 357	26 095	26 510	7 160	5 166	169 339	163 695

For the year ended 31 December 2021, net revenue from the beer business amounted to 49 333m US dollar (31 December 2020: 43 044m US dollar) while the net revenue from the non-beer business (soft drinks and other business) accounted for 4 971m US dollar (31 December 2020: 3 837m US dollar). Additionally, for the year ended 31 December 2021, net revenue from the company's business in the United States amounted to 14 259m US dollar (31 December 2020: 13 815m US dollar) and net revenue from the company's business in Brazil amounted to 6 500 m US dollar (31 December 2020: 5 868m US dollar).

On the same basis, net revenue from external customers attributable to AB InBev's country of domicile (Belgium) represented 623m US dollar (31 December 2020: 501m US dollar) and non-current assets located in the country of domicile represented 2 457m US dollar (31 December 2020: 2 496m US dollar).

## 6. Acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries

The table below summarizes the impact of acquisitions and disposals on the statement of financial position and cash flows of AB InBev for the year ended 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020:

Million US dollar	2021 Acquisitions	2020 Acquisitions	2021 Disposals	2020 Disposals
<b>Non-current assets</b>				
Property, plant and equipment	2	149	(5)	-
Intangible assets	-	162	-	-
Investments in associates	-	(7)	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>				
Inventories	-	33	(7)	-
Trade and other receivables	1	9	(6)	-
Cash and cash equivalents	5	5	(5)	-
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	-	(74)	-	-
Trade and other payables	-	(34)	-	-
Deferred tax liabilities	-	(6)	-	-
<b>Current liabilities</b>				
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	-	(4)	-	-
Trade and other payables	(5)	(59)	10	-
<b>Net identifiable assets and liabilities</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>(13)</b>	-
<b>Non-controlling interest</b>				
Goodwill on acquisitions and goodwill disposed of	-	185	-	-
Loss/(gain) on disposal	-	-	1	-
Consideration to be (paid)/received	-	(14)	-	-
Net cash paid/(received) on prior years acquisitions/(disposals)	453	170	-	-
<b>Consideration paid/(received)</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>(12)</b>	-
Cash (acquired)/disposed of	(5)	(5)	5	-
<b>Net cash outflow / (inflow)</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>(7)</b>	-

On 1 June 2020, AB InBev completed the divestiture of CUB to Asahi – see Note 21 Assets classified as held for sale, liabilities associated with assets held for sale and discontinued operations.

On 30 September 2020, AB InBev completed the acquisition of the remaining 68.8% shares of Craft Brew Alliance for the net consideration of 0.2 billion US dollar and hence obtained 100% control over the acquiree.

The company undertook a series of additional acquisitions and disposals during 2021 and 2020, with no significant impact in the company's consolidated financial statements.

## 7. Other operating income/(expenses)

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Brazilian tax credits	226	481
Government grants	322	227
Net gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and assets held for sale	65	56
License income	25	22
Net (additions to)/reversals of provisions	(1)	(14)
Net rental and other operating income	168	72
<b>Other operating income/(expenses)</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>845</b>

In the second quarter of 2021, Ambev, a subsidiary of AB InBev, recognized 226m US dollar income in Other operating income related to tax credits following a favorable decision from the Brazilian Supreme Court. Additionally, Ambev recognized 118m US dollar of interest income in Finance income (refer to Note 11 *Finance cost and income*) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, Ambev concluded the calculation of its tax credits on a judicial decision related to the exclusion of the Value-Added Tax (ICMS) from the taxable basis of the social contribution on gross revenues (PIS and COFINS). The decision refers to the period between November 2009 and April 2015. As a result of this judicial decision and other tax credit adjustments, Ambev recognized 481m US dollar income in Other operating income and 315m US dollar of interest income in Finance income (refer to Note 11 *Finance cost and income*) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The income from government grants primarily relate to fiscal incentives given by certain Brazilian states and Chinese provinces, based on the company's operations and developments in those regions.

In 2021, the company expensed 298m US dollar in research, compared to 296m US dollar in 2020. The spend focused on product innovations, market research, as well as process optimization and product development.

## 8. Non-underlying items

IAS 1 *Presentation of financial statements* requires that material items of income and expense be disclosed separately. Non-underlying items are items that in management's judgment need to be disclosed by virtue of their size or incidence so that a user can obtain a proper understanding of the company's financial information. The company considers these items to be significant and accordingly, management has excluded them from their segment measure of performance in Note 5 *Segment Reporting*.

The non-underlying items included in the income statement are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
COVID-19 costs	(105)	(182)
Restructuring	(172)	(157)
Business and asset disposal (including impairment losses)	(247)	(239)
Acquisition costs business combinations	(17)	(25)
Zenzele Kibili costs	(72)	-
Impairment of goodwill	-	(2 500)
<b>Impact on profit from operations</b>	<b>(614)</b>	<b>(3 103)</b>
Gain on divestiture of Australia (discontinued operations)	-	1 919
Non-underlying net finance income/(cost)	(806)	(1 738)
Non-underlying taxes	346	155
Non-underlying non-controlling interest	20	228
<b>Net impact on profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>(1 054)</b>	<b>(2 538)</b>

COVID-19 costs amount to (105)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: (182)m US dollar). These expenses mainly comprise costs related to personal protection equipment for the company's employees, charitable donations and other costs incurred as a direct consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The non-underlying restructuring charges for the year ended 31 December 2021 total (172)m US dollar (31 December 2020: (157)m US dollar). These charges primarily relate to organizational alignments. These changes aim to eliminate overlapping organizations or duplicated processes, taking into account the matching of employee profiles with new organizational requirements. These one-time expenses provide the company with a lower cost base and bring a stronger focus to AB InBev's core activities, quicker decision-making and improvements to efficiency, service and quality.

Business and asset disposals (including impairment losses) amount to (247)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2021, mainly comprising (258)m US dollar of non-cash impairment charge associated with Bedford Systems, a joint venture with Keurig Dr. Pepper, following the announcement of the cessation of the business in December 2021, that was partially offset with gains incurred in relation to disposals completed in the first half of 2021. Business and asset disposals (including impairment losses) amounted to (239)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2020, mainly comprising impairment of tangible assets classified as held for sale as of 31 December 2020, intangible assets sold in 2020 and other intangibles.

The acquisition costs of business combinations amount to (17)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2021, mainly comprising costs incurred in relation to the company's joint venture partnerships. The acquisition costs of business combinations amount to (25)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2020 and mainly relate to the acquisition of Craft Brew Alliance.

In May 2021, the company set up a new broad-based black economic empowerment ("B-BBEE") scheme (the "Zenzele Kibili scheme") and reported (72)m US dollar in non-underlying items mainly representing the IFRS 2 cost related to the grant of shares to qualifying SAB retailers and employees participating to the Zenzele Kibili scheme. For more details, refer to Note 22 *Changes in equity and earnings per share*.

In the second quarter of 2020, the company recognized (2 500)m US dollar of goodwill impairment for its South Africa and Rest of Africa cash-generating units – see Note 14 *Goodwill* for further details.

On 1 June 2020, the company completed the previously announced sale of CUB to Asahi resulting in a net non-underlying gain of 1 919m US dollar reported in discontinued operations. For more details, refer to Note 21 *Assets classified as held for sale, liabilities associated with assets held for sale and discontinued operations*.

The company incurred a non-underlying net finance cost of (806)m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: net finance cost of (1 738)m US dollar) – see Note 11 *Finance cost and income*.

All the amounts referenced above are before income taxes. The non-underlying income taxes amounted to 346m US dollar (decrease of income taxes) for the year ended 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: decrease of income taxes by 155m US dollar).

Non-controlling interest on the non-underlying items amounts to 20m US dollar for the year ended 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: 228m US dollar).

## 9. Payroll and related benefits

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Wages and salaries	(4 734)	(4 124)
Social security contributions	(670)	(582)
Other personnel cost	(706)	(637)
Pension expense for defined benefit plans	(176)	(218)
Share-based payment expense	(510)	(169)
Contributions to defined contribution plans	(147)	(91)
<b>Payroll and related benefits</b>	<b>(6 944)</b>	<b>(5 821)</b>

The number of full-time equivalents can be split as follows:

	2021	2020
AB InBev NV/SA (parent company)	214	204
Other subsidiaries	169 125	163 491
<b>Total number of FTE</b>	<b>169 339</b>	<b>163 695</b>

## 10. Additional information on operating expenses by nature

Depreciation, amortization and impairment charges are included in the following line items of the 2021 consolidated income statement:

Million US dollar	Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	Depreciation and impairment of right-of-use asset	Impairment of goodwill, tangible and intangible assets
Cost of sales	2 782	91	39	-
Distribution expenses	136	10	176	-
Sales and marketing expenses	319	223	249	-
Administrative expenses	306	327	110	-
Other operating expenses	3	-	-	-
Non-underlying items	-	-	-	281
<b>Depreciation, amortization and impairment</b>	<b>3 546</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>281</b>

Depreciation, amortization and impairment charges are included in the following line items of the 2020 consolidated income statement:

Million US dollar	Depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	Amortization and impairment of intangible assets	Depreciation and impairment of right-of-use asset	Impairment of goodwill, tangible and intangible assets
Cost of sales	2 599	91	42	-
Distribution expenses	141	3	108	-
Sales and marketing expenses	339	291	224	-
Administrative expenses	310	323	125	-
Other operating expenses	3	-	-	-
Non-underlying items	-	-	-	2 733
<b>Depreciation, amortization and impairment</b>	<b>3 392</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>2 733</b>

The depreciation, amortization and impairment of property, plant and equipment included a full-cost reallocation of (11)m US dollar in 2021 from the aggregate depreciation, amortization and impairment expense to cost of goods sold (2020: (5)m US dollar).

## 11. Finance cost and income

The finance cost and income included in the income statement are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Interest expense	(3 684)	(4 016)
Capitalization of borrowing costs	10	12
Net interest on net defined benefit liabilities	(73)	(82)
Accretion expense	(593)	(564)
Net losses on hedging instruments that are not part of a hedge accounting relationship	(562)	(502)
Net foreign exchange results (net of the effect of foreign exchange derivative instruments)	(101)	-
Tax on financial transactions	(73)	(103)
Net mark-to-market results on derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs	(23)	(1 211)
Other financial costs, including bank fees	(135)	(135)
<b>Finance cost excluding non-underlying items</b>	<b>(5 234)</b>	<b>(6 601)</b>
Non-underlying finance cost	(806)	(1 818)
<b>Finance cost</b>	<b>(6 040)</b>	<b>(8 419)</b>
Interest income	113	150
Interest income on Brazilian tax credits	118	315
Hyperinflation monetary adjustments	152	76
Net foreign exchange results (net of the effect of foreign exchange derivative instruments)	-	43
Other financial income	48	58
<b>Finance income excluding non-underlying items</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>642</b>
Non-underlying finance income	-	80
<b>Finance income</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>722</b>
<b>Net finance income/(cost) excluding non-underlying items</b>	<b>(4 803)</b>	<b>(5 959)</b>
<b>Net finance income/(cost)</b>	<b>(5 609)</b>	<b>(7 697)</b>

Net finance costs, excluding non-underlying items, were 4 803m US dollar in 2021 compared to 5 959m US dollar in 2020. The decrease was predominantly due to a mark-to-market loss of 23m US dollar in 2021, compared to a loss of 1 211m US dollar in 2020, resulting in a change of 1 188m US dollar.

Borrowing costs capitalized relate to the capitalization of interest expenses directly attributable to the acquisition and construction of qualifying assets mainly in Belgium. Interest is capitalized at a borrowing rate of approximately 4%.

In 2021, accretion expense includes interest on lease liabilities of 123m US dollar (2020: 116m US dollar), unwind of discounts of 349m US dollar (2020: 306m US dollar), bond fees of 67m US dollar (2020: 102m US dollar) and interest on provisions of 54m US dollar (2020: 41m US dollar).

Interest expenses are presented net of the effect of interest rate derivative instruments hedging AB InBev's interest rate risk – see also Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

In the second quarter of 2021, Ambev, a subsidiary of AB InBev, recognized 226m US dollar income in Other operating income (refer to Note 7 *Other operating income/expenses*) related to tax credits following a favorable decision from the Brazilian Supreme Court. Additionally, Ambev recognized 118m US dollar of interest income in Finance income for the year ended 31 December 2021.

In the fourth quarter of 2020, Ambev concluded the calculation of its tax credits on a judicial decision related to the exclusion of the Value-Added Tax (ICMS) from the taxable basis of the social contribution on gross revenues (PIS and COFINS). The decision refers to the period between November 2009 and April 2015. As a result of this judicial decision and other tax credit adjustments, Ambev recognized 481m US dollar income in Other operating income (refer to Note 7 *Other operating income/expenses*) and 315m US dollar of interest income in Finance income for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Non-underlying finance income/(cost) for 2021 and 2020 include:

- 25m US dollar loss resulting from mark-to-market adjustments on derivative instruments entered into to hedge the shares issued in relation to the combination with Grupo Modelo and the restricted shares issued in connection with the combination with SAB (2020: 1 008m US dollar loss);
- 741m US dollar loss resulting from the early termination of certain bonds (2020: 795m US dollar loss);
- 22m US dollar loss from impairment of receivables against Delta Corporation Ltd (Delta), a Zimbabwean associate, as a result of hyperinflation (2020: 15m US dollar loss on the company's investment in Delta);
- 19m US dollar loss related to remeasurement of deferred considerations on prior year acquisitions (2020: 80m US dollar gain).

No interest income was recognized on impaired financial assets.

The interest income stems from the following financial assets:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	85	103
Investment debt securities held for trading	16	1
Other loans and receivables	11	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>150</b>

The interest income on other loans and receivables includes the interest accrued on cash deposited as guarantees for certain legal proceedings pending their resolution.

For further information on instruments hedging AB InBev's foreign exchange risk see Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

## 12. Income taxes

Income taxes recognized in the income statement can be detailed as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Current year	(2 857)	(2 082)
(Underprovided)/overprovided in prior years	159	119
<b>Current tax expense</b>	<b>(2 698)</b>	<b>(1 963)</b>
Origination and reversal of temporary differences	319	(30)
(Utilization)/recognition of deferred tax assets on tax losses	24	13
Recognition of previously unrecognized tax losses	5	48
<b>Deferred tax (expense)/income</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total income tax expense</b>	<b>(2 350)</b>	<b>(1 932)</b>

The reconciliation of the effective tax rate with the aggregated weighted nominal tax rate can be summarized as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Profit/(loss) before tax	8 463	2 080
Deduct share of results of associates and joint ventures	248	156
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax and before share of results of associates and joint ventures</b>	<b>8 215</b>	<b>1 924</b>
<b>Adjustments to the tax basis</b>		
Government incentives	(543)	(428)
Non-deductible/(non-taxable) mark-to-market on derivatives	48	2 219
Non-deductible impairment of goodwill	-	2 500
Other expenses not deductible for tax purposes	1 979	1 512
Other non-taxable income	(476)	(250)
	<b>9 223</b>	<b>7 477</b>
<b>Aggregate weighted nominal tax rate</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>27.7%</b>
Tax at aggregated nominal tax rate	(2 463)	(2 069)
<b>Adjustments on tax expense</b>		
Utilization of tax losses not previously recognized	24	13
Recognition of deferred taxes on previous years' tax losses	5	48
Write-down of deferred tax assets on losses and current year losses for which no deferred tax asset is recognized	(314)	(386)
(Underprovided)/overprovided in prior years	159	119
Deductions from interest on equity	469	431
Deductions from goodwill	14	16
Other tax deductions	212	218
Change in tax rate	(147)	61
Withholding taxes	(485)	(423)
Other tax adjustments	175	39
	<b>(2 350)</b>	<b>(1 932)</b>
<b>Effective tax rate</b>	<b>28.6%</b>	<b>100.4%</b>

The total income tax expense for 2021 amounts to 2 350m US dollar compared to 1 932m US dollar for 2020. The effective tax rate is 28.6% for 2021 compared to 100.4% for 2020.

The 2020 effective tax rate was negatively impacted by non-deductible losses from derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs and the hedging of the shares issued in a transaction related to the combination with Grupo Modelo and SAB, and the non-deductible, non-cash goodwill impairment loss.

The company benefits from tax exempted income and tax credits which are expected to continue in the future. The company does not have significant benefits coming from low tax rates in any particular jurisdiction.

The normalized effective tax rate for 2021 is 28.0% (2020: 30.9%). The normalized effective tax rate excluding mark-to-market gains or losses on derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs for 2021 is 27.9% (2020: 26.2%).

Normalized effective tax rate is the effective tax rate adjusted for non-underlying items. Normalized effective tax rate is not an accounting measure under IFRS accounting and should not be considered as an alternative to the effective tax rate. Normalized effective tax rate method does not have a standard calculation method and AB InBev's definition of normalized tax rate may not be comparable to other companies.

Income taxes were directly recognized in other comprehensive income as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	(123)	58
Exchange differences, cash flow and net investment hedges	(45)	304
<b>Income tax (losses)/gains</b>	<b>(167)</b>	<b>361</b>

### 13. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment comprises owned and leased assets, as follows:

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Property, plant and equipment owned	24 459	24 191
Property, plant and equipment leased (right-of-use assets)	2 219	2 228
<b>Total property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>26 678</b>	<b>26 419</b>

Million US dollar	31 December 2021			31 December 2020	
	Land and buildings	Plant and equipment, fixtures and fittings	Under construction	Total	Total
<b>Acquisition cost</b>					
<b>Balance at end of previous year</b>	<b>12 237</b>	<b>34 976</b>	<b>1 780</b>	<b>48 993</b>	<b>48 757</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(383)	(1 162)	(70)	(1 616)	(1 644)
Acquisitions	44	1 296	3 399	4 739	3 188
Acquisitions through business combinations	(0)	2	0	2	111
Disposals through sale and derecognition	(104)	(1 197)	(1)	(1 301)	(1 274)
Disposals through the sale of subsidiaries	(18)	(33)	-	(51)	-
Transfer (to)/from other asset categories and other movements <sup>1</sup>	598	2 025	(2 646)	(23)	(145)
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>	<b>12 374</b>	<b>35 906</b>	<b>2 462</b>	<b>50 742</b>	<b>48 993</b>
<b>Depreciation and impairment losses</b>					
<b>Balance at end of previous year</b>	<b>(3 950)</b>	<b>(20 852)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(24 802)</b>	<b>(23 242)</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	123	690	-	813	625
Depreciation	(376)	(3 008)	-	(3 384)	(3 250)
Disposals through sale and derecognition	64	1 104	-	1 168	1 130
Disposals through the sale of subsidiaries	17	29	-	46	-
Impairment losses	(19)	(161)	(2)	(182)	(145)
Transfer to/(from) other asset categories and other movements <sup>1</sup>	(151)	206	2	57	80
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>	<b>(4 292)</b>	<b>(21 992)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(26 284)</b>	<b>(24 802)</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>					
<b>at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>8 287</b>	<b>14 124</b>	<b>1 780</b>	<b>24 191</b>	<b>24 191</b>
<b>at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>8 082</b>	<b>13 915</b>	<b>2 462</b>	<b>24 459</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of property, plant and equipment subject to restrictions on title amounted to 1m US dollar (31 December 2020: 2m US dollar).

<sup>1</sup> The transfer (to)/from other asset categories and other movements relates mainly to transfers from assets under construction to their respective asset categories, to contributions of assets to pension plans, to the separate presentation in the balance sheet of property, plant and equipment held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations* and to the restatement of non-monetary assets under hyperinflation accounting in line with IAS 29 *Financial reporting in hyperinflationary economies*.

Contractual commitments to purchase property, plant and equipment amounted to 449m US dollar as at 31 December 2021 compared to 528m US dollar as at 31 December 2020.

AB InBev's net capital expenditures in the statement of cash flow amounted to 5 498m US dollar in 2021 compared to 3 687m US dollar for the same period last year. Out of the total 2021 capital expenditures approximately 44% was used to improve the company's production facilities while 41% was used for logistics and commercial investments and 15% for improving administrative capabilities and for the purchase of hardware and software.

Property, plant and equipment leased by the company (right-of-use assets) is detailed as follows:

Million US dollar	2021		
	Land and buildings	Machinery, equipment and other	Total
Net carrying amount at 31 December	1 696	523	2 219
Depreciation for the year ended 31 December	(373)	(201)	(574)
<b>2020</b>			
Million US dollar	Land and buildings	Machinery, equipment and other	Total
Net carrying amount at 31 December	1 726	502	2 228
Depreciation for the year ended 31 December	(343)	(156)	(499)

Additions to right-of-use assets in 2021 were 674m US dollar (2020: 381m US dollar).

Following the sale of Dutch and Belgian pub real estate to Cofinimmo in October 2007, AB InBev entered into lease agreements with a term of 27 years. Furthermore, the company leases a number of warehouses, trucks, factory facilities and other commercial buildings, which typically run for a period of five to ten years. Lease payments are increased annually to reflect market rentals, if applicable. None of the leases include contingent rentals.

The company leases out pub real estate for an average outstanding period of 6 to 8 years and part of its own property under operating leases. In 2021, 112m US dollar was recognized as income in the income statement in respect of subleasing of right-of-use assets (2020: 107m US dollar). As at 31 December 2021, the undiscounted lease payments of the non-cancelable lease payments are expected to be received as follows: 116m US dollar in the next 12 months, 295m US dollar in the years 2 through 5 and 104m US dollar after 5 years.

The expense related to short-term and low-value leases and variable lease payments that are not included in the measurement of the lease liabilities is not significant.

## 14. Goodwill

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>Acquisition cost</b>		
<b>Balance at end of previous year</b>	<b>123 702</b>	<b>128 119</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(5 456)	(4 723)
Acquisitions through business combinations	-	185
Transfers (to)/from intangible assets	18	-
Hyperinflation monetary adjustments	196	120
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>	<b>118 461</b>	<b>123 702</b>
<b>Impairment losses</b>		
<b>Balance at end of previous year</b>	<b>(2 731)</b>	<b>(5)</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	66	(226)
Impairment losses	-	(2 500)
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>	<b>(2 665)</b>	<b>(2 731)</b>
<b>Carrying amount</b>		
<b>at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>120 971</b>	<b>120 971</b>
<b>at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>115 796</b>	

The carrying amount of goodwill was allocated to the different cash-generating units as follows:

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
United States	33 607	33 552
Rest of North America	2 114	2 105
Mexico	12 062	12 446
Colombia	15 344	17 748
Rest of Middle Americas	22 769	24 036
Brazil	3 280	3 521
Rest of South America	1 173	1 061
Europe	2 244	2 444
South Africa	10 231	11 110
Rest of Africa	5 287	4 990
China	3 387	3 291
Rest of Asia Pacific	3 717	4 059
Global Export and Holding Companies	582	608
<b>Total carrying amount of goodwill</b>	<b>115 796</b>	<b>120 971</b>

Goodwill, which accounted for approximately 53% of AB InBev total assets as at 31 December 2021, is tested for impairment at the cash-generating unit level (that is one level below the operating segments). The cash-generating unit level is the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes. Except in cases where the initial allocation of goodwill has not been concluded by the end of the initial reporting period following the business combination, goodwill is allocated as from the acquisition date to each of AB InBev's cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination whenever a business combination occurs.

### 2021 impairment testing

AB InBev completed its annual impairment test for goodwill and concluded that, based on the assumptions described below, no impairment charge was warranted.

The company cannot predict whether an event that triggers impairment will occur, when it will occur or how it will affect the value of the asset reported. Goodwill impairment testing relies on a number of critical judgments, estimates and assumptions. AB InBev believes that all of its estimates are reasonable: they are consistent with the company's internal reporting and reflect management's best estimates. However, inherent uncertainties exist that management may not be able to control. If the company's current assumptions and estimates, including projected revenues growth rates, competitive and consumer trends, weighted average cost of capital, terminal growth rates, and other market factors, are not met, or if valuation factors outside of the company's control change unfavorably, the estimated fair value of goodwill could be adversely affected, leading to a potential impairment in the future.

During its valuation, the company ran sensitivity analysis for key assumptions including the weighted average cost of capital and the terminal growth rate, in particular for the valuations of Colombia, South Africa and Rest of Africa cash-generating units that show the highest invested capital to EBITDA multiple. In the sensitivity analysis performed by management during the annual impairment testing in 2021, an adverse change of 1% in WACC or terminal growth rate would not cause a cash-generating unit's carrying amount to exceed its recoverable amount. While a change in the estimates used could have a material impact on the calculation of the fair values and trigger an impairment charge, the company, based on the sensitivity analysis performed is not aware of any reasonably possible change in a key assumption used that would cause a cash-generating unit's carrying amount to exceed its recoverable amount.

### Impairment testing methodology

The company performed its annual goodwill impairment test at cash-generating unit level, which is the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored for internal management purposes.

AB InBev's impairment testing methodology is in accordance with IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*, in which fair-value-less-cost-to-sell and value in use approaches are taken into consideration. This consists in applying a discounted cash flow approach based on acquisition valuation models for the cash-generating units showing an invested capital to EBITDA multiple above 9x and valuation multiples for the other cash-generating units.

The key judgments, estimates and assumptions used in the discounted cash flow calculations were generally as follows:

- In the first three years of the model, cash flows are based on AB InBev's 1-year plan as approved by key management and management assumptions for the following 2 years. The three-year plan model is prepared per cash-generating unit and is based on external sources in respect of macro-economic assumptions, industry, inflation and foreign exchange rates, past experience and identified initiatives in terms of market share, revenue, variable and fixed cost, capital expenditure and working capital assumptions;

- For the subsequent seven years of the model, data from the strategic plan is extrapolated generally using simplified assumptions such as macro-economic and industry assumptions, variable cost per hectoliter and fixed cost linked to inflation, as obtained from external sources;
- Cash flows after the first ten-year period are extrapolated generally using expected annual long-term GDP growth rates, based on external sources, in order to calculate the terminal value, considering sensitivities on this metric;
- Projections are discounted at the unit's weighted average cost of capital (WACC), considering sensitivities on this metric;
- Cost to sell is assumed to reach 2% of the entity value based on historical precedents.

For the main cash generating units, the terminal growth rate applied generally ranged between 2% and 5%.

The WACC applied in US dollar nominal terms were as follows:

Cash-generating unit	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Colombia	6%	6%
Rest of Middle Americas	10%	9%
South Africa	8%	7%
Rest of Africa	10%	10%
Rest of Asia Pacific	6%	6%

Goodwill impairment testing relies on a number of critical judgments, estimates and assumptions. AB InBev believes that all of its estimates are reasonable: they are consistent with the company's internal reporting and reflect management's current best estimates. However, inherent uncertainties exist, including the rate of recovery of the countries following the COVID-19 pandemic, and other factors that management may not be able to control. If the company's current assumptions and estimates, including projected revenues growth rates, competitive and consumer trends, weighted average cost of capital, terminal growth rates, and other market factors, are not met, or if valuation factors outside of the company's control change unfavorably, the estimated fair value of goodwill could be adversely affected, leading to a potential further impairment in the future.

Although AB InBev believes that its judgments, assumptions and estimates are appropriate, actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or market or macro-economic conditions.

#### 2020 impairment testing

In the second quarter of 2020, the company recognized a 2.5 billion US dollar non-cash goodwill impairment charge. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in a sharp contraction of sales during the second quarter of 2020 in many countries in which the company operates. The decline in performance resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic was viewed as a triggering event for impairment testing in accordance with IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*. The 2020 interim impairment test considered three scenarios for recovery of sales for the tested cash-generating units: a base case (which the company deemed to be the most likely case at the time of the interim impairment test), a best case and a worst case. Based on the results of the interim impairment test, the company concluded that no goodwill impairment was warranted under the base and best case scenarios. Nevertheless, under the worst case scenario ran with higher discounts rates to factor the heightened business risk, the company concluded that the estimated recoverable amounts were below their carrying value for the South Africa and Rest of Africa cash-generating units. As a consequence, management determined that it was prudent, in view of the uncertainties, to record an impairment charge of 2.5 billion US dollar applying a 30% probability of occurrence of the worst-case scenario.

The company did not recognize any additional impairment of goodwill based on the results of its annual impairment testing conducted in the fourth quarter of 2020.

## 15. Intangible assets

Million US dollar	31 December 2021				31 December 2020	
	Brands	Commercial intangibles	Software	Other	Total	Total
<b>Acquisition cost</b>						
Balance at end of previous year	39 427	3 031	2 972	455	45 885	46 108
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(1 017)	(81)	(185)	(6)	(1 289)	(789)
Acquisitions through business combinations	-	-	-	-	-	162
Acquisitions and expenditures	21	23	457	259	760	557
Disposals through sale and derecognition	(14)	(22)	(47)	(15)	(98)	(142)
Disposals through the sale of subsidiaries	-	-	-	(3)	(3)	-
Transfer (to)/from other asset categories and other movements <sup>1</sup>	(8)	(119)	240	(353)	(240)	(11)
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>38 409</b>	<b>2 832</b>	<b>3 437</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>45 015</b>	<b>45 885</b>
<b>Amortization and impairment losses</b>						
Balance at end of previous year	(41)	(2 072)	(2 181)	(64)	(4 358)	(3 656)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	-	62	128	2	192	(16)
Amortization	-	(218)	(377)	(49)	(644)	(715)
Impairment	(23)	-	(1)	(153)	(176)	(165)
Disposals through sale and derecognition	2	19	46	6	73	62
Disposals through the sale of subsidiaries	-	-	-	3	3	-
Transfer to/(from) other asset categories and other movements <sup>1</sup>	(27)	127	4	222	326	132
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>(2 082)</b>	<b>(2 381)</b>	<b>(33)</b>	<b>(4 585)</b>	<b>(4 358)</b>
<b>Carrying value</b>						
at 31 December 2020	39 386	959	791	391	41 527	41 527
at 31 December 2021	38 320	750	1 056	304	40 430	

During 2021, the company recognized (176)m US dollar impairment on intangibles associated with Bedford Systems, a 70%-owned subsidiary of the company and joint venture with Keurig Dr. Pepper, following the announcement of the cessation of the business in December 2021 (31 December 2020: (165)m US dollar) - refer to Note 8 *Non-underlying items*.

AB InBev is the owner of some of the world's most valuable brands in the beer industry. As a result, brands and certain distribution rights are expected to generate positive cash flows for as long as the company owns the brands and distribution rights. Given AB InBev's more than 600-year history, brands and certain distribution rights have been assigned indefinite lives.

Acquisitions and expenditures of commercial intangibles mainly represent supply and distribution rights, exclusive multi-year sponsorship rights and other commercial intangibles.

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives are comprised primarily of brands and certain distribution rights that AB InBev purchased for its own products and are tested for impairment during the fourth quarter of the year or whenever a triggering event has occurred. Based on the impairment testing results, no impairment loss was allocated to intangible assets with indefinite useful lives – refer to Note 14 *Goodwill*.

As at 31 December 2021, the carrying amount of the intangible assets amounted to 40 430m US dollar (31 December 2020: 41 527m US dollar) of which 38 320m US dollar was assigned an indefinite useful life (31 December 2020: 39 395m US dollar) and 2 110m US dollar a finite life (31 December 2020: 2 132m US dollar).

<sup>1</sup> The transfer (to)/from other asset categories and other movements mainly relates to transfers from assets under construction to their respective asset categories, to contributions of assets to pension plans, to the separate presentation in the balance sheet of intangible assets held for sale in accordance with IFRS 5 *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations* and to the restatement of non-monetary assets under hyperinflation accounting in line with IAS 29 *Financial reporting in hyperinflationary economies*.

Million US dollar Cash-generating unit	2021	2020
United States	22 129	22 172
Rest of North America	42	42
Mexico	2 977	3 067
Colombia	2 870	3 320
Rest of Middle Americas	3 432	3 655
Brazil	-	1
Rest of South America	724	681
Europe	452	461
South Africa	3 029	3 289
Rest of Africa	1 112	1 068
China	440	427
Rest of Asia Pacific	1 113	1 212
<b>Total carrying amount of intangible assets with indefinite useful lives</b>	<b>38 320</b>	<b>39 395</b>

## 16. Investments in associates

A reconciliation of the summarized financial information to the carrying amount of the company's interests in material associates is as follows:

Million US dollar	2021			2020		
	AB InBev Efes	Castel	Efes	AB InBev Efes	Castel	Efes
<b>Balance at 1 January</b>	<b>1 135</b>	<b>3 566</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>1 132</b>	<b>3 239</b>	<b>451</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	-	(246)	(159)	-	270	(92)
Dividends received	-	(36)	(67)	-	(19)	-
Share of results of associates	7	116	35	3	76	32
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>1 143</b>	<b>3 400</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1 135</b>	<b>3 566</b>	<b>391</b>

Summarized financial information of the company's material associates is as follows:

Million US dollar	2021			2020		
	AB InBev Efes	Castel	Efes	AB InBev Efes	Castel	Efes
Current assets	385	3 016	1 500	351	4 048	2 156
Non-current assets	624	3 923	3 157	603	3 775	4 642
Current liabilities	(693)	(1 774)	(1 259)	(591)	(1 531)	(1 639)
Non-current liabilities	(42)	(499)	(1 218)	(75)	(671)	(1 852)
Non-controlling interests	-	(543)	(1 128)	-	(687)	(1 627)
<b>Net assets<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>274</b>	<b>4 124</b>	<b>1 053</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>4 934</b>	<b>1 679</b>
Revenue	1 393	5 017	3 781	1 276	4 879	3 847
Profit (loss)	1	741	275	(20)	700	224
Other comprehensive income (loss)	-	(295)	241	-	(134)	392
Total comprehensive income (loss)	1	447	516	(20)	566	617

In 2021, associates that are not individually material contributed 90m US dollar to the results of investment in associates (2020: 45m US dollar).

Following the entry of Zimbabwe in a hyperinflation economy in 2019, the company recorded an impairment of 15m US dollar in 2020 on its investment in Delta Corporation Ltd. The impairment was recorded as a non-underlying net finance cost. Refer to Note 11 *Finance cost and income*.

Additional information related to the significant associates is presented in Note 34 *AB InBev Companies*.

<sup>1</sup> The net assets are converted at the respective closing rates of December.

## 17. Deferred tax assets and liabilities

The amount of deferred tax assets and liabilities by type of temporary difference can be detailed as follows:

Million US dollar	2021		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property, plant and equipment	91	(2 113)	(2 023)
Intangible assets	60	(9 796)	(9 736)
Inventories	88	(66)	22
Trade and other receivables	48	-	48
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	905	(628)	277
Employee benefits	577	(8)	569
Provisions	511	(19)	492
Derivatives	11	(118)	(107)
Other items	407	(1 198)	(792)
Loss carry forwards	1 015	-	1 015
<b>Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>3 713</b>	<b>(13 947)</b>	<b>(10 235)</b>
<b>Netting by taxable entity</b>	<b>(1 743)</b>	<b>1 743</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>1 969</b>	<b>(12 204)</b>	<b>(10 235)</b>
Million US dollar	2020		
	Assets	Liabilities	Net
Property, plant and equipment	398	(2 487)	(2 089)
Intangible assets	106	(10 007)	(9 901)
Inventories	86	(65)	22
Trade and other receivables	62	-	62
Interest-bearing loans and borrowings	858	(603)	255
Employee benefits	648	(8)	640
Provisions	525	(30)	495
Derivatives	13	(46)	(33)
Other items	312	(1 152)	(840)
Loss carry forwards	782	-	782
<b>Gross deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>3 790</b>	<b>(14 398)</b>	<b>(10 607)</b>
<b>Netting by taxable entity</b>	<b>(1 771)</b>	<b>1 771</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net deferred tax assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>2 019</b>	<b>(12 627)</b>	<b>(10 607)</b>

The change in net deferred taxes recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position can be detailed as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
<b>Balance at 1 January</b>	<b>(10 607)</b>	<b>(11 105)</b>
Recognized in profit or loss	348	32
Recognized in other comprehensive income	(166)	361
Acquisitions through business combinations	-	(6)
Reclassified as held for sale	-	(1)
Other movements and effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	190	112
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>(10 235)</b>	<b>(10 607)</b>

Most of the temporary differences are related to the fair value adjustment on intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and property, plant and equipment acquired through business combinations. The realization of the temporary differences on intangible assets acquired through business combinations is unlikely to revert within 12 months as they would be realized upon impairment or disposal of these intangibles which is currently not expected. The net deferred tax liabilities attributable to the US business and mainly related to purchase price accounting amount to 6.5 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2021.

As of 31 December 2021, the total amount of unrecognized tax attributes amounts to 27.9 billion US dollar compared to 27.0 billion US dollar as of 31 December 2020<sup>1</sup>. These unrecognized tax attributes include tax losses carry forward, capital losses, foreign and withholding tax credits, excess dividend received deduction, excess interest carry forward, amongst

<sup>1</sup> 2020 restated to include all tax attributes

others. 24.9 billion US dollar of these tax attributes do not have an expiration date, 0.2 billion US dollar, 0.3 billion US dollar and 0.2 billion US dollar expire within respectively 1, 2 and 3 years, while 2.3 billion US dollar have an expiration date of more than 3 years. Deferred tax assets have not been recognized on these items because it is not probable that future taxable profits will be available against which these tax losses and deductible temporary differences can be utilized and the company has no tax planning strategy currently in place to utilize these tax losses and deductible temporary differences.

## 18. Inventories

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Prepayments	115	92
Raw materials and consumables	3 072	2 499
Work in progress	451	439
Finished goods	1 537	1 256
Goods purchased for resale	224	197
<b>Inventories</b>	<b>5 399</b>	<b>4 482</b>
 <b>Inventories other than work in progress</b>		
Inventories stated at net realizable value	368	214

The cost of inventories recognized as an expense in 2021 amounts to 23 097m US dollar, included in cost of sales (2020: 19 634m US dollar). Impairment losses on inventories recognized in 2021 amount to 91m US dollar (2020: 117m US dollar).

## 19. Trade and other receivables

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Cash deposits for guarantees	168	184
Loans to customers	17	25
Tax receivable, other than income tax	116	99
Brazilian tax credits and interest receivables	960	997
Trade and other receivables	319	357
<b>Non-current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>1 580</b>	<b>1 661</b>
 Trade receivables and accrued income	3 465	3 284
Interest receivables	18	4
Tax receivable, other than income tax	593	552
Loans to customers	99	117
Prepaid expenses	350	354
Other receivables	521	522
<b>Current trade and other receivables</b>	<b>5 046</b>	<b>4 833</b>

Ambev's tax credits and interest receivables are expected to be collected over a period exceeding 12 months after the reporting date. As of 31 December 2021, the total amount of such credits and interest receivables represented 960m US dollar (31 December 2020: 997m US dollar). Refer to Note 7 *Other operating income/(expenses)* and Note 11 *Finance cost and income* for more details.

The carrying amount of trade and other receivables is a good approximation of their fair value as the impact of discounting is not significant. The ageing of the current trade receivables and accrued income, interest receivable, other receivables and current and non-current loans to customers can be detailed as follows for 2021 and 2020 respectively:

	Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2021	Of which: neither impaired nor past due on the reporting date	Of which not impaired as of the reporting date and past due			
			Less than 30 days	Between 30 and 59 days	Between 60 and 89 days	More than 90 days
Trade receivables and accrued income	3 465	3 223	164	62	11	5
Loans to customers	117	83	2	2	31	-
Interest receivable	18	18	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	521	513	2	1	2	3
	<b>4 120</b>	<b>3 836</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>8</b>

	Net carrying amount as of 31 December 2020	Of which: neither impaired nor past due on the reporting date	Of which not impaired as of the reporting date and past due			
			Less than 30 days	Between 30 and 59 days	Between 60 and 89 days	More than 90 days
Trade receivables and accrued income	3 285	3 074	155	37	10	8
Loans to customers	142	86	3	2	50	-
Interest receivable	4	4	-	-	-	-
Other receivables	522	416	2	16	5	83
	<b>3 953</b>	<b>3 580</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>91</b>

The above analysis of the age of financial assets that are past due as at the reporting date but not impaired also includes non-current loans to customers. Past due amounts were not impaired when collection is still considered likely, for instance because the amounts can be recovered from the tax authorities, AB InBev has sufficient collateral, or the customer entered into a payment plan. Impairment losses on trade and other receivables recognized in 2021 amount to 36m US dollar (2020: 99m US dollar). The impairment loss recognized in 2020 included AB InBev's estimate of overdue receivables the company would not be able to collect from defaulting customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

AB InBev's exposure to credit, currency and interest rate risks is disclosed in Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

## 20. Cash and cash equivalents and investment securities

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Short-term bank deposits	6 542	3 319
Treasury Bills	1 050	6 800
Cash and bank accounts	4 505	5 132
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>12 097</b>	<b>15 252</b>
 <b>Bank overdrafts</b>	 (53)	 (5)
	<b>12 043</b>	<b>15 247</b>

The company's investment in Treasury Bills is to facilitate liquidity and for capital preservation.

