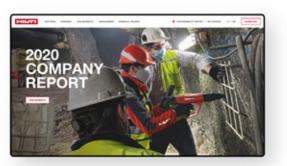




COVER STORY

WELCOME

Stability and teamwork - two qualities that were more important than ever in the challenging year of 2020. Key Project Coordinator Rodolfo Lobo, from Chile, is on site when called to demonstrate to his customer, OHL, the best Hilti solution for the concrete lining of a tunnel in Santiago. The picture is representative of a year in which this approach was subject to special challenges. A great deal of dedication, innovative spirit and resolve was deployed by about 30,000 employees to help our customers complete their projects, against all odds, faster, safer and more efficiently in 2020. The Company Report from this singular year includes snapshots of Hilti customers and employees and their stories.





Experience Hilti's year 2020 online



DEAR READERS,

2020 was an exceptional year that witnessed a societal and economic shutdown that was heretofore considered impossible. Measures taken by national governments to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic varied greatly. In many countries the majority of construction sites were kept open as essential economic businesses, while in others there was a complete shutdown for many weeks. The business results for this year vary from region to region accordingly.

From the very beginning of the crisis, our priorities were to provide the best possible protection for our employees, maintain our ability to deliver products and provide services to our customers, and preserve the financial stability of the company. At the end of what has been a turbulent year we are pleased to say that we have succeeded in meeting these priorities to the greatest extent possible. Within a very short period, our IT unit made it possible for the majority of our worldwide employees to work remotely. The highly professional work of our global purchasing, manufacturing and logistics teams guaranteed that we were able to supply products and make repairs anywhere in the world at any time, ensuring that our customers could continue to work efficiently. Thanks to great discipline, we also succeeded in maintaining our financial stability. With 13.7 percent return on sales (ROS) and 16.4 percent return on capital employed (ROCE), we remained within the financial target corridor of our corporate strategy despite a 9.6 percent decline in sales in Swiss francs. We were able to avoid any restructuring within our global team and continued to consistently invest in our strategic fields of innovation, digital transformation and sustainability.

This year we once again launched 74

highly differentiated products which

make our customers' work more productive and allow them to function with greater safety. Some of these products are presented in this report. When it comes to development, we continue to focus on integrated solutions that increasingly combine hardware, software and services which support our customers in their daily applications and core processes. Additionally, these solutions almost always contain digital elements where data is used as a basis for decision-making, optimization, documentation or continuous learning. A central theme of our digital transformation is the use of available customer data to create a personalized, relevant customer approach. This transformation includes the introduction of a new CRM system and involves a major training effort for our approximately 18,000 sales and marketing employees. Originally this was planned over a period of two years, through the end of 2021. But, as the majority of our worldwide team had to stay at home during weeks of lockdown, we quickly decided to utilize this time to vastly accelerate the introduction of the new system. This required a switch to purely digital training measures - one of the many examples of how we used the crisis this year as an

opportunity. 2020 was also when we began implementing our comprehensively revised sustainability strategy, in which we clearly committed ourselves to greater responsibility to the environment and society. In addition to the activation of the entire company, we also made good progress on our global focus topics. For example, we have come a good deal closer to our commitment, as a company, to having our business activities CO2-neutral by the end of 2023. Furthermore, we are striving to achieve a circular economy in as many areas as possible, with the goal of being the leading company in our industry. A part of this is the fact

that we are presenting our first comprehensive sustainability report at the same time as we publish this year's company report. This includes a comprehensive account of the various social initiatives and projects of the Hilti Foundation, which once again this year have had a positive impact on the lives of many people.



Visit www.hiltifoundation.org to learn more.

Overall, we can therefore look back on this unusual business year with a black eye, but also with a smile. The black eye is reflected in our figures and is somewhat painful. However, it has no lasting effect on the company's excellent state of health and bright future

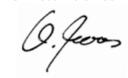
We would like to thank you, our customers and partners, for your continued trust. Special thanks go to our employees worldwide – especially in this year of COVID-19 – for the commitment and passion they display in bringing our corporate mission statement to life every day: We passionately create enthusiastic customers and build a better future.

Heinrich Fischer

Chairman of the Board of Directors

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Christoph LoosChief Executive Officer





COMPANY PROFILE

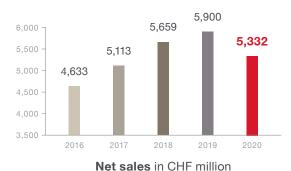
Hilti stands for quality, innovation and direct customer relationships. Some 30,000 employees around the world, in more than 120 countries, contribute services, we cover the entire valueto making work on construction sites simpler, faster and safer while inspiring customers every single day. With products, system solutions, software and services that provide clear added value. Having roughly 250,000 individual customer contacts each day, ideas for improvement are often developed directly on construction sites while talking to customers. If there is a challenge for which no Hilti solution exists, one will be developed. This is why we invest approximately 6 percent of

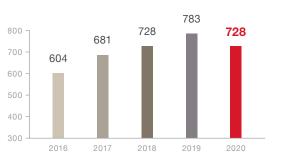
sales each year in research and development. From product development to manufacturing, logistics, sales and

Our strategic objective is sustainable value creation through market leadership and differentiation. The company, based in Schaan, Liechtenstein, has also been planning with financial foresight since its founding in 1941 by brothers Eugen and Martin Hilti. All company shares are in the possession of the Martin Hilti Family Trust, which ensures the long-term continuity of the Hilti Group.

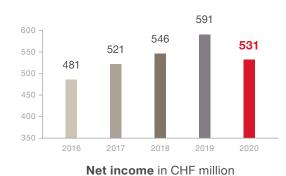
Our mission statement, "We passionately create enthusiastic customers and build a better future," is the compass by which we align our entrepreneurial activities and develop sustainable and innovative solutions. Hilti thereby takes equal responsibility for the health and safety of its employees and users of its products, as well as for society and the environment. In addition to the charitable Hilti Foundation, our integrated partner in issues of sustainability, the values we live by every day in our dealings with team members, partners and customers integrity, courage, teamwork and commitment - also contribute to this.

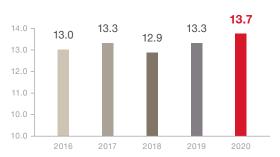
KEY FIGURES



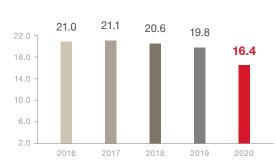


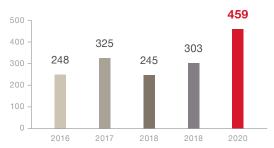
Operating result in CHF million





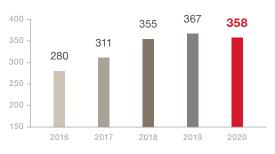
Return on sales (ROS) in %

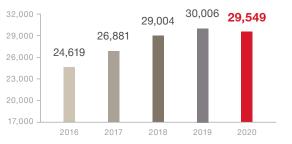




Return on capital employed (ROCE) in %

Free cash flow in CHF million (before acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries, including lease payments)





Research and development expenditure in CHF million

Employees at December 31

2017 numbers have been restated due to the adoption of IFRS 15 Revenue from contracts with customers and IFRS 9 Financial Instruments. Numbers prior to 2017 have not been restated.

