



## 2025

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND PROXY STATEMENT

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 / 5:30 P.M. CST

### MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



### BLAKE D. MORET CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

### Dear Fellow Shareowners:

After a very strong year in 2023, when we posted 17% revenue growth, 50% diluted EPS growth, and 28% adjusted EPS growth, fiscal year 2024 was a challenging year. Reported sales were down 9%, diluted EPS was down 31%, and adjusted EPS was down 20% year-over-year, due to continuing high levels of inventory in the channel and softening end-market demand through the back half of the fiscal year.\* The actions we took to align costs with current business conditions and to create a strong foundation for future growth and expanded profitability included a 12% reduction in our global headcount from peak levels in early fiscal 2024. The volatility of the past five years has challenged the entire industry, but we have reason to be optimistic, even excited, as we enter 2025.

Rockwell continues to execute our strategy to bring the Connected Enterprise to Life for industrial customers. Especially with workforce constraints in most of our largest markets, the automation and digital transformation solutions we provide are more important than ever. I'm very proud of how the global team is working together with a sense of urgency to ensure we remain well-positioned to serve what is a growing market. In fact, nobody in our industry is positioned as well as Rockwell:

- With our Allen-Bradley brand products and FactoryTalk software, Rockwell is the most widely used technology in U.S. manufacturing. We have the highest share, largest installed base, best channel, and deepest relationships in the best market for industrial automation and digital transformation. Policymakers recognize the essential role that U.S. manufacturing plays at the core of our economy, and we welcome policies that will benefit our most important market by spurring innovation, streamlining project approvals, and leveling the playing field.
- We are a pure-play, with three business segments focused on common customers. Rockwell has proven

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market access to these customers, whether they are in discrete, hybrid, or process end markets. Our market share has continued to grow, despite the volatility of the last few years.

- Our diversification into software, high-value services, and production logistics has helped make us more resilient. Total ARR grew 16% in fiscal year 2024 and is now 10% of our revenue. We proudly continue to recognize a large part of our revenue from traditional sources of value, especially products, but new ways to win position us as an even more indispensable part of our customers' digital transformation journey. They also cushioned what would have been an even larger negative impact on our profitability last year, as evidenced by the growth and performance of our Lifecycle Services business segment. Lifecycle Services margin improved 900 basis points year over year in fiscal year 2024.
- We continue to pick up momentum on the execution of our plans to expand margins, and we are confident in our ability to save \$250 million in fiscal year 2025 from the combination of our productivity actions. The financial growth and performance framework we introduced in November 2023 remains valid, and we were pleased to add additional detail during our recent Investor Day a few weeks ago.
- Rockwell has a superb leadership team. Our new CFO, Christian Rothe, joins a well-aligned team of seasoned automation industry professionals. We also benefit from the technology and commercial capabilities of talent we added through recent acquisitions.
- Our Board of Directors is well-equipped to provide governance oversight in important areas of finance, talent management, technology, risk management, and maximizing value to industrial customers. We have a great blend of talent and continue to actively refresh the team.

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted EPS is a non-GAAP measure. See Other Information and Supplemental Financial Information sections below for the reconciliation of this non-GAAP measure to our externally reported results.

As we turn our attention to performance in fiscal year 2025, these areas will be key:

- Adding new levels of customer value. It's clear from recent customer conversations that our technology offerings and market access position us very well to "go on offense" as we win new customers and expand our share of wallet at existing relationships. Importantly, we expect new capacity project orders in the U.S. to increase again this year. The focus in fiscal year 2025 is to further integrate what we've built and bought to provide the highest levels of customer satisfaction and loyalty.
- Continuing new product launches to help customers be more resilient, agile, and sustainable. We'll see growing revenue in the year from disruptive products such as FactoryTalk Optix, Logix SIS for process applications, Vision AI, ArmorKinetix, new Otto Motors innovations for Autonomous Mobile Robots, plus Plex and Fiix Software as a Service, integrated with other Rockwell offerings.
- Executing our cost savings plans as part of a broader focus on operational excellence. Christian and I discussed highlights of a re-vitalized Rockwell Operating Model during the recent Investor Day, which integrates essential elements of company activities to ensure consistent, market-beating results.

• Delivering value to our shareholders, including by deploying capital toward dividends and share repurchases. We expect a return to 100% free cash flow conversion in the year.\*

I want to end with a shout-out to our employees. Our people around the world have demonstrated remarkable dedication to serve our customers, bring new innovation to market, and make the changes necessary to position us for market-beating growth and profitability. My leadership team and I look forward to working shoulder-to-shoulder with our employees and partners around the world during the coming year, as we tune our operations, continue to innovate and add value for customers, and grow shareowner value.

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BLAKE D. MORET Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

<sup>\*</sup> Free cash flow conversion is a non-GAAP measure. See Other Information and Supplemental Information sections below for further information on the calculation and use of this metric.

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## NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREOWNERS

### MEETING INFORMATION

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

### 5:30 p.m. CST

Rockwell Automation Global Headquarters 1201 South Second Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

### TO THE SHAREOWNERS OF ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, INC.

You are cordially invited to attend our 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareowners on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. (Central Standard Time). This meeting will be held at our Global Headquarters, 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin USA for the following purposes:

**Item 1 -** To elect as directors the four nominees named in the accompanying proxy statement;

**Item 2 -** To approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers;

**Item 3** – To approve the selection by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2025;

and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

### RECORD DATE

December 9, 2024

### WHO MAY VOTE

You may vote if you were a shareowner of record at the close of business on the December 9, 2024 record date.

### IMPORTANT MEETING INFORMATION

You will find information about the business to be conducted at the meeting in the attached proxy statement. At the meeting you will have a chance to ask questions of general interest to shareowners. You can read about our performance in the accompanying 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition, we make available on our Investor Relations website at https:// ir.rockwellautomation.com/investors a variety of information for investors.

Your vote is important to us. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, it is important that your shares are represented and voted. We encourage you to vote before the meeting by returning your proxy card or voting via the internet or by telephone. If you decide to attend the meeting, you will still be able to vote in-person during the meeting, even if you previously submitted your proxy. If you plan to attend the meeting, please follow the advance registration instructions on the inside back cover page of this proxy statement to obtain an admission card.

### DISTRIBUTION

We are furnishing our proxy materials to our shareowners over the internet using "Notice and Access" delivery. This method reduces the environmental impact of our annual meeting. Certain shareowners will receive a printed copy of our proxy materials.

By order of the Board of Directors,

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**REBECCA W. HOUSE** Secretary December 20, 2024



proof of ownership to the meeting.

## PROXY SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this proxy statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider and you should read the entire proxy statement carefully before voting. Page references are supplied to help you find further information in this proxy statement.

## Election as directors of the four nominees named in this proxy statement

The Board recommends a vote FOR each Director nominee.

See page 18

### **BOARD AND GOVERNANCE HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Board Independence/Structure**

- 10 of our 11 Board members are independent
- Lead Independent Director
- Committees are fully independent
- Director term limits and mandatory retirement policy
- Balanced director tenure with 5 directors with 5 years or less of service
- Balanced director age with 5 directors under age 60
- Diverse Board

### **Board Performance**

- Annual Board, committee, and individual director evaluations
- Effective shareowner outreach and engagement practices
- Regular Board refreshment
- Focus on management development and succession planning
- No employment agreements with NEOs

### **Board and Committee Practices**

- Oversight of strategy and risk management
- Stock ownership requirements for officers and directors
- No hedging and restrictions on pledging
- Executive Board sessions without the presence of management
- Recoupment policy and clawback agreements

### **Shareowner Rights**

- Proxy access to shareowners
- No multiple voting rights, enhanced voting rights, or non-voting shares
- Shareholder rights to call special meetings
- Plurality vote with director resignation for failure to receive a majority of votes cast in uncontested elections

This proxy statement and the accompanying proxy are furnished in connection with the solicitation by our Board of Directors (our Board) of proxies to be used at the Annual Meeting of Shareowners of Rockwell Automation on February 4, 2025 (the Annual Meeting) and at any adjournment of the Annual Meeting. We will refer to the company in this proxy statement as "we," "us," "our," the "Company," or "Rockwell Automation."

This proxy statement includes statements related to the expected future results of the Company and are therefore forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from those projections due to a wide range of risks and uncertainties, including those listed in our SEC filings. This proxy statement and form of proxy are being distributed or made available to shareowners beginning on or about December 20, 2024.

### SUMMARY OF BOARD COMPOSITION

The following chart highlights Board composition and certain key attributes of our director nominees and continuing directors on the Board. Additional information about each director's experience and qualifications is set forth in their profiles.



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## Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers



**The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal.** See page 37

### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Our compensation philosophy is designed to attract, retain, and motivate the high caliber executive talent necessary to deliver long term and sustained performance to our shareowners, customers, and other stakeholders. The philosophy is implemented through our executive compensation programs

that provide flexible and effective total compensation opportunities relative to our corporate performance and are aligned with shareowner interests as discussed further in the Compensation Discussion & Analysis section. Our executive compensation program includes:

				Compensation Mix	
Element	Form of Award	Description	Period	CEO	Other NEOs
Base Salary	Cash	Competitive pay based on scope, experience, individual performance, and internal alignment.	One year	8%	18%
Annual Incentive (ICP)	Cash	Plan performance is based on four key financial goals with plus or minus adjustment up to 10% of target incentive for performance against strategic goals on our four cultural tenets. We also have payout modifiers based on performance to segment, team, or individual goals. Actual payouts can range from zero to 200% of target incentive.	One year	13%	16%
	Performance Shares (40%)	Realized value based on TSR (total shareowner return) performance relative to S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment). Payout can range from zero to 200% of target.	Vest after three years		
Long-Term Incentive (LTI)	Stock Options (30%)	Realized value based on appreciation in stock price relative to original grant price. Appreciation can be realized during the ten-year life of the award.	Vest over three years in three equal annual installments	79%	66%
	Restricted Stock Units (30%)	Realized value based on our stock price performance.	Vest over three years in three equal annual installments	-	

Our performance metrics included within our incentive plans are aligned with shareowner interests of a strong focus on profitability, growth, cash generation, and alignment to strategic goals that deliver shareowner value.

Rockwell Automation has a long-standing and strong orientation toward pay for performance in its executive compensation program. We maintain this orientation throughout economic cycles that may cause fluctuation in our operating results and compensation outcomes. The fiscal 2024 compensation of our NEOs, as explained in the Fiscal 2024 Compensation Decisions section below, aligns with our annual and long-term performance and shareowners' interests including:

- No change in base salary for our NEOs during fiscal 2024 consistent with our focus on cost discipline and execution in a challenging environment.
- No fiscal 2024 annual incentive payout due to adjusted EPS financial performance below the plan payout trigger.
- No performance share payout for performance period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 due to TSR performance below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of our comparator group.

# 3 Vote to approve the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2025



**The Board recommends a vote FOR this proposal.** See page 68

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

### LEAD INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR LETTER



JAMES P. KEANE LEAD INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR "OUR GOOD GOVERNANCE PRACTICES HELP ENSURE THAT THE DECISIONS WE MAKE THROUGH ALL MARKET CONDITIONS ARE ALIGNED WITH SHAREOWNER INTERESTS AND ARE DESIGNED TO INCREASE LONG-TERM SHAREOWNER VALUE."

### **Dear Fellow Shareowners:**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your investment in Rockwell Automation and the trust you place in us. It continues to be a privilege to serve as Lead Independent Director and to be part of this highly qualified, diverse Board of Directors.

Our Board takes the responsibility to oversee the company's strategy and risks seriously. As Lead Independent Director, I work closely with the Chairman and CEO to facilitate open and regular communication with the management team. Throughout fiscal 2024, the Board was actively engaged in overseeing the company's performance and supporting the management team as it took actions to address short-term performance consistent with the company's long-term strategy. Our good governance practices help ensure that the decisions we make through all market conditions are aligned with shareowner interests and are designed to increase long-term shareowner value.

### **BOARD COMPOSITION**

Good governance starts with having directors with the right skills, experiences, and backgrounds. As the company's strategy evolves, so, too, do the skills necessary for effective oversight. Over the last five years, we have added five new directors, each of whom has brought fresh perspectives and diverse backgrounds. The combination of new directors with longer-tenured directors makes our Board stronger. Our newest director, Timothy M. Knavish, was elected to the Board in February 2024. Mr. Knavish is the Chairman and CEO of PPG Industries and brings deep knowledge of the manufacturing industry as well as extensive executive leadership experience.

### **GOVERNANCE PROCESSES AND POLICIES**

As a company with operations around the world, the evolving regulatory and operational environment means our Board must continue to learn and evolve its practices to remain effective. This year we took the opportunity to review our cybersecurity oversight processes in response to the SEC's new disclosure rules. We confirmed our longstanding approach of having the full Board, Audit Committee, and Technology Committee each play an oversight role in this evolving, complex space. We also amended the Audit Committee Charter to confirm that the Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing SEC cybersecurity disclosures. It is important that our directors have sufficient time to fulfill their oversight responsibilities, and our Guidelines on Corporate Governance include provisions that facilitate our ongoing evaluation of this important requirement. For example, our Guidelines require the Board Composition & Corporate Governance Committee to review the appropriateness of continued Board membership when a director's job responsibilities change meaningfully from those they held when they were originally elected. In addition, we recently updated our Guidelines to reduce the number of public company boards on which our directors may serve. We also clarified that directors must continue to meet the Board's Membership Criteria throughout their tenure, including having sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the company. While all of our directors meet these requirements, we felt it was important to more clearly state our expectations.

### **BOARD EFFECTIVENESS**

Our Board is committed to continuous improvement and constructive, open feedback. To that end, each year the Board conducts an evaluation process. For the second consecutive year we engaged a third-party facilitator to lead the process, which included evaluation of the full Board, each individual director, and the Lead Independent Director. Each Committee Chair separately led their committee evaluation process. The third-party review process confirmed that our Board is effective and strong for a number of reasons, including its composition, processes, committees, and culture of candor and trust. The process also helped identify opportunities to make our Board even stronger, including how our meetings could be even more effective and impactful.

The Board appreciates that it plays a vital role in the success of the company. All directors are committed to continuously earning your trust and confidence, and to delivering long-term shareowner value. Thank you again for your investment.

Jim Keane Lead Independent Director

### BOARD'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

### OVERVIEW

The Board is responsible for overseeing the business and affairs of the Company, including corporate governance, corporate responsibility, business strategy, enterprise risk, cybersecurity, business performance, capital management, executive compensation, and human capital management which also includes succession planning and development of the executive management team. The Board is focused on helping the Company achieve long-term value creation for its shareowners and other stakeholders and maintaining the Company's strong commitment to integrity and ethical conduct in all of the Company's relationships and business transactions.

