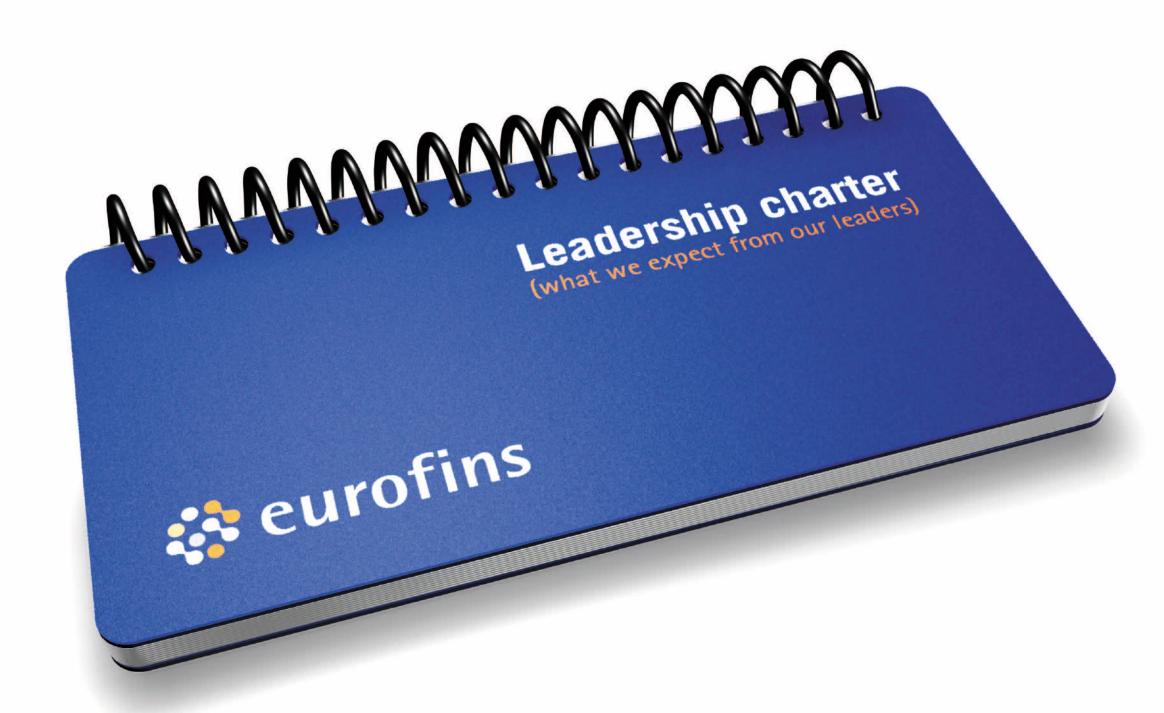


# Leadership charter

(what we expect from our leaders)

# Are you a leader?

# Here are 12 ways to make sure



# **Group Leadership Philosophy**

(How the Group Operating Council leads/organises Eurofins)

**Eurofins is a decentralised non-bureaucratic fast moving group of** entrepreneur led businesses. Group Operating Council members/Division leaders behave as shareholders towards the Presidents of Eurofins businesses and:

- 1. Set the framework in which leaders of Group companies can succeed:
- a) Put businesses together that address one homogenous market (local or global depending on clients' decision making level) and that are large enough to be efficient under one leader; an empowered and accountable President/Managing Director who sets the strategy for his/her business along with an ambitious vision.
- Get out of the way.
- Provide support as required.
- 2. Select, develop & retain the best leaders
- Encourage a value-creation-based meritocracy.
- Reward progress in Economic Profit (EP) growth by sharing value creation with outstanding leaders.
- 3. Allocate capital according to EP/ROCE growth
- 4. Rules of the game include full transparency & common financial systems/policies

# **Behaviour and competencies expected from Eurofins leaders**

# **VISION**

#### **Define & communicate a clear vision and strategy**

- 1. Develop an exciting customer centric vision of the future think big.
- 2. Develop strategies to facilitate accomplishment of the vision. 3. Use various means of communication to ensure people know
- the vision & strategy.
- 4. Hold team discussions to check and improve the understanding of the vision & strategy.

