

# Investor Presentation 9M 2024

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## Executive Summary: Leifheit records higher profitability in 9M 2024



New, holistic corporate strategy focusing on profitable growth and cost efficiency

Group turnover at 200.8 m€ in line with expectations

Significant catch-up effects with 6.3% growth in Q3

Strong improvement in gross margin by 2.9 pp to 44.3%

Group EBIT significantly up from 5.0 m€ to 10.3 m€

Free cash flow increased by 1.3 m€ to 14.3 m€

Forecast 2024 confirmed

Product innovations expected to provide positive impetus in Q4

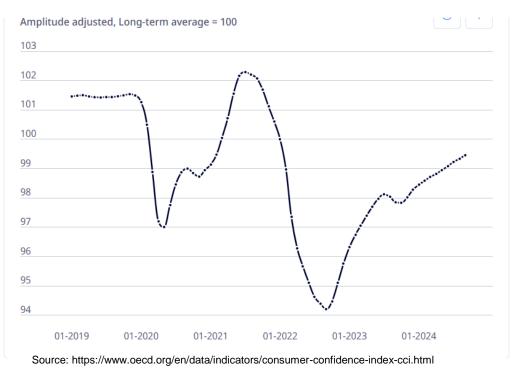
Share buyback program ongoing

## Consumer climate: slight recovery at a low level

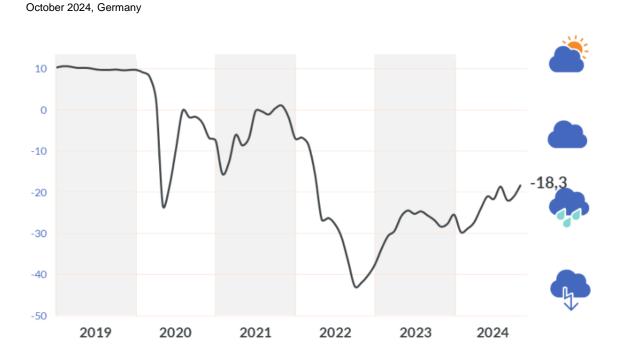


#### Consumer confidence index (CCI)

#### September 2024, EU-27



#### GfK consumer climate index



Source: GfK Konsumklima powered by NIM / co-funded by European Commission

- Both indicators show slight recovery in consumer sentiment.
- However, there is still no strong momentum for demand in the German domestic market.

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# Group turnover in line with expectations – catch-up effects recorded in third quarter

Group turnover by segment, region

in m€

	Group	Household	Wellbeing	Private Label
Turnover in m€	200.8	166.2	11.0	23.6
<b>Growth</b> 9M '24 vs. 9M '23	0.4%	0.3%	-10.5%	7.0%

	Germany	Central Europe	Eastern Europe	Rest of world
Turnover in m€	77.3	91.0	27.9	4.6
<b>Growth</b> 9M '24 vs. 9M '23	-8.7%	5.2%	12.7%	11.5%



Q1 was negatively impacted by low discounter promotions

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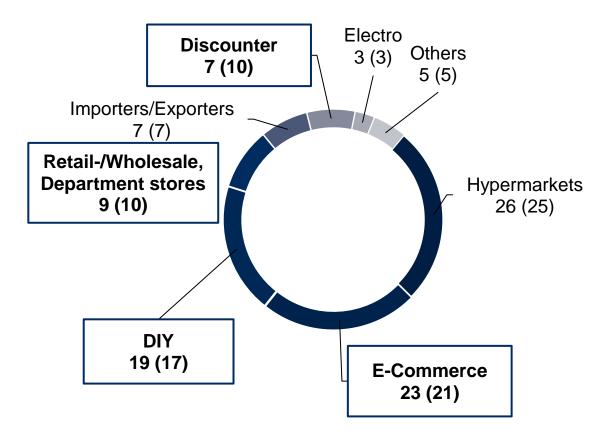
• Strong Q3 confirms positive catch-up effects due to focus on excellence in execution, advertising activities in the core categories of mechanical cleaning and laundry care and distribution expansion in important European core markets

## Strong E-commerce growth of +6.6% in 9M 2024



#### Distribution channels

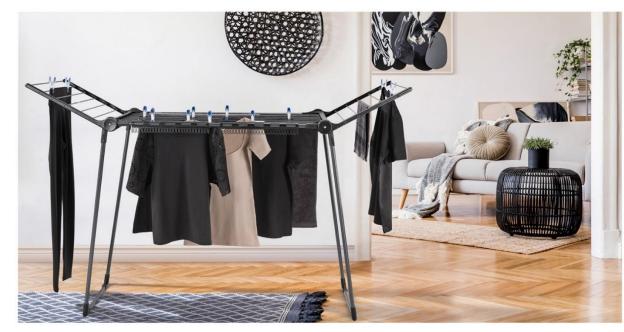
Turnover 9M 2024 in % (previous year's figures)



- E-commerce again one of the fastest growing channel with +6.6% in 9M 2024
- **Expanding our D2C capabilities** to enable profitable growth in key markets in Western Europe
- **Growth of 8.5% in DIY channel** in 9M 2024 due to distribution gains
- Less of promotions in the discounter channel
- Retail/Wholesale, Department stores: An important customer in the Netherlands faces financial difficulties. We are in close contact with the management.



# 9M 2024 Financials



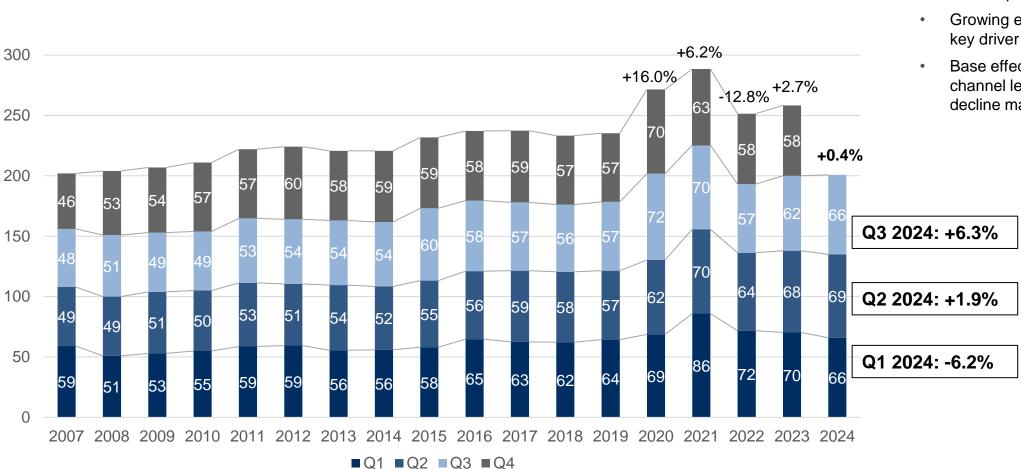
in m€

Group turnover development by quarters

## Group turnover 9M 2024 in line with expectations



- Catch-up effects in Q2 + Q3 2024
- Growing e-commerce is a key driver
- Base effects in the discounter channel led to yoy turnover decline mainly in Q1 2024