### BOARD'S ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT

The Board provides oversight of management's enterprise risk management program and reviews significant risks through both the whole Board and its Committees. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2024 contains a detailed description of the most significant enterprise risks that we face.

### **BOARD RESPONSIBILITY**

The Board has primary responsibility for oversight of the Company's enterprise risk management program. The standing Committees of the Board address the risks related to their respective areas of oversight. Our risk oversight is aligned with the Board's oversight of the Company's strategies and business plans. Thus, the Board ordinarily receives reports on the risks implicated by the Company's strategic decisions concurrent with the deliberations leading to those decisions. In addition, the full Board annually receives an update on the enterprise risk management program and receives reports from management on enterprise risks that are not specifically assigned to a Committee.

In general, the Committees oversee the following risks:

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Responsible for reviewing the overall guidelines and policies that govern our process for risk assessment and management
- Provides oversight regarding financial risks
- Receives regular reports on management policies and practices relating to the Company's financial statements and the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and information systems including cybersecurity and related disclosure obligations
- Receives regular reports from the Company's independent auditor and internal audit team, as well as the Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Compliance Officer, and the Ombuds, regarding legal and compliance risks

### COMPENSATION AND TALENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- Considers the risk implications of the incentives created by our compensation programs
- Oversees risk implications for our strategies and initiatives relating to talent management

### TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

- Oversees risks related to technology, information security, product and service security, software, and emerging technologies
- Conducts an annual review of the cybersecurity risks associated with product and service security and secure development environments, including a detailed review of management action plans to address any audit findings relating to those risks

### BOARD COMPOSITION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

- Oversees governance-related risks, including conflicts of interest, director independence, Board and Committee structure and performance, and Code of Conduct matters, including for senior executives and directors
- Oversees risk implications of policies and practices concerning corporate responsibility and culture, diversity, equity, and inclusion, safety and environmental protection, climate change, and sustainability

### MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility for managing risk rests with executive management. Management periodically reports to the Board regarding the system that is used to assess, manage, and monitor risks. Management also reports to the Board on the risks it has assessed to be the most significant, together with management's plans to mitigate those risks. Executive officers are assigned responsibility for managing the risks deemed most significant.

### BOARD'S ROLE IN MANAGEMENT SUCCESSION PLANNING

Our Board considers succession planning and development to be a critical part of the Company's long-term strategy. The Board oversees CEO and senior management succession and development plans, and at least annually it reviews senior management succession and development plans with our CEO. With regard to CEO succession planning, the Board regularly discusses potential CEO candidates and their development and preparedness. The Board also takes an active role in the oversight of overall talent management and has opportunities to engage with high potential and emerging leaders and interact with and assess talent throughout the organization. Committees of the Board also have oversight responsibility for topics related to succession planning. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee defines the skills, attributes, and other criteria to be used for succession plans for the CEO. The Compensation and Talent Management Committee oversees the succession and development of other senior management as well as the Company's management strategies and initiatives relating to talent management and employee engagement.

### BOARD'S ROLE IN CYBERSECURITY OVERSIGHT

The Board takes threats to cybersecurity seriously. We invest significant resources in protecting the Company's systems and data and do so in alignment with industry standards, frameworks and guidelines. The Company's cybersecurity program is led by our Chief Information Security Officer who leads a team that is responsible for executing cybersecurity strategy, to support risk management, and to protect Company systems, products, and employee and customer information. See Part I, Item 1C of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2024 for additional discussion regarding the Company's risk management and strategy of cybersecurity risks.

Cybersecurity oversight by the Board of Directors is shared between the full Board, the Audit Committee, and the Technology Committee. The full Board of Directors receives periodic updates on the cybersecurity threat landscape, recent cybersecurity events, our cybersecurity strategy, and cybersecurity program priorities. The Audit Committee receives updates on information security, including internal controls and external reporting processes. The Audit Committee also receives updates from the Disclosure Committee with respect to cybersecurity incidents reviewed by the Disclosure Committee. The Technology Committee works with management to understand cybersecurity risks related to product and service safety and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such risks.

### BOARD'S ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND GOVERNANCE MATTERS

Corporate responsibility and sustainability are important priorities for the Board and the Company. We have a strong commitment to being an ethical and responsible company acting with integrity and respect for each other, our communities, and the environment, which starts with the tone set by the Board. We adhere to a Code of Conduct that applies to all employees and directors. The Code of Conduct is based on principles and laws that guide the decisions and actions of our employees.

Sustainability is central to our mission to make our customers more resilient, agile, and sustainable by delivering industrial automation and digital transformation solutions that simplify complex challenges. We have long understood that sustainability is a key imperative for our business and our stakeholders and we continuously adapt our sustainability approach to meet new challenges and make a meaningful, lasting difference in the world. We encourage you to review our Sustainability Report which is published annually to learn more about Rockwell's environmental, social, and governance priorities and progress.

Our sustainability priorities are focused on driving three outcomes:

- Sustainable Customers enable our customers to achieve their own sustainability goals, making a positive impact on the world
- Sustainable Company create innovative, sustainable products and solutions and foster a culture that empowers employees to operate safely, sustainably, and responsibly
- Sustainable Communities support the communities in which we live and work, having an impact that extends beyond our own organization

The Board has primary responsibility for oversight of sustainability across our ESG priorities:

### ENVIRONMENT

We are committed to environmental stewardship within our own operations and across our entire value chain. We prioritize:

- Energy and emissions management
- Product design for sustainability
- Responsible supply chain

### SOCIAL

Our people set us apart. By coming together to create a culture that enables and inspires great employees to do their best work, we are expanding human possibility. We prioritize:

- Talent and culture
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Workforce of tomorrow
- Occupational health and safety

### GOVERNANCE

Our commitment to integrity defines who we are and how we act. We do what we say we will, always honestly and ethically. We prioritize:

- Ethics and compliance
- Cybersecurity
- Product quality and safety
- Enterprise risk management
- Corporate governance

The standing Committees address specific ESG matters related to their respective areas of oversight. In relation to human capital management in particular, the standing Committees of the Board address the risks related to their respective areas of oversight as outlined below.

Area		Committee
Employee Well-Being and Safety	<ul> <li>We strive for zero workplace injuries and illnesses and operate in a manner that recognizes safety as fundamental to the Company being a great place to work</li> <li>We offer benefits and programs that focus on holistic well-being, including physical, mental, and financial health</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> </ul>
<u>Ethics and Compliance</u>	<ul> <li>It is critical that all our employees let integrity guide every action, constantly adhering to our Company's Code of Conduct, so we win the right way</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> <li>Audit</li> </ul>
Talent/Workforce Management	<ul> <li>The strategic management of talent means we hire and retain the right talent, both for immediate needs and for meeting the requirements of future business strategies. We foster this management with programs that focus on:</li> <li>Acquiring and retaining the best talent for our business needs</li> <li>Talent development and training</li> <li>Succession planning for senior management</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>
CEO Succession Planning	<ul> <li>We define the necessary skills and attributes of the CEO based on the Company's short and long-term strategy</li> <li>We regularly review CEO succession plans, including emergency CEO succession</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> </ul>
Culture	• Our high performance culture is the foundation for accelerating our profitable growth. At Rockwell, we focus on four tenets of our culture: strengthen our commitment to integrity, diversity, and inclusion, be willing to compare ourselves to the best alternatives, increase the speed of decision making, and have a steady stream of fresh ideas	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> </ul>
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	• Our diverse and inclusive culture allows us to fully leverage innovation and teamwork while delivering our commitments to employees, customers, and shareowners. We want our workforce to reflect the communities where we live and work globally	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> </ul>
Employee Engagement	• We want to be a place where employees are enabled and inspired to do their best work, which is why we measure employee engagement and enablement to remove barriers, take rapid action, and improve employee experience	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> </ul>

### BOARD OVERSIGHT OF HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

Area		Committee
Succession Planning for Senior Leaders	<ul> <li>We focus on leadership development to ensure we are building the necessary skills and talent for the future</li> <li>We actively manage the pipeline of key Company talent</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Board Composition and Corporate Governance</li> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> </ul>
Executive Compensation	<ul> <li>Our executive compensation program is designed to:</li> <li>Motivate executives to create shareowner value</li> <li>Attract and retain executive talent</li> <li>Balance rewards based on performance from our financial results and strategic goals with appropriate risk-taking</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> </ul>
Total Rewards - Broader Workforce	• We are committed to providing competitive compensation, benefits, and well-being programs to ensure we attract, motivate, and retain talent across our global workforce	<ul> <li>Compensation and Talent Management</li> </ul>

### SHAREOWNER ENGAGEMENT

We believe that effective corporate governance should include regular engagement with our shareowners. We are committed to fostering strong relationships with constructive conversations and an open dialogue with shareowners through our ongoing program of outreach that is management-led and overseen by the Board. During the fall, we invite our largest shareowners (excluding brokerage accounts) to discuss our ESG practices and executive compensation program. We also solicit input on topics of importance to our shareowners. We conduct additional outreach with our largest shareowners during the proxy season, with post-annual meeting follow-up as appropriate. In addition, throughout the year our Investor Relations team along with our CEO, CFO, and other senior leaders engage with our shareowners frequently.

In the fall of 2024, we invited our top 25 shareowners representing approximately half of our outstanding shares to engage in such discussions. We received feedback from shareowners representing 28.1% of our outstanding shares. Our discussions focused on ESG initiatives, practices, and trends, including sustainability practices and opportunities, board governance, diversity, equity, and inclusion programs and metrics, and our executive compensation program. We also discussed other topics important to our shareowners.

Shareowner feedback from our outreach calls and any shareowner letters that we receive are presented to and discussed with the Board. The Board values the views of shareowners and considers shareowner feedback in establishing and evaluating appropriate policies and practices. Acting in line with shareowner feedback and other input, in the past our Board proactively adopted a proxy access by-law and enhanced our proxy statement disclosures relating to director skills, Board processes, ESG matters, and the Audit Committee's review of auditor tenure and rotation in our proxy statement.

We believe that regular engagement with our shareowners helps to strengthen our relationships with shareowners, helps us to better understand shareowner views on our ESG practices and initiatives, and provides us with insights into ESG and compensation topics and trends.

### COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD AND OMBUDS

Shareowners and other interested parties may send communications to the Board, an individual director, the Lead Independent Director, the non-management directors as a group, or a Board Committee at the following address:

### Rockwell Automation, Inc.

c/o Corporate Secretary 1201 South Second Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA Attn: Board of Directors

The Secretary will receive and process all communications before forwarding them to the addressee. The Secretary will forward all communications unless the Secretary determines that a communication is a business solicitation or advertisement, or requests general information about us.

In accordance with procedures approved by the Audit Committee, concerns about accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters should be reported to the Ombuds as outlined in our Code of Conduct, which is available on our website at https://ir.rockwellautomation.com/ en-us/ company/ investorrelations/governance/governance-documents.html. The Code of Conduct is also available in print to any shareowner upon request. The Ombuds and Chief Compliance Officer are required to report promptly to the Audit Committee all reports of questionable accounting or auditing matters that the Ombuds receives and all matters involving allegations of a serious violation of the Code of Conduct by a senior executive or director that the Chief Compliance Officer receives. You may contact the Ombuds by addressing a letter to:

### Ombuds

### Rockwell Automation, Inc.

1201 South Second Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA

You may also contact the Ombuds by:

- Telephone: +1(800)552-3589(US only)
- Fax: +1(414)382-8485, or
- E-mail: ombuds@ra.rockwell.com

If you wish to remain anonymous, go to: https://rockwellautomation.ethicspoint.com.

### **BOARD STRUCTURE**

### LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

The Board takes a flexible approach to its leadership structure, allowing it to adapt its structure depending on current circumstances. The Board reviews its leadership structure at least annually and will vary that structure in order to ensure effective oversight and operations. The Board regularly evaluates whether to separate or combine the roles of Chairman and CEO, and the leadership structure depends on the current performance of the Company and the experience and knowledge of the CEO. Currently, the Board has combined the roles of Chairman and CEO, and Mr. Moret serves in both capacities. The Board believes that this structure enhances overall Board effectiveness and interaction with management, and provides the Company with strong, clear leadership and strategic vision.

The Board believes that a unified leadership structure continues to work well and is the right model for us to successfully execute our strategy. In making this decision, the Board considers the Company's performance, operating and governance environment, investor feedback, and the Board's composition, functioning, and effectiveness. The Board believes that Mr. Moret has the skills, experience, and character to provide the Company with strong and effective leadership, including:

- Extensive experience and deep knowledge of the Company, its customers, and its business operations and strategy,
- Deep industry knowledge and expertise, and

### LEAD INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR

Our Guidelines on Corporate Governance require the appointment of a Lead Independent Director in the event the Chairman is a management director, a framework that further strengthens the leadership of the Company. The Board adopted a separate charter for the Lead Independent Director to formalize existing practices and strengthen the role. In February 2023, the Board elected James P. Keane to serve as Lead Independent Director. Mr. Keane is an experienced director having served as chairman and CEO of a large public company and as a board member of several large business organizations. • Proven leadership skills with the vision necessary to lead the Board and our Company.

The leadership structure of the Board and Company is further strengthened by:

- The leadership provided by our Lead Independent Director, with defined roles and responsibilities set forth in a Lead Independent Director Charter,
- Refreshment/election of new directors,
- Our process for evaluating Board and Committee structure, including rotation of the Lead Independent Director, directors on Committees, and Committee chair positions,
- The independence of all members of the Audit, Board Composition and Corporate Governance, Technology, and Compensation and Talent Management Committees,
- Our governance guidelines and practices,
- Our processes for evaluating the Board and management, and focus on Board succession planning,
- Our effective shareowner engagement practices, and
- Our strong commitment to integrity and compliance with the highest standards of legal and ethical conduct.

The Board's independent oversight function is further enhanced because the directors have complete access to management, the Board and the Committees may retain their own advisors, and there is an annual evaluation by the independent Compensation and Talent Management Committee in collaboration with the Lead Independent Director of our CEO's performance against predetermined goals with input from the other independent directors. The following chart sets forth the primary roles and responsibilities of the Chairman and the Lead Independent Director. We believe the Board's leadership structure is appropriate for the Company, providing effective independent oversight of management and ensuring a highly independent, engaged, and functioning Board.