BUSINESS AREAS

Anchor Systems

Hilti sets new standards in anchor fastening technology with mechanical and chemical anchoring systems as well as cast-in anchors. These systems are also designed to withstand seismic activity. Technical experts and software help to ensure correct anchor selection and application.

Power Tools & Accessories

Hilti power tools are known for their top performance, user convenience and a long lifetime. Accessories developed specifically for these tools ensure efficient chiseling, drilling, sawing and grinding. Vibration reduction, dust removal and active torque control systems are all designed to provide additional safety and protection.

Direct Fastening & Screw Fastening

Hilti systems make direct fastening on steel and concrete simpler, safer and more productive. Recoil, vibration, noise and dust emissions are reduced to a minimum. Optimized systems of innovative tools and fasteners provide additional speed on the construction site.

Firestop Systems

The correct installation of firestop systems is decisive in helping prevent the spread of fire, smoke and toxic fumes. Hilti provides a comprehensive range of technical consulting services as well as efficient design and documentation software that deliver a higher level of safety from a single source.

Diamond Systems

Tools and cutting segments using Hilti diamond technology are built for high performance and low wear. Drilling, cutting, sawing and grinding concrete and other mineral building materials is easy and achieves maximum accuracy and efficiency while keeping dust and vibration to a minimum.

Measuring Systems

Hilti's robust laser, radar and optical tools cover all the requirements for measuring, leveling, aligning and detecting, from excavation through to renovation and maintenance tasks. The easy-to-use system solutions also serve to bring digital planning directly to the construction site.

Tool Services

Hilti services can enhance productivity while minimizing administrative efforts. This is true in terms of fleet management, repair and maintenance service, Hilti's integrated software solutions for asset management as well as for apps that ensure constant availability of all information regarding Hilti tools.

Fastening & Protection Solutions

Hilti offers integrated software and service solutions for fastening and fire protection products to generate higher productivity and safety throughout the entire construction process. These include value engineering, design, BIM modeling, pre-assembly, training as well as on-site testing and documentation.

Installation Systems

Modular installation systems from Hilti provide flexibility and efficiency to solutions for supporting and fastening pipes, ventilation ducts and electrical installations. Engineering and logistics services and design software round out the comprehensive package.



"WE USED THE CRISIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY."

Interview with Christoph Loos, CEO

You stated that Hilti came out of this year of crisis with a black eye. What do you attribute this to?

The main reason was the decision by many governments to keep construction sites operating. As a result, the construction industry came through the crisis better in 2020, overall, than other economic sectors. But there were major differences from country to country, which is why our sales and profit declines also varied greatly around the world. It is certainly encouraging that we suffered only minor productivity losses. We were able to deliver and repair products at all times and could continue with all our major projects with almost no delays - despite working from home for months on end. The fact that this worked out so well has a lot to do with our trustand team-oriented corporate culture, in addition to an excellent IT infrastructure.

Was this a lost year for the implementation of the Champion 2020 Hilti Group strategy?

At first glance, one notes that we have reported a setback from 5.9 to 5.3 billion Swiss francs in sales and will probably need two years to make up for this loss. Over the longer term, however, this should not come as a surprise – crises of a similar magnitude have occurred in previous years. That's why the targets in our strategy

are also defined as "relative targets" to the market and our competitors. From this perspective, we lost nothing and remain fully on track. Additionally, despite intensive crisis management, we maintained all investments relevant over the long term regarding innovation, digitalization and sustainability. In some cases, we even accelerated projects and used the crisis as an opportunity. This is most clearly visible in the accelerated rollout of our new CRM system and the switch to purely digital training for our 18,000 sales and marketing employees.

Many companies had to cut jobs – at Hilti, the number of employees worldwide remained more or less constant in 2020. How was that possible?

Right at the beginning of the crisis we decided that we would only consider layoffs as a last resort. This is not only due to the great sense of responsibility we have towards our employees, but also arises from our business model, which is strongly based on competence, experience and close customer relationships - something that cannot simply be switched off and then on again. The decisive factor that enables us to take such a long-term perspective in a crisis like this is, obviously, the fact that we are fully owned by our very long-term oriented owner, the Martin Hilti Family Trust.



COVID-19 is something we will have to deal with in the future – what impact does that have on your expectations for the coming years?

The biggest problem for the construction industry is the great amount of uncertainty about what will happen next with the pandemic and the global economy. In 2020, the construction industry held up comparatively well, as ongoing projects were completed at full speed in many places once lockdowns were lifted. But there's pal-

pable uncertainty, with fewer new projects being commissioned around the world – the number of building permits and many clients' project pipelines are shrinking. We therefore expect a rather difficult environment for 2021 and 2022. In addition, in 2020 we benefited from many temporary cost measures, such as a significant reduction in variable compensation, a massive cutback in travel and meetings, and government support programs such as short-time working.

These effects will slowly normalize in 2021, leaving us to deal with a significant cost swingback effect. So we expect that, financially, we will probably need two years to fully recover from the COVID-19-induced slump we saw in 2020. However, this does not change our general target orientation. Our course is still set for growth and we are building on a very solid foundation. Therefore, I am positive about the future.

WE PASSIONATELY CREATE ENTHUSI-ASTIC CUSTOMERS AND BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

"We passionately create enthusiastic customers and build a better future." This mission statement is based on the conviction that we grow together with the people around us – with our customers, employees and partners. Personal exchanges and the aspiration to never rest, only to improve, has put us in the position to provide world-class products, systems, software and services.

