

Press release

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Notice of the Annual General Meeting of Cloetta AB (publ)

Shareholders of Cloetta AB (publ), 556308-8144, are hereby invited to attend the Annual General Meeting, to be held on Thursday, 4 April 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre, Nils Ericsons Plan 4 in Stockholm, Sweden.

Notification of attendance

Shareholders who wish to attend the Annual General Meeting must, <u>firstly</u>, be listed in the shareholders' register maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB (the Swedish Central Securities Depository), on Friday, 29 March 2019, and <u>secondly</u>, give notice to the company of their intention to attend the meeting no later than Friday, 29 March 2019.

Notification shall be given in writing by mail to Cloetta AB (publ), Årsstämma, c/o Euroclear Sweden AB, P.O. Box 191, SE-101 23 Stockholm, Sweden, or by telephone +46-8 402 92 85. Shareholders that are physical persons can also give notification at the company's website www.cloetta.com. Name, personal number/corporate registration number, address, telephone number and the number, maximum two, of accompanying assistants, if any, should be stated when notification is given.

Representatives of minors and corporate representatives shall submit authorisation documents to the company well in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Power of attorney forms are available at the company's website, www.cloetta.com.

To be able to attend the Annual General Meeting, shareholders whose shares are registered in the name of a nominee must have such shares temporarily registered in their own names, in the shareholders' register maintained by Euroclear Sweden AB. This procedure, so-called voting rights registration, must have been effected on Friday, 29 March 2019 and should be requested from the nominee well in advance of this date.

Proposed agenda

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Election of the chairman of the meeting
- 3. Drawing up and approval of voting list
- 4. Approval of the agenda
- 5. Election of two persons to verify the minutes
- 6. Determination as to whether the meeting has been duly convened
- 7. Presentation of the annual report and the auditor's report, and the consolidated financial statements and the consolidated audit report, for the financial year 1 January 31 December 2018
- 8. Report by the chairman of the board on the work of the board
- 9. Presentation by the President
- 10. Resolution on adoption of the income statement and the balance sheet as well as the consolidated income statement and consolidated balance sheet



- 11. Resolution on disposition of the company's earnings according to the approved balance sheet, and record day for any dividend
- 12. Resolution on discharge from personal liability of the directors and the President
- 13. Resolution on the number of directors
- 14. Resolution on remuneration to be paid to the directors and to the auditor
- 15. Election of directors:
 - a. Lilian Fossum Biner
 - b. Mikael Aru
 - c. Lottie Knutson
 - d. Alan McLean Raleigh
 - e. Mikael Svenfelt
 - f. Camilla Svenfelt
 - g. Patrick Bergander
- 16. Election of chairman of the board
- 17. Election of auditor
- 18. Proposal regarding rules for the nomination committee
- 19. Proposal regarding guidelines for remuneration to the executive management
- 20. Proposal regarding long-term share-based incentive plan (LTI 2019)
- 21. Closing of the meeting

Proposals

The nomination committee for the Annual General Meeting 2019, consisting of Olof Svenfelt, chairman, appointed by AB Malfors Promotor, Isabelle De Gavoty, appointed by Axa IM, Johan Törnqvist, appointed by Ulla Håkanson, and Lilian Fossum Biner, appointed by the Board of Directors of Cloetta AB, shall submit proposals to be resolved upon under items 2 and 13-18 on the agenda.

The Board of Cloetta AB has left proposal for decision under item 11 and 19-20 on the proposed agenda.

Item 2 – Election of the chairman of the meeting

The nomination committee proposes that lawyer Wilhelm Lüning is elected as chairman of the meeting.

Item 11 – Resolution on disposition of the company's earnings according to the approved balance sheet, and record day for any dividend

The Board of Directors proposes a dividend of SEK 1.0 per share. Proposed record day is 8 April 2019. If the Annual General Meeting approves this proposal, payment through Euroclear Sweden AB is expected to be made on 11 April 2019.

Item 13 – Resolution on the number of directors

The nomination committee proposes that the board shall consist of seven members elected by the Annual General Meeting with no deputies.

Item 14 – Resolution on the remuneration to be paid to the directors and to the auditor

The nomination committee proposes that the chairman of the board shall be paid a fee of SEK 685,000 (previously SEK 620,000) and each of the other directors elected by the Annual General Meeting shall be paid a fee of SEK 315,000 (previously SEK 285,000). The nomination committee has further proposed that fees shall be payable for work in the board's committees with SEK 100,000 to each member of the audit committee (unchanged) and with SEK 150,000 to the chairman of the audit committee (unchanged) and with SEK 100,000 to the chairman of the remuneration committee (unchanged). The



proposal by the nomination committee involves that the total fee to the board amounts to SEK 3,275,000 (previously SEK 3,030,000) including for work on the committees.