# EBIT increased due to improved gross margin,

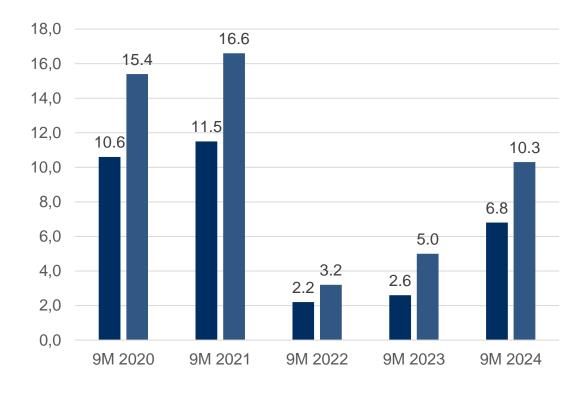


despite strategy-related one-off effects from organizational changes

		9M 2023	9M 2024	Δ
Group turnover	m€	200.0	200.8	0.4%
Gross margin	%	41.4	44.3	2.9 pps
Foreign currency result	m€	-0.4	0.3	>100.0%
EBIT	m€	5.0	10.3	>100.0%
EBIT margin	%	2.5	5.1	2.6 pps
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	m€	3.8	9.7	>100.0%
Net result for the period	m€	2.6	6.8	>100.0%
EPS	€	0.28	0.72	>100.0%

#### Group earnings development

9M 2020 – 9M 2024 in m€

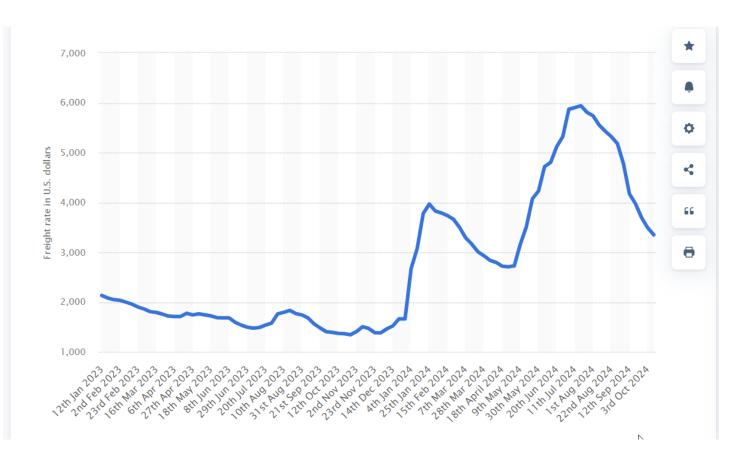


■ Net result for the period ■ EBIT

# Slight easing in sea freight rates in Q3 but still on a higher level

### Global container freight rate index

in US dollars per 40-foot container (source: statista)





### **Gross margin improvement**

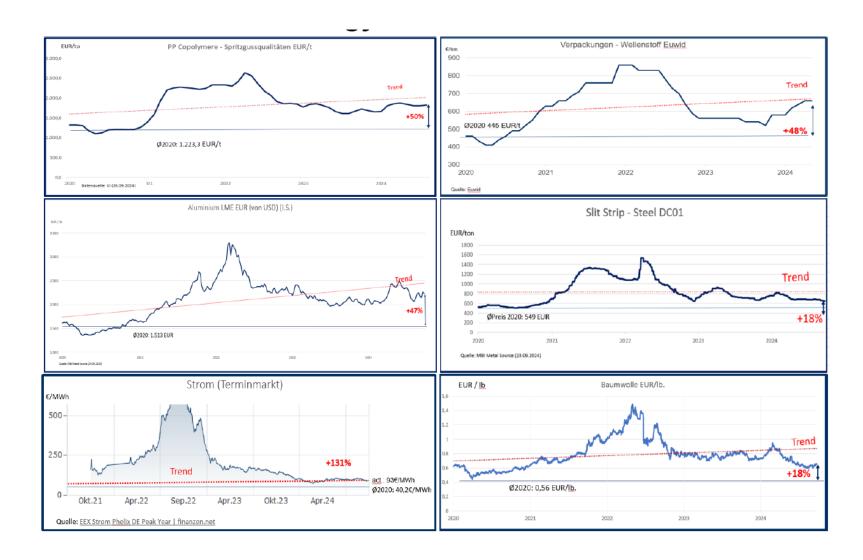




- Improvement in gross margin to 44.3% in 9M 2024 (9M 2023: 41.4%) because of
  - positive product mix effects due to the focus on profitable products
  - increasing productivity and efficiency in production and logistics
  - slight decline in procurement and energy costs, although the costs remain at a high level
- Rise in container freight costs due to the crisis in the Red Sea led to pressure on gross margin with a time in Q3, but gross margin improvement will be seen again in Q4

## **Raw Material price development**





- Average price increase of main raw materials appr. +36% vs. 2020\*
   (-1% vs. previous quarter)
- Some raw material costs (esp. Packaging and Aluminium) with upward trend, price level of 2019/20 will be not reached in the short term

<sup>\*</sup>Calculation basis: average price 2020 vs. price as of Sept. 2024

## Free cash flow of 14.3 m€ after 13.0 m€ in 9M 2023



in m€	9M 2023	9M 2024	Δ
Cash flow from operating activities	17.1	18.9	1.8
Cash flow from investment activities	-4.1	-4.6	-0.5
Cash flow from financing activities	-7.0	-12.8	-5.8
Free cash flow <sup>1</sup>	13.0	14.3	1.3
in m€	30/09/2023	30/09/2024	Δ
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of reporting period	42.2	42.8	0.6
Financial liabilities	-	-	-