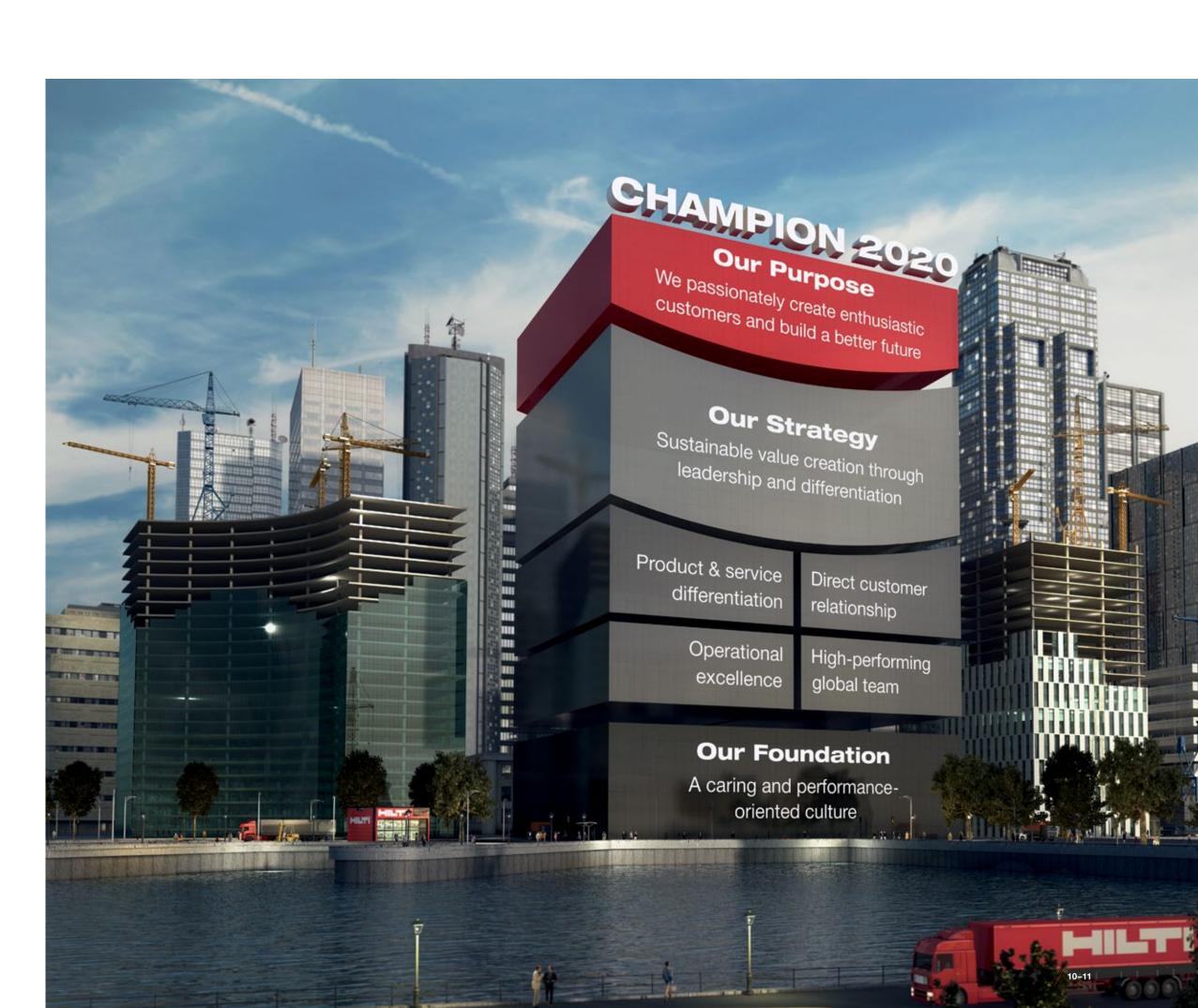
Our strategic objective is sustainable value creation through market leadership and differentiation – market leadership in terms of relative market share, and differentiation via the direct sale of our portfolio.

We will continue to follow the successful course of recent years in 2020 and beyond, while emphasizing four proven strategic fields of activity. We are investing in continuous innovation. In doing so we will continue to rely on the core of our corporate strategy: the direct access to and partnership with our customers in the construction industry. Operational excellence in all processes ensures our customers' success and firms up our leading position on the market. A high-performing global team with roughly 30,000 employees works diligently every day to achieve these targets.





In our Sustainability Report, you can learn more about how Hilti is building a better future.



Product and Service Differentiation

We are investing in continuous innovation to provide our customers products, systems, software and services that are world-class.

Direct
Customer
Relationship

Operational Excellence

High-Performing Global Team











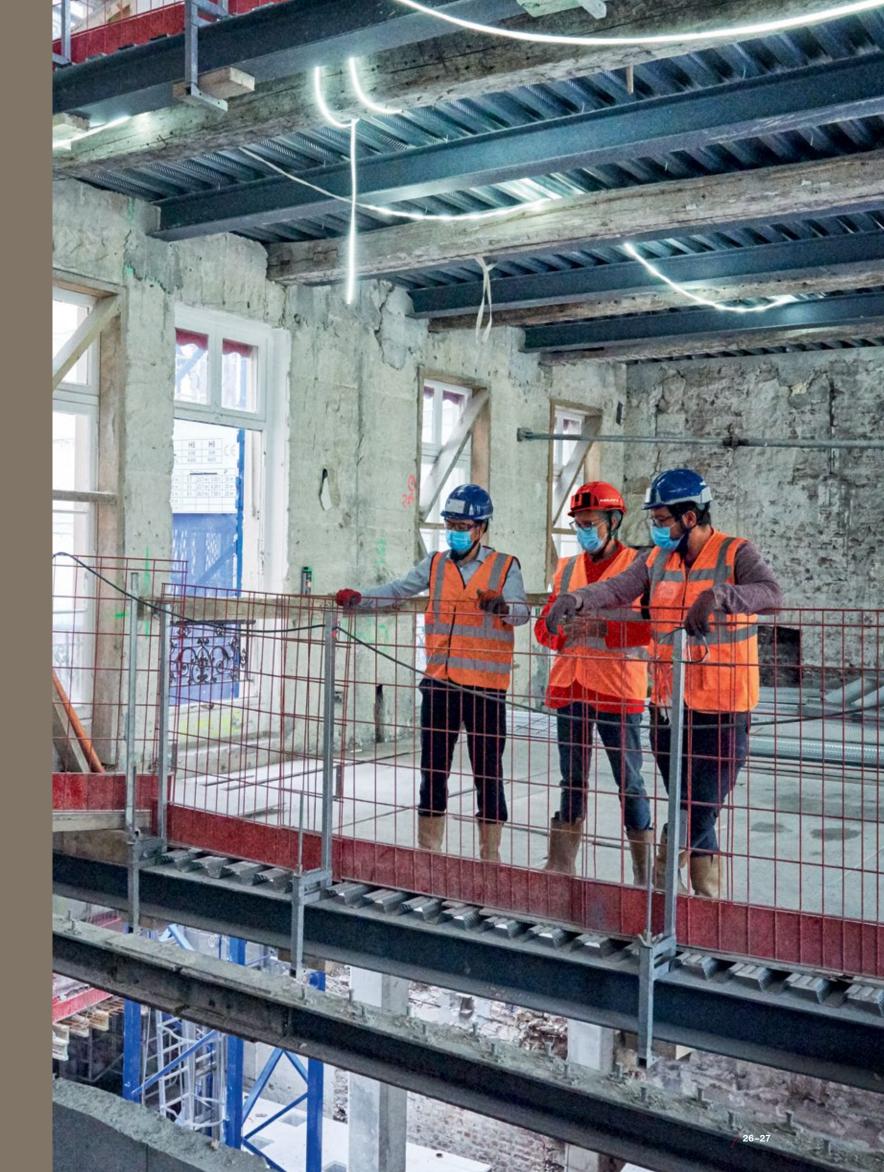




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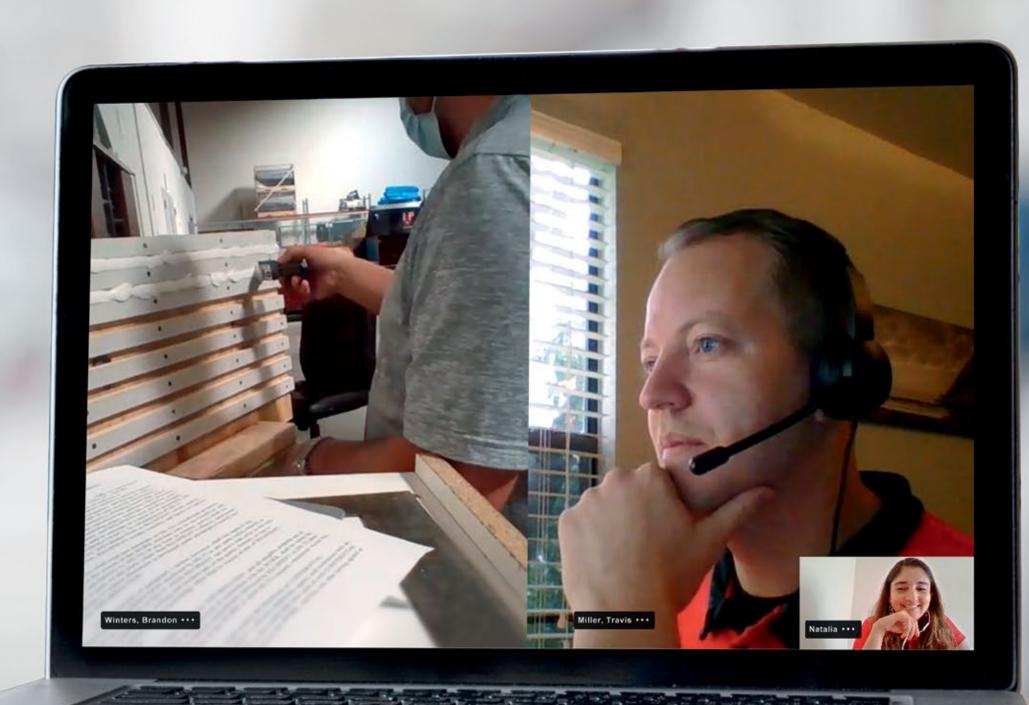






