

# CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The key elements of corporate governance at Van Lanschot Kempen are set out below.

The Articles of Association and various other regulations and documents relating to corporate governance can be found at [vanlanschotkempen.com/en/governance](http://vanlanschotkempen.com/en/governance) and [vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision](http://vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision).

## Corporate governance structure

Van Lanschot Kempen NV is the holding company of Van Lanschot Kempen Wealth Management NV and Kempen Capital Management NV. On 31 December 2019, Kempen & Co NV merged with Van Lanschot, and the name of Van Lanschot was changed to Van Lanschot Kempen Wealth Management NV (VLKWM) as a consequence. VLKWM holds all the shares in Kempen Capital Management NV. Van Lanschot Kempen holds all the shares in VLKWM.

The Private Banking, Evi and Merchant Banking activities are now all performed by VLKWM. The Asset Management activities continue to be performed by Kempen Capital Management.

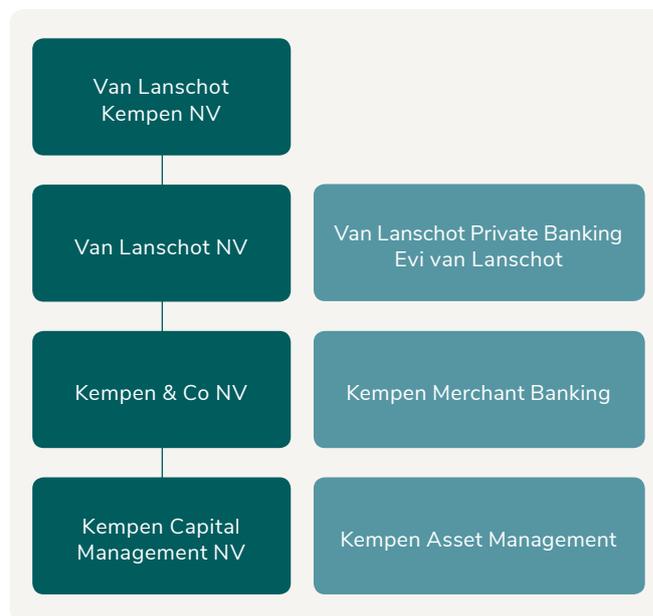
Van Lanschot Kempen is a listed public limited company under Dutch law, governed by a two-tier board. The Statutory Board is responsible for managing the company, while the Supervisory Board oversees the policies pursued by the Statutory Board, and the general conduct of affairs at the company and its associated business. The Supervisory Board advises the Statutory Board on the performance of its duties.

Van Lanschot Kempen is a *structuurvennootschap*. Under Dutch corporate law this means that in addition to the tasks already mentioned, the Supervisory Board is responsible for appointing and dismissing the Statutory Board and for approving some of its decisions. Both the Statutory Board and the Supervisory Board report to Van Lanschot Kempen's general meeting.

## Statutory Board

The Statutory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen is responsible for the continuity of the company. It focuses on long-term value creation for the company, and takes into account stakeholders' interests that are relevant in this context. The Statutory Board is responsible for the management of the company, and its duties include drawing up and achieving Van Lanschot Kempen's purpose, its strategy and related risk profile, its goals and the pattern of its results, while also attending to the social aspects of doing business that are relevant to the company.

## Previous structure



## Structure as of 1 January 2020



The Statutory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen is also the Statutory Board of VLKWM. The Supervisory Board notifies the general meeting of any proposed appointment of a member of the Statutory Board. A member is appointed by the Supervisory Board for a maximum period of four years. The Supervisory Board may dismiss a member of the Statutory Board at any time, but only after consulting the general meeting.

In strategic decisions, the Statutory Board takes all material environmental and social factors into account. Periodically, it determines the financial and non-financial key performance indicators (KPIs) for Van Lanschot Kempen.

## Executive Board

Van Lanschot Kempen has an Executive Board comprising the members of the Statutory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen and the two people who are responsible for the Asset Management and Merchant Banking business lines. The Executive Board oversees the implementation of our company strategy and manages core activities. This ensures better alignment between core activities and a more effective decision-making process.