The cash outstanding as at 31 December 2021 includes restricted cash for an amount of 78m US dollar (31 December 2020: 84m US dollar). This restricted cash relates to an outstanding consideration payable to former Anheuser-Busch shareholders that have not yet claimed the proceeds from the 2008 combination (1m US dollar) and amounts deposited on a blocked account in respect to the state aid investigation into the Belgian excess profit ruling system (77m US dollar).

## Investment securities

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Investment in unquoted companies	139	115
Investment on debt securities	22	22
<b>Non-current investments</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>137</b>
 Investment on debt securities	 374	 396
<b>Current investments</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>396</b>

As at 31 December 2021, current debt securities of 374m US dollar mainly represented investments in government bonds (31 December 2020: 396m US dollar). The company's investments in such short-term debt securities are primarily to facilitate liquidity and for capital preservation.

## 21. Assets classified as held for sale, liabilities associated with assets held for sale and discontinued operations

### ASSETS CLASSIFIED AS HELD FOR SALE

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>Balance at the end of previous year</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>10 013</b>
Reclassified to assets held for sale in the period	11	210
Impairment losses	(20)	-
Disposals	(33)	(9 665)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(2)	(484)
<b>Balance at the end of year</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>74</b>

### LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ASSETS HELD FOR SALE

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>Balance at end of previous year</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1 145</b>
Reclassified to liabilities associated with assets held for sale	5	(46)
Disposals	(5)	(1 044)
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	-	(55)
<b>Balance at end of the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## AUSTRALIA DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

On 1 June 2020, AB InBev divested CUB, its Australian subsidiary, to Asahi for 16.0 billion AUD on a cash free, debt free basis. Upon the closing of the transaction, the company received 10.8 billion US dollar proceeds net of disposal costs, derecognized (8.5) billion US dollar of net assets in relation to its former Australian operations, recycled (0.4) billion US dollar of the cumulative foreign exchange differences on its former Australian operations and cashflow hedges from equity to profit or loss, resulting in a net gain on disposal of 1.9 billion US dollar recognized in discontinued operations. The results of the Australian operations were accounted for as discontinued operations and presented in a separate line in the consolidated income statement ("profit from discontinued operations") up to 31 May 2020.

Assets and liabilities relating to the Australian operations disposed of on 1 June 2020 are detailed in the table below:

Million US dollar	1 June 2020
<b>Assets</b>	
Property, plant and equipment	581
Goodwill and intangible assets	8 584
Other assets	371
<b>Assets classified as held for sale</b>	<b>9 537</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Trade and other payables	(581)
Deferred tax liabilities	(363)
Other liabilities	(101)
<b>Liabilities associated with assets held for sale</b>	<b>(1 044)</b>
Net assets disposed of	8 493
Gain on divestiture of Australia (non-underlying discontinued operations)	1 919
Recycling of cash flow hedges and cumulative translation adjustments	426
<b>Consideration received</b>	<b>10 838</b>

The following table summarizes the results of the Australian operations included in the consolidated income statement and presented as discontinued operations:<sup>1</sup>

For the period ended	1 June 2020
Million US dollar	
Revenue	477
Profit from operations	178
Profit from discontinued operations (including gain on divestiture)	2 055
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares <sup>1</sup>	1 998
<b>Basic EPS from discontinued operations</b>	<b>1.03</b>
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted) <sup>1</sup>	2 037
<b>Diluted EPS from discontinued operations</b>	<b>1.01</b>

Cash flows attributable to the operating, investing and financing activities of the Australian operations are summarized as follows:

For the period ended	1 June 2020
Million US dollar	
Cash flow from operating activities	84
Cash flow from investing activities (proceeds from Australia divestiture)	10 838
Cash flow from investing activities (other)	(13)
Cash flow from financing activities	(6)
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>10 903</b>

<sup>1</sup> The calculation of basic EPS and diluted EPS from discontinued operations for 2020 is based on the profit from discontinued operations (including gain on divestiture) and a weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares outstanding (including deferred share instruments and stock lending) as of 31 December 2020 and a weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted) outstanding (including deferred share instruments and stock lending) as of 31 December 2020, respectively.

## 22. Changes in equity and earnings per share

### STATEMENT OF CAPITAL

The tables below summarize the changes in issued capital and treasury shares during 2021:

Issued capital	Issued capital	
	Million shares	Million US dollar
At the end of the previous year	2 019	1 736
Changes during the period	-	-
	<b>2 019</b>	<b>1 736</b>
Of which:		
Ordinary shares	1 737	
Restricted shares	282	
Treasury shares	Result on the use of treasury shares	
	Million shares	Million US dollar
At the end of the previous year	47.0	(4 911)
Changes during the period	(8.8)	917
	<b>38.2</b>	<b>(3 994)</b>
		Million US dollar

As at 31 December 2021, the share capital of AB InBev amounts to 1 238 608 344.12 euro (1 736 million US dollar). It is represented by 2 019 241 973 shares without nominal value, of which 38 217 386 are held in treasury by AB InBev and its subsidiaries. All shares are ordinary shares, except for 282 107 042 restricted shares (31 December 2020: 325 999 817). As at 31 December 2021, the total of authorized, unissued capital amounts to 37m euro.

The treasury shares held by the company are reported in equity in Treasury shares. In 2021, 5.1 million AB InBev Treasury shares were used for the settlement of the prior and new Zenzele B-BBEE schemes in South Africa in May 2021 (see below).

The holders of ordinary and restricted shares are entitled to receive dividends as declared from time to time and are entitled to one vote per share at meetings of the company. In respect of the company's shares that are held by AB InBev and its subsidiaries, the economic and voting rights are suspended.

The restricted shares are unlisted, not admitted to trading on any stock exchange, and are subject to, among other things, restrictions on transfer until converted into new ordinary shares. As from 11 October 2021 (fifth anniversary of completion of the SAB combination), the restricted shares are convertible at the election of the holder into new ordinary shares on a one-for-one basis and they rank equally with the ordinary shares with respect to dividends and voting rights. By 31 December 2021, from the 326 million restricted shares issued at the time of the SAB combination, 44 million restricted shares were converted into new ordinary shares.

The shareholders' structure is based on the notifications made to the company pursuant to the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007, which governs the disclosure of significant shareholdings in listed companies. It is included in the *Corporate Governance* section of AB InBev's annual report.

### ZENZELE SCHEMES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Following the combination with SAB in 2016, AB InBev decided to maintain the SAB Zenzele share-scheme (Zenzele Scheme), the broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) scheme, which provided opportunities for black South Africans, including employees (through the SAB Zenzele Employee Trust), SAB retailers (through SAB Zenzele Holdings Limited) and the SAB Foundation, to participate as shareholders of AB InBev's indirect subsidiary, South African Breweries Pty Ltd (SAB). The Zenzele Scheme, originally implemented by SAB in 2010 as a 10-year scheme, was amended at the time of the combination with SAB and matured on 31 March 2020.

Obligations to the SAB Foundation and the employees as beneficiaries of the SAB Zenzele Employee Share Trust were settled in full on 15 April 2020. The obligations to SAB retailers, who participate in the Zenzele Scheme through SAB Zenzele Holdings, were partially settled (77.4%) on 15 April 2020. As a direct consequence of the COVID-19 outbreak, the remaining settlement (22.6%) was postponed and was performed on 28 May 2021, when AB InBev and SAB implemented the new scheme as described below. Some SAB retailers received the balance of their entitlement and others reinvested a portion of their Zenzele payout into the new scheme.

In total, 10.8 million AB InBev Treasury shares with a total value of 491m US dollar were used in 2020 to settle the obligations to the participants of the Zenzele Scheme. The total value delivered to the participants of the Zenzele Scheme amounted to 8.6 billion ZAR.

As part of the combination with SAB in 2016, AB InBev made a commitment to the South African Government and Competition Authorities to create a new B-BBEE scheme upon maturity of the Zenzele Scheme. In order to create the new B-BBEE scheme, the following steps were undertaken:

- The new scheme was implemented through the listing of a special purpose company, which is called SAB Zenzele Kibili Holdings Limited (Zenzele Kibili) on the segment of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange's Main Board on which an issuer may list its B-BBEE shares;
- Zenzele Kibili holds AB InBev shares;
- Existing Zenzele participants (SAB retailers) reinvested a portion of their Zenzele payout into Zenzele Kibili and the SAB Foundation invested AB InBev shares into Zenzele Kibili;
- A new Employee Share Plan, funded by AB InBev, subscribed for shares in Zenzele Kibili.

The settlement of the balance of the SAB retailers entitlement required 1.1 billion ZAR (0.1 billion US dollar<sup>1</sup>), out of which 0.7 billion ZAR (0.1 billion US dollar) were re-invested in the new B-BBEE scheme by the SAB retailers. The set-up of the new B-BBEE scheme required 4.7 billion ZAR (0.3 billion US dollar), out of which 4.4 billion ZAR in AB InBev Treasury shares and 0.3 billion ZAR in AB InBev shares that were bought from the SAB retailers by the SAB Foundation.

5.1 million AB InBev Treasury shares were used for the settlement of part of the prior and the new B-BBEE schemes (based on the AB InBev share price and the ZAR Euro exchange rate as at 24 May 2021<sup>2</sup>). The new Zenzele scheme arrangement met the criteria under IFRS 2 to be classified as equity settled. The IFRS 2 charge for the period is reported in non-underlying items (Refer to Note 8 *Non-underlying items*).

## CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP INTERESTS

In accordance with IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*, the acquisition or disposal of additional shares in a subsidiary is accounted for as an equity transaction with owners.

On 31 December 2020, AB InBev completed the issuance of a 49.9% minority stake in its US-based metal container operations to Apollo Global Management, Inc. for net proceeds of 3.0 billion USD. This transaction allowed the company to create additional shareholder value by optimizing its business at an attractive price and generate proceeds to repay debt, in line with its deleveraging commitments. AB InBev retained operational control of its US-based metal container operations. The transaction was reported in the equity statement resulting in recognition of 1.9 billion US dollar in Non-controlling interest and 1.1 billion US dollar in Reserves.

During 2021, there were no significant purchases or disposals of non-controlling interests in subsidiaries.

## ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSALS OF OWN SHARES (REPORT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 7:220 OF THE BELGIAN COMPANIES CODE OF COMPANIES AND ASSOCIATIONS) AND BORROWINGS OF OWN SHARES– PURCHASE OF OWN SHARES

During 2021, the company has not acquired any treasury shares in accordance with article 7:215 of the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations (former article 620 of the Belgian Companies Code) and has proceeded with the following disposals of its own shares.

### Treasury shares

The company has used 5 148 866 treasury shares to settle the participants' obligations related to part of the Zenzele and the entire Zenzele Kibili Scheme (see above for more details). The company has also used 3 626 315 treasury shares mainly for settling employee share-based payments. As a consequence, the treasury shares used during 2021 represented 6 568 491 US dollar (5 352 860 euro) of the subscribed capital. As at 31 December 2021, the group owned 38 217 386 own shares of which 37 579 393 were held directly by AB InBev. The par value of the share is 0.61 euro. The treasury shares that the company still owned at the end of 2021 represented 28 606 881 US dollar (23 312 605 euro) of the subscribed capital.

### Borrowed shares

In order to fulfill AB InBev's commitments under various outstanding share-based compensation plans, during the course of 2021, the company had stock lending arrangements in place for up to 30 million shares, which were fully used to fulfill share-based compensation plan commitments. The company shall pay any dividend equivalent after tax in respect of such borrowed shares. This payment will be reported through equity as dividend.

<sup>1</sup> Converted at the closing rate as at 24 May 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Considering the closing share price of 62.26 euro per share as at 24 May 2021 and ZAR per Euro exchange rate of 17.0064 as at 24 May 2021.

## **DIVIDENDS**

On 23 February 2022, a dividend of 0.50 euro per share or 1 006m euro was proposed by the Board of Directors and will be subject to approval at the shareholders' meeting on 27 April 2022.

On 28 April 2021, a dividend of 0.50 euro per share or 1 003m euro was approved at the shareholders' meeting. The dividend was paid out as of 6 May 2021.

On 3 June 2020, a dividend of 0.50 euro per share or 1 002m euro was approved at the shareholders' meeting. The dividend was paid out as of 11 June 2020.

## **TRANSLATION RESERVES**

The translation reserves comprise all foreign currency exchange differences arising from the translation of the financial statements of foreign operations. The translation reserves also comprise the portion of the gain or loss on the foreign currency liabilities and on the derivative financial instruments determined to be effective net investment.

## **HEDGING RESERVES**

The hedging reserves comprise the effective portion of the cumulative net change in the fair value of cash flow hedges to the extent that the hedged risk has not yet impacted profit or loss. On 1 June 2020, upon the Australia divestiture, the company recycled 370m US dollar of cash flow hedges in relation to its former Australia operations from equity to profit or loss.

## **TRANSFERS FROM SUBSIDIARIES**

The amount of dividends payable to AB InBev by its operating subsidiaries is subject to, among other restrictions, general limitations imposed by the corporate laws, capital transfer restrictions and exchange control restrictions of the respective jurisdictions where those subsidiaries are organized and operate. Capital transfer restrictions are also common in certain emerging market countries and may affect AB InBev's flexibility in implementing a capital structure it believes to be efficient. As at 31 December 2021, the restrictions above mentioned were not deemed significant on the company's ability to access or use the assets or settle the liabilities of its operating subsidiaries.

Dividends paid to AB InBev by certain of its subsidiaries are also subject to withholding taxes. Withholding taxes, if applicable, generally do not exceed 15%.

## OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME RESERVES

The changes in the other comprehensive income reserves are as follows:

Million US dollar	Translation Reserves	Hedging reserves	Post-employment benefits	Total OCI Reserves
<b>As per 1 January 2021</b>	<b>(29 234)</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>(1 983)</b>	<b>(30 841)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations (gains/(losses))	(4 320)	-	-	(4 320)
Cash flow hedges	-	105	-	105
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	-	-	479	479
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>	<b>(4 320)</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>(3 736)</b>
<b>As per 31 December 2021</b>	<b>(33 554)</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>(1 504)</b>	<b>(34 577)</b>

The increase in translation reserves is primarily related to the combined effect of the weakening of the closing rates of the Colombian pesos, the Peruvian Sol, the South African rand and the Mexican pesos, partially offset by the weakening of the closing rate of the Euro, which resulted in a foreign exchange translation adjustment of 4 320m US dollar as of 31 December 2021 (decrease of equity).

Million US dollar	Translation Reserves	Hedging reserves	Post-employment benefits	Total OCI Reserves
<b>As per 1 January 2020</b>	<b>(19 936)</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>(1 740)</b>	<b>(21 279)</b>
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>				
Exchange differences on translation of foreign operations (gains/(losses))	(9 943)	-	-	(9 943)
Cash flow hedges	-	198	-	198
Cash flow hedges and cumulative translation adjustments reclassified from equity to profit or loss in relation to Australia divestiture	645	(219)	-	426
Re-measurements of post-employment benefits	-	-	(243)	(243)
<b>Other comprehensive income/(loss)</b>	<b>(9 298)</b>	<b>(21)</b>	<b>(243)</b>	<b>(9 562)</b>
<b>As per 31 December 2020</b>	<b>(29 234)</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>(1 983)</b>	<b>(30 841)</b>

## EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of basic earnings per share for 2021 is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev of 4 670m US dollar (2020: 1 405m US dollar) and a weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares outstanding (including deferred share instruments and stock lending) per end of the period, calculated as follows:

<b>Million shares</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Issued ordinary and restricted shares at 1 January, net of treasury shares	1 972	1 959
Effect of stock lending	30	30
Effect of delivery of treasury shares	4	9
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares at 31 December</b>	<b>2 007</b>	<b>1 998</b>

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for 2021 is based on the profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev of 4 670m US dollar (2020: 1 405m US dollar) and a weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted) outstanding (including deferred share instruments and stock lending) at the end of the period, calculated as follows:

<b>Million shares</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares at 31 December	2 007	1 998
Effect of share options, warrants and restricted stock units	38	39
<b>Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted) at 31 December</b>	<b>2 045</b>	<b>2 037</b>

The calculation of earnings per share before non-underlying items and discontinued operations is based on the profit from continuing operations attributable to equity holders of AB InBev. A reconciliation of the profit before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev to the profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev is calculated as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Profit before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	5 723	3 807
Non-underlying items, before taxes (refer to Note 8)	(614)	(3 103)
Non-underlying finance cost, before taxes (refer to Note 11)	(806)	(1 738)
Non-underlying taxes (refer to Note 8)	346	155
Non-underlying non-controlling interest (refer to Note 8)	20	228
Profit from discontinued operations (refer to Note 21)	-	2 055
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>4 670</b>	<b>1 405</b>

The calculation of the Underlying EPS is based on the profit before non-underlying items, discontinued operations, mark-to-market gains/losses and hyperinflation impacts attributable to equity holders of AB InBev. A reconciliation of the profit before non-underlying items, discontinued operations, mark-to-market gains/losses and hyperinflation impacts, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev to the profit before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev, is calculated as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Profit before non-underlying items, discontinued operations, mark-to-market gains/losses and hyperinflation impacts, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	5 774	5 022
Mark-to-market losses on certain derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs (refer to Note 11)	(23)	(1 211)
Hyperinflation impacts	(28)	(4)
<b>Profit before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>5 723</b>	<b>3 807</b>

The table below sets out the EPS calculation:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	4 670	1 405
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares	2 007	1 998
<b>Basic EPS from continuing and discontinued operations</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>0.70</b>
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	4 670	(650)
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares	2 007	1 998
<b>Basic EPS from continuing operations</b>	<b>2.33</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>
Profit from continuing operations before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	5 723	3 807
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares	2 007	1 998
<b>Basic EPS from continuing operations before non-underlying items</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>1.91</b>
Profit before non-underlying items, discontinued operations, mark-to-market gains/losses and hyperinflation impacts, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	5 774	5 022
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares	2 007	1 998
<b>Underlying EPS</b>	<b>2.88</b>	<b>2.51</b>
Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	4 670	1 405
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted)	2 045	2 037
<b>Diluted EPS from continuing and discontinued operations</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>0.69</b>
Profit/(loss) from continuing operations attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	4 670	(650)
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted)	2 045	1 998
<b>Diluted EPS from continuing operations</b>	<b>2.28</b>	<b>(0.33)</b>
Profit from continuing operations before non-underlying items and discontinued operations, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev	5 723	3 807
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (diluted)	2 045	2 037
<b>Diluted EPS from continuing operations before non-underlying items</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>1.87</b>

The average market value of the company's shares for purposes of calculating the dilutive effect of share options and restricted stock units was based on quoted market prices for the period that the options and restricted stock units were outstanding. For the calculation of Diluted EPS from continuing operations before non-underlying items, 68m share options were anti-dilutive and not included in the calculation of the dilutive effect as at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: 76m share options). In accordance with the guidance provided by IAS 33 *Earnings per Share*, for the 2020 calculation of Diluted EPS from continuing operations, the potential dilutive effect of share options, warrants and restricted stock units was disregarded considering the negative results in the period.

## 23. Interest-bearing loans and borrowings

This note provides information about the company's interest-bearing loans and borrowings. For more information about the company's exposure to interest rate and foreign exposure currency risk – refer to Note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

<b>Non-current liabilities</b> Million US dollar	<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>31 December 2020</b>
Secured bank loans	75	46
Unsecured bond issues	85 433	93 523
Unsecured other loans	31	73
Lease liabilities	1 830	1 837
<b>Non-current interest-bearing loans and borrowings</b>	<b>87 369</b>	<b>95 478</b>

<b>Current liabilities</b> Million US dollar	<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>31 December 2020</b>
Secured bank loans	553	656
Commercial papers	-	1 522
Unsecured bank loans	106	294
Unsecured bond issues	293	202
Unsecured other loans	9	10
Lease liabilities	447	397
<b>Current interest-bearing loans and borrowings</b>	<b>1 408</b>	<b>3 081</b>

The current and non-current interest-bearing loans and borrowings amount to 88.8 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2021, compared to 98.6 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2020.

On 18 February 2021, the company entered into a new 10.1 billion US dollar Sustainable-Linked Loan Revolving Credit Facility ("SLL RCF") with an initial five-year term, replacing the previous 9.0 billion US dollar of committed long-term credit facilities.

As at 31 December 2021, the company had no outstanding balance on commercial papers compared to 1.5 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2020. The commercial papers included programs in US dollar and euro with a total authorized issuance up to 5.0 billion US dollar and 3.0 billion euro, respectively.

In 2021, Anheuser-Busch InBev NV/SA ("ABISA") announced that it and its wholly-owned subsidiary Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. ("ABIWW", and together with ABISA, the "Issuers") exercised their respective options to redeem the outstanding principal amounts for an aggregate principal amount of 6.2 billion US dollar of the following series of notes:

Date of redemption	Issuer (abbreviated)	Title of series of notes issued exchanged	Currency	Original principal amount outstanding (in million)	Principal amount redeemed (in million)
27 January 2021	ABIWW	3.750% Notes due 2024	AUD	650	650
28 January 2021	ABISA	1.500% Notes due 2025	EUR	2 147	2 147
29 June 2021	ABIWW	4.150% Notes due 2025	USD	2 500	2 500
23 July 2021	ABIFI	4.600% Notes due 2045	USD	565	565

Net debt is defined as non-current and current interest-bearing loans and borrowings and bank overdrafts minus debt securities and cash and cash equivalents. Net debt is a financial performance indicator that is used by AB InBev's management to highlight changes in the company's overall liquidity position.

AB InBev's net debt decreased to 76.2 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2021, from 82.7 billion US dollar as at 31 December 2020. Aside from operating results that are net of capital expenditures, the net debt is impacted mainly by the payment of interests and taxes (6.2 billion US dollar), dividend payments to shareholders of AB InBev and Ambev (2.4 billion US dollar) and foreign exchange impact on net debt (1.6 billion US dollar decrease of net debt).

The following table provides a reconciliation of AB InBev's net debt as at the dates indicated:

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Non-current interest-bearing loans and borrowings	87 369	95 478
Current interest-bearing loans and borrowings	1 408	3 081
<b>Interest-bearing loans and borrowings</b>	<b>88 777</b>	<b>98 559</b>
Bank overdrafts	53	5
Cash and cash equivalents	(12 097)	(15 252)
Interest bearing loans granted and other deposits (included within Trade and other receivables)	(175)	(173)
Debt securities (included within Investment securities)	(396)	(418)
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>76 162</b>	<b>82 722</b>

#### Reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities

The table below details changes in the company's liabilities arising from financing activities, including both cash and non-cash changes. Liabilities arising from financing activities are those for which cash flows were, or future cash flows will be classified in the company's consolidated cash flow statement from financing activities.

Million US dollar	Long-term debt, net of current portion	Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>95 478</b>	<b>3 081</b>
Proceeds from borrowings	148	306
Payments on borrowings	(6 735)	(2 230)
Capitalization / (payment) of lease liabilities	697	(547)
Amortized cost	64	-
Unrealized foreign exchange effects	(2 149)	(88)
Current portion of long-term debt	(875)	875
Loss on bond redemption and other movements	741	10
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>87 369</b>	<b>1 408</b>

Million US dollar	Long-term debt, net of current portion	Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt
<b>Balance at 1 January 2020</b>	<b>97 564</b>	<b>5 410</b>
Proceeds from borrowings	11 226	3 596
Payments on borrowings	(13 596)	(9 520)
Capitalization / (payment) of lease liabilities	394	(484)
Amortized cost	71	17
Unrealized foreign exchange effects	2 521	241
Current portion of long-term debt	(3 744)	3 744
Loss on bond redemption and other movements	1 042	77
<b>Balance at 31 December 2020</b>	<b>95 478</b>	<b>3 081</b>

## 24. Employee benefits

AB InBev sponsors various post-employment benefit plans worldwide, which include both defined contribution plans, defined benefit plans, and other post-employment benefits. In accordance with IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* post-employment benefit plans are classified as either defined contribution plans or defined benefit plans.

### DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

For defined contribution plans, AB InBev pays contributions to publicly or privately administered pension funds or insurance contracts. Once the contributions have been paid, the group has no further payment obligation. The regular contributions constitute an expense for the year in which they are due. For 2021, contributions paid into defined contribution plans for the company amounted to 147m US dollar compared to 91m US dollar for 2020.

### DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

During 2021, the company contributed to 82 defined benefit plans, of which 61 are retirement or leaving service plans, 17 are medical cost plans and 4 other long-term employee benefit plans. Most plans provide retirement and leaving service benefits related to pay and years of service. In many of the countries the plans are partially funded. When plans are funded, the assets are held in legally separate funds set up in accordance with applicable legal requirements and common practice in each country. The medical cost plans in Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Barbados, South Africa and US provide medical benefits to employees and their families after retirement. Many of the defined benefit plans are closed to new entrants.

The present value of funded obligations includes a 96m US dollar liability related to two medical plans in Brazil, for which the benefits are provided through the Fundação Antonio Helena Zerrenner ("FAHZ"). The FAHZ is a legally distinct entity which provides medical, dental, educational and social assistance to current and retired employees of Ambev. As at 31 December 2021, the actuarial liabilities related to the benefits provided by the FAHZ are fully offset by an equivalent amount of assets existing in the fund. The net liability recognized in the balance sheet is nil.

The employee benefit net liability amounts to 2 256m US dollar as at 31 December 2021 compared to 2 964m US dollar as at 31 December 2020. In 2021, the fair value of the plan assets decreased by 268m US dollar and the defined benefit obligations decreased by 1 018m US dollar. The decrease in the employee benefit net liability is mainly driven by increases in the discount rates and favorable asset returns.

The company's net liability for post-employment and long-term employee benefit plans comprises the following as at 31 December 2021 and 2020:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Present value of funded obligations	(6 791)	(7 703)
Fair value of plan assets	5 381	5 649
<b>Present value of net obligations for funded plans</b>	<b>(1 410)</b>	<b>(2 054)</b>
Present value of unfunded obligations	(687)	(793)
<b>Present value of net obligations</b>	<b>(2 097)</b>	<b>(2 847)</b>
Unrecognized asset	(32)	(31)
<b>Net liability</b>	<b>(2 129)</b>	<b>(2 878)</b>
Other long term employee benefits	(127)	(86)
<b>Total employee benefits</b>	<b>(2 256)</b>	<b>(2 964)</b>
<b>Employee benefits amounts in the balance sheet:</b>		
Liabilities	(2 261)	(2 970)
Assets	5	6
<b>Net liability</b>	<b>(2 256)</b>	<b>(2 964)</b>

The changes in the present value of the defined benefit obligations are as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Defined benefit obligation at 1 January</b>	<b>(8 496)</b>	<b>(8 143)</b>
Current service costs	(80)	(72)
Interest cost	(212)	(250)
Past service gain/(cost)	(5)	16
Settlements	176	153
Benefits paid	553	519
Contribution by plan participants	(3)	(2)
Actuarial gains/(losses) – demographic assumptions	(41)	20
Actuarial gains/(losses) – financial assumptions	460	(690)
Experience adjustments	16	(12)
Exchange differences	154	(35)
<b>Defined benefit obligation at 31 December</b>	<b>(7 478)</b>	<b>(8 496)</b>

As at the last valuation date, the present value of the defined benefit obligation was comprised of approximately 1.6 billion US dollar relating to active employees, 1.7 billion US dollar relating to deferred members and 4.2 billion US dollar relating to members in retirement.

The changes in the fair value of plan assets are as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Fair value of plan assets at 1 January</b>	<b>5 649</b>	<b>5 442</b>
Interest income	137	168
Administration costs	(19)	(19)
Return on plan assets exceeding interest income	197	332
Contributions by AB InBev	241	394
Contributions by plan participants	3	2
Benefits paid net of administration costs	(553)	(519)
Assets distributed on settlements	(172)	(146)
Exchange differences	(102)	(9)
Transfers and other movements	-	4
<b>Fair value of plan assets at 31 December</b>	<b>5 381</b>	<b>5 649</b>

Actual return on plans assets amounted to a gain of 334m US dollar in 2021 compared to a gain of 500m US dollar in 2020.

The changes in the unrecognized asset are as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>Irrecoverable surplus impact at 1 January</b>	<b>(31)</b>	<b>(74)</b>
Interest expense	(2)	(4)
Changes excluding amounts included in interest expense	1	47
<b>Irrecoverable surplus impact at 31 December</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(31)</b>

The expense recognized in the income statement with regard to defined benefit plans can be detailed as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Current service costs	(80)	(72)
Administration costs	(19)	(19)
Past service cost due to plan amendments, curtailments or settlements	(2)	16
(Losses)/gains due to experience and demographic assumption changes	1	6
<b>Profit from operations</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(69)</b>
Net finance cost	(76)	(87)
<b>Total employee benefit expense</b>	<b>(176)</b>	<b>(156)</b>

The employee benefit expense is included in the following line items of the income statement:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Cost of sales	(30)	(28)
Distribution expenses	(11)	(9)
Sales and marketing expenses	(24)	(18)
Administrative expenses	(34)	(20)
Other operating (expense)/income	(1)	(1)
Non-underlying items	-	7
Net finance cost	(76)	(87)
<b>(176)</b>	<b>(156)</b>	

Weighted average assumptions used in computing the benefit obligations of the company's significant plans at the balance sheet date are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021					
	United States	Canada	Mexico	Brazil	United Kingdom	AB InBev
Discount rate	2.8%	2.9%	8.0%	8.7%	1.9%	<b>3.2%</b>
Price inflation	2.5%	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	<b>2.7%</b>
Future salary increases	-	1.0%	4.5%-4.0%	6.9%-5.0%	-	<b>3.7%</b>
Future pension increases	-	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	3.2%	<b>2.7%</b>
Medical cost trend rate	5.3%-4.5%	4.5%	-	6.9%	-	<b>5.9%-5.7%</b>
Life expectation for a 65-year old male	86	87	85	85	87	<b>85</b>
Life expectation for a 65-year old female	88	90	88	87	89	<b>88</b>

Million US dollar	2020					
	United States	Canada	Mexico	Brazil	United Kingdom	AB InBev
Discount rate	2.5%	2.4%	6.3%	6.9%	1.4%	<b>2.6%</b>
Price inflation	2.5%	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	3.1%	<b>2.6%</b>
Future salary increases	-	1.0%	4.3%	6.9%-5.0%	-	<b>3.7%</b>
Future pension increases	-	2.0%	3.5%	3.3%	2.9%	<b>2.6%</b>
Medical cost trend rate	5.5%-4.5%	4.5%	-	6.9%	-	<b>6.0%-5.7%</b>
Life expectation for a 65-year old male	86	87	82	85	87	<b>85</b>
Life expectation for a 65-year old female	87	90	85	88	89	<b>88</b>

Through its defined benefit pension plans and post-employment medical plans, the company is exposed to a number of risks, the most significant are detailed below:

#### INVESTMENT STRATEGY

In case of funded plans, the company ensures that the investment positions are managed within an asset-liability matching (ALM) framework that has been developed to achieve long-term investments that are in line with the obligations under the pension schemes. Within this framework, the company's ALM objective is to match assets to the pension obligations by investing in long-term fixed interest securities with maturities that match the benefit payments as they fall due and in the appropriate currency. The company actively monitors how the duration and the expected yield of the investments are matching the expected cash outflows arising from the pension obligation.

#### ASSET VOLATILITY

In general, the company's funded plans are invested in a combination of equities and bonds, generating high but volatile returns from equities and at the same time stable and liability-matching returns from bonds. As the plans mature, the company usually reduces the level of investment risk by investing more in assets that better match the liabilities. Since 2015, the company started the implementation of a pension de-risking strategy to reduce the risk profile of certain plans by reducing gradually the current exposure to equities and shifting those assets to fixed income securities.

#### CHANGES IN BOND YIELDS

A decrease in corporate bond yields will increase plan liabilities, although this will be partially offset by an increase in the value of the plans' bond holdings.

#### INFLATION RISK

Some of the company's pension obligations, mainly in the UK, are linked to inflation, and higher inflation will lead to higher liabilities. The majority of the plan's assets are either unaffected by or loosely correlated with inflation, meaning that an increase in inflation could potentially increase the company's net benefit obligation.

#### LIFE EXPECTANCY

The majority of the plans' obligations are to provide benefits for the life of the member, so increases in life expectancy will result in an increase in the plans' liabilities.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation in 2021 is 13.7 years (2020: 13.9 years).

The sensitivity of the defined benefit obligation to changes in the weighted principal assumptions is:

Million US dollar	2021		
	Change in assumption	Increase in assumption	Decrease in assumption
Discount rate	0.5%	(482)	533
Price inflation	0.5%	175	(183)
Future salary increases	0.5%	26	(25)
Medical cost trend rate	1%	30	(26)
Longevity	One year	256	(255)

The above are purely hypothetical changes in individual assumptions holding all other assumptions constant: economic conditions and changes therein will often affect multiple assumptions at the same time and the effects of changes in key assumptions are not linear.

Sensitivities are reasonably possible changes in assumptions, and they are calculated using the same approach as was used to determine the defined benefit obligation. Therefore, the above information is not necessarily a reasonable representation of future results.

The fair value of plan assets at 31 December consists of the following:

Million US dollar	2021		2020			
	Quoted	Unquoted	Total	Quoted	Unquoted	Total
Government bonds	34%	-	34%	33%	-	33%
Corporate bonds	34%	-	34%	34%	-	34%
Equity instruments	24%	-	24%	25%	-	25%
Property	-	4%	4%	-	3%	3%
Insurance contracts and others	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%
	94%	6%	100%	95%	5%	100%

AB InBev expects to contribute approximately 192m US dollar for its funded defined benefit plans and 68m US dollar in benefit payments to its unfunded defined benefit plans and post-retirement medical plans in 2022.

## 25. Share-based payments

Different share and share option programs allow company senior management and members of the board of directors to receive or acquire shares of AB InBev, Ambev or Budweiser APAC. AB InBev has three primary share-based compensation plans, the share-based compensation plan ("Share-Based Compensation Plan"), the long-term restricted stock unit plan for directors ("Restricted Stock Units Plan for Directors), and the long-term incentive plan for executives ("LTI Plan Executives"). For all option plans, the fair value of share-based payment compensation is estimated at grant date, using a binomial Hull model, modified to reflect the IFRS 2 *Share-based Payment* requirement that assumptions about forfeiture before the end of the vesting period cannot impact the fair value of the option. All the company share-based payment plans are equity-settled. Amounts have been converted to US dollar at the average rate of the period, unless otherwise indicated.

Share-based payment transactions resulted in a total expense of 510m US dollar for 2021, of which 72m US dollar were reported in non-underlying items representing the IFRS 2 cost related to the Zenzele Kibili scheme. For more details, refer to Note 22 *Changes in equity and earnings per share*. Share-based payment transactions resulted in a total expense of 169m US dollar for 2020. During 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the company reversed accrued cost for performance-related LTIs for which the conditions would not be met.

### AB INBEV SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

#### Share-Based Compensation Plan for Executives

Under this plan, members of the Executive Committee and other senior employees receive their bonus in cash but have the choice to invest some or all of the value of their bonus in AB InBev shares, referred to as bonus shares. Half of the bonus shares will be subject to a lock-up period of three years and the other half to a lock-up period of 5 years. This voluntary investment of the bonus in AB InBev shares leads to a 20% discount to the market price of the shares. The company also matches such voluntary investment by granting three matching shares for each bonus share voluntarily invested in, up to a limited total percentage of each participant's bonus. The percentage of the variable compensation that is entitled to get matching shares varies depending on the position of the executive. The matching is based on the gross amount of the variable compensation invested. The discount shares and matching shares are granted in the form of restricted stock units, half of which have a three-year vesting period and the other half has a five-year vesting period. Additionally, the holders of

the restricted stock units may be entitled to receive from AB InBev additional restricted stock units equal to the dividends declared since the restricted stock units were granted.

During 2021, AB InBev issued 0.2m matching restricted stock units in relation to bonuses granted to company employees and management (2020: 0.2m matching restricted stock units). These matching restricted stock units represent a fair value of approximately 9m US dollar (2020: 9m US dollar).

#### **Restricted Stock Units Plan for Directors**

Since the annual shareholder meeting of 24 April 2019, the share-based portion of the remuneration of the directors of the company has been granted in the form of restricted stock units and will no longer be granted in the form of stock options as was previously the case. Such restricted stock units vest after 5 years and, upon vesting, entitle their holders to one AB InBev share per restricted stock unit.

During 2021, 0.1m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 4mUS dollar were granted to directors (2020: 0.1m with an estimated fair value of approximately 4m US dollar).

#### **Annual and Exceptional LTI Plans for Executives**

As from 1 July 2009, senior employees are eligible for an annual long-term incentive to be paid out in LTI stock options (or, in the future, similar share-based instruments), depending on management's assessment of the employee's performance and future potential.

During 2021, no LTI stock options were granted to Executives (2020: 38.1m LTI stock options were granted with an estimated fair value of 287m US dollar, out of which, 3.6m stock options were granted to members of the Executive Committee).

As from 1 December 2020, under a sub-plan of the company's new base long-term Restricted Stock Units program, senior employees are eligible for an annual long-term incentive paid out in Restricted Stock Units, depending on management's assessment of the employee's performance and future potential. Half of the Restricted Stock Units cliff vest over a three-year period and the other half cliff vest over a five-year period. During 2021, AB InBev issued 2.8m Restricted Stock Units with an estimated fair value of 155m US dollar under this plan (2020: 1.7m with an estimated fair value of 116m US dollar under this plan). Out of these Restricted Stock Units, 0.2m restricted stock units were granted to members of the Executive Committee (2020: 0.1m restricted stocks units).

#### **Recurring LTI Restricted Stock Units Plans for Executives**

AB InBev has specific recurring long-term Restricted Stock Units incentive programs in place, including

- A program allowing for the offer of restricted stock units to certain members of senior management in certain specific circumstances, e.g., as a special retention incentive or to compensate for assignments of expatriates in countries with difficult living conditions. The restricted stock units vest after five years and in the event that an employee's service is terminated before the vesting date, special forfeiture rules apply. During 2021, no discretionary restricted stock units were granted. (2020: 7m discretionary restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 307m US dollar of which 0.8m restricted stock units were granted to members of the Executive Committee).
- A program allowing for certain employees to purchase company shares at a discount and that is aimed at providing a long-term retention incentive for (i) high-potential employees of the company, who are at a mid-manager level ("People bet share purchase program") or (ii) newly hired employees. The voluntary investment in company shares leads to the grant of an amount of matching restricted stock units or stock options which vest after 5 years. In the event that an employee's service is terminated before the vesting date, special forfeiture rules apply. In 2021, employees received approximately 0.1m restricted stock units under this program representing a fair value of 7m US dollar (2020: 0.1m restricted stock units representing a fair value of 6m US dollar).
- A series of sub-plans under the Company's new base long-term Restricted Stock Units program (created in 2020) allowing for the offer of Restricted Stock Units to certain members of the company's senior management in certain specific circumstances, e.g., as a special retention incentive or to compensate for assignments of expatriates in certain limited countries. Under this program, Restricted Stock Units can be granted under sub-plans with specific terms and conditions and for specific purposes. The Restricted Stock Units in principle vest after five years without a performance test and in the event of termination of service before the vesting date, forfeiture rules apply. The Board may set shorter or longer vesting periods for specific sub-plans or introduce performance tests similar to those described under the program above. In 2021, 0.8m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 45m US dollar were granted under this program (2020: 1.7m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 120m US dollar). No restricted stock units were granted to members of the Executive Committee (2020: nil).

### Performance related incentive plan for ZX Ventures

In 2016, the company implemented a new performance related incentive plan which substitutes the long-term incentive stock option plan for executives of ZX Ventures. ZX Ventures is our global growth and innovation group whose mandate is to invest in, incubate and develop new products and businesses that address emerging consumer needs.

During 2021, 1m performance units were granted to senior management of ZX Ventures (2020: 1.2m performance units). The value of the performance units will depend on the return of ZX Ventures. These units vest after 5 years provided that a performance test is met. Specific forfeiture rules apply in the event that the executive leaves the company.

### Other programs

In order to maintain the consistency of benefits granted to executives and to encourage the international mobility of executives, an option exchange program can be executed whereby unvested options are exchanged for restricted shares that remain locked-up until 5 years after the end of the initial vesting period. The shares that result from the exercise of the options must in principle remain locked-up until 31 December 2023. In 2021, no options were exchanged for ordinary blocked shares (2020: nil).