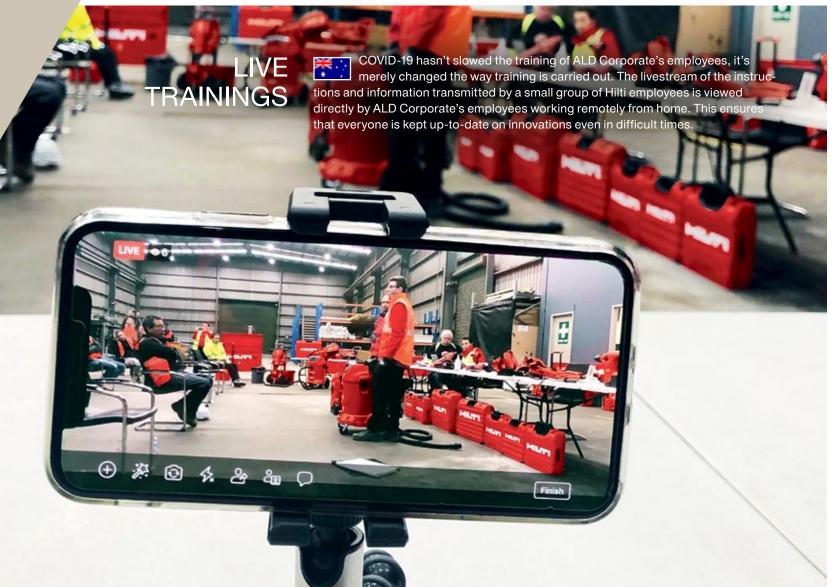
VIRTUAL PRODUCT TESTS

If a Hilti team can't get to customers, they'll quickly find other solutions. When product managers Natalia Gomez Angel and Travis Miller were unable to visit customers to conduct acceptance tests for a new firestop sealant due to contact restrictions in the USA and Canada, they met at the greatest possible distance – online. Receiving customer feedback while a product is still in the test phase and, above all, having customers see and try out the product is a key factor in the development of a new Hilti solution. The team changed its plans based on the local contact restrictions: 43 customers received a test package that included instructions. Natalia and Travis led the customers, live on the laptop, through the application and directly obtained their feedback. This allowed the feedback to be included in the product's subsequent development, without delay and before the product is launched on the market.



















Operational Excellence

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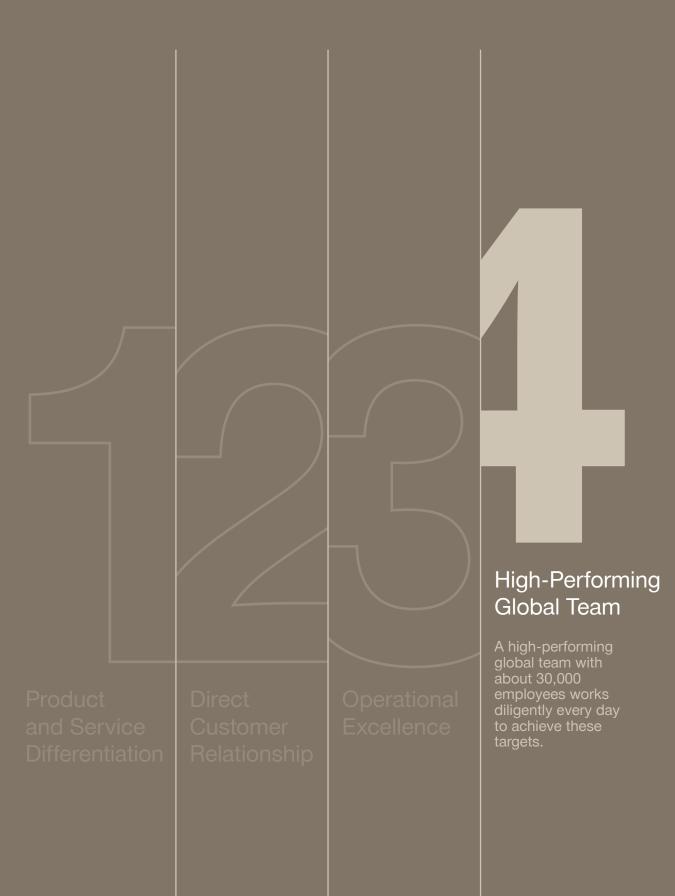
















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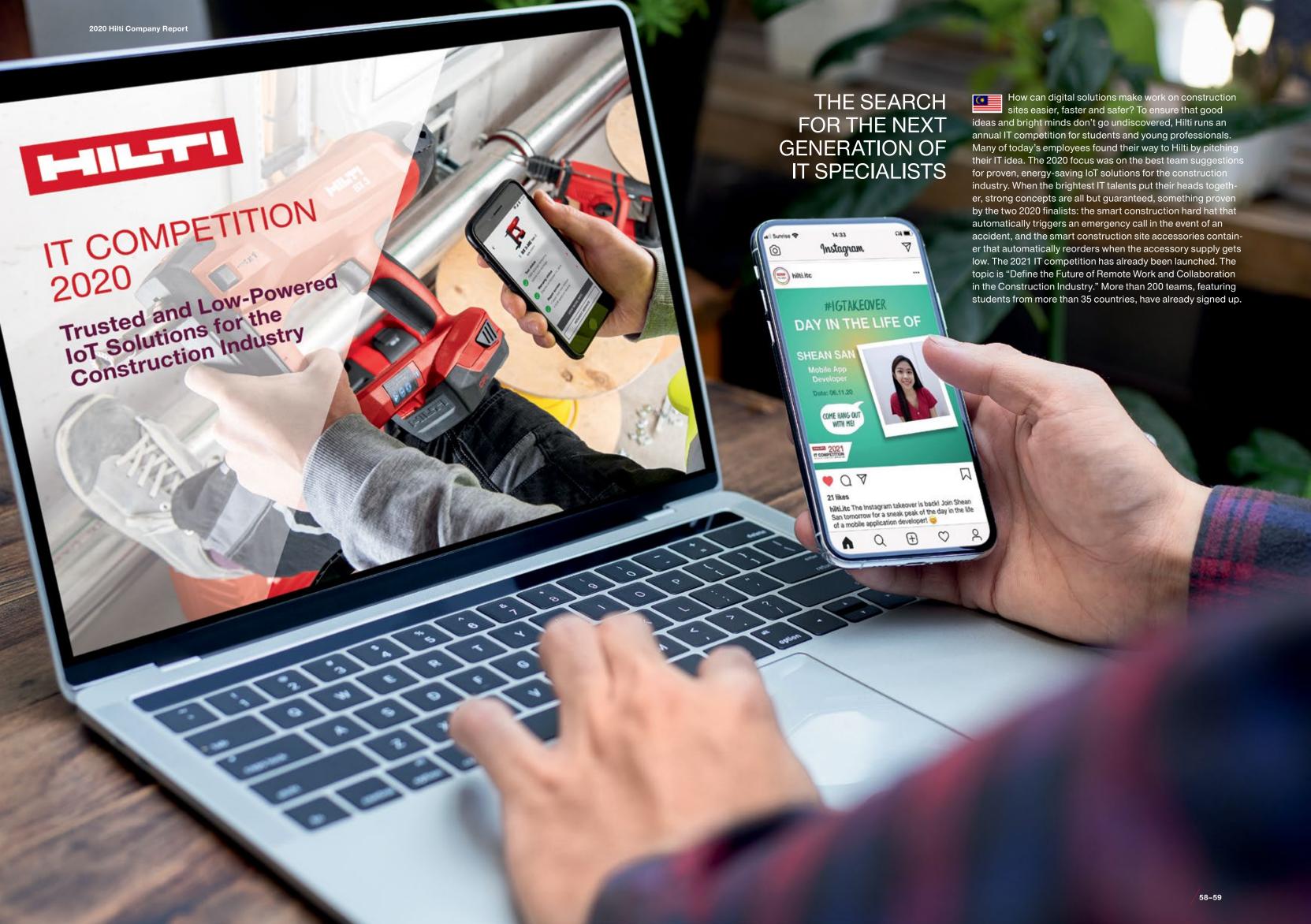
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of team members worldwide are women (2019: 25%)

