# MAREL NOMINATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FEBRUARY 2020

## 1. Recommendations

Marel's Nomination Committee puts forth the following recommendations to the Company's Board of Directors in relation to the Annual General Meeting on 18 March 2020.

#### 1.1 Chair of the Annual General Meeting

The Nomination Committee recommends that the Board of Directors propose to shareholders that Thorolfur Jonsson, attorney at law, be elected Chair of the Annual General Meeting.

## 1.2 Number of Directors to be elected

The Nomination Committee recommends that the Board of Directors propose to shareholders that 7 Directors will be elected to serve on the Board.

#### 1.3 Candidates to the Board of Directors

The Nomination Committee recommends that the Board of Directors propose to shareholders that the following candidates, listed in alphabetical order, will be elected to serve on the Board:

- Ann Elizabeth Savage
- Arnar Thor Masson
- Asthildur Otharsdottir
- Astvaldur Johannsson
- Lillie Li Valeur
- Olafur Gudmundsson
- Ton van der Laan

Section 3 of this report includes candidate profiles.

## 2. Background and Reasoning

The Board of Directors (Board) is accountable to all Marel's (Company) shareholders and other stakeholders for the way the Company conducts its business. The composition of the Board must therefore be such that the consolidated competences of its members are aligned with Marel's long-term strategy, enabling it to inspire, guide and oversee the Company's development and diligently address and resolve the issues and problems faced at any time.

The Nomination Committee is a committee of the Board, established in accordance with the Board's Rules of Procedure.

The Nomination Committee shall assist the Board with the process and oversight of Board succession development and identification and nomination of Board candidates.

The Board is responsible for the appointment and activities of the Nomination Committee and it operates under the Board's authority.

The Nomination Committee's Rules of Procedure can be found on Marel's website, here.

## 2.1 Composition

The Nomination Committee is composed of three Board Members, Arnar Thor Masson (Chairman), Asthildur Otharsdottir and Olafur Gudmundsson. All members are independent of the company. Gudmundsson is a member of the board of directors of Eyrir Invest, Marel's largest shareholder. Otharsdottir is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Masson is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors.

#### 2.2 Main Activities

According to the Nomination Committee's Rules of Procedure, it shall regularly review and evaluate the structure, size and composition (including the balance of skills, knowledge, experience, diversity, tenure and independence) of the Board and its committees, taking into account the challenges and opportunities facing the Company at each time. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Board with regard to any changes, considering both a short-term (upcoming Annual General Meeting) and longer-term horizon.

In order to fulfill its role, the Nomination Committee has undertaken or supported the following activities in preparation for the upcoming Annual General Meeting:

- Preparation of a Board skills matrix, outlining the key personal attributes all Directors must possess, as well as the professional knowledge and experience the Board shall collectively have to effectively govern and direct the Company (Appendix);
- Meetings between the Chairman of the Board of Directors and each individual Director to discuss the skill matrix and Board succession;
- Meetings between the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and 17 of the Company's shareholders where the focus was on discussing corporate governance matters, including Board composition and succession, skill areas which would be beneficial to strengthen and the nomination process;
- Meeting between the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Board and the Company's CEO to discuss Board composition;
- A conversation with the Board on the results of its annual self-assessment, including Directors' views on Board composition and skills/experience which would be beneficial to strengthen;
- Engagement of an international executive search firm to facilitate candidate search;
- Preparation of a Position and Candidate Specification, outlining the criteria for experience, personal attributes and required time commitment;
- Interviews with a number of potential candidates for the Board and obtain references from candidates' superiors and peers;
- Regular updates to the Board on progress of the nomination process;
- Preparation of a report with the Nomination Committee's recommendations to the Board. The report can be shared with the Company's shareholders prior to the Annual General Meeting in order to provide transparency to the nomination process.

During the nomination process, Margret Jonsdottir, who has diligently served on the Board for 14 years, informed the Board of her decision to decline re-election at the Company's Annual General Meeting in 2020.

#### 2.3 Criteria and Evaluation

Taking into consideration Marel's long-term strategy, opportunities and challenges, the Board unanimously agreed that its composition would particularly benefit from further experience from operating in the food or capital goods industries in emerging markets, experience and knowledge of software and digital solutions, as well as increased diversity in the nationality of its Directors.

Furthermore, the Board unanimously agreed on the importance of a certain level of continuity and stability in the Board composition. Board succession development is viewed as a continuous journey, during which components must at each time be balanced to ensure the Board can best fulfill its responsibilities.

The Board's assessments listed above have been fully supported in discussions with the Company's largest shareholders, as well as its senior management.