Remuneration to the auditors shall be paid in accordance with approved invoices.

Item 15-16 – Election of directors and chairman of the board

The nomination committee proposes that Lilian Fossum Biner, Mikael Aru, Lottie Knutson, Alan McLean Raleigh, Camilla Svenfelt and Mikael Svenfelt shall be re-elected as board members. Mikael Norman has declined re-election. It is proposed that Patrick Bergander shall be elected new board member. Detailed information about all individuals proposed as board members by the nomination committee can be found on Cloetta's website www.cloetta.com.

The nomination committee proposes that Lilian Fossum Biner shall be re-elected as chairman of the board.

Item 17 – Election of auditor

The nomination committee proposes, in accordance with the audit committee's recommendation after the audit tender process conducted by the audit committee, that the registered auditing company, Öhrlings PricewaterhouseCoopers AB ("PwC"), shall be elected as auditor until the end of the next Annual General Meeting. PwC will appoint Sofia Götmar-Blomstedt as the auditor in charge.

Item 18 – Proposal regarding rules for the nomination committee

The nomination committee proposes the following.

- 1. The company shall have a nomination committee consisting of not less than four and not more than six members. Three of the members shall be appointed by the major shareholders and one member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors amongst its directors. These members of the nomination committee may appoint one additional member. In those cases referred to in item 6 below, the number of members can amount to six.
- 2. Based on ownership register received as per 31 July, the chairman of the board shall each year, without delay, contact the three largest shareholders in the company in terms of votes, and offer such shareholders to, within reasonable time, each appoint a representative to be part of the nomination committee. If any of these shareholders elects to renounce from its right to appoint a representative, the right to appoint a representative shall be transferred to the largest shareholder in turn in terms of votes which is not already entitled to be represented on the nomination committee. The nomination committee shall not include a representative of a shareholder that itself or through others conducts competing activities with the group.
- 3. The member of the nomination committee who represents the shareholder controlling the largest number of votes shall chair the nomination committee.
- 4. The members of the nomination committee are appointed for a term up until a new nomination committee has been appointed.
- 5. The composition of the nomination committee shall be announced as soon as the nomination committee has been formed and in all events no later than 30 September the year before the next Annual General Meeting.
- 6. In the event that the ownership structure of the company is changed after 31 July and not later than 31 December the year before the next Annual General Meeting, and if a shareholder that has become one of the three largest shareholders in terms of votes following this change asks the chairman of the nomination committee to be represented on the nomination committee, such shareholder is entitled to, in the nomination committee's discretion, either appoint an additional



member to the nomination committee or to replace the member who represents, following the change of the ownership structure, the smallest shareholder in terms of votes.

- 7. If a member of the nomination committee that represent a shareholder resigns or otherwise is unable to continue as member, the nomination committee shall if time allows and if the change is not due to a specific circumstance e.g. that the shareholder has sold its shares request the shareholder that had appointed that member to, within reasonable time, appoint a new member of the nomination committee. If the shareholder is no longer eligible for the nomination committee or if it renounces its right to appoint a member, the right to appoint such new member shall be transferred to the largest shareholder in turn in terms of votes which is not already represented on, or has renounced its right to appoint a member to, the nomination committee. If a member that has been appointed by the other members of the nomination committee resigns or is otherwise unable to continue as member, the other members of the nomination committee may elect a new member.
- 8. The members of the nomination committee are not to receive any remuneration from the company. However, the company shall be liable for costs incurred by the nomination committee in its work.
- 9. The nomination committee shall present proposals regarding
 - Chairman of the Annual General Meeting
 - Number of members of the Board of Directors
 - Members of the Board of Directors to be elected by the Annual General Meeting
 - Chairman of the Board of Directors
 - Remuneration to the Board of Directors elected by the Annual General Meeting, distributed between the chairman of the board, the deputy chairman of the board, if any, and the other members of the Board of Directors, and remuneration for work on the committees
 - Remuneration to the auditor
 - Election of auditor
 - Rules for the nomination committee.
- 10. At shareholders' meetings other than the Annual General Meeting, the nomination committee shall submit proposals for elections, if any, to take place at such shareholders' meeting.