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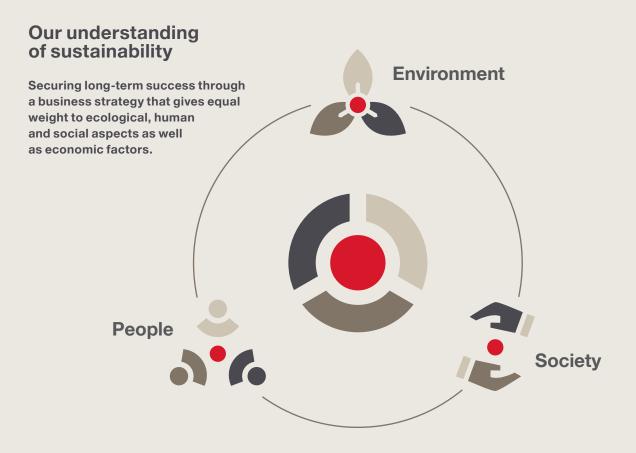
of team leaders worldwide are women (2019: 21%)







SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT AT HILTI



In 2020, we developed a holistic sustainability strategy that allows us to implement our commitment to the environment, people and society in a more structured, comprehensive and transparent manner. Taking these aspects into account equally with economic factors translates into the core element of our long-term success. Together with the Hilti Foundation, our integrated sustainability partner, we are consistently working on our contribution to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

For each of our three pillars, we have defined global priorities and ambitions that we will focus on initially:

The key goals of our sustainability strategy:

We care for our environment.

Become **CO₂ neutral** by 2023

Lead the industry in circularity

We care for people: customers, employees and partners

Highest requirements for the **health & safety** of **users** and for the **safety** of **buildings**

Lead in **employee health** & safety

We contribute to a better society and high ethical standards

Create social impact at scale

Uphold ourselves and the industry to the highest standards in **business ethics**

Environment

We take responsibility for our environment. Companies can only be successful in the long term if they conserve natural resources and reduce the impact of their actions on the environment. To reduce our ecological footprint, we aim to be CO₂ neutral by 2023. We will drive our own efforts to reduce emissions and, together with the Hilti Foundation and a renowned external partner, support selected offset projects.

We want to be the industry leader in the circular economy by moving away from linear resource consumption and increasingly using resources in a circular manner. We expect this way of doing business to bring not only ecological benefits, but also new impetus to our business activities.

As part of our commitment to CO₂ and the circular economy, we will also take a closer look at water, waste and pollutant emissions. Every contribution, such as reducing plastic waste in an office, is important in this respect.

People

We care about people: customers, employees and partners. We are building a better future – which also means we want to provide solutions for the best possible health and safety standards in the construction industry. We want to differentiate ourselves through the health and safety of users and ensure that our customers are equipped with the latest and safest technologies so that they can benefit from the competitive advantage provided by our research and development.

We are also committed to building safety by providing durable and resilient solutions. These are designed to ensure the safety of those who spend time in buildings constructed with our products – even under extreme conditions.

The health and safety of our employees is part of our culture and reflects our understanding of responsibility. We aim to be a leader in this area. Not only do we pay attention to the safety and physical health of our employees, but we have also included topics such as employee engagement, inclusion and diversity, work-life balance and excellent training and development in our sustainability strategy.

Society

We contribute to a better society and high ethical standards. In collaboration with the Hilti Foundation, we aim to achieve a significant social impact. The Hilti Foundation makes its contribution by giving people the opportunity to develop their skills and talents through its worldwide projects, thus laying the foundation for an independent and self-determined life.

In addition, the Hilti Foundation and the Hilti Group are now joining forces with the aim of giving all Hilti employees worldwide the opportunity to make a contribution by participating in sustainability initiatives outside of business activities. In the future, we will structure these initiatives in our Engaged Beyond Business corporate volunteering program.

Another critical priority is that we hold ourselves and the industry to the highest standards of business ethics. This means, for example, that we have a zero-tolerance attitude toward corruption and discrimination.

The 16 key themes of our sustainability strategy bring together ambitious goals that are anchored in almost all our business areas.



Environment















People











Society









In our sustainability report, you can find out more about how Hilti is committed to building a better future.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

One aspect that the Executive Board specifically pursued in 2020 was regular and transparent communication with employees worldwide. Normally, Executive Board members would make personal visits to various market organizations. This year, question and answer sessions and information forums largely took place virtually. In compliance with protective measures, part of the management team met in November for the Hilti Management Forum in a specially constructed studio. Avi Kahn participated live from the USA.

Dr. Christoph Loos CEO since 2014 1968, Germany



A member of the Executive
Board since 2007, Christoph
Loos was appointed CEO in
2014. Having joined Hilti in
2001, he was responsible for
Corporate Development and
later developed the Strategic
Marketing unit. In 2005, he took
the position of General Manager
of Hilti Germany.

Joaquim Sardà

Member of the Board since 2020 1974, Spain



Joaquim Sardà is responsible for the European and Middle East markets and for the Strategic Marketing unit. In 2005, he started in Corporate Development at Hilti's headquarters. Later he held multiple management positions in Italy and Germany. In 2012, he took the position of General Manager of the market organization for Italy and the Southern Europe region.

Jahangir (Jan) Doongaji Member of the Board since 2014 1967, India/Switzerland



Jan Doongaji is responsible for the Electric Tools and Accessories business, Corporate Research & Technology and Tool Services. Since joining Hilti in 2000, he has held various positions. In his most recent function, he headed the Power Tools & Accessories Business Unit.

