

Corporate Governance Report

2023

# Corporate governance

### Committed to good corporate governance

As a biomedical company, Marinomed has high standards regarding compliance. We are convinced that effective and safe drugs and medical devices can only be developed in an environment that is dedicated to the principles of good corporate governance. Strict compliance with statutory provisions and rules of soft law is vital to ensure our stakeholders' long-term trust in our Company and our products.

As a listed company, Marinomed is subject to the provisions of the EU Market Abuse Directive (MAD) and Regulation (MAR) and the Austrian Stock Exchange Act (Börsegesetz – BörseG) governing organizational measures to prevent insider trading. Several years ago, the Company has enacted its own compliance guideline that implements these legal requirements in Marinomed's business. The guideline is reviewed at regular intervals and, if necessary, amended to reflect factual circumstances, with the last such amendment taking place in June 2023. Marinomed has appointed a compliance officer who reports to the Management Board and Supervisory Board and provides information on compliance with and reviews of the principles to prevent market abuse or the sharing of price-sensitive and confidential information (inside information). In the reporting year 2023, there were no reportable violations regarding inside information. In 2023, we also implemented a digital whistleblower system to comply with the requirements of the Austrian Whistleblower Act (HinweisgeberInnenschutzgesetz - HSchG).

The Company does not engage in lobbying activities within the meaning of the Austrian Transparency Act for Lobbying and Interest Representation (Interessenvertretungs-Transparenz-Gesetz – LobbyG) 2012, as amended.

# Commitment to the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance

Since its first listing in the prime market segment of the Vienna Stock Exchange on February 1, 2019, Marinomed Biotech AG has been considered a large corporation pursuant to Section 221 (3) of the Austrian Commercial Code (*Unternehmensgesetzbuch - UGB*). The number of ordinary bearer shares issued by the Company as of December 31, 2023, was 1,523,833, with each share representing one voting right. No preference shares have been issued and no restrictions on ordinary shares exist. As a listed company, Marinomed provides this Corporate Governance Report as of December 31, 2023.

Marinomed is committed to compliance with the rules of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance (ACCG). The ACCG is a set of rules and regulations for the responsible management of companies in Austria. Its objective is to create sustained and long-term value growth and to provide a maximum of transparency for all shareholders.

The Code entered into force in 2002, is based on international standards of good corporate governance and includes relevant provisions of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act, the Austrian Stock Exchange Act as well as the Austrian Capital



Markets Act. It primarily applies to listed companies on the Austrian capital market, which voluntarily adhere to these principles. The Vienna Stock Exchange also requires compliance with the ACCG under provisions applicable for companies whose shares are traded in its prime market segment. The text of the ACCG is accessible on the website of the Austrian Working Group for Corporate Governance (www.corporate-governance.at).

On the one hand, the Code includes legal provisions which – as being part of the Austrian Corporate, Stock Corporation and Capital Market Act – must be complied with (Legal Requirements or "L-Rules"). On the other hand, the ACCG contains rules that are considered common international practice, such as the principles set out in the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance and the recommendations of the European Commission. Non-compliance with these rules must be explained (Comply or Explain, "C-Rules"). The ACCG also contains rules that are voluntary and do not require explanation in case of deviations (Recommendations, "R-Rules").

In 2023, Marinomed fully complied with all "L-Rules" of the ACCG. Non-compliance with "C-Rules" is explained as follows:

#### C-Rule 18

This rule stipulates the setup of a separate staff unit for internal auditing depending on the size of the enterprise. As Marinomed is a small corporation in terms of headcount, the Company did not set up a separate staff unit and does not intend to do so.

#### **C-Rule 28**

C-Rule 28 stipulates a holding period of a total of at least three years for stock options awarded to Management Board members. Management Board members hold significantly more shares than received through the exercise of stock options, therefore, a holding period has not yet been agreed in writing.

#### **C-Rules 41 and 43**

These rules require the Supervisory Board to set up a Nomination Committee as well as a Remuneration Committee. In cases where the Supervisory Board has no more than six members, these committees' functions may be exercised by all board members jointly. As Marinomed's Supervisory Board currently has five members, nomination and remuneration matters are decided by the entire Supervisory Board and no separate committees have been established apart from the mandatory Audit Committee.