Item 19 - Proposal regarding guidelines for remuneration to the executive management

The Board of Directors proposes that the remuneration to the President and other members of the group management, as well as other executives reporting directly to the President, shall consist of fixed salary, variable salary, other benefits and pension. Where the Board of Directors finds it appropriate, such executives shall also be offered to participate in long-term share-based incentive plans, which shall be decided by the general meeting (see item 20). Any variable salary should be linked to predetermined and measurable criteria and be limited to the equivalent of one fixed annual salary. The total remuneration shall be in line with market practice and be competitive, and be related to responsibility and authority. Upon termination of employment agreements by the company, the notice period shall be no longer than 12 months. Any severance pay shall not exceed one fixed annual salary on top of the notice period. The company shall strive to have defined contribution pension benefits. The retirement age shall be not less than 60 years and not more than 67 years. These guidelines apply to agreements entered into after the Annual General Meeting, and in case changes are made to existing agreements after this point in time. The Board of Directors shall be entitled to deviate from the guidelines in individual cases if there are special reasons for it.



Item 20 – Proposal regarding long-term incentive plan (LTI 2019)

The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual General Meeting resolves on a long-term share-based incentive plan (LTI 2019) for Cloetta AB (publ) ("Cloetta") as follows.

Participants in LTI 2019

LTI 2019 comprises up to 45 employees as a maximum, consisting of the group management team and senior managers within the Cloetta Group, divided into three categories. These employees are considered to have a large impact on the results of Cloetta. The first category comprises the President and CEO and the other eleven members of the group management team, the second category is comprised of up to 10 senior managers, who belongs to a certain management level. The third category is comprised of up to 23 senior managers, consisting of individuals who have a certain other employment level.

Personal shareholding, grant of performance share rights and vesting period

To participate in LTI 2019, the participant must have a personal shareholding in Cloetta ("Investment Shares"), which shall be allocated to LTI 2019. The Investment Shares may be acquired specifically for purposes of LTI 2019, or be shares already held by the participant, provided that these have not been allocated to the previous incentive plans. The President and CEO and the group management team may as a maximum invest 12 per cent of the participant's fixed annual salary for 2019 before tax, the participants in the second category may as a maximum invest 10 per cent of the participant's fixed annual salary for 2019 before tax, and the participants in the third category may as a maximum invest 8 per cent of the participant's fixed annual salary for 2019 before tax in LTI 2019.

For the first category of participants, each Investment Share gives entitlement to six and a half (6.5) performance share rights. For the second category, each Investment Share gives entitlement to five (5) performance share rights. For the third category, each Investment Share gives entitlement to three and a half (3.5) performance share rights. The performance share rights will be granted to the participant following the Annual General Meeting 2019 in connection with, or shortly after, an agreement is made between the participant and Cloetta concerning participation in LTI 2019.

Terms for the performance share rights

For the performance share rights the following conditions apply:

- The performance share rights are granted free of charge.
- The participants are not entitled to transfer, pledge or dispose of the performance share rights or perform any shareholders' rights regarding the performance share rights during the vesting period.
- Allocation of B-shares shall normally take place within two weeks after announcement of Cloetta's interim report for the first quarter of 2022.
- Allocation of B-shares based on performance share right is conditional upon that the
 participant remains employed within the Cloetta Group until the announcement of Cloetta's
 interim report for the first quarter of 2022, and also not before that terminated her or his
 employment, been made redundant or dismissed and that the participant continues to hold all
 the Investment Shares. Allocation of B-shares on the basis of performance share rights
 requires, in addition, fulfilment of performance targets.
- Cloetta will not compensate the participants in the plan for dividends made in respect of the shares that the respective performance share right qualifies for.

Performance targets

The performance share rights are divided into Series A and Series B according to the different performance targets that LTI 2019 includes and that drive long-term value for Cloetta. Of each participant's allocation of performance share rights shall one (1) be of Series A and the rest of the



performance share rights shall be of Series B. Allocation of B-shares will depend on the level of fulfilment of the performance targets.

Series A Allocation is conditional upon that Cloetta's average annual EBIT level for 2019-2021 is higher than the EBIT level for 2018.

Series B The Board of Directors has established a minimum level and a maximum level for the performance target. The maximum level, which entitles to full allocation, is that Cloetta's compounded net sales value is at least 2 per cent annually for 2019-2021 and that Cloetta's EBIT margin for 2021 is at least 14 per cent. The minimum level is a compounded net sales value that is above 0 per cent annually for 2019-2021 and an EBIT margin that is above 11.1 per cent for 2021. Where the level of fulfilment is between the minimum and maximum levels, allocation will occur on a linear basis, whereby each of the two performance targets is given equal importance in terms of entitling the participant to B-shares.