The Board has also approved the early release of vesting conditions of unvested stock options or restricted stock units that are vesting within 6 months of the executives' relocation. The shares that result from the early exercise of the options or the early vesting of the restricted stock units must remain blocked until the end of the initial vesting period. In 2021, no restricted stock units were accelerated under this program for members of the senior management (2020: 0.1m restricted stock units).

The weighted average fair value of the options and assumptions used in applying the AB InBev option pricing model for the 2020 grants of awards described above are as follows. No stock options were granted in 2021.

<b>Amounts in US dollar unless otherwise indicated</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Fair value of options granted	7.54	
Share price	46.35	
Exercise price	46.35	
Expected volatility	25%	
Expected dividends	3.00%	
Risk-free interest rate	-0.32%	

Expected volatility is based on historical volatility calculated over a 10-year period. The binomial Hull model assumes that all employees would immediately exercise their options if the AB InBev share price is 2.5 times above the exercise price. As a result, no single expected option life applies.

The total number of outstanding AB InBev options developed as follows:

<b>Million options</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Options outstanding at 1 January	113.3	88.7
Options issued during the year	-	38.1
Options exercised during the year	(1.3)	(3.9)
Options forfeited during the year	(9.2)	(9.0)
<b>Options outstanding at the end of December</b>	<b>102.7</b>	<b>113.3</b>

The range of exercise prices of the outstanding options is between 10.32 euro (11.69 US dollar)<sup>1</sup> and 121.95 euro (138.12 US dollar) while the weighted average remaining contractual life is 6.50 years.

Out of the 102.7m outstanding options, 24.3m are vested at 31 December 2021.

The weighted average exercise price of the AB InBev options is as follows:

<b>Amounts in US dollar</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Options outstanding at 1 January	71.22	79.66
Granted during the year	-	53.41
Exercised during the year	46.30	29.92
Forfeited during the year	89.56	117.82
Outstanding at the end of December	64.77	71.22
Exercisable at the end of December	98.27	99.54

For share options exercised during 2021, the weighted average share price at the date of exercise was 53.47 euro (60.56 US dollar)<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Amounts have been converted to US dollar at the closing rate of the respective period.

The total number of outstanding AB InBev restricted stock units developed as follows:

<b>Million restricted stock units</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Restricted stock units outstanding at 1 January	19.1	9.9
Restricted stock units issued during the year	3.9	10.9
Restricted stock units vested during the year	(1.1)	(0.7)
Restricted stock units forfeited during the year	(1.1)	(0.9)
<b>Restricted stock units outstanding at the end of December</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>19.1</b>

#### AMBEV SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

Since 2005, Ambev has had in place a plan which is substantially similar to the Share-based compensation plan under which bonuses granted to company employees and management are partially settled in shares. Under the Share-based compensation plan, Ambev issued 0.1m deferred stock units with an estimated fair value of less than 1m US dollar in 2021 (2020: 0.2m deferred stock units with an estimated fair value of 1m US dollar).

Since 2018, Ambev has had in place a plan which is substantially similar to the Share-based compensation plan under which bonuses granted to company employees and management are partially settled in shares. Under the 2018 Share-based compensation plan, Ambev issued 20.6m restricted stock units in 2021 with an estimated fair value of 61m US dollar (2020: 21.1m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 61m US dollar).

As of 2010, senior employees are eligible for an annual long-term incentive to be paid out in Ambev LTI stock options (or, in the future, similar share-based instruments), depending on management's assessment of the employee's performance and future potential. In 2021, Ambev did not grant any LTI stock options (2020: 22 thousand LTI stock options with an estimated fair value of less than 1m US dollar).

The weighted average fair value of the options and assumptions used in applying the option pricing model for the 2020 grants of awards described above are as follows. No stock options were granted in 2021.

<b>Amounts in US dollar unless otherwise indicated<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Fair value of options granted	-	0.78
Share price	-	3.47
Exercise price	-	3.47
Expected volatility	-	22%
Expected dividends	0.00% - 5.00%	0.00% - 5.00%
Risk-free interest rate	-	6.80%

The total number of outstanding Ambev options developed as follows:

<b>Million options</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Options outstanding at 1 January	127.3	141.8
Options issued during the year	-	-
Options exercised during the year	(5.2)	(5.7)
Options forfeited during the year	(8.3)	(8.8)
<b>Options outstanding at the end of December</b>	<b>113.8</b>	<b>127.3</b>

The range of exercise prices of the outstanding options is between 15.95 Brazilian real (2.86 US dollar) and 45.97 Brazilian real (8.24US dollar) while the weighted average remaining contractual life is 6.7 years.

Of the 113.8m outstanding options 59.3m options are vested at 31 December 2021.

The weighted average exercise price of the Ambev options is as follows:

<b>Amounts in US dollar<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Options outstanding at 1 January	3.81	4.60
Granted during the year	-	3.47
Exercised during the year	2.36	1.60
Forfeited during the year	4.53	4.42
Outstanding at the end of December	3.57	3.81
Exercisable at the end of December	3.79	4.56

For share options exercised during 2021, the weighted average share price at the date of exercise was 17.87 Brazilian real (3.2 US dollar).

<sup>1</sup> Amounts have been converted to US dollar at the closing rate of the respective period.

The total number of outstanding Ambev deferred and restricted stock units developed as follows:

<b>Million restricted stock units</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
Restricted stock units outstanding at 1 January	49.6	31.7
Restricted stock units issued during the year	20.7	21.3
Restricted stock units vested during the year	(5.0)	(1.9)
Restricted stock units forfeited during the year	(1.5)	(1.5)
<b>Restricted stock units outstanding at the end of December</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>49.6</b>

Additionally, as a means of creating a long-term incentive (wealth incentive) for certain senior employees and members of management considered as having “high potential”, share appreciation rights in the form of phantom stocks have been granted to those employees, pursuant to which the beneficiary shall receive two separate lots – Lot A and Lot B – subject to lockup periods of five and ten years, respectively. In 2020 and 2021, Ambev did not issue any share appreciation rights.

During 2021, a limited number of Ambev shareholders who are part of the senior management of AB InBev were given the opportunity to exchange Ambev shares against a total of 3 thousand AB InBev shares (2020: 0.1m AB InBev shares) at a discount of 16.66% provided that they stay in service for another five years. The fair value of this transaction amounts to less than 1m US dollar (2020: 1m US dollar) and is expensed over the five years’ service period. The fair values of the Ambev and AB InBev shares were determined based on the market price.

#### BUDWEISER APAC SHARE-BASED COMPENSATION PROGRAM

##### LTI Stock Option Plans for Executives

In December 2019, Budweiser APAC set up a long-term incentive plan in which certain employees are eligible for an annual grant to be paid out in Budweiser APAC stock options (or, in the future, similar share-based instruments), depending on management’s assessment of the employee’s performance and future potential. In 2021, no stock options were granted (2020: 69.7m LTI stock options with an estimated fair value of 52m US dollar).

##### Discretionary Restricted Stock Units Plan

In December 2019, Budweiser APAC set up a discretionary restricted stock units plan which allows for the offer of restricted stock units to certain employees in certain specific circumstances, at the discretion of the Board, e.g., as a special retention incentive. The restricted stock units vest after three to five years and in the event that an employee’s service is terminated before the vesting date, special forfeiture rules apply. In 2021, no restricted stock units were granted under this program (2020: 29.7m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 84m US dollar).

##### Share-Based Compensation Plan

In March 2020, Budweiser APAC set up a program allowing for certain employees to invest some or all of their variable compensation in Budweiser APAC shares (Voluntary Shares). As an additional reward, employees who invest in Voluntary Shares also receive a company shares match of three matching shares for each Voluntary Share invested up to a limited total percentage of each employee’s variable compensation. In 2021, Budweiser APAC issued 0.1m matching restricted stock units in relation to bonuses granted to Budweiser APAC employees with an estimated fair value of less than 1m US dollar (2020: 0.2m matching restricted stock units with a fair value of approximately 1m US dollar).

##### New Restricted Stock Units Plan

In November 2020, Budweiser APAC set up a new restricted stock units plan which allows for the offer of restricted stock units to certain eligible employees in certain specific circumstances, at the discretion of the Board, e.g., as a long-term incentive. The vesting period of the restricted stock units is in principle five years without a performance test and in the event of termination of service before the vesting date, forfeiture rules apply. The Board may set shorter or longer periods for specific grants or introduce performance tests similar to other programs in the company. During 2021, 10m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 26m US dollar were granted under this program to a selected number of employees (2020: 6.8m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 23m US dollar).

##### People Bet Plan

In March 2020, Budweiser APAC set up a program allowing for certain employees to purchase Budweiser APAC shares at a discount which is aimed at providing a long-term retention incentive for high-potential employees of the company, who are at a mid-manager level (“People bet share purchase program”). The voluntary investment in company shares leads to the grant of an amount of matching restricted stock units which vest after 5 years. In the event that an employee’s service is terminated before the vesting date, special forfeiture rules apply. During 2021, no restricted stock units were granted under this program (2020: 0.6m restricted stock units with an estimated fair value of 2m US dollar were granted to a selected number of employees).

## 26. Provisions

Million US dollar	Restructuring	Disputes	Other	Total
<b>Balance at 1 January 2021</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>763</b>
Effect of movements in foreign exchange	(2)	(20)	(4)	(25)
Provisions made	63	132	9	203
Provisions used	(73)	(129)	(11)	(213)
Provisions reversed	(13)	(35)	(1)	(48)
Other movements	1	(18)	(58)	(75)
<b>Balance at 31 December 2021</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>605</b>

The restructuring provisions are primarily explained by the organizational alignments - see also Note 8 *Non-underlying items*. Provisions for disputes mainly relate to various disputed taxes other than income taxes and to claims from former employees.

The provisions are expected to be settled within the following time windows:

Million US dollar	Total	< 1 year	1-2 years	2-5 years	> 5 years
<b>Restructuring</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>19</b>
Indirect taxes	90	10	27	2	51
Labor	114	14	55	36	10
Commercial	55	16	27	9	3
Environmental	5	5	-	-	-
Excise duties	16	-	11	5	-
Other disputes	140	39	70	13	18
<b>Disputes</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>Other provisions</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total provisions</b>	<b>605</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>102</b>

AB InBev is subject to the greenhouse gas emission allowance trading scheme in force in the European Union and a similar scheme in South Korea. Acquired emission allowances are recognized at cost as intangible assets. To the extent that it is expected that the number of allowances needed to settle the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions exceeds the number of emission allowances owned, a provision is recognized. Such provision is measured at the estimated amount of the expenditure required to settle the obligation.

## 27. Trade and other payables

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Indirect taxes payable	194	252
Trade payables	51	98
Deferred consideration on acquisitions	662	1 082
Other payables	100	90
<b>Non-current trade and other payables</b>	<b>1 008</b>	<b>1 522</b>
Trade payables and accrued expenses	17 810	15 898
Payroll and social security payables	1 716	800
Indirect taxes payable	2 457	2 629
Interest payable	1 501	1 625
Consigned packaging	1 050	1 010
Dividends payable	355	427
Deferred income	51	27
Deferred consideration on acquisitions	191	301
Other payables	302	249
<b>Current trade and other payables</b>	<b>25 434</b>	<b>22 965</b>

As at 31 December 2021, deferred consideration on acquisitions is mainly comprised of 0.6 billion US dollar for the put option included in the 2012 shareholders' agreement between Ambev and ELJ, which may result in Ambev acquiring additional shares in Cervecería Nacional Dominicana S.A. ("CND") (31 December 2020: 0.7 billion US dollar). The terms of the shareholders' agreement were amended as described in Note 28 *Risk arising from financial instruments*.

## 28. Risks arising from financial instruments

### FINANCIAL ASSETS AND FINANCIAL LIABILITIES

Set out below is an overview of financial assets<sup>1</sup> and liabilities held by the company as at the dates indicated:

Million US dollar	31 December 2021				31 December 2020				
	At amortized cost	through profit or loss	At fair value	At fair value through OCI	At amortized cost	through profit or loss	At fair value	At fair value through OCI	
			Total				Total		
Trade and other receivables	4 607	-	-	-	4 607	4 493	-	-	4 493
Unquoted debt (debt instruments)	22	-	-	-	22	22	-	-	22
Quoted debt (debt instruments)	-	374	-	-	374	-	396	-	396
Unquoted companies (equity instruments)	-	-	139	139	-	-	115	115	115
<b>Derivatives not designated in hedge accounting relationships:</b>									
Equity swaps	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	27
Interest rate swaps	-	20	-	-	20	-	45	-	45
Cross currency interest rate swaps	-	52	-	-	52	-	7	-	7
<b>Derivatives designated in hedge accounting relationships:</b>									
Foreign exchange forward contracts	-	-	238	238	-	-	480	480	480
Foreign currency futures	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	36	36
Interest rate swaps	-	-	17	17	-	-	35	35	35
Cross currency interest rate swaps	-	-	60	60	-	-	100	100	100
Commodities	-	-	282	282	-	-	235	235	235
<b>Financial assets</b>	<b>4 629</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>5 811</b>	<b>4 515</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1 001</b>	<b>5 991</b>	
Non-current	526	73	115	714	588	79	174	841	
Current	4 103	373	621	5 097	3 927	396	827	5 150	
Trade and other payables	22 074	-	-	22 074	20 807	-	-	20 807	
<b>Interest-bearing loans and borrowings:</b>									
Secured bank loans	628	-	-	628	702	-	-	702	
Unsecured bank loans	106	-	-	106	294	-	-	294	
Unsecured bond issues	85 726	-	-	85 726	93 725	-	-	93 725	
Unsecured other loans	40	-	-	40	83	-	-	83	
Commercial paper	-	-	-	-	1 522	-	-	1 522	
Bank overdrafts	53	-	-	53	5	-	-	5	
Lease liabilities	2 277	-	-	2 277	2 234	-	-	2 234	
<b>Derivatives not designated in hedge accounting relationships:</b>									
Equity swaps	-	5 412	-	5 412	-	5 353	-	5 353	
Cross currency interest rate swaps	-	172	-	172	-	446	-	446	
Foreign exchange forward contracts	-	26	-	26	-	321	-	321	
<b>Derivatives designated in hedge accounting relationships:</b>									
Foreign exchange forward contracts	-	-	103	103	-	-	370	370	370
Foreign currency futures	-	-	37	37	-	-	5	5	5
Cross currency interest rate swaps	-	-	98	98	-	-	264	264	264
Commodities	-	-	35	35	-	-	26	26	26
Equity swaps	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	21	21
Interest rate swaps	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Financial liabilities</b>	<b>110 904</b>	<b>5 610</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>116 790</b>	<b>119 372</b>	<b>6 120</b>	<b>686</b>	<b>126 178</b>	
Non-current	88 182	100	-	88 282	96 748	1 758	-	98 506	
Current	22 722	5 510	276	28 508	22 624	4 362	686	27 672	

<sup>1</sup> Cash and short-term deposits are not included in this overview.

## DERIVATIVES

AB InBev's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks: market risk (including currency risk, fair value interest rate risk, cash flow interest risk, commodity risk and equity risk), credit risk and liquidity risk. The company analyses each of these risks individually as well as on a combined basis and defines strategies to manage the economic impact on the company's performance in line with its financial risk management policy.

AB InBev primarily uses the following derivative instruments: foreign currency rate agreements, exchange traded foreign currency futures, interest rate swaps and forwards, cross currency interest rate swaps ("CCIRS"), commodity swaps, exchange traded commodity futures and equity swaps.

The table below provides an overview of the notional amounts of derivatives outstanding as at the dates indicated by maturity bucket.

Million US dollar	31 December 2021					31 December 2020				
	< 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	> 5 years	< 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	> 5 years
<b>Foreign currency</b>										
Forward exchange contracts	12 599	29	-	-	-	18 505	290	-	-	-
Foreign currency futures	1 617	-	-	-	-	2 218	-	-	-	-
<b>Interest rate</b>										
Interest rate swaps	1 500	1 000	-	-	-	-	1 500	1 000	-	-
Cross currency interest rate swaps	4 614	1 400	1 173	1 573	1 453	513	5 658	1 400	1 866	789
Other interest rate derivatives	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Commodities</b>										
Aluminum swaps	1 241	-	-	-	-	1 184	-	-	-	-
Other commodity derivatives	1 034	-	-	-	-	644	-	-	-	-
<b>Equity</b>										
Equity derivatives	11 469	-	-	-	-	10 234	2 326	-	-	-

## FOREIGN CURRENCY RISK

AB InBev is subject to foreign currency risk when contracts are denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the entity. This includes borrowings, investments, (forecasted) sales, (forecasted) purchases, royalties, dividends, licenses, management fees and interest expense/income. To manage foreign currency risk the company uses mainly foreign currency rate agreements, exchange traded foreign currency futures and cross currency interest rate swaps.

## FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK ON OPERATING ACTIVITIES

AB InBev's policy is to hedge operating transactions which are reasonably expected to occur (e.g. cost of goods sold and selling, general & administrative expenses) within the forecast period determined in the financial risk management policy. Operating transactions that are considered certain to occur are hedged without any time limits. Non-operating transactions (such as acquisitions and disposals of subsidiaries) are hedged as soon as they are highly probable.

The table below shows the company's main net foreign currency positions for firm commitments and forecasted transactions for the most important currency pairs. The open positions are the result of the application of AB InBev's risk management policy. Positive amounts indicate that the company is long (net future cash inflows) in the first currency of the currency pair while negative amounts indicate that the company is short (net future cash outflows) in the first currency of the currency pair. The second currency of the currency pairs listed is the functional currency of the related subsidiary.

Million US dollar	31 December 2021			31 December 2020		
	Total exposure	Total hedges	Open position	Total exposure	Total hedges	Open position
Euro/Canadian dollar	(6)	6	-	(9)	9	-
Euro/Mexican peso	(112)	111	(1)	(106)	102	(4)
Euro/Pound sterling	(124)	112	(12)	(203)	130	(73)
Euro/South African rand	(79)	75	(4)	(95)	65	(30)
Euro/South Korean won	(39)	36	(3)	(40)	38	(2)
Euro/US dollar	(123)	100	(23)	(354)	284	(70)
Mexican peso/Euro	(254)	231	(23)	(249)	146	(103)
Pound sterling/Euro	(14)	22	8	(35)	36	1
US dollar/Argentinian peso	(661)	674	13	(602)	543	(59)
US dollar/Bolivian boliviano	(80)	75	(5)	(64)	56	(8)
US dollar/Brazilian real	(1 846)	1 618	(228)	(1 573)	1 577	4
US dollar/Canadian dollar	(304)	253	(51)	(302)	194	(108)
US dollar/Chilean peso	(171)	162	(9)	(151)	129	(22)
US dollar/Chinese yuan	(123)	116	(7)	(171)	201	30
US dollar/Colombian peso	(476)	434	(42)	(359)	352	(7)
US dollar/Euro	(103)	96	(7)	(98)	96	(2)
US dollar/Mexican peso	(1 236)	1 168	(68)	(1 032)	995	(37)
US dollar/Paraguayan guarani	(153)	139	(14)	(132)	125	(7)
US dollar/Peruvian nuevo sol	(292)	278	(14)	(225)	168	(57)
US dollar/South African rand	(196)	148	(48)	(130)	116	(14)
US dollar/South Korean won	(114)	79	(35)	(71)	70	(1)
US dollar/Uruguayan peso	(42)	42	-	(40)	39	(1)
Others	(323)	207	(116)	(260)	131	(129)

Further analysis on the impact of open currency exposures is performed in the currency sensitivity analysis below.

Hedges of firm commitments and highly probable forecasted transactions denominated in foreign currency are designated as cash flow hedges.

### Foreign exchange risk on foreign currency denominated debt

It is AB InBev's policy to have the debt in the subsidiaries as much as possible linked to the functional currency of the subsidiary. To the extent this is not the case, foreign exchange risk is managed using derivatives unless the cost to hedge outweighs the benefits. Interest rate decisions and currency mix of debt and cash are decided on a global basis and take into consideration the holistic risk management approach.

A description of the foreign currency risk hedging of debt instruments issued in a currency other than the functional currency of the subsidiary is further detailed in the *Interest Rate Risk* section below.

## Currency sensitivity analysis

### Currency transactional risk

Most of AB InBev's non-derivative financial instruments are either denominated in the functional currency of the subsidiary or are converted into the functional currency through the use of derivatives. Where illiquidity in the local market prevents hedging at a reasonable cost, the company can have open positions. The transactional foreign currency risk mainly arises from open positions in Brazilian real, Mexican Peso, Canadian dollar and South African rand against the US dollar and the euro. AB InBev estimated the reasonably possible change of exchange rate, on the basis of the average volatility on the open currency pairs, as follows:

	2021		
	Closing rate 31 December 2021	Possible closing rate <sup>1</sup>	Volatility of rates in %
Euro/Mexican peso	23.31	21.04 - 25.59	9.75%
Euro/Pound sterling	0.84	0.80 - 0.88	5.15%
Euro/South Korean won	1 345.90	1 273.31 - 1 418.48	5.39%
Euro/US dollar	1.13	1.07 - 1.20	5.58%
Pound sterling/US dollar	1.35	1.26 - 1.43	6.36%
US dollar/Argentinian peso	102.75	99.72 - 105.78	2.95%
US dollar/Brazilian real	5.58	4.68 - 6.48	16.07%
US dollar/Canadian dollar	1.27	1.19 - 1.35	6.54%
US dollar/Chinese yuan	6.35	6.06 - 6.64	4.55%
US dollar/Colombian peso	3 977.14	3 568.65 - 4 385.62	10.27%
US dollar/Euro	0.88	0.83 - 0.93	5.58%
US dollar/Mexican peso	20.58	18.38 - 22.79	10.71%
US dollar/Nigerian naira	424.89	379.56 - 470.22	10.67%
US dollar/Peruvian nuevo sol	3.98	3.60 - 4.35	9.53%
US dollar/South African rand	15.95	13.74 - 18.15	13.82%
US dollar/South Korean won	1 188.32	1 092.29 - 1 284.36	8.08%
US dollar/Tanzanian shilling	2 305.28	2 236.69 - 2 373.88	2.98%
US dollar/Zambian kwacha	16.67	13.41 - 19.93	19.58%
	2020		
	Closing rate 31 December 2020	Possible closing rate <sup>2</sup>	Volatility of rates in %
Euro/Mexican peso	24.48	19.38 - 29.58	20.83%
Euro/Pound sterling	0.90	0.82 - 0.98	9.09%
Euro/South Korean won	1 335.11	1 218.41 - 1 451.81	8.74%
Euro/US dollar	1.23	1.13 - 1.32	7.75%
Pound sterling/US dollar	1.36	1.22 - 1.51	10.79%
US dollar/Argentinian peso	84.14	74.55 - 93.73	11.40%
US dollar/Brazilian real	5.20	4.13 - 6.26	20.51%
US dollar/Canadian dollar	1.27	1.17 - 1.38	8.25%
US dollar/Chinese yuan	6.54	6.25 - 6.82	4.34%
US dollar/Colombian peso	3 438.52	2 908.55 - 3 968.50	15.41%
US dollar/Euro	0.81	0.75 - 0.88	7.75%
US dollar/Mexican peso	19.95	16.19 - 23.71	18.83%
US dollar/Nigerian naira	397.72	345.23 - 450.21	13.20%
US dollar/Peruvian nuevo sol	3.62	3.37 - 3.87	6.95%
US dollar/South African rand	14.69	12.19 - 17.18	16.99%
US dollar/South Korean won	1 088.02	1 000.21 - 1 175.84	8.07%
US dollar/Tanzanian shilling	2 321.74	2 205.30 - 2 438.18	5.02%
US dollar/Zambian kwacha	21.16	18.44 - 23.89	12.89%

In case the open positions in Brazilian real, Mexican Peso, Canadian dollar and South African rand as of 31 December 2021 remain unchanged, considering the volatility mentioned above and all other variables held constant, these currencies could lead to an increase/decrease on the consolidated profit before tax from continuing operations of approximately 54m US dollar over the next 12 months (31 December 2020: 30m US dollar considering the open positions in Mexican peso, Canadian dollar, Argentinean peso and Pound sterling).

<sup>1</sup> Sensitivity analysis is assessed based on the yearly volatility using daily observable market data during 250 days at 31 December 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Sensitivity analysis is assessed based on the yearly volatility using daily observable market data during 250 days at 31 December 2020.

Additionally, the AB InBev sensitivity analysis<sup>1</sup> to the foreign exchange rates on its total derivatives positions as of 31 December 2021, shows a positive/negative pre-tax impact on equity reserves of 604m US dollar (31 December 2020: 850m US dollar).

#### Foreign exchange risk on net investments in foreign operations

AB InBev mitigates exposures of its investments in foreign operations using both derivative and non-derivative financial instruments as hedging instruments.

As of 31 December 2021, designated derivative and non-derivative financial instruments in net investment hedges amount to 11 921m US dollar equivalent (31 December 2020: 9 691m US dollar) in Holding companies and approximately 589m US dollar equivalent at Ambev level (31 December 2020: 671m US dollar). These instruments hedge foreign operations with Canadian dollar, Chinese yuan, Dominican peso, euro, Mexican peso, pound sterling, South African rand, South Korean won, Nigerian Naira and US dollar functional currencies.

#### Net foreign exchange results

Foreign exchange results recognized on unhedged and hedged exposures are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Economic hedges	717	(181)
Other results - not hedged	(801)	195
	(84)	14

### INTEREST RATE RISK

The company applies a dynamic interest rate hedging approach whereby the target mix between fixed and floating rate debt is reviewed periodically. The purpose of AB InBev's policy is to achieve an optimal balance between the cost of funding and the volatility of financial results, while taking into account market conditions as well as AB InBev's overall business strategy.

#### Fair value hedges

##### US dollar fixed rate bond hedges (interest rate risk on borrowings in US dollar)

The company manages and reduces the impact of changes in the US dollar interest rates on the fair value of certain fixed rate bonds with an aggregate principal amount of 1.0 billion US dollar through fixed/floating interest rate swaps. These derivative instruments have been designated in fair value hedge accounting relationships.

#### Cash flow hedges

##### Pound sterling bond hedges (foreign currency risk and interest rate risk on borrowings in pound sterling)

In September 2013, the company issued a pound sterling bond for 500m pound sterling at a rate of 4.00% per year and maturing in September 2025. The impact of changes in the pound sterling exchange rate and interest rate on this bond is managed and reduced through pound sterling fixed/euro fixed cross currency interest rate swaps. These derivative instruments have been designated in a cash flow hedge accounting.

##### US dollar bank loan hedges (foreign currency risk on borrowings against the Nigerian naira)

The company has a floating rate loan denominated in US dollar for a total of 268m in Nigeria. This loan is held by an entity with functional currency in Nigerian Naira. In order to hedge against fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, the company entered into foreign exchange futures which have been designated in cash flow hedge relationship.

#### Economic Hedges

##### Marketable debt security hedges (interest rate risk on Brazilian real)

During 2021 and 2020, Ambev invested in highly liquid Brazilian real denominated government debt securities.

### Interest rate sensitivity analysis

The table below reflects the effective interest rates of interest-bearing financial liabilities at balance sheet date as well as the currency in which the debt is denominated.

31 December 2021 Interest-bearing financial liabilities Million US dollar	Before hedging		After hedging	
	Effective interest rate	Amount	Effective interest rate	Amount
<b>Floating rate</b>				
Australian dollar	1.03%	218	-	-
Canadian dollar	-	-	1.21%	2 043
Euro	-	1 113	-	1 113
Pound sterling	-	-	1.05%	1 002
South Korean won	-	-	1.67%	502
US dollar	1.67%	463	-	-
Other	7.22%	516	5.99%	1 504
		<b>2 310</b>		<b>6 164</b>
<b>Fixed rate</b>				
Australian dollar	4.12%	324	-	-
Brazilian real	7.21%	420	7.21%	420
Canadian dollar	4.11%	626	4.29%	3 158
Euro	2.27%	21 654	2.11%	27 553
Pound sterling	4.35%	3 611	4.43%	2 937
South Korean won	3.85%	32	0.87%	1 695
US dollar	4.93%	59 399	5.41%	46 288
Other	11.42%	454	8.80%	615
		<b>86 520</b>		<b>82 666</b>
31 December 2020 Interest-bearing financial liabilities Million US dollar	Before hedging		After hedging	
	Effective interest rate	Amount	Effective interest rate	Amount
<b>Floating rate</b>				
Australian dollar	0.99%	231	-	-
Brazilian real	3.90%	164	3.90%	164
Canadian dollar	-	-	1.23%	1 895
Euro	0.15%	2 690	0.15%	2 690
Pound sterling	-	-	1.10%	937
US dollar	1.05%	617	1.13%	201
Other	7.30%	260	7.90%	573
		<b>3 962</b>		<b>6 461</b>
<b>Fixed rate</b>				
Australian dollar	3.91%	846	-	-
Brazilian real	8.58%	578	8.58%	578
Canadian dollar	4.12%	613	4.29%	2 646
Euro	2.12%	26 092	2.15%	35 515
Pound sterling	4.30%	3 655	4.36%	2 973
South Korean won	-	-	1.30%	1 997
US dollar	4.91%	62 340	5.30%	47 892
Other	11.96%	479	11.72%	502
		<b>94 602</b>		<b>92 103</b>

As at 31 December 2021, the total carrying amount of the floating and fixed rate interest-bearing financial liabilities before hedging as listed above includes bank overdrafts of 53m US dollar (31 December 2020: 5m US dollar).

As disclosed in the above table, 6 164m US dollar or 6.9% of the company's interest-bearing financial liabilities bears interest at a variable rate. The company estimated that the reasonably possible change of the market interest rates applicable to its floating rate debt after hedging is as follows:

	Interest rate 31 December 2021 <sup>1</sup>	Possible interest rate <sup>2</sup>	Volatility of rates in %
Brazilian real	8.88%	7.85% - 9.91%	11.58%
Euro	-	-	10.64%
US dollar	0.21%	0.11% - 0.31%	48.10%

	Interest rate 31 December 2020 <sup>1</sup>	Possible interest rate <sup>2</sup>	Volatility of rates in %
Brazilian real	2.09%	1.74% - 2.44%	16.77%
Euro	-	-	16.83%
US dollar	0.24%	0.10% - 0.38%	58.30%

When AB InBev applies the reasonably possible increase/decrease in the market interest rates mentioned above on its floating rate debt at 31 December 2021, with all other variables held constant, 2021 interest expense would have been 8m US dollar higher/lower (31 December 2020: 3m US dollar). This effect would be more than offset by 44m US dollar higher/lower interest income on AB InBev's interest-bearing financial assets (31 December 2020: 58m US dollar).

### Interest expense

Interest expense recognized on unhedged and hedged financial liabilities are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost – not hedged	(3 836)	(4 154)
Fair value hedges	(6)	(1)
Cash flow hedges	17	19
Net investment hedges - hedging instruments (interest component)	-	2
Economic hedges	141	118
	<b>(3 684)</b>	<b>(4 016)</b>

### COMMODITY PRICE RISK

The commodity markets have experienced and are expected to continue to experience price fluctuations. AB InBev therefore uses both fixed price purchasing contracts and commodity derivatives to manage the exposure to the price volatility. The most significant commodity exposures as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020 are included in the table below (expressed in outstanding notional amounts):

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Aluminum swaps	1 241	1 184
Exchange traded sugar futures	85	74
Natural gas and energy derivatives	350	202
Corn swaps	292	160
Exchange traded wheat futures	129	83
Rice swaps	85	76
Plastic derivatives	93	50
	<b>2 274</b>	<b>1 828</b>

### Commodity price sensitivity analysis

The impact of changes in the commodity prices would not have had a material impact on AB InBev's profit in 2021 as most of the company's exposure is hedged using derivative contracts and designated in hedge accounting in accordance with IFRS 9 rules.

<sup>1</sup> Applicable 3-month InterBank Offered Rates as of 30 December 2021 and as of 31 December 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Sensitivity analysis is assessed based on the yearly volatility using daily observable market data during 250 days at 30 December 2021 and at December 2020. For the Brazilian real floating rate debt, the estimated market interest rate is composed of the InterBank Deposit Certificate ('CDI') and the Long-Term Interest Rate ('TJLP'). With regard to other market interest rates, the company's analysis is based on the 3-month InterBank Offered Rates applicable for the currencies concerned (e.g. EURIBOR 3M, LIBOR 3M). The sensitive analysis does not include any spread applicable to the company's funding.

The tables below show the estimated impact that changes in the price of the commodities, for which AB InBev held material derivative exposures as at 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, would have on the equity reserves.

Million US dollar	Volatility of prices in % <sup>1</sup>	2021	
		Pre-tax impact on equity Prices increase	Prices decrease
Aluminum	23.09%	287	(287)
Sugar	26.39%	22	(22)
Energy	25.88%	91	(91)
Corn	23.26%	68	(68)
Wheat	29.24%	38	(38)
Rice	15.96%	14	(14)
Plastic	28.68%	27	(27)

Million US dollar	Volatility of prices in % <sup>2</sup>	2020	
		Pre-tax impact on equity Prices increase	Prices decrease
Aluminum	14.96%	177	(177)
Sugar	31.48%	23	(23)
Energy	47.08%	95	(95)
Corn	32.84%	52	(52)
Wheat	25.30%	21	(21)
Rice	46.17%	35	(35)
Plastic	26.74%	13	(13)

## EQUITY PRICE RISK

AB InBev enters into equity swap derivatives to hedge the price risk on its shares in connection with its share-based payments programs, as disclosed in Note 26 *Share-based Payments*. AB InBev also hedges its exposure arising from shares issued in connection with the Modelo and SAB combination (see also Note 11 *Finance cost and income*). These derivatives do not qualify for hedge accounting and the changes in fair value are recorded in the profit or loss.

As at 31 December 2021, an exposure for an equivalent of 100.5m of AB InBev shares was hedged, resulting in a total loss of (48)m US dollar recognized in the profit or loss account for the period, of which (23)m US dollar related to the company's share-based payment programs, (13)m US dollar and (12)m US dollar related to the Modelo and SAB transactions respectively. As at 31 December 2021 liabilities for equity swap derivatives amounted to 5.4 billion US dollar (31 December 2020: 5.4 billion US dollar).

### Equity price sensitivity analysis

The sensitivity analysis on the equity swap derivatives, calculated based on a 26.51% (2020: 53.87%) reasonably possible volatility of the AB InBev share price, with all the other variables held constant, would show 1 604m US dollar positive/negative impact on the 2021 profit before tax (31 December 2020: 3 787m US dollar).

## CREDIT RISK

Credit risk encompasses all forms of counterparty exposure, i.e. where counterparties may default on their obligations to AB InBev in relation to lending, hedging, settlement and other financial activities. The company has a credit policy in place and the exposure to counterparty credit risk is monitored.

AB InBev mitigates its exposure through a variety of mechanisms. It has established minimum counterparty credit ratings and enters into transactions only with financial institutions of investment grade rating. The company monitors counterparty credit exposures closely and reviews any external downgrade in credit rating immediately. To mitigate pre-settlement risk, counterparty minimum credit standards become more stringent with increases in the duration of the derivatives. To minimize the concentration of counterparty credit risk, the company enters into derivative transactions with different financial institutions.

The company also has master netting agreements with all of the financial institutions that are counterparties to over the counter (OTC) derivatives. These agreements allow for the net settlement of assets and liabilities arising from different

<sup>1</sup> Sensitivity analysis is assessed based on the yearly volatility using daily observable market data during 250 days at 31 December 2021.

<sup>2</sup> Sensitivity analysis is assessed based on the yearly volatility using daily observable market data during 250 days at 31 December 2020.

transactions with the same counterparty. Based on these factors, AB InBev considers the impact of the risk of counterparty default as at 31 December 2021 to be limited.

The impairment loss recognized in 2020 included AB InBev's estimate of overdue receivables the company would not be able to collect from defaulting customers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Exposure to credit risk

The carrying amount of financial assets represents the maximum credit exposure of the company. The carrying amount is presented net of the impairment losses recognized. The maximum exposure to credit risk at the reporting date was:

Million US dollar	31 December 2021			31 December 2020		
	Gross	Impairment	Net carrying amount	Gross	Impairment	Net carrying amount
Investment in unquoted companies	145	(6)	139	121	(6)	115
Investment in debt securities	396	-	396	418	-	418
Trade receivables	3 796	(331)	3 465	3 593	(308)	3 285
Cash deposits for guarantees	168	-	168	184	-	184
Loans to customers	117	-	117	142	-	142
Other receivables	1 272	(65)	1 207	1 299	(62)	1 237
Derivatives	669	-	669	965	-	965
Cash and cash equivalents	12 097	-	12 097	15 252	-	15 252
	<b>18 660</b>	<b>(402)</b>	<b>18 258</b>	<b>21 974</b>	<b>(376)</b>	<b>21 598</b>

There was no significant concentration of credit risks with any single counterparty as of 31 December 2021 and no single customer represented more than 10% of the total revenue of the group in 2021.

### Impairment losses

The allowance for impairment recognized during the period per classes of financial assets was as follows:

Million US dollar	2021			
	Trade receivables	FVOCI	Other receivables	Total
<b>Balance at 1 January</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(376)</b>
Impairment losses	(34)	-	(3)	(37)
Derecognition	29	-	1	30
Currency translation and other	(18)	-	(1)	(19)
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>(331)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(65)</b>	<b>(402)</b>
2020				
Million US dollar	Trade receivables	FVOCI	Other receivables	Total
<b>Balance at 1 January</b>	<b>(173)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(103)</b>	<b>(283)</b>
Impairment losses	(93)	-	(6)	(99)
Derecognition	7	-	42	49
Currency translation and other	(50)	-	4	(46)
<b>Balance at 31 December</b>	<b>(308)</b>	<b>(6)</b>	<b>(62)</b>	<b>(376)</b>

### LIQUIDITY RISK

Historically, AB InBev's primary sources of cash flow have been cash flows from operating activities, the issuance of debt, bank borrowings and equity securities. AB InBev's material cash requirements have included the following:

- Debt servicing;
- Capital expenditures;
- Investments in companies;
- Increases in ownership of AB InBev's subsidiaries or companies in which it holds equity investments;
- Share buyback programs; and
- Payments of dividends and interest on shareholders' equity.

The company believes that cash flows from operating activities, available cash and cash equivalents as well as short term investments, along with related derivatives and access to borrowing facilities, will be sufficient to fund capital expenditures, financial instrument liabilities and dividend payments going forward. It is the intention of the company to continue to reduce its financial indebtedness through a combination of strong operating cash flow generation and continued refinancing.

The following are the nominal contractual maturities of non-derivative financial liabilities including interest payments and derivative liabilities:

Million US dollar	Carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	Contractual cash flows	31 December 2021				
			Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>							
Secured bank loans	(628)	(636)	(551)	(53)	(5)	(9)	(18)
Unsecured bank loans	(106)	(106)	(106)	-	-	-	-
Unsecured bond issues	(85 726)	(152 064)	(3 479)	(3 596)	(6 192)	(13 800)	(124 997)
Unsecured other loans	(40)	(84)	(11)	(48)	(5)	(4)	(16)
Lease liabilities	(2 277)	(2 429)	(497)	(470)	(337)	(450)	(675)
Bank overdraft	(53)	(53)	(53)	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	(26 442)	(26 643)	(25 424)	(314)	(507)	(96)	(302)
	<b>(115 272)</b>	<b>(182 015)</b>	<b>(30 121)</b>	<b>(4 481)</b>	<b>(7 046)</b>	<b>(14 359)</b>	<b>(126 008)</b>
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>							
Foreign exchange derivatives	(166)	(166)	(166)	-	-	-	-
Cross currency interest rate swaps	(273)	(293)	(147)	(35)	(32)	(56)	(23)
Commodity derivatives	(34)	(34)	(34)	-	-	-	-
Equity derivatives	(5 412)	(5 420)	(5 420)	-	-	-	-
	<b>(5 885)</b>	<b>(5 913)</b>	<b>(5 767)</b>	<b>(35)</b>	<b>(32)</b>	<b>(56)</b>	<b>(23)</b>
Of which: related to cash flow hedges	<b>(203)</b>	<b>(203)</b>	<b>(170)</b>	-	-	<b>(29)</b>	<b>(4)</b>
Million US dollar	Carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	Contractual cash flows	31 December 2020				
			Less than 1 year	1-2 years	2-3 years	3-5 years	More than 5 years
<b>Non-derivative financial liabilities</b>							
Secured bank loans	(702)	(735)	(675)	(14)	(12)	(10)	(24)
Commercial papers	(1 522)	(1 522)	(1 522)	-	-	-	-
Unsecured bank loans	(294)	(299)	(299)	-	-	-	-
Unsecured bond issues	(93 725)	(165 812)	(3 582)	(4 057)	(3 823)	(16 557)	(137 793)
Unsecured other loans	(83)	(115)	(13)	(8)	(6)	(57)	(31)
Lease liabilities	(2 234)	(2 455)	(460)	(425)	(315)	(424)	(831)
Bank overdraft	(5)	(5)	(5)	-	-	-	-
Trade and other payables	(24 496)	(24 688)	(22 906)	(1 103)	(135)	(197)	(347)
	<b>(123 061)</b>	<b>(195 631)</b>	<b>(29 462)</b>	<b>(5 607)</b>	<b>(4 291)</b>	<b>(17 245)</b>	<b>(139 026)</b>
<b>Derivative financial liabilities</b>							
Foreign exchange derivatives	(696)	(696)	(696)	-	-	-	-
Cross currency interest rate swaps	(709)	(852)	(8)	(575)	(98)	(132)	(39)
Commodity derivatives	(26)	(26)	(26)	-	-	-	-
Equity derivatives	(5 373)	(5 372)	(4 455)	(917)	-	-	-
	<b>(6 803)</b>	<b>(6 946)</b>	<b>(5 184)</b>	<b>(1 492)</b>	<b>(98)</b>	<b>(132)</b>	<b>(39)</b>
Of which: related to cash flow hedges	<b>(418)</b>	<b>(418)</b>	<b>(353)</b>	-	-	<b>(65)</b>	-

<sup>1</sup> "Carrying amount" refers to net book value as recognized in the balance sheet at each reporting date.

## CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

AB InBev continuously optimizes its capital structure to maximize shareholder value while keeping the financial flexibility to execute strategic projects. AB InBev's capital structure policy and framework aims to optimize shareholder value through cash flow distribution to the company from its subsidiaries, while maintaining an investment-grade rating and minimizing investments with returns below AB InBev's weighted average cost of capital. Besides the statutory minimum equity funding requirements that apply to the company's subsidiaries in the different countries, AB InBev is not subject to any externally imposed capital requirements. Management uses the same debt/equity classifications as applied in the company's IFRS reporting to analyze the capital structure.

## FAIR VALUE

The following table summarizes for each type of derivative the fair values recognized as assets or liabilities in the balance sheet:

Million US dollar	Assets		Liabilities		Net	
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>Foreign currency</b>						
Forward exchange contracts	238	480	(129)	(691)	109	(211)
Foreign currency futures	-	36	(37)	(5)	(37)	31
<b>Interest rate</b>						
Interest rate swaps	38	80	-	-	38	80
Cross currency interest rate swaps	111	107	(273)	(709)	(162)	(602)
<b>Commodities</b>						
Aluminum swaps	178	170	(20)	(10)	158	160
Sugar futures	13	10	-	-	13	10
Energy	29	9	(2)	(7)	27	2
Other commodity derivatives	62	46	(13)	(8)	50	37
<b>Equity</b>						
Equity derivatives	-	27	(5 412)	(5 373)	(5 412)	(5 346)
	<b>669</b>	<b>965</b>	<b>(5 886)</b>	<b>(6 804)</b>	<b>(5 216)</b>	<b>(5 839)</b>
<b>Of which:</b>						
Non-current	48	138	(100)	(1 759)	(52)	(1 621)
Current	621	827	(5 786)	(5 046)	(5 164)	(4 218)

The following table summarizes the carrying amount and the fair value of the fixed rate interest-bearing financial liabilities as recognized on the balance sheet. Floating rate interest-bearing financial liabilities, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables, including derivatives financial instruments, have been excluded from the analysis as their carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of their fair value:

Interest-bearing financial liabilities Million US dollar	31 December 2021		31 December 2020	
	Carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	Fair value	Carrying amount <sup>1</sup>	Fair value
<b>Fixed rate</b>				
Australian dollar	(324)	(366)	(846)	(964)
Brazilian real	(420)	(419)	(578)	(578)
Canadian dollar	(626)	(605)	(613)	(633)
Euro	(21 654)	(23 801)	(26 092)	(29 809)
Pound sterling	(3 611)	(3 913)	(3 655)	(4 301)
US dollar	(59 399)	(75 261)	(62 340)	(81 771)
Other	(486)	(471)	(479)	(480)
	<b>(86 520)</b>	<b>(104 836)</b>	<b>(94 602)</b>	<b>(118 536)</b>

<sup>1</sup> "Carrying amount" refers to net book value as recognized in the balance sheet at each reporting date.

The table sets out the fair value hierarchy based on the degree to which significant market inputs are observable:

Fair value hierarchy 31 December 2021 Million US dollar	Quoted (unadjusted) prices - level 1	Observable market inputs - level 2	Unobservable market inputs - level 3
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Held for trading (non-derivatives)	-	9	-
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	-	155	-
Derivatives in a cash flow hedge relationship	58	352	-
Derivatives in a fair value hedge relationship	-	17	-
Derivatives in a net investment hedge relationship	-	87	-
	<b>58</b>	<b>620</b>	-
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Deferred consideration on acquisitions at fair value	-	-	832
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	-	5 611	-
Derivatives in a cash flow hedge relationship	52	141	-
Derivatives in a net investment hedge relationship	-	82	-
	<b>52</b>	<b>5 834</b>	<b>832</b>
Fair value hierarchy 31 December 2020 Million US dollar	Quoted (unadjusted) prices - level 1	Observable market inputs - level 2	Unobservable market inputs - level 3
<b>Financial Assets</b>			
Held for trading (non-derivatives)	-	11	-
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	-	457	-
Derivatives in a cash flow hedge relationship	29	343	-
Derivatives in a fair value hedge relationship	-	80	-
Derivatives in a net investment hedge relationship	-	57	-
	<b>29</b>	<b>948</b>	-
<b>Financial Liabilities</b>			
Deferred consideration on acquisitions at fair value	-	-	1 251
Derivatives at fair value through profit and loss	-	6 119	-
Derivatives in a cash flow hedge relationship	46	353	-
Derivatives in a net investment hedge relationship	-	287	-
	<b>46</b>	<b>6 759</b>	<b>1 251</b>

#### Non-derivative financial liabilities

As part of the 2012 shareholders agreement between Ambev and ELJ, following the acquisition of Cervecería Nacional Dominicana S.A. ("CND"), a forward-purchase contract (combination of a put option and purchased call option) was put in place which may result in Ambev acquiring additional shares in CND. In July 2020, Ambev and ELJ amended the Shareholders' Agreement to extend their partnership and change the terms and the exercise date of the call and put options. ELJ currently holds 15% of CND and the put option is exercisable in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2026. As at 31 December 2021, the put option on the remaining shares held by ELJ was valued at 589m US dollar (31 December 2020: 671m US dollar) and recognized as a deferred consideration on acquisitions at fair value in the "level 3" category above.

#### HEDGING RESERVES

The company's hedging reserves disclosed in Note 22 relate to the following instruments:

Million US dollar	Foreign currency	Commodities	Others	Total hedging reserves
<b>As per 1 January 2021</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>376</b>
Change in fair value of hedging instrument recognized in OCI	766	123	-	888
Reclassified to profit or loss / cost of inventory	(107)	(703)	27	(783)
<b>As per 31 December 2021</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>(306)</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>481</b>
Million US dollar	Foreign currency	Commodities	Others	Total hedging reserves
<b>As per 1 January 2020</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>397</b>
Change in fair value of hedging instrument recognized in OCI	353	31	-	384
Reclassified to profit or loss / cost of inventory	(507)	126	(23)	(404)
<b>As per 31 December 2020</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>376</b>

## OFFSETTING FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The following financial assets and liabilities are subject to offsetting, enforceable master netting agreements and similar agreements:

Million US dollar	December 2021		
	Gross amount	Net amount recognized in the statement of financial position <sup>1</sup>	Other offsetting agreements <sup>2</sup>
Derivative assets	670	670	(651)
Derivative liabilities	(5 886)	(5 886)	651

Million US dollar	31 December 2020		
	Gross amount	Net amount recognized in the statement of financial position <sup>1</sup>	Other offsetting agreements <sup>2</sup>
Derivative assets	965	965	(954)
Derivative liabilities	(6 804)	(6 804)	954

## 29. Collateral and contractual commitments for the acquisition of property, plant and equipment, loans to customers and other

Million US dollar	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Collateral given for own liabilities	310	391
Contractual commitments to purchase property, plant and equipment	449	528
Contractual commitments to acquire loans to associates/customers	142	150
Other commitments	1 943	1 953

The collateral given for own liabilities of 310m US dollar as at 31 December 2021 contains 168m US dollar cash guarantees (31 December 2020: 391m US dollar collateral given for own liabilities contained 184m US dollar of cash guarantees). Such cash deposits are a customary feature associated with litigations in Brazil: in accordance with Brazilian laws and regulations a company may or must (depending on the circumstances) place a deposit with a bank designated by the court or provide other security such as collateral on property, plant and equipment. With regard to judicial cases, AB InBev has made the appropriate provisions in accordance with IAS 37 *Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets* – see also Note 26 *Provisions*. In the company's balance sheet, the cash guarantees are presented as part of other receivables – see Note 19 *Trade and other receivables*. The remaining part of collateral given for own liabilities of 142m US dollar as at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: 207m US dollar) contains collateral on AB InBev's property in favor of the excise tax authorities, the amount of which is determined by the level of the monthly excise taxes due, inventory levels and transportation risk, and collateral on its property, plant and equipment with regard to outstanding loans. To the extent that AB InBev would not respect its obligations under the related outstanding contracts or would lose the pending judicial cases, the collateralized assets would be used to settle AB InBev's obligations.

AB InBev has entered into commitments to purchase property, plant and equipment for 449m US dollar at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: 528m US dollar).

In a limited number of countries AB InBev has committed itself to acquire loans to associates/customers from banks at their notional amount if the associates/customers do not respect their reimbursement commitments towards the banks. The total outstanding amount of such loans is 142m US dollar at 31 December 2021 (31 December 2020: 150m US dollar).

Other commitments amount to 1 943m US dollar at 31 December 2021 and mainly cover guarantees given to pension funds, rental and other guarantees (31 December 2020: 1 953m US dollar).

In order to fulfil AB InBev's commitments under various outstanding stock option plans, AB InBev entered into stock lending arrangements for up to 30 million of its own ordinary shares. AB InBev shall pay any dividend equivalent, after tax in respect of the loaned securities. This payment will be reported through equity as dividend. As of 31 December 2021, 30 million loaned securities were used to fulfil stock option plan commitments.

<sup>1</sup> Net amount recognized in the statement of financial position after taking into account offsetting agreements that meet the offsetting criteria as per IFRS rules.

<sup>2</sup> Other offsetting agreements include collateral and other guarantee instruments, as well as offsetting agreements that do not meet the offsetting criteria as per IFRS rules.

As at 31 December 2021, the M&A related commitments existed as discussed below.

#### **Cervecería Nacional Dominicana S.A. (“CND”)**

As part of the 2012 shareholders agreement between Ambev and E. León Jimenes S.A. (“ELJ”), following the acquisition of Cervecería Nacional Dominicana S.A. (“CND”), a put and call option is in place which may result in Ambev acquiring additional shares in CND. In January 2018 Ambev increased its participation in CND from 55% to 85%. As of 31 December 2021, the put option for the remaining shares held by ELJ was valued 0.6 billion US dollar (31 December 2020: 0.7 billion US dollar). The corresponding liability is presented as a non-current liability and recognized as a deferred consideration on acquisitions at fair value in “level 3” category. See also note 28 *Risks arising from financial instruments*.

### **30. Contingencies**

The company has contingencies for which, in the opinion of management and its legal counsel, the risk of loss is possible but not probable and therefore no provisions have been recorded. Due to their nature, such legal proceedings and tax matters involve inherent uncertainties including, but not limited to, court rulings, negotiations between affected parties and governmental actions, and as a consequence AB InBev’s management cannot at this stage estimate the likely timing of resolution of these matters. The most significant contingencies are discussed below. Amounts have been converted to US dollar at the closing rate of the respective period.

#### **AMBEV TAX MATTERS**

As of 31 December 2021 and 31 December 2020, AB InBev’s material tax proceedings are related to Ambev and its subsidiaries. Estimates of amounts of possible loss are as follows:

<b>Million US dollar</b>	<b>31 December 2021</b>	<b>31 December 2020</b>
Income tax and social contribution	9 723	10 372
Value-added and excise taxes	4 285	4 483
Other taxes	663	727
	<b>14 671</b>	<b>15 582</b>

The most significant tax proceedings of Ambev are discussed below.

#### **INCOME TAX AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION**

##### *Foreign Earnings*

Since 2005, Ambev and certain of its subsidiaries have been receiving assessments from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities relating to the profits of its foreign subsidiaries. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels of the courts in Brazil.

The administrative proceedings have resulted in partially favorable decisions, which are still subject to review by the Administrative Court. In the judicial proceedings, Ambev has received favorable injunctions that suspend the enforceability of the tax credit, as well as favorable first level decisions, which remain subject to review by the second-level judicial court.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 7.5 billion Brazilian real (1.3 billion US dollar) and Ambev has not recorded any provisions in connection therewith as it considers the chance of loss to be possible. For proceedings where it considers the chance of loss to be probable, Ambev has recorded a provision in the total amount of 54 million Brazilian real (10 million US dollar).

##### *Goodwill InBev Holding*

In December 2011, Ambev received a tax assessment related to the goodwill amortization resulting from the InBev Holding Brasil S.A. merger with Ambev. At the administrative level, Ambev received partially favorable decisions at both the Lower and Upper Administrative Court. Ambev filed judicial proceedings to discuss the unfavorable portion of the decisions of the Lower and the Upper Administrative Court and requested injunctions to suspend the enforceability of the remaining tax credit, which were granted.

In June 2016, Ambev received a new tax assessment charging the remaining value of the goodwill amortization and filed a defense. Ambev received partially favorable decisions at the first level administrative court and Lower Administrative Court. Ambev filed a Special Appeal which was partially admitted and awaits judgment by the Upper Administrative Court. For the unfavorable portion of the decision which became final at the administrative level, Ambev filed a judicial proceeding requesting an injunction to suspend the enforceability of the remaining tax credit, which was granted.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 10.4 billion Brazilian real (1.9 billion US dollar) and Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chances of loss to be possible. In the event Ambev is required to pay these amounts, AB InBev will reimburse the amount proportional to the benefit received by AB InBev pursuant to the merger protocol as well as the related costs.

#### *Goodwill Beverage Associate Holding (BAH)*

In October 2013, Ambev received a tax assessment related to the goodwill amortization resulting from the merger of Beverage Associates Holding Limited ("BAH") into Ambev. The decision from the first level administrative court was unfavorable to Ambev. Ambev filed an appeal to the Lower Administrative Court against the decision, which was partially granted. Ambev and the tax authorities filed Special Appeals to the Upper Administrative Court, which are awaiting judgment.

In April and August 2018, Ambev received new tax assessments charging the remaining value of the goodwill amortization and filed defenses. In April 2019, the first level administrative court rendered unfavorable decisions to Ambev. As a result thereof, Ambev appealed to the Lower Administrative Court. In November and December 2019, Ambev received partially favorable decisions at the Lower Administrative Court and filed Special Appeals to the Upper Administrative Court. The Special Appeals filed in both tax assessments are awaiting judgment by the Upper Administrative Court.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 2.3 billion Brazilian real (0.4 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

#### *Goodwill CND Holdings*

In November 2017, Ambev received a tax assessment related to the goodwill amortization in calendar years 2012 to 2016 resulting from the merger of CND Holdings into Ambev. The decision from the first level administrative court was unfavorable to Ambev. Ambev filed an appeal to the Lower Administrative Court. In February 2020, the Lower Administrative Court rendered a partially favorable decision. Ambev and the tax authorities filed Special Appeals to the Upper Administrative Court. The Special Appeal filed by Ambev was partially admitted and is awaiting judgment.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 0.9 billion Brazilian real (0.2 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chances of loss to be possible.

#### *Disallowance of financial expenses*

In 2015, 2016 and 2020, Ambev received tax assessments related to the disallowance of alleged non-deductible expenses and the deduction of certain losses mainly associated to financial investments and loans. Ambev presented defenses and, in November 2019, received a favorable decision at the first level administrative court regarding the 2016 case, which is subject to mandatory review by the Lower Administrative Court. In June 2021, Ambev received a partially favorable decision for the 2020 case at the first level administrative court and filed an appeal to the Lower Administrative Court. The favorable portion of the decision is also subject to mandatory review by the Lower Administrative Court. The 2015 case is still pending decision by the first level administrative court.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 5.0 billion Brazilian real (0.9 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

#### *Disallowance of tax paid abroad*

Since 2014, Ambev has been receiving tax assessments from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities, for calendar years as of 2007, related to the disallowance of deductions associated with alleged unproven taxes paid abroad by its subsidiaries and has been filing defenses. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels. In November 2019, the Lower Administrative Court rendered a favorable decision to Ambev in one of the cases (related to the 2010 tax period), which became definitive.

In January 2020, the Lower Administrative Court rendered unfavorable decisions regarding four of these assessments related to the periods of 2015 and 2016. In these cases, Ambev filed Special Appeals to the Upper Administrative Court which are pending judgment. With respect to the cases related to the periods of 2015 and 2016, tax assessments were filed to charge isolated fines due to the lack of monthly prepayments of income tax as a result of allegedly undue deductions of taxes paid abroad. In 2021, Ambev received unfavorable decisions from the first level administrative court in two of these assessments with respect to both the 2015 and 2016 isolated fine cases, and filed appeals in connection therewith, which are pending judgment by the Lower Administrative Court. There is a third tax assessment charging such isolated fine that awaits judgment by the first level administrative court.

The other cases are still awaiting final decisions at both administrative and judicial courts.

The updated assessed amount as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 11.3 billion Brazilian real (2.0 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

This uncertain tax position continued to be applied by the Company impacting calendar years following those assessed (2018-2021). In a scenario Ambev is questioned on this matter for future periods, on the same basis and under the same arguments as the aforementioned tax assessments, Ambev management estimates that the outcome of such potential further assessments would be similar to the already assessed periods.

#### *Presumed Profit*

In April 2016, Arosuco (a subsidiary of Ambev) received a tax assessment regarding the use of the “presumed profit” method for the calculation of income tax and the social contribution on net profits instead of the “real profit” method. In September 2017, Arosuco received an unfavorable first level administrative decision and filed an appeal. In January 2019, the Lower Administrative Court rendered a favorable decision to Arosuco, which became definitive.

In March 2019, Ambev received a new tax assessment regarding the same subject and filed a defense. In October 2019, Arosuco received an unfavorable first level administrative decision and filed an appeal.

The updated assessed amount related to this uncertain tax position as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 0.5 billion Brazilian real (0.1 billion US dollar). Arosuco has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

#### *Deductibility of IOC expenses*

In November 2019, Ambev received a tax assessment from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities related to the interest on capital (“IOC”) deduction in 2014. The assessment refers primarily to the accounting and corporate effects of the restructuring carried out by Ambev in 2013 and the impact on the increase in the deductibility of IOC expenses. In August 2020, Ambev received a partially favorable decision at the first level administrative Court and filed an Appeal to the Lower Administrative Court, which awaits judgement. The favorable portion of the decision is subject to mandatory review by the Lower Administrative Court.

In December 2020, Ambev received a new tax assessment related to the deduction of the IOC in 2015 and 2016. The defense against such new tax assessment was filed by Ambev in January 2021. In June 2021, Ambev received a partially favorable decision and filed an appeal to the Lower Administrative Court, which also awaits judgment. Similar to the first tax assessment, the favorable portion of the decision is also subject to mandatory review by the Lower Administrative Court.

The updated assessed amount as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 10.5 billion Brazilian real (1.9 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

The uncertain tax position continued to be adopted by Ambev as it also distributed IOC in the years following the assessed period (2017-2021) and deducted such amounts from its Corporate Income Taxes taxable basis. Therefore, in a scenario where the IOC deductibility would also be questioned for the period after 2016, on the same basis and arguments as the aforementioned tax assessments, Ambev management estimates that the outcome of such potential further assessments would be consistent to the already assessed periods.

#### *Disallowance on Income Tax deduction*

In January 2020, Arosuco, a subsidiary of Ambev, received a tax assessment from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities regarding the disallowance of the income tax reduction benefit provided for in Provisional Measure No. 2199-14/2001, for calendar years 2015 to 2018, and an administrative defense was filed. In October 2020, the first level administrative Court rendered an unfavorable decision to Arosuco. Arosuco filed an appeal against the aforementioned decision and awaits judgment by the Lower Administrative Court. The updated assessed amount as of 31 December 2021 is approximately 2.1 billion Brazilian real (0.4 billion US dollar). Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

This uncertain tax position continued to be applied by the Company impacting calendar years following those assessed (2019-2021) in which it benefited from the income tax reduction provided for in Provisional Measure No. 2199-14/2001. In a scenario Arosuco is questioned on this matter for future periods, on the same basis and arguments as the aforementioned tax assessment, Arosuco management estimates that the outcome of such potential further assessments would be consistent to the already assessed periods.

### **ICMS VALUE ADDED TAX, EXCISE TAX (“IPI”) AND TAXES ON NET SALES**

#### *Manaus Free Trade Zone – IPI / Social contributions*

In Brazil, goods manufactured within the Manaus Free Trade Zone intended for remittance elsewhere in Brazil are exempt and/or zero-rated from excise tax (“IPI”) and social contributions (“PIS/COFINS”). With respect to IPI, Ambev’s subsidiaries

have been registering IPI presumed tax credits upon the acquisition of exempted goods manufactured therein. Since 2009, Ambev has been receiving a number of tax assessments from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities relating to the disallowance of such credits.

Ambev and its subsidiaries have also been receiving charges from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities in relation to (i) federal taxes allegedly unduly offset with the disallowed presumed IPI excise tax credits that are under discussion in these proceedings and (ii) PIS/COFINS amounts allegedly due on Arosuco's remittance to Ambev subsidiaries.

In April 2019, the Federal Supreme Court ("STF") announced its judgment on Extraordinary Appeal No. 592.891/SP and 596.614/SP, with binding effects, deciding on the rights of taxpayers registering IPI excise tax presumed credits on acquisitions of raw materials and exempted inputs originating from the Manaus Free Trade Zone. As a result of this decision, Ambev reclassified part of the amounts related to the IPI cases as remote losses maintaining as possible losses only issues related to other additional discussions that were not included in the analysis of the STF. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels.

Ambev management estimates the possible loss related to these assessments to be approximately 4.9 billion Brazilian real (0.9 billion US dollar) as of 31 December 2021. Ambev has not recorded any provision in connection therewith.

#### *IPI Suspension*

In 2014 and 2015, Ambev received tax assessments from the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities relating to IPI allegedly due over remittances of manufactured goods to other related factories. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels. In 2020, Ambev received a final partial favorable decision at the administrative level in one of the cases. The cases which are being challenged at the judicial level are still at an initial stage.

Ambev management estimates the possible loss related to these assessments to be approximately 1.6 billion Brazilian real (0.3 billion US dollar) as of 31 December 2021. Ambev has not recorded any provision in connection therewith.

#### *ICMS tax credits*

Ambev is currently challenging tax assessments issued by the states of São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Minas Gerais, among others, questioning the legality of ICMS tax credits arising from transactions with companies that have tax incentives granted by other states. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial level of the courts. On August 2020, the STF issued a binding decision (Extraordinary Appeal No. 628.075) ruling that tax credits granted by the states in the context of the ICMS tax war shall be considered unlawful. The decision also recognized that the states should abide by the tax incentives validation process provided for in Complementary Law No. 160/17. This decision is subject to appeal and does not change the likelihood of loss in Ambev's tax assessments.

Ambev management estimates the possible losses related to these assessments to be approximately 2.0 billion Brazilian real (0.4 billion US dollar) as of 31 December 2021. Ambev has not recorded any provision in connection therewith.

#### *ICMS-ST Trigger*

Over the years, Ambev has received tax assessments to charge supposed ICMS differences considered due when the price of the products sold by Ambev is above the fixed price table basis established by the relevant states, cases in which the state tax authorities understand that the calculation basis should be based on a value-added percentage over the actual prices and not the fixed table price. Ambev is currently challenging those charges before the courts. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels.

Ambev management estimates the total possible loss related to this issue to be approximately 8.4 billion Brazilian real (1.5 billion US dollar) as of 31 December 2021. Ambev has not recorded any provisions for this matter as it considers the chance of loss to be possible.

## **SOCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Since 2015, Ambev has received tax assessments issued by the Brazilian Federal Tax Authorities relating to PIS/COFINS amounts allegedly due over bonus products granted to its customers. The cases are being challenged at both the administrative and judicial levels of the courts. In 2019 and 2020, Ambev received final favorable decisions at the administrative level in some of these cases and favorable decisions in other cases that are still subject to review. At the judicial level, one case is pending decision by the second level judicial court after the first level judicial court rendered an unfavorable decision to Ambev.

Ambev management estimates the possible loss related to these assessments to be approximately 1.8 billion Brazilian real (0.3 billion US dollar) as of 31 December 2021. No related provision has been made.

## **AB INBEV'S AUSTRALIAN BUSINESS TAX MATTERS**

SAB Australia Pty Limited ("SAB Australia"), a former subsidiary of AB InBev, received a tax assessment for the 2012 to 2014 income tax years for 0.4 billion Australian dollar (0.3 billion US dollar) related to the interest deductions of SAB's acquisition of the Foster's group (the "Foster's acquisition"). AB InBev is disputing the 2012 to 2014 assessment and remains confident of the positions it has adopted. The company paid 47 million US dollar related to the tax assessment pending conclusion of the matter and recorded a provision of 0.1 billion US dollar in connection therewith as of 31 December 2021. The Australia disposal was concluded on 1 June 2020 with pre-transaction income tax liabilities being subject to an indemnity by AB InBev.

The Australian tax authorities have also notified SAB Australia that it has commenced an audit of the 2015 to 2020 income tax years. The focus of the audit is the tax treatment of the funding arrangements associated with the Foster's acquisition.

## **OTHER TAX MATTERS**

In February 2015, the European Commission opened an in-depth state aid investigation into the Belgian excess profit ruling system. On 11 January 2016, the European Commission adopted a negative decision finding that the Belgian excess profit ruling system constitutes an aid scheme incompatible with the internal market and ordering Belgium to recover the incompatible aid from a number of aid beneficiaries. The Belgian authorities contacted the companies that had benefitted from the system and advised each company of the amount of incompatible aid that is potentially subject to recovery. The European Commission's decision was appealed to the European Union's General Court by Belgium on 22 March 2016 and by AB InBev on 12 July 2016. On 14 February 2019, the European General Court concluded that the Belgian excess profit ruling system does not constitute illegal state aid. The European Commission appealed the judgment to the European Court of Justice. The public hearing in the framework of the appeal proceedings took place on 24 September 2020 and AB InBev was heard as an intervening party.

On 3 December 2020, the Advocate General (AG) of the European Court of Justice presented her non-binding opinion on the appeal procedure related to the 11 January 2016 opening decision, stating that, contrary to the 14 February 2019 judgment of the European General Court, the Belgian excess profit ruling system would fulfil the legal requirements for an "aid scheme". In the initial European General Court judgment, the court limited itself to finding the Belgian excess profit rulings were not an "aid scheme", but did not consider whether they constituted State aid. Consequently, the AG advised the European Court of Justice to refer the case back to the European General Court to review whether the Belgian excess profit rulings constitute State aid. On 16 September 2021, the European Court of Justice agreed with the AG and concluded that the excess profit ruling system constitutes an aid scheme and set aside the judgment of the European General Court. The case has been referred back to the European General Court to decide whether the Belgian excess profit ruling system constitutes illegal State aid as well as the other remaining open issues in the appeal.

Following the initial annulment of the European Commission's decision by the European General Court in 2019, the European Commission opened new state aid investigations into the individual Belgian tax rulings, including the one issued to AB InBev in September 2019, to remedy the concerns that had led to the annulment. These investigations relate to the same rulings that were the subject of the European Commission's decision issued on 11 January 2016. AB InBev has filed its observations in respect of the opening decisions with the European Commission. On 28 October 2021, the European Commission stayed the new state aid investigations into the individual Belgian tax rulings pending final resolution of the case.

In addition, the Belgian tax authorities have also questioned the validity and the actual application of the excess profit ruling that was issued in favor of AB InBev and have refused the actual tax exemption which it confers. AB InBev has filed a court claim against such decision before the Brussels court of first instance which ruled in favor of AB InBev on 21 June 2019, and again on 9 July 2021 for subsequent years. The Belgian tax authorities appealed both judgments.

In January 2019, AB InBev deposited 68m euro (77m US dollar) on a blocked account. Depending on the final outcome of the European Court procedures on the Belgian excess profit ruling system, as well as the pending Belgian court cases, this amount will either be slightly modified, or released back to the company or paid over to the Belgian State. In connection with the European Court procedures, AB InBev recognized a provision of 68m euro (77m US dollar) in 2020.

## **WARRANTS**

Certain holders of warrants issued by Ambev in 1996 for exercise in 2003 proposed lawsuits to subscribe correspondent shares for an amount lower than Ambev considers as established upon the warrant issuance. In case Ambev loses the totality of these lawsuits, the issuance of 172,831,574 shares would be necessary. Ambev would receive in consideration funds that are materially lower than the current market value. This could result in a dilution of about 1% to all Ambev shareholders. Furthermore, the holders of these warrants are claiming that they should receive the dividends relative to these shares since 2003, approximately 1.0 billion Brazilian real (0.2 billion US dollar) in addition to legal fees. Ambev

disputes these claims and intends to continue to vigorously defend these cases. All six lawsuits were ruled favorably to Ambev by the Superior Court of Justice ("STJ"). Three cases were dismissed by the STJ's Special Court and will no longer be remitted to the STJ's lower court for a new judgment. Although the motions for clarification that were filed against the STJ's Special Court decision were dismissed, new appeals have been filed in three of these cases with the Brazilian Supreme Court ("STF"), which will decide if the appeals meet the constitutional requirements for admissibility, particularly the requirement for a constitutional issue of general repercussion. In parallel, in one of these cases (Previ/Funcef), the plaintiffs have instituted a claim requesting suspension of the effects of the decision that dismissed the motion for clarification until the appeal is decided. The claim is pending, but has no practical effect on the case. In addition, the Reporting Justice of this case (Previ/Funcef) has suspended the appeal to STF and ordered for the case to be remitted to STF's Conciliation and Mediation Center, although Ambev has previously informed the court that it has no interest in any settlement discussion with the plaintiffs. The fourth case was ruled favorably to Ambev by the STJ's Special Court and the judgment became final. The fifth case was remitted to the STJ's lower court for a new judgment and the sixth case was ruled favorably to Ambev and the decision became final. Considering all of these facts, Ambev and its external counsels strongly believe that the chance of loss in these cases is remote.

### 31. Non-controlling interests

As at 31 December 2021 and 2020, material non-controlling interests relate to Ambev, a Brazilian listed subsidiary in which AB InBev has 61.79% ownership, and Budweiser APAC, an Asia Pacific listed subsidiary in which AB InBev has 87.22% ownership. The tables below provide summarized information derived from the consolidated financial statements of Ambev and Budweiser APAC as of 31 December 2021 and 2020, in accordance with IFRS.

Summarized financial information of Ambev and Budweiser APAC, in which the company has material non-controlling interests, is as follows:

Million US dollar	Ambev		Budweiser APAC	
	31 December 2021	31 December 2020	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
<b>Summarized balance sheet information</b>				
Current assets	6 922	6 801	3 161	2 332
Non-current assets	17 915	17 291	13 464	13 857
Current liabilities	6 965	6 442	4 691	4 637
Non-current liabilities	2 817	3 188	851	809
Equity attributable to equity holders	14 809	14 204	11 013	10 685
Non-controlling interests	246	257	70	58
Million US dollar	Ambev		Budweiser APAC	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
<b>Summarized income statement and other comprehensive income information</b>				
Revenue	13 570	11 373	6 788	5 588
Net income	2 444	2 286	981	537
 <b>Attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders	2 360	2 217	950	514
Non-controlling interests	84	69	31	23
Net income	2 444	2 286	981	537
Other comprehensive income	629	1 467	(289)	635
Total comprehensive income	3 074	3 753	692	1 172
 <b>Attributable to:</b>				
Equity holders	2 970	3 647	660	1 147
Non-controlling interests	104	106	32	25
 <b>Summarized cash flow information</b>				
Cash flow from operating activities	4 266	3 673	1 903	1 301
Cash flow from investing activities	(1 441)	(1 325)	(731)	(572)
Cash flow from financing activities	(2 988)	(1 676)	(464)	(432)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(163)	673	708	297

Dividends paid by Ambev and its subsidiaries to non-controlling interests (i.e., to entities outside the AB InBev Group) amounted to 0.8 billion US dollar and 0.7 billion US dollar for 2021 and 2020, respectively. In 2021, Budweiser APAC and its subsidiaries paid a final dividend related to the financial year 2020 to non-controlling interests amounting to 67m US dollar (2020: 59m US dollar).

On 31 December 2020, the company completed the issuance of a 49.9% minority stake in its US-based metal container operations to Apollo Global Management, Inc. ("Apollo") for net proceeds of 3.0 billion USD. AB InBev retained operational control of its US-based metal container operations. The transaction was reported in the equity statement.

Other non-controlling interests not deemed individually material by the company mainly related to the company's operations in Africa in association with the Castel Group (e.g., Botswana, Ghana, Mozambique, Nigeria, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia), as well as non-controlling interests recognized in respect of the company's subsidiaries in Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

## 32. Related parties

### TRANSACTIONS WITH DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS (KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL)

AB InBev's Executive Committee members' compensation consists of short-term employee benefits (primarily salaries) and post-employment benefits from pension plans of their respective country – see also Note 24 *Employee Benefits*. Key management personnel are also eligible for the company's share option; restricted stock and/or share swap program (see Note 25 *Share-based Payments*). Total directors and Executive Committee compensation included in the income statement can be detailed as follows:

Million US dollar	2021		2020	
	Directors	Executive Committee <sup>1</sup>	Directors	Executive Committee
Short-term employee benefits	2	24	2	4
Termination benefits	-	-	-	2
Share-based payment	-	33	-	7
	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>

Directors' compensation consists mainly of directors' fees.

During 2021, AB InBev entered into the following transactions:

- The acquisition, through Grupo Modelo and its subsidiaries, of information technology and infrastructure services for a consideration of approximately 1m US dollar from a company in which one of the company's Board Member had significant influence as of 31 December 2021 (2020: 1m US dollar).
- The lease of commercial premises from and the sale of malt-based beverages and beer to companies in which one of the company's Board Member had a significant influence as of 31 December 2021. The transactions happened mainly through AB InBev's subsidiary Bavaria S.A. for an aggregated consideration of approximately 19m US dollar (2020: 13m US dollar). The outstanding balance of these transactions as of 31 December 2021 amounts to 3m US dollar (31 December 2020: 3m US dollar).

### JOINTLY CONTROLLED ENTITIES

Significant interests in joint ventures include three entities in Brazil, one in Mexico and one in Canada. None of these joint ventures are material to the company. Aggregate amounts of AB InBev's interest are as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Non-current assets	8	8
Current assets	2	2
Non-current liabilities	9	9
Current liabilities	2	12
Result from operations	(3)	3
<b>Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<b>3</b>

### TRANSACTIONS WITH ASSOCIATES

Significant interests in associates are shown in note 16 *Investments in associates*. AB InBev's transactions with associates were as follows:

Million US dollar	2021	2020
Gross profit	58	(118)
Current assets	57	55
Current liabilities	99	115

### TRANSACTIONS WITH PENSION PLANS

AB InBev's transactions with pension plans mainly comprise (12)m US dollar other expense to pension plans in the US in 2021 (2020: (12)m US dollar).

<sup>1</sup> The 2021 Executive Committee members' compensation includes the cost reported for AB InBev's former CEO up to 30 June 2021 and the costs for the newly appointed CEO for the full year 2021.

### 33. Events after the balance sheet date

On 10 January 2022, Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (AB InBev) announced that its wholly-owned subsidiary Anheuser-Busch InBev Finance Inc. ("ABIFI") will exercise its respective option to redeem the outstanding principal amounts for an aggregate principal amount of 3.1 billion US dollar of the following series of notes:

Date of redemption	Issuer (abbreviated)	Title of series of notes issued redeemed	Currency	Original principal amount outstanding (in million)	Principal amount redeemed (in million)
9 February 2022	ABIFI	3.650% Notes due 2026	USD	1 633	1 633
1 March 2022	ABIFI	4.915% Notes due 2046	USD	1 470	1 470

## 34. AB InBev companies

Listed below are the most important AB InBev companies. A complete list of the company's investments is available at AB InBev NV, Brouwerijplein 1, B-3000 Leuven, Belgium.

### LIST OF MOST IMPORTANT FULLY CONSOLIDATED COMPANIES

Name and registered office of fully consolidated companies	% of economic interest as at 31 December 2021
<b>ARGENTINA</b>	
CERVECERIA Y MALTERIA QUILMES SAICA Y G - Charcas 5160 - C1425BOF - Buenos Aires	61.64%
<b>BELGIUM</b>	
AB-INBEV N.V - Grand Place 1 - 1000 - Brussel	Consolidating
BRASSERIE DE L'ABBAYE DE LEFFE S.A. - Place de l'Abbaye, 1 - 5500 - Dinant	98.54%
BROUWERIJ VAN HOEGAARDEN N.V. - Stoopkensstraat 46 - 3320 - Hoegaarden	100.00%
COBREW N.V - Brouwerijplein 1 - 3000 - Leuven	100.00%
INBEV BELGIUM BV/SRL - Boulevard Industriel 21 - 1070 - Brussel	100.00%
<b>BOTSWANA</b>	
KGALAGADI BREWERIES (PTY) LIMITED - Plot 20768, Kudu Road, Broadhurst Industrial Estate – Gaborone <sup>1</sup>	31.06%
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	
CERVECERÍA BOLIVIANA NACIONAL S.A. - Av. Montes 400 and Calle Chuquisaca No. 121, Zona Challapampa - La Paz	52.73%
<b>BRAZIL</b>	
AMBEV S.A. - Rua Dr. Renato Paes de Barros, 1017 - 3° floor - Itaim Bibi - CEP 04530-001 - Sao Paulo	61.79%
<b>CANADA</b>	
LABATT BREWING COMPANY LIMITED - 207 Queen's Quay West, Suite 299 - M5J 1A7 - Toronto	61.79%
<b>CHILE</b>	
CERVECERIA CHILE S.A. - Av. Presidente Eduardo Frei Montalva 9600, Quilicura - 8700000 - Santiago de Chile	61.79%
<b>CHINA</b>	
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (CHINA) SALES CO. LTD. - Shangshou, Qin Duan Kou, Hanyang Area - 430051 - Wuhan City, Hubei Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (WUHAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - Shangshou, Qin Duan Kou, Hanyang Area - 430051 - Wuhan City, Hubei Province	84.66%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (FOSHAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 1 Budweiser Avenue, Southwest St., Sanshui District - 528132 - Foshan City, Guangdong	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV HARBIN BREWERY CO. LTD. - 9 Hapi Road, Pingfang district - 150066 - Harbin City, Heilongjiang Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (TANGSHAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 18, Yingbin Road - 063300 - Tangshan City, Hebei Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV SEDRIN BREWERY CO. LTD. - No.1 West Xuejin Avenue, Hanjiang District - 351111 - Putian City, Fujian Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV SEDRIN (ZHANGZHOU) BREWERY CO. LTD. - Lantian Economic District - 363005 - Zhangzhou City, Fujian Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (TAIZHOU) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 159 Qi Xia East Road, Chengguan Town, Tiantai County - 317200 - Taizhou City, Zhejiang Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (NANCHANG) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 1188 Jinsha Avenue, Economic District - Nanchang City, Jiangxi Province	87.22%
SIPING GINSBER DRAFT BEER CO. LTD. - Xianmaquan, Tiedong Area - Siping City, Jilin Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (NANTONG) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 666 Zhaoxia Road - Nantong City, Jiangsu Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (SICHUAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - No. 1, AB InBev Avenue, Cheng Nan Industry Park, Economic Development Area - 641300 - Ziyang City, Sichuan Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (HENAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - No. 1 Budweiser Avenue, Industry Park, Tangzhuang Town - 453100 - Weihui City, Henan Province	87.22%

<sup>1</sup> The group's shares entitle the holder to twice the voting rights.