#### C-Rule 83

According to this rule, the auditor must assess the effectiveness of the risk management and report to the Management Board. Since Marinomed is a small corporation in terms of headcount, risk management is not institutionalized, and a separate report is not required. However, the Company has established systems and processes to identify risks and counter them. These are continuously monitored and adjusted, if necessary.

Currently, Marinomed does not have a works council. As a result, the right to delegate works council representatives to the Supervisory Board does not apply. The Company's corporate bodies are bound in particular by the Articles of Association, the Rules of Procedure for the Management Board, the Rules of Procedure for the Supervisory Board and the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance.

# External evaluation of compliance with the Code

C-Rule 62 of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance provides for voluntary external evaluation of compliance with the C-Rules of the Code at least once every three years. An external evaluation by the auditor was last carried out as part of the 2021 audit of the consolidated financial statements.

# Working methods of the Management Board and the Supervisory Board

In accordance with Austrian law, the Company has a two-tier management and oversight structure comprising the Management Board and the Supervisory Board. The Management Board is responsible for the executive management of the Company and represents the Company vis-à-vis third parties. The Supervisory Board supervises the Company's management as well as internal controls and advises the Management Board. Members of the Management Board are appointed by the Supervisory Board. Members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the Annual General Meeting.



### **Members of the Management Board**

Pursuant to the Articles of Association, the Management Board consists of at least two and not more than five members appointed by the Supervisory Board for a term of up to five years. Members may be reappointed by the Supervisory Board for consecutive terms. Currently, the Management Board consists of three members.



Andreas Grassauer Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Year of birth: 1969 First appointment: April 11, 2006 End of term: April 30, 2027

Andreas Grassauer is Chairman of the Executive Board and Chief Executive Officer. He co-founded Marinomed in 2006 and since then has been CEO of the Company. Prior to founding Marinomed, he built up several other companies and was involved in raising more than EUR 30 million from private and public sources. In the last fifteen years, he executed a series of deals for Marinomed. Andreas Grassauer holds a doctoral degree (PhD) in virology from the Institute of Applied Microbiology at the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria.

His responsibilities on the Management Board include strategy, intellectual property rights, production, IT, business development and related legal affairs.





Eva Prieschl-Grassauer Chief Scientific Officer Year of birth: 1968 First appointment: September 4, 2007 End of term: April 30, 2027



Pascal Schmidt
Chief Financial Officer
Year of birth: 1972
First appointment:
September 17, 2018
End of term: April 30, 2027

Eva Prieschl-Grassquer is Chief Scientific Officer. She co-founded Marinomed in 2006 and has been CSO of the Company since 2007. Eva Prieschl-Grassauer has more than 30 years of experience in pharmaceutical drug development. Prior to her appointment at Marinomed, she was head of the allergy program of Novartis in Vienna, Austria. In this position, she discovered the mechanism of action of FTY720 (fingolimod), Novartis' immunomodulatory drug against multiple sclerosis. Eva Prieschl-Grassauer has published more than 50 articles in prestigious peer-reviewed journals in the fields of immunology, molecular biology and medicinal chemistry. She holds a doctoral degree (PhD) in immunology from the University of Vienna, Austria. In 2022, she was awarded the Golden Decoration of Merit of the Republic of Austria for her excellent scientific work and its translation into commercial success.

Her responsibilities on the Management Board include strategy, research and development, business development and related legal affairs.

Pascal Schmidt is Chief Financial Officer. He took over as CFO of the Company in September 2018. Pascal Schmidt has more than 25 years of experience in corporate finance, corporate development and M&A, including positions as managing director of Raymond James Financial Inc. and as a partner at the consultancy firm Mummert & Company. Before that, he was a member of the investment committee at Infineon Ventures GmbH. Pascal Schmidt holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Bayreuth, Germany.

His responsibilities on the Management Board include strategy, administration and organization, controlling and accounting, investor relations, business development and related legal affairs.