### **BLAKE D. MORET**

### Chairman since 2018

- Provides strategic vision for the Company as Chairman and CEO
- Establishes the agenda for Board meetings
- Presides at meetings of the Board
- Ensures provision of proper meeting materials and attendance of executives and advisors for meetings of the Board
- Consults with the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee on matters of corporate governance
- Consults with the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee on Committee composition
- Acts as Chairman of and presides at meetings of shareowners
- Calls special meetings of the Board
- Consults with the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee on leadership structure of the Board
- Does not serve on any Committees but attends all Committee meetings

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### **JAMES P. KEANE**

### Lead Independent Director since 2023

- Works to ensure the Board functions with appropriate independence from management
- Acts as a key liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors
- Communicates Board feedback to the Chairman after each Board meeting
- Collaborates with the Chairman to develop Board meeting agendas
- Collaborates with the Compensation and Talent Management Committee to conduct the annual evaluation of the performance of the Chairman and CEO
- Collaborates with the Chairman and Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee on matters related to Board effectiveness
- Presides at independent director sessions of the Board
- Presides at Board meetings if the Chairman is not present
- Calls meetings of the independent directors when necessary
- Does not serve on any Committees but attends all Committee meetings

### INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR SESSIONS

The independent directors meet in executive session without any officer or member of management present in conjunction with regular meetings of the Board and each Committee. The Lead Independent Director presides over independent director sessions of the Board, and Committee Chairs preside over executive sessions of their respective Committees. Following each executive session, the Lead Independent Director and the Committee Chairs discuss with the Chairman and CEO appropriate matters from these sessions.

### **BOARD MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES**

Our business is managed under the direction of the Board. The Board has established four standing committees: the Audit Committee, the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee, the Compensation and Talent Management Committee, and the Technology Committee, whose principal functions are briefly described below. Each Committee has a written charter that sets forth the duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Current copies of the Committee charters are available on our website at https://www.rockwellautomation.com/ en-us/ company/ investor-relations/ governance/ governance-documents.html. The Committees review and assess the adequacy of their charters each year and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval. During fiscal 2024, one change was made to the Audit Committee Charter relating to changes in cybersecurity disclosure requirements. No other changes were made to Committee charters in fiscal 2024.

In fiscal 2024, the Board held seven meetings. Each director attended all of the Board meetings plus their applicable committee meetings except two directors each missed one Committee meeting, resulting in nearly a 99% attendance rating. Under our Guidelines on Corporate Governance, directors are expected to attend the Annual Meeting of Shareowners. All directors attended the 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareowners.

### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

### Audit Committee

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist the Board in overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial reporting processes, our internal control
  and disclosure control systems, the integrity and audits of our financial statements, the qualifications and
  independence of our independent registered public accounting firm, and the performance of our internal audit
  function and independent registered public accounting firm.
- Appoint our independent registered public accounting firm, subject to shareowner approval.
- Approve all audit and audit-related fees and services and permitted non-audit fees and services of our independent
  registered public accounting firm.
- Review with our independent registered public accounting firm and management our annual audited and quarterly financial statements.
- Discuss with management our quarterly earnings releases.
- Review with our independent registered public accounting firm and management the quality and adequacy of our internal controls.
- Discuss with management our financial risk assessment and risk management policies.
- Discuss cybersecurity disclosure requirements and the internal procedures and controls related to such with management, in coordination and collaboration with the Board of Directors and other Committees.
- Assist the Board in overseeing our compliance program and our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

### **INDEPENDENCE:**

 All members of the Audit Committee meet the independence and financial literacy standards and requirements of the NYSE and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The Board has determined that Mss. Jolla, Murphy, and Payne and Mr. Parfet qualify as "audit committee financial experts" as defined by the SEC. Lisa A. Payne (Chair) Alice L. Jolla Timothy M. Knavish Pam Murphy Donald R. Parfet Number of Meetings in Fiscal 2024: **Eight** 

**Current Members** 

### **Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee**

#### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Consider and recommend to the Board qualified candidates for election as directors of the Company.
- Review leadership structure of the Board.
- Consider matters of corporate governance and review adequacy of our Guidelines on Corporate Governance.
- Administer the Company's related person transactions policy.
- Annually assess and report to the Board on the performance of the Board as a whole and of the individual directors.
- Recommend to the Board the members of the Committees of the Board and the director to serve as Lead Independent Director.
- Conduct an annual review of director compensation and recommend to the Board any changes. See "Director Compensation" below.
- Define skills and attributes used in the evaluation for CEO succession planning and recruitment and review the criteria with the Board in the context of the Company's strategy and needs.
- Review the application of the Company's Code of Conduct to the Company's senior executive officers and directors, address any misconduct or matters involving a senior executive or director, and report and make recommendations to the Board as to any such matters as appropriate.
- Review and assess the Company's policies and practices with respect to matters affecting our corporate
  responsibilities, including diversity, equity, and inclusion, Company culture, environmental protection, climate
  change and sustainability, employee health and safety, community relations, and corporate social responsibility.

### **INDEPENDENCE:**

• All members of the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee are independent directors as defined by the NYSE.

### **Compensation and Talent Management Committee**

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Evaluate the performance of our senior executives, including the CEO.
- Make recommendations to the Board with respect to executive compensation plans.
- Review and approve salaries, incentive compensation, equity awards, and other compensation of officers.
- Review the salary plan for the CEO and other executives who directly report to the CEO.
- Oversee succession and development plans for senior management.
- Review and discuss with the Company's management strategies and initiatives relating to talent management and employee engagement.
- Review and approve corporate goals and objectives.
- Oversee the design and competitiveness of the Company's overall compensation programs and benefits.
- Oversee the work and independence of any advisor retained by the Compensation and Talent Management Committee.

### **INDEPENDENCE:**

• All members of the Compensation and Talent Management Committee are independent directors as defined by the NYSE and are not eligible to participate in any of our compensation plans or programs, except our 2020 Long-Term Incentives Plan for annual retainer fees in the form of equity awards and Directors Deferred Compensation Plan.

### Technology Committee

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Review and assess our innovation and technology matters, including investments in technology, research and development, technology initiatives, and our strategy and approach to technical talent management.
- Assist in oversight of risks associated with technology, information security, product and service security, software, emerging technologies, and technical talent.
- Review and assess practices with respect to customer needs for technology development and messaging and marketing of our technologies.
- Periodically review our intellectual property strategy and activities.

### **INDEPENDENCE:**

• All members of the Technology Committee are independent directors as defined by the NYSE.

### **Current Members**

**Current Members** 

Lisa A. Payne

Timothy M. Knavish

Fiscal 2024: Four

Thomas W. Rosamilia

Number of Meetings in

Patricia A. Watson (Chair)

Thomas W. Rosamilia (Chair) William P. Gipson Pam Murphy Robert W. Soderbery Patricia A. Watson Number of Meetings in Fiscal 2024: **Four** 

### **Current Members**

William P. Gipson (Chair) Alice L. Jolla Donald R. Parfet Robert W. Soderbery Number of Meetings in Fiscal 2024: **Five** 

### **BOARD PROCESSES**

### BOARD AND COMMITTEE EVALUATIONS

The Board and its Committees conduct self-assessments annually at their fall meetings. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the style and manner in which the evaluations will be conducted to ensure they are effective for the Company and its strategy. The Board will vary its evaluation approach based on the needs of the Board at any given time and change it from time to time to enable different forms of feedback. The Board uses different approaches for its evaluations, including written questionnaires and in-depth confidential interviews with individual directors conducted by the Chair of the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee, meetings with certain members of management, and use of a third-party facilitator as determined by the Board. The Chair of the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee oversees the Board evaluation process, including the evaluation of the Lead Independent Director. This year's annual evaluation process, which was led by a third-party facilitator, is summarized below.

FY24 ACTION	DESCRIPTION
APPROACH	The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee discussed the format for this year's annual evaluations and after a robust review chose a knowledgeable and experienced third-party facilitator to conduct the Board, individual director, and Lead Independent Director evaluations. Committee evaluations were led by the applicable committee chair.
PREPARATION	Each director received materials for the annual evaluation of (i) the Board's performance and contributions of individual directors, (ii) his or her Committees, and (iii) Lead Independent Director performance. The materials included the descriptions of key parameters for Board effectiveness to guide the individual director discussions with the third-party facilitator, the Board and Committee self-assessment process, Committee charters, suggested topics for discussion, and information on attendance, Committee composition, and meeting agenda items.
PERFORMANCE REVIEW	Each director was asked to consider a list of high-level questions to assist with the evaluation of the Board, individual directors, and Committees. As part of the evaluation process, directors were asked to provide feedback on the performance of other directors, including the Lead Independent Director.
EVALUATION REPORT	The third-party facilitator prepared a written report summarizing the annual evaluation of Board performance, including findings and recommendations. The report was reviewed and discussed with the Chairman and CEO, the Lead Independent Director, and the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee. The full Board also received the report for consideration and discussion in executive session. The Committee Chairs reported to the Board on their Committee evaluations, noting any actionable items. Past evaluations have identified a wide range of topics for Board focus such as strategy, continuing education, Board communications, risk management, acquisitions, and succession planning.
ACTIONABLE ITEMS	The Board and Committees address areas of focus and any actionable items throughout the year.
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW	In coordination with the evaluation process, the Board reviewed its Guidelines on Corporate Governance, including the guidelines for determining director independence, to ensure they promote effective board functioning. They also received an update from the Chief Legal Officer on recent governance developments, regulations, and best practices. Each Committee conducted a self-assessment and reviewed its charter to confirm compliance with all charter requirements. In addition, the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee conducted its annual review of the Board Membership Criteria.
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### DIRECTOR EDUCATION

Our Board believes in continuous improvement of Board effectiveness and functioning as well as development of individual skills and knowledge. All new directors are required to participate in our director orientation program to familiarize them with the Company's business, strategic plans, significant financial, accounting, and risk management issues, ethics and compliance programs, corporate governance practices, sustainability strategy, principal officers, and internal and independent auditor. Our directors participate in our annual ethics training. In addition, we provide the Board with regular presentations and memoranda on key business, ESG, and other important topics intended to help directors stay current on practices and emerging issues and in carrying out their responsibilities, with a focus in fiscal 2024 on global regulatory changes, cybersecurity, innovative technology, and sustainability. Directors from time to time tour Company facilities and attend our trade shows and investor events. Directors also receive presentations and reports from our auditors, consultants, and other outside advisors and participate in outside continuing education programs to increase their knowledge and understanding of the duties and responsibilities of directors and the Company, regulatory developments, emerging trends, and best practices.

### RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

The Board has a written policy regarding how it will review and approve related person transactions (as defined below). The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for administering this policy. The policy is available on our website at https://www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/company/ investor-relations/governance/governance-documents.html.

The policy defines a related person transaction as any transaction in which the Company is or will be a participant, in which the amount involved exceeds \$120,000, and in which any Related Person or any of their immediate family members has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Related Persons include directors, director nominees, executive officers, and shareowners who own more than 5% of the Company's securities. The policy sets forth certain transactions, arrangements, and relationships not reportable under SEC rules that do not constitute related person transactions.

Under this policy, each director, director nominee, and executive officer must report each proposed or existing transaction between us and that individual or any of that individual's immediate family members to our Chief Legal Officer. Our Chief Legal Officer will assess and determine whether any transaction reported to her, or of which she learns, constitutes a related person transaction. If our Chief Legal Officer determines that a transaction constitutes a related person transaction, she will refer it to the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee. If a reported transaction involves the Chief Legal Officer or any immediate family member, the assessment and determination will be made by the Chief Financial Officer and referred to the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee, as appropriate. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee will approve or ratify a related person transaction only if it determines that the transaction is in, or is not inconsistent with, the best interests of the Company and its shareowners. In determining whether to approve or ratify a related person transaction, the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee will consider factors it deems appropriate, including:

- The fairness to the Company;
- Whether the terms of the transaction would be on the same basis if a related person was not involved;
- The business reasons for the Company to participate in the transaction;
- Whether the transaction may involve a conflict of interest;
- The nature and extent of the related person's and our interest in the transaction; and
- The amount involved in the transaction.

There are no related person transactions to report in this proxy statement.

### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

You will find current copies of the following corporate governance documents on our website at https://www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/company/investor-relations/governance/governance-documents.html:

- Certificate of Incorporation
- By-laws
- Board of Directors Guidelines on Corporate Governance
- Audit Committee Charter
- Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee Charter
- Compensation and Talent Management Committee Charter
- Technology Committee Charter
- Lead Independent Director Charter
- Code of Conduct
- Hiring Policy for Employees of Outside Auditor
- Related Person Transactions Policy
- Executive Compensation Recoupment Policy
- Shareowner Communications to the Board and Ombudsman

We will provide printed copies of any of these documents to any shareowner upon written request to Rockwell Automation Shareowner Relations, 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, WI 53204, USA.

### **ELECTION** OF DIRECTORS

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### INTRODUCTION

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the Board will consist of three classes of directors serving staggered three-year terms that are as nearly equal in number as possible. One class of directors is elected each year with terms extending to the third succeeding Annual Meeting after election. The Board has nominated four current directors, upon the recommendation of the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee, for election as directors at this Annual Meeting with terms expiring at the 2028 Annual Meeting.

Proxies properly submitted will be voted at the meeting, unless authority to do so is withheld, for the election of the four nominees specified below, subject to applicable NYSE regulations. If for any reason any of these nominees is not a candidate when the election occurs (which is not expected), proxies and shares properly authorized to be voted will be voted at the meeting for the election of a substitute nominee. Alternatively, the Board may decrease the number of directors.

The Board has adopted Guidelines on Corporate Governance that contain general principles regarding the responsibilities and function of our Board and Board Committees. The Guidelines on Corporate Governance set forth the Board's governance practices with respect to leadership structure, Board meetings and access to senior management, director compensation, director qualifications, Board performance, management development and succession planning, director stock ownership, and enterprise risk management. The Guidelines on Corporate Governance are available on our website at https://www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/ company/investor-relations/governance/ governance-documents.html.

### DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Our Guidelines on Corporate Governance require that a substantial majority of the members of the Board be independent directors. For a director to be independent, the Board must affirmatively determine that the director has no direct or indirect material relationship with the Company. The Board has established guidelines, which are contained in our Guidelines on Corporate Governance, to assist it in determining director independence in conformity with the NYSE listing requirements. These guidelines are available on our website at https://www.rockwellautomation.com/en-us/company/investor-relations/governance/governance-documents.html.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for screening potential director candidates and recommending qualified candidates to the full Board.

The Committee will consider director candidates recommended by shareowners. Shareowners can recommend director candidates by writing to the Corporate Secretary at Rockwell Automation, 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA. The recommendation must include the candidate's name, biographical data and qualifications, and any other information required by the SEC to be included in a proxy statement with respect to a director nominee. Any shareowner recommendation must be accompanied by a written statement from the candidate indicating his or her willingness to serve if nominated and elected. The recommending shareowner also must provide

After considering these guidelines and the independence criteria of the NYSE, the Board has determined that none of the current directors, other than Mr. Moret (who is a current employee of the Company), have a material relationship with the Company and each of the directors, other than Mr. Moret, is independent. There were no transactions, relationships, or arrangements that required review by the Board for purposes of determining director independence.

evidence of being a shareowner of record of our common stock at that time.