In light of Margret Jonsdottir's decision to step down from the Board, the Nomination Committee engaged an international executive search firm to facilitate a Director search, based on the above criteria, as well as the general personal attributes required. The Committee emphasized that potential candidates would commit to the time required to serve on the Board.

Out of several strong candidates identified and evaluated during the search process, the Nomination Committee concluded that Lillie Li Valeur would be the preferred new candidate for Marel's Board.

Valeur is an international senior executive with a diverse career background that includes a medical degree, two years as management consultant at Bain & Company and close to ten years as Vice President at Arla Foods. She will be assuming the role of CEO for Good Food Group in Denmark in March 2020. Furthermore, Valeur has served on the board of directors of stock exchange listed companies for several years.

Born and raised in China, Valeur now resides in Denmark. She studied medicine at Shanghai Medical University and started her career as a medical doctor. After completing an MBA degree at China European International Business School in Shanghai, she joined Bain & Company as one of their first local Chinese consultants, before going in house with Novartis as a Manager of Strategic Sourcing & Commercialization and later on as Director of Business Development and Licensing. After relocating to Denmark for family reasons, Valeur joined Arla Foods (turnover > EUR 10bn) where she has held several senior managerial roles over the last 18 years, both in Asia and globally. Initially, she was in commercial roles, later moving into full P&L positions including VP China, Hong Kong and Macau, VP South East Asia and VP Global Milk Based Beverages. Late 2019 it was announced that Valeur was leaving Arla to take on a CEO role with private-equity-owned international food company Good Food Group. Valeur was a member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Aarhus Karlshamn AB (global food ingredient company, turnover > EUR 2.5bn) from 2013 to 2020 and Meda AB (global specialty pharmaceutical company, turnover > EUR 1.6bn) from 2015 to 2016.

The Nomination Committee has assessed that the seven proposed candidates fulfill the requirements regarding independence in the Icelandic Corporate Governance Code. All proposed candidates are independent of the Company. All candidates are independent of large shareholders, with the exception of Olafur Gudmundsson, who is a member of the board of directors of Eyrir Invest, holding 24.69% of Marel shares at 5 February 2020.

Furthermore, the Committee has assessed that the proposed Board of Directors fulfills the gender quota requirements for corporate boards, as stipulated in the Icelandic companies law.

#### Candidate Profiles

Candidate profiles, listed in alphabetical order.

## 3.1 Ann Elizabeth Savage

Ann Savage previously served as Group Technical Director of Bakkavor. Her primary responsibilities have included food safety, health and safety management, manufacturing excellence and corporate social responsibility management in the UK, US and Asia. Savage has held a variety of roles in technical, and research and development departments within the retail and food industry over her 35-year career. She worked for the Cooperative Wholesale Society (CWS), Northern Foods from 1990 until 1999 and at Geest/Bakkavor for over 19 years.

Savage's responsibilities have included representing businesses with UK regulators such as Food Standards Agency, Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, Health Protection England. She has chaired the Food Network for Ethical Trade, the IGD Technical Leadership Forum, and been a member of the advisory group for the Better Regulation Task Force and the British Retail Consortium Advisory Board. Savage has worked closely with UK retailers to deliver on their corporate social responsibility commitments and to develop reporting procedures.

She has experience in operational management, product development and incident management. She has worked with Farm Africa in both Tanzania and Kenya to support African endeavors in tilapia fish farming and beekeeping. She is currently a technical advisor to Gousto, a member of her parish council and a Governor of Boston College, one of the top five colleges in the UK.

Savage holds a degree in Mathematics, Technology and Systems Management from the Open University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies from Nottingham University.

Savage was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2013. She is a member of the Remuneration Committee. She neither holds shares nor share options in the Company. She has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

## 3.2 Arnar Thor Masson

Arnar Masson is currently Director of Human Resources and Corporate Strategy at Isavia, a company that handles the operations and development of all airports in Iceland. Before that, Masson was an alternate director at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London, an investment and development bank that works primarily with private sector clients in developing economies. Before joining EBRD, he was Director-General in the Prime Minister's Office in Iceland, overseeing organizational changes and coordinating the implementation of cross departmental policies and strategic initiatives. Prior to that, he worked in the Ministry of Finance and was responsible for public sector reforms, performance management, and state-owned enterprise governance. From 2000-2008 Masson held an adjunct lecturer position at the Department of Political Science of the University of Iceland. Masson has experience in corporate strategy, human resources, corporate social responsibility and finance and has worked with emerging markets. He has done executive courses for board directors both at Harvard Business School in the US and IMD in Switzerland.

Masson holds a MSc degree in Comparative Politics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a BA degree in Political Science from the University of Iceland.

