

## Information about the internal and external rotation of the auditor

The so-called Regulation on Statutory Auditors (Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014) and the so-called Directive of Statutory Auditors (Directive 2014/56/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014) became effective on June 17, 2016. The German legislator transposed the Directive of Statutory Auditors into German law by means of the Auditor Reform Act (Abschlussprüfungsreformgesetz – AReG), which also became effective on June 17, 2016.

The new statutory regulations affect, among other things, the appointment of the auditor and provide for the regular rotation of both the auditor itself and of the responsible audit partners of the company audited (so-called external or internal rotation).

With regard to the internal rotation, i.e. the switching of the responsible audit partners of the auditor, a maximum period of, as in the past, seven years is required by law.

Furthermore, for the first time, an external rotation applies – i.e. it is required by law to switch the auditor every ten or, under certain conditions, twenty years.

adidas AG will implement the new statutory regulations within the framework of the prevailing transitional periods.