Name and registered office of fully consolidated companies	% of economic interest as at 31 December 2021
INBEV JINLONGQUAN (HUBEI) BREWERY CO. LTD. - 89 Jin Long Quan Avenue - Jingmen City, Hubei Province	52.33%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV (SUQIAN) BREWERY CO. LTD. - No 1 Qujiang Road, Suyu Industry Park - Suqian City, Jiangsu Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV SEDRIN BREWERY CO. LTD. - No.1 West Xuejin Avenue, Hanjiang District - 351111 - Putian City, Fujian Province	87.22%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV(WENZHOU) BREWERY CO. LTD. - No. 5108 Management Office, MingZhu Road, Binghai District, Development Zone - 325025 - Wenzhou City, Zhejiang Province	87.22%
BLUE GIRL BEER (GUANGZHOU) COMPANY LIMITED - Units 2101,21/F, Tower A, China International Centre, 33 Zhongshan San Road - 510000 - Guangzhou City	56.69%
<b>COLOMBIA</b>	
ZX VENTURES COLOMBIA S.A.S. - Carrera 53 A, No 127 - 35 - 110221 - Bogota	100.00%
BAVARIA & CIA S.A.S. - Carrera 53 A, No 127 - 35 - 110221 - Bogota	99.16%
KOPPS COMERCIAL S.A.S. - Carrera 53 A, No 127 - 35 - 110221 - Bogota	100.00%
CERVECERIA DEL VALLE - Calle 15, No. 25 A37 Autopista, Cali-Yumbo - 760507 - Yumbo	100.00%
CERVECERIA UNION - Cra 50 A #38-39, Itagui - 55412 - Itagui	99.14%
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	
PIVOVAR SAMSON A.S. - Lidická 458 - 370 01 - České Budějovice	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV CZECH S.R.O. - Vyskočilova 1422/1A - 140 00 - Praha 4-Michle	100.00%
<b>DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</b>	
CERVECERIA NACIONAL DOMINICANA S.A. - Autopista 30 de Mayo Km 61/2, Distrito Nacional - A.P. 1086 - Santo Domingo <sup>1</sup>	52.52%
<b>ECUADOR</b>	
CERVECERÍA NACIONAL (CN) S.A. - Via a daule km 16,5 y calle cobre s/n - Guayaquil, Guayas	95.58%
<b>EL SALVADOR</b>	
INDUSTRIAS LA CONSTANCIA S.A. DE C.V. - Avenida Independencia, No 526 - San Salvador	100.00%
<b>FRANCE</b>	
AB INBEV FRANCE S.A.S. - Immeuble Crystal, 38, Place Vauban - C.P. 59110 - La Madeleine	100.00%
<b>GERMANY</b>	
BRAUEREI BECK GMBH & CO. KG - Am Deich 18/19 - 28199 - Bremen	100.00%
BRAUEREI DIEBELS GMBH & CO. KG - Brauerei-Diebels-Straße 1 - 47661 - Issum	100.00%
HAAKE-BECK AG - Am Deich 18/19 - 28199 - Bremen	99.96%
HASSERÖDER BRAUEREI GMBH. - Auerhahnring 1 - 38855 - Wernigerode	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV GERMANY HOLDING GMBH. - Am Deich 18/19 - 28199 - Bremen	100.00%
SPATEN-FRANZISKANER-BRÄU GMBH. - Marsstrasse 46 + 48 - 80335 - München	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV DEUTSCHLAND GMBH & CO. KG - Am Deich 18/19 - 28199 - Bremen	100.00%
LÖWENBRÄU AG - Nymphenburger Str. 7 - 80335 - München	100.00%
<b>GHANA</b>	
ACCRA BREWERY PLC - Farra Avenue 20 1st Floor, Pkf Building - P.O. Box GP1219 - Accra	59.89%
<b>GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG</b>	
BRASSERIE DE LUXEMBOURG MOUSEL - DIEKIRCH - Rue de la Brasserie, 1 - L-9214 - Diekirch	95.82%
<b>HONDURAS</b>	
CERVECERÍA HONDUREÑA S.A. DE C.V. - Blvd. Del Norte, Carretera Salida a Puerto Cortes - San Pedro Sula	99.60%
<b>HONG KONG</b>	
BUDWEISER BREWING COMPANY APAC LIMITED - Suites 3012-16, Tower Two, Times Square, 1 Matheson Street, Causeway Bay - Hong Kong	87.22%

<sup>1</sup> 85% owned by Ambev S.A.

Name and registered office of fully consolidated companies	% of economic interest as at 31 December 2021
<b>INDIA</b>	
CROWN BEERS INDIA LIMITED. - 510/511, Minerva House, Sarojini Devi Road - 500003 - Secunderabad, Telangana	87.22%
ANHEUSER BUSCH INBEV INDIA LIMITED. - Unit No.301-302, Dynasty Business Park, 3rd Floor Andheri - Kurla Road, Andheri (East) - 400059 - Mumbai, Maharashtra	87.05%
<b>ITALY</b>	
ANHEUSER-BUSH INBEV ITALIA S.P.A. - Via Fratelli Castiglioni, 8 - 20214 - Milano	100.00%
<b>MEXICO</b>	
CERVECERIA MODELO DE MEXICO S. DE R.L. DE C.V. - Cerrada de Palomas 22, Piso 6, Reforma Social - C.P. 11650 - Mexico City, CD MX	100.00%
COMPANIA CERVECERA DE ZACATECAS S. DE R.L. DE C.V. - Blvd. Antonino Fernandez Rodriguez n° 100 - C.P. 98500 - Calera de Victor Rosales, Zacatecas	100.00%
<b>MOZAMBIQUE</b>	
CERVEJAS DE MOÇAMBIQUE SA - Rua do Jardim 1329 - Maputo	51.47%
<b>THE NETHERLANDS</b>	
INBEV NEDERLAND N.V. - Ceresstraat 1 - 4811 CA - Breda	100.00%
INTERBREW INTERNATIONAL B.V. - Ceresstraat 1 - 4811 CA - Breda	100.00%
AB INBEV AFRICA B.V. - Ceresstraat 1 - 4811 CA - Breda	62.00%
<b>NIGERIA</b>	
INTERNATIONAL BREWERIES PLC - 22/36 Glover Road, Lagos, Ikoyi, Nigeria - Lagos <sup>1</sup>	43.00%
<b>PANAMA</b>	
CERVECERÍA NACIONAL S DE RL - Ave. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Corregimiento de Betania, Distrito de Panamá, - Panama City	61.79%
<b>PARAGUAY</b>	
CERVECERÍA PARAGUAYA S.A. - Ruta Villeta km 30 N 3045 - 2660 - Ypané	53.98%
<b>PERU</b>	
COMPANIA CERVECERA AMBEV PERU S.A.C. - Av. Los Laureles Mza. A Lt. 4 del Centro Poblado Menor Santa Maria de Huachipa - Lurigancho (Chosica) - 15 - Lima	97.22%
UNIÓN DE CERVECERÍAS PERUANAS BACKUS Y JOHNSTON S.A.A. - 3986 Av. Nicolas Ayllon, Ate - 3 - Lima	93.78%
<b>SPAIN</b>	
COMPAÑÍA CERVECERA DE CANARIAS, S.A. - Av Ángel Romero, 18 - 38009 - Santa Cruz de Tenerife	51.03%
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	
SABSA HOLDINGS LTD PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY - 65 Park Lane, Sandown - 2001 - Johannesburg	100.00%
THE SOUTH AFRICAN BREWERIES (PTY) LTD LIMITED BY SHARES - 65 Park Lane, Sandown - 2146 - Johannesburg	100.00%
<b>SOUTH KOREA</b>	
ORIENTAL BREWERY CO. LTD. - 8F, ASEM Tower, 517, Yeongdong-daero, Gangnam-gu - 06164 - Seoul	87.22%
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV PROCUREMENT GESELLSCHAFT MIT BESCHRÄNKTER HAFTUNG (GMBH) - Suurstoffi 22 - 6343 - Rotkreuz	100.00%
<b>TANZANIA</b>	
TANZANIA BREWERIES PLC - Uhuru Street, Plot 79, Block AA - P.O. Box 9013 - Dar es Salaam <sup>1</sup>	39.65%
<b>UGANDA</b>	
NILE BREWERIES LTD - Plot M90 Yusuf Lule Road, Njeru - P.O. Box 762 - Jinja - Eastern Uganda	61.64%

<sup>1</sup> The company is consolidated due to the group's majority shareholdings and ability to control the operations.

Name and registered office of fully consolidated companies	% of economic interest as at 31 December 2021
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	
ABI SAB GROUP HOLDING LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
ABI UK HOLDING 1 LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
AB INBEV UK LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
AB INBEV HOLDINGS LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
AB INBEV INTERNATIONAL BRANDS LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
ZX VENTURES LIMITED - Bureau, 90 Fetter Lane - EC4A 1EN - London	100.00%
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	
ANHEUSER-BUSCH COMPANIES, LLC. - One Busch Place - MO 63118 - St. Louis	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INTERNATIONAL, INC. - One Busch Place - MO 63118 - St. Louis	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH PACKAGING GROUP, INC. - One Busch Place - MO 63118 - St. Louis	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH, LLC. - One Busch Place - MO 63118 - St. Louis	100.00%
ANHEUSER-BUSCH NORTH AMERICAN HOLDING CORPORATION - C/O THE CORPORATION TRUST COMPANY, INC. - 1209 Orange Street - DE 19801 - Wilmington	100.00%
METAL CONTAINER CORPORATION, INC. - One Busch Place - MO 63118 - St. Louis	50.10%
<b>URUGUAY</b>	
CERVECERIA Y MALTERIA PAYSANDU S.A. - Cesar Cortinas, 2037 - C.P. 11500 - Montevideo	61.75%
<b>VIETNAM</b>	
ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV VIETNAM BREWERY COMPANY LIMITED - 2 VSIP II-A, Street No. 28 - Singapore II-A Industrial Park, Vinh Tan Ward - Tan Uyen Town, Binh Duong Province	87.22%
<b>ZAMBIA</b>	
ZAMBIAN BREWERIES - Plot No 6438, Mungwi Road - P.O. Box 31293 - Lusaka	54.00%

#### LIST OF MOST IMPORTANT ASSOCIATES AND JOINT VENTURES

Name and registered office of associates and joint ventures	% of economic interest as at 31 December 2021
<b>FRANCE</b>	
SOCIÉTÉ DES BRASSERIES ET GLACIÈRES INTERNATIONALES S.A - 49 rue François 1er - Paris	20.00%
<b>GIBRALTAR</b>	
B.I.H. BRASSERIES INTERNATIONALES HOLDING LIMITED LIMITED - ICC Building, 10th Floor, Main Street	20.00%
B.I.H. BRASSERIES INTERNATIONALES HOLDING (ANGOLA) LIMITED - Suite 10/3, International Commercial Centre, 2A Main Street	27.00%
<b>TURKEY</b>	
ANADOLU EFES BIRACILIK VE MALT SANAYII A.S. - Bahçelievler Mahallesi, Sehit Ibrahim Koparir Caddesi No. 4, Bahçelievler - İstanbul	24.00%
<b>ZIMBABWE</b>	
DELTA CORPORATION LIMITED - Sable House, Northridge Close, Borrowdale - P.O. Box BW 343 - Harare	25.42%
<b>RUSSIA</b>	
AB INBEV EFES JSC - 28 Moskovskaya street, Moscow region - 141607 - Klin	50.00%

# Information to our shareholders

## Earnings, dividends, share and share price

	2021	2020	2019	2018 restated	2017 restated
Cash flow from operating activities (US dollar per share)	7.37	5.45	6.75	7.18	7.56
Normalized earnings per share (US dollar per share)	2.85	1.91	4.08	3.16	3.75
Dividend (euro per share)	0.5	0.5	1.3	1.8	3.6
Share price high (euro per share)	65.34	74.49	92.71	96.7	110.1
Share price low (euro per share)	47.00	30.97	57.47	56.84	92.88
Year-end share price (euro per share)	53.17	57.01	72.71	57.7	93.13
Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (million shares)	2 007	1 998	1 984	1 975	1 971
Diluted weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares (million shares)	2 045	2 037	2 026	2 014	2 010
Volume of shares traded (million shares)	416	587	452	496	349

## Information on the auditors' assignments and related fees

AB InBev's Statutory auditor is PwC Bedrijfsrevisoren BV, represented by Koen Hens, audit partner.

Base fees for auditing the annual financial statements of AB InBev and its subsidiaries are determined by the shareholders meeting after review and approval by the company's Audit Committee and Board of Directors.

Fees for 2021 in relation to services provided by PwC Bedrijfsrevisoren BV amounted to 2 617k US dollar (2020: 2 866k US dollar), which was composed of audit services for the annual financial statements of 2 512k US dollar (2020: 2 603k US dollar) and audit related services of 105k US dollar (2020: 262k US dollar).

Fees for 2021 in relation to services provided by other offices in the PwC network amounted to 16 198k US dollar (2020: 17 134k US dollar), which was composed of audit services for the annual financial statements of 13 191k US dollar (2020: 13 301k US dollar), tax services of 2 648k US dollar (2020: 3 317k US dollar), audit related services amounting to 281k US Dollar (2020: 111k US dollar) and other services amounting 78k US dollar (2020: 404k US dollar), all of which have been pre-approved by the company's Audit Committee.

## Financial calendar

Publication of 2021 results	24 February 2022
Annual report 2021 available on <a href="http://www.ab-inbev.com">www.ab-inbev.com</a>	24 February 2022
General shareholders meeting	27 April 2022
Dividend: ex-coupon date	3 May 2022
Publication of first quarter results	5 May 2022
Publication of half year results	28 July 2022
Publication of third quarter results	27 October 2022

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# Excerpt from the AB InBev NV/SA separate (non-consolidated) financial statements prepared in accordance with Belgian GAAP

The following information is extracted from the separate Belgian GAAP financial statements of AB InBev NV/SA per 31 December 2021. These separate financial statements, together with the management report of the Board of Directors to the general assembly of shareholders as well as the auditor's report, will be filed with the National Bank of Belgium within the legally foreseen time limits. These documents are also available on request from: AB InBev NV/SA, Brouwerijplein 1, 3000 Leuven.

It should be noted that only the consolidated financial statements as set forth above present a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the AB InBev group.

Since AB InBev NV/SA is essentially a holding company, which recognizes its investments at cost in its non-consolidated financial statements, these separate financial statements present no more than a limited view of the financial position of AB InBev NV/SA. For this reason, the Board of Directors deemed it appropriate to publish only an abbreviated version of the non-consolidated balance sheet and income statement prepared in accordance with Belgian GAAP as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The statutory auditor has confirmed that his audit procedures are substantially complete and that the abbreviated non-consolidated balance sheet and income statement of AB InBev NV/SA prepared in accordance with Belgian GAAP for the year ended 31 December 2021 are consistent, in all material respects, with the accounts from which they have been derived.

## Abbreviated non-consolidated balance sheet

Million euro	2021	2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Non-current assets</b>		
Intangible assets	638	528
Property, plant and equipment	140	97
Financial assets	115 719	115 712
	<b>116 497</b>	<b>116 337</b>
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>15 957</b>	<b>18 937</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>132 454</b>	<b>135 274</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Issued capital	1 239	1 239
Share premium	13 186	13 186
Legal reserve	124	124
Reserves not available for distribution	1 998	3 454
Reserves available for distribution	33 009	33 009
Profit carried forward	25 745	19 691
	<b>75 301</b>	<b>70 703</b>
<b>Provisions and deferred taxes</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>43 523</b>	<b>45 486</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>13 532</b>	<b>18 985</b>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>132 454</b>	<b>135 274</b>

## Abbreviated non-consolidated income statement

Million euro	2021	2020
Operating income	1 154	1 167
Operating expenses	(1 202)	(1 183)
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>(48)</b>	<b>(16)</b>
Financial result	5 636	104
<b>Result for the year available for appropriation</b>	<b>5 588</b>	<b>88</b>

# Glossary

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## AGGREGATED WEIGHTED NOMINAL TAX RATE

The aggregated weighted nominal tax rate is based on the statutory corporate income tax rates applicable in the various countries.

## DILUTED EPS

Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev divided by the fully diluted weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares.

## DILUTED WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF ORDINARY AND RESTRICTED SHARES

Weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares adjusted by the effect of dilutive share options and restricted stock units.

## EBIT

Profit from operations.

## EBITDA

Profit from operations plus depreciation, amortization and impairment.

## EMEA

Europe and Africa.

## EPS

Profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev divided by the weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares.

## FVOCI

Fair value through other comprehensive income.

## FVPLI

Fair value through profit or loss.

## FTE's

Full-time equivalent on a permanent or temporary basis, excluding outsourced personnel.

## INVESTED CAPITAL

Includes property, plant and equipment, goodwill and intangible assets, investments in associates and equity securities, working capital, provisions, employee benefits and deferred taxes.

## MARKETING EXPENSES

Include all costs relating to the support and promotion of the brands. They include among others operating costs (payroll, office costs, etc.) of the marketing department, advertising costs (agency costs, media costs, etc.), sponsoring and events, and surveys and market research.

## NET CAPEX

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment and of intangible assets, minus proceeds from sale.

## NET DEBT

Non-current and current interest-bearing loans and borrowings and bank overdrafts, minus debt securities and cash and cash equivalents.

## NON-UNDERLYING ITEMS

Items of income or expense which do not occur regularly as part of the normal activities of the company.

## NORMALIZED

The term "normalized" refers to performance measures (EBITDA, EBIT, Profit, EPS, effective tax rate) before non-underlying items and profit from discontinued operations. Non-underlying items are items of income or expense which do not occur regularly as part of the normal activities of the company and which warrant separate disclosure because they are important for the understanding of the underlying results of the company due to their size or nature. AB InBev believes that the

communication and explanation of normalized measures is essential for readers of its financial statements to understand fully the sustainable performance of the company. Normalized measures are additional measures used by management and should not replace the measures determined in accordance with IFRS as an indicator of the company's performance.

#### **NORMALIZED DILUTED EPS**

Diluted EPS adjusted for non-underlying items and profit from discontinued operations.

#### **NORMALIZED EBIT**

Profit from operations adjusted for non-underlying items.

#### **NORMALIZED EBITDA**

Profit from operations adjusted for non-underlying items, plus depreciation, amortization and impairment.

#### **NORMALIZED EFFECTIVE TAX RATE**

Effective tax rate adjusted for non-underlying items.

#### **NORMALIZED EPS**

EPS adjusted for non-underlying items and profit from discontinued operations.

#### **NORMALIZED PROFIT**

Profit adjusted for non-underlying items and profit from discontinued operations.

#### **NORMALIZED PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS**

Profit from operations adjusted for non-underlying items.

#### **PAYOUT RATIO**

Gross dividend per share multiplied by the estimated number of ordinary shares outstanding at the dividend record date, divided by normalized profit attributable to equity holders of AB InBev.

#### **RE-MEASUREMENTS OF POST-EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Comprised of actuarial gains and losses, the effect of the asset ceiling (excluding net interest) and the return on plan assets (excluding net interest).

#### **REVENUE**

Gross revenue less excise taxes and discounts.

#### **SALES EXPENSES**

Include all costs relating to the selling of the products. They include among others the operating costs (payroll, office costs, etc.) of the sales department and the sales force.

#### **SG&A AND SELLING, GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

Sales, marketing, distribution and administrative expenses

#### **SCOPE**

Financials are analyzed eliminating the impact of changes in currencies on translation of foreign operations, and scopes. A scope represents the impact of acquisitions and divestitures, the start-up or termination of activities or the transfer of activities between segments, curtailment gains and losses and year-over-year changes in accounting estimates and other assumptions that management does not consider as part of the underlying performance of the business.

#### **UNDERLYING EPS**

Profit before non-underlying items, discontinued operations, mark-to-market gains/losses on certain derivatives related to the hedging of share-based payment programs and hyperinflation impacts, attributable to equity holders of AB InBev divided by the weighted average number of ordinary and restricted shares.

#### **WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF ORDINARY AND RESTRICTED SHARES**

Number of shares outstanding at the beginning of the period, adjusted by the number of shares cancelled, repurchased or issued during the period multiplied by a time-weighting factor.

#### **WORKING CAPITAL**

Includes inventories, trade and other receivables and trade and other payables, both current and non-current.

# Corporate Governance Statement

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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1. The Belgian Code on Corporate Governance

The corporate governance practices of Anheuser-Busch InBev are reflected in its Corporate Governance Charter, which is available on <https://www.ab-inbev.com/investors/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-documents.html>. The Charter is regularly updated.

Anheuser-Busch InBev is a company incorporated under Belgian law with a primary listing on Euronext Brussels (Euronext: ABI) and with secondary listings on the Mexico Stock Exchange (MEXBOL: ANB) and the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE: ANH) (ISIN: BE0974293251) and with American Depository Shares ("ADSs") listed on the New York Stock Exchange. As a Belgian company with primary listing on Euronext Brussels, Anheuser-Busch InBev adheres to the principles and provisions of the 2020 Belgian Corporate Governance Code ([www.corporategovernancecommittee.be](http://www.corporategovernancecommittee.be)) ("the Corporate Governance Code"), taking into account its specific status as a multinational group with secondary listings in Mexico and Johannesburg and with ADSs listed in New York.

In line with AB InBev's specific shareholding structure and the global nature of its operations, the company has departed in 2021 from the following soft-law principles of the Corporate Governance Code:

**Principle 4.19 of the Corporate Governance Code: "the Board should set up a nomination committee with the majority of its members comprising independent non-executive board members"** - The Board of Directors appoints the chairman and members of the Nomination Committee from among the directors. As the committee is composed exclusively of non-executive directors who are independent of management and free from any business relationship that could materially interfere with the exercise of their independent judgment, the Board considers that the composition of this committee achieves the aim of Principle 4.19 of the Corporate Governance Code.

**Principle 7.6 of the Corporate Governance Code: "A non-executive board member should receive part of their remuneration in the form of shares in the company. These shares should be held until at least one year after the non-executive board member leaves the board and at least three years after the moment of award. However, no stock options should be granted to non-executive board members"** - The share-based component of the directors' remuneration is paid in the form of Restricted Stock Units. Such Restricted Stock Units vest after five years and, upon vesting, entitle their holders to one AB InBev share per Restricted Stock Unit (subject to any applicable withholdings). The shares delivered to directors upon vesting of the Restricted Stock Units are not subject to a lock-up of three years after the date of delivery and one year after the date of departure of the relevant director. However, the Board considers that the five-year vesting period of the Restricted Stock Units fosters a sustainable and long-term commitment of the directors to shareholder value creation that addresses the goal of Principle 7.6 of the Corporate Governance Code.

## 1.2. New York Stock Exchange Listing

Further to the New York Stock Exchange listing of ADSs representing ordinary shares of AB InBev, the New York Stock Exchange Corporate Governance rules for Foreign Private Issuers are applicable to the company. AB InBev has also registered under the US Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. As a result, it is also subject to the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and to certain US Securities laws and regulations relating to corporate governance.

## 1.3. Specific Corporate Governance initiatives

### 1.3.1. FOSTERING ETHICAL CONDUCT

The Board of Directors and management of AB InBev are committed to promoting and maintaining the highest standards of ethical behavior and transparency. This guides everything that AB InBev does as an organization, and serves as its foundation for creating a future with more cheers.

AB InBev has established ethical rules and internal codes and policies to reinforce this commitment. The Code of Business Conduct sets out the ethical standards to which all colleagues around the world are expected to adhere and provides guidance for interactions with third parties. It requires colleagues to comply with all applicable laws, disclose any relevant conflicts of interests, to act in the best interests of the company, and to conduct all dealings in an honest and ethical manner. It covers confidentiality of information, limits on offering or accepting gifts or entertainment, and the appropriate use of the company's property. The Code of Business Conduct includes policies which define colleagues' responsibilities and expected

behavior, and includes the Global Anti-Corruption, Human Rights, Digital Ethics & Data Privacy, Anti-Harassment and Anti-Discrimination, and Conflict of Interest Policies. As an example, the Global Anti-Corruption Policy states that AB InBev's employees are strictly prohibited from, either directly or indirectly, giving, offering, promising, or authorizing anything of value, to anyone with the intent to exert improper influence or inducement, secure an improper commercial advantage for the company, or serve as a reward for past improper conduct.

In line with this commitment to integrity, AB InBev encourages its colleagues and third parties to speak up through a global whistle-blowing system. This system provides a simple, secure, confidential and, if desired, anonymous manner to raise concerns or report actual or suspected violations of law or policies. The company also uses technology and its BrewRIGHT analytics system to proactively monitor risk and potential violations of policy.

### **1.3.2. DEMONSTRATING COMMITMENT TO SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATION**

AB InBev is committed to creating value for its shareholders. The company encourages its shareholders to take an active interest in the company. In support of this objective, it provides quality information, in a timely fashion, through a variety of communication tools. These include annual reports, half-yearly reports, quarterly statements, financial results announcements, briefings, and a section that is dedicated to investors on the AB InBev website ([www.ab-inbev.com/investors.html](http://www.ab-inbev.com/investors.html)).

AB InBev recognizes that a commitment to disclosure builds trust and confidence with shareholders and the public in general. The company adopted a Disclosure Manual to demonstrate its commitment to best practices in transparency. This manual is designed to promote full, consistent and timely disclosure of company activities.

### **1.3.3. UPHOLDING SHAREHOLDER RIGHTS**

Prior to the annual shareholders' meeting, shareholders are invited to submit any questions they have for the Chairman or the CEO for discussion during the meeting.

The agenda for the shareholders' meeting and all related documents are also posted on the AB InBev website at least 30 days in advance of any shareholders' meeting. Shareholders have the right to vote on various resolutions related to company matters. If they are unable to attend a meeting, they can submit their votes by mail or appoint a proxy. Minutes of the meetings and results of the votes are posted on the AB InBev website shortly after the meeting ([www.ab-inbev.com/investors/corporate-governance/shareholder-meetings.html](http://www.ab-inbev.com/investors/corporate-governance/shareholder-meetings.html)).

In light of the measures and recommendations of public authorities relating to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions on public gatherings in place in Belgium at the time, the annual shareholders' meeting held on 28 April 2021, by exception, took place without physical attendance of shareholders. Shareholders were offered the possibility to submit questions in writing and to participate by mail in advance of the meeting or by giving a proxy to a person designated by the company. The meeting was recorded and an audiocast is accessible on the AB InBev corporate website.

The convening notice for the upcoming annual shareholders' meeting to be held on 27 April 2022 will be published on 25 March 2022 and will contain further information on the format of the meeting and modalities for participation. In light of the continuing Covid-19 pandemic, the company will be guided by health and safety concerns and the measures and recommendations made by public authorities in Europe and Belgium.

### **1.3.4. PREVENTING THE ABUSE OF INSIDE INFORMATION**

The company's Code of Dealing is applicable to all members of the Board of Directors and to all employees. The Code of Dealing aims to prevent the abuse of inside information, especially in periods leading up to price-sensitive events or decisions or announcement of financial results.

The Code of Dealing prohibits dealing in the company's securities during any closed period, e.g. a period of 30 days preceding any results announcement of the company. In addition, before dealing in any securities of the company, members of the Board of Directors and members of senior management must obtain clearance from a Clearance Committee.

Compliance with the Code of Dealing is reinforced and monitored through the company's Compliance Program.

In accordance with EU Regulation 596/2014 on market abuse (MAR), the company establishes lists of insiders when required. In addition, pursuant to the same regulation, (i) members of the Executive Committee (ExCom) and (ii) members of the Board of Directors notify their trades (above a 5,000 Euro yearly threshold) to the company and to the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA), which publishes these notifications on its website.

### **1.3.5. CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

AB InBev's Purpose is to *dream big to create a future with more cheers*. Corporate Social Responsibility and sustainability are central to the company's culture and embedded in the way it does business.

In accordance with article 3:6, §4 and article 3:32, §2 of the Belgian Code of Companies and Associations (the "Belgian Companies Code"), which implement Directive 2014/95/EU of 22 October 2014 amending Directive 2013/34/EU as regards disclosure of non-financial and diversity information by certain large undertakings and groups, AB InBev has included in its 2021 Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) Report a non-financial statement reporting on corporate social responsibility matters. The 2021 ESG Report constitutes an annex to this Annual Report.

### **1.3.6. DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

The company strives to make AB InBev a community where everyone feels included and respected. The company believes that a diverse team improves the quality of decision-making, and ultimately improves overall performance.

Diversity and inclusion (D&I) is a global priority for AB InBev's Senior Leadership Team (SLT), as they are important enablers of the success of the company and its people. Launched by AB InBev in 2020, the Global Diversity & Inclusion Council is chaired by the CEO and includes a diverse group of representative leaders from zones and functions. The Council is dedicated to collaborating on high impact decisions and championing D&I at the highest levels of the organization.

The company believes that its greatest strength is its diverse team of people and that its people should feel comfortable being their authentic selves at work every day, regardless of their personal characteristics or social identities, such as race and ethnicity, nationality, gender, identity, sexual orientation, age, abilities, socioeconomic status, religion or others. A diverse and inclusive workforce better enables the company to understand its equally diverse consumers and stakeholders. This resulted in AB InBev's decision to launch a new Global Diversity & Inclusion policy in November 2018 as part of the company's Global Code of Business Conduct. The Global Diversity & Inclusion policy provides additional guidelines for cultivating and maintaining a diverse and inclusive culture. In addition, we launched our first Global Parental Policy in 2018 and updated our Global Policies on Anti-Harassment, Anti-Discrimination and Human Rights in 2019.

While all of the company's geographic zones are covered under the global policy, the company acknowledges that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to diversity and inclusion. Accordingly, each zone has the flexibility to adapt the policy locally to include more information relevant to its local market. We measure colleague sentiment about diversity and inclusion in the company's annual engagement survey.

AB InBev is proud to have an employee base of 125 nationalities across the business, with 30 nationalities represented on the SLT and the senior management level below. Two out of 18 members on the SLT are women (compared to one out of 18 last reporting year). The representation of women in the senior management level below the SLT has remained constant compared to last reporting year. AB InBev continues working to promote all aspects of diversity in its senior management team, with a focus on building a diverse talent pipeline, considering the respective skills, education, experience and background. Reference is made to section 4 of this Corporate Governance Statement for a short biography of each of the members of the SLT, including their qualifications and background.

The process for nominating and selecting candidates for the Board of Directors is described in the Corporate Governance Charter of Anheuser-Busch InBev. The company aims to have a balanced and diverse Board primarily considering, among other things, the respective skills, education, experience and background. Currently, five out of 15 Board members are women (same ratio as last year). Reference is made to section 2.1 of this Corporate Governance Statement for a short biography of each of the members of the Board of Directors, including their qualifications and background, as well as for further information on the applicable Belgian legal gender diversity requirements.

## 2. The Board of Directors

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### 2.1. Structure and composition

The Board of Directors currently consists of 15 members, all of whom are non-executives.

The roles and responsibilities of the Board, its composition, structure and organization are described in detail in Anheuser-Busch InBev's Corporate Governance Charter. This Corporate Governance Charter includes the criteria that directors must satisfy to qualify as independent directors.

Unless the shareholders' meeting decides on a shorter term, directors (other than the Restricted Share Directors) are appointed for a maximum term of four years, which is renewable. In accordance with article 19.4 (b) of our Articles of Association, Restricted Share Directors are appointed for renewable terms ending at the next ordinary shareholders' meeting following their appointment.

The appointment and renewal of mandates of directors (i) is based on a recommendation of the Nomination Committee, taking into account the rules regarding the composition of the Board that are set out in the Articles of Association (e.g., rules regarding number of independent directors and directors appointed upon proposal of the AB InBev Reference Shareholder and the Restricted Shareholders), and (ii) is subject to approval by the shareholders' meeting.

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, the Board is composed as follows:

- three directors shall be independent directors appointed by the shareholders' meeting upon proposal by the Board; and
- so long as the Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev (the Reference Shareholder) and/or any of its Affiliates, any of their respective Successors or Successors' Affiliates own, in aggregate, more than 30% of shares with voting rights in the share capital of the company, nine directors shall be appointed by the shareholders' meeting upon proposal by the Reference Shareholder and/or any of its Affiliates, any of their respective Successors or Successors' Affiliates; and
- so long as the holders of Restricted Shares (the Restricted Shareholders) (together with their Affiliates, any of their respective Successors and/or Successors' Affiliates) own in aggregate:
  - more than 13.5% of the Shares with voting rights in the share capital of the company, three directors will be appointed by the shareholders' meeting upon proposal by the Restricted Shareholders (each such director a Restricted Share Director);
  - more than 9% but not more than 13.5% of the Shares with voting rights in the share capital of the company, two Restricted Share Directors will be appointed;
  - more than 4.5% but not more than 9% of the Shares with voting rights in the share capital of the company, one Restricted Share Director will be appointed; and
  - 4.5% or less than 4.5% of the Shares with voting rights in the share capital of the company, they will no longer have the right to propose any candidate for appointment as a member of the Board and no Restricted Share Directors will be appointed.

The Articles of Association set out detailed rules regarding the calculation of the company's share capital owned by the Reference Shareholder and the Restricted Shareholders for the purpose of determining directors' nomination rights. Affiliates and Successors have the meaning set out in the Articles of Association.

The composition of the Board will be balanced primarily considering the respective skills, education, experience and background of each of the Board members.

According to the Belgian Companies Code, at least one third of the directors have to be women. As a newly listed company having securities admitted to trade on Euronext Brussels on 11 October 2016, AB InBev needs to comply with this gender diversity requirement as from 1 January 2022. The company is, however, already compliant with this gender diversity requirement since April 2019. Following the appointment of Ms. Sabine Chalmers, Ms. Xiaozhi Liu and Ms. Cecilia Sicupira as Board members by the annual shareholders' meeting of 24 April 2019, the number of women on our Board increased from two to five members (out of a total of 15 Board members). AB InBev will continue its efforts towards fostering gender diversity on its Board in the coming years.

The mandates of all three Restricted Share Directors, i.e. Messrs. Martin J. Barrington, William F. Gifford and Alejandro Santo Domingo, ended at the annual shareholders' meeting held on 28 April 2021. In accordance with article 19.4 (b) of our Articles of Association, their mandates were renewed for a one year term ending at the upcoming annual shareholders' meeting to be held on 27 April 2022.

The composition of Anheuser-Busch InBev's Board of Directors at the end of the reporting period is as follows:

Name	Date of birth Nationality	Function	Current Term started	Term expires
<b>Independent Directors</b>				
Xiaozhi Liu	1956, German	Non-Executive Independent director	2019	2023
Michele Burns	1958, American	Non-Executive Independent director	2020	2024
Elio Leoni Sceti	1966, Italian	Non-Executive Independent director	2020	2024
<b>Directors upon proposal of the AB InBev Reference Shareholder</b>				
Maria Asuncion Aramburuzabala	1963, Mexican	Non-Executive, Non-Independent director	2020	2024
Paul Cornet de Ways Ruart	1968, Belgian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class A Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2020	2024
Sabine Chalmers	1965, American	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class A Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2019	2023
Grégoire de Spoelberch	1966, Belgian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class A Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2020	2024
Alexandre Van Damme	1962, Belgian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class A Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2020	2024
Claudio Garcia	1968, Brazilian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class B Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2019	2023
Paulo Lemann	1968, Brazilian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class B Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2020	2024
Cecilia Sicupira	1981, Brazilian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class B Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2019	2023
Roberto Thompson Motta	1957, Brazilian	Non-Executive director, nominated by the holders of class B Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev certificates	2020	2024
<b>Directors upon proposal of the Restricted Shareholders (Restricted Share Directors)</b>				
Martin J. Barrington	1953, American	Non-Executive director, nominated by Altria	2021	2022
William F. Gifford	1970, American	Non-Executive director, nominated by Altria	2021	2022
Alejandro Santo Domingo	1977, Colombian	Non-Executive director, nominated by Bevco	2021	2022

**Ms. Aramburuzabala** is a non-executive member of the Board. Born in 1963, she is a citizen of Mexico and holds a degree in Accounting from ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de Mexico). She has served as CEO of Tresalia Capital since 1996. She is currently the chairperson of the Boards of Directors of Tresalia Capital, Abilia, Medistik and Red Universalia. She was formerly a member of the Grupo Modelo Board of Directors, and is currently on the Boards of Coty, Consejo Mexicano de Negocios and is an Advisory Board member of ITAM School of Business.

**Mr. Barrington** is a representative of the Restricted Shareholders. Born in 1953, he is an American citizen and graduated from The College of Saint Rose with a Bachelor's Degree in History, and from Albany Law School of Union University with a Juris Doctorate Degree. He is the retired Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Altria Group. During his 25 years at Altria Group, he served in numerous legal and business roles for Altria and its companies. These include Vice Chairman of Altria Group; Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Altria Group; Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Philip Morris International (a separate public company spun-off from Altria Group in 2008); and Senior Vice President and General Counsel of Philip Morris USA. Before joining Altria, Mr. Barrington practiced law in both the government and private sectors.

**Ms. Burns** is an independent member of the Board. Born in 1958, she is an American citizen and graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a Master's Degree in Accountancy. Ms. Burns was the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mercer LLC from 2006 until 2012. She currently serves on the Boards of Directors of The Goldman Sachs Group, where she chairs the Compensation Committee, Cisco Systems, where she chairs the Finance Committee, Etsy and Circle Online Financial, a private company. From 2003 until

2013, she served as a director of Wal-Mart Stores. From 2014 until 2018, she served on the Board of Alexion Pharmaceuticals. She currently serves on the Advisory Council of the Stanford Center on Longevity at Stanford University. Ms. Burns began her career in 1981 at Arthur Andersen, where she became a partner in 1991. In 1999, she joined Delta Air Lines, assuming the role of Chief Financial Officer from 2000 to 2004. From 2004 to 2006, Ms. Burns served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Restructuring Officer of Mirant Corporation, an independent power producer. From March 2006 until September 2006, Ms. Burns served as the Chief Financial Officer of Marsh and McLennan Companies.

**Ms. Chalmers** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by Eugénie Patri Sébastien S.A., the holder of the Class A Stichting certificates). Born in 1965, Ms. Chalmers is an American citizen and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the London School of Economics and is qualified to practice law in England and New York State. Ms. Chalmers is the General Counsel and Director of Regulatory Affairs of BT Group plc. Prior to joining BT, she was the Chief Legal and Corporate Affairs Officer and Secretary to the Board of Directors of AB InBev, a role she held from 2005 to 2017. Ms. Chalmers joined AB InBev after 12 years with Diageo plc where she held a number of senior legal positions including as General Counsel of the Latin American and North American businesses. Prior to Diageo plc, she was an associate at the law firm of Lovell White Durrant in London, specializing in mergers and acquisitions.

**Mr. Cornet de Ways Ruart** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by Eugénie Patri Sébastien S.A., the holder of the Class A Stichting certificates). Born in 1968, he is a Belgian citizen and holds a Master's Degree as a Commercial Engineer from the Catholic University of Louvain and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He has attended the Master Brewer program at the Catholic University of Louvain. From 2006 to 2011, he worked at Yahoo! and was in charge of Corporate Development for Europe before taking on additional responsibilities as Senior Financial Director for Audience and Chief of Staff. Prior to joining Yahoo!, Mr. Cornet was Director of Strategy for Orange U.K. and spent seven years with McKinsey & Company in London and Palo Alto, California. He is also a non-executive director of EPS, Adrien Invest, Floridienne S.A. and several privately held companies.

**Mr. Garcia** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by BRC S.à.R.L., the holder of the class B Stichting certificates). Born in Brazil in 1968, he is a Brazilian citizen and is a graduate from Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with a B.A. in Economics. Mr. Garcia interned at Companhia Cervejaria Brahma in 1991 and was employed as a Management Trainee in February 1993. From 1993 until 2001, Mr. Garcia worked in several positions in finance, mainly in the area of corporate budgeting. In 2001, he started the first Shared Service Center for Ambev and in 2003 he became the head of both the Technology and Shared Services operations. Mr. Garcia participated in all M&A integration projects from 1999 until 2018. In 2005, he was appointed Chief Information and Shared Service Officer for InBev (following the combination of Ambev and Interbrew) in Leuven, Belgium. From 2006 to 2014, Mr. Garcia combined the functions of Chief People and Technology Officer. From 2014 to January 2018, Mr. Garcia was the Chief People Officer of Anheuser-Busch InBev. Mr. Garcia is a board member of Lojas Americanas, the Garcia Family Foundation, Chairman of the Telles Foundation and a Trustee at the Chapin School in New York City.