Masson was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2001. He is the Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Audit Committee and Nomination Committee and member of the Remuneration Committee. He neither holds shares nor share options in the Company. He has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

#### 3.3 Asthildur Otharsdottir

Asthildur Otharsdottir is an independent advisor and board director. She is the Chairman of the Board of Frumtak Ventures investment fund and a director of Promote Iceland. Otharsdottir is on the Board of Governors of the University of Iceland, the board of the Nordic Arbitration Centre at the Icelandic Chamber of Commerce and the board of Women Corporate Directors. She is a former director and chairman of the audit committee of Icelandair Group and several other organizations.

Otharsdottir served as the Global Director of Corporate Development at Össur hf., where she managed several international acquisitions, corporate funding, investor relations and the dual listing of the company's shares on Nasdaq Copenhagen. Prior to that, she served as a Senior Manager in Corporate Banking at Kaupthing Bank as well as a management consultant at Accenture in Copenhagen.

Otharsdottir holds an MBA degree from the Rotterdam School of Management, the Netherlands and a Cand. Oecon. degree from University of Iceland.

Otharsdottir was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2010. She is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Remuneration Committee since 2013 and was previously Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee. She holds 32,000 shares in the Company but no share options. She has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

#### 3.4 Astvaldur Johannsson

Astvaldur Johannsson is Business Development Director at Controlant, a real-time monitoring Internet of Things (IoT) software solution company. His previous international business experience includes senior management positions within different markets at Össur hf., a global medical devices manufacturer and as an Executive Director leading the international division of Valitor hf., an eCommerca payment solutions and services provider. Johannsson served as a member of the Executive Team of the IT company Nyherji hf., as Sales and Marketing Director at Penninn, and as a system analyst expert in the IT sector focusing on process design and development.

Johannsson is a proactive professional with extensive international experience of leadership within a multi-national culture and cross-functional environments, both on the executive and on a board level. He has a comprehensive background and knowledge in formulating and implementing policy and strategy, leading and integrating new businesses and initiatives to improve business performance. Johannsson has a solid background in managing business-to-business and business-to-consumer sales and marketing, business development, supply chain, outsourcing, negotiating, contracts and product management along with operations knowledge and experience in varying industries with progressive and successful organizations.

Johannsson holds an MBA degree from the University of Iceland and a BS degree in Management Information Systems from Heriot-Watt University.

Johannsson was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2014. He is a member of the Audit Committee. He neither holds shares nor share options in the Company. He has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

## 3.5 Lillie Li Valeur

Lillie Li Valeur will be assuming the role of CEO for Good Food Group on 1 March 2020. During the last 18 years, Valeur held several senior managerial roles at Arla Foods, both in Asia and globally, including VP Greater China, VP South East Asia and VP Global Milk Based Beverages. Prior to that, she was Manager of Strategic Sourcing & Commercialization and Director for Business Development & Licensing at Novartis in Shanghai and Management Consultant at Bain & Company in Beijing.

Valeur was a member of the Board of Directors and Audit Committee of Aarhus Karlshamn AB, listed on Nasdaq Stockholm, from 2013 to 2020 and Meda AB from 2015 to 2016.

Valeur holds a degree in Medicine from Shanghai Medical University and an MBA degree from China European International Business School in Shanghai. She neither holds shares nor share options in the Company. She has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

#### 3.6 Dr Olafur Gudmundsson

Dr Olafur S. Gudmundsson is currently the Head of Discovery Pharmaceutics and Analytical Sciences at Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS), a global biopharmaceutical company. For more than two decades, Gudmundsson has held roles of increasing responsibility within research and development, covering multiple therapeutic areas and stages of drug discovery, both for Bristol-Myers Squibb and Genentech Inc. During his tenure at BMS, Gudmundsson has helped bring multiple drug candidates to clinical trials, several of which have become marketed products. In his time within the pharmaceutical industry, Gudmundsson's responsibilities have included involvement with global portfolio strategy, evaluation of external acquisitions, strategic innovations, and integration of merged companies. Gudmundsson has participated in governance teams providing input on global portfolio optimization and prioritization, lead process optimization teams and chairing integration teams.

Gudmundsson is also associated with the graduate program of the Pharmaceutical Chemistry department at Purdue University. Currently, Gudmundsson is a board member of Eyrir Invest, Glo and Noruz ehf.

Gudmundsson holds a Ph.D. degree in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from the University of Kansas and a Cand. Pharm. degree from the University of Iceland.

Gudmundsson was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2014. He is a member of the Remuneration and Nomination Committees. He and financially related parties hold 1,705,427 shares in the Company but no share options. He has no interest links with the Company's main customers. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Eyrir Invest, Marel's largest shareholder.