In principle, all members of the Executive Board attend Supervisory Board meetings. The Executive Board makes sure that all the information relevant to the Supervisory Board is provided. Van Lanschot Kempen's Statutory Board members have ultimate responsibility for the actions and decisions of the Executive Board.

## Supervisory Board

In performing its duties, the Supervisory Board focuses on the interests of the company and its associated business. The Supervisory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen is also the Supervisory Board of VLKWM.

The members of Van Lanschot Kempen's Supervisory Board are appointed by the general meeting, in accordance with the provisions set out in Article 23 of Van Lanschot Kempen's Articles of Association. Members of the Supervisory Board are appointed for a term of four years and may be reappointed for one further four-year period. A member of the Supervisory Board may subsequently be reappointed again for a period of two years, and this appointment may be extended another two years. In the event of reappointment after eight years, the reasons for reappointment should be given in the Report of the Supervisory Board.

A member of the Supervisory Board may only be dismissed by the Enterprise Chamber of the Amsterdam Court of Appeal with due observance of Article 161(2) of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. In addition, the general meeting may pass a motion of no confidence in the Supervisory Board as a whole, in accordance with Article 161(a) of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Such a resolution results in the immediate dismissal of all members of the Supervisory Board.

## Diversity policy

The Supervisory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen has adopted a diversity policy for the composition of the Supervisory and Executive Boards (the policy can be found at [vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision](https://vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision) under "Diversity Policy Supervisory Board and Executive Board"). In view of their joint functioning, the diversity policy for the Executive Board includes the Statutory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen.

We are committed to supporting, valuing and leveraging inclusiveness and diversity, and aim for a diverse composition of the Supervisory and Executive Boards in the areas relevant to us, such as age, background, experience, gender and nationality. The importance of diversity should not mean setting aside a candidate's qualifications, the requirements for the position to be filled or the overriding principle that someone should be recommended, nominated and appointed for being "the best person for the job".

With regard to gender diversity, we strive for a reasonable spread across gender and aim for the composition of the Supervisory and Executive Boards to be such that at least 30% of their respective members are men and at least 30% women. We strive for a reasonable spread across ages and nationalities in the composition of the Supervisory and Executive Boards, but we do not believe that age or nationality are suitable criteria for setting specific diversity targets so we do not set specific objectives for these. With regard to background, experience and expertise, we aim – in keeping with the Supervisory Board's profile – to ensure that the combined background, experience and expertise of Supervisory Board members enables the Board as a collective to best carry out its range of responsibilities and duties towards Van Lanschot Kempen, taking into account the nature of our business and activities. The same applies for the Executive Board. Our diversity policy describes the relevant areas of background, experience and expertise of the Supervisory Board and the Executive Board respectively.

In implementing our diversity policy, the individual profiles drawn up for vacancies in the Supervisory and Executive Boards take into account the policy's criteria and objectives. These profiles form the basis for the recruitment and selection of new members of the Supervisory and Executive Boards. These criteria and objectives are also taken into account when evaluating the functioning of the Supervisory and Executive Boards. The results of our diversity policy are described in the section below on the boards' composition and performance.

The policy governing recruitment and selection of members of the Statutory and Supervisory Boards can be found at [vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision](https://vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision), under "Policy Recruitment and Selection Van Lanschot Kempen".

## Composition and performance of the Statutory and Executive Boards

The Statutory Board must consist of at least three members, with the actual number set by the Supervisory Board. The composition of the Statutory Board did not change in 2019, and consisted of Karl Guha (Chairman), Constant Korthout, Arjan Huisman and Richard Bruens. The composition of the Executive Board did not change either in 2019; it comprised Karl Guha (Chairman), Constant Korthout, Arjan Huisman, Richard Bruens, Leni Boeren and Leonne van der Sar.

The Statutory and Executive Boards evaluate their functioning as a whole and that of individual Board members at least once a year. The Supervisory Board discusses, at least once a year, the performance of the Statutory Board and the Executive Board as a whole and members' performance individually. The Supervisory Board has concluded that the composition of the Statutory and Executive Boards meets the objectives of our diversity policy. The specific target for the Executive Board's male/female ratio as set out in our diversity policy was met since two of the six members of the Executive Board are female.