#### **GOALS**

#### Set ambitious goals based on strategy & vision

- 1. Set up action plans with clear-cut distribution of responsibilities.
- 2. Take obstacles away so that people can implement the strategy.
- 3. Set goals that are consistent with the vision & strategy.
- (people know how they can contribute at the operational level) 4. Keep goals simple, focus, always maintain a consistent course.

#### **CUSTOMER OBSESSION**

#### Be a trusted and reliable partner to their customers

- 1. Work with passion to exceed customer expectations and earn their trust.
- 2. Systematically solicit feedback and strive to continuously improve the customer experience.
- 3. Encourage their teams to share knowledge with customers and help them achieve their goals.

# HIRE THE BEST

#### Attract, develop and retain star performers

- 1. Deploy enormous energy and time to find and hire the best.
- 2. Raise the performance bar with every hire and promotion.
- 3. Recognise exceptional talent and give them roles with true team leadership. 4. Make sure that high performers enjoy and contribute to their best.

# **INSPIRE**

#### Inspire passion to achieve excellent performance

- 1. Demonstrate a strong drive for high quality output.
- 2. Set the highest standards and always deliver more than what is required.
- 3. Create positive tension to get the most out of people.
- 4. Always expect and recognise high performance.

# **EMPOWER**

#### **Empower & motivate their teams**

- 1. Create or influence an environment in which people perform, grow, contribute and enjoy.
- 2. Show trust in people.

**EXECUTION** 

- Care about people's motivations.
- 4. Allow people to implement their own ideas.

# 5. Challenge people in constructive ways.

- **Ensure strategies are implemented** 1. Monitor progress on critical actions and metrics/KPIs. Quickly become
- hands-on if things derail.

2. Implement decisions fast and effectively.

3. Stay connected to details and dive deep in the business when needed. No task is below them.

### **RESULTS & OWNERSHIP**

#### Deliver profitable & sustainable growth.

- 1. Relentlessly explore ways to improve existing business returns.
- 2. Provide financial support for high-impact ideas.
- 3. Maintain a balanced view between bottom line short-term goals and innovative, long-term growth.
- 4. Be very cost conscious. Spend the Company's resources frugally like their own.

#### **Encourage pro-activity and initiative**

- 1. Show strong bias for action.
- 2. Are metrics-based but prepared to decide without exhaustive analysis many decisions are reversible.
- 3. Know that speed of action matters.
- 4. Value intuition and calculated risk-taking.

## **BE A ROLE MODEL**

#### Lead by example and earn trust

- 1. Demonstrate a strong drive for excellent output.
- 2. Stay focused, keep it simple and consistent.
- 3. Listen attentively, speak candidly and treat others respectfully.
- 4. Be clear on expectations, direction and requirements.
- Walk the talk, show commitment.
- 6. Show integrity and credibility be tenacious.
- Be frugal. Accomplish more with less.
- 8. Have backbone. Disagree and challenge when not convinced but once a final decision is taken, commit fully.

#### INITIATE CHANGE

#### Initiate and drive change in an uncertain future

- 1. Always question the status quo (Can we do better? Is there another way?).
- 2. Spot opportunities very quickly.
- 3. Come up with alternatives, creative solutions to unmet needs, problems and demands.
- 4. Form a culture that supports change and innovation.

### **BOUNDARYLESSNESS Enable/promote the building of an internal network to optimise business**

# opportunities

- 1. Act on behalf of the whole Company beyond just their own team.
- 2. Constantly seek to pull in high potential people from outside the team and facilitate/promote their best team members throughout the Group.
- 3. Encourage cross-functional, cross-business team work.