Matthias Gillner

Member of the Board since 2011 1967, Germany



In addition to being responsible for the global Energy and Industry business, Matthias Gillner also leads Finance, Tax, Human Resources, IT and Corporate Development. He has held various positions at Hilti since 2000, such as head of the Electric Tools & Accessories Business Area.

Dr. Stefan Nöken

Member of the Board since 2007 1965, Germany



Stefan Nöken is responsible for the Fastening & Protection business, Application Software and Corporate Logistics. After joining Hilti in 2000, he held various positions in Corporate Engineering and Supply Chain Management.

Avraham (Avi) Kahn

Member of the Board since 2020 1977, USA/Israel



Avi Kahn is responsible for the American and Asian markets and began his Hilti career in sales in the USA in 2004. After holding various management positions, he was promoted to General Manager for Hilti Canada in 2011. In 2017, he took over responsibility for the entire North American region.





In addition to the legally defined tasks and the strategic direction of the Group, employee development and succession planning are central items on the Board of Directors' agenda. As a result, the future course was set in September, together with the Executive Board, at one of two physical meetings of the Board of Directors in 2020.

Marco Meyrat

Chur, Switzerland 1963, elected until the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Marco Meyrat joined the Board of Directors in 2020. Since January 1, 2020, he has served as a Trustee of the Martin Hilti Family Trust and as Chairman of the Hilti Foundation Board. Marco Meyrat joined Hilti in 1989 and held various positions. From 2005 to 2019, he was a member of the Executive Board of the Hilti Group. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Ardex GmbH. member of the Board of Directors of Hälg Group and OLMeRO AG, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Venture Incubator AG, member of the Foundation Board of the Cantonal Hospital Grisons and Trustee of the Toni Hilti Family Trust.

lichael Hilti

Schaan, Liechtenstein 1946, elected Honorary Chairman at the 2018 Annual General Meeting

Michael Hilti, son of company founder Prof. Dr. h.c. Martin Hilti. has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1990 and acted as its Chairman from 1994 to 2006. After studying business administration at the University of St. Gallen, he joined the family-owned company in 1975 and was named to the Executive Board one year later From 1990 to 1993, he held the position of CEO. Michael Hilti is Trustee of the Martin Hilti Family Trust, member of the Board of the Hilti Foundation and Chairman of the Hilti Art Foundation.

Barbara Milian Thoralfsson

Oslo, Norway 1959, re-elected until the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Barbara Milian Thoralfsson was elected to the Board of Directors in 2014. She has an MBA in marketing and finance from Columbia University and a BA in psychology from Duke University. She has held CEO positions in the telecom and consumer goods industries. Since 2006 she has been an entrepreneur in the industrial sector building a company that today is the largest recycler of plastics in Scandinavia. She is also a member of the boards of SCA AB and Essity AB in Sweden and G4S Plc in London.

im Fausing

Sønderborg, Denmark 1964, re-elected until the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Kim Fausing was elected to the Board of Directors in 2010. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA. Kim Fausing joined Hilti in 1990 where he held various management positions in Europe and Asia until 2007. In 2007, he moved to the Danish Danfoss Group and in 2008, he was appointed COO and member of the Group Executive Team. In July 2017, he became their President and CEO. He also is Vice Chairman of SMA A/G in Germany and member of the Board of Directors of LafargeHolcim Switzerland

Carla De Geyseleer

Erembodegem, Belgium 1968, elected until the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Carla De Geyseleer joined the Board of Directors in 2019. She holds an Executive MBA from the Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland, and started her professional career as an auditor at EY Brussels. Since October 2019 she has been CFO of Volvo Car Group in Sweden. She previously served for several years as CFO for SGS in Geneva, Switzerland, Vodafone Libertel B.V. and DHL Express Benelux, both located in the Netherlands. Before that, she served in multiple finance and business development roles on a regional and global level at DHL.

Heinrich Fischer

Rüschlikon, Switzerland 1950, Chairman of the Board of Directors, re-elected until the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Heinrich Fischer was elected to the Board of Directors in 2007 and became its Chairman in April 2017. Prior to his tenure at Hilti, Heinrich Fischer, who holds degrees in electrical engineering and technical physics (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich) and business administration, was CEO of Saurer AG. Heinrich Fischer is a member of the Board of Directors of Tecan AG and Sensirion AG.

Prof. Dr. Pius Baschera

Zurich, Switzerland 1950, re-elected until the 2022 Annual General Meeting

Pius Baschera joined the Board of Directors in 2006. He served as its Chairman until April 2017 when he ceded this position to Heinrich Fischer. After earning his doctorate in mechanical engineering and business administration from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, he joined Hilti in 1979 as Head of Financial Controlling for production. He served as the company's CEO for 13 years beginning in 1994. Since April 2017 he has been Speaker of the Martin Hilti Family Trust.

Dr. Daniel Daeniker

Zurich, Switzerland 1963, elected until the 2021 Annual General Meeting

Daniel Daeniker joined the Board of Directors in 2018. He is the Senior Partner of Homburger AG, a commercial law firm in Zurich. He also holds a board mandate with dormakaba Holding AG, Switzerland, is a member of the Supervisory Board of Rothschild & Co SCA, France, and a lecturer at the University of Zurich.



FINANCIALLY SOLID DESPITE A CHALLENGING COVID-19 PANDEMIC YEAR

With a decrease of net sales in Swiss francs of almost 10 percent and a turnover of CHF 5.3 billion, the Hilti Group closed 2020, the challenging year of the COVID-19 pandemic, with an operating result of CHF 728 million (-7.0%). The decline in net sales is a result of the pandemic-induced lockdowns combined with a slowdown in investments in buildings and industry assets as well as a continuous appreciation of the Swiss franc. Due to prudent cost management, the Hilti Group was able to continue investing in strategic initiatives to ensure the company's long-term success.

The sales development followed three phases: a strong start in the first two and a half months, a lockdown-induced decrease until the end of May and a heterogeneous yet steady recovery in the second half of 2020. While the Group's sales decrease was most pronounced after the first five months at 16.3 percent, the situation improved from June onwards, resulting in a 9.6 percent full year sales decrease in Swiss francs and 4.3 percent in local currencies. On a regional level, the results differed quite substantially depending on the severity of the pandemic and the lockdown approaches of the local governments. While Central and Eastern Europe and Northern Asia managed to close the year with positive sales growth, Southern Asia and the Middle East faced a double-digit decrease. The Americas finished the year with a 4.6 percent decrease which was disproportionately impacted by Latin America. Significantly weaker currencies in emerging markets, as well as a weaker euro and US dollar, led to a negative currency impact on Group sales of over 5 percent.

Reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic

At the end of March, Hilti launched a four-pillar program to cope with the COVID-19 challenges. A strong emphasis was put on protecting the health of Hilti's employees and par-

ticularly the sales force, resulting in significantly less time being spent with customers and on jobsites during the (partial) lockdowns. Additionally, the Group implemented a hiring freeze, optimized indirect cost expenditures (such as travel, events, etc.) and implemented temporary measures to gain time before deciding upon structural adjustments. At end of December 2020, the Group counted 29.549 team members, a decrease of 1.5 percent compared to the previous year. Hilti adjusted its structures only very selectively in certain markets and avoided Group-wide restructuring. At the same time, the Group continued to fully fund its strategic initiatives in the area of innovation, digitalization and cybersecurity with significant additional investments. Lastly, the Hilti Group increased its cash reserve through net working capital optimization and debt increase to a total cash position of CHF 1.3 billion (2019: 1.1 billion).