#### **Members of the Supervisory Board**

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Supervisory Board of Marinomed Biotech AG comprises a minimum of three and a maximum of six members, who are elected by the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years (with the year of election not counting).

As the Company does not have a works council, there are currently no employee representatives on the Supervisory Board. Since the elections to the Supervisory Board at the 6th Annual General Meeting in June 2023, the Board has the following five members:



Simon Nebel
Chairman
Independent
Year of birth: 1966
Year of first appointment: 2017
End of term: AGM 2027

Simon Nebel is founder and Managing Partner of Viopas Venture Consulting GmbH. He is also a venture partner of Aravis, a private equity firm for which he has participated in financing a number of life science companies and M&A transactions of the Aravis portfolio. Moreover, Simon Nebel is currently a Supervisory Board member of Quadia SA, Kivu BioScience B.V., RhyVest AG, Hanaku AG and Bio-sensing Solutions SL. Simon Nebel holds a PhD in biophysics from the Biocentre of the University of Basel, Switzerland, and an MBA with distinction from the London Business School. Simon Nebel is a member of the Company's Supervisory Board and has been its Chairman since 2017. He was previously Chairman of the Company's Advisory Board (from 2008 onwards).



Brigitte Ederer
Deputy Chairwoman
Independent
Year of birth: 1956
Year of first appointment: 2018
End of term: AGM 2027

Brigitte Ederer was a politician from 1983 to 2001, during which time she was a member of the Austrian National Assembly, Secretary of State for European Affairs and a city councilwoman with responsibility for finance and business affairs in Vienna. From 2001 to 2013, she held various management positions at Siemens Group. Brigitte Ederer is also a member of several supervisory boards, including Boehringer Ingelheim RCV GmbH & Co KG, ÖBB-Holding AG and Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment AG. Brigitte Ederer holds a degree in economics from the University of Vienna, Austria. She has been a member of the Company's Supervisory Board since 2018 and has been Deputy Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board since 2023.



Elisabeth Lackner
Member
Independent
Year of birth: 1973
Year of first appointment: 2022
End of term: AGM 2027

Elisabeth Lackner is CEO of CRS Clinical Research Services and well-net-worked pharmaceutical and biotechnology executive with more than 20 years of experience combining growth, business strategy & innovation, marketing, business development and international expansion, regulatory and operations in life science with full P&L responsibility, thereof 10+ years as CEO. Elisabeth Lackner holds a PhD in pharmaceutical sciences from the University of Vienna, is a respected consultant and speaker in the pharmaceutical and biotech industry and has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 2022.



Ulrich Kinzel
Member
Independent
Year of birth: 1964
Year of first appointment: 2022
End of term: AGM 2027

**Ulrich Kinzel** is a managing director at the advisory firm goetzpartners, responsible for the healthcare industry group. Ulrich Kinzel has extensive financing and capital markets experience and has advised leading international healthcare, life sciences and digital health companies in more than 70 successful M&A and ECM transactions, including cross-border European, U.S. and Asian public and private takeovers as well as IPOs and secondary offerings on all major European stock exchanges. Ulrich Kinzel holds a degree in business administration from the University of Munich, has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 2022, and has been the Chairman of the Audit Committee since 2023.





Eva Hofstädter-Thalmann Member Independent Year of birth: 1962 Year of first appointment: 2023 End of term: AGM 2027

Eva Hofstädter-Thalmann graduated in biochemistry from the University of Vienna and spent more than 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry, working for Johnson & Johnson and Janssen in several commercial and medical affairs leadership positions. Her activities were initially focused on the Austrian market and then - in the U.S. - combined with global responsibility. Over the past 20 years, her area of responsibility has covered Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Her tasks extended to the areas of oncology, hematology and virology. Currently, she is Chairwoman of the Global Alliance of Medical Education (GAME) and member of the Board of Directors of the Journal of European Continuing Medical Education (JECME). From January 2023 onward, Eva Hofstädter-Thalmann has been working as an independent consultant in healthcare with a focus on strategic stakeholder management, working with the pharmaceutical industry and international medical companies. In February 2024, she founded Legacy MD International Limited and is since then director. Eva Hofstädter-Thalmann has been a member of the Supervisory Board since 2023.