No decisions were taken in 2019 to conclude transactions involving a conflict of interest on the part of members of the Statutory Board that were of material significance to Van Lanschot Kempen and/or the Board member in question.

## Composition and performance of the Supervisory Board and its committees

The Supervisory Board has a minimum of three members and a maximum of nine. Currently, the Supervisory Board comprises Willy Duron (Chairman), Manfred Schepers (Vice-Chairman), Frans Blom, Jeanine Helthuis, Bernadette Langius, Maarten Muller and Lex van Overmeire.

The Supervisory Board has appointed four committees from among its members to prepare the Board's decision-making: the Audit and Compliance Committee, the Risk Committee, the Remuneration Committee, and the Selection and Appointment Committee. These committees advise the Supervisory Board on matters relating to their respective areas of interest. More information about the committees and their composition can be found on page 84 of the Report of the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board has drawn up a profile<sup>1</sup> for its size and composition, taking into account the nature and activities of the business associated with Van Lanschot Kempen and its subsidiaries, and the required expertise and background of the members of the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board appraises its own performance, that of its committees and that of individual Supervisory Board members, at least once a year without members of the Statutory Board being present. The Supervisory Board appraises its own performance with independent support once every three years. More information about the conclusions of the Supervisory Board's self-assessment of their functioning in 2019 can be found on page 87 of the Report of the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board nearly meets the objectives of our diversity policy. The Supervisory Board currently has seven members, two of whom are female, which means 28.6% of the positions on the Supervisory Board are held by women. Given the size of the Supervisory Board, the target for 30% of the positions to be held by women has nearly been achieved. The Supervisory Board intends to meet this target when nominating a new candidate for appointment to the Supervisory Board.

## Dutch Corporate Governance Code

The revised Dutch Corporate Governance Code 2016<sup>2</sup> (the Code) came into force starting in the 2017 financial year, and contains principles and best practice provisions that regulate relations between the management board, supervisory board and shareholders (including the general meeting). The Code aims to define responsibilities for long-term value creation, risk control, effective management and supervision, remuneration, and relationships with shareholders and other stakeholders. We fully complied with the Code in 2019.

## Dutch Banking Code

The Dutch Banking Code<sup>3</sup> contains principles on sound and ethical business operations, governance, risk policy, audit and remuneration policy. The Banking Code applies to activities performed in, and aimed at, the Netherlands by banks with registered offices in the Netherlands and which hold a banking licence issued by De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB). It therefore applies to VLKWM, the subsidiary of Van Lanschot Kempen that holds a banking licence in the

Netherlands. Where banks that are subject to the Banking Code form part of a group, parts of the Banking Code may be applied at the level of the entity which acts as the head of the group, rather than at the level of individual subsidiaries. Certain parts of the Banking Code are therefore applied at the level of Van Lanschot Kempen.

In 2019, VLKWM complied with the Banking Code. An explanation (in Dutch) of how VLKWM has applied the Banking Code during the reporting year is given on our website: [vanlanschotkempen.com/en/governance](https://vanlanschotkempen.com/en/governance).

## Capital structure and shares

Van Lanschot Kempen's authorised share capital consists of 150 million shares with a nominal value of €1 each, divided into 75 million Class A ordinary shares and 75 million Class C preference shares. Our outstanding capital consisted entirely of Class A ordinary shares; a total of 41,361,668 Class A ordinary shares had been issued at 31 December 2019. There were no outstanding Class C preference shares in 2019.

## Depository receipts for shares

Over 99.99% of Class A ordinary shares in issue are held by Stichting Administratiekantoor van gewone aandelen A Van Lanschot Kempen ("Stichting Administratiekantoor"), which has issued depository receipts for these shares. The receipts have been listed on the official market of the Euronext Amsterdam stock market since 1999. A depository receipt can be converted into its underlying share without any restrictions, although administrative costs may be charged. Stichting Administratiekantoor fully complies with Principle 4.4 of the Code, which specifies that "Depository receipts for shares can be a means of preventing a majority (including a chance majority) of shareholders from controlling the decision-making process as a result of absenteeism at a general meeting. Depository receipts for shares should not be issued as an anti-takeover protective measure."