Continued investments in innovations

Despite the pandemic, the Hilti Group launched 74 new, innovative products and services onto the market. A convincing example is the introduction of the Jaibot, a semi-autonomous mobile ceiling-drilling robot. Expenditure for research and development reached CHF 358 million, a share of 6.7 percent of net sales. With the additional expan-

sion of integrated solutions combining products, software elements and services, Hilti continues to provide innovative solutions to help customers be more productive, work more safely and enjoy greater success. Besides digitalization of customer-related processes, the Group also drove forward the digitalization of its corporate processes, such as a new people approach with an underlying HCM suite. and an accelerated rollout of a sales process with a new CRM system. erating result The operating result decreased by

Disproportionate decrease of op-

7.0 percent to CHF 728 million (2019: CHF 783 million). Net profit decreased slightly more to CHF 531 million (2019: CHF 591 million), due to a slightly higher income tax rate and extraordinary effects. Despite the decrease in sales. the significant negative currency effect and the ongoing strategic investments, the return on sales (ROS) grew slightly and reached a new high of 13.7 percent (2019: 13.3%). This is the result of solid margin development and prudent overall cost management. By contrast, the return on capital employed (ROCE) decreased by 3.4 percentage points to 16.4 percent (2019: 19.8%) due to the lower capital turnover. This was caused by a combination of the buildup of a higher liquidity reserve, the implementation

of IFRS 16, a negative currency mix of the capital employed and lower sales. Nevertheless, both ROS and ROCE continue to reside in or on the upper end of the strategic target corridors of 10-12 and 15-20 percent, respectively. The free cash flow (before the acquisition and sale of Group companies) reached CHF 459 million (2019: CHF 303 million) leading to a cash flow conversion rate of 86.5 percent. This was a result of a strong focus on net working capital optimization by carefully managing the inventory and accounts receivable combined with a temporary reduction in expenditures for the global modernization of infrastructure and workstations. The pronounced negative development of the US dollar, euro and emerging markets exchange rates had - despite good natural hedging in the main currencies - a negative impact of CHF 61 million on the operating result (2019: CHF -27 million).

Healthy balance sheet and solid liquidity

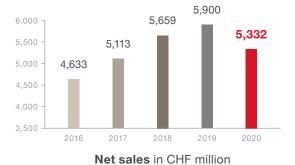
The equity ratio was 1.7 percentage point above the previous year's figure and 1.8 percentage points below pre-IFRS 16 implementation levels. With this, the equity ratio continues to be over 50 percent. Despite the effects mentioned earlier caused by the pandemic, the total cash position increased to CHF 1.3 billion (2019: CHF

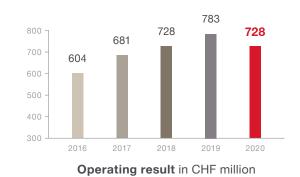
1.1 billion). This was achieved by the strong free cash flow and an increase of the Group's interest-bearing debts. As part of the Group's refinancing strategy, Hilti issued a five-year corporate bond in June 2020 amounting to CHF 150 million with all in costs of 8.6 basis points. Despite the healthy financial situation, the shareholder will forego an ordinary dividend payout (2019: CHF 294 million), underlining its commitment to the long-term success of Hilti.

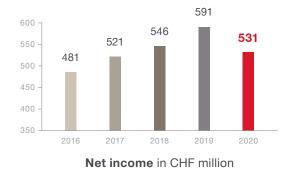
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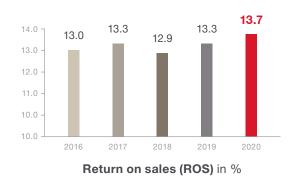
Both economic and construction forecasts point towards a heterogeneous recovery of the global market portfolio. Estimates for returning to pre-COVID-19 levels of construction activity range from one year up to four years for different markets, with an average of around two years. The recovery speed will depend significantly on the severity of the second and potential third COVID-19 waves and on the abilities of the various countries to accelerate the vaccination of their residents. Despite these challenges, Hilti is adhering to its strategic objectives and will continue to significantly invest in additional innovative solutions and the digitalization of customer-related and corporate processes. The Hilti Group expects a sales growth in the low single digits, and profitability at about the same level as pre-COVID-19.

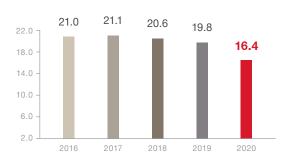
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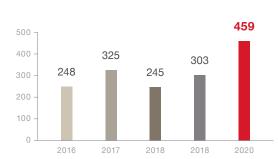






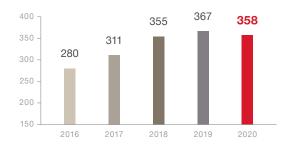


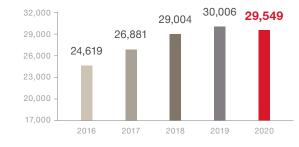




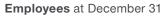
Return on capital employed (ROCE) in %

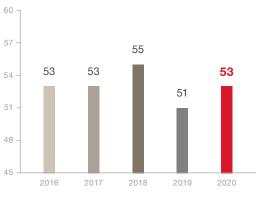
Free cash flow in CHF million (before acquisition and disposal of subsidiaries, including lease payments)



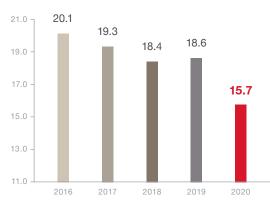


Research and development expenditure in CHF million



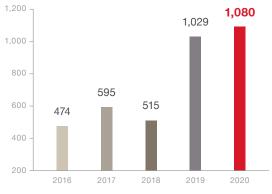


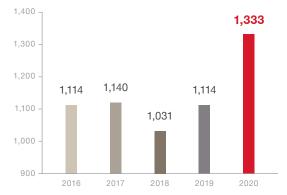
Total equity in % total equity and liabilities



Return on equity (ROE)

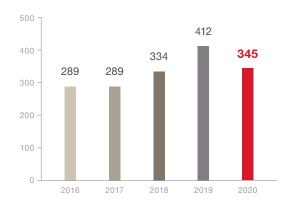


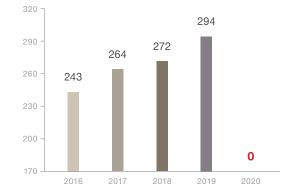




Financial debts* in CHF million

Cash and cash equivalents in CHF million





Capital expenditures on intangible assets and on property, plant and equipment in CHF million

Dividend in CHF million

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The following pages contain extracts from the 2020 Financial Report of the Hilti Group. Because these pages do not contain the full consolidated financial statements, they do not present complete information about the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Hilti Group for 2020. Complete information, including the notes to the consolidated financial statements, is contained in the 2020 Financial Report, which will be available on the Group's website (www.hilti.group) from late March 2021. The full 2020 consolidated financial statements, which are included in the 2020 Financial Report, have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).



 $^{^{\}star}$ Includes lease liabilities starting from 2019 due to the adaption of IFRS 16 Leases.