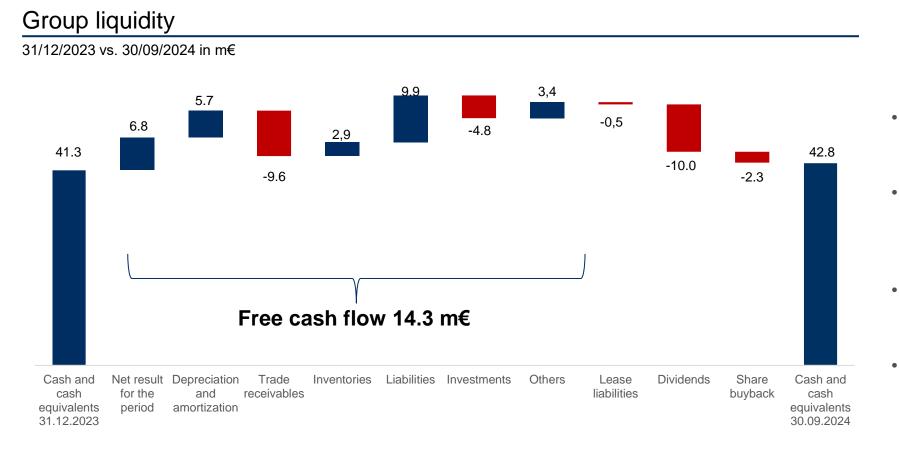
- Free cash flow up by 1.3 m€ due to improvement of net result for the period and working capital
- Cash outflow from financing activities includes payment of 10.0 m€ dividend (2023: 6.7 m€) and share buy back program (2.4 m€)
- With Group liquidity totaling 42.8 m€ and without any liabilities to banks, the company continues to have a solid liquidity position

<sup>1</sup> Cash flow from operating activities and from investment activities, adjusted for incoming and outgoing payments in financial assets and, if existing, from acquisition and divestiture of business divisions.

#### Financials 9M 2024

# Leifheit has solid liquidity to implement the new corporate strategy





- Free cash flow increased in 9M 2024 to 14.3 m€ (9M 2024: 13.0 m€)
- Positive effects from the reduction in inventories, which contributed to an improvement in working capital
- Share buyback program with a total volume of up to 8.5 m€ until probably mid-December
- Total volume of shares purchased from 15 May 2024 up to 8 November 2024 amounts to 165,255 shares 2.9 m€)



# **Strategy Update**





**OUR PHILOSOPHY** 

Our ideas to make your life easier.

#### **OUR VISION**

We are the European branded leader and specialist in mechanical cleaning and drying – with highest consumer satisfaction, an entrepreneurial culture and a sustainability mindset.

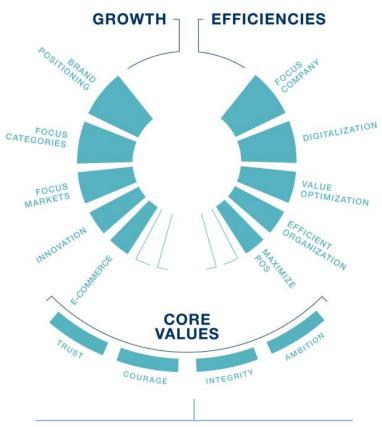


# Holistic corporate strategy with focus on profitable growth and cost efficiency



#### Our growth drivers:

- Modern brand positioning for the Leifheit brand based on deep consumer insights.
- Concentration on our **focus categories** of mechanical cleaning and drying with high growth potential
- Focused portfolio approach to strengthen our international sales markets and export business.
- Strengthening our **ability to innovate** with a deep understanding of consumers and a coordinated innovation process
- Accelerated expanion of e-commerce.



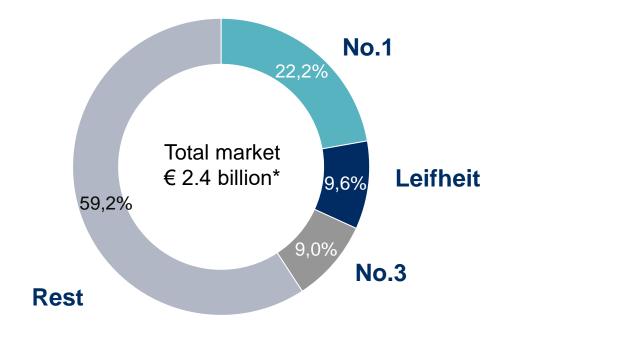
Our strategy is based on **trust**, **courage**, **integrity and ambition**. These core values describe the values and behaviors to which we act. **Our Efficiency drivers:** 

- Focusing the company on drying and mechanical cleaning; clear strategies for Kitchen, Soehnle, Birambeau and Herby for sustainable success.
- Transformation and **digitalization** of processes along the entire value chain.
- Value optimization through cost, process and product range optimization for improved profitability.
- Lean, efficient organizational structures with a defined form of international collaboration, talent identification and a synchronized supply chain.
- Leveraging potential through **integrated communication at the point of sale** – online and stationary.