Scope, hedging and estimated costs

As a maximum, 1,656,101 B-shares in Cloetta can be allocated to the participants under LTI 2019, which represents approximately 0.6 per cent of all shares and 0.5 per cent of all votes in the company. The number of B-shares included in LTI 2019 shall, under conditions that the Board of Directors stipulates, be subject to recalculation where Cloetta implements a bonus issue, a share split or a reverse share split, a rights issue or similar measures, taking into account customary practice for similar incentive plans. Cloetta will enter into a share swap agreement with a bank, whereby the bank shall be able to in its own name acquire and transfer shares to the participants in order to fulfill Cloetta's obligation to deliver shares under the plan. Such a share swap agreement with a bank may also be used for the purpose to cover social security fees that accrue under LTI 2019. Based on the assumption that all persons who have been offered participation in the plan participate, that they make the maximum investment, that there is a 100 per cent fulfilment of the two performance targets, that they continue as employees of Cloetta, and furthermore based on the closing price for the Cloetta share on 5 February 2019, a constant share price during the plan, and a vesting period of three (3) years, the total cost of LTI 2019 including social security costs is estimated to amount to approximately MSEK 44, which on an annual basis is approximately 1.2 per cent of Cloetta's total staff costs during the financial year 2018. LTI 2019 has no limitation on maximum profits per performance share right for the participants and therefore no maximum social security costs can be calculated. The interest cost for the equity swap is estimated to amount to approximately SEK 2m based on market conditions as of 5 February 2019 and a three-year term. In addition, the equity swap may lead to both positive and negative cash flows, which, while not affecting the profit and loss account, will be booked directly against equity and may be recorded as debt in the balance sheet.

Majority requirement for LTI 2019

A resolution on LTI 2019 in accordance with the Board of Directors' proposal is valid where supported by shareholders holding more than half of the votes cast at the Annual General Meeting.

Number of shares and votes

At the time of issuing this notice there were in the aggregate 288,619,299 shares outstanding in Cloetta AB distributed on 5,735,249 A-shares and 282,884,050 B-shares. The total number of votes is 340,236,540 whereof 57,352,490 of the votes are represented by A-shares and 282,884,050 of the votes are represented by B-shares. Cloetta AB held, at the time of issuing this notice, no own shares in treasury.



Shareholder's right to request information

In accordance with the Swedish Companies Act Ch. 7 Sec. 32, the shareholders have the right to ask questions at the Annual General Meeting regarding the items on the agenda and about the financial situation of the company and the group. Shareholders who wish to submit questions in advance of the Annual General Meeting, shall send these to Cloetta AB, the Board of Directors, P.O. Box 6036, SE-171 06, Solna, Sweden, or per e-mail to josefin.isaksson@cloetta.com.

Interpretation

As a service to the shareholders, the meeting will be simultaneously interpreted into English.

Available documents

The nomination committee's reasoned statement regarding its proposal of Board of Directors and information regarding proposed Board of Directors is available on the company's website www.cloetta.com, at the company on address Solna Business Park Englundavägen 7D, Solna, Sweden and will also be distributed to shareholders who have notified their wish to receive the documents and have informed of their postal address.

The annual report, the auditor's report and the auditor's statement regarding compliance with the previous guidelines for remuneration to the executive management as well as the complete proposals together with thereto related documents for decisions under items 11 and 19-20 will be available to the shareholders at the company's office and at the company's website not later than Wednesday, 13 March 2019, and will also be distributed to shareholders who have notified their wish to receive the documents and have informed of their postal address.

Processing of personal data

For information on how your personal data is processed, see https://www.euroclear.com/dam/ESw/Legal/Privacy-notice-bolagsstammor-engelska.pdf.

Stockholm, February 2019 Cloetta AB (publ) The Board of Directors

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About Cloetta

Cloetta, founded in 1862, is a leading confectionary company in the Nordic region and the Netherlands. Cloetta's products are sold in more than 50 countries worldwide with Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands, Germany and the UK as the main markets. Cloetta owns some of the strongest brands on the market, such as Läkerol, Cloetta, Candyking, Jenkki, Kexchoklad, Malaco, Sportlife and Red Band. Cloetta has 8 production units in 5 countries. Cloetta's class B-shares are traded on Nasdaq Stockholm. More information about Cloetta is available on www.cloetta.com