In addition to recommending director candidates to the Committee, shareowners may nominate candidates for election to the Board directly at the Annual Meeting by following the procedures and providing the information set forth in our by-laws. See "Shareowner Proposals for 2026 Annual Meeting" set forth later in this proxy statement. Eligible shareowners may also use our proxy access by-law to nominate candidates for election to our Board provided the shareowners and nominees satisfy specified requirements.

The Committee, the Chairman and CEO, or other members of the Board may identify a need to add new members to the Board or fill a vacancy on the Board. In that case, the Committee will initiate a search for qualified director candidates, seeking input from senior management and Board members, and to the extent it deems it appropriate, outside search firms. The Committee will evaluate qualified candidates and then make its recommendation to the Board.

### **DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS**

In making its recommendations to the Board concerning director candidates, the Committee considers various criteria outlined in our Board Membership Criteria (see Exhibit A to the Committee's Charter). Specifically, our Board Membership Criteria provides that our directors should (i) have a variety of experience and backgrounds, (ii) have high-level managerial experience or be accustomed to dealing with complex problems, and (iii) represent the balanced best interests of all shareowners, considering the overall composition and needs of the Board and factors such as diversity, age, and specialized

expertise in the areas of corporate governance, finance, industry, international operations, technology, and risk management. The Board Membership Criteria highlight the importance of directors' experience, ability to collaborate, integrity, ability to provide constructive and direct feedback, lack of bias, and independence.

Directors must also have sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the Company. To this end, the Board recently updated its Corporate Governance Guidelines to clarify the Board's requirement that directors must continue to meet the Board's Membership Criteria throughout their tenure, including having sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the Company to carry out their responsibilities as a director.

The Committee will evaluate properly submitted shareowner recommendations under substantially the same criteria and in substantially the same manner as other potential candidates.

### BOARD SKILLS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND EXPERIENCE

The Board has determined that all of the Company's directors are deeply experienced in risk oversight, financially literate, and possess the skills, judgment, experience, reputation, and commitment to make a constructive contribution to the Board. In addition, there are seven distinct sets of skills or experience described below that we believe should be represented on our Board to enable the Board to effectively fulfill its governance responsibilities and provide guidance to the management team on the Company's strategy and execution of that strategy. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee strives to ensure that our directors have an appropriate balance of these talents.

Skills and Experience	Relevance to Rockwell Automation's Strategy	No. of Directors
<b>Relevant Technology and Innovation,</b> including experience in leveraging software technology to solve customer issues, proficiency in commercializing disruptive innovations and developing innovative business models, and knowledge of digitization, mobility, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data management and analysis, and integrated software/hardware.	Rockwell Automation is committed to enabling the next generation of smart manufacturing and The Connected Enterprise <sup>®</sup> . As a company focused on technology and innovation, we value directors with technology experience and knowledge, who can provide important insights on our innovation strategy and execution of that strategy.	9
<b>Sales and Marketing,</b> including experience growing market share/revenue through innovative marketing and effective selling, a history of building brand awareness and equity, knowledge of how to enhance enterprise reputation and image, an understanding of the voice of the customer and the power of differentiating a brand in a way that is compelling to target customers, and experience in building durable and profitable as-a-service revenue streams.	Rockwell Automation seeks to grow market share and build brand awareness. Directors with experience in marketing and selling provide effective oversight of this aspect of our growth and performance strategy.	5
<b>Industry/Operational/Manufacturing,</b> including experience in industrial automation and information, knowledge of markets and vertical market segments, exposure to operational technology and information technology and familiarity with operational processes across end markets (discrete, hybrid, continuous process), and experience in overseeing manufacturing operations or in developing, marketing, and delivering services/solutions to address manufacturing needs.	Experience in industrial automation and manufacturing industries is key to providing guidance on our growth and performance strategy. Directors with this type of experience provide insight on marketplace dynamics and key performance indicators to drive our strategic plan and business operations.	9
<b>Financial/Accounting,</b> including an understanding of finance and financial reporting processes for public companies, and awareness of strategies to ensure accurate and compliant reporting and robust financial controls. Directors with a financial/accounting background may meet regulatory requirements to be deemed a "Financial Expert".	Rockwell Automation's business involves complex financial transactions and reporting. Directors with a high level of financial literacy assist in evaluating our financial position, capital structure, financial strategy, and financial reporting.	10

#### **Skills and Experience**

**Risk and Governance Oversight**, including experience serving on other public company boards and/or committees; a history of overseeing, managing, and mitigating risks, including cybersecurity, product security, regulatory compliance, intellectual property, and customer management; and an understanding of how to assess and develop strategies to address ESG matters, including corporate culture, sustainability, climate change, corporate responsibility, and social issues.

**Global Business,** including a track record of growing market share and revenue in markets around the world; an understanding of how to drive growth in both mature and emerging markets, as well as regulated and free markets; and insight into the talent needs of diverse geographic markets.

Public Company CEO or Executive Leadership, including hands-on responsibility for strategic and operational planning, financial reporting, compliance, risk management and mitigation, human capital management, a track record of success in a complex multinational organization, and in delivering organic and inorganic growth strategies. Specific attributes include: ability to manage complexity, ethical approach to conducting business, ability to resolve conflict and build consensus, and ability to lead high-functioning teams. **Relevance to Rockwell Automation's Strategy** 

Rockwell Automation prioritizes corporate governance and responsibility. In the ordinary course of business we face various risks, including operating, regulatory compliance, information security, financial, and customer management. An understanding of these matters, and experience addressing them, is important for oversight of enterprise risk management and risk mitigation. Directors who have experience with ESG matters support our goals to evolve our culture with employees who can and want to do their best work and to contribute to the communities where we live and work.

Rockwell Automation does business in more than 100 countries. Our global presence is important to our competitive advantage. Directors who understand global business opportunities and challenges and global talent needs provide guidance on how to drive growth in markets around the world.

Rockwell Automation is a large global public company with complex organizational, operational, and business processes. Directors with experience leading large companies provide unique insights on strategy and operations needed to drive strong results and achieve enterprise goals.



No. of

Directors

### BOARD REFRESHMENT, TENURE, AND DIVERSITY

A continuing priority of the Board is ensuring the Board is composed of directors who bring diverse perspectives and viewpoints and have a variety of skills, experiences, and backgrounds to enable the Board to effectively fulfill its governance responsibilities and represent the long-term interests of shareowners.

The Board recognizes the value of a diverse Board and thus has included diversity as a factor that is taken into consideration in its Board Membership Criteria. The Board believes that it is important that its members reflect diverse viewpoints so that, as a group, the Board includes a sufficient mix of perspectives to allow the Board to best fulfill its responsibilities to shareowners.

The Board believes that tenure should be discussed and evaluated by the Board from time to time and depends on the Board's current situation and the needs of the Company. The Board believes that it contains an ideal balance of newer and longer-tenured directors, so we get the benefit of both fresh perspectives and extensive experience. The Board's average tenure for continuing directors is seven years, with five directors added to the Board in the past five years. The Board believes its current tenure mix is appropriate for the Board at this time and recognizes the merits of a board with balanced tenure. Our directors with longer service are highly valued for their experience and Company-specific knowledge. They have a deep understanding of our business, provide historical context as the Board reviews and evaluates the Company's strategy, and enhance Board dynamics and the Board's relationship with management.

The Board regularly reviews director succession and the mix of Board composition, diversity, and experience, especially when adding a new member. As part of this process, the Board evaluates the contributions and tenure of current Board members and compares them to the skills that might benefit the Company in light of emerging needs. The Board seeks people with a variety of occupational and personal backgrounds to ensure that the Board benefits from a range of perspectives and to increase its diversity in such areas as experience, geography, race, gender, and ethnicity. The Board also conducts annual self-assessments and director evaluations. The Board believes it is in the best position to determine the appropriate length of service for a director and overall board tenure, with its current mix providing for a highly effective and functioning Board. In addition to director refreshment, the Board considers refreshment of continuing directors at the Board Committee level by regularly evaluating and rotating Committee Chairs and members. In February 2020, the Board updated its Guidelines on Corporate Governance to implement formal term limits for directors in order to ensure proper Board refreshment and alignment of director attributes and skills with the Company's evolving strategy. A non-management director will not be nominated for re-election to the Board after he or she has served on the Board for 15 years or, if earlier, attained age 72, subject to limited exceptions for up to one additional three-year term. The Board also recently updated its Corporate Governance Guidelines to clarify the Board's requirement that directors must continue to meet the Board's Membership Criteria throughout their tenure, including having sufficient time available to devote to the affairs of the Company to carry out their responsibilities as a director.

### SHAREOWNER ALIGNMENT

Our director compensation program is designed to align director compensation directly with the interests of shareowners by paying a meaningful portion of director compensation in shares of our common stock. To further align their interests with shareowners, directors can defer cash fees to restricted stock units that are paid out in shares. In addition, directors are subject to stock ownership requirements. They are required to own shares of our common stock equal in value to five times the portion of the annual retainer payable in cash (with the cash retainer for fiscal 2024 at \$107,500) and may not sell any shares of our common stock until their stock ownership requirements are met. None of our directors receive compensation for their Board service from any source other than the Company. We seek to maintain a Board with experienced leaders who are familiar with governance issues and compliance with the laws and regulations applicable to our business. Our Board monitors shareowner views and considers shareowner feedback and perspectives in establishing and evaluating Company policies and practices. In November 2022, the Board updated its Guidelines on Corporate Governance to implement a policy requiring directors to notify the Board before accepting a leadership position on another public company board. In addition, the Board recently reduced the number of public company boards on which our directors may serve. Both of these requirement allow the Board to evaluate any increased responsibilities and confirm that our directors can continue to commit the time necessary to fulfill their responsibilities to our shareowners.

### ITEM 1. DIRECTOR NOMINEES AND CONTINUING DIRECTORS

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND BACKGROUND

The following chart highlights Board composition and certain key attributes of our director nominees and continuing directors on the Board. Additional information about each director's experience and qualifications is set forth in their profiles.

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	WILLIAM P. GIPSON	ALICE L. JOLLA	JAMES P. KEANE	TIMOTHY KNAVISH	BLAKE D. MORET	PAM MURPHY	DONALD R. PARFET	LISA A. Payne	THOMAS W. Rosamilia				
Committee Members		JULLA	REANE	NNAVISH	MUREI	MURPHI	PARFEI	PAINE	RUSAMILIA	SUDERBERI	WAISUN		
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Compensation and Talent Management				~				~	~		1		
Board Composition and Corporate Governance	1	~					~			~			
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Lead Independent Director			1										
Governance Information													
Independent	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	×	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	×		×	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	×	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
Tenure	4	2	13	1	8	5	16	9	8	3	7		
Other Public Company Boards	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1		
Term Expiring	2026	2027	Nominee	2027	Nominee	2026	2026	2027	Nominee	2026	Nominee		
Demographics													
Age	67	59	65	59	62	51	72	66	63	58	58		
Race/Ethnicity													
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### NOMINEES FOR ELECTION AS DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2028

### James P. Keane



Age 65

Director since: 2011

Lead Independent Director

### INDEPENDENT

### KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Sales & Marketing
   Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

### Retired President and Chief Executive Officer, Vice Chair, Steelcase Inc. (office furniture)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Mr. Keane served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Steelcase Inc. from March 2014 to October 2021. He held several leadership roles after joining Steelcase in 1997. He served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from 2001 through 2006. He was named President of the Steelcase Group in 2006, where he had responsibility for the sales, marketing, and product-development activities of certain brands-primarily in North America. In 2011, he assumed leadership of the Steelcase brand across the Americas and Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. From November 2012 to April 2013, he served as Chief Operating Officer, responsible for the design, engineering and development, manufacturing, sales, and distribution of all brands in all countries for Steelcase. From April 2013 to March 2014, Mr. Keane served as President and Chief Operating Officer.

### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Mr. Keane has been a director at Newell Brands Inc. (global consumer goods) since February 2024 where he serves on the Audit Committee and as the chair of the Compensation and Human Capital Committee. He previously served as Vice Chair until January 2022 and as a director of Steelcase from April 2013 until his retirement in January 2022. He also serves as a director or trustee of a number of civic and charitable organizations.

### KEY EXPERIENCE:

As retired President and Chief Executive Officer and retired Vice Chair of the board of a global public company, Mr. Keane brings significant business experience and knowledge to the Board. Through his executive roles at Steelcase, he has extensive leadership experience and a comprehensive understanding of business operations, processes, and strategy, as well as risk management, sales, marketing, and product development. In addition, he has a high level of financial literacy and accounting experience, having served as CFO of Steelcase. His understanding of financial statements, accounting principles, internal controls, and audit committee functions provides the Board with expertise in addressing the complex financial issues that the Company manages. Mr. Keane received his Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from the University of Illinois and holds a master's degree in management from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

COMMITTEES: None

### Blake D. Moret



Age 62

Director since: 2016

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Sales & Marketing
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

#### Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Moret became our President and Chief Executive Officer in July 2016, and Chairman of the Board in January 2018. He served as Senior Vice President, Control Products and Solutions, from April 2011 until July 2016.

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Mr. Moret serves as Vice Chair of the board of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), as a director on the boards of the Business Roundtable and FIRST Robotics, and as a director or member of a number of business, civic, and community organizations. Mr. Moret previously served on the board of PTC, Inc. from July 2018 to August 2023.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

As our Chairman and CEO, Mr. Moret has proven leadership skills and deep knowledge of the Company and its business operations and strategy. Mr. Moret is accelerating the Company strategy by focusing on understanding customer needs and their best opportunities for productivity, combining our technology and domain expertise to deliver positive business outcomes, and simplifying our customers' experience. He began his career as a sales trainee with the Company in 1985, serving in senior positions across the organization, including marketing, solutions, services, product groups, and international assignments in Europe and Canada. In his previous role, he served as Senior Vice President, Control Products and Solutions, one of the Company's two previous business segments. Mr. Moret contributes his risk and governance oversight skills gained through his experience serving on a public company board. He has a deep understanding of the Company's values, culture, people, technology, and customers. He understands how to drive change and growth in a changing global economy. Mr. Moret brings valuable insights to the Board regarding our operations, technology, culture, industry trends, competitive positioning, and strategic direction. Mr. Moret received his Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

**COMMITTEES:** None

### Thomas W. Rosamilia



Age 63

Director since: 2016

### INDEPENDENT

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Sales & Marketing
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

### Retired Senior Vice President, IBM (technology)

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Rosamilia most recently served as Senior Vice President at IBM until his retirement in June 2023. In his 30-plus years with IBM he held a series of leadership positions. Mr. Rosamilia held the position of Senior Vice President, IBM Software where he directed IBM's product design and investment strategy, expert labs, global software product development, marketing and field operations across the company's vast software portfolio. During his career Mr. Rosamilia was also the Senior Vice President of IBM Systems and Technology Group and Integrated Supply Chain, General Manager of IBM's WebSphere software division, General Manager of IBM Systems and Technology Group, and Vice President of IBM Corporate Strategy. In November 2015, he was appointed Economic Advisor to the Governor of Guangdong Province of the People's Republic of China. Mr. Rosamilia led the global IBM Systems business and acted as a local representative of IBM Corporate Headquarters in Beijing, China from 2017 to 2018.

### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Mr. Rosamilia has served on the boards of several charitable and business organizations.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Rosamilia brings a high level of technological, strategic, and global business experience to the Board. Through his leadership experience at IBM, he has a deep understanding of technology development, operations, risk management, cybersecurity, sustainability, and strategy. He led IBM's semiconductor, servers, storage, and system software business; all of IBM's supply chain; and IBM's Global Business Partners organization. During that time, he oversaw the transformation of IBM's Systems & Technology Group business to better address clients' higher-value, data-driven IT requirements, which included making major investments in strategic businesses and initiatives while exiting businesses that were not aligned with client demands. In 2013, Mr. Rosamilia helped to lead the creation of the OpenPOWER Foundation, a collaboration around open server product design and development. Mr. Rosamilia has also overseen many acquisitions and significant divestitures. As General Manager of IBM Systems & Technology Group's System z and Power Systems, he was responsible for all facets of both businesses, including strategy, marketing, sales, operations, technology development, and overall financial performance. He has extensive cybersecurity experience, including overseeing IBM's cybersecurity program, CISO organization, and security software portfolio. Mr. Rosamilia received his Bachelor of Science degree, with majors in computer science and economics, from Cornell University. He also completed the IBM Strategic Leadership Forum at Harvard Business School.

**COMMITTEES:** Compensation and Talent Management, Technology (Chair)

### Patricia A. Watson



Age 58

Director since: 2017

#### INDEPENDENT

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

#### Retired Chief Information and Technology Officer, NCR Atleos (software corporation)

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Ms. Watson previously served as Chief Information and Technology Officer at NCR Atleos since the company's corporate reorganization in October 2023. In this role she led the company's information and technology team and technology leadership council. Prior to the corporate reorganization she served as the Chief Information Officer at NCR Corporation from October 2022 until October 2023. She previously held the role of President, Cloud Collaboration from September 2020 to June 2022 at Intrado Corporation and Co-President, Enterprise Collaboration upon joining the company in January 2020 until September 2020. She is the former Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of Total System Services (TSYS) (financial services), a role she held from 2015 until 2019 when Global Payments, Inc. acquired TSYS. Before joining TSYS, she served as Vice President and Global Chief Information Officer for The Brink's Company. Previously Ms. Watson worked with Bank of America for more than fourteen years in technology positions of increasing responsibility and spent ten years in the United States Air Force as executive staff officer, flight commander, and director of operations.

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Ms. Watson has been a director at Southwest Airlines Co. (domestic airline), since November 2024, where she serves on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Safety and Operations Committee. She previously served as a director of USAA Federal Savings Bank from September 2020 until February 2023 and as a director for Texas Capital Bancshares from February 2016 to September 2020.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Ms. Watson brings extensive technology and executive experience to the Board. She has strong strategic leadership, business, financial oversight, and technical skills. As a recently retired information and technology executive, Ms. Watson brings extensive experience in managing the alignment of an organization's technology to its strategy, including oversight of cybersecurity, digital transformations, and system infrastructure. As President of Intrado's Cloud Collaboration Ms. Watson was responsible for delivering Unified Collaboration as a Service (Ucaas) for enterprise and mid-market clients leveraging cloud-based technologies. She has experience setting company enterprise technology strategy to enable future global growth. Her background and expertise in information technology and cybersecurity give her critical insights into new technologies, business models, risk identification and management, and talent and strategy. She has valuable experience and knowledge in the areas of audit and control and compliance. Ms. Watson is also experienced in human capital management through her oversight of the human resources function in a prior role and has strong cybersecurity experience having managed and having responsibility for information security at multiple large organizations. She also brings the benefits of her board experience at USAA Federal Savings Bank and Texas Capital Bancshares. Ms. Watson holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from St. Mary's College at Notre Dame and an M.B.A. from the University of Dayton.

COMMITTEES: Compensation and Talent Management (Chair), Technology

✓ ITEM 1: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION AS DIRECTORS OF THE FOUR NOMINEES DESCRIBED ABOVE.

### CONTINUING DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2026

### William P. Gipson



**Age** 67

Director since: 2020

### INDEPENDENT

**KEY QUALIFICATIONS:** 

- Technology & Innovation
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

Retired President Enterprise Packaging Transformation and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, The Procter & Gamble Company (consumer goods company)

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Gipson served as President Enterprise Packaging Transformation and Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer of Procter & Gamble from 2017 until his retirement in 2019. He joined Procter & Gamble in 1985 and held management positions of increasing responsibility including serving as Senior Vice President of Research and Development, Asia Innovation Centers in Singapore, Japan and China from 2015 to 2017, and Beauty Care Sector Senior Vice President for R&D from 2011 to 2015.

### OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Mr. Gipson has been a director of ManpowerGroup, a global workforce solutions company, since November 2020 where he serves on the People, Culture and Compensation committee. He previously served on several not-for-profit Boards, including CityLink and University of Alabama STEM Pathway to an MBA, the Executive Leadership Council, The United Negro College Fund, and The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering.

### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Gipson brings extensive leadership, innovation, business transformation, and global business experience to the Board. He leverages his experience as a former top executive for a global public company to guide the Company in the areas of product, packaging, and process innovation and market expansion. He also concurrently served as Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer for eight years until his retirement, which adds robust and knowledgeable experiences to draw from in the Board's role in oversight of Company culture and diversity and inclusion initiatives. Mr. Gipson has international management experiences having served in leadership roles in South America and Singapore supporting Procter & Gamble's business in each region, in particular creating a half billion dollar business for a product new to South America. Mr. Gipson received his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Alabama.

COMMITTEES: Board Composition and Corporate Governance (Chair), Technology

### Pam Murphy



**Age** 51

Director since: 2019

### INDEPENDENT

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Sales & MarketingIndustry/Operations/
- ManufacturingFinancial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

### Former Chief Executive Officer, Imperva, Inc. (cybersecurity and software services provider)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Ms. Murphy served as the Chief Executive Officer of Imperva, Inc., a cybersecurity software and services provider, from January 2020 to August 2024. Before assuming that role, she served as Chief Operating Officer for Infor, Inc., a global leader in business cloud software products for industry-specific companies and markets, having joined the company in 2010. Prior to Infor, Ms. Murphy spent 11 years at Oracle Corporation, with responsibility for global sales operations, consulting operations in Europe, Middle East, Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and field finance for Oracle's global business units. Before Oracle, she provided strategy, direction, and counsel to clients at Andersen Consulting and Arthur Andersen.

### OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:

Ms. Murphy has been a director of Visa, Inc., a world leader in digital payment technology, since April 2023, where she serves on the Nominating and Governance and Finance Committees. Ms. Murphy was previously a director of MeridianLink, Inc., a leading provider of cloud-based software solutions for financial institutions from July 2021 until March 2023.

### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

As a former Chief Executive Officer, Ms. Murphy brings strong leadership and operational experience to the Board. She has extensive cybersecurity, technology, business development and strategy, global business, and finance experience. Her background and expertise in leading technology companies include a wide range of responsibilities for global operational and financial functions, which aids in the provision of Board oversight in these areas. Ms. Murphy's experience with leading and building teams to sell to the manufacturing industry, go-to-market solutions, and leading sales and marketing functions brings additional depth to her role on the Board. Ms. Murphy is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and received her Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Finance from the University of Cork, Ireland.

COMMITTEES: Audit, Technology

### **Donald R. Parfet**



Age 72

Director since: 2008

### INDEPENDENT

#### KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/ Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- CEO/Executive Leadership

Managing Director, Apjohn Group, LLC (business development); General Partner, Apjohn Ventures Fund LP (venture capital fund)

### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Parfet has served as Managing Director of Apjohn Group since 2001. Before that, he served as Senior Vice President of Pharmacia Corporation (pharmaceuticals).

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Mr. Parfet has been a director of Kelly Services, Inc. since 2004, where he also previously served as non-executive Chairman of the Board, and a director of Masco Corporation since 2012, where he serves on the Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation and Talent Committees. From 2003 until November 2019, Mr. Parfet served as a director of Sierra Oncology, Inc. He also serves as a director or trustee of a number of business, civic, and charitable organizations.

### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Parfet brings extensive finance and industry experience to the Board. He has served as General Partner of a venture capital fund since 2003. In this role, he is an active investor in early stage pharmaceutical companies, which requires evaluating financial and development risk associated with emerging medicines. During his years at The Upjohn Company and its successor, Pharmacia & Upjohn, he had extensive financial and corporate staff management responsibilities and ultimately senior operational responsibilities for multiple global business units. He is experienced in leading business development, strategic planning, risk assessment, human resource planning, and financial planning and control, as well as the manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, chemicals, and research instruments. Mr. Parfet has board oversight and corporate governance experience from his current service on other boards. Mr. Parfet received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from the University of Arizona and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

COMMITTEES: Audit, Board Composition and Corporate Governance

### **Robert W. Soderbery**



**Age** 58

Director since: 2022

#### INDEPENDENT

#### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

Executive Vice President and General Manager, Flash Business, Western Digital Corporation (computer storage) (October 2021-January 1, 2025)

#### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Mr. Soderbery is Executive Vice President and General Manager, Flash Business for Western Digital Corporation, a position he has held since October 2021. In this role he is responsible for all aspects of the flash memory business, including all portfolio strategy, product development and business results, and engineering and product management teams. Mr. Soderbery is leaving his position at Western Digital effective January 2, 2025. Before joining Western Digital, he was President at Uplift, Inc., a fintech company, from 2017 until 2021, where he was responsible for all business, engineering, and operations functions. Prior to joining UpLift, Mr. Soderbery was Senior Vice President and General Manager, Enterprise Products and Solutions, at Cisco Systems.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Soderbery brings strong technology, business development, global business and operational experience to the Board. His experience in previous roles leading technology companies includes building cloud-based platforms, IoT software and hardware solutions, engagement with global customers, manufacturers, and suppliers, and leadership of global innovation teams. Mr. Soderbery's extensive technology experience provides a breadth of knowledge to draw from in the Board's role of oversight of the Company's innovations, technology roadmap, and product portfolio. He also brings great depth of knowledge in the review of technology acquisitions, which strengthens the Board's ability to provide such oversight. Mr. Soderbery received his Master of Science in computer science from Stanford University and Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering from the California Institute of Technology.

COMMITTEES: Board Composition and Corporate Governance, Technology

### CONTINUING DIRECTORS WITH TERMS EXPIRING IN 2027

### Alice L. Jolla



**Age** 59

Director since: 2023

### INDEPENDENT

**KEY QUALIFICATIONS:** 

- Technology & Innovation
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Vice President, Corporate Finance and Services, Microsoft Corporation (technology and software)

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

Ms. Jolla is the Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Vice President, Corporate Finance and Services at Microsoft Corporation. She joined Microsoft Corporation in 2007 and has held management positions of increasing responsibility, most recently serving as the Corporate Controller from 2014 until July 2020. Before joining Microsoft Corporation, Ms. Jolla completed a two-year industry fellowship with the Financial Accounting Standards Board. She also held accounting management positions at Dow Chemical Company and Union Carbide Corporation.

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Ms. Jolla serves as the vice chair of the board and chair of the Committee on Corporate Reporting for Financial Executives International, and a corporate advisory board member for the National Association of Black Accountants, Inc. She also served on the board of several civic and charitable organizations.

### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Ms. Jolla brings to our Board extensive expertise in financial processes, including those specific to SaaS business models, leading world-class, diverse global teams, and risk management. In her role, Ms. Jolla oversees teams responsible for corporate accounting, financial reporting, shared services, business intelligence, controls and compliance, and controllership of multiple operating subsidiaries of Microsoft. She also leads the special development of all managers within the Microsoft finance organization adding strong human capital management experience to the Board. Ms. Jolla's previous experience serving as the Microsoft Corporate Controller responsible for the Corporate Accounting function gives her critical insight into public company financials, financial reporting, and internal controls. Her leadership, financial experience, and commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion further strengthen the Board's governance capacity. Ms. Jolla holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from Louisiana State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Charleston.

COMMITTEES: Audit, Board Composition and Corporate Governance

### Timothy M. Knavish



**Age** 59

Director since: 2024

### INDEPENDENT

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Sales & Marketing
- Industry/Operations/ Manufacturing
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & Governance
- Global Business
- CEO/Executive Leadership

#### Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, PPG Industries, Inc. (specialty materials)

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Knavish is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of PPG, a role he has held since 2023. Prior to this role, he served as Chief Operating Officer from March 2022 through December 2022, and Executive Vice President from October 2019 through February 2022. He began his career at PPG in 1987 as an engineer and has since held roles of increasing responsibility, including several executive leadership positions in the United States, Europe and Asia Pacific region.

#### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Mr. Knavish is Chairman of the Board for PPG Industries and is a director on the boards of several professional associations.

### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Mr. Knavish's executive leadership roles and board service with a global public company brings to our Board extensive international business and governance experience. He has global experience having lived in the Asia Pacific region and operated several international businesses, including in EMEA and Latin America. Mr. Knavish is well versed in overseeing the enhancement of business sales capabilities and digital offerings and acquisition strategy, having led international acquisitions and integrations. He also brings to our Board valuable global supply chain knowledge having led the global supply management function at his company. In addition, Mr. Knavish's leadership and operational experience give him comprehensive knowledge of business strategy, operations, sales, financial, and risk management oversight. Mr. Knavish received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and Master of Business Administration degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

**COMMITTEES:** Audit, Compensation and Talent Management

### Lisa A. Payne



**Age** 66

Director since: 2015

### INDEPENDENT

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Technology & Innovation
- Financial/Accounting
- Risk & GovernanceCEO/Executive
- Leadership

### Former Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer, Taubman Centers, Inc. (real estate investment trust)

#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:**

Ms. Payne served as Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Taubman Centers, Inc. from 2005 to 2016. She joined Taubman in 1997, serving as the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial and Administrative Officer until 2005. Before joining Taubman, she was an investment banker with Goldman Sachs & Co. for ten years. Ms. Payne also served as Chairman of the Board of Soave Enterprises LLC and President of Soave Real Estate Group (property management) from 2016 through March 2017.

### **OTHER LEADERSHIP POSITIONS:**

Ms. Payne has been a director of Masco Corporation since 2006, where she serves as Chair of the Board. Ms. Payne is also a director of Leaf Home Solutions, where she serves as Chair of the Audit Committee. Ms. Payne served as a director of Taubman from 1997 until March 2016 and J.C. Penney, Inc. from 2016 until December 2020. She is a former trustee of Munder Series Trust and Munder Series Trust II, two open-end management investment companies. She also serves as a director or trustee of several educational and charitable organizations.