## Potential in Core – Mechanical cleaning & drying



#### Market shares mechanical cleaning & drying



# Big potential to increase market share in core categories

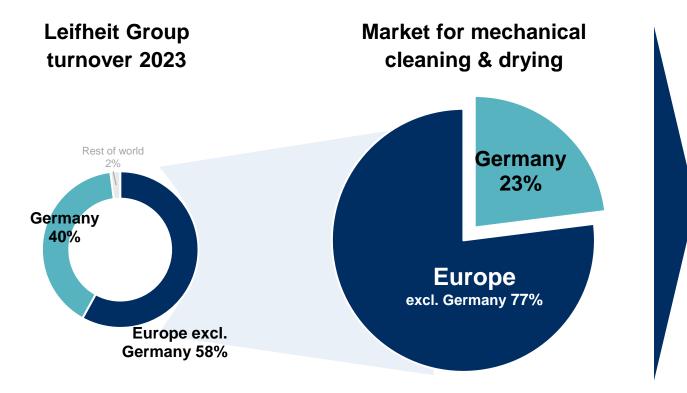
### **Core business 3x growth:**

Leifheit Drying   Cleaning:	+ 5%
non-core:	- 3%
Net Sales CAGR 2014-2023	

# Accelerate Core business growth 2025-2027

## Potential in Europe outside Germany



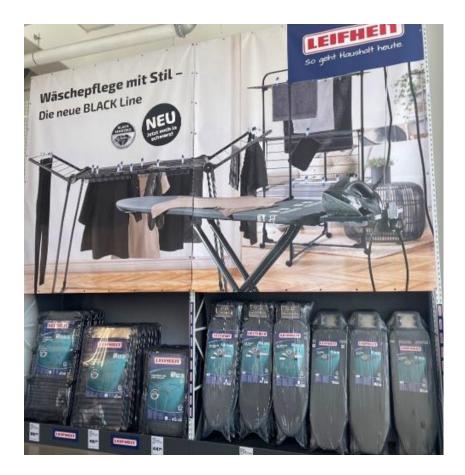


# Expand successful model in core markets

# Defined country clusters with growth and profit targets

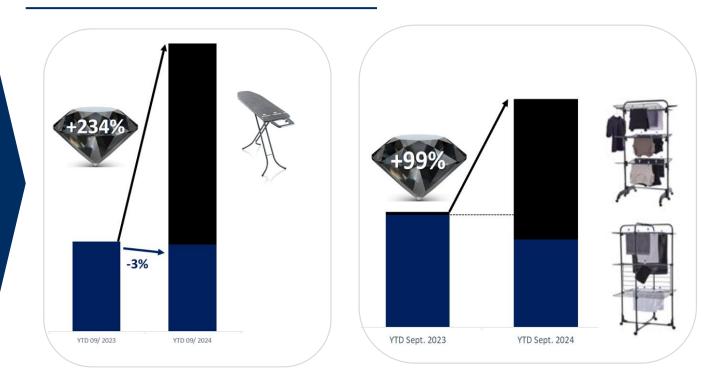
**E-commerce entry model** 

# Strong focus on Innovation to drive growth and profitability



### Ironing Boards and Tower Dryers

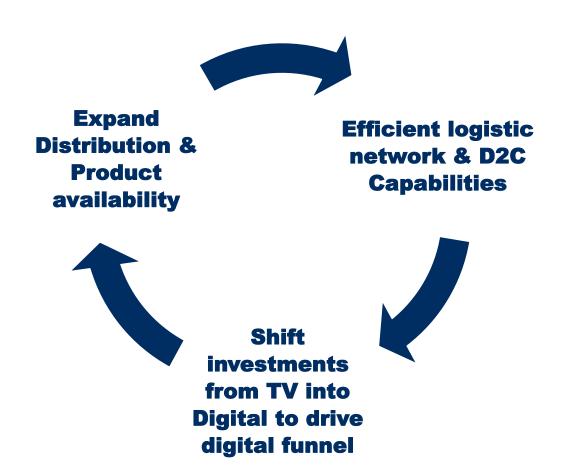
on top sales volumes in %



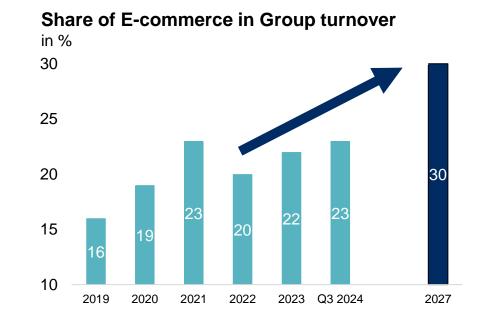
### Successful Black Line 2023/2024



# New E-commerce & digital model as growth accelerator and success model



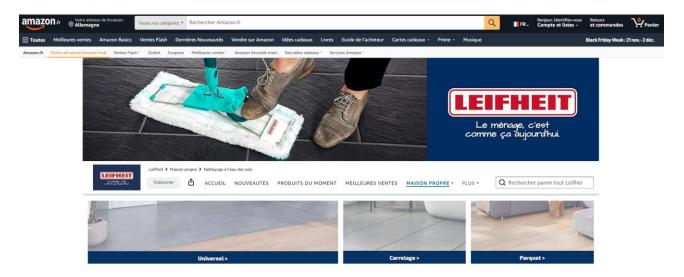
Strategic goal: **30%** E-commerce share of Group turnover in 2027



## Pilot France D2C 2024



- Efficient logistic from new D2C logistic hub
- New distribution via additional marketplaces
- Strong investment into Performance Marketing

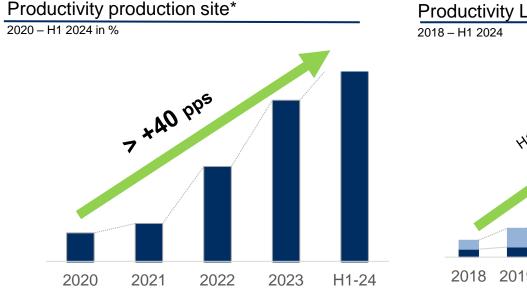


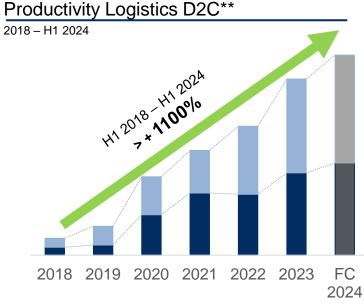


# Value optimization: Steps towards lean and efficient production and logistics have been taken

### **Actions:**

- Implementation of synchronic production cells and production lines
- Introduction of D2C dedicated assortment









■H1 ■H2

\* Good products per line, worker and hour

\*\* Parcels per worker and hour

# Efficient organization: Steps towards lean and efficient organizational structures have been taken



New sales and marketing organization

- Follows the strategy with a view to the focus markets and e-commerce growth drivers:
  - Global Sales Function
  - Global E-Commerce Function
  - New Global S&CM to maximize POS
  - New Global Marketing organization
- New organization generates efficiencies and cost savings at the same time

# New central European logistics hub

 Optimization of logistics by shortening transport routes, optimized productivity and expansion of D2C capabilities

### **Investment Highlights**



Strong vision: become European branded leader and specialist in mechanical cleaning and drying

### **Strong Brand** with big potential for geographical expansion

#### **Focus strategy**

for sustainable growth with focus on core competences, Europe and e-com | digital acceleration

Lean and efficient production and logistics to support profitability and cash

Attractive cash generation for shareholder return via attractive dividend policy and share buy back program 2024 **Strong financial base** to support future investments, growth and capital returns



# Outlook 2024



Outlook 2024

# 2024 forecast confirmed – still challenging market environment ahead



	Forecast 2024
Group turnover	slightly above the previous year
Turnover Household	slightly above the previous year
Turnover Wellbeing	slightly below the previous year
Turnover Private Label	slightly above the previous year
Group EBIT	in a corridor of 11 m€ to 13 m€ (previous: corridor of 10 m€ to 12 m€)
Free Cashflow	<b>about 12 m€</b> (previous: about 10 m€)

Continued weak economy and subdued consumer sentiment



# Your questions, please.





### **Experienced Management Board**





#### **Previous experience**

- Brings more than 25 years of international experience in leading positions in marketing, sales and management
- Formerly responsible for the global Health Care Business at Beiersdorf AG

#### Core competencies

 General Management, brand building & implementation of change strategies



#### **Previous experience**

- Many years of experience as CTO at Igus GmbH and Stoba Präzisionstechnik
- Various technical management positions at Robert Bosch GmbH