Stichting Administratiekantoor grants proxies so that holders of depository receipts can always exercise their voting rights. In the case of shares for which Stichting Administratiekantoor has not granted proxies to the holders of depository receipts and for which no voting instructions have been received, Stichting Administratiekantoor's Board decides how the votes are to be cast. Stichting Administratiekantoor exercises the voting rights in the interest of the holders of depository receipts for shares, taking into account the interest of Van Lanschot Kempen, the enterprise associated therewith and all parties concerned. Its Board has three members and is independent of Van Lanschot Kempen. It appoints its own members, without requiring the approval of Van Lanschot Kempen. Before appointing a member, the Board allows the holders of depository receipts of shares the opportunity to recommend candidates for appointment as members of the Board. A meeting of holders of depository receipts takes place at least once every two years. At this meeting, the Board reports on its activities, vacancies in the Board, and candidates the Board intends to appoint as members of the Board. Once every two years, the Board requests the holders of depository receipts at this meeting to confirm their confidence in the Board. At the meeting that was held

1 The profile can be viewed at [vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision](https://vanlanschotkempen.com/management-supervision).

2 The 2016 Dutch Corporate Governance Code can be downloaded from [mccg.nl](https://mccg.nl).

3 The Banking Code can be downloaded from [nvb.nl](https://nvb.nl).

on 13 November 2018, holders of depositary receipts confirmed this. The Board reports on its activities annually. This report can be found on page 216.

## Stichting preferente aandelen C Van Lanschot Kempen

A call option contract has been agreed between Stichting preferente aandelen C Van Lanschot Kempen ("Stichting preferente aandelen") and Van Lanschot Kempen, under which Stichting preferente aandelen was granted the right to acquire Class C preference shares up to 100% of the value of Van Lanschot Kempen's share capital in issue before the exercise of the call option, less one share. A general meeting, at which a proposal to redeem the preference shares will be placed on the agenda, is to be convened within 12 months.

The following circumstances may lead to the issuance of Class C preference shares:

- A concentration of shares or depositary receipts for shares in Van Lanschot Kempen as a result of purchases on the stock market or the purchase of blocks of shares, other than as a pure investment;
- Merger talks that do not lead to an agreement;
- The announcement of a public bid, whether or not in combination with the above circumstances;
- A proposal by a shareholder or holder of depositary receipts of shares to place an item on the agenda that represents a potential threat to Van Lanschot Kempen's continuity, identity and/or independence.

## Interests in Van Lanschot Kempen notifiable under Chapter 5.3 of the Financial Supervision Act

Pursuant to the Dutch Financial Supervision Act, shareholders and holders of depositary receipts of Van Lanschot Kempen are required to provide information on their holdings once they cross threshold levels of 3%, 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 25%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 75% and 95%. As of the publication date of this report, Van Lanschot Kempen is not aware of any shareholders or holders of depositary receipts with an interest of 3% or more in Van Lanschot Kempen other than Stichting Administratiekantoor, APG Asset Management NV, LDDM Holding BV, Janus Henderson Group plc, Reggeborgh Invest BV, FMR LLC, Wellington Management Group LLP, NN Group NV, CRUX Asset Management Limited, T. Rowe Price Group, Inc., Investec Asset Management Limited and Invesco Limited. For more information on Van Lanschot Kempen's shareholders, see the Van Lanschot Kempen shares section on page 68. Stichting preferente aandelen has reported a potential interest of 100% in Van Lanschot Kempen under the call option agreement between Stichting preferente aandelen and Van Lanschot Kempen.

In 2019, no transactions took place between Van Lanschot Kempen and any natural person or legal entity holding at least 10% of the shares in Van Lanschot Kempen, and which would be material to Van Lanschot Kempen and/or the person/entity involved.

## Rights of shareholders

Since there are exclusively Class A ordinary shares in issue at present, this section only describes the rights of holders of Class A ordinary shares and depositary receipts for Class A ordinary shares.