**Supervisory Board independence** 

In accordance with C-Rule 53 of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance, the Supervisory Board of Marinomed has established the following criteria defining the independence of its members:

- The Supervisory Board member has not been a member of the Management Board or a senior manager of the Company in the last five years.
- The Supervisory Board member does not have a business relationship with the Company that is of such significance for the Supervisory Board member that it affects his or her activities on the Supervisory Board to the detriment of the Company. This also applies to business relationships with companies in which the Supervisory Board member has a considerable economic interest. The Supervisory Board's approval of individual transactions in accordance with L-Rule 48 does not automatically lead to a classification of non-independence.
- The Supervisory Board member has not been an auditor of the Company's financial statements or held an ownership interest in or been an employee of the auditing company executing such audits in the last three years.
- The Supervisory Board member is not a member of the Management Board of another company that has a member of Marinomed's Management Board on its Supervisory Board.
- The Supervisory Board member is not a close family member (direct descendant, spouse, partner, parent, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, niece, nephew) of a member of the Management Board or individuals holding one of the positions described above.

The Supervisory Board as a whole is considered independent, if at least 50% of the members elected by the general meeting satisfy the criteria above for the independence of a Supervisory Board member.

Each member of the Supervisory Board has declared whether they can be considered independent based on the criteria specified by the Supervisory Board. All Supervisory Board members were independent throughout the 2023 financial year based on the criteria indicated.

In accordance with C-Rule 36 of the ACCG, the Supervisory Board shall deal with the efficiency of its activities, in particular with its organization and working methods once a year. As a result of this self-evaluation, the Board resolved to amend and update its own Rules of Procedure as well as those of the Management Board in December 2023.

Since 2019, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board has performed business development activities as part of a consultancy agreement concluded with Viopas Venture Consulting GmbH (VVC). In the financial year 2023, expenses related to this contract amounted to kEUR 30 (2022: kEUR 30), which are mainly attributable to the Chairman. The resulting open liability amounts to kEUR 8 as of December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: kEUR 0).

In Q1/2023, an additional consulting contract for business development services was concluded with the company VVC. The consulting services are primarily remunerated on a performance basis. In 2023, retainer fees and out-of-pocket expenses borne by Marinomed related to this contract



amounted to kEUR 94 (2022: kEUR 0). The resulting open liability amounts to kEUR 0 as of December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022: kEUR 0). The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is a shareholder of VVC, however, the main part of the remuneration is due to the project lead, which is not held by Simon Nebel.

There is a consultancy agreement with the Supervisory Board member Elisabeth Lackner for business and corporate development activities. In the 2023 financial year, the expenses related to this agreement amounted to kEUR 29 (2022: kEUR 0) including out-of-pocket expenses. The resulting outstanding liability amounted to kEUR 29 as of December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 kEUR 0).

All transactions with related parties are carried out at arms-length principle.

The following Supervisory Board members held positions on supervisory boards or comparable corporate bodies in the following companies as at December 31, 2023:

	Name of company	Position held
	Quadia SA	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Kivu BioScience B.V.	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Aravis Biotech II GP AG	Venture Partner
Simon Nebel	RhyVest AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Viopas Venture Consulting GmbH	Managing Partner
	Bio-sensing Solutions SL	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Hanaku AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Boehringer Ingelheim RCV GmbH & Co KG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	ams-OSRAM AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment AG	Vice Chairwoman of the Supervisory Board
Brigitte Ederer	WEB Windenergie AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	TTTech Computertechnik AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	ÖBB-Personenverkehr AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
	ÖBB-Holding AG	Member of the Supervisory Board
Elisabeth Lackner	Rivean Capital	Member of the Management Board
Ulrich Kinzel	Kinzel Corporate Finance GmbH	Managing Partner
	goetzpartners Securities Ltd.	Managing Director
Eva Hofstädter-Thalmann	Global Alliance for Medial Education	Chairwoman
	Journal of European Continuing Medical Education	Member of the Board

## Supervisory Board committees

Pursuant to the Austrian Stock Corporation Act, the Supervisory Board may establish one or more committees from among its members in order to prepare its discussions and resolutions or to supervise the execution of its resolutions.