#### **Core competencies**

 Digitalization, IoT, Industry 4.0, implementation of lean production systems, agile "Scrum" methods



#### **Previous experience**

- Responsible for Controlling, IT/Business processes and internal sales services as Vice president finance at Leifheit AG
- Years of experience as Head of Controlling at Leifheit AG

#### **Core competencies**

IT, Finance & Controlling

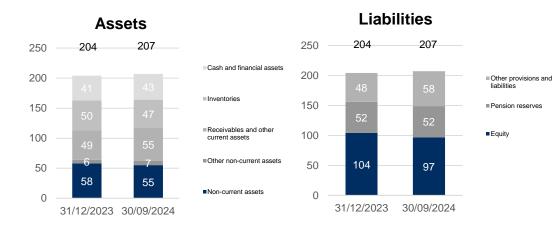
# Leifheit is financially solid and pays reliable dividends to shareholders





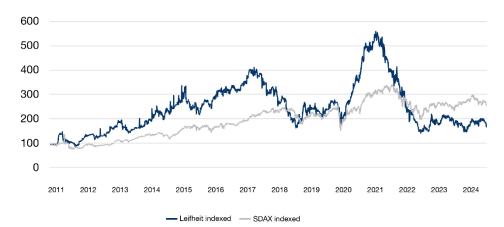
### Strong financial structure

in m€



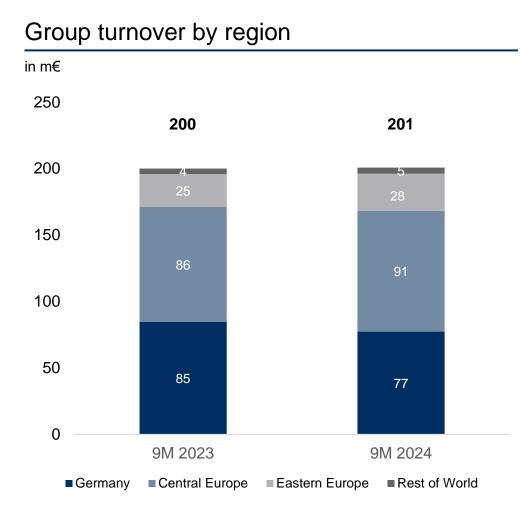


Solid long-term stock performance

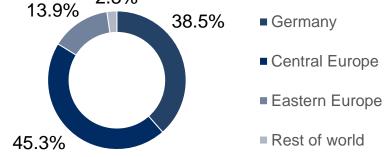


## Central and Eastern Europe with remarkable turnover growth, Germany still influenced by shifts in sales





### Group turnover by region 9M 2024 in % 13.9% 2.3%



• Germany down by -8.7%,

Changed ordering processes in e-commerce led to shifts in sales, missing discounter promotions in Q1 2024

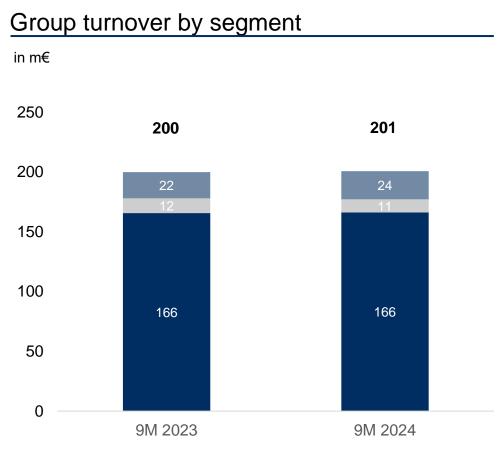
• Central Europe up by +5.2%,

Important markets Belgium, France and Spain with significant growth due to positive e-commerce development and distribution expansion

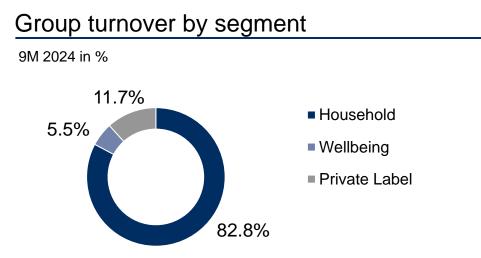
• Eastern Europe strongly up by +12.7%, Several countries with double-digit growth rates

# Slight turnover growth across segments in 9M 2024 as expected, but on track for 2024 turnover forecast





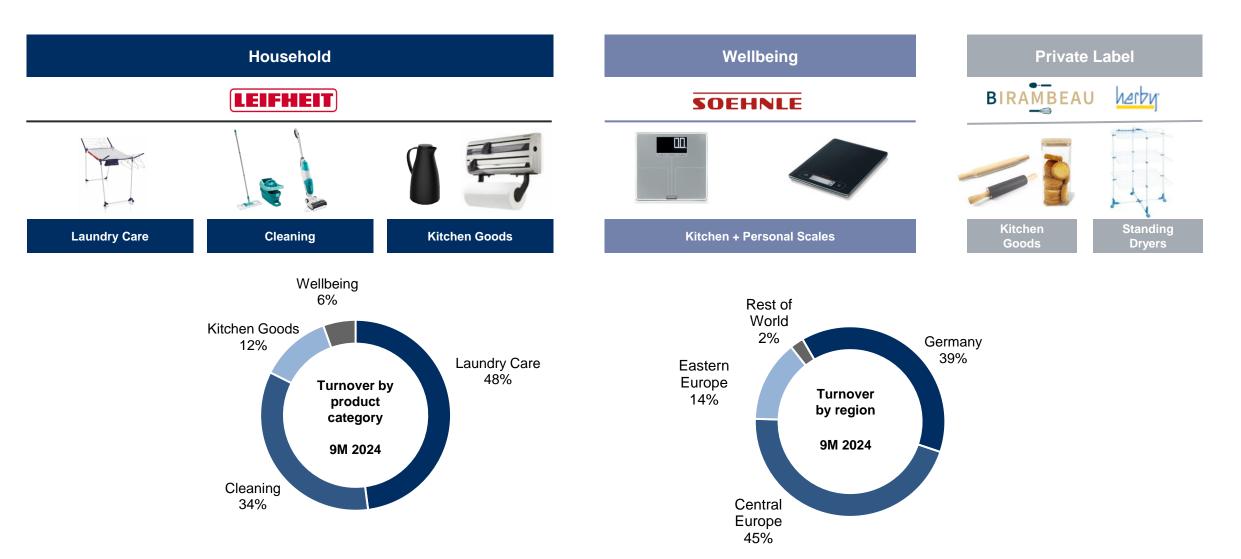




- Household segment up by 0.3%, launch of further products from the successful BLACK LINE contributed to slight growth in the core category laundry care
- Wellbeing segment down by -10.5% against the background of product range adjustments
- **Private Label segment up by 7.0%,** Birambeau and Herby both with turnover growth

