

Board of Directors



Kjell Bjordal (1953) Board chair

Business economist from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration NHH (1976), law studies and Advanced Management Program at Wharton Business School (1989).

Board member since 2007 and board chair since 2013. Member of the remuneration committee since 2012 and committee chair since 2013.

Self-employed.

Experience as CEO of EWOS Group and head of Cermaq's fish food division. CEO of NorAqua, finance director and CEO of the Glamox Group and director at Trøndelag Theatre.

Board chairman of Axess and Nordlaks produkter. Deputy board chair of Entra Eiendom.

Attended 18 of 19 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2019.



Bård Benum (1962) Deputy board chair

Graduate of the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) (1987).

Board member since March 2009, and deputy chair since 2013. Member of the internal audit committee since 2009 and member of the risk committee since 2013.

CEO at VitalThings.

Senior positions at Norsk Hydro, Statoil, Reitan Group. CEO at Cresco (1998-2000) and Vital Forsikring (2001-2007). CEO Powel 2007-2018.

Attended 19 of 19 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2019.



Mette Kamsvåg (1971)

Business economist from the BI Norwegian School of Management (1994).

Board member since 2018. Member of the audit and risk committee as from 2018.

Self-employed. Fifteen years' experience from IT and payment systems through various management positions with the Norwegian banks' payment and clearing house (BBS) and NETS. CEO at NETS from 2011 to 2014.

Board chair at Maritech Systems AS and WebMed AS. Deputy board chair of SIVA (public funding agency for innovation) and board member of Wordline Group.

Attended 19 of 19 meetings of the board of directors in 2019.

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Tonje Eskeland Foss (1971)

Post graduate degree in petroleum economics (1996).

Board member since 2018. Member of the remuneration committee as from 2018.

Regional Director, Nord, at Atea since March 2017. Nineteen years' experience with the petroleum industry in the field of contracts and procurement, including with AkerBP ASA.

Previously board member of Det norske oljeselskap ASA (2012-2014) and BUE-stiftelsen (2007-2013).

Attended 16 of 19 meetings of the board of directors in 2019.



Master of Science, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (1984).

Board member since 2013. Member of the remuneration committee since 2013.

Senior Vice President with responsibility for LEAN & Operational Improvements at Statoil.

Joined Statoil in 1985 and has held various posts including in research and development. Executive director in charge of Statoil's technology organisation (2000-2002). Senior Vice President, research and development at Statoil (2005-2010). Area director, Statoil's production and development activity off Mid-Norway and North Norway (2011-2016). Group CEO, SINTEF Group (2002-2004).

Attended 17 of 19 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2019.



Janne T. Thomsen (1957)

Cand. Jur. (law) degree, University of Copenhagen (1981). Graduate Diploma in Business Administration, Copenhagen Business School (1986).

Board member since 2014. Member of the audit and risk committee since 2014. Head of the risk committee since 2019.

Consultant and owner at JT Targeting in Denmark. Previously Senior Vice President at Moody's rating agency (1997–2012). Prior to that with Yamaichi International (Europe) Limited (1987–1995), with the Ministry of Finance, Government Debt Office (1984–1987) and with the Export Credit Council, Ministry of Industry (1981–1984).

Attended 19 of 19 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2019.

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Christian Stav (1968)

Business economist from the Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration NHH (1991), Master of Accounting NHH (1992), state authorised public accountant (1994), Master of Business Administration NHH (2003), Certified European Financial Analyst (AFA) NHH (2003).

Board member since 2019. Member of the internal audit committee and the risk committee since 2019. Head of the internal audit committee.

Group CEO at Nord-Trøndelag Elektrisitetsverk (NTE, a publicly owned power company serving northern Trøndelag). Experience from accounting and advisory services, partner at EY Transaction Advisory Services, financial director at NTE.

Attended 13 of 15 meetings of the Board of Directors in 2019.



Inge Lindseth (1963)

Employee-elected chief union representative as from 2019. Previously employee representative on the supervisory board.

Graduate in IT Management from Sør-Trøndelag University College (HiST) and in Project Management from BI Norwegian Business School.

Board member since 2019.

Previously specialist-in-charge / service desk manager in the technology, operations and security areas. Employed by SpareBank 1 SMN since 1982 in various positions and functions.

Attended 13 of 15 board meetings in 2019.



Christina Straub (1974)

Upper secondary school. Bankakademiet stage 1 and Insurance. Deputy head of the Finance Sector Union's branch at SpareBank 1 SMN from 2019.

Board member since 2019.

Employed at Vår Bank & Forsikring (part of SpareBank 1 SMN from 2000) from 1998 to 2001, and at Evry from 2001 to 2006. Has held various functions in SpareBank 1 SMN since 2006, in recent years as brand manager (payments) and staff representative on various committees.

Four years' experience as pre-school director at Saxenborg Barnehage.

Attended 15 of 15 board meetings in 2019.