**Mr. Gifford** is a representative of the Restricted Shareholders. Born in 1970, he is an American citizen and graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accountancy. He serves as Chief Executive Officer of Altria Group. Prior to his current position, Mr. Gifford served as Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Altria Group from May 2018 until April 2020 with responsibility for overseeing Altria's financial functions, core tobacco businesses and sales and distribution business. Prior to that he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from March 2015 until May 2018. Since joining Philip Morris USA, an Altria subsidiary, in 1994, he has served in numerous leadership roles including President and Chief Executive Officer of Philip Morris USA and Vice President and Treasurer for Altria, and has led various functions including Finance, Strategy and Business Development and Market Information and Consumer Research. Prior to joining Philip Morris USA, Mr. Gifford worked at the public accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand, which currently is known as PricewaterhouseCoopers.

**Mr. Lemann** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by BRC S.à.R.L., the holder of the class B Stichting certificates). Born in Brazil in 1968, he is a Brazilian citizen and graduated from Faculdade Cândido Mendes in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with a B.A. in Economics. Mr. Lemann interned at PriceWaterhouse in 1989 and was employed as an Analyst at Andersen Consulting from 1990 to 1991. Mr. Lemann also performed equity analysis while at Banco Marka and Dynamo Asset Management (both in Rio de Janeiro). From 1997 to 2004, he developed the hedge fund investment group at Tincum Inc., a New York-based investment office that advised the Synergy Fund of Funds, where he served as Portfolio Manager. Mr. Lemann is a Founding Partner at Vectis Partners and is a board member of Lojas Americanas, Lemann Foundation and Lone Pine Capital.

**Mr. Leoni Sceti** is an independent member of the Board. Born in 1966, he is an Italian citizen who lives in the UK. He graduated Magna Cum Laude in Economics from LUISS in Rome, where he passed the Dottore Commercialista post-graduate bar exam. Mr. Leoni Sceti has over 30 years' experience in the fast-moving consumer goods and media sectors. He is Chief Crafter and Chairman of The Craftory, a global investment house for purpose-driven challenger brands in FMCG.

Mr. Leoni Sceti is Chairman of London-based LSG holdings and an early stage investor in Media & Tech, with over 25 companies in his portfolio. He is also an independent member of the Board at cocoa and chocolate leader Barry Callebaut and is a director at the Kraft Heinz Company. His roles in the non-profit space include being a Trustee and Counsellor at One Young World (young leaders from over 190 countries), and Chairman of the U.K. board at Room to Read (promoting literacy and gender equality in education, globally). His previous roles included: CEO of Iglo Group - whose brands are Birds Eye, Findus & Iglo - until May 2015, when the company was sold to Nomad Foods; Global CEO of EMI Music from 2008 to 2010; and - prior to EMI - an international career in marketing and senior leadership roles at Procter & Gamble and Reckitt Benckiser, where he later was CMO, global head of Innovation and then head of the European operations.

**Dr. Liu** is an independent member of the Board. Born in 1956 in China, she is a German citizen and is the founder and CEO of ASL Automobile Science & Technology (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. since 2009 and is an independent director of Autoliv and Johnson Matthey Plc. Previously, she held various senior executive positions, including Chairman and CEO of Neotek (China), Vice-Chairman and CEO of Fuyao Glass Group, Chairman and CEO of General Motors Taiwan, Director of concept vehicle for Buick Park Avenue and Cadillac, Vehicle Electronics-Control and Software Integration for GM North America, CTO and Chief Engineer of General Motors Greater China Region, and Representative Managing Director of Delphi Automotive in Shanghai China. Prior to 1997, she was responsible for Delphi Packard China JV Development, Sales and Marketing as well as New Business Development. Besides these executive roles, Dr. Liu also served as an independent director of CAEG from 2009 to 2011 and an independent director of Fuyao Glass Group from 2013 to 2019. Dr. Liu has rich professional experience covering the areas of general management of enterprises, P&L, technology development, marketing and sales, mergers and acquisitions, including in the United States, Europe and China at global Top 500 companies and Chinese blue-chip private enterprises. She earned a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering, a Master's Degree of Electrical Engineering at the University of Erlangen/Nuremberg Germany and a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering at Xian Jiao Tong University in Xian China. She also attended the Dartmouth Tuck School of Business for Executives.

**Mr. Santo Domingo** is a representative of the Restricted Shareholders. Born in 1977, he is a Colombian citizen and obtained a B.A. in History from Harvard College. He is the Senior Managing Director at Quadrant Capital Advisors, Inc. in New York City. He was a member of the Board of SABMiller Plc until 2016, where he was also Vice-Chairman of SABMiller Plc for Latin America. Mr. Santo Domingo is Chairman of the Board of Bavaria S.A. in Colombia. He is Chairman of the Board of Valorem, a company which owns a diverse portfolio of industrial and media assets in Latin America. Mr. Santo Domingo is also a director of JDE Peet's N.V., an international coffee and tea company, ContourGlobal plc, a diversified international power generation company, LifeTime, Inc., an owner and operator of fitness centers in the United States and Canada, Florida Crystals, the world's largest sugar refiner, Advanced Merger Partners, Inc., a special purpose acquisition company affiliated with Houlahan Lokey, Inc., Caracol TV, Colombia's leading broadcaster, El Espectador, a leading Colombian newspaper, and Cine Colombia, Colombia's leading film distribution and movie theatre company. In the non-profit sector, he is Chair of the Wildlife Conservation Society and Fundacion Mario Santo Domingo. He is also a Member of the Boards of The Metropolitan Museum of Art, DKMS, a foundation dedicated to combatting leukemia and blood disorders, WNET, Mount Sinai Health System and Fundacion Pies Descalzos, a foundation focused on assisting impoverished children in Colombia. He is a member of Harvard University's Global Advisory Council (GAC).

**Ms. Sicupira** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by BRC S.à.R.L., the holder of the class B Stichting certificates). Born in 1981, she is a Brazilian citizen and is a graduate from the American University of Paris with a Bachelor's Degree in International Business Administration and of Harvard Business School's Owner/President Management (OPM) program. Ms. Sicupira previously served on the board of Lojas Americanas S.A., Ambev S.A., Restaurant Brands International and São Carlos Empreendimentos S.A. Ms. Sicupira began her career in 2004 as an analyst within Goldman Sachs' Investment Banking Division covering Latin America. Today she is a director and partner of LTS Investments.

**Mr. de Spoelberch** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by Eugénie Patri Sébastien S.A., the holder of the Class A Stichting certificates). Born in 1966, he is a Belgian citizen and holds an MBA from INSEAD. Mr. de Spoelberch is an active private equity shareholder and his recent activities include shared Chief Executive Officer responsibilities for Lunch Garden, the leading Belgian self-service restaurant chain. He is a member of the board of several family-owned companies, such as Eugénie Patri Sébastien S.A., Verlinvest and Cobehold (Cobepa). He is also an administrator of the Baillet-Latour Fund, a foundation that encourages social, cultural, artistic, technical, sporting, educational and philanthropic achievements.

**Mr. Roberto Thompson Motta** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by BRC S.à.R.L., the holder of the class B Stichting certificates). Born in 1957, he is a Brazilian citizen and received a BS in Mechanical Engineering from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro and an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is a co-founder and member of the Investment Committee of 3G Capital, a global investment firm headquartered in New York. Mr. Thompson serves on the Board of Directors of AB InBev and has served on the Board of Directors of Ambev S.A. since 2001 and StoneCo Ltd since 2018 where he chairs the Finance Committee. He previously served on the board of Restaurant Brands International. He was one of the founding partners of GP Investments Ltd. and a member of its Board of

Directors until 2010. Mr. Thompson is a member of The Graduate Executive Board of The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, The International Council of The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and a Patron of the Museum of Modern Art of São Paulo.

**Mr. Van Damme** is a representative of the main shareholders (nominated by Eugénie Patri Sébastien S.A., the holder of the Class A Stichting certificates). Born in 1962, he is a Belgian citizen and graduated from Solvay Business School, Brussels. Mr. Van Damme joined the beer industry early in his career and held various operational positions within Interbrew until 1991, including Head of Corporate Planning and Strategy. He has managed several private venture holding companies and is currently a director of several family-owned companies such as Patri S.A. (Luxembourg). He is a member of the Board of the Kraft Heinz Company.

## 2.2. Functioning

In 2021, the Board of Anheuser-Busch InBev held 10 meetings. The Board discussed the geographical zones in which the company has operations at multiple meetings. On these occasions, the Board was provided with a comprehensive briefing of the relevant geographical zone and market, which included an overview of performance, key challenges facing the market and the steps being taken to address the challenges. The Board aims to hold its meetings in person multiple times a year. However, as a result of Covid-19 related risks and travel restrictions, the Board was only able to hold one in-person meeting in 2021.

Other major Board agenda items in 2021 included Covid-19 impact and response; the long-range plan (10YP); the company's purpose; achievement of targets; sales figures and brand health; reporting and budget; consolidated results; strategic direction; culture and people, including diversity & inclusion, CEO succession and management succession planning; new and ongoing investment; capital market transactions; financial profile; transformation initiatives; external growth and acquisitions; marketing strategy; consumer insights; corporate social responsibility and sustainability; risk management and compliance as well as discussions on governance and Board succession planning.

The average attendance rate at Board meetings in 2021 was 99%.

In 2021, the Board has been assisted by four Committees: the Audit Committee, the Finance Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee.

As per the date of this report, the composition of the Committees is as follows:

	Audit Committee	Nomination Committee	Finance Committee	Remuneration Committee
Maria Asuncion Aramburuzabala				
Martin J. Barrington	Member	Member		
Michele Burns	Chair		Member	Member
Sabine Chalmers		Member		
Paul Cornet de Ways Ruart			Member	
Grégoire de Spoelberch			Chair	
Claudio Garcia		Chair		Chair
William F. Gifford			Member	
Paulo Lemann			Member	
Xiaozhi Liu	Member			
Alejandro Santo Domingo			Member	
Elio Leoni Sceti	Member			Member
Cecilia Sicupira		Member		
Roberto Thompson Motta			Member	
Alexandre Van Damme		Member		

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Belgian Companies Code, the Audit Committee is composed exclusively of non-executive Board members and at least one of its members qualifies as an independent director under Belgian law. In addition, Ms. Burns has extensive experience in accounting and audit matters. Reference is made to section 2.1 for a short biography and an overview of her qualifications and experience.

A majority of the voting members of the Audit Committee are independent directors as defined in the company's Corporate Governance Charter and all of them are independent as defined in Rule 10A-3(b)(1)(ii) under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

In 2021, the Audit Committee met eight times. During its meetings, the Committee reviewed the financial statements of the company, the annual report, half-yearly and quarterly statements, as well as related results announcements. The Committee also considered issues arising from internal audits conducted by the Internal Audit department and the implementation of the company's Compliance Program. Obligations under Sarbanes Oxley, the review of the independence of the external auditor, the company's data privacy and cybersecurity programs and a quarterly status update of significant litigation were some of the other important topics on the agenda of the Committee in 2021. The members of the Committee attended all meetings, except for Ms. Burns who was absent at one meeting (97% average attendance rate).

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Finance Committee met five times in 2021. Committee discussions included treasury updates and overall risk management strategy including but not limited to risks related to commodities, interest rates, currencies and liquidity, hedging policies, the debt profile and capital structure of the group, pensions and dividends. The members of the Committee attended all meetings, except for Mr. Gifford who was absent at one meeting (97% average attendance rate).

## **NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination Committee's principal role is to guide the Board succession process. The Committee identifies persons qualified to become Board members and recommends director candidates for nomination by the Board and appointment by the shareholders' meeting.

The Nomination Committee met six times in 2021. Discussions included CEO succession, the nomination of directors for appointment or renewal, management targets, the global management trainee program and succession planning for key executive functions. The members of the Committee attended all meetings (100% average attendance rate).

## **REMUNERATION COMMITTEE**

In accordance with the requirements of the Belgian Companies Code, the Remuneration Committee is composed exclusively of non-executive Board members and a majority of its members, i.e. Ms. Michele Burns and Mr. Elio Leoni Sceti, qualify as independent directors under Belgian law.

The Remuneration Committee's principal role is to guide the Board on decisions relating to the remuneration policies for the Board, the CEO, the Executive Committee (ExCom) and the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and on individual remuneration packages of directors, the CEO and members of the ExCom and members of the SLT.

The Remuneration Committee met seven times in 2021. Discussions included achievement of targets, Executive and Board compensation, executive shares, restricted stock units and options schemes, Long Term Incentive grants, new compensation models and special incentives. The members of the Committee attended all meetings (100% attendance rate).

## **2.3. Evaluation of the Board and its committees**

For each financial year, the Board performs an evaluation of its performance at the initiative of the Chairman. The Board discusses the results of this evaluation in executive session in the absence of management. A third party may act as facilitator.

As part of this evaluation process, each director is requested to comment on and evaluate the following topics:

- effectiveness of Board and committee operations (e.g. checking that important issues are suitably prepared and discussed, time available for discussion of important policy matters, checking availability and adequacy of pre-read);
- the qualifications and responsibilities of individual directors (e.g. actual contribution of each director, the director's presence at the meetings and his/her involvement in discussions, impact of changes to the director's other relevant commitments outside the company);
- effectiveness of oversight of management and interaction with management;
- composition and size of the Board and committees. Examples of relevant criteria that are considered include:
  - director independence: an affirmative determination as to the independence in accordance with the independence criteria published in the Corporate Governance Charter.
  - other commitments of directors: the outside Board commitments of each director enhance experience and perspective of directors, but will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure that each director can devote proper attention to the fulfilment of his oversight responsibilities.
  - disqualifying circumstances: certain circumstances may constitute a disqualification for membership on the Board (e.g. Board membership of a major supplier, customer or competitor of the company, membership of a federal or regional government). Circumstances will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to ensure that directors are not conflicted.
  - skills and previous contributions: the company expects that all directors prepare for, attend and participate actively and constructively in all meetings; exercise their business judgment in good faith; focus their efforts on ensuring that the company's business is conducted so as to further the interests of the shareholders; and become and remain well informed about the company, relevant business and economic trends and about the principles and practices of sound Corporate Governance.

Following review and discussion of the responses, the Chairman of the Board may table proposals to enhance the performance or effectiveness of the functioning of the Board. Advice can be requested from a third-party expert.

The evaluation of the Audit Committee is a recurring agenda item for the Committee and is performed about once a year. This evaluation is discussed at a Committee meeting and includes assessment of its planning going forward, the appropriateness of the time allocated to its various areas of responsibility, its composition and any areas for improvement. Any major action points resulting therefrom are reported to the Board.

## **2.4. Certain transactions and other contractual relationships**

There are no transactions or other contractual relationships to be reported between the company and its Board members that gave rise to conflicting interests as defined in the Belgian Companies Code.

The company is prohibited from making loans to directors, whether for the purpose of exercising options or for any other purpose.

### **3. Chief Executive Officer and Executive Management**

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The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) is entrusted by the Board with the responsibility for the day-to-day management of the company. The CEO has direct operational responsibility for the entire company. The CEO leads an Executive Committee (ExCom) which comprises the CEO, the Chief Financial Officer, the Chief Strategy and Technology Officer and the Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer.

The ExCom was established with effect as from 1 January 2019 and is the successor to the former Executive Board of Management. It reports to the CEO and works with the Board on matters such as corporate governance, general management of our company and the implementation of corporate strategy as defined by our Board. The ExCom performs such other duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the CEO or the Board.

As per 1 January 2022, our Executive Committee consisted of the following members:

<b>Michel Doukeris</b>	<b>CEO</b>	David Almeida	Chief Strategy and Technology Officer
Fernando Tennenbaum	Chief Financial Officer	John Blood	Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer and Corporate Secretary

Notes:

- (1) Carlos Brito, former CEO, was a member of the ExCom until 30 June 2021.
- (2) Michel Doukeris, CEO, became a member of the ExCom on 1 July 2021, succeeding Carlos Brito.

# 4. Senior Leadership Team

The Senior Leadership Team (SLT) was established with effect as from 1 January 2019. The SLT reports to the Chief Executive Officer and consists of the members of the ExCom, all other functional Chiefs and Zone Presidents, including the Chief Executive Officer of Ambev and the Chief Executive Officer of Bud APAC, who report to the Board of Directors of Ambev and Bud APAC respectively.

The SLT has an advisory role to the Board and the ExCom and drives the commercial and operational agenda, reflecting the strategy set out by the Board. In addition, the SLT performs such duties as may be assigned to it from time to time by the CEO, ExCom or the Board.

As per 1 January 2022, our Senior Leadership Team consisted of the following members:

Michel Doukeris – CEO			
Members of the ExCom (other than the CEO)		Zone presidents	
David Almeida	Chief Strategy and Technology Officer	Jan Craps	Asia Pacific (APAC)
John Blood	Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer and Corporate Secretary	Jean Jereissati	South America
Fernando Tennenbaum	Chief Financial Officer	Carlos Lisboa	Middle Americas
Other Functional Chiefs		Ricardo Moreira	Africa
Ezgi Barcenas	Chief Sustainability Officer	Jason Warner	Europe
Katherine M. Barrett	General Counsel	Brendan Whitworth	North America
Pedro Earp	Chief Marketing & ZX Ventures Officer		
Lucas Herscovici	Chief Sales Officer		
Nelson Jamel	Chief People Officer		
Peter Kraemer	Chief Supply Officer		
Pablo Panizza	Chief Direct to Consumer Officer		
Ricardo Tadeu	Chief B2B Officer		

**Michel Doukeris** is AB InBev's Chief Executive Officer since 1 July 2021. Born in 1973, he is a Brazilian citizen and holds a Degree in Chemical Engineering from Federal University of Santa Catarina in Brazil and a Master's Degree in Marketing from Fundação Getulio Vargas, also in Brazil. He has also completed post-graduate programs in Marketing and Marketing Strategy from the Kellogg School of Management and Wharton Business School in the United States. Mr. Doukeris joined AB InBev in 1996 and held a number of commercial operations roles in Latin America before moving to Asia where he led AB InBev's China and Asia Pacific operations for seven years. In 2016 he moved to the U.S. to assume the position of global Chief Sales Officer. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Mr. Doukeris led Anheuser-Busch and the North American business since January 2018.

**David Almeida** is AB InBev's Chief Strategy and Technology Officer since 29 April 2020. Born in 1976, Mr. Almeida is a dual citizen of the U.S. and Brazil and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Most recently, he served as Chief Strategy and Transformation Officer and before that as Chief Integration Officer and Chief Sales Officer ad interim having previously held the positions of Vice President, U.S. Sales and of Vice President, Finance for the North American organization. Prior to that, he served as InBev's head of mergers and acquisitions, where he led the combination with Anheuser-Busch in 2008 and subsequent integration activities in the U.S. Before joining the group in 1998, he worked at Salomon Brothers in New York as a financial analyst in the Investment Banking division.

**Ezgi Barcenas** is AB InBev's Chief Sustainability Officer since August 2021. Born in 1984, Ms. Barcenas is a dual citizen of Cyprus and the US and holds a bachelor's degree in Biomedical and Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University, a master's degree in Environmental Health from Harvard School of Public Health and an MBA degree from The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Since joining the company in 2013 through the Global MBA Program, Ms. Barcenas has held key roles within the Corporate Affairs and Procurement functions. She most recently served as the Global Vice President of Sustainability. Prior to joining AB InBev, she worked in international trade, public health and international development.

**Katherine Barrett** is AB InBev's General Counsel. Born in 1970, Ms. Barrett is a U.S. citizen and holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Saint Louis University and a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Arizona. Ms. Barrett joined Anheuser-Busch in 2000 as a litigation attorney in the Legal Department. She most recently served as Vice President, U.S. General Counsel & Labor Relations, where she was responsible for overseeing all legal issues in the U.S.

including commercial, litigation and regulatory matters and labor relations. Prior to joining the company, Ms. Barrett worked in private practice at law firms in Nevada and Missouri.

**John Blood** is AB InBev's Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer and Company Secretary. Born in 1967, Mr. Blood is a U.S. citizen and holds a bachelor's degree from Amherst College and a JD degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Mr. Blood joined AB InBev in 2009 as Vice President Legal, Commercial and M&A. Most recently Mr. Blood was AB InBev's General Counsel. Prior to the latter role, he was Zone Vice President Legal & Corporate Affairs in North America where he has led the legal and corporate affairs agenda for the United States and Canada. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Blood worked on the legal team in Diageo's North American business and also was in private practice at a New York City law firm.

**Jan Craps** is AB InBev's Zone President Asia Pacific since 1 January 2019 and CEO and Co-Chair of Budweiser Brewing Company APAC since 8 May 2019. Born in 1977, Mr. Craps is a Belgian citizen and obtained a Degree in Business Engineering from KU Brussels and a Master's Degree in Business Engineering from KU Leuven, Belgium. Mr. Craps was an associate consultant with McKinsey & Company before joining Interbrew in 2002. He acquired a range of international experiences in a number of senior marketing, sales and logistics executive positions in France and Belgium. In 2011, he relocated to Canada where he was appointed Head of Sales for Canada followed by his appointment as President and CEO of Labatt Breweries of Canada in 2014. Until 31 December 2018, he held the position of Zone President Asia Pacific South.

**Pedro Earp** is AB InBev's Chief Marketing & ZX Ventures Officer since 1 January 2019. Born in 1977, he is a Brazilian citizen and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from the London School of Economics. Mr. Earp joined Ambev in 2000 as a Global Management Trainee in the Latin America North Zone. In 2002, he became responsible for the Zone's M&A team and in 2005 he moved to InBev's global headquarters in Leuven, Belgium to become Global Director, M&A. Later, he was appointed Vice President, Strategic Planning in Canada in 2006, Global Vice President, Insights and Innovation in 2007, Global Vice President, M&A in 2009 and Vice President, Marketing for the Latin America North Zone in 2013. He was appointed Chief Disruptive Growth (now ZX Ventures) Officer of AB InBev in February 2015.

**Lucas Herscovici** is AB InBev's Chief Sales Officer since August 2020. Born in 1977, he is an Argentinean citizen and received a Degree in Industrial Engineering from Instituto Tecnológico de Buenos Aires. Mr. Herscovici joined the group in 2002 as a Global Management Trainee in Latin America South Zone and has built his career in Marketing and Sales. After years of leading Sales Strategy in Argentina, he moved to the Global Headquarters and in 2011 was responsible for opening the "Beer Garage", AB InBev's Global digital innovation office, based out of Palo Alto, California. After leading Digital Marketing and Consumer connections for USA, he later became Global Marketing VP of Insights, Innovation and Consumer Connections and held such role until 31 December 2018. He most recently served as Chief Non-Alcohol Officer until August 2020.

**Nelson Jamel** is AB InBev's Chief People Officer since 29 April 2020. Born in 1972, Mr. Jamel is a Brazilian citizen and holds a bachelor's and master's degree in industrial engineering from the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. His more than 20-year journey with AB InBev has taken him from leading finance roles in Brazil to the Dominican Republic, through Western Europe and North America. He most recently served as the Vice President of Finance and Technology for the North America Zone.

**Jean Jereissati Neto** is AB InBev's Zone President South America and CEO of Ambev. Born in 1974, he is a Brazilian citizen and received a Degree in Business Administration from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) and an Executive Education at Insead and Wharton. Mr. Jereissati joined Ambev in 1998 and held various positions in Sales and Trade Marketing prior to becoming CEO of Cerveceria Nacional Dominicana, in 2013, making a successful integration with CND. In 2015, he joined Asia and Pacific North Zone to become Business Unit President for China and in 2017 he was appointed Zone President of the Zone, leading one of the most complex and fast-growing business. Most recently, Mr Jereissati held the role of Business Unit President for Brazil.

**Peter Kraemer** is AB InBev's Chief Supply Officer. Born in 1965, he is a U.S. citizen. A fifth-generation Brewmaster and native of St. Louis, Mr. Kraemer holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Purdue University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from St. Louis University. He joined Anheuser-Busch 33 years ago and has held various brewing positions over the years, including Group Director of Brewing and Resident Brewmaster of the St. Louis brewery. In 2008, Mr. Kraemer became Vice President, Supply, for AB InBev's North America Zone, leading all brewery operations, quality assurance, raw materials and product innovation responsibilities. He was appointed Chief Supply Officer of AB InBev in March 2016.

**Carlos Lisboa** is AB InBev's Zone President Middle Americas since 1 January 2019. Born in 1969, Mr. Lisboa is a Brazilian citizen and received a Degree in Business Administration from the Catholic University of Pernambuco and a Marketing specialization from FESP, both in Brazil. Mr. Lisboa joined Ambev in 1993 and has built his career in Marketing and Sales. He was responsible for building the Skol brand in Brazil in 2001 and after that became Marketing Vice President for AB

InBev's Latin American North Zone. Mr. Lisboa then led the International Business Unit in AB InBev's Latin America South Zone for two years prior to becoming Business Unit President for Canada. In 2015, he was appointed Marketing Vice President for AB InBev's Global Brands. Most recently, Mr. Lisboa held the role of Zone President Latin America South until 31 December 2018.

**Ricardo Moreira** is AB InBev's Zone President Africa since 1 January 2019. Born in 1971, he is a Portuguese citizen and received a Degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rio de Janeiro Federal University in Brazil and a specialization in Management from University of Chicago in the U.S. Mr. Moreira joined Ambev in 1995 and held various positions in the Sales and Finance organizations prior to becoming Regional Sales Director in 2001. He subsequently held positions as Vice President Logistics & Procurement for Latin America North, Business Unit President for Hispanic Latin America (HILA) and Vice President Soft Drinks Latin America North. In 2013, Mr. Moreira moved to Mexico to head AB InBev's Sales, Marketing and Distribution organizations and lead the commercial integration of Grupo Modelo. Most recently, Mr. Moreira held the role of Zone President Latin America COPEC until 31 December 2018.

**Pablo Panizza** is AB InBev's Chief Direct to Consumer Officer since 1 January 2019. Born in 1975, he is an Argentinean citizen and holds a degree in Industrial Engineering from Universidad de Buenos Aires. Mr. Panizza manages our Direct to Consumer business, coordinating cross-market initiatives, sharing best practices and shaping its strategy. He joined our company in 2000 as a Global Management Trainee in South America Zone and has spent almost two decades developing a career in the commercial area. After holding senior roles in Argentina and Global Headquarters, he led our business in Chile and Paraguay. He most recently served as Business Unit President for Argentina and Uruguay.

**Ricardo Tadeu** is AB InBev's Chief B2B Officer since 1 July 2020. Born in 1976, he is a Brazilian citizen, and received a law degree from the Universidade Cândido Mendes in Brazil and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is also Six Sigma Black Belt certified. He joined Ambev in 1995 and has held various roles across the Commercial area. He was appointed Business Unit President for the operations in Hispanic Latin America in 2005, and served as Business Unit President, Brazil from 2008 to 2012. He served as Zone President, Mexico from 2013 until his appointment as Zone President Africa upon completion of the combination with SAB in 2016. Mr. Tadeu most recently served as Chief Sales Officer and before that he held the role as Zone President Africa until 31 December 2018.

**Fernando Tennenbaum** is AB InBev's Chief Financial Officer since 29 April 2020. Born in 1977, Mr. Tennenbaum is a dual citizen of Brazil and Germany and holds a degree in industrial engineering from Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo and a corporate MBA from Ambev. He joined the company in 2004, and has held various roles in the finance function (including Treasury, Investor Relations and M&A). He most recently served as the Vice President of Finance (South America Zone) and Chief Financial and Investor Relations Officer of Ambev S.A.

**Jason Warner** is AB InBev's Zone President Europe since 1 January 2019. Born in 1973, he is a dual British and U.S. citizen and received a BSc Eng Hons Industrial Business Studies degree from DeMontfort University in the United Kingdom. Prior to his current role, he was Business Unit President for North Europe between 2015 and 2018. He joined AB InBev in July 2009 as Global VP Budweiser, based in New York, before moving into a dual role of Global VP Budweiser and Marketing VP. He has also held Global VP roles for Corona as well as Innovation and Renovation. Prior to joining AB InBev, he held various positions at The Coca-Cola Company and Nestlé.

**Brendan Whitworth** is AB InBev's Zone President North America and CEO of Anheuser-Busch since 1 July 2021. Born in 1976, he is a US citizen and holds an MBA degree from Harvard Business School. Prior to his current role, he was Chief Sales Officer of Anheuser-Busch. Mr. Whitworth joined AB InBev in 2013 as a Global Sales Director and went on to hold various commercial leadership positions in the U.S., including Vice President U.S. Trade Marketing, and Vice President Sales U.S. Northeast Region. Prior to joining AB InBev, Mr. Whitworth held a series of U.S. commercial leadership roles at PepsiCo Frito-Lay. He also served in the US Marine Corps and Central Intelligence Agency.

# 5. Internal Control and Risk Management Systems

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The Board of Directors and the ExCom, assisted by the SLT, were responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls and risk management systems during the reporting period. Internal control is the process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding achievement of objectives related to effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Risk management is the process designed to identify potential events that may affect the company and to manage risks to be within its risk appetite.

Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Board as a whole, the Audit Committee oversees financial and business risk management and discusses the process by which management assesses and manages the company's exposure to those risks and the steps taken to monitor and control such exposure.

The company's major risk factors and uncertainties are described in the Risks and Uncertainties section of the Management report in AB InBev's annual report.

The company has established and operates its internal control and risk management systems based on guidelines issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The internal control system is based upon COSO's Internal Control – Integrated Framework of 2013 and its risk management system is based on COSO's Enterprise Risk Management Framework of 2017.

## 5.1 Financial reporting

The ExCom, assisted by the SLT, was responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting during the reporting period. The company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Internal controls over financial reporting include those written policies and procedures that:

- pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of company assets;
- provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS;
- provide reasonable assurance that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorization of management and directors of the company; and
- provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of assets that could have a material effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting includes the assessment of the relevant risks, the identification and monitoring of key controls and actions taken to correct deficiencies as identified. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Senior management assessed the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting as of 31 December 2021. As indicated above, management based this assessment on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in "*Internal Control — Integrated Framework*" issued by COSO in May 2013. The assessment included an evaluation of the design of the company's internal control over financial reporting and testing of its operational effectiveness. Based on this assessment, it was determined that, as of 31 December 2021, the company maintained effective internal control over financial reporting.

The Board of Directors and the Audit Committee reviewed management's assessment. The review related among other things to ensuring that there are no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal controls over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information, and to the existence of any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the company's internal control over financial reporting.

In addition, as a result of the listing of Anheuser-Busch InBev on the New York Stock Exchange, the company must adhere to Section 404 of the US Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. As a consequence, the company is required to provide on a yearly basis a management report on the effectiveness of the company's internal control over financial reporting, as described in the Section and the rules implementing such act. Management's report and the Statutory Auditor's related opinion regarding the relevant financial year, will be included in the company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for such year, which is required to be filed with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

## 5.2 Internal Audit

The company has a professional and independent internal audit (risk management) department. The appointment of the Head of internal audit is reviewed by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee reviews internal audit's risk assessment and annual audit plan and regularly receives internal audit reports for review and discussion.

Internal control deficiencies identified by internal audit are communicated in a timely manner to management and periodic follow-up is performed to verify corrective action has been taken.

## 5.3 Compliance

AB InBev has an Ethics & Compliance Program which fosters a culture of ethics, integrity and lawful behavior. This program includes a Code of Business Conduct and the Anti-Corruption Policy, which are available on the company's website and intranet. The Ethics & Compliance Program further promotes compliance with applicable laws and regulations and the completion of a periodic certification by management of compliance with the Code of Business Conduct.

A set of internal controls and a data analytics tool have been implemented and are periodically assessed by the Global and Local Ethics & Compliance Committees and the Audit Committee.

The Global Ethics & Compliance Committee, chaired by the company's Global Vice President, Ethics & Compliance, assesses regulatory, ethical and compliance risks for the company from a global perspective and provides strategic direction for the activities of the Ethics and Compliance function. On a quarterly basis, the Global Ethics & Compliance Committee reviews the operation of the Compliance Program and follows-up on reports submitted through the company's Compliance Helpline (whistle-blowing platform). In addition to the Global Ethics & Compliance Committee, each Zone has its own Local Ethics & Compliance Committee, which addresses local ethics and compliance matters.

The Audit Committee reviews the operation of the Ethics & Compliance Program and the results of any compliance reviews or reports submitted through the company's global Compliance Helpline. On a regular basis, the Audit Committee also reviews the significant legal, compliance and regulatory matters that may have a material effect on the financial statements or the company's business, including material notices to or inquiries received from governmental agencies. In addition, the Board of Directors dedicated time in 2021 to a review of the company's compliance function and programs, including in the areas of data privacy and cybersecurity.

# 6. Shareholders' structure

## 6.1. Shareholders' structure

The following table shows the shareholders' structure of Anheuser-Busch InBev as at 31 December 2021 based on (i) transparency declarations made by shareholders who are compelled to disclose their shareholdings pursuant to the Belgian law of 2 May 2007 on the notification of significant shareholdings and the Articles of Association of the company, (ii) notifications made by such shareholders to the company on a voluntary basis on or prior to 31 December 2021 for the purpose of updating the above information, (iii) notifications received by the company in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 and (iv) information included in public filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Major shareholders	Number of Shares	% of voting rights <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>Holders of Ordinary Shares</b>		
1. <b>Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev</b> , a stichting incorporated under Dutch law (the "Reference Shareholder")	663,074,832	33.47%
2. <b>EPS Participations Sàrl</b> , a company incorporated under Luxembourg law, affiliated to EPS, its parent company	129,992,215	6.56%
3. <b>EPS SA</b> , a company incorporated under Luxembourg law, affiliated to the Reference Shareholder that it jointly controls with BRC	99,999	0.01%
4. <b>BRC Sàrl</b> , a company incorporated under Luxembourg law, affiliated to the Reference Shareholder that it jointly controls with EPS	34,670,040	1.75%
5. <b>Rayvax Société d'Investissements SA</b> , a company incorporated under Belgian law	50,000	0.00%
6. <b>Sébastien Holding SA</b> , a company incorporated under Belgian law, affiliated to Rayvax, its parent company	0	0.00%
7. <b>Fonds Verhelst SRL</b> , a company with a social purpose incorporated under Belgian law	0	0.00%
8. <b>Fonds Voorzitter Verhelst SRL</b> , a company with a social purpose incorporated under Belgian law, affiliated to Fonds Verhelst SRL with a social purpose, that controls it	6,997,665	0.35%
9. <b>Stichting Fonds InBev-Baillet Latour</b> , a stichting incorporated under Dutch law	0	0.00%
10. <b>Fonds Baillet Latour SC</b> , a company incorporated under Belgian law, affiliated to Stichting Fonds InBev-Baillet Latour under Dutch law, that controls it	5,485,415	0.28%
11. <b>LTS Trading Company LLC</b> , a company incorporated under Delaware law, acting in concert with Marcel Herrmann Telles, Jorge Paulo Lemann and Carlos Alberto da Veiga Sicupira within the meaning of Article 3, §2 of the Takeover Law	4,468	0.00%
12. <b>Olia 2 AG</b> , a company incorporated under Liechtenstein law, acting in concert with Jorge Paulo Lemann within the meaning of Article 3, §2 of the Takeover Law	259,000	0.01%
13. <b>BR Global Investments GP</b> , a company incorporated under Luxembourg law, acting in concert with Marcel Herrmann Telles, Jorge Paulo Lemann and Carlos Alberto da Veiga Sicupira within the meaning of Article 3, §2 of the Takeover Law	304,663	0.02%
14. <b>Santa Venerina</b> , a company incorporated under the laws of the Bahamas, acting in concert with Marcel Herrmann Telles within the meaning of Article 3, §2 of the Takeover Law	4,408,563	0.22%
<b>Holders of Restricted Shares</b>		
1. <b>Altria Group Inc.<sup>(2)</sup></b>	185,115,417	9.34%
2. <b>Bevco Lux Sàrl<sup>(3)</sup></b>	96,862,718	4.89%

(1) Holding percentages are calculated on the basis of the total number of shares in issue, excluding treasury shares (1,981,024,587). As at 31 December 2021, there were 2,019,241,973 shares in issue including 38,217,386 Ordinary Shares held in treasury by AB InBev and certain of its subsidiaries.

(2) In addition to the Restricted Shares listed above, Altria Group Inc. announced in its Schedule 13D beneficial ownership report on 11 October 2016 that, following completion of the business combination with SAB, it purchased 11,941,937 Ordinary Shares in the company. Finally, Altria Group Inc. further increased its position of Ordinary Shares in the company to 12,341,937, as disclosed in the Schedule 13D beneficial ownership report filed by Stichting dated 1 November 2016, implying an aggregate ownership of 9.97% based on the number of shares with voting rights as at 31 December 2021.

(3) In addition to the Restricted Shares listed above, Bevco Lux Sàrl announced in a notification made on 17 January 2017 in accordance with the Belgian law of 2 May 2007 on the notification of significant shareholdings, that it purchased 4,215,794 Ordinary Shares in the company. Bevco Lux Sàrl disclosed to us that it increased its position of Ordinary Shares in the company to an aggregate of 6,000,000 Ordinary Shares, resulting in an aggregate ownership of 5.19% based on the number of shares with voting rights as at 31 December 2021.

The first fourteen entities mentioned in the table act in concert (it being understood that (i) the first ten entities act in concert within the meaning of article 3, §1, 13<sup>o</sup> of the Belgian law of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant shareholdings in issuers whose securities are admitted to trading on a regulated market and containing various provisions, implementing into Belgian law Directive 2004/109/CE, and (ii) the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth entities act in concert with the first ten entities within the meaning of article 3, §2 of the Belgian law of 1 April 2007 on public takeover bids) and hold, as per (i) the most recent notifications received by AB InBev and the FSMA in accordance with (a) article 6 of the Belgian law of 2 May 2007 on the notification of significant shareholdings or (b) Regulation (EU) No 596/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014, and (ii) notifications to the company made on a voluntary basis prior to 31 December 2021, in aggregate, 845,346,860 Ordinary Shares, representing 42.67% of the voting rights attached to the shares outstanding as of 31 December 2021 excluding treasury shares.

## 6.2. Shareholders' arrangements

Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev (the Reference Shareholder) has entered into shareholders' agreements with (a) BRC, EPS, EPS Participations, Rayvax Société d'Investissements SA (Rayvax), (b) Fonds Baillet Latour SC and Fonds Voorzitter Verhelst SRL with a social purpose, and (c) the largest holders of Restricted Shares in the company (the Restricted Shareholders).

### A. REFERENCE SHAREHOLDER'S AGREEMENT

In connection with the combination of Interbrew with Ambev in 2004, BRC, EPS, Rayvax and the Reference Shareholder entered into a shareholders' agreement on 2 March 2004 which provided for BRC and EPS to hold their interests in the old Anheuser-Busch InBev through the Reference Shareholder (except for approximately 131 million shares held directly or indirectly by EPS and approximately 35 million shares held directly by BRC based on the most recent shareholding disclosure received by the company as at 31 December 2021). The shareholders' agreement was amended and restated on 9 September 2009. On 18 December 2013, EPS contributed to EPS Participations its certificates in the Reference Shareholder and the shares it held in the old Anheuser-Busch InBev except for 100,000 shares. Immediately thereafter, EPS Participations joined the concert constituted by BRC, EPS, Rayvax and the Reference Shareholder and adhered to the shareholders' agreement. On 18 December 2014, the Reference Shareholder, EPS, EPS Participations, BRC and Rayvax entered into a new shareholders' agreement that replaced the previous shareholders' agreement of 2009. On 11 April 2016, the parties thereto entered into an amended and restated new shareholders' agreement (the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement).

The 2016 Shareholders' Agreement addresses, among other things, certain matters relating to the governance and management of both AB InBev and the Reference Shareholder, as well as (i) the transfer of the Reference Shareholder certificates, and (ii) the de-certification and re-certification process for the company's shares (the Shares) and the circumstances in which the Shares held by the Reference Shareholder may be de-certified and/or pledged at the request of BRC, EPS and EPS Participations.

The 2016 Shareholders' Agreement provides for restrictions on the ability of BRC and EPS/EPS Participations to transfer their Reference Shareholder certificates.

Pursuant to the terms of the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement, BRC and EPS/EPS Participations jointly and equally exercise control over the Reference Shareholder and the Shares held by the Reference Shareholder. The Reference Shareholder is managed by an eight-member board of directors and each of BRC and EPS/EPS Participations have the right to appoint four directors to the Reference Shareholder board of directors. Subject to certain exceptions, at least seven of the eight Reference Shareholder directors must be present or represented in order to constitute a quorum of the Reference Shareholder board, and any action to be taken by the Reference Shareholder board of directors will, subject to certain qualified majority conditions, require the approval of a majority of the directors present or represented, including at least two directors appointed by BRC and two directors appointed by EPS/EPS Participations. Subject to certain exceptions, all decisions of the Reference Shareholder with respect to the Shares it holds, including how such Shares will be voted at shareholders' meetings of AB InBev (Shareholders' Meetings), will be made by the Reference Shareholder board of directors.