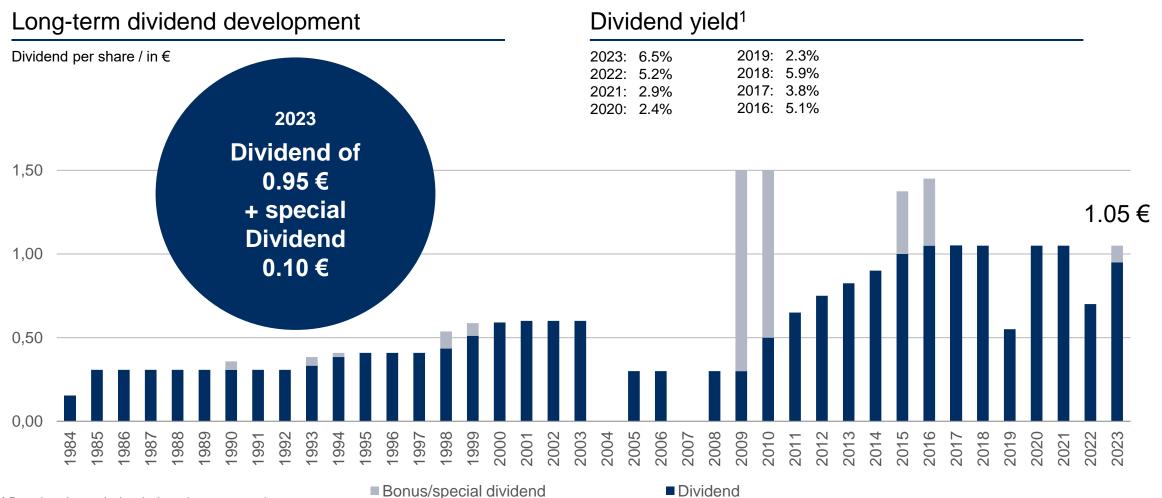
## **Leifheit Group structure**





### **Committed to shareholder returns**



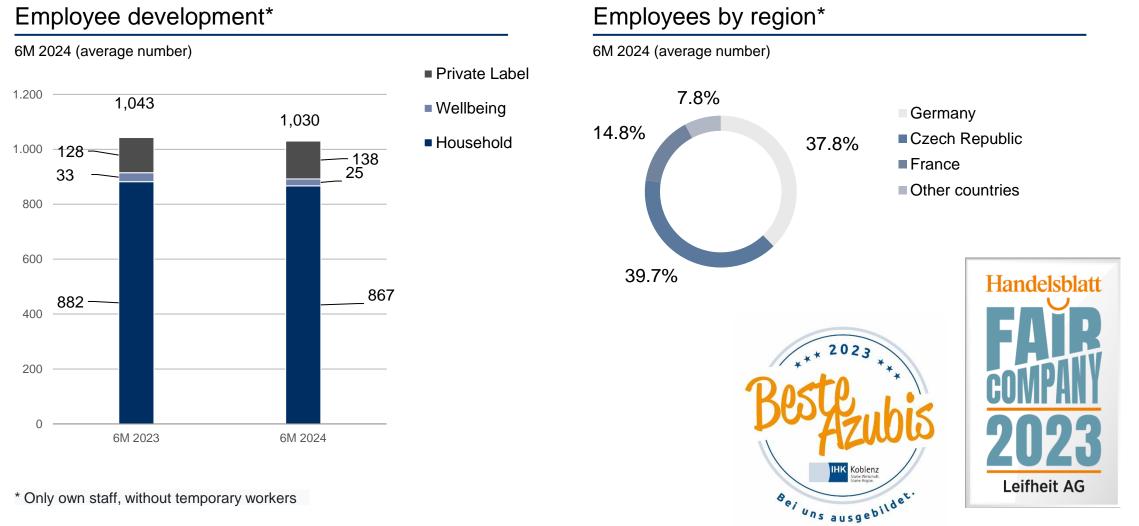


<sup>1</sup> Based on the particular closing price at year-end

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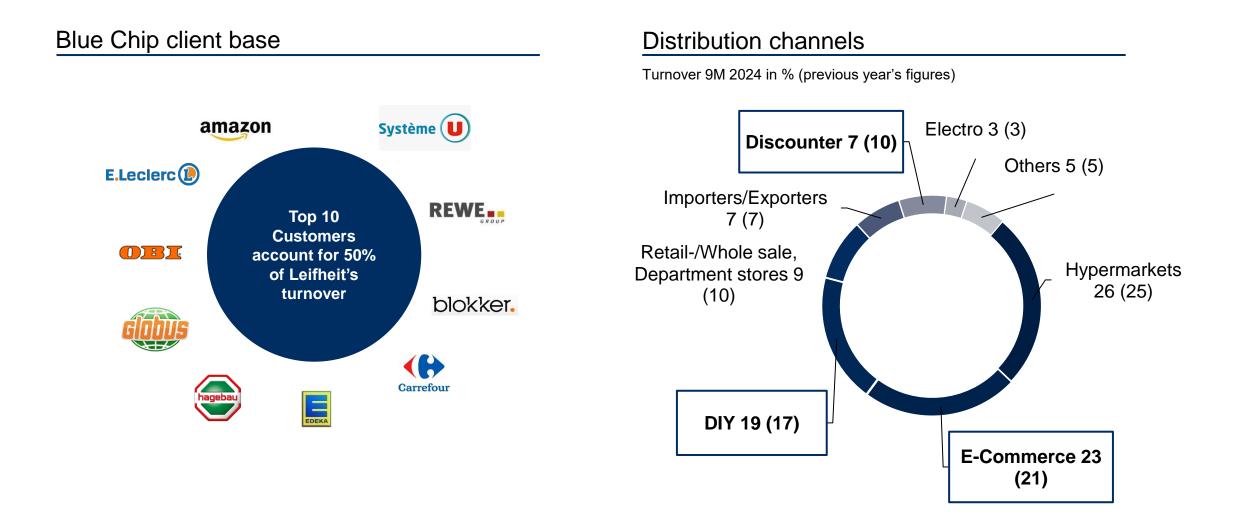
# Increased efficiency and productivity led to reduction in number of employees