#### **KEY EXPERIENCE:**

Ms. Payne brings strong leadership, operational, and finance experience to our Board. During her tenure at Taubman, she led the company through key operational and strategic initiatives. Her executive experience and leadership roles give her critical insights into company operations, growth strategy, competition, compensation plans, employee engagement, diversity and inclusion initiatives, and information technology that assists our Board in its oversight function. Her past experience as a CFO and investment banker provide the Board with financial, accounting, and corporate finance expertise. She has a high level of financial literacy and accounting experience that provides the Board with expertise in understanding and overseeing financial reporting and internal controls. In addition, her board and board committee experience at Taubman, Masco, and J.C. Penney give her significant insight into the governance, compensation, risk management, and compliance-related matters of public companies. Ms. Payne received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Elizabethtown College and holds an M.B.A. from the Fuqua School of Business Administration, Duke University.

COMMITTEES: Audit (Chair) Compensation and Talent Management
# **DIRECTOR** COMPENSATION

Our director compensation program is designed to attract and retain qualified directors, fairly compensate directors for the time they spend in fulfilling their duties, and align their compensation directly with the interests of shareowners. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee determines the form and amount of director compensation, with discussion and approval by the full Board. The Committee relies on Willis Towers Watson to provide input on director compensation trends. The Committee benchmarks its director compensation on an annual basis relative to proxy data available for companies of similar size (\$5-18 billion revenue range) resulting in a broad group of over 400 companies, the S&P 500, and our Compensation Peer Group used for our NEOs (as defined below in the Peer Group section of the Compensation Discussion and Analysis). The market data analysis is a significant factor in our compensation determinations. The Board believes that a meaningful portion of director compensation should be in the form of our common stock to further align the economic interests of directors and shareowners. Employees who serve as directors do not receive any compensation for their director service.

# ANNUAL DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The elements of our director compensation program include: an annual retainer of \$307,500, delivered in both cash and equity awards, and leadership fees for our Lead Independent Director and Committee Chairs. The following table describes each element of director compensation for fiscal 2024.

	Ann	al Retainer Committee Chair Fees <sup>(1)</sup>		Lead Independent Director Fee
	Cash	Common Stock	Cash	Cash
Annual Amount	\$107,500	\$200,000	Varies by Committee and role	\$40,000
Timing of Payment/ Award	Paid in equal installments on 1 <sup>st</sup> business day of each quarter	Grant date coincides with management team annual award date in December (or pro-rata amount upon initial election to the Board)	Paid in equal installments on 1 <sup>st</sup> business day of each quarter	Paid in equal installments on 1 <sup>st</sup> business day of each quarter
Deferral Election Available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dividends	Not Applicable	Yes	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

(1) Committee Chair fees recognize the greater workload and responsibilities of directors who serve in these roles. Annual Committee member fees were eliminated since fiscal 2020 to allow for consistency, simplicity, and flexibility for Committee member rotations.

	Audit Committee	Compensation and Talent Management Committee	Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee	Technology Committee
Chair Annual Amount	\$30,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Member	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## ANNUAL LIMIT

Share-based compensation to non-employee directors is delivered under the 2020 Long-Term Incentives Plan effective February 5, 2020 and includes an annual limit of \$750,000 on total compensation of each non-employee director, including cash-and share-based compensation.

## DEFERRAL ELECTION

Under the terms of our Directors Deferred Compensation Plan, directors may elect to defer all or part of the cash payment of Board retainer or Committee fees until such time as the director specifies, with interest on deferred amounts accruing quarterly at 120% of the federal long-term rate set each month by the Secretary of the Treasury. In addition, each director has the opportunity each year to defer all or any portion of the annual grants of common stock, cash retainer, and Committee fees by electing to instead receive restricted stock units valued, in the case of cash deferrals, at the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on the date each payment would otherwise be made in cash.

### OTHER BENEFITS

We reimburse directors for transportation, lodging, and other expenses actually incurred in attending Board and Committee meetings. We also reimburse directors for similar travel, lodging, and other expenses for their spouses to accompany them to a limited number of Board meetings held as retreats to which we invite spouses for business purposes. From time to time and when available, directors and their spouses are permitted to use our Company aircraft for travel to Board meetings. In fiscal 2024, we hosted one in-person Board retreat and spouses were invited to attend.

Directors are eligible to participate in a matching gift program under which we match donations made to eligible educational, arts, or cultural institutions. Gifts are matched up to an annual calendar year maximum of \$10,000.

# DIRECTOR STOCK OWNERSHIP REQUIREMENT

Non-employee directors are subject to stock ownership requirements and may not sell any shares of our common stock until the requirement is met. To further align directors' and shareowners' economic interests, our Guidelines on Corporate Governance provide that non-management directors are required to own, within five years after joining the Board, shares of our common stock (including restricted stock units) equal in value to five times the portion of the annual retainer that is payable in cash. All directors met the requirements as of September 30, 2024, except for Mr. Knavish and Ms. Jolla, who joined the Board in February 2024 and February 2023, respectively, and both are within the five-year compliance window.

# DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows the total compensation earned by each of our non-employee directors during fiscal 2024.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Stock Awards <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	All Other Compensation <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
William P. Gipson	132,500	200,000	16,618	349,118
Alice L. Jolla	107,500	200,000	0	307,500
Steven R. Kalmanson <sup>(4)</sup>	37,802	70,138	0	107,940
James P. Keane	147,500	200,000	0	347,500
Timothy M. Knavish <sup>(5)</sup>	69,698	129,509	0	199,207
Pam Murphy <sup>(6)</sup>	107,500	200,000	0	307,500
Donald R. Parfet	107,500	200,000	20,810	328,310
Lisa A. Payne	137,500	200,000	0	337,500
Thomas W. Rosamilia	132,500	200,000	10,000	342,500
Robert W. Soderbery	107,500	200,000	5,245	312,745
Patricia A. Watson	132,500	200,000	5,863	338,363

(1) This column represents the amount of cash compensation earned in fiscal 2024 for Board and Committee Chair service (whether deferred and whether the directors elected to receive restricted stock units in lieu of cash fees). Includes the Lead Independent Director fee for Mr. Keane for the fiscal year.

(2) Values in this column represent the grant date fair value of stock awards computed in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and were granted under the 2020 Long-Term Incentives Plan. On December 4, 2023, each director, except Messrs. Kalmanson and Knavish, received 716 shares, based on the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on that date of \$279.50, with an aggregate grant date fair value of \$200,000 in payment of the common stock portion of the annual retainer. On December 4, 2023, a prorated amount of \$70,138, which equated to 251 shares, was granted to Mr. Kalmanson, who retired effective February 6, 2024, based on the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on December 4, 2023 of \$279.50. The grant date for the annual retainer coincides with the date of the annual long-term incentive awards for our management team on the date of the Compensation and Talent Management Committee meeting in December. A prorated amount of \$129,509 in payment of the common stock portion of the prorated annual retainer, which equated to 482 shares, was granted to Mr. Knavish, who was elected as a director on February 7, 2024, based on the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on that date of \$269.02. The amounts shown do not correspond to the actual value that may be realized by the directors. Directors may elect to defer the annual share awards by electing instead to receive the same number of restricted stock units. As of September 30, 2024, Messrs. Gipson, Parfet, and Soderbery had restricted stock Plan as compensation for services as directors.

(3) This column consists of cash dividend equivalents paid on restricted stock units for Messrs. Gipson, Parfet, and Soderbery of \$16,618, \$10,810, and \$5,245, respectively, and the Company's matching donations under the Company's matching gift program for Messrs. Parfet and Rosamilia, and Ms. Watson, of \$10,000, \$10,000, and \$5,863, respectively. This column does not include the perquisites and personal benefits provided to each director because the aggregate amount provided to each director was less than \$10,000.

(4) Mr. Kalmanson retired effective February 6, 2024.

(5) Mr. Knavish was elected as a director on February 7, 2024.

(6) Aggregate earnings in fiscal 2024 on the directors' deferred cash compensation balance was \$27,053 for Ms. Murphy. We do not pay "above market" interest on non-qualified deferred compensation; therefore, this column does not include these amounts.

# COMPENSATION AND TALENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation and Talent Management Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis contained in this proxy statement. Based on this review and discussion, the Compensation and Talent Management Committee recommended to the Board that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

Compensation and Talent Management Committee Patricia A. Watson, Chair Timothy M. Knavish Lisa A. Payne Thomas W. Rosamilia

# **EXECUTIVE** COMPENSATION

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# ITEM 2. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Every year our shareowners have the opportunity to provide an advisory vote on our executive compensation as required pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act. This advisory vote is one of many ways you can convey your views about our compensation programs and policies.

Our compensation philosophy is designed to attract, retain, and motivate executive talent and emphasize pay for performance, including the creation of shareowner value. We encourage you to read the Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A) and compensation tables that follow for a detailed discussion of our compensation programs and policies. We believe our compensation programs and policies are aligned with shareowner interests and worthy of your continued support as they are supported by a strong framework of compensation governance and are effective in implementing our compensation philosophy and achieving our short-and long-term goals with the appropriate level of risk. The following resolution will be submitted for a shareowner vote at the 2025 Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the shareowners of the Company approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers listed in the 2024 Summary Compensation Table included in the proxy statement for this meeting, as such compensation is disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K in this proxy statement under the section entitled "Executive Compensation," including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and other narrative executive compensation disclosures set forth under that section."

Although this vote is not binding on the Company, the Board values your views. The Board and Compensation and Talent Management Committee will review the results of the vote and take them into consideration in addressing future compensation policies and decisions.

✓ ITEM 2: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (NEOS)

This CD&A describes our executive compensation philosophy and program, as well as the specific compensation paid during fiscal year 2024 to the five current executives shown below, as well as one former SVP & Chief Financial Officer. We refer to these individuals as our "named executive officers," or NEOs.





BLAKE D. MORET Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

CHRISTIAN E. ROTHE SVP & Chief Financial Officer<sup>(1)</sup>



**SCOTT A. GENEREUX** SVP, Chief Revenue Officer



REBECCA W. HOUSE SVP, Chief People and Legal Officer & Secretary



TESSA M. MYERS SVP, Intelligent Devices

(1) Mr. Rothe was elected as SVP & Chief Financial Officer effective August 19, 2024. Our former SVP & Chief Financial Officer, Nicholas Gangestad, retired effective September 20, 2024.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### COMPENSATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Our compensation philosophy is designed to attract, retain, and motivate the high caliber executive talent necessary to deliver long-term and sustained performance to our shareowners, customers, and other stakeholders. The philosophy is implemented through our executive compensation programs that provide flexible and effective total compensation opportunities relative to our corporate performance and aligned with shareowner interests. We view our compensation programs as a means of communicating our goals and objectives while providing employees with motivating total rewards opportunities. Within this framework we seek to observe the following principles:

- Attract, Retain, and Motivate High Caliber Executive Officers Provide competitive compensation opportunities based on market data in areas where we compete for talent that allow us to attract, retain, and motivate a high caliber executive team
- Pay for Performance A significant portion of the executive's compensation should be "at-risk" and linked to the executive's individual contributions and to the Company's performance, including delivery of financial results, culture evolution, and strategic objectives
- **Transparency** Promote transparency and understanding of our programs
- Reinforce Succession Planning Compensation programs support the objectives of the succession planning process for executives
- Aligned with Company Goals and Shareowner Interests Continual review of program offerings and designs to align and evolve with shareowner interests
- **Promotes Long-Term Growth** Compensation programs focused on long-term and sustainable growth while maintaining focus on profitability and shareowner value creation
- Provide Limited Perquisites Provide only limited perquisites and other personal benefits

#### COMPONENTS OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

					al Target Direct Insation Mix
Element	Form of Award	Description	Period	CEO	Other NEOs
Base Salary	Cash	Competitive pay based on scope, experience, individual performance, and internal alignment.	One year	8%	18%
Annual Incentive (ICP)	Cash	Plan performance is based on four key financial goals with plus or minus adjustment up to 10% of target incentive for performance against strategic goals on our four cultural tenets. We also have payout modifiers based on performance to segment, team, or individual goals. Actual payouts can range from zero to 200% of target incentive.	One year	13%	16%
	Performance Shares (40%)	Realized value based on TSR performance relative to S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment). Payout can range from zero to 200% of target.	Vest after three years		
Long-Term Incentive (LTI)	Stock Options (30%)	Realized value based on appreciation in stock price relative to original grant price. Appreciation can be realized during the ten-year life of the award.	Vest over three years in three equal annual installments	79%	66%
	Restricted Stock Units (30%)	Realized value based on our stock price performance.	Vest over three years in three equal annual installments	_	

Our performance metrics included within our incentive plans are aligned with shareowner interests of a strong focus on profitability, growth, cash generation, and alignment to strategic goals that deliver shareowner value.

#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION BEST PRACTICES

We employ the following best practices to effectively manage our executive compensation program:

- Compensation program design and annual benchmarking of executive pay levels based on data from nationally recognized compensation consulting firms and peers as explained below
- Rigorous executive stock ownership requirements
- Overseen by independent directors with significant experience and knowledge of the drivers of our long-term performance
- Incentive compensation clawback policy for all our officers
- Annual assessment of compensation plan risk
- Incentive targets reward improved year-over-year and long-term financial performance
- Balanced use of absolute and relative performance incentive metrics
- No employment agreements with officers
- Limited use of change of control agreements, including no excise tax gross-ups, with a double-trigger requirement for equity vesting
- Limited use of perquisites
- Annual review of compensation consultant independence and performance

#### SHAREOWNER SUPPORT ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

At our 2024 Annual Meeting of Shareowners our shareowners voted in favor of our executive compensation programs on an advisory basis. In 2024, we engaged with shareowners to discuss our executive compensation program and feedback from those discussions was presented to the Compensation

and Talent Management Committee ("Committee"). Based on the voting results and the feedback from the shareholder discussions, we did not make any material changes to our program.

#### 2024 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

The table below demonstrates the year-over-year results for certain of our financial measures, including the non-GAAP measures (organic sales growth, adjusted EPS, and free cash flow) and key metric (organic annual recurring revenue growth) used in our annual incentive plan. See Other Information and Supplemental Financial Information sections below for the reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to our externally reported results, including a discussion of how we calculate these non-GAAP measures and key metric and why we believe they are useful to investors.



TSR is a financial measure used in our long-term incentive plan. The following graph compares the cumulative TSR of our common stock against the cumulative total return of the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment) for the three-year period from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024, assuming in each case a fixed investment of \$100 at the respective closing prices on September 30, 2021, and reinvestment of all dividends.