The 2016 Shareholders' Agreement requires the Reference Shareholder board of directors to meet prior to each shareholders' meeting of AB InBev to determine how the Shares held by the Reference Shareholder are to be voted.

The 2016 Shareholders' Agreement requires EPS, EPS Participations, BRC and Rayvax, as well as any other holder of certificates issued by the Reference Shareholder, to vote their Shares in the same manner as the Shares held by the Reference Shareholder. The parties agree to effect any free transfers of their Shares in an orderly manner of disposal that

does not disrupt the market for the Shares and in accordance with any conditions established by the company to ensure such orderly disposal. In addition, under the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement, EPS, EPS Participations and BRC agree not to acquire any shares of Ambev's capital stock, subject to limited exceptions.

Pursuant to the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement, the Reference Shareholder board of directors will propose to the shareholders' meeting of AB InBev nine candidates for appointment to the Board, among which each of BRC and EPS/EPS Participations will have the right to nominate four candidates, and one candidate will be nominated by the Reference Shareholder board of directors.

The 2016 Shareholders' Agreement will remain in effect for an initial term until 27 August 2034. It will be automatically renewed for successive terms of ten years each unless, not later than two years prior to the expiration of the initial or any successive ten-year term, either party to the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement notifies the other of its intention to terminate the 2016 Shareholders' Agreement.

## **B. VOTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REFERENCE SHAREHOLDER AND THE FOUNDATIONS**

In addition, the Reference Shareholder has entered into a voting agreement with Fonds Baillet Latour SRL with a social purpose (now Fonds Baillet Latour SC) and Fonds Voorzitter Verhelst SRL with a social purpose. This agreement provides for consultations between the three bodies before any shareholders' meetings of AB InBev to decide how they will exercise the voting rights attached to their Shares. Consensus is required for all items that are submitted to the approval of any shareholders' meetings. If the parties fail to reach a consensus, Fonds Baillet Latour SC and Fonds Voorzitter Verhelst SRL with a social purpose will vote their Shares in the same manner as the Reference Shareholder. The voting agreement is valid until 1 November 2034.

## **C. VOTING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REFERENCE SHAREHOLDER AND SOME RESTRICTED SHAREHOLDERS**

On 8 October 2016, the Reference Shareholder and each holder of Restricted Shares (such holders being the Restricted Shareholders) holding more than 1% of the company's total share capital, being Altria Group Inc. and Bevco LTD, have entered into a voting agreement, to which the company is also a party, under which notably:

- the Reference Shareholder is required to exercise the voting rights attached to its Ordinary Shares to give effect to the directors' appointment principles set out in articles 19 and 20 of the Articles of Association of the company;
- each Restricted Shareholder is required to exercise the voting rights attached to its Ordinary Shares and Restricted Shares, as applicable, to give effect to the directors' appointment principles set out in articles 19 and 20 of the Articles of Association; and
- each Restricted Shareholder is required not to exercise the voting rights attached to its Ordinary Shares and Restricted Shares, as applicable, in favour of any resolutions which would be proposed to modify the rights attached to Restricted Shares, unless such resolution has been approved by a qualified majority of the holders of at least 75% of the Restricted Shareholder Voting Shares (as defined in the Articles of Association).

# **7. Items to be disclosed pursuant to Article 34 of the Belgian Royal Decree of 14 November 2007**

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According to article 34 of the Belgian Royal Decree of 14 November 2007, Anheuser-Busch InBev hereby discloses the following items:

## **7.1. Capital structure and authorizations granted to the Board**

The company's share capital is divided in two categories of shares: all shares are ordinary shares (the Ordinary Shares), except for the restricted shares which were issued as part of the combination with SAB and remain outstanding from time to time (the Restricted Shares). Since 11 October 2021, the Restricted Shares are convertible at the election of their holders into new Ordinary Shares on a one-for-one basis. Following conversion requests made until 31 December 2021, as of 1 January 2022, 282,106,366 Restricted Shares remain outstanding compared to 1,737,135,607 outstanding Ordinary Shares. As of that date, Ordinary Shares represented 86.03% of the capital while Restricted Shares represented 13.97% of the capital. Ordinary Shares and Restricted Shares have the same rights except as set out in the Articles of Association. Restricted Shares shall always be in registered form and shall not be listed or admitted to trading on any stock market.

Anheuser-Busch InBev may increase or decrease its share capital with the specific approval of a shareholders' meeting. The shareholders may also authorize the Board of Directors to increase the share capital. Such authorization must be limited in time and amount. In either case, the shareholders' approval or authorization must satisfy the quorum and majority requirements applicable to amendments to the Articles of Association. At the annual shareholders' meeting of 26 April 2017, the shareholders authorized the Board of Directors to increase the share capital of AB InBev to an amount not to exceed 3% of the total number of shares issued and outstanding on 26 April 2017 (i.e. 2,019,241,973). This authorization has been granted for five years. It can be used for several purposes, including when the sound management of the company's business or the need to react to appropriate business opportunities calls for a restructuring, an acquisition (whether private or public) of securities or assets in one or more companies or, generally, any other appropriate increase of the company's capital. In anticipation of the upcoming expiration of this authorization, the Board of Directors intends to propose to the upcoming annual shareholders' meeting to be held on 27 April 2022 to renew such authorization for a period of five years.

AB InBev's Board of Directors has been authorized by the shareholders' meeting to acquire, on or outside the stock exchange, AB InBev shares up to maximum 20% of the issued shares for a unitary price which will not be lower than 1 Euro and not higher than 20% above the highest closing price in the last 20 trading days preceding the transaction. This authorization is valid for five years as from the date of publication of the amendment of the Articles of Association resolved upon by the shareholders' meeting held on 28 April 2021 (i.e., until 1 June 2026).

## **7.2. Voting rights and transferability of shares and shareholders' arrangements**

### **VOTING RIGHTS, QUORUM AND MAJORITY REQUIREMENTS**

Each share entitles the holder to one vote. In accordance with article 7:217, §1 and article 7:224 of the Belgian Companies Code, the voting rights attached to shares held by Anheuser-Busch InBev and its subsidiaries are suspended.

Generally, there is no quorum requirement for a shareholders' meeting and decisions will be taken by a simple majority vote of shares present or represented. However, certain matters will require a larger majority and/or a quorum. These include the following:

- i. any amendment to the Articles of Association (except the amendments to the corporate purpose or the transformation of the legal form of the company), including inter alia, reductions or increases of the share capital of the company (except for capital increases decided by the Board pursuant to the authorized capital) or any resolution relating to a merger or demerger of the company require the presence in person or by proxy of shareholders holding an aggregate of at least

- 50% of the issued share capital, and the approval of a qualified majority of at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting (without taking abstentions into account);
- ii.** any authorization to repurchase of Shares requires a quorum of shareholders holding an aggregate of at least 50% of the share capital and approval by a qualified majority of at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting (without taking abstentions into account);
  - iii.** any modification of the purpose of the company requires a quorum of shareholders holding an aggregate of at least 50% of the share capital and approval by a qualified majority of at least 80% of the votes cast at the meeting (without taking abstentions into account);
  - iv.** resolutions relating to the modification of the rights attached to a particular class of shares will require the presence in person or by proxy of shareholders holding an aggregate of at least 50% of the issued share capital in each class of shares and the approval of a qualified majority of at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting (without taking abstentions into account) in each class of shares, (in each of the cases (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv), if a quorum is not present, a second meeting must be convened. At the second meeting, the quorum requirement does not apply. However, the qualified majority requirement of 75% or 80%, as the case may be, continues to apply); and
  - v.** any acquisition or disposal of tangible assets by the company for an amount higher than the value of one third of the company's consolidated total assets as reported in its most recent audited consolidated financial statements requires the approval of a qualified majority of at least 75% of the votes cast at the meeting (without taking abstentions into account), but there is no minimum quorum requirement.

As an additional rule, in the event of (i) a contribution in kind to the company with assets owned by any person or entity which is required to file a transparency declaration pursuant to applicable Belgian law or a subsidiary (within the meaning of article 1:15 of the Belgian Companies Code) of such person or entity, or (ii) a merger of the company with such a person or entity or a subsidiary of such person or entity, then such person or entity and its subsidiaries shall not be entitled to vote on the resolution submitted to the shareholders' meeting to approve such contribution in kind or merger.

## TRANSFERABILITY OF SHARES

Ordinary Shares are freely transferable.

As far as Restricted Shares are concerned, until 10 October 2021, no Restricted Shareholder was able, in each case directly or indirectly, to transfer, sell, contribute, offer, grant any option on, otherwise dispose of, pledge, charge, assign, mortgage, grant any lien or any security interest on, enter into any certification or depository arrangement or enter into any form of hedging arrangement with respect to, any of its Restricted Shares or any interests therein or any rights relating thereto, or enter into any contract or other agreement to do any of the foregoing, except in the specific instances set out in the Articles of Association in connection with transactions with Affiliates and Successors or in relation with Pledges. Each of the terms Affiliates, Successors and Pledge is defined in the Articles of Association. Since 11 October 2021, these transfer restrictions are no longer applicable, but Restricted Shares shall automatically convert into Ordinary Shares (on a one-for-one basis) upon any transfer, sale, contribution or other disposal of Restricted Shares as set out below.

## CONVERSION

### Voluntary conversion

Since 11 October 2021, each Restricted Shareholder has the right to convert all or part of its holding of Restricted Shares into Ordinary Shares at its election at any time.

### Automatic conversion

The Restricted Shares shall automatically convert into Ordinary Shares in the situations set out in article 7.6. of the Articles of Association, i.e.:

- i.** upon any transfer, sale, contribution or other disposal, except as set out in article 7.6 (a) of the Articles of Association in connection with transactions with Affiliates and Successors or in relation with Pledges;
- ii.** immediately prior to the closing of a successful public takeover bid for all shares of the company or the completion of a merger of Anheuser-Busch InBev as acquiring or disappearing company, in circumstances where the shareholders directly or indirectly, controlling or exercising directly or indirectly joint control over AB InBev immediately prior to such takeover bid or merger will not directly or indirectly control, or exercise joint control over, AB InBev or the surviving entity following such takeover bid or merger; or
- iii.** upon the announcement of a squeeze-out bid for the outstanding shares of the company, in accordance with article 7:82 of the Belgian Companies Code.

## SHAREHOLDERS ARRANGEMENTS

Please refer to section 6.2 above.

## **7.3. Significant agreements or securities of Anheuser-Busch InBev that may be impacted by a change of control on the company**

### **1. REVOLVING CREDIT AND SWINGLINE FACILITIES AGREEMENT**

The company entered, on 16 February 2021, into an Amendment and Restatement Agreement in respect of its existing Revolving Credit and Swingline Facilities Agreement originally dated 26 February 2010, as amended from time to time and for the last time pursuant to an Amendment Letter dated 27 October 2015 (the "Original Facilities Agreement" and, as amended and restated by the Amendment and Restatement Agreement, the "Restated Facilities Agreement").

The Original Facilities Agreement was originally entered into by the old Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV, and was transferred to the company as a result of the merger between Anheuser-Busch InBev (formerly "Newbelco") and the old Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV, that took place on 10 October 2016 in the framework of the combination with SAB.

The total commitments of the Original Facilities Agreement were, immediately prior to the effective date of the Amendment and Restatement Agreement, USD 9,000,000,000 and, following the effective date of the Amendment and Restatement Agreement, USD 10,100,000,000. Pursuant to the Amendment and Restatement Agreement, the maturity of the Original Facilities Agreement was extended from August 2022 under the Original Facilities Agreement to February 2026 under the Restated Facilities Agreement.

The Restated Facilities Agreement contains a clause 17 (Mandatory Prepayment) that grants, in essence, to any lender under the Restated Facilities Agreement, upon a Change of Control over the Company, the right (i) not to fund any loan or letter of credit (other than a rollover loan meeting certain conditions) and (ii) (by not less than 30 days written notice) to cancel its undrawn commitments and require repayment of its participations in the loans or letters of credit, together with accrued interest thereon, and all other amounts owed to such lender under the Restated Facilities Agreement (and certain related documents). Pursuant to the Restated Facilities Agreement (a) "*Change of Control*" means "*any person or group of persons acting in concert (in each case other than Stichting InBev or any existing direct or indirect certificate holder or certificate holders of Stichting InBev or any person or group of persons acting in concert with any such persons) gaining Control of the Company*", (b) "*acting in concert*" means "*a group of persons who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), actively co-operate, through the acquisition directly or indirectly of shares in the Company by any of them, either directly or indirectly, to obtain Control of the Company*" and (c) "*Control*" means, *in respect of the Company*, (a) "*the direct or indirect ownership of more than 50 per cent of the share capital or similar rights of ownership of the Company or the power to direct the management and the policies of the Company whether through the ownership of share capital, contract or otherwise or (b) the power (whether by way of ownership of shares, proxy, contract, agency or otherwise) to: (i) cast, or control the casting of, more than 50 per cent. of the maximum number of votes that might be cast at a general meeting; or (ii) appoint or remove all, or the majority, of the directors or other equivalent officers; or (iii) give directions to management with respect to the operating and financial policies of the entity with which the directors or other equivalent officers of the Company are obliged to comply*".

In accordance with article 7:151 of the Belgian Companies Code, clause 17 (Mandatory Prepayment) of the Restated Facilities Agreement was approved by the annual shareholders' meeting of the Company held on 28 April 2021. Similar clauses were, in respect of the Original Facilities Agreement, approved by the shareholders meeting of old Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV on 27 April 2010 and 27 April 2016 in accordance with the then Article 556 of the 2009 Belgian Companies Code.

As of 31 December 2021, no drawdowns were outstanding under the Original Facilities Agreement.

### **2. EMTN PROGRAM**

In accordance with article 556 of the 2009 Belgian Companies Code, the shareholders' meeting of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev approved on 24 April 2013 (i) Condition 7.5. of the Terms & Conditions (Redemption at the Option of the Noteholders (Change of Control Put)) of the 15,000,000,000 Euro updated Euro Medium Term Note Program dated 16 May 2012 of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV and Brandbrew SA (the "Issuers") and Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, acting as Arranger, which may be applicable in the case of Notes issued under the Program (the "EMTN Program"), (ii) any other provision in the EMTN Program granting rights to third parties which could affect the company's assets or could impose an obligation on the company where in each case the exercise of those rights is dependent on the occurrence of a "Change of Control" (as defined in the Terms & Conditions of the EMTN Program). Pursuant to the EMTN Program, (a) "*Change of Control*" means "*any person or group of persons acting in concert (in each case other than Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev or any existing direct or indirect certificate holder or certificate holders of Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev) gaining Control*".

*of the company provided that a change of control shall not be deemed to have occurred if all or substantially all of the shareholders of the relevant person or group of persons are, or immediately prior to the event which would otherwise have constituted a change of control were, the shareholders of the company with the same (or substantially the same) pro rata interests in the share capital of the relevant person or group of persons as such shareholders have, or as the case may be, had, in the share capital of the company", (b) "acting in concert" means "a group of persons who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), actively cooperate, through the acquisition directly or indirectly of shares in the company by any of them, either directly or indirectly, to obtain Control of the company", and (c) "Control" means the "direct or indirect ownership of more than 50 per cent of the share capital or similar rights of ownership of the company or the power to direct the management and the policies of the company whether through the ownership of share capital, contract or otherwise".*

If a Change of Control Put is specified in the applicable Final Terms of the concerned notes, Condition 7.5. of the Terms & Conditions of the EMTN Programme grants, to any holder of such notes, in essence, the right to request the redemption of his notes at the redemption amount specified in the Final Terms of the notes, together, if appropriate, with interest accrued, upon the occurrence of a Change of Control and a related downgrade of the notes to sub-investment grade.

The change of control provision above is included in the Final Terms of:

- the 750,000,000 Euro 7.375% Notes due 2013 (*Redeemed on 30 January 2013*), the 600,000,000 Euro 8.625% Notes due 2017 (*Redeemed on 9 December 2016*) and the 550,000,000 GBP 9.75% Notes due 2024, each issued by the company in January 2009;
- the 750,000,000 Euro 6.57% Notes due 2014, issued by the company in February 2009 (*Redeemed on 27 February 2014*);
- the 50,000,000 Euro FRN Notes that bear an interest at a floating rate of 3 month EURIBOR plus 3.90 %, issued by the company in April 2009 (*Redeemed on 9 April 2014*);
- the 600,000,000 CHF 4.50% Notes due 2014 (*Redeemed on 11 June 2014*), issued by Brandbrew SA in June 2009 (with a guarantee by the company);
- the 250,000,000 Euro 5.75% Notes due 2015 (*Redeemed on 22 June 2015*) and the 750,000,000 GBP 6.50% Notes due 2017 (*Redeemed in June 2017*), each issued by the company in June 2009; and
- the 750,000,000 Euro 4% Notes due 2018 (*Redeemed in April 2018*), issued by the company in April 2010.

The series of Notes referred to in the above paragraph were issued pursuant to the 10,000,000,000 Euro initial Euro Medium Term Note Programme dated 16 January 2009 or the 15,000,000,000 Euro updated Euro Medium Term Note Programme dated 24 February 2010 (as applicable). The relevant change of control provisions contained in the Final Terms of such series of Notes were submitted to, and approved by, the shareholders meetings of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev held on 28 April 2009 and 27 April 2010, respectively.

There is no change of control clause included in the Final Terms of any series of Notes issued pursuant to the EMTN Programme by the company and/or Brandbrew SA after April 2010.

As a result of the update of the EMTN Programme on 22 August 2013 the Terms & Conditions of the updated EMTN Programme no longer provide for a Redemption at the option of the Noteholders (Change of Control Put).

In May 2016, the old Anheuser-Busch InBev invited Noteholders of certain outstanding series of Notes issued under the EMTN Programme prior to 2016 (the "Notes") to consider certain amendments to the terms and conditions applicable to those Notes (the "Participation Solicitation"). The Participation Solicitation was undertaken to avoid any suggestion that the combination with SAB could be interpreted as a cessation of business (or a threat to do so), winding up or dissolution of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev.

Meetings of the Noteholders of each series of the Notes were held on 1 June 2016 at which Noteholders voted in favour of the Participation Solicitation for each of the relevant series of Notes. Amended and restated final terms for each series of the Notes reflecting the amended terms and conditions, were signed by the old Anheuser-Busch InBev and the subsidiary guarantors named therein on 1 June 2016.

The EMTN Program has been transferred to the company as a result of the merger between Anheuser-Busch InBev (formerly "Newbelco") and the old AB InBev, that took place on 10 October 2016 in the framework of the combination with SAB.

### 3. US DOLLAR NOTES

In accordance with article 556 of the 2009 Belgian Companies Code, the shareholders meeting of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev approved on 26 April 2011 (i) the Change of Control Clause of the USD 3,250,000,000 Notes issued on 29 and 26

March 2010, consisting of USD 1,000,000,000 2.50 % Notes due 2013 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 2 September 2010 and redeemed on 26 March 2013*), USD 750,000,000 3.625 % Notes due 2015 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 2 September 2010 and redeemed on 15 April 2015*), USD 1,000,000,000 5.00 % Notes due 2020 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 2 September 2010 and redeemed on 6 June 2018*) and USD 500,000,000 Floating Rate Notes due 2013 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 2 September 2010 and redeemed on 26 March 2013*) (the “Unregistered Notes issued in March 2010”), (ii) the Change of Control Clause of the USD 3,250,000,000 Registered Notes issued in September 2010, consisting of USD 1,000,000,000 2.50 % Notes due 2013 (*Redeemed on 26 March 2013*), USD 750,000,000 3.625 % Notes due 2015 (*Redeemed on 15 April 2015*), USD 1,000,000,000 5.00 % Notes due 2020 (*Redeemed on 6 June 2018*) and USD 500,000,000 Floating Rate Notes due 2013 (*Redeemed on 26 March 2013*) and offered in exchange for corresponding amounts of the corresponding Unregistered Notes issued in March 2010, in accordance with a US Form F-4 Registration Statement pursuant to an exchange offer launched by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. in the U.S. on 5 August 2010 and expired on 2 September 2010 (the “Registered Notes issued in September 2010”), (iii) the Change of Control Clause of the USD 8,000,000,000 Registered Notes issued in March 2011, consisting of USD 1,250,000,000 7.20% Notes due 2014 (*Redeemed on 20 June 2011*), USD 2,500,000,000 7.75% Notes due 2019 (*Redeemed on 19 March 2018*) and USD 1,250,000,000 8.20% Notes due 2039, USD 1,550,000,000 5.375 % Notes due 2014 (*Redeemed on 15 November 2014*), USD 1,000,000,000 6.875 % Notes due 2019 (*Redeemed on 15 November 2019*) and USD 450,000,000 8.00 % Notes due 2039 and offered in exchange for corresponding amounts of the corresponding Unregistered Notes issued in January 2009 and of the corresponding Unregistered Notes issued in May 2009, in accordance with a US Form F-4 Registration Statement pursuant to an exchange offer launched by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. in the U.S. on 11 February 2011 and expired on 14 March 2011 (the “Registered Notes issued in March 2011”), whereby each of the Unregistered Notes issued in March 2010, the Registered Notes issued in September 2010 and the Registered Notes issued in March 2011 were issued by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from the old Anheuser-Busch InBev, and (iv) any other provision applicable to the Unregistered Notes issued in March 2010, the Registered Notes issued in September 2010 and the Registered Notes issued in March 2011 granting rights to third parties which could affect the company’s assets or could impose an obligation on the company where in each case the exercise of those rights is dependent on the launch of a public take-over bid over the shares of the company or on a “Change of Control” (as defined in the Offering Memorandum with respect to the Unregistered Notes, as the case may be, and in the Registration Statement with respect to the Registered Notes). Pursuant to the Offering Memorandum and Registration Statement (a) “*Change of Control*” means “any person or group of persons acting in concert (in each case other than Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev or any existing direct or indirect certificate holder or certificate holders of Stichting Anheuser-Busch InBev) gaining Control of the company provided that a change of control shall not be deemed to have occurred if all or substantially all of the shareholders of the relevant person or group of persons are, or immediately prior to the event which would otherwise have constituted a change of control were, the shareholders of the company with the same (or substantially the same) pro rata interests in the share capital of the relevant person or group of persons as such shareholders have, or as the case may be, had, in the share capital of the company”, (b) “*Acting in concert*” means “a group of persons who, pursuant to an agreement or understanding (whether formal or informal), actively cooperate, through the acquisition directly or indirectly of shares in the company by any of them, either directly or indirectly, to obtain Control of the company”, and (c) “*Control*” means the “direct or indirect ownership of more than 50 per cent of the share capital or similar rights of ownership of the company or the power to direct the management and the policies of the company whether through the ownership of share capital, contract or otherwise”.

The Change of Control clause grants to any Noteholder, in essence, the right to request the redemption of his Notes at a repurchase price in cash of 101% of their principal amount (plus interest accrued) upon the occurrence of a Change of Control and a related downgrade in the Notes to sub-investment grade.

A similar change of control provision was approved by the shareholders’ meeting of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev on 28 April 2009 with respect to:

- the USD 5,000,000,000 Notes, consisting of USD 1,250,000,000 7.20% Notes due 2014 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 14 March 2011 and redeemed on 20 June 2011*), USD 2,500,000,000 7.75% Notes due 2019 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 14 March 2011 and redeemed on 19 March 2018*) and USD 1,250,000,000 8.20% Notes due 2039 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 14 March 2011*), each issued in January 2009 by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV (the “Unregistered Notes issued in January 2009”).

A similar change of control provision was approved by the shareholders' meeting of the old Anheuser-Busch InBev on 27 April 2010 with respect to:

- the USD 3,000,000,000 Notes issued in May 2009, consisting of USD 1,550,000,000 5.375 % Notes due 2014 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 14 March 2011 and redeemed on 15 November 2014*), USD 1,000,000,000 6.875 % Notes due 2019 (*Redeemed on 15 November 2019*) and USD 450,000,000 8.00 % Notes due 2039 (the "Unregistered Notes issued in May 2009") each issued by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from the old Anheuser-Busch InBev.
- the USD 5,500,000,000 Notes issued in October 2009, consisting of USD 1,500,000,000 3.00 % Notes due 2012 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 05 February 2010 and redeemed on 15 October 2012*), USD 1,250,000,000 4.125 % Notes due 2015 (*Exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 5 February 2010 and redeemed on 15 January 2015*), USD 2,250,000,000 5.375 % Notes due 2020 (*exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 5 February 2010 and redeemed on 23 April 2018*) and USD 500,000,000 6.375 % Notes due 2040 (*exchanged for Registered Notes in an exchange offer that closed on 5 February 2010 and partially exchanged for a combination of Unregistered Notes and cash in an exchange offer that closed on 6 April 2017*) (the "Unregistered Notes issued in October 2009") each issued by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from the old Anheuser-Busch InBev.
- the USD 5,500,000,000 Registered Notes issued in February 2010, consisting of USD 1,500,000,000 3 % Notes due 2012 (*Redeemed on 15 October 2012*), USD 1,250,000,000 4.125 % Notes due 2015 (*Redeemed on 15 January 2015*), USD 2,250,000,000 5.375 % Notes due 2020 (*redeemed on 23 April 2018*) and USD 500,000,000 6.375 % Notes due 2040 (*partially exchanged for a combination of Unregistered Notes and cash in an exchange offer that closed on 6 April 2017*) and offered in exchange for corresponding amounts of the corresponding Unregistered Notes issued in October 2009, in accordance with a US Form F-4 Registration Statement pursuant to an exchange offer launched by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. in the US on 8 January 2010 and expired on 5 February 2010 (the "Registered Notes issued in February 2010") each issued by Anheuser-Busch InBev Worldwide Inc. with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from the old Anheuser-Busch InBev.

The US Dollar Notes have been transferred to the company as a result of the merger between Anheuser-Busch InBev (formerly "Newbelco") and the old AB InBev, which took place on 10 October 2016 in the framework of the combination with SAB.

#### **4. NOTES ISSUED UNDER ANHEUSER-BUSCH INBEV'S SHELF REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED ON FORM F-3.**

For the sake of completeness, there is no Change of Control Clause applicable to outstanding Notes issued under Anheuser-Busch InBev's Shelf Registration Statement filed on Form F-3 (with an unconditional and irrevocable guarantee as to payment of principal and interest from Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV).

# 8. Remuneration

## 8.1. Remuneration policy

The remuneration policy applies to the directors, the CEO and the other members of the ExCom. References to the remuneration of other executives of the company, including the other members of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), are purely for information purposes. It will be submitted to the approval of the annual shareholders' meeting of 27 April 2022.

The description of the remuneration policy in this section 8.1 *Remuneration policy* reflects changes that have been made to the policy that was approved by the annual shareholders' meeting in 2021. These changes were made by the Board upon the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee following an extensive benchmarking exercise, with the objective of further aligning the remuneration policy to market practice and fostering the company's sustainable and long-term commitment to shareholder value creation and its talent retention strategy. These changes will apply in respect of the remuneration due to the CEO and the other members of the ExCom subject to the approval of the remuneration policy by the annual shareholders' meeting of 27 April 2022. These changes are summarized in section 8.1.4 of this *Remuneration policy*.

### 8.1.1. REMUNERATION COMMITTEE

The Remuneration Committee consists of three members appointed by the Board, all of whom are non-executive directors. Currently, the Chairperson of the Remuneration Committee is a representative of the Reference Shareholder and the two other members meet the requirements of independence as established by the Belgian Companies and Associations Code and the 2020 Belgian Corporate Governance Code. The CEO and the Chief People Officer are invited to the meetings of the Remuneration Committee.

The Remuneration Committee meets four times a year, and more often if required, and is convened by its chairperson or at the request of at least two of its members.

The detailed composition, functioning and specific responsibilities of the Remuneration Committee are set forth in its terms of reference, which are part of the company's Corporate Governance Charter.

The principal role of the Remuneration Committee is to guide the Board with respect to all its decisions relating to the remuneration policies for the Board, the CEO, the ExCom and the SLT, and on their individual remuneration packages. Its objective is that the CEO and members of the ExCom and SLT are incentivized to achieve, and are compensated for, exceptional performance. It also promotes the maintenance and continuous improvement of the company's compensation framework, which applies to all employees.

AB InBev's compensation framework is based on meritocracy and a sense of ownership with a view to aligning the interests of employees with the interests of shareholders. The Remuneration Committee takes into account the compensation of the employees when preparing the remuneration policy applicable to the directors, the members of the ExCom and the other members of the SLT. Particularly, the Committee discusses and assesses key areas of remuneration policy for the wider workforce throughout the year, the annual bonus pool and resulting pay outcomes for employees across the workforce and any material changes to the structure of workforce compensation.

The Remuneration Committee prepares (and revises as the case may be) the remuneration policy and the remuneration report.

In exceptional circumstances, the company may temporarily derogate from the remuneration policy. These exceptional circumstances cover situations in which the derogation is necessary to serve the long-term interests and sustainability of the company as a whole or to assure its viability. Such derogation requires the approval of both the Remuneration Committee and the Board of Directors. The remuneration report relating to the relevant financial year will include information on any derogation, including its justification.

As noted above, the Remuneration Committee is composed exclusively of non-executive directors and a majority of its members qualify as independent directors. This helps to prevent conflicts of interest regarding the establishment, amendments and implementation of the remuneration policy in relation to the CEO and ExCom members. The CEO and the Chief People Officer do not take part in any discussions or deliberations of the Remuneration Committee related to their remuneration. The Remuneration Committee can hold *in camera* sessions without management being present whenever it deems appropriate to do so.

In addition, the power to approve the remuneration policy, prior to its submission to the shareholders' meeting, and the determination of the remuneration of the CEO and the ExCom and SLT members is vested with the Board upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee. No member of the ExCom is at the same time a member of the Board. As regards the remuneration of the directors, all decisions are adopted by the shareholders' meeting.

### **8.1.2. REMUNERATION POLICY OF THE DIRECTORS**

#### **A. Remuneration governance**

The Remuneration Committee recommends the remuneration for directors, including the Chairperson and the directors sitting on one or more of the Board committees. In so doing, it benchmarks from time to time directors' remuneration against peer companies, as the case may be, with the assistance of an independent consulting firm. These recommendations are subject to approval by the Board and, subsequently, by the shareholders at the annual general meeting.

In addition, the Board sets and revises, from time to time, the rules and level of compensation for directors carrying out a special mandate and the rules for reimbursement of directors' business-related out-of-pocket expenses.

The shareholders' meeting may from time to time revise the directors' remuneration upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee.

#### **B. Structure of the remuneration**

The remuneration of the directors comprises a fixed cash fee component and a share-based component consisting of an award of Restricted Stock Units, which makes Board remuneration simple, transparent and easy for shareholders to understand. Remuneration is commensurate to the time committed by the directors to the Board and its various committees and is set by the shareholders' meeting upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee. In addition, the remuneration is designed to attract and retain talented directors. The award of Restricted Stock Units further aligns the interests of the directors with the sustainable value-creation objectives of the company.

Restricted Stock Units corresponding to a fixed value in euro are granted to the members of its Board as part of the fixed remuneration for the exercise of their duties. The Restricted Stock Units vest after five years and, upon vesting, entitle their holders to one AB InBev share per Restricted Stock Unit (subject to any applicable withholdings). The granting and vesting of the Restricted Stock Units are not subject to performance criteria. Such Restricted Stock Units therefore qualify as fixed remuneration, as recommended by the 2020 Belgian Corporate Governance Code.

Contrary to the soft law recommendation of the 2020 Belgian Corporate Governance Code, the shares delivered to directors upon vesting of the Restricted Stock Units are not subject to a lock-up of three years after the date of the delivery and one year after the date of departure of the relevant director. However, the five-year vesting period of the Restricted Stock Units fosters a sustainable and long-term commitment of the directors to shareholder value creation that addresses the goal of the 2020 Belgian Corporate Governance Code.

#### **C. Other**

The company is prohibited from making loans to directors, whether for the purpose of exercising options or for any other purpose (except for routine advances for business-related expenses in accordance with the company's rules for reimbursement of expenses).

The company does not provide pensions, medical benefits or other benefit programs to directors.

### **8.1.3. REMUNERATION POLICY OF THE EXCOM**

The company's remuneration policy is designed to support its high-performance culture and the creation of long-term sustainable value for its shareholders. The goal of the policy is to reward executives with market-leading compensation, which is conditional upon both the overall success of the company and individual performance. It promotes alignment with shareholders' interests by strongly encouraging executive ownership of shares in the company and enables the company to attract and retain the best talent at global levels.

Base salaries are aligned with mid-market levels. Additional short- and long-term incentives are linked to challenging short- and long-term performance targets, and the investment of part or all of any variable compensation earned in company shares is encouraged (see section 8.1.3.A.b).

The Board determines the maximum amount for the funding of the variable remuneration pool prior to the start of a performance year and the allocation is made in accordance with criteria determined by the Board upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee.

All criteria and the duration of the vesting periods are aligned with the relevant time horizon of the company and set with the goal of fostering the company's sustainable and long-term commitment to shareholder value creation and its talent retention strategy. Criteria and objectives are reviewed by the Remuneration Committee and the Board to promote alignment with the company's business objective and strategic ambition.

The targets for each of the performance KPIs and business and individual objectives of the CEO and the other members of the ExCom and SLT are set and assessed by the Board based on a pre-determined performance matrix, upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee. The target achievement and corresponding annual and long-term incentives of the CEO and the other members of the ExCom and SLT are assessed by the Remuneration Committee.

The Board may revise the level of remuneration and approve a revised remuneration policy upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee, subject to the approval of the shareholders' meeting where required.

#### A. Components of executive remuneration

Executive remuneration generally consists of (a) fixed base salary, (b) variable performance-related compensation (bonus), (c) long-term incentives in the form of long-term Restricted Stock Units, long-term Performance Stock Units and/or long-term stock options, (d) pension schemes and (e) other components.

The ratio between fixed remuneration (consisting of items (a), (d) and (e) listed above) and on-target variable remuneration (consisting of items (b) and (c) listed above) depends on seniority levels of the executives. Our remuneration structure puts a significant emphasis on share-based components, resulting in items (b) and (c) being of a relatively higher weight assuming all performance and other requirements are fully met.

##### a. Base salary

To promote alignment with market practice, executives' base salaries are reviewed overall against benchmarks. These benchmarks are collected by independent compensation consultants, in relevant industries and geographies. For benchmarking, a custom sample of over 20 global leading peer companies (Peer Group) is used when available. The Peer Group is comprised of companies with a similar size to AB InBev, with the majority of them belonging to the consumer goods sector, and each shares a complex and diverse business model and operate in talent and labor markets similar to AB InBev.

The Peer Group is set by the Remuneration Committee upon the advice of an independent compensation consultant. It may be revised from time to time as the company evolves.

If Peer Group data are not available for a given role, Fortune 100 companies' data are used.

Executives' base salaries are intended to be aligned with mid-market levels for the appropriate market. Mid-market means that, for a similar job in the market, 50% of companies in that market pay more and 50% of companies pay less. Executives' total compensation at target is intended to be 10% above the third quartile.

##### b. Variable performance-related compensation (bonus) – Share-based compensation plan

Variable performance-related compensation (bonus) is key to the company's compensation system and is aimed at rewarding executives' short- and long-term performance.

The target variable performance-related compensation (bonus) is expressed as a percentage of the market reference salary applicable to the executive. The on-target bonus percentage currently theoretically amounts to maximum 200% of the market reference salary for members of the ExCom and 340% for the CEO. Company performance below or above target will result in a bonus payout that is lower or higher than the theoretical on-target amount, subject to a cap. An additional incentive of 20% on a bonus amount may be awarded by the Remuneration Committee in the case of exceptional circumstances.

The effective payout of variable performance-related compensation (bonus) is directly correlated with performance, i.e. linked to the achievement of total company, business unit and individual targets, all of which are based on performance metrics. If executives do not achieve their individual target hurdle, no bonus is earned irrespective of whether the total company and/or relevant business units achieve their targets. If, on the other hand, the total company and/or relevant business unit targets are not achieved, a limited portion of the bonus is payable to executives if they achieve their individual target hurdle.

**Company and business unit targets** are based on performance metrics which focus on top-line growth, profitability and long-term value creation. Examples of key performance metrics are:

- EBITDA (organic)
- Cash Flow Generation
- Net Revenue Growth
- Market Share
- Sustainability targets

These performance metrics may evolve over time. The metrics and the relative weight attributed to each of them are set by the Board annually taking into account the company's strategic priorities. Further details on the metrics for a given financial year are included in the remuneration report for such year.

**Individual performance targets** of the CEO and the other members of the ExCom may consist of financial and non-financial targets. Individual financial targets can, for example, be related to EBITDA, net revenue, capex, resource allocation and net debt ratios. Examples of individual non-financial targets include brand development, operations and innovation, sustainability and other elements of corporate social responsibility, corporate reputation and compliance/ethics. Typical individual performance measures in the latter areas relate to employee engagement, talent pipeline, sustainability goals and compliance, and are linked to the achievement of the company's strategic objectives.

The target achievement for each of the performance metrics and business and personal objectives is assessed by the Remuneration Committee on the basis of accounting and financial data and other objective criteria. A weighted performance score is translated into a payout curve with a cap, subject to a hurdle of achievement for individual targets. The hurdle is set at the minimum acceptable level of individual performance to trigger eligibility for a bonus pay-out.

The variable performance-related compensation (bonus) is usually paid annually in arrears after the publication of the company's full year results, in or around March of the relevant year. Exceptionally, it may be paid out semi-annually at the discretion of the Board. In such case, the first half of the variable compensation is paid shortly after publication of the half year results and the second half is paid after publication of the full year results.

Executives receive their variable performance-related compensation (bonus) in cash but are encouraged to invest some (up to 60%) or all of its value in company shares (Voluntary Shares).

Voluntary Shares are:

- existing ordinary shares;
- entitled to dividends paid as from the date of grant;
- subject to a lock-up period of three years; and
- granted at market price, to which a discount of up to 20% is applied. The discount is delivered in the form of Restricted Stock Units, subject to specific restrictions or forfeiture provisions in the event of termination of service (Discounted Shares).

Executives who invest in Voluntary Shares will also receive a company shares match of one and a half matching shares for each voluntary share invested up to a limited total percentage (60%) of each executive's variable compensation. These matching shares are also delivered in the form of Restricted Stock Units (Matching Shares).

The Restricted Stock Units relating to the Matching Shares and the Discounted Shares vest over a three-year period. No performance conditions apply to the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units. However, Restricted Stock Units will only be granted under the double condition that the executive:

- has earned a variable compensation, which is subject to the successful achievement of total company, business unit and individual performance targets (performance condition); and
- has agreed to reinvest all or part of his/her variable compensation in company shares, which are subject to a lock-up as indicated above (ownership condition).

Specific forfeiture rules apply in the event the executive leaves the company before the vesting date of the Restricted Stock Units.

In accordance with the authorization granted in the company's bylaws, this variable compensation system partly deviates from article 7:91 of the Belgian Companies and Associations Code, as it allows:

1. for the variable remuneration to be paid out based on the achievement of annual targets without staggering its grant or payment over a three-year period. However, as indicated above, executives are encouraged to invest some or all of their variable compensation in company Voluntary Shares. Such voluntary investment also leads to a grant of Matching Shares in the form of Restricted Stock Units, which vest over a three-year period, promoting sustainable long-term performance; and
2. for the Voluntary Shares granted under the share-based compensation plan to vest at their grant, instead of applying a vesting period of minimum three years. Nonetheless, the Voluntary Shares are subject to a lock-up period of three years.

### c. Long-term incentives

#### *Annual long-term incentives*

Subject to management's assessment of the executive's performance and future potential, members of our senior management may be eligible for an annual long-term incentive paid out in Restricted Stock Units, Performance Stock Units and/or stock options. Any grant of annual long-term incentives to members of the ExCom and SLT is subject to Board approval, upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee. Grants to executives of a certain seniority, including members of the ExCom and SLT, will primarily take the form of a combination of Restricted Stock Units and Performance Stock Units.

Long-term Restricted Stock Units have the following features:

- a grant value determined on the basis of the market price or an average market price of the share at the time of grant;
- upon vesting, each Restricted Stock Unit entitles its holder to acquire one share;
- the Restricted Stock Units cliff vest over a three-year period; and
- in the event the executive leaves the company before the vesting date, specific forfeiture rules will apply.