# **Distribution in all relevant distribution channels**





# Long-term financial overview

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Group turnover	m€	234.0	271.6	288.3	251.5	258.3
Profitability						
Gross margin	%	43.1	45.0	42.3	38.7	42.1
Cash flow from operating activities	m€	15.9	4.0	16.4	14.0	20.8
Free cash flow	m€	10.1	-5.5	9.6	8.8	12.1
EBIT	m€	9.9	18.8	20.1	2.8	6.0
EBIT margin	%	4.2	6.9	7.0	1.1	2.3
EBT	m€	8.5	17.7	19.3	2.3	4.7
Net result for the period	m€	5.8	12.5	14.2	1.2	3.2
ROCE	%	8.2	14.1	13.8	1.8	4.5

## Long-term financial overview

		2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Per share						
Net result for the period, EPS <sup>2</sup>	€	0.61	1.32	1.49	0.13	0.34
Free cash flow	€	1.06	-0.57	1.00	0.92	1.27
Dividend	€	0.55	1.05	1.05	0.70	<b>0.95</b> <sup>2</sup>
Special dividend	€					0.10 <sup>2</sup>
Investments	m€	6.0	9.6	7.3	5.4	8.9
Depreciation	m€	8.2	8.5	7.8	7.5	9.0
		31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	31/12/2023
Employees	No.	1,106	1,098	1,080	1,063	1,020
Balance sheet total <sup>1</sup>	m€	214.6	230.0	238.8	216.1	203.6
Equity	m€	96.2	100.4	111.3	112.5	103.8
Equity ratio	%	44.8	43.7	46.6	52.0	51.0
Liquidity	m€	50.3	38.8	38.1	36.3	41.3

<sup>1</sup> Not including repurchased treasury shares

<sup>2</sup> Dividend proposal

# Leifheit makes top quality household products



Profi Floor Wiper 4.6 stars



Leifheit rückenschonender Bodenwischer Profi XL micro Duo mit Aluminiumstiel 140cm, Wischmopp zum Lösen mit Fußklick, mit Bezug... ★★★★☆ ~ 1.728 Profi XL Set 4.5 stars



Leifheit Set Wischtuchpresse Profi XL mit Bodenwischer 146cm und Rollen, 1x Mikrofaser Bezug für alle... ★★★★★ × 10.402 Pegasus 150 black 4.7 stars

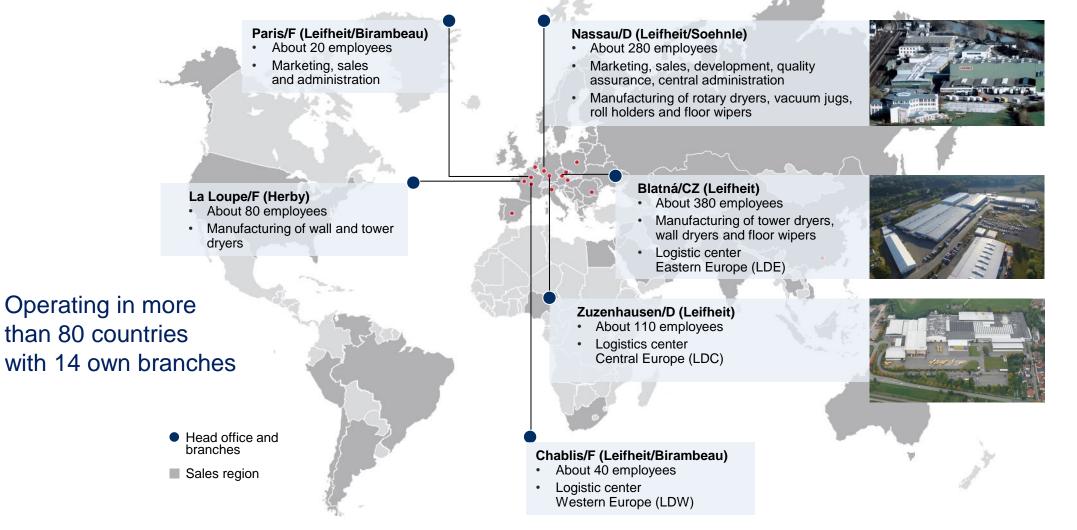


Leifheit Standtrockner Pegasus 150 Solid Black Edition, standfester Wäscheständer mit Flügeln auch für lange... ★★★★★ ~ 11.534 Linomatic 600 Deluxe 4.7 stars



Leifheit Wäscheschirm Linomatic 600 Deluxe Cover mit Leineneinzug für saubere Wäsche, Wäschespinne für die...

# Our European production and logistic footprint ensures efficient and reliable supply to customers





## Soehnle awards (selection)







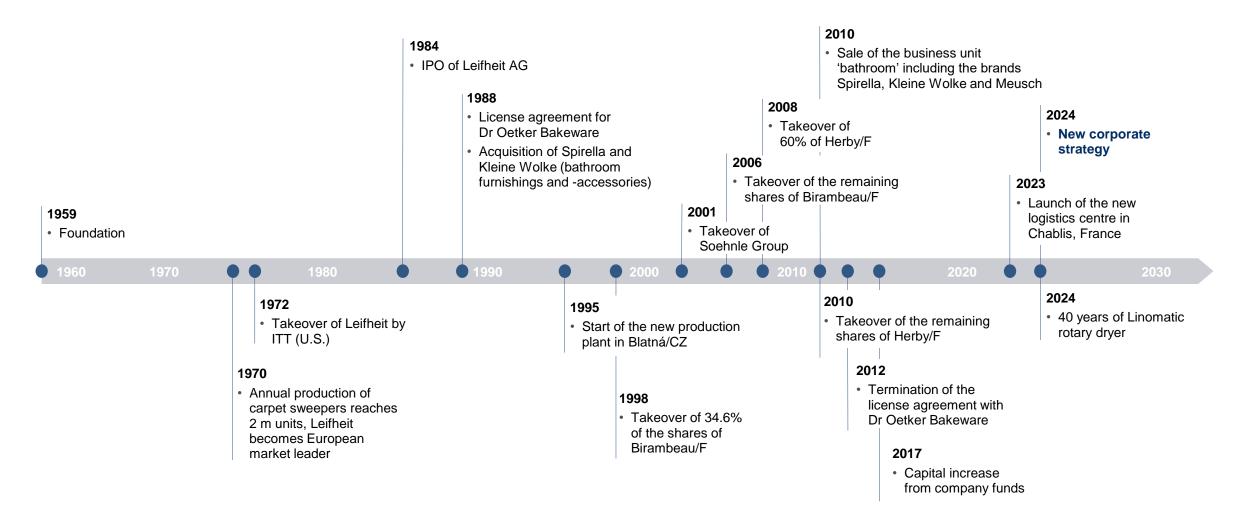




Body analysis scales Shape Sense Connect 100 + 200 Blood pressure monitors Systo Monitor 200 + 300