#### 3.7 Ton van der Laan

Ton van der Laan is a Dutch national residing in the Netherlands. He has extensive experience from several executive roles in the food, feed and commodity industries. He is a non-executive board member of Vion Foods, Royal de Heus, Dümmen Orange and the Rainforest Alliance. Van der Laan is the former CEO of Nidera Capital, a company globally active in financing and distribution of grains and oilseeds, EVP Animal Proteins and Animal Nutrition at Cargill in the USA, CEO of Provimi in the Netherlands, and a leader in the animal nutrition industry.

Previously, Van der Laan held several executive roles at Unilever, the global consumer food company, for over 22 years. There he was located in the Netherlands, UK, Czech Republic and Slovakia. He has also served as the Managing Director of Philips Domestic Appliances and Personal Care. Van der Laan possesses extensive experience in multi-national businesses, strategic planning, portfolio management, large acquisitions and company sales processes, large and small scale integrations, re-organizations and top team development.

Van der Laan holds a MS degree in Mechanical Engineering, Twente University, New Board Program, Nyenrode Business University.

Van der Laan was elected to the Board of Directors of Marel in 2019. He is a member of the Audit Committee. He neither holds shares nor share options in the Company. He has no interest links with the Company's main customers, competitors or major shareholders.

## **Appendix**

#### MAREL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SKILLS MATRIX

#### INTRODUCTION

This skills matrix is designed to ensure the Board of Directors of Marel (Board) consists of individuals with a balance of skills to oversee the Company, achieve the strategic goals, and direct its future.

All Directors will be expected to possess the full set of personal attributes (outlined in Part A: Personal Attributes) in addition to sound professional knowledge and experience, and contribute to the collective industry skills set held by the Board.

## **PRINCIPLES**

The Board shall *collectively* have the skills, knowledge and experience to effectively govern and direct the Company. The skills and attributes of the Board can be broadly categorised as follows:

- Personal attributes or qualities that are considered desirable to be an effective Director;
- Functional experience and skills;
- Industry and geographical experience.

The Board as a whole should also encompass desirable diversity in aspects such as nationality, gender, age, education and different perspectives.

#### **POLICY**

The skills, knowledge and experience required will change as the Company evolves. In relation to each skill identified in this matrix, the Board will use this as a guide to ensure reasonable diversity and a broad range of skills are evident across the Board.

The Board skills matrix comprises two parts:

- A description of personal attributes that all the Directors of the Board are expected to possess.
- 2. An assessment of functional and industry based skills and experience which should be held collectively by the Board. Each skill area is accompanied by a separate column for the Board to assess whether the skill is essential or desirable (prioritisation).

The skill areas in the matrix will be regularly reviewed to ensure that the composition of skills on the Board remains aligned with Marel's stage of development and strategic direction.

# 1. Personal Attributes

Attributes	Description				
Integrity (ethics)	<ul> <li>A commitment to:         <ul> <li>Understanding and fulfilling the duties and responsibilities of a Director, and maintaining knowledge in this regard through professional development;</li> <li>Putting Marel's interests before any personal interests;</li> <li>Acting in a transparent manner and declaring any activities or conduct that might be a potential conflict;</li> <li>Maintaining Board confidentiality at all times.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Effective Communicator	<ul> <li>The ability to:</li> <li>Listen to, and constructively and appropriately debate, other people's viewpoints;</li> <li>Develop and deliver cogent arguments;</li> <li>Communicate effectively with a broad range of stakeholders.</li> </ul>				
Constructive Questioner	The preparedness to ask questions and challenge Marel's management and peer Directors in a constructive and appropriate way about key issues.				
Contributor and team player	The ability to work as part of a team, and demonstrate the passion and time to make a genuine and active contribution to Marel's Board.				
Commitment	A visible commitment to Marel's purpose and its on-going success.				
Critical and innovative thinker	The ability to critically analyse complex and detailed information, readily distil key issues, and develop innovative solutions to problems.				
Leader	Innate leadership skills, including the ability to:				

# 2. Functional and Industry Experience & Demographics

		Director	Director	Director	Director
Skill/Experience/Attribute (not prioritized)	Priority	1	2		7
Corporate Social Responsibility					
Digital/Software					
Financial/Accounting					
Human Resources					
Innovation/R&D					
Legal					
M&A					
Commercial					
Operational/Service					
Enterprise Risk Management					
Strategy					
Capital good industry					
Food industry					
Global business					
Emerging markets					
CEO/EVP in mid/large cap organisation					
Board experience					
Other					
Nationality					
Female/Male					
Board tenure					