Long-term Performance Stock Units have the following features:

- a grant value determined on the basis of the market price or an average market price of the share at the time of grant;
- the Performance Stock Units cliff vest over a three-year period;
- upon vesting of the Performance Stock Units, the number of shares to which such Units shall entitle their holders shall depend on a performance test measuring (on a percentile basis) the company's three-year Total Shareholder Return (TSR) relative to the TSR realized for that period by a representative sample of listed companies belonging to the consumer goods sector. The number of shares to which such Units entitle their holders is subject to a hurdle and cap; and
- in the event the executive leaves the company before the vesting date, specific forfeiture rules will apply.

Long-term incentive stock options have the following features:

- an exercise price equal to the market price or an average market price of the share at the time of grant;
- a maximum lifetime of 10 years and an exercise period that starts after five years;
- upon exercise, each option entitles the option holder to purchase one share;
- the options cliff vest after five years; and
- in the event of termination of service before the vesting date, forfeiture rules will apply.

### *Exceptional long-term incentives*

Restricted Stock Units, Performance Stock Units or stock options may be granted from time to time to members of the senior management of the company:

- who have made a significant contribution to the success of the company; or
- who have made a significant contribution in relation to acquisitions and/or the achievement of integration benefits; or
- to incentivize and retain senior leaders who are considered to be instrumental in achieving the company's ambitious short or long-term growth agenda.

Vesting of such Restricted Stock Units, Performance Stock Units or stock options may be subject to achievement of performance conditions which will be related to the objectives of such exceptional grants. Such performance conditions may consist of financial metrics related to market conditions (e.g. relative TSR) or non-market conditions (e.g. an EBITDA compounded annual growth rate).

Grants will primarily take the form of Restricted Stock Units. Any grant of exceptional long-term incentives to members of the ExCom and SLT is subject to Board approval, upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee.

By way of example, the following historic exceptional long-term incentive plans are currently in place:

1. **2020 Incentive Plan:** options could be granted to selected members of the senior management of the company, who were considered to be instrumental in helping the company to achieve its ambitious growth target.

Each option gives the grantee the right to purchase one existing share. An exercise price is set at an amount equal to the market price of the share at the time of grant. The options have a duration of 10 years as from granting and vest after five years. The options only become exercisable provided a performance test is met by the company. This performance test is based on a net revenue amount which must be achieved by 31 December 2022 at the latest.

2. **Integration Incentive Plan:** options could be granted to selected members of the senior management of the company considering the significant contribution that these employees could make to the success of the company and the achievement of integration benefits.

Each option gives the grantee the right to purchase one existing AB InBev share. The exercise price of the options is set at an amount equal to the market price of the share at the time of grant. The options have a duration of 10 years from grant and vest on 1 January 2022 and only become exercisable provided a performance test is met by the company by 31 December 2021 at the latest. This performance test is based on an EBITDA compounded annual growth rate target and may be complemented by additional country or zone specific or function specific targets. Specific forfeiture rules apply if the employee leaves the company before the performance test achievement or vesting date.

3. **Incentive Plan for SAB employees:** options could be granted to employees of former SAB. The grant resulted from the commitment that the company made under the terms of the combination with SAB that it would, for at least one year, preserve the terms and conditions for employment of all employees that remain with the group.

Each option gives the grantee the right to purchase one existing AB InBev share. The exercise price of the options is set at an amount equal to the market price of the share at the time of grant. The options have a duration of 10 years as from granting and vest after three years. Specific forfeiture rules apply if the employee leaves the company before the vesting date.

4. **Long Run Stock Options Incentive Plan:** options can be granted to selected members of the company's senior management to incentivize and retain senior leaders who are considered to be instrumental in achieving the company's ambitious long-term growth agenda over the next 10 years. Each option gives the grantee the right to purchase one existing share. The exercise price of the options is set at the closing share price on the day preceding the grant date. The options have a duration of 15 years as from granting and, in principle, vest after 5 or 10 years. The options only become exercisable provided a performance test is met by Anheuser-Busch InBev. This performance test is based on an organic EBITDA compounded annual growth rate target. Specific forfeiture rules apply if the employee leaves the company before the performance test achievement or vesting date.

Upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee, the Board can implement similar exceptional long-term incentive plans.

#### *Other recurring long-term Restricted Stock Unit programs*

Several recurring specific long-term Restricted Stock Unit programs are in place:

1. A base long-term Restricted Stock Units program allowing for the offer of Restricted Stock Units to members of the company's senior management.

In addition to the annual Long-term Restricted Stock Units described above (see section 8.1.3.A.c *Annual long-term incentives*), under this program, Restricted Stock Units can be granted under other sub-plans with specific terms and conditions and for specific purposes, e.g. for special retention incentives or to compensate for assignments of expatriates in certain countries. In most cases, the Restricted Stock Units vest after three or five years without a performance test and in the event of termination of service before the vesting date, specific forfeiture rules apply. The Board may set different vesting periods for specific sub-plans or introduce performance tests in line with the company's high-performance culture and the creation of long-term sustainable value for its shareholders. Any grant under long-term Restricted Stock Unit programs to members of the ExCom and SLT is subject to Board approval, upon recommendation of the Remuneration Committee.

2. A program allowing certain employees to purchase company shares at a discount aimed as a long-term retention incentive for (i) high-potential employees of the company, who are at a mid-manager level (People bet share purchase program) or (ii) newly hired employees. The voluntary investment in company shares leads to the grant of up to three Matching Shares for each share invested or, as the case may be, a number of Matching Shares corresponding to a fixed monetary value that depends on seniority level. The Matching Shares are granted in the form of Restricted Stock Units which vest after five years. In the event of termination before the vesting date, specific forfeiture rules apply. Since 2016, instead of Restricted Stock Units, stock options may also be granted under this program with similar vesting and forfeiture rules.

#### *Exchange of share ownership program*

From time to time, certain members of Ambev's senior management are transferred to AB InBev and vice versa. In order to encourage management mobility and promote that the interests of these managers are fully aligned with AB InBev's interests, the Board has approved a program that aims at facilitating the exchange by these managers of their Ambev shares into AB InBev shares.

Under the program, the Ambev shares can be exchanged for AB InBev shares based on the average share price of both the Ambev and the AB InBev shares on the date the exchange is requested. A discount of 16.66% is granted in exchange for a five-year lock-up period for the shares and provided that the manager remains in service during this period. The discounted shares are forfeited in the event of termination of service before the end of the five-year lock-up period.

#### *Programs for maintaining consistency of benefits granted and for encouraging global mobility of executives*

Two programs which are aimed at maintaining consistency of benefits granted to executives and at encouraging the international mobility of executives while complying with all legal and tax obligations are in place:

1. **The Exchange program:** under this program, the vesting and transferability restrictions of the Series A options granted under the November 2008 Exceptional Option Grant and of the options granted under the April 2009 Exceptional Option Grant could be released, e.g. for executives who moved to the United States. These executives were then offered the possibility to exchange their options for ordinary AB InBev shares that remained locked up until 31 December 2018 (five years longer than the original lock-up period). Since the Series A options granted under the November 2008 Exceptional Option Grant and the options granted under the April 2009 Exceptional Option Grant vested on 1 January 2014, the Exchange program is no longer relevant for these options. Instead, the Exchange program has now become applicable to the Series B options granted under the November 2008 Exceptional Option Grant. Under the extended program, executives who are relocated, e.g. to the United States, can be offered the possibility to exchange their Series B options for ordinary Anheuser-Busch shares that, in principle, remain locked up until 31 December 2023 (five years longer than the original lock-up period). As a variant to this program, the Board also approved the recommendation of the Remuneration Committee to allow the early release of the vesting conditions of the Series B options granted under the November 2008 Exceptional Option Grant for executives who are relocated, e.g. to the United States. The shares that result from the exercise of the options must, in principle, remain blocked until 31 December 2023.
2. **The Dividend waiver program:** where applicable, the dividend protection feature of the outstanding options owned by executives who move to the United States is being cancelled. In order to compensate for the economic loss which results from this cancellation, a number of new options is granted to these executives with a value equal to this economic loss. The new options have a strike price equal to the share price on the day preceding the grant date of the options. All other terms and conditions, in particular with respect to vesting, exercise limitations and

forfeiture rules of the new options are identical to the outstanding options for which the dividend protection feature is cancelled. As a consequence, the grant of these new options does not result in the grant of any additional economic benefit to the executives concerned.

There is also a possible early release of vesting conditions of unvested stock options or Restricted Stock Units which are vesting within six months of the executives' relocation. The shares that result from the early exercise of the options or the early vesting of the Restricted Stock Units must remain blocked until the end of the initial vesting period.

#### **d. Pension schemes**

Our executives participate in Anheuser-Busch InBev's pension schemes in either the United States, Belgium or their home country. These schemes are in line with predominant market practices in the respective countries. They may be defined benefit plans or defined contribution plans.

#### **e. Other benefits**

The company is prohibited from making loans to members of the ExCom or SLT, whether for the purpose of exercising options or for any other purpose (except for routine advances for business-related expenses in accordance with the company's rules for reimbursement of expenses).

Executives and their family are eligible to participate in the Employer's Executive benefit plans (including medical and hospitalization, death and disability plans) in effect from time to time, in line with the predominant market practices.

### **B. Minimum threshold of shares to be held by members of the ExCom**

The Board has set a minimum threshold of shares of the company to be held at any time by the CEO to two years of base salary (gross) and by the other members of the ExCom to one year of base salary (gross). Newly appointed ExCom members have three years to reach such threshold following the date of their appointment.

### **C. Main contractual terms and conditions of employment of members of the ExCom**

The terms and conditions of employment of the members of the ExCom are included in individual employment agreements which are concluded for an indefinite period of time. Executives are also required to comply with the company's policies and codes such as the Code of Business Conduct and Code of Dealing and are subject to exclusivity, confidentiality and non-compete obligations under their employment agreements.

The agreement typically provides that the executive's eligibility for payment of variable compensation is determined exclusively on the basis of the achievement of company and individual targets set by the company. The specific conditions and modalities of the variable compensation are fixed separately by the company and approved by the Remuneration Committee.

The termination arrangements for the ExCom members provide for a termination indemnity of 12 months of remuneration, including variable compensation, in the event of termination without cause. The variable compensation for purposes of the termination indemnity shall be calculated as the average of the variable compensation paid to the executive for the last two years of employment prior to the year of termination. In addition, if the company decides to impose upon the executive a non-compete restriction of 12 months, the executive shall be entitled to receive an additional indemnity of six months, subject to applicable laws and regulations.

### **D. Reclaim of variable remuneration**

The company's share-based compensation and long-term incentive plans contain a *malus* provision for all grants made since March 2019. Such provision provides that the Restricted Stock Units and/or stock options granted to an executive will automatically expire and become null and void in the scenario where the executive is found by the Global Ethics and Compliance Committee to be (i) responsible for a material breach of the company's Code of Business Conduct; or (ii) subject to a material adverse court or administrative decision, in each case in the period before the vesting of the Restricted Stock Units or exercise of the stock options.

#### **8.1.4. SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE REMUNERATION POLICY**

As set out in the introduction to this remuneration policy, changes have been made to the remuneration policy compared to the policy that was approved by the annual shareholders' meeting in 2021. These changes are summarized as follows:

- starting with any bonuses to be paid in respect of financial year 2022 onwards, the voluntary shares acquired by executives who elect to invest some of the cash value of their bonus in company shares will be subject to a lock-up of three years, and the matching shares and discounted shares delivered in the form of Restricted Stock Units to such executives will be subject to a vesting period of three years. Previously, a single lock-up and vesting period of five years applied, except in respect of financial years 2020 and 2021, when half of the voluntary shares and Restricted Stock Units were subject to a lock-up and vesting period, respectively, of three years and the other half of five years;
- starting with any bonuses to be paid in respect of financial year 2022 onwards, the number of matching shares will be one and a half matching shares to one (1.5 to 1) for each voluntary share invested by the executive up to a limited total percentage (60%) of the bonus. In respect of prior financial years, such matching was three to one (3 to 1) for each voluntary share invested by the executive up to 60% of the bonus;
- starting with the bonuses to be paid in respect of financial year 2022 onwards, if the total company and/or relevant business units do not achieve their target hurdles, executives will receive a limited portion of their bonus if they achieve their individual target hurdle. In respect of prior financial years, no bonus would be earned if the total company and/or relevant business units target hurdles were not reached, irrespective of the individual target achievement;
- starting with grants in respect of financial year 2022 onwards, the long-term incentives grants for executives of a certain seniority (including members of the ExCom and SLT) will primarily take the form of a combination of Restricted Stock Units and Performance Stock Units, both with a three-year vesting period. Such Performance Stock Units will entitle their holders to a number of shares based on the percentile level at which the company's three-year total shareholders' return stands as compared to a representative sample of listed companies. In respect of prior financial years, all grants consisted exclusively of stock options or Restricted Stock Units with vesting periods ranging between ten years, five years or three (50%) and five (50%) years.

These changes will apply in respect of the remuneration due to the CEO and the other members of the ExCom subject to the approval of the remuneration policy by the annual shareholders' meeting of 27 April 2022.

## 8.2. Remuneration report

This remuneration report must be read together with the remuneration policy which, to the extent necessary, should be regarded as forming part of this remuneration report. The remuneration granted to directors and members of the ExCom with respect to financial year 2021 is in line with the remuneration policy. It is designed to support the company's high-performance culture and the creation of long-term sustainable value for its shareholders and promotes alignment with shareholders' interests by strongly encouraging executive ownership of shares in the company.

The remuneration report will be submitted to the approval of the annual shareholders' meeting of 27 April 2022.

### 8.2.1. REMUNERATION REPORT RELATING TO DIRECTORS

#### A. General overview

##### a. Cash remuneration

The fixed annual fee of the directors amounts to EUR 75,000, except for the chairperson of the Board and the chairperson of the Audit Committee whose annual fixed fees amount respectively to EUR 255,000 and EUR 127,500.

In addition, a fixed annual retainer applies as follows: (a) EUR 28,000 for the chairperson of the Audit Committee, (b) EUR 14,000 for the other members of the Audit Committee, (c) EUR 14,000 for each of the chairpersons of the Finance Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee, and (d) EUR 7,000 to each of the other members of the Finance Committee, the Remuneration Committee and the Nomination Committee, it being understood that the amounts of the retainers set out above are cumulative in the case of participation of a director in several committees.

##### b. Share-based remuneration

The share-based portion of the remuneration of the directors of the company is granted under the form of Restricted Stock Units corresponding to a fixed gross value per year of (i) EUR 550,000 for the chairperson of the Board, (ii) EUR 350,000 for the chairperson of the Audit Committee and (iii) EUR 200,000 for the other directors.

Such Restricted Stock Units vest after five years. Each director is entitled to receive a number of Restricted Stock Units corresponding to the above amount to which such director is entitled divided by the closing price of the shares of the company on Euronext Brussels on the day preceding the annual shareholders' meeting approving the accounts of the financial year to which the remuneration in Restricted Stock Units relates. Upon vesting, each vested Restricted Stock Unit entitles its holder to one AB InBev share (subject to any applicable withholdings).

#### B. Individual director remuneration

Individual director remuneration for 2021 is presented in the table below. All amounts presented are gross amounts expressed in Euro before deduction of withholding tax.

	Number of Board meetings attended	Annual fee for Board meetings	Fees for Committee meetings	Total fee	Number of Restricted Stock Units granted <sup>(2)</sup>
Maria Asuncion Aramburuzabala	10	75,000	0	75,000	3,444
Martin J. Barrington	10	255,000	21,000	276,000	9,472
Michele Burns	10	127,500	42,000	169,500	6,028
Sabine Chalmers	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Paul Cornet de Ways Ruart	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Grégoire de Spoelberch	10	75,000	14,000	89,000	3,444
Claudio Garcia	10	75,000	28,000	103,000	3,444
William F. Gifford <sup>(1)</sup>	8	0	0	0	0
Paulo Lemann	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Xiaozhi Liu	10	75,000	14,000	89,000	3,444
Alejandro Santo Domingo	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Elio Leon Sceti	10	75,000	21,000	96,000	3,444
Cecilia Sicupira	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Roberto Thompson Motta	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
Alexandre Van Damme	10	75,000	7,000	82,000	3,444
<b>All directors as a group</b>		<b>1,282,500</b>	<b>189,000</b>	<b>1,471,500</b>	<b>56,828</b>

(1) William F. Gifford has waived his entitlement to any type of remuneration, including share-based remuneration, relating to the exercise of his mandate in 2021 and before.

(2) No Restricted Stock Units granted to Directors vested in 2021.

### C. Options owned by directors

The table below sets forth, for each of the company's current directors, the number of LTI stock options they owned as of 31 December 2021<sup>(1)</sup>. LTI options are no longer awarded to directors (last grant on 25 April 2018)<sup>1</sup>.

	<b>LTI 26</b>	<b>LTI 25</b>	<b>LTI 24</b>	<b>LTI 23</b>	<b>LTI 22</b>	<b>Number of LTI stock options owned</b>
<b>Grant date</b>	<b>25 April 2018</b>	<b>26 April 2017</b>	<b>27 April 2016</b>	<b>29 April 2015</b>	<b>30 April 2014</b>	
<b>Expiry date</b>	<b>24 April 2028</b>	<b>25 April 2027</b>	<b>26 April 2026</b>	<b>28 April 2025</b>	<b>29 April 2024</b>	
Maria Asuncion Aramburuzabala	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	60,000
Martin J. Barrington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sabine Chalmers <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Michele Burns	25,500	25,500	25,500	0	0	76,500
Paul Cornet de Ways Ruart	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	75,000
Grégoire de Spoelberch	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	75,000
Claudio Garcia <sup>(2)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
William F. Gifford <sup>(3)</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paulo Lemann	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	60,000
Xiaozhi Liu	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alejandro Santo Domingo	15,000	15,000	0	0	0	30,000
Elio Leoni Sceti	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0	60,000
Cecilia Sicupira	0	0	0	0	0	0
Roberto Thompson Motta	0	0	0	0	15,000 <sup>(4)</sup>	15,000
Alexandre Van Damme	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	75,000
<b>Strike price (Euro)</b>	<b>84.47</b>	<b>104.50</b>	<b>113.25</b>	<b>113.10</b>	<b>80.83</b>	

(1) At the annual shareholders' meeting of 30 April 2014, all outstanding LTI warrants were converted into LTI stock options, i.e. the right to purchase existing ordinary shares instead of the right to subscribe to newly issued shares. All other terms and conditions of the outstanding LTI warrants remained unchanged. In 2021, no LTI stock options listed in the above table were exercised by directors.

- (2) Claudio Garcia and Sabine Chalmers do not hold stock options under the company's LTI Stock Options Plan for directors. However, they do still hold certain stock options that were awarded to them in the past in their capacity as executives of the company. Out of these, in 2021 Claudio Garcia exercised 57,293 LTI Options granted on 30 November 2011 with an exercise price of EUR 44.00.
- (3) William F. Gifford has waived his entitlement to any type of remuneration, including long-term incentive stock options, relating to the exercise of his mandate in 2021 and before.
- (4) 15,000 stock options granted on 30 April 2014 to Roberto Thomson Motta in the framework of his previous director mandate at the company.

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<sup>1</sup> Until 31 December 2018, the company had a long-term incentive (LTI) stock option plan for directors. All LTI grants to directors were in the form of stock options on existing shares with the following features:

- an exercise price equal to the market price of the share at the time of granting;
- a maximum lifetime of 10 years and an exercise period that starts after five years; and
- the LTI stock options cliff vest after five years. Unvested LTI stock options are subject to forfeiture provisions in the event that the directorship is not renewed upon the expiry of its term or is terminated in the course of its term, both due to a breach of duty by the director.

This LTI stock option plan was replaced in 2019 with the RSU Plan described in section 8.2.1.A.b.

#### D. Restricted Stock Units owned by directors

The table below sets forth, for each of the company's current directors, the number of Restricted Stock Units they owned as of 31 December 2021:

<b>Grant Date</b>	<b>24 April 2019</b>	<b>3 June 2020</b>	<b>28 April 2021</b>	<b>Number of Restricted Stock Units owned <sup>(3)</sup></b>
<b>Vesting Date</b>	<b>24 April 2024</b>	<b>3 June 2025</b>	<b>28 April 2026</b>	
Maria Asuncion Aramburuzabala	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Martin J. Barrington	1,614	12,447	9,472	23,533
Michele Burns	4,544	7,920	6,028	18,492
Sabine Chalmers <sup>(2)</sup>	0	4,526	3,444	7,970
Paul Cornet de Ways Ruart	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Grégoire de Spoelberch	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Claudio Garcia <sup>(2)</sup>	0	4,526	3,444	7,970
William F. Gifford <sup>(1)</sup>	0	0	0	0
Paulo Lemann	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Xiaozhi Liu	0	4,526	3,444	7,970
Alejandro Santo Domingo	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Elio Leoni Sceti	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
Cecilia Sicupira	0	4,526	3,444	7,970
Roberto Thompson Motta	0	0	3,444	3,444
Alexandre Van Damme	2,595	4,526	3,444	10,565
All directors as a group	24,323	70,153	56,828	151,304

(1) William F. Gifford has waived his entitlement to any type of remuneration, including share-based remuneration, relating to the exercise of his mandate in 2021 and before.

(2) In addition to the restricted stock units held under the company's RSU Plan for directors, Claudio Garcia and Sabine Chalmers hold certain Restricted Stock Units that were awarded to them in the past in their capacity as executives of the company.

(3) No Restricted Stock Units granted to Directors vested in 2021.

#### 8.2.2. REMUNERATION REPORT RELATING TO THE EXCOM

Except as provided otherwise, the information in this section relates to the members of the ExCom as at 31 December 2021.

##### A. Components of executive remuneration

Executive remuneration generally consists of (a) fixed base salary, (b) variable performance-related compensation (bonus), (c) long-term incentives in the form of long-term Restricted Stock Units, long-term Performance Stock Units and/or long-term stock options, (d) pension schemes (e) other components. All amounts shown below are gross amounts before deduction of withholding taxes and social security.

In addition, the Board has set up a minimum threshold of shares to be held by the CEO and by the other members of the ExCom, as indicated in the remuneration policy (see above section 8.1).

###### a. Base salary

In 2021, based on his employment contract (and taking into account the base salary earned in his prior role of Zone President for North America until 30 June 2021), Michel Doukeris (CEO since 1 July 2021) earned a fixed annual base salary of EUR 1.01 million (USD 1.20 million), while the other members of the ExCom earned an aggregate annual base salary of EUR 1.75 million (USD 2.08 million).

In 2021, based on his employment contract, Carlos Brito earned a fixed annual salary of EUR 1.38 million (USD 1.64 million) for the performance of his CEO role (until 30 June 2021) and his advisory role to the new CEO (from 1 July 2021 until 31 December 2021).

###### b. Variable performance-related compensation (bonus) – Share-based compensation plan

The effective payout of variable performance-based compensation (bonus) in respect of financial year 2021 is directly correlated with performance, i.e. linked to the achievement of total company, business unit and individual targets, all of which are based on performance metrics, whereby below a hurdle of achievement for total company and business unit targets, no variable compensation is earned irrespective of individual target achievement.

Company and business unit targets are based on performance metrics which focus on top-line growth, profitability and long-term value creation. For financial year 2021, the performance metrics and their relative weight were:

Key Performance Metrics	Weight
Net Revenue (organic)	50%
EBITDA (organic)	30%
Cash flow (organic)	20%
Total	100%

Based on its performance and results in 2021, the company overachieved its aggregated performance targets in 2021.

Executives receive their bonus (if any) for financial year 2021 in cash but are encouraged to invest some or all of its value in Voluntary Shares. Such voluntary investment leads to a 20% discount and a company shares match of three Matching Shares for each share voluntarily invested up to a limited total percentage of each executive's bonus.

#### ***Variable compensation (bonus) for performance in 2021***

For the year 2021, based on his performance as Zone President for North America (until 30 June 2021) and as CEO (as from 1 July 2021), Michel Doukeris earned a bonus of EUR 7.2 million (USD 8.6 million). The other members of the ExCom (as at 31 December 2021) earned an aggregate bonus of EUR 5.7 million (USD 6.7 million).

For the performance of his role as CEO until 30 June 2021, Carlos Brito earned a bonus of EUR 3.6 million (USD 4.3 million).

The amount of variable compensation (bonus) is based on the company's performance during the year 2021 and the executive's individual target achievement. The variable compensation will be paid in or around March 2022.

#### **c. Long-term incentives**

##### ***Annual long-term incentive restricted stock units***

On 1 March 2021, 147,758 annual long-term incentive Restricted Stock Units for 2020 were granted to Carlos Brito as per a decision of the Board on 28 January 2021.

On 13 December 2021, 17,380 annual long-term Restricted Stock Units were granted to each of David Almeida, John Blood and Fernando Tennenbaum. On 28 January 2022, the Board approved the annual long-term incentive Restricted Stock Units grant to Michel Doukeris which will be effective 1 March 2022 and will be disclosed in the ordinary course.

Half of the Restricted Stock Units cliff vest over a three-year period and the other half cliff vest over a five-year period. In the event the executive leaves the company before the vesting date, specific forfeiture rules apply.

##### ***Exceptional long-term incentives***

In 2021, no grants were made to members of the ExCom under the historic exceptional long-term incentive plans described in section 8.1.3.A.c.

##### ***Recurring Specific long-term Restricted Stock Unit programs***

In 2021, no grants were made to members of the ExCom under the company's other recurring specific long-term Restricted Stock Unit programs (as described in section 8.1.3.A.c.).

##### ***Exchange of share ownership program***

In 2021, no member of the ExCom participated in the company's exchange of share ownership program (as described in section 8.1.3.A.c.).

##### ***Programs for maintaining consistency of benefits granted and for encouraging global mobility of executives***

In 2021, no member of the ExCom participated in any of the company's programs for maintaining consistency of benefits granted and for encouraging global mobility of executives (as described in section 8.1.3.A.c.).

#### **d. Pension schemes**

The CEO and the other members of the ExCom participate in a defined contribution plan. The annual contribution that was paid by the company for Michel Doukeris amounted to approximately USD 0.15 million in 2021. The contributions for the other members of the ExCom amounted to approximately USD 0.03 million in aggregate in 2021.

No annual contributions were due by the company for Carlos Brito under the CEO's plan for the performance of his role as CEO until 30 June 2021.

#### e. Other benefits

Executives are also entitled to disability, life, medical (including vision and dental) and Group Variable Universal Life (GVUL) insurance and perquisites that are competitive with market practices, the costs of which together amounted in 2021 to approximately USD 0.02 million for Michel Doukeris and approximately USD 0.07 million in aggregate for the other members of the ExCom.

For the performance of his role as CEO until 30 June 2021, the costs of these benefits for Carlos Brito amounted in 2021 to approximately USD 0.05 million.

### B. Main contractual terms and conditions of employment of members of the Executive Committee (ExCom) in 2021

See section 8.1.3.C for a description of the main contractual terms and conditions of employment of members of the ExCom, including termination arrangements.

Effective 1 July 2021, Carlos Brito stepped down from his role of CEO. Between 1 July 2021 and 31 December 2021, he served as advisor to the new CEO. Effective 1 January 2022, Carlos Brito left the company. He was granted a termination indemnity not exceeding the sum of 12 months of his base salary and the average of the variable compensation relating to the last two years.

Michel Doukeris was appointed to serve as the CEO starting as of 1 July 2021. In the event of termination of his employment other than on the grounds of serious cause, the CEO is entitled to a termination indemnity of 12 months of remuneration, including variable compensation as described above.

### C. Reclaim of variable remuneration

*Malus* provisions have been included in the share-based compensation and long-term incentive plans relating to grants made in 2021 (see section 8.1.3.D.). No variable remuneration was reclaimed in 2021.

### D. Options owned by members of the ExCom

The table below sets forth the number of LTI stock options owned by the members of our ExCom as of 31 December 2021 under the annual LTI stock option plan (see section 8.1.3.A.c).

	LTI options					
Grant date	30 Nov 2011	30 Nov 2012	02 Dec 2013	01 Dec 2014	01 Dec 2015	22 Dec 2015
Expiry date	29 Nov 2021	29 Nov 2022	01 Dec 2023	30 Nov 2024	30 Nov 2025	21 Dec 2025
ExCom <sup>(1)</sup>	0	56,880	83,922	113,468	36,035	45,837
Strike price (EUR)	44.00	66.56	75.15	94.46	121.95	113.00

	LTI options					
Grant date	01 Dec 2016	20 Jan 2017	1 Dec 2017	22 Jan 2018	25 Jan 2019	02 Dec 2019
Expiry date	30 Nov 2026	19 Jan 2027	30 Nov 2027	21 Jan 2028	24 Jan 2029	01 Dec 2029
ExCom <sup>(1)</sup>	36,728	75,756	19,112	146,486	306,794	377,402
Strike price (EUR)	98.04	98.85	96.70	94.36	65.70	71.87

(1) The following options were exercised in 2021:

- a. David Almeida exercised 49,923 LTI options granted on 30 November 2011 with a strike price of EUR 44.00.
- b. John Blood exercised 6,517 LTI options granted on 30 November 2011 with a strike price of EUR 44.00.

The table below sets forth the number of options owned by the members of the ExCom as of 31 December 2021<sup>(1)</sup> under the November 2008 Exceptional Option Grant.

	November 2008 Exceptional Grant options Series B	November 2008 Exceptional Grant options Series B – Dividend Waiver 09
Grant date	25 Nov 2008	1 Dec 2009
Expiry date	24 Nov 2023	24 Nov 2023
ExCom <sup>(2)</sup>	0	228,943
Strike price (EUR)	10.32	33.24

(1) The outstanding stock options have a duration of 15 years as from granting and vested on 1 January 2019. The exercise of the stock options is subject, among other things, to the condition that the company meets a performance test. This performance test, which was met, required the net debt/EBITDA, as defined (adjusted for exceptional items) ratio to fall below 2.5 before 31 December 2013.

(2) No options were exercised in 2021 by members of the ExCom.

The table below sets forth the number of options granted under exceptional long-term plans owned by the members of the ExCom as of 31 December 2021 (see section 8.1.3. A.c.).

	<b>2020 Incentive Stock Options</b>	<b>Integration Incentive Stock Options</b>	<b>Integration Incentive Stock Options</b>	<b>Long Run Stock Options Incentive Plan</b>	<b>March 2020 Stock Option Incentive</b>
Grant date	22 December 2015	15 December 2016	5 May 2017	1 December 2017	25 March 2020
Expiry date	21 December 2025	31 December 2026	31 December 2026	31 December 2032	24 March 2030
ExCom	191,294	173,628	261,706	2,503,130	4,980,927
Strike price (EUR)	113.00	97.99	109.10	96.70	40.40

#### E. Restricted Stock Units owned by members of the ExCom

The table below sets forth the number of Restricted Stock Units owned by the members of the ExCom as of 31 December 2021<sup>(1)</sup>.

	<b>December 2012 Exceptional RSU B</b>	<b>December 2014 Exceptional RSU B</b>	<b>Matching Shares March 2016</b>	<b>Matching Shares March 2017</b>	<b>Matching Shares March 2018</b>	<b>August 2018 Performance RSU</b>	<b>Matching Shares March 2019</b>	<b>Matching Shares July 2019</b>
Grant date	14 December 2012	17 December 2014	2 March 2016	3 March 2017	2 March 2018	14 August 2018	4 March 2019	29 July 2019
Vesting date	14 December 2022	17 December 2024	2 March 2021	3 March 2022	2 March 2023	14 August 2023	4 March 2024	29 July 2024
ExCom	7,214	10,717	0	2,043	77,853	54,479	16,827	41,866

	<b>Matching Shares March 2020</b>	<b>March 2020 RSU grant</b>	<b>December 2020 LTI RSU A</b>	<b>December 2020 LTI RSU B</b>	<b>December 2021 LTI RSU A</b>	<b>December 2021 LTI RSU B</b>
Grant date	2 March 2020	25 March 2020	14 December 2020	14 December 2020	13 December 2021	13 December 2021
Vesting date	2 March 2025	25 March 2025	14 December 2023	14 December 2025	13 December 2024	13 December 2026
ExCom	10,748	1,269,855	35,434	35,431	26,070	26,070

(1) The following Restricted Stock Units vested in 2021:

- a. 17,548 Restricted Stock Units from 2 March 2016 held by Michel Doukeris vested in March 2021 at a price of EUR 49.20.
- b. 2,304 Restricted Stock Units from 2 March 2016 held by Fernando Tennenbaum vested in March 2021 at a price of EUR 49.20.
- c. 3,099 Restricted Stock Units from 2 March 2016 held by John Blood vested in March 2021 at a price of EUR 49.20.

#### 8.2.3. PAY RATIO

For 2021, the ratio between the remuneration of the highest paid member of the ExCom and the lowest paid employee of the Company (Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV) was 208 to one.

For purposes of calculating the ratio, the following components have been taken into account to determine the total remuneration for 2021: (a) base salary, (b) variable performance-related compensation (bonus) definitively acquired in 2021 (if any), (c) long-term incentives vested in 2021 (if any), (d) pension contributions and (e) other cash and non-cash benefits (e.g. health plans, etc.). Expat allowances (if any) have been excluded from the calculation, since they mainly represent the reimbursement of additional expenses incurred by the employee as a result of the assignment abroad.

Our pay ratio may vary significantly year-to-year due to a number of factors such as the high proportion of variable performance related compensation (bonus) and long-term incentives in the total compensation package for our top management (including the members of the ExCom) and exchange rate movements between reporting years.

#### 8.2.4. COMPARATIVE INFORMATION ON THE CHANGE OF REMUNERATION AND COMPANY PERFORMANCE

The below table contains information on the annual change of (i) the remuneration of the directors and the members of the ExCom, (ii) the performance of the company and (iii) the average remuneration on a full-time equivalent basis of employees of the company (other than the persons under item (i)), over the five most recent financial years.

As explained in section 8.2.3 above, ExCom remuneration varies significantly year-to-year due to a number of factors such as the high proportion of variable performance related compensation (bonus) and long-term incentives in the total compensation package for our top management (including the members of the ExCom) and exchange rate movements between reporting years.

**Comparative table on the change of remuneration and company performance over the last five reported financial years**

Annual change in %	2017 vs 2016	2018 vs 2017	2019 vs 2018	2020 vs 2019	2021 vs 2020
<b>1. Average remuneration of the directors (total)</b>					
Board Members <sup>(1)</sup>	(56%)	(40%)	6%	0%	0%
<b>2. Average remuneration of the ExCom members (total)</b>					
ExCom Members <sup>(2)</sup>	(25%)	(62%)	> 100% <sup>(3)</sup>	(97%)	>100% <sup>(4)</sup>
<b>3. AB InBev performance (Group)</b>					
EBITDA (organic) <sup>(5)</sup>	13%	8%	3%	(13%)	12%
Net Revenue (organic) <sup>(5)</sup>	5%	5%	4%	(4%)	16%
GHG Emissions <sup>(6)</sup>	12%	(6%)	(14%)	(7%)	(21%)
<b>4. Average remuneration on a FTE basis of employees of the Company</b>					
Employees of the Company <sup>(7)</sup>	(7%)	(16%)	48%	4%	22%

#### Explanatory notes

- Average remuneration of Board members for a given financial year calculated on the basis of total value of cash components due in respect of the relevant year and the value (if any) of share based components that vested during such year, divided by the number of directors that sat on the Board as per the end of that year (excluding directors, if any, who have waived their entitlement to director remuneration).
- Average remuneration of the members of the ExCom for 2021, 2020 and 2019 calculated on the basis of the total value of cash components (i.e. base salary, bonus, benefits, etc.) due in respect of the relevant year and the value (if any) of share-based components that vested during such year, for all executives who sat on the ExCom as per the end of that year.  
The ExCom was established with effect as from 1 January 2019 and is the successor to the former Executive Board of Management (EBM). Hence, for comparison purposes, the average remuneration depicted for the years 2016-2018 was calculated on the same basis for those members of the former EBM historically exercising the functions held by the current members of the ExCom.  
For the purposes of the average remuneration of the members of the ExCom for 2021, we considered the amounts for the respective periods as CEO for Carlos Brito (until 30 June 2021) and Michel Doukeris (as from 1 July 2021).
- The significant increase between 2019 and 2018 is driven by the vesting on 1 January 2019 of the following aggregate stock options granted in 2008 and 2009 to three ExCom members (as of 2019): (a) 2.2 million November 2008 Exceptional Grant Options (series B) with a strike price of EUR 10.32, (b) 0.36 million November 2008 Exceptional Grant Options (series B) with a strike price of EUR 10.50, and (c) 1.6 million Dividend Waiver Series Options of December 2009 with a strike price of EUR 33.24. The share price on the vesting date was EUR 57.40.
- The significant increase between 2021 and 2020 is because for the year 2020, no bonus was earned by the members of the ExCom, whereas for the year 2021, the members of the ExCom earned a bonus of EUR 12.9 million (USD 15.3 million) in aggregate.
- Based on organic Group EBITDA and organic Net Revenue numbers reported in the full year results announcement published by the company for the relevant financial year. The numbers as from 2017 onwards reflect the enlarged scope post-combination with SAB. The 2018 results were restated considering (i) the adoption of new IFRS rules on lease accounting (IFRS 16 Leases) under the full retrospective approach on 1 January 2019 and (ii) the classification of our Australian business as discontinued operations.
- Based on GHG Emissions Scope 1+2 (kgCO2e/hl) numbers for the AB InBev Group as published in the Annual Report for the relevant financial year. It is to be noted that the GHG Emissions Scope 1+2 (kgCO2e/hl) numbers before 2017 reflect the situation for the AB InBev Group pre-combination with SAB. The numbers as from 2017 onwards reflect the enlarged scope post-combination with SAB.
- Calculated on a Belgian GAAP basis (the sum of line items 620, 622, 623 and 624 of the statutory annual accounts divided by the number of FTE of Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV set forth in line item 1003 in the social balance annex to the statutory accounts).

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Michelob Ultra, Castle, Beck's, Leffe and Hoegaarden

## Local brands

10 Barrel, Aguila, Alexander Keith's, Alta Palla, Ama, Andes, Antarctica, Archibald, Atlas, Babe, Balboa, Bathtub Gin, Barrilito, Bass, BBC, Beck's Ice, Becker, Belle-Vue, Birra del Borgo, Black Crown Gin, Blasfemia, Blue Point, Boddingtons, Bohemia, Boxing Cat, Brahma, Breckenridge, Brutal Fruit, Bud Zero, Bud 66, Bud Light, Bud Light Seltzer, Busch, Busch Light, Cafri, Camden Town, Camden Hells, Carling Black Label, Cass, Castle Lite, Club, Club Colombia, Colorado, Cristal, Cubanisto, Cucapá, Cusqueña, Cutwater, Devils Backbone, Diebels, Diekirch, Eagle Lager, Elysian, Estrella Jalisco, Flying Fish, Four Peaks, Franziskaner, Ginette, Golden Road, Goose Island, Guarana Antarctica, Haake-Beck, HANMAC, Harbin, Harbin Cristal, Hasseröder, Hayward 5000, Hertog Jan, HiBall, Impala, Jinling, Julius, Jupiler, Kaiba, Karbach, Kilimanjaro, King of Beers, Kokanee, Kombrewcha, Kona, Kwak, Labatt, Lakeport, La Virgen, Leffe 0.0, Leon, Löwenbräu, Mackeson, Magnífica, Mexicali, Mike's, Mike's Hard Seltzer, Mill Street, Modelo, Modelo Especial, Modelo Pura Malta, Montejo, Mosi, Nativa, Natty Daddy, Natural Light, Natural Light Seltzer, Negra Modelo, Norte, Nossa, Nuestra Siembra, NUTRL, O'Doul's, OB, Oland, Paceña, Pacifico,

Patagonia, Patricia, Pilsen, Pilsen Callao, Pilsener, Poker, Pony Malta, Presidente, Pure Draught, Quilmes, Redd's, Ritas, Safari, Salva Vida, Sedrin, Shiliang, Shock Top, Skol, Spaten, Stanley Park, Temple Brewery, Tijuana, Tripel Karmeliet, Tropical, Vieux Temps, Victoria, Wäls, Whitbread, Wicked Weed, ZX Ventures.

*For some of our most recent innovations, trademark applications are still pending and haven't matured to registration yet.*

## The following brand is a registered trademark

- PerfectDraft: co-owned with Koninklijke Philips N.V.
- Clean Waves: co-owned with Parley LLC

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