COMPARISON OF THREE-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN ROCKWELL AUTOMATION, S&P 500 SELECTED GICS INDEX



The cumulative total returns on Rockwell Automation common stock and the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups as of each September 30 plotted in the above graph are as follows:

		9/30/2021	1	9/30/2022	9	/30/2023	9/30/2024
Rockwell Automation <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	100.00	\$	74.44	\$	100.59	\$ 96.29
S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	S	100.00	\$	83.42	S	108.91	\$ 148.40
Rockwell Automation cash dividends per common share	\$	4.28	\$	4.48	\$	4.72	\$ 5.00

(1) Includes the reinvestment of all dividends.

(2) S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment) consistent with our relative TSR performance share benchmark group.

## ALIGNING PAY WITH PERFORMANCE

Rockwell Automation has a long-standing and strong orientation toward pay for performance in its executive compensation program. We maintain this orientation throughout economic cycles that may cause fluctuation in our operating results and compensation outcomes. The fiscal 2024 compensation of our NEOs, as explained in the Fiscal 2024 Compensation Decisions section below, aligns with our annual and long-term performance and shareowners' interests including:

- No change in base salary for our NEOs during fiscal 2024 consistent with our focus on cost discipline and execution in a challenging environment.
- No fiscal 2024 annual incentive payout due to adjusted EPS financial performance below the plan payout trigger.
- No performance share payout for performance period October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2024 due to TSR performance below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile of our comparator group.

As the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and digital transformation, our strategy is to bring the Connected Enterprise® to life. We understand and simplify our customers' complex production challenges and deliver the most valued solutions that combine technology and industry expertise. As a result, we make our customers more resilient, agile, and sustainable, creating more ways to win. We deliver value by helping our customers optimize production, build resilience, empower people, become more sustainable, and accelerate transformation. Our long-term profitable growth framework outlines how we will deliver accelerated growth while we continue to transform our company to meet stakeholder expectations over the longer term:

 Achieve faster secular growth in traditional markets due to customer needs for resiliency (including cybersecurity), agility, sustainability, and mitigating impacts of labor shortages;

- Grow share and create new ways to win through technology differentiation, industry focus, go to market acceleration, expanded offerings and new market;
- Continue double-digit growth in annual recurring revenue (ARR);
- Add 1% average annual growth from acquisitions; and
- Deliver profitable growth within a disciplined financial framework.

We believe:

- Our employees' knowledge of our customers and their applications and our technology are key factors that make our long-term business strategy work.
- It is important to align the compensation of our leadership with our long-term business strategy. Our short- and long-term incentive plans focus the management team's efforts in the areas that are critical to the success of our long-term business strategy.
- The quality of our leadership has a direct impact on our performance and success.
- A significant portion of an executive's compensation should be variable. The variable portions of our annual incentive plan (ICP) and long-term incentives (LTI) are directly linked to our performance and the creation of shareowner value. As shown in the charts below, 92% of the CEO's target compensation, and approximately 82% of the other NEOs' target compensation, was compensation at-risk in fiscal 2024:



## COMPENSATION REVIEW PROCESS

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	JUNE OR JULY	AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Т	he table below outlines the	e typical timing and annual rev	view process that our Committee	follows.

Review market trends and practices. Review incentive plans to ensure they continue to align with the Company's strategy. Review peer group and compensation risk. Approve changes to next fiscal year's incentive design, if warranted.

Review market data and tally sheets for the NEOs. Determine performance share payouts for performance period just ending. Finalize annual compensation decisions: base pay for the coming year, ICP payout for the performance period just ending, ICP targets set for next fiscal year, and target LTI awards for the performance period just beginning.

The Committee may deviate from this timing to make compensation changes regarding executives who are promoted or hired during the year or to respond to unusual conditions that require decisions on a different timetable.

Willis Towers Watson, the Committee's independent compensation consultant, the CEO, and certain other executives assist the Committee with its review of compensation of our officers. The CEO does not participate in discussion regarding his own compensation.

#### USE OF INDEPENDENT CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS

The Committee engaged Willis Towers Watson, an executive compensation consulting firm, as its independent compensation consultant during 2024. Willis Towers Watson reports directly to the Committee and the Committee has sole authority to negotiate the terms of service. Willis Towers Watson provided advice on compensation trends and market information to assist the Committee in fulfilling its duties, including the following:

- Review executive compensation strategy and programs and suggest changes to be considered to improve effectiveness;
- Provide market data and trends and how they impact our executive compensation program;
- Advise Company on setting CEO pay and other executive compensation;
- Review materials and attend Committee meetings at the request of the Committee; and

• Advise the Committee on best practices for governance of executive compensation as well as areas of possible concern or risks in the Company's compensation program.

During fiscal 2024, Willis Towers Watson was paid approximately \$190,000 for executive compensation advice, other services to the Committee, director compensation advice, and other services to the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee. During such time, Willis Towers Watson was also paid approximately \$2,985,000, of which \$2,620,000, or 88%, was for core actuarial services and \$365,000, or 12%, was for other human resources services to the Company and its benefit plans. The engagements for these other services were recommended by management and approved by the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the Company's relationship with Willis Towers Watson and concluded that Willis Towers Watson is independent and its relationship with the Company does not raise any conflict of interest.

#### PEER GROUP

The Committee believes it is important to clearly understand relevant compensation-related market pay practices for executive talent to inform its decision-making and to ensure that our executive compensation program supports our recruitment and retention needs. The compensation review process incorporates the prevalent market practice of using a defined peer group for benchmarking NEO pay levels and practices. Reflecting our growth in information technology and industrial operational technology software solutions, we incorporate specific industry sectors as part of the selection process for a relevant benchmark to our labor market for executive talent.

Following an annual review of our Compensation Peer Group, led by Willis Towers Watson, the Committee removed Sanmina Corporation, NCR Corporation, and Xerox Holdings Corporation to better align our peer group with our size, operating model and relevant market for talent. Additions to the 2024 peer group include Eaton Corporation plc and Autodesk as direct competitors aligned with our business strategy, industry, and size. Our fiscal 2024 Compensation Peer Group included the following 19 companies:

#### 2024 COMPENSATION PEER GROUP

→ AMETEK, Inc.	→ NetApp, Inc.		election Criteria			
Amphenol Corporation	→ Palo Alto Networks	<ul> <li>Revenue (approximately .5 to 2.0 times our revenue)</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Industry but</li> </ul>	usiness focus:			
→ Autodesk	Parker-Hannifin Corporation	<ul> <li>Industrial machinery,</li> </ul>				
→ Corning Incorporated	→ Seagate Technology, PLC	<ul> <li>Electrical components and manufacturing services, and</li> </ul>				
Dover Corporation	→ Synopsys, Inc.	<ul> <li>Technology hardware and software</li> </ul>				
		<ul> <li>Market capitalization reviewed and considered</li> </ul>				
→ Eaton Corporation plc	→ TE Connectivity	Percentile Positioning Relative to Peers				
→ Emerson Electric Co.	→ Trimble Inc.	48 <sup>th</sup>	45 <sup>th</sup>			
→ Fortive Corporation	→ VMware, Inc.	REVENUE	MARKET CAPITALIZATION			
→ Intuit Inc.	Zebra Technologies Corporation					
→ Keysight Technologies, Inc.						

We also consider broader market data in setting each element of our NEOs' and other officers' compensation. In particular, the Committee reviewed custom industry market data from the results of surveys provided by Willis Towers Watson and Aon. This custom benchmarking includes specific industry sectors that best represent our labor market, size-adjusted based on revenue to yield an index of approximately 250 companies. The Company is near the median revenue of both this broader-based benchmark group and the Compensation Peer Group (collectively, the "Peer Groups").

We believe our compensation review process provides information for management and the Committee to determine appropriate target compensation opportunities for our NEOs based on where we compete for talent and aligns with best practices in the market. This process provides flexible and effective total compensation opportunities relative to our corporate performance and aligned with shareowner interests.

#### USE OF TALLY SHEETS

We consider the total compensation (earned or potentially available) for each NEO in establishing each element of compensation. As part of our compensation review process, the Committee conducts a total compensation review or "Tally Sheet". This review encompasses three years of all elements of compensation, including base salary, annual incentives, realized value of LTI awards, and retirement benefits. We also review each NEOs' Company stock ownership as well as potential termination payments. Based upon the results of this analysis, the Committee concluded that our compensation programs are in line with our compensation philosophy.

### FISCAL 2024 COMPENSATION DECISIONS

#### **BASE SALARY**

There were no salary changes during fiscal 2024 and the salaries for all NEOs remain unchanged from the base pay effective January 2023, except for Christian Rothe who was elected SVP and Chief Financial Officer on August 19, 2024, at an annual base salary of \$800,000. The decision to make no salary changes for continuing NEOs is consistent with our focus on cost discipline and execution in a challenging environment during fiscal 2024.

#### ANNUAL INCENTIVE COMPENSATION

We provide annual incentive opportunities to our NEOs under our ICP.

#### NEO TARGETS

At the start of each fiscal year, or upon hire, we establish for each executive an annual incentive compensation target equal to a percentage of the individual's base salary effective as of the fiscal year-end period. For the NEOs, the target is based on our Peer Groups' benchmark with adjustments to reflect internal equity and other subjective factors.

The table below summarizes the fiscal 2024 annual targets for our NEOs eligible for fiscal 2024 ICP awards which can range from zero to 200% of target incentive, in line with our pay for performance orientation. Mr. Rothe was not eligible for a fiscal 2024 award as he was hired after July 1, 2024, our cut-off for participating in the fiscal period.

Name	Annual Incentive Target % of Base Salary
Blake D. Moret	150%
Scott A. Genereux	80%
Rebecca W. House	80%
Tessa M. Myers	80%
Nicholas C. Gangestad <sup>(1)</sup>	100%

 Mr. Gangestad retired as SVP & Chief Financial Officer effective September 20, 2024.

#### ROLE OF MANAGEMENT

The Committee assesses the performance of the CEO and sets the CEO's compensation in executive session without the CEO present. The CEO reviews the performance of our other officers, including the other NEOs, with the Committee and makes recommendations regarding each element of their compensation for the Committee's review and approval. The Committee and the CEO are assisted in their review by Willis Towers Watson and the Senior Vice President, Chief People & Legal Officer. The other NEOs do not play a role in their own compensation determinations other than discussing their performance with the CEO.

#### 2024 ICP MEASURES AND GOALS

The Committee annually reviews the compensation measures and weightings and our fiscal 2024 ICP was designed to reward our executives for achieving the Company's financial goals. The following table indicates the fiscal 2024 ICP financial measures and weightings for assessment of Company-wide financial performance for all the NEOs:



#### PAYOUT TRIGGER: Adjusted EPS must be above \$12.00 for any payout

Organic ARR and sales growth, adjusted EPS, and free cash flow directly link incentive metrics to key Company financial goals with a balance between sales, earnings, and capital management. The Committee uses the Company's annual operating plan as the basis for setting our financial goals under our incentive compensation plans. The ICP financial goals for fiscal 2024 are shown below. The Committee determined that meeting these goals would require significant effort and achievement on the part of the management team and all Company employees in the continued execution of our strategy. Target goals for adjusted EPS and organic sales growth were set above the midpoint of external guidance in November 2023. Moreover, the Committee determined that no payments would be made under the ICP if adjusted EPS was less than \$12.00regardless of performance against any of the other financial goals.

On an annual basis the Committee evaluates whether any adjustments to the calculation of the ICP financial measures are appropriate for items such as acquisitions or legal settlements that were not anticipated at the time the goals were set. See Other Information and Supplemental Financial Information sections below for the reconciliation to our externally reported results.

In recognition of the critical role that culture plays in the Company's success, our fiscal 2024 ICP also included a possible adjustment based on strategic Company goal performance tied to the evolution of our culture. Our fiscal 2024 strategic goals were aligned to the four tenets of our culture:

- Strengthen our commitment to integrity, diversity, and inclusion;
- Be willing to compare ourselves to the best alternatives;
- Increase the speed of decision making; and
- Have a steady stream of fresh ideas.

A positive or negative ten percent adjustment to the fiscal 2024 ICP payout based on financial measure performance could be made based on the CEO and Committee's assessment of progress made on the strategic goals. Additionally, the Committee can adjust the NEO payout based on individual, team, or segment performance downwards to zero or upwards to two times the NEOs target annual incentive amount.

#### 2024 PERFORMANCE AND PAYOUT RESULTS

In light of our pay for performance philosophy and based on our adjusted EPS performance below our performance threshold level, there are no fiscal 2024 ICP award payouts to our NEOs or other plan participants. The following table shows the 2024 financial goals used to determine award payouts under our ICP for fiscal 2024 and our performance compared to those goals.

Financial Measure <sup>(1)</sup>		Threshold 50% Payout	Target 100% Payout	Maximum 200% Payout	Weighting	Payout Result Percentage
Adjusted EPS for ICP	Actual \$ <b>9.71</b>	\$12.00	\$13.90	\$15.00	40%	0%
Organic Sales Growth	Actual (10%)	(2%)	4.5%	10.6%	25%	0%
Organic ARR Growth	   	Actu 10.0% 14%	ual 17.0%	23.0%	15%	0%
Free Cash Flow for ICP	Actual \$639	\$1,345	\$1,594	\$1,697	20%	0%
	I		ICP earned pa	yout percentage fo	r financial measures	0%
			Adjustment fo	or performance aga	inst strategic goals	0%
	1		Fiscal 2024 in	ncentive plan earno	ed payout	0%

 Adjusted EPS for ICP, organic sales growth, and free cash flow for ICP are non-GAAP measures, and organic ARR growth is a key metric. See Other Information and Supplemental Financial Information sections below for the reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to our externally reported results.

#### LONG-TERM INCENTIVES (LTI)

The principal purpose of our long-term incentives is to reward management for creating shareowner value and to align the financial interests of management and shareowners. The creation of shareowner value is important not only in absolute terms, but also relative to the value created as compared to other investment alternatives available to our shareowners. The Committee approves annual LTI awards for the CEO and executive officers, including the other NEOs, by individual and the CEO recommends to the Committee the LTI awards for other employees in total as a group.

As a critical element of our executive compensation program, at-risk long-term incentives make up the largest component of total pay for our NEOs. In fiscal 2024, the overall structure of our LTI program for executives continued to have three components with allocation of stock options, performance shares, and restricted stock to the following percentages of the total LTI value:



The allocation of annual LTI awards is based on our review of market practices for our Peer Groups, our pay for performance philosophy, and strong emphasis on creating shareowner value and attracting and retaining talent.

We generally make annual LTI awards near the beginning of each fiscal year at the same time the Committee performs its annual management performance evaluation and takes other compensation actions. Annual LTI awards for officers occur on the same date as annual LTI awards for our other professional and managerial employees and our Board of Directors. As the grant date for our annual LTI awards generally occurs on the day the Committee meets in the first quarter of our fiscal year, the grant date is set in advance when the schedule of Committee meetings is arranged. We do not grant LTI awards in anticipation of the release of material non-public information. Similarly, we do not time the release of information based on LTI award grant dates.