Committees may consist of at least three members each. Unless the Supervisory Board issues Rules of Procedure for its committees, the Rules of Procedure for the Supervisory Board apply to the committees subject to the necessary changes.

Since securities of the Company are listed on a regulated market, the Company is required by Austrian law to establish an Audit Committee, which must convene at least two meetings in each financial year. In accordance with C-Rules 41 and 43 of the ACCG and given that the Supervisory Board does not have more than six members, the Supervisory Board has not established a separate Nomination Committee and Remuneration Committee but takes related decisions at board level.

#### **Audit committee**

The Audit Committee reports to the Supervisory Board and prepares the proposal for the election of the auditor by the Annual General Meeting. In addition, the Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the accounting process and the effectiveness of the Company's internal control system, for reviewing the (consolidated) financial statements, for examining and monitoring the auditor's independence and for preparing the approval of the (consolidated) financial

statements and the management report, the recommendation for the distribution of profits and the corporate governance report.

For the time being, the Audit Committee consists of all Supervisory Board members. Ulrich Kinzel has been chairing the Audit Committee since the retirement of Gernot Hofer from the Supervisory Board on the occasion of the 6th Annual General Meeting on June 21, 2023. All members of the Audit Committee are experienced financial experts with knowledge and practical experience in corporate finance and reporting that satisfy the requirements of the Company.

#### **Meetings of the Supervisory Board**

Four face-to-face Board meetings and one video conference, all distributed over the reporting year, were held in 2023. The auditor of the (consolidated) financial statements, BDO Assurance GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungs-gesellschaft, met with the Supervisory Board members in 2023 to discuss the review of the 2022 (consolidated) financial statements and also attended the Annual General Meeting.

No member of the Supervisory Board attended less than half of the Supervisory Board meetings in 2023 after having been elected to the Supervisory Board.

#### Measures to promote diversity

Marinomed believes that mixed teams produce better results and is committed to equal opportunities for women and men in the recruitment process and in all areas of employment.



Due to its small size, the Company does not have a binding diversity policy that stipulates the consideration of criteria such as gender, age, education and professional or cultural background in the appointment of members to the Management Board and Supervisory Board. Nevertheless, the Supervisory Board and the Management Board are diverse in terms of gender, nationality, education and professional background. As of December 31, 2023, women accounted for 60% of the Supervisory Board members (December 31, 2022: 50%). One of the Company's three Management Board members is female.

Currently, Marinomed does not employ persons with disabilities, but pays a compensation according to the Austrian Disabled Persons Employment Act (Behinderteneinstellungsgesetz – BEinstG).

# Risk management and internal control system

Marinomed conducts research and development of pharmaceuticals and medical devices. Taking advantage of opportunities and avoiding risks is therefore important for the success of the Company. Accordingly, Marinomed pursues a systematic approach to the early detection of opportunities and risks. The aspects listed in the "Risk report" section are repeatedly reviewed using company-wide planning and control processes. Overall responsibility for internal control and risk management at Marinomed lies with the Management Board. The risk management system focuses on the areas mentioned in the Risk Report. Operational risks are primarily addressed through close communication with internal and external stakeholders (including investors, analysts and banks). Regular contact

with all external suppliers and partners as well as the documentation of discussions and meetings allow a constant follow-up of planning and implementation.

The regularity of the accounting is based on an accounting-related internal control system (ICS). The objectives of the ICS are compliance with legal standards, the proper accounting principles, the Austrian Commercial Code (UGB) and the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The ICS also has the purpose of ensuring the reliability of financial reporting and the identification of risks outside of financial reporting. The four-eyes principle is observed in all relevant business cases.

The internal control system is divided into structural organization and process organization. The organizational structure features flat hierarchies and a clear assignment of responsibilities. There is an organizational separation of operational and financial responsibility. In the finance department, the accounting, controlling and reporting processes are also separate.