#### Leifheit – 65 years of passion for housework





# **European competitors by category**

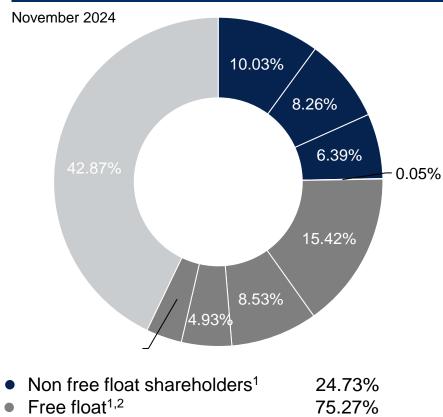


	Cleaning			Laund	ry care		
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	Kitchen goods			Wellbe	eing		
Zyliss	Tescoma Rösle Oxo	WMF Fackelmann	Gefu Lurch	Bosch ADE Sopitag	1	Laica Homedics	Tanita Beurer
Braban	ntia Westmark	Emsa	Tefal	Sanitas	Withing	S	Terraillon

# Significant free float and international investors



#### Shareholder structure



<sup>1</sup> Definition of German stock exchange for indices <sup>2</sup> Including shareholdings of the management board

MKV Verwaltungs GmbH, Grünwald (GER)	10.03%
Ruthild Loh, Haiger (GER)	8.26%
Leifheit AG Nassau (GER), treasury shares	6.39%
Employee shares subject to a lock-up period	0.05%
Alantra EQMC Asset Management, SGIIC, SA, Madrid (ES)	15.42%
Gerlin Participaties Coöperatief U.A., Maarsbergen (NL)	8.53%
MainFirst SICAV, Senningerberg (LUX)	4.93%
Blackmoor Ownership Holdings Master Limited, London (UK)	3.52%
Voting rights under notification threshold	42.87%

Investor Presentation

# **ESG: Strategic sustainability goals** Focus on climate neutrality till 2030<sup>1</sup>



Analyse our emissions	Objectives until 2030	Emission reduction measures until 2030	Compensate	
<ul> <li>Climate balance for our most important sites in scope 1 and scope 2 established in 2022</li> <li>Yearly climate balance in the future to measure progress</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Substantially reduce the emissions of direct greenhouse gases (scope 1 emissions)</li> <li>100% renewable energies with a electricity mix (scope 2 emissions)</li> <li>Substantially reduce the emissions of indirect emissions (scope 3)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Energy: increase efficiency, savings and share of renewable energies</li> <li>Mobility: reduce of vehicle fleet emissions at our sites, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of employees' drive</li> <li>Products: long-lasting and high- quality products with long life cycle, increase recycled share in products, packaging and displays</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compensate non- avoidable emissions<sup>1</sup> by means of certified projects for climate protection</li> </ul>	<section-header><section-header><text><text></text></text></section-header></section-header>
a 1 and scope 2 emissions		<ul> <li>Distribution: lean production, reduce transport routes and supply logistics</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Scope 1: direct emissions from the company's owned or controlled resources e.g. gas, fuel, refrigerants</li> <li>Scope 2: indirect emissions from purchased energy, e.g. electricity</li> <li>Scope 3: indirect emissions in the value chain, (upstream + downstream)</li> </ul>

#### **Our ESG Principles**



#### LEIFHEIT

What sustainability means to us: Responsible actions toward the environment and people, corporate integrity and durable, high-quality products



#### Environment

Climate-neutral by 2030:<sup>1</sup> Avoiding and reducing carbon emissions, supporting climate protection projects

Durable, high-quality products that make life at home easier and more convenient

Efficient use of resources without sacrificing quality

European production and logistics footprint with close connections to our customers

Compliance with applicable laws and regulations in our production activities (WEEE, RoHS, REACH, PAH, Ecodesign Directive, etc.)

Strict environmental standards in our supply chain, laid down in our Supplier Code of Conduct



Open, positive corporate culture driven by

performance and teamwork

HR strategy geared towards employer attractiveness

Focus on employee safety and health

Diversity and offer equality of opportunity

Fair and competitive pay, training and continuing education

Strict social standards in the supply chain, laid down in our Supplier Code of Conduct

> Giving back to society at our locations



Governance

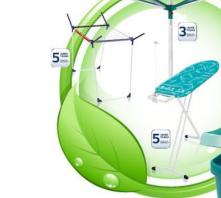
Responsible corporate management and compliance

High transparency for stakeholders through quarterly reporting and regular news updates

Compliance management system (CMS), including guidelines and measures to ensure compliant and ethical conduct

> Combating corruption and bribery as integral part of CMS

Protecting personal data according to the high standards of the GDPR



# Read more at our sustainability report 2023

www.leifheit-group.com/en/investorrelations/reports-and-presentations/

<sup>1</sup> Scope 1 and scope 2 emissions

# Leifheit is frequently top company in home appliances and household goods categories



We are pleased that our efforts towards sustainability are being noticed and rewarded by consumers.

- We were awarded the "Germany's Best Sustainability" seal once again in 2023 for the third year running. The study was conducted by the IMWF Institut für Management- und Wirtschaftsforschung with research support from the Hamburg Institute of International Economics (HWWI) on behalf of Focus Money and Deutschland Test. The study analyses social listening data for some 19,600 companies and brands. It examines aspects of ecological, economic and social sustainability. The results show who is committed to sustainability from the consumer's point of view.
- As in the two previous years, the FAZ-Institut also once again awarded Leifheit the "Excellent Sustainability" certificate. The study analysed social listening data for some 20,000 companies and brands in a similar manner.
- In addition, Leifheit was awarded the "**Maximum Trust 2023**" award once again, achieving the highest ranking in the household products category. The study was conducted by the IMWF Institut für Management-und Wirtschaftsforschung on behalf of Focus Money and Deutschland Test.
- In the "Sustainability Champions" study conducted in cooperation with the daily newspaper Die Welt, the Leifheit and Soehnle brands were rated "very sustainable" in the "Household goods/kitchen utensils" sector. The result is based on a consumer survey in which a total of 1,291 companies from 78 sectors were assessed.

#### **Financial calendar and contact**



#### Financial calendar 2024 / 2025

**25 - 27 November 2024** Deutsche Börse – German Equity Forum 2024, Frankfurt

#### 9 April 2025

Annual Reports 2024 Analyst Conference

#### 7 May 2025

Quarterly statement for the period ending 31 März 2025

#### 28 May 2025

Annual General Meeting

#### 7 August 2025 Half-year report 2025

6 November 2025 Quarterly statement for the period ending 30 September 2025

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