### Dividend

The portion of the profit remaining after addition to the reserves is at the disposal of the general meeting. In the event that a loss is incurred over a year, which cannot be covered by a reserve or by some other means, no profit distribution will occur in subsequent years until such time as this loss has been absorbed. A dividend on ordinary shares can only be paid out when the dividend proposal has been approved by the general meeting. Van Lanschot Kempen checks whether the proposed dividend satisfies the European Central Bank's recommendation on dividend payment policies. Further information on our dividend policy can be found on page 68.

### Pre-emption rights

When ordinary shares are issued, each existing holder of ordinary shares has a pre-emption right proportionate to the aggregate nominal amount of the existing holding of ordinary shares. Class A ordinary shares are issued to holders of Class A ordinary shares. The same applies to the grant of rights to acquire ordinary shares. Pre-emption rights can be limited or excluded by resolution of the Statutory Board, any such resolution being subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board. The relevant authority of the Statutory Board ends as soon as its authority to issue shares expires (see "Share issues").

Shareholders do not have any pre-emption rights on shares issued in exchange for a non-cash contribution. Nor do shareholders have any pre-emption rights on shares or depositary receipts for those shares issued to employees of Van Lanschot Kempen or another group company.

## Special rights of shareholders

There are no special statutory control rights attached to shares in Van Lanschot Kempen.

Van Lanschot Kempen signed a shareholder agreement with LDDM Holding BV in 2011. In it, LDDM Holding affirms that it will respect Van Lanschot Kempen's independence. LDDM Holding will not cooperate with the acquisition by a third party of a shareholding in Van Lanschot Kempen exceeding 25% of the issued share capital without the approval of the Statutory and Supervisory Boards. In the event of any future share issues, Van Lanschot Kempen will give LDDM Holding the opportunity, subject to certain conditions, to keep its relative shareholding in Van Lanschot Kempen at the same level. As long as LDDM Holding retains an interest of at least 7.5% in Van Lanschot Kempen, it has the right to recommend one person for appointment as a member of the Supervisory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen. Maarten Muller currently serves on the Supervisory Board on LDDM Holding's recommendation.

## Restrictions on voting rights and deadlines for exercising voting rights

Van Lanschot Kempen has not imposed any restrictions on the exercise of voting rights. In principle, voting rights are exercised at the general meeting by the shareholder or the person authorised by the shareholder to that end. A shareholder is entitled to vote at the general meeting if the shares in question are registered in the shareholder's name on the registration date (see "General meeting"). Holders of depositary receipts for Class A ordinary shares who register on time to attend the general meeting are granted a proxy by Stichting Administratiekantoor. They can use this proxy at the general meeting to exercise the voting rights on the shares held by Stichting Administratiekantoor, and in exchange for which depositary receipts were issued. Proxies will be provided when the depositary receipt holders sign the attendance list prior to the start of the meeting. If the depositary receipt holder's right to attend the meeting is to be exercised by a representative authorised in writing, Stichting Administratiekantoor will grant a proxy to the representative. Shareholders and holders of depositary receipts for shares are also offered the opportunity to issue a voting instruction to an independent third party prior to the general meeting. The notice convening the relevant general meeting will state to whom this voting instruction should be sent and what the deadline is for submission.

## Share issues

The extent of the Statutory Board's authority to decide on a share issue (subject to the approval of the Supervisory Board) is determined by a resolution of the general meeting. The duration and granting of this authority are also determined by resolution of the general meeting and may not exceed five years. The Statutory Board's authority to issue ordinary shares, including the granting of rights to acquire these shares, was extended at the general meeting held on 22 May 2019 for a period of 18 months from the date of that meeting. The authority to issue these shares is limited to 10% of the issued capital.

## Repurchase of shares

Repurchases of paid-up shares in the company or depositary receipts for such shares, other than for no consideration, may take place if the general meeting has authorised the Statutory Board to this effect. This authorisation applies for up to a maximum of 18 months. Repurchase occurs pursuant to a decision by the Statutory Board, subject to Supervisory Board and DNB approval.