The process organization is characterized by a clear set of rules that represents an appropriate basis for an efficient control system of approvals and competencies. Internal reporting to the Management Board is particularly important to be able to identify risks at an early stage and take countermeasures. This is done through regular meetings on the main topics, above all research and development, supply chain and finance. Depending on their importance, these meetings take place weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. The respective heads of department report to the Management Board in a structured manner. This is intended to avoid those risks that could lead



to incomplete or incorrect financial reporting. The internal reporting system is intended to enable the Management Board to check important processes and their financial impact for plausibility at regular intervals and to compare them with plans in order to be able to decide on and take suitable measures in the event of deviations. The planning required for this, for example for clinical studies, external service providers and sales, is approved in advance by the Management Board. Consolidated reporting, including the non-operating subsidiary, takes place at the end of each quarter.

In addition, the Company creates a rolling liquidity plan, which is constantly monitored and coordinated with its own specifications. Due to the planned negative equity, the Company is obliged to prepare a going concern forecast. This is compared and updated every quarter by the accounting department, in close cooperation with the Management Board, with current reporting and is presented to the auditor in the course of the audit of the annual financial statements or the half-yearly review. Since 2019, the Company's accounting has been managed using the financial accounting software BMD. Financial planning is prepared in close cooperation between the Management Board, the project managers for research and development and the finance department. The planning data is compared with the actual data recorded in BMD on a monthly basis and reported internally.

The annual financial statements are audited by the auditing company BDO Assurance GmbH Wirtschaftsprüfungs- und Steuerberatungsgesellschaft.

# Sustainable research and development policy

Patient safety and well-being are at the heart of Marinomed's operations. As a biomedical company, Marinomed is subject to particularly stringent rules governing the entire value chain.

Marinomed's research activities serve to increase knowledge and are committed to the well-being of patients and the protection of the environment. Its internal and external researchers comply with all applicable legal regulations and ethical principles. Respecting good scientific practice is a matter of course. Marinomed's responsible approach to research includes:

- Identifying and minimizing research risks
- · Carefully managing publications
- Documenting risks as well as awareness-raising and training measures
- Seeking approvals and informed consent when using human tissue
- Adhering to Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
  guidelines when conducting clinical studies and
  having an effective and established quality
  management system in place
- Publishing key data from clinical studies on pertinent databases, such as www.clinicaltrials.gov
- Making sure that our results are transparent and easily accessible. We primarily publish our research findings on platforms that are accessible to readers free of charge. Our website also features a large selection of scientific publications on our research topics.



When conducting research and drug development, Marinomed and its research partners cannot always avoid animal testing. Applicable legislation might sometimes even require this practice. The ethical and humane treatment of animals and compliance with the principles of animal welfare are a matter of course for Marinomed. Before starting any animal testing, all approvals by the Ethics Committee must be available, the staff must be appropriately trained, and all veterinary prerequisites for implementation must be met. Provided that animal-free testing and investigation methods exist, are adequate and legally permissible alternatives, we will make use of this option with the aim of avoiding animal testing as much as possible.

#### Partnerships and supply chains

Marinomed's business model is largely based on successful collaboration with partners to bring product developments to authorization, production and marketing. Partnerships make it possible for the various stages of the value chain to be in the hands of specialists who carry them out as efficiently as possible and thus saving resources. In 2023, Marinomed maintained business relationships with 20 partners for the distribution of its products. In addition, a large number of business relationships with potential partners are actively maintained with the aim of both marketing Carragelose products in additional countries and closing partnerships for product candidates based on Marinosolv.

Our partners are responsibly selected and regularly audited. Recurring audits and reviews ensure that regulatory requirements and ethical principles are met. In 2023, there were neither reportable incidents nor violations of vigilance agreements. Compliance with laws and regulations is a matter of course, as is taking human rights and child welfare into account and showing mutual respect. These values characterize the cooperation with our partners, customers and suppliers. There is regular and close coordination with our partners, and Marinomed also informs them promptly about the latest scientific findings and results obtained from ongoing research and development activities.