²⁰¹⁷ numbers have been restated due to the adoption of IFRS 9 Financial instruments and IFRS 15 Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Numbers prior to 2017 have not been restated.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET OF HILTI GROUP AS AT 31 DECEMBER

Assets in CHF million	2020	2019
Intangible assets	942.5	893.4
Property, plant and equipment	959.7	952.6
Right of use assets	423.2	435.2
Investment property	1.9	1.9
Investments in associates and joint ventures	2.7	2.7
Deferred income tax assets	134.3	143.0
Other financial investments	18.5	16.6
Trade and other receivables	789.5	800.9
Derivative financial instruments	3.8	4.7
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	3,276.1	3,251.0
Inventories	587.5	645.6
Trade and other receivables	1,245.7	1,249.6
Current income taxes receivable	9.6	13.6
Accrued income and prepayments	63.9	67.2
Derivative financial instruments	6.5	11.0
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	23.8	27.3
Cash and cash equivalents	1,332.9	1,113.8
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,269.9	3,128.1
TOTAL ASSETS	6,546.0	6,379.1

Equity and liabilities in CHF million	2020	2019
Non-controlling interests	7.9	6.7
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent	3,464.2	3,269.6
TOTAL EQUITY	3,472.1	3,276.3
Provisions	9.5	12.5
Employee benefits	614.4	636.8
Deferred income tax liabilities	123.9	119.7
Bonds	449.8	299.9
Long-term bank borrowings	43.3	54.0
Lease liabilities	330.8	332.5
Contract liabilities	83.2	90.6
Trade and other payables	17.8	36.2
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,672.7	1,582.2
Provisions	7.6	8.4
Employee benefits	7.9	8.5
Trade and other payables	468.4	471.7
Current income taxes payable	107.6	116.9
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	437.8	461.7
Contract liabilities	108.9	108.3
Short-term bank borrowings	142.9	226.0
Lease liabilities	113.4	116.1
Derivative financial instruments	6.7	3.0
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,401.2	1,520.6
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,073.9	3,102.8

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The share capital consists of 253,440 registered shares with a par value of CHF 500 each as well as reserves. All of the registered shares are owned by the Martin Hilti Family Trust.

CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT OF HILTI GROUP

in CHF million	2020	2019
Net sales	5,332.2	5,899.9
Other operating revenues	149.4	154.9
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	5,481.6	6,054.8
Change in inventory	(29.0)	(25.4)
Material costs	(1,416.2)	(1,623.0)
Personnel expenses	(2,282.4)	(2,452.8)
Depreciation and amortization	(394.9)	(374.0)
Losses on trade and other receivables	(51.7)	(51.9)
Other operating expenses	(579.2)	(745.1)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	(4,753.4)	(5,272.2)
OPERATING RESULT	728.2	782.6
Other revenues and expenses (net)	(28.9)	(13.5)
Finance costs	(47.7)	(53.3)
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE	651.6	715.8
Income tax expense	(120.9)	(124.6)
NET INCOME	530.7	591.2
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	529.9	588.1
Non-controlling interests	0.8	3.1

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME OF HILTI GROUP

in CHF million	2020	2019
NET INCOME	530.7	591.2
Net movement on cash flow hedges	(1.7)	(1.6)
Deferred tax on net movement on cash flow hedges	0.2	0.2
Foreign currency translation differences	(57.6)	(48.1)
Deferred tax on foreign currency translation differences	0.5	0.2
ITEMS THAT MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY RECLASSIFIED TO THE INCOME STATEMENT	(58.6)	(49.3)
Remeasurements on employee benefits	18.6	(81.7)
Deferred tax on remeasurements on employee benefits	(2.0)	13.4
ITEMS THAT WILL NEVER BE RECLASSIFIED TO THE INCOME STATEMENT	16.6	(68.3)
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (OCI)	(42.0)	(117.6)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	488.7	473.6
Attributable to:		
Equity holders of the parent	488.6	470.6
Non-controlling interests	0.1	3.0

Please note

The notes to the consolidated financial statements are an integral part of, and should be read in conjunction with, the consolidated balance sheet, the consolidated income statement, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income and the consolidated cash flow statement.

CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT OF HILTI GROUP

in CHF million	2020	2019
OPERATING RESULT	728.2	782.6
Depreciation and amortization	394.9	374.0
Interest received	2.7	5.2
Interest paid	(47.8)	(52.4)
Income tax paid	(121.6)	(97.6)
(Increase) / decrease in inventories	29.0	25.4
(Increase) / decrease in trade receivables	32.3	(9.4)
(Increase) / decrease in finance lease receivables	(80.5)	(180.9)
Increase / (decrease) in trade payables	(6.5)	(10.3)
Increase / (decrease) in contract liabilities	(0.1)	17.2
Change in non-cash items	(28.3)	14.6
Change in other net operating assets	31.6	(36.2)
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	933.9	832.2
Capital expenditure on intangible assets	(194.0)	(202.6)
Capital expenditure on property, plant and equipment	(150.7)	(209.3)
(Increase) / decrease in financial investments	(4.5)	(11.4)
Disposal of property, plant and equipment	6.4	29.8
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(342.8)	(393.5)

in CHF million	2020	2019				
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	34.3	26.5				
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(46.2)	(4.5)				
Payment of lease liabilities	(131.8)	(136.2)				
Proceeds from / (repayment of) short-term borrowings (75.9)						
Proceeds from issuance of bonds	149.9	_				
Repayment of bonds -						
Increase / (decrease) in liability to shareholder	_	0.1				
Dividend paid	(294.0)	(272.4)				
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(363.7)	(341.8)				
Exchange differences	(8.3)	(14.0)				
TOTAL INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	219.1	82.9				
Cash and cash equivalents at January 1	1,113.8	1,030.9				
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT DECEMBER 31	1,332.9	1,113.8				

KEY FIGURES INFORMATION OF HILTI GROUP

2020 SALES GROWTH YEAR ON YEAR

Results in CHF million / %	2020	2019
Net sales	5,332	5,900
Depreciation and amortization	395	374
Operating result	728	783
Net income before tax	652	716
Net income	531	591
Return on capital employed (ROCE) in % (operating result)	16.4	19.8
Return on equity (ROE) in % (net income)	15.7	18.6
Return on sales (ROS) in %	13.7	13.3
Free cash flow	459	303
Balance sheet in CHF million / %	2020	2019
Total equity	3,472	3,276
Total equity in % Total equity and liabilities	53	51
Total non-current liabilities	1,673	1,582
Total current liabilities	1,401	1,521
Capital expenditures on intangible assets and on property, plant and equipment	345	412
Intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	1,902	1,846
Other non-current assets	1,374	1,405
Total current assets	3,270	3,128
Total assets	6,546	6,379
Dividend*	<u>-</u>	294
EMPLOYEES (as at December 31)	29,549	30,006

Sales growth in CHF million	2020	2019	Change in CHF (%)	Change in local currencies (%)
Europe	2,718	2,900	-6.3%	-2.7%
North America	1,306	1,445	-9.6%	-4.3%
Latin America	99	132	-25.0%	-8.1%
Asia / Pacific	670	765	-12.4%	-7.0%
Eastern Europe / Middle East / Africa	539	658	-18.1%	-8.2%
HILTI GROUP	5,332	5,900	-9.6%	-4.3%

^{*} Proposal by the Board of Directors

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