The Statutory Board was authorised at the general meeting held on 22 May 2019 to repurchase paid-up ordinary shares in the company or depositary receipts for these shares, by buying such shares on the stock market or otherwise, up to a maximum of 10% of the issued capital at the date of authorisation, subject to Supervisory Board approval. This authority has been granted for a period of 18 months from the date of the meeting.

## Transfer of shares and depositary receipts

The Articles of Association and the conditions of administration do not contain any restrictions on the transfer of Class A ordinary shares or depositary receipts for Class A ordinary shares.

## Amendment to the Articles of Association

A resolution to amend the Articles of Association of Van Lanschot Kempen may only be adopted based on a proposal by the Statutory Board that has been approved by the Supervisory Board. If a proposal to amend the Articles of Association is presented to the general meeting, a copy of the proposal will be made available to the shareholders and holders of depositary receipts prior to the meeting.

## General meeting

Each voting shareholder and depositary receipt holder is authorised, either in person or through a representative authorised in writing, to attend the general meeting, to address the meeting and to exercise their voting rights. A registration date applies to each general meeting, which is the 28th day prior to that meeting. The registration date determines who qualifies as a voting shareholder or depositary receipt holder for the relevant general meeting. The notice convening the meeting states the registration date, the way in which shareholders and depositary receipt holders can register and how they can exercise their rights, either in person or through a representative authorised in writing.

Shareholders and depositary receipt holders or their representatives are only admitted to the meeting if they have informed Van Lanschot Kempen in writing of their intention to attend, and if this has been done in the manner described in the notice convening the meeting. Access to the meeting is only possible if the relevant shares or depositary receipts are registered in the name of the shareholder or the depositary receipt holder on the registration date. Representatives must also present a written proxy. A written proxy may be sent electronically. Each share entitles the holder to cast one vote at the general meeting.

The powers of the general meeting include the following:

- Approving decisions of the Statutory Board to make important changes to the identity or nature of the company or the business;
- Appointing members of the Supervisory Board on the Supervisory Board's recommendation;
- Setting the remuneration policy for the Supervisory Board;
- Passing a motion of no confidence in the Supervisory Board;
- Setting the remuneration policy for the Statutory Board;
- Approving schemes in the form of shares and/or rights to acquire shares for the Statutory Board;
- Adopting the financial statements;
- Disposing of the profit remaining after dividend has been distributed to any outstanding Class C preference shares, and after the decision has been made to add all or part of the profit to the reserves;
- Discharging the Statutory Board;
- Discharging the Supervisory Board;
- Granting the Statutory Board the authority to issue shares and to limit or exclude pre-emption rights on the issue of shares;
- Granting the Statutory Board the authority to repurchase the company's own shares;

- Resolving to amend the Articles of Association of Van Lanschot Kempen, to dissolve Van Lanschot Kempen, or to effect a legal merger or demerger of Van Lanschot Kempen, following a proposal to that effect by the Statutory Board which has been approved by the Supervisory Board.

Furthermore, the general meeting has an advisory vote with regard to the remuneration report.

### Main features of Van Lanschot Kempen's management and control system

Van Lanschot Kempen's management and control system is designed to manage internal and external risks. This includes the management of financial reporting risks, to ensure reliable financial reporting and financial statements that are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and which comply with the prevailing legislation and regulations.

Van Lanschot Kempen applies the "three lines of defence" model for the management of risk. The first line of defence is the business, responsible for day-to-day risk management. The second line of defence is provided by departments such as Group Risk Management and Compliance, which oversee the first line. Group Audit acts as the third line of defence, providing an independent evaluation of the adequacy of the internal management and control systems.

The three lines of defence model provides the Statutory Board with a reasonable degree of certainty as to how the internal management and control system is functioning, including the efficacy of both the first and second lines. In 2019, we improved our monitoring of the effectiveness of key controls (as part of the risk & control framework), and updated the risk & control framework to reflect changes in the organisational structure.

Group Audit is responsible for carrying out IT and operational audits. All of Group Audit's reports were submitted to the Statutory Board. Group Audit, Compliance and Group Risk Management ensure adequate follow-up and prioritisation. Supplementary control measures have been defined in the meantime, which should mitigate risk sufficiently.