Marinomed's distribution partners and thus also its supply chains are embedded in the special regulatory environment of pharmaceutical and medical device companies. When initiating partnerships, it is checked whether the partners meet all regulatory requirements necessary for distribution. Furthermore, Marinomed preferably retains partners headquartered in the EU for the manufacturing of products and for external research services. In addition to well-known and stable legal, social and political framework conditions, this keeps transport routes short and makes appropriate controls easier. "Code of Conduct" agreements have already been included in the contracts with some distribution partners, which set fundamental legal, sustainable and qualitative standards for cooperation. Marinomed is currently working on developing its own code of conduct for suppliers. In addition to the documentation of internal standards and compliance with human rights and decent working conditions, the

transparency and traceability of supply chains should be further optimized. Important governance principles against money laundering, corruption and terrorist financing are also contractually agreed with our partners.

In our Solv4U business area, too, the quality of our partners is carefully reviewed before a contract is concluded.

### **Product quality and safety**

Our products are produced mostly by contract manufacturers located in Europe. These are regularly audited by us, and the quality of the manufactured products is tested and monitored.

Awareness of quality, pharmacovigilance and good distribution practice is raised through regular training of our employees. In 2023, around two adverse events were reported for every million of Carragelose products sold.

### **Data security and protection**

Data security is of central importance to Marinomed. The Company's IT infrastructure, encryption technologies and backups are state-of-the-art and are constantly updated. Although Marinomed almost exclusively maintains B2B business relationships, the implementation of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is taken very seriously. Data protection management is therefore assigned directly to the Management Board.

In 2023, there were no reportable incidents of data breaches, leaks, theft or loss of data related to customer data or other business information.

#### **Intellectual property**

As a science-based company, our developments and our intellectual property must be extensively protected by patents. Patent management is therefore assigned directly to the Management Board. At moment, Marinomed holds 250 active patents in over 50 countries. Both the Company's Carragelose products and its products based on the Marinosolv technology are protected in all economically important countries.

### **Capital market**

Since Marinomed is listed in the prime market segment of the Vienna Stock Exchange, we have a great responsibility towards our shareholders. We always fulfill the associated obligations with the greatest possible care. We actively seek dialogue with investors, capital market players, lenders and shareholders through investor events, our Annual General Meeting and conference calls.

Transparency is important to us, which is why the activities of the Investor Relations department were further expanded in 2023. With this sustainability report, we are making extensive efforts to disclose further information to provide our stakeholders with a complete picture of Marinomed.

### Our governance sustainability goals

Target	Time frame	Target achievement as of 31.12.2023	
No reportable incidents regarding insider trading	Ongoing	•	Yes
No reportable violations of the Austrian Stock Exchange Act	Ongoing	•	Yes
No reportable violations of data protection (e.g. data leaks, data theft or data loss)	Ongoing	•	Yes
Establishment of a digital whistleblower system	2023		Yes
Redesign of the corporate homepage for more transparency	2022	•	Yes
Revision of the company homepage with regard to data protection	2023	•	Yes
Introduction of a code of conduct for suppliers	2024		Ongoing

- = Target fully achieved
- = Target almost/not yet achieved
- 🛑 = Target not reached

# **Outlook**

Our primary goal and mission is to improve people's health and well-being. This mission alone is sustainable for us and determines a large part of our actions. However, other aspects of sustainability are also of great relevance to us, and as a company we are aware of our responsibility towards society and the environment.

Although we are not yet required to report on sustainability as a small company, it is very important to us to be transparent towards our stakeholders about our efforts in the area of sustainability. We already have high standards today and want to expand them further. We are

constantly adapting our sustainability strategy and reporting while keeping an eye on the new EU directives. In the future, sustainability will also be increasingly incorporated into important aspects of corporate management, such as strategy, rules of procedure or as parameters for the variable remuneration of the Management Board.

We would like to thank our customers, partners, shareholders and employees for their commitment, which is essential to achieving Marinomed's goals. We strive to manage our company sustainably and successfully and thus create positive values for everyone.



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