The effectiveness of the framework is evaluated annually by Group Risk Management and Compliance, while Group Audit also assesses its quality and effectiveness. The results of these evaluations featured in the respective quarterly reports of Group Risk Management, Compliance and Group Audit.

For more detailed information on risk management within Van Lanschot Kempen, see page 59. The financial statements also include a more detailed explanation of risk management at Van Lanschot Kempen (see "Risk management", beginning on page 122).

#### Financial reporting risk

The Statutory Board is responsible for the design and operation of an adequate system of internal control for Van Lanschot Kempen's financial reporting. The system is designed to provide reasonable assurance as to the reliability of financial reporting. The financial statements

must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legislation and regulations.

Van Lanschot Kempen has tools in place to manage financial reporting risks:

- Periodic management reports and KPI dashboards, accompanied by analysis of financial and non-financial figures and trends;
- A risk & control framework describing processes and procedures, and setting out primary controls such as authorisations and segregation of duties;
- Evaluation of the functioning of the internal management and control system by Group Audit. The main findings are discussed with the Statutory Board, the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Supervisory Board;
- Assessment and approval of the annual report by the Statutory Board, and discussion of the annual report by the Audit and Compliance Committee and the Supervisory Board;
- The Accounting Manual, which sets out the principles regarding financial accounting.

In-control statements are provided by the management of the relevant departments. These are based on the results of testing procedures for the risk & control framework, the risks reported on a quarterly basis, the follow-up of these risks, and the incidents reported. Group Risk Management and Compliance evaluated the 2019 in-control statements.

The quarterly reports of Group Audit, setting out its main findings, were discussed with the Executive Board and the Audit and Compliance Committee. The conclusions of the Audit and Compliance Committee were subsequently shared with the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board was informed about the Statutory Board's internal control of the organisation, and how it safeguards the integrity of financial information. The subjects considered by the Supervisory Board when assessing the financial statements include the board report and the audit by the external auditors.

The key audit matters cited in the independent auditors' report were discussed with the Statutory Board and the Audit and Compliance Committee, and formed part of the organisation's management and control.

### Statement by the Statutory Board

In accordance with best practice provision 1.4.3 of the Dutch Corporate Governance Code, the Statutory Board states that:

- The management report provides sufficient insights into any failings in the effectiveness of the internal risk management and control systems;
- The aforementioned systems provide reasonable assurance that the financial reporting does not contain any material inaccuracies;
- Based on the current state of affairs, it is justified that the financial reporting is prepared on a "going concern" basis;
- The management report states those material risks and uncertainties that are relevant to expectation of the company's continuity for the period of 12 months after the preparation of this report.

## External auditors

PricewaterhouseCoopers Accountants NV (PwC) were reappointed as Van Lanschot Kempen's external auditors for the 2020 financial year at the general meeting on 22 May 2019. PwC's audit plan for 2019 and risk analysis were discussed in August 2019 at meetings of the Statutory Board and the Audit and Compliance Committee.

PwC issued a board report for 2019 in February 2020. The subjects set out in this board report are in line with the notes included in this annual report with respect to risk management, insofar as these relate to financial reporting risks. The external auditors may be questioned at the annual general meeting in relation to their audit, and will be attending the meeting for this reason.

The Statutory Board and the Audit and Compliance Committee evaluated the functioning of PwC in December 2019.

### STATEMENT BY THE STATUTORY BOARD

As required by Article 5:25c (2c) of the Financial Supervision Act, each of the undersigned hereby confirms that to the best of their knowledge:

- The 2019 financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and profit or loss of Van Lanschot Kempen and its consolidated entities;
- The 2019 Report of the Statutory Board of Van Lanschot Kempen gives a true and fair view of the position of the company and its consolidated entities on balance sheet date, and of the course of their affairs during the 2019 financial year, and describes the material risks that Van Lanschot Kempen faces.

's-Hertogenbosch, the Netherlands, 20 February 2020

#### Statutory Board

Karl Guha, Chairman  
Constant Korthout  
Arjan Huisman  
Richard Bruens