We occasionally make LTI awards to new executives as they are hired or current executives when promoted or to address retention during the year. These awards are approved by the Committee, and the award date is the date the award is approved or, if later, the start date for a new executive or promotion.

In determining the fiscal 2024 annual LTI awards for the NEOs, the following factors were considered:

 Information on each NEO's total compensation compared to the compensation for similar positions at the companies in the Peer Groups;

- Internal comparisons with other officers;
- Historical information regarding the NEOs' long-term compensation opportunities; and
- Individual past and expected future contributions to our long-term performance.

The following table includes the aggregate grant date fair value of awards granted in fiscal 2024. These amounts were determined using the valuation method described in the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table and may not correspond to the actual value that may be realized by the NEOs. The awards reflect the Committee's assessment of leadership and competencies demonstrated and performance in the role and position to market benchmarks of our Peer Groups. Our annual LTI award components are explained below.

Name	Fiscal Year 2024 LTI (\$)	Award Information
Blake D. Moret	11,000,347	Fiscal 2024 long-term incentive as described above
Christian E. Rothe	2,000,147	Mr. Rothe was hired August 19, 2024, and his award was part of the one-time incentive to join the Company. The award was 50% stock options and 50% restricted stock units, as performance shares are only granted annually in December.
Scott A. Genereux	2,200,390	Fiscal 2024 long-term incentive as described above
Rebecca W. House	2,200,390	Fiscal 2024 long-term incentive as described above
Tessa M. Myers	2,200,390	Fiscal 2024 long-term incentive as described above
Nicholas C. Gangestad	3,200,392	Fiscal 2024 long-term incentive as described above; however, award was forfeited as his retirement on September 20, 2024, was before the one-year anniversary of the award date.

#### STOCK OPTIONS

We believe that stock options are an appropriate vehicle to reward management for increases in shareowner value, as they provide no value unless our share price increases above the grant date exercise price. The stock option grants vest in three equal increments one, two, and three years after the grant date, and have a 10-year life. The exercise price of all stock options is the fair market value of our stock at the close of trading on the date of the grant (the exercise price for stock options granted during fiscal 2024 was \$279.50, the closing price on December 4, 2023). We do not reprice stock options, and it is prohibited by our long-term incentive plan.

#### PERFORMANCE SHARES

Performance shares are designed to reward management for our relative TSR performance compared to our benchmarks over a three-year period. The payouts of performance shares granted will be made in shares of our common stock or cash, as determined by the Committee, and will range from 0% to 200% of the target number of shares awarded. The unvested performance shares are not eligible for dividends. For performance shares, the relative performance benchmark group index includes companies that are aligned with the Company's strategic direction as indicated below. The payout formula, as summarized below, aligns closely to our Compensation Peer Groups' prevalent practices to ensure we can attract and retain talent. The number of shares earned will be interpolated for results between those percentiles. If performance shares are earned but absolute TSR is negative, the number of shares earned will be capped at target.

	Threshold	Target	Maximum
Rockwell Automation TSR Performance Relative to S&P 500 Selected GICS Group (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment) over a Three-Year Period	25 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
Percent of Target Shares Earned	50%	100%	200%

#### 2022-2024 PERFORMANCE SHARE PAYOUT RESULTS

For the performance period from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2024, our three-year TSR was below the 25th percentile of the companies in the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups including Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment companies, resulting in no performance shares earned. We use the 20-trading day average trading price of our common stock ending September 30 to determine the starting and final price for the calculation of TSR.

We believe the payout history of our long-term incentive plan demonstrates our pay for performance philosophy and our emphasis on long-term incentives that are aligned with the interest of shareowners.

#### RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS

We grant restricted stock units primarily to attract and retain high quality executives and to align with shareowner interests.

We grant restricted stock units that vest in three equal increments at one, two, and three years after the grant date. The restricted stock units accrue dividend equivalents that are paid in cash upon vesting of the underlying shares. We believe this approach aligns to prevalent market practice and positions us to attract and retain talent.

### COMPENSATION RISK ASSESSMENT

The Committee engages Willis Towers Watson annually to conduct a review of our executive compensation programs relative to the potential for incentives to motivate excessive risk-taking in a way that could materially affect the Company. Willis Towers Watson reviews the measures used in each

#### PERQUISITES

During fiscal 2024, our officers received very limited perquisites that included personal liability insurance, annual physicals, and, if applicable, recreational activities at Board retreats, relocation assistance, expatriate benefits, and limited personal use of Company plane and entertainment suites. Upon retirement, officers may elect to continue the personal liability insurance coverage at their own expense. For more information on our NEO perquisites during fiscal 2024, see the All Other Compensation Table below.

#### OTHER

Our NEOs receive the same benefits as other eligible U.S. salaried employees. They participate on the same basis as other eligible U.S. salaried employees in our health and welfare plans, pension plan and 401(k) savings plan, and patent recognition program. Our non-qualified pension and savings plans use the same formulas as our qualified plans and provide benefits that may not be paid under our qualified plans due to limitations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Our deferred compensation plan offers investment measurement options similar to those in our 401(k) savings plan and does not have any guaranteed rates of return.

program, the target-setting process, and the overall governance of our compensation plans. The 2024 review concluded that we have strong governance procedures and that our plans do not present a material risk to the Company or encourage excessive risk-taking by participants. Willis Towers Watson determined our executive compensation programs do not encourage our executives to take excessive risk due to, among many considerations, the following plan design elements:

- Our ICP provides a balance among organic sales and ARR growth, earnings, and cash flow performance, limiting the effect of over-performance in one area at the expense of others
- Payouts under our ICP are capped at twice the NEO's ICP target, limiting excessive rewards for short-term results
- Our recoupment policy and clawback agreements mitigate against excessive risk taking
- The Committee can reduce or withhold an incentive payment if it determines that the executive has caused the Company to incur excessive risk
- A majority of the total direct compensation for our NEOs is in the form of long-term incentives
- Our mix of equity award types appropriately motivates long-term performance
- A majority of our equity awards vest over a period of several years, which encourages a long-term focus
- Our NEOs are subject to stock ownership requirements, which align their long-term interests with the interests of our other shareowners

## OTHER COMPENSATION POLICIES

#### CHANGE OF CONTROL AND SEVERANCE

We have change of control agreements with each of the NEOs and certain other officers. Our current agreements are effective if there is a change of control (as defined in the agreements) on or before September 30, 2025. These agreements are reviewed and renewed every three years.

For a description of the purpose and value of the change of control agreements, see "Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change of Control."

We do not have severance agreements in place with the NEOs for terminations other than those covered by our change of control agreements. However, we have at times entered into severance agreements with executives in connection with the termination of their employment, with the terms and conditions depending upon the individual circumstances of the termination, the transition role we expect from the executive, and the Company's best interests.

#### STOCK OWNERSHIP POLICY

We believe our focus on pay for performance is sharpened by aligning the long-term financial interests of our officers with those of our other shareowners. Accordingly, our stock ownership policy sets the following minimum ownership requirements for our officers. Our policy requires the following ownership requirements:

	Common Stock Market Value (Multiple of Base Salary)
Chief Executive Officer	6
Senior Vice President Officers	3
Vice President Officers	1.5

Officers must meet the ownership requirement within five years. There is also a hold-until-met requirement that prohibits an officer below the ownership guideline from selling his or her shares of stock, except for sales to cover taxes, the exercise price of stock options, and transaction costs. In addition, the policy expressly encourages officers to use Rule 10b5-1 trading plans for transactions involving sales of Company common stock.

Our stock ownership policy includes shares owned directly (including restricted shares and restricted stock units) or through our savings plans (including share equivalents under our non-qualified savings plans) when determining whether an officer meets the ownership requirements. We exclude stock options or performance share units when considering ownership.

As of September 30, 2024, all NEOs met the stock ownership requirements or are on track to meeting the requirement within the required five-year period.

#### OFFICER TRADING RESTRICTIONS

Under our trading procedures, an officer may not engage in any transactions involving Company securities, including gifts and option exercises, without first obtaining pre-clearance of the transaction from our Chief Legal Officer or Assistant Secretary. Generally, trading is only permitted during announced trading periods. Employees subject to trading restrictions, including officers, may enter into a trading plan under Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), that would allow trades outside a trading period. Our policy on Rule 10b5-1 trading plans requires (i) plans to be entered into during an open trading window, (ii) trades to occur during a trading window unless the plan uses a limit price or is used to pay taxes on equity vesting outside a window, (iii) a minimum 90-day wait before the first trade can occur (unless the trade is to cover taxes on equity vesting before then), and (iv)Company approval. Plans can be amended only during an open trading window and cannot be terminated except in extraordinary circumstances, subject in both cases to approval by our Chief Legal Officer.

We also have an anti-hedging policy that prohibits employees from engaging in any transaction that is designed or intended to hedge or otherwise limit exposure to decreases in the market value of Company stock, and an anti-pledging policy that prohibits officers from pledging Company securities.

# RECOUPMENT POLICY, CLAWBACKS, AND OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS

Our updated recoupment (clawback) policy was adopted by our Board effective as of October 1, 2023, with changes made in accordance with the SEC rules adopted to implement requirements of the Dodd-Frank Act. The policy applies to current and former officers subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act and includes a three-year lookback for incentive compensation from the time of a material restatement if a recoupment is required. Under the policy, in the event of a restatement of our consolidated financial statements, whether at fault or otherwise, the Committee will, if applicable, require reimbursement or payment to us of the excess amount of any incentive compensation received by the officer during the three fiscal years preceding the earlier to occur of (i) the date on which the Company determines, or reasonably should have determined, such restatement is required or (ii) the date a court, regulator, or other legally authorized body directs the Company to prepare such restatement, over the amount of incentive compensation that would have been received by the officer had it been based on the restated financial statements.

The Committee believes that the Company's clawback policy is in keeping with good standards of corporate governance and mitigates the potential for excessive risk taking by Company executives.

Additionally, our equity award agreements contain certain post-employment restrictive covenants, including two-year non-competition and non-solicitation covenants, that give the Company the right, in the event of a breach, to recoup the gain on any shares of Company common stock acquired during the two years before the date of the officer's retirement or other termination of employment.

#### DEDUCTIBILITY

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 enacted significant changes to Section 162(m) of the Code, including the repeal of the "performance-based" compensation exemption and the expansion of the definition of "covered employees". As a result of these changes, we expect that compensation to NEOs in excess of \$1 million will not be deductible by the Company unless it qualifies for limited transition relief that applies to certain arrangements in place as of November 2, 2017, that have not been materially modified.

# SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table sets forth the total compensation of each of the NEOs for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Bonus <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Stock Awards <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Option Awards <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings <sup>(7)</sup> (\$)	All Other Compensation <sup>(8)</sup> (\$)	Total (\$)
Blake D. Moret President & Chief	2024	1,210,456	0	7,700,286	3,300,061	0	4,196,718	23,283	16,430,804
Executive Officer	2023	1,198,817	0	7,000,325	3,000,013	3,006,773	2,519,169	39,923	16,765,020
	2022	1,163,900	0	6,300,606	2,700,018	748,970	0	74,210	10,987,703
<b>Christian E. Rothe<sup>(1)</sup></b> Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer	2024	95,019	500,000	1,000,069	1,000,078	0	0	37,475	2,632,641
Scott A. Genereux Senior Vice	2024	644,280	0	1,540,343	660,047	0	0	97,442	2,942,112
President, Chief Revenue Officer	2023	638,085	0	1,750,231	750,042	853,542	0	63,923	4,055,823
	2022	614,569	0	1,400,519	600,082	212,612	0	71,451	2,899,234
Rebecca W. House Senior Vice	2024	663,624	0	1,540,343	660,047	0	0	84,939	2,948,953
President, Chief People & Legal	2023	657,243	0	2,100,434	900,004	879,169	0	57,270	4,594,120
Officer & Secretary	2022	633,017	0	1,260,647	540,021	218,996	0	74,100	2,726,781
Tessa M. Myers Senior Vice President, Intelligent Devices	2024	624,000	0	1,540,343	660,047	0	582,158	21,840	3,428,388
Nicholas C. Gangestad <sup>(1)</sup>	2024	899,177	0	2,240,348	960,044	0	0	139,753	4,239,322
Former Senior Vice President & Chief	2023	850,780	0	2,240,531	960,004	1,422,570	0	88,519	5,562,404
Financial Officer	2022	819,425	0	2,240,235	960,008	354,354	0	92,870	4,466,892

(1) Mr. Rothe was elected as SVP and Chief Financial Officer effective August 19, 2024. Mr. Gangestad retired effective September 20, 2024. Mr. Gangestad's fiscal 2024 stock and option awards were forfeited as he retired prior to the one-year anniversary of the award date.

(2) For Mr. Gangestad, amount includes fiscal 2024 salary and accrued vacation payout upon separation from the Company.

(3) Amount in this column represents the cash sign-on bonus upon hire paid in fiscal 2024 inclusive of two-year clawback upon certain terminations for Mr. Rothe.

(4) Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of restricted stock and performance share awards granted calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The grant date fair value of restricted stock was \$265.20, \$279.50, \$259.81, and \$350.76 per share for August 19, 2024, December 4, 2023, December 9, 2022, and December 7, 2021, respectively. Performance share awards are valued at the target number of shares with a grant date fair value of \$295.06, \$340.77, and \$481.28 for 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. The assumptions applicable to these valuations are set forth in Note 13, Share-Based Compensation, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The amounts shown may not correspond to the actual value that may be realized by the NEOs. If the performance share awards are valued at two times the target number of shares (the maximum potential payout), then for fiscal 2024 the stock award amount would increase by \$4,400,230, \$880,164, \$880,164, and \$880,164, for Messrs. Moret and Genereux, Mss. House and Myers, respectively. For additional information on awards made in fiscal 2024, see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table and Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table.

- (5) Amounts in this column represent the grant date fair value of option awards granted calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The grant date fair value was \$80.71, \$85.91, \$77.62, and \$87.68 per share for August 19, 2024, December 4, 2023, December 9, 2022, and December 7, 2021, respectively. The assumptions applicable to these valuations are set forth in Note 13, Share-Based Compensation, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The amounts shown may not correspond to the actual value that may be realized by the NEOs. For additional information on awards made in fiscal 2024, see the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table and Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End Table.
- (6) This column represents amounts paid under our ICP for performance in the fiscal year. For more information about our ICP, see the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table.
- (7) We do not pay "above market" interest on non-qualified deferred compensation; therefore, this column reflects changes in pension values only. Mr. Moret and Ms. Myers participate in two pension plans with the same requirements and benefits as other employees hired or rehired before July 1, 2010. The changes in pension value amounts for each year and for each NEO represent the difference from September 30 of the prior year to September 30 of each year in the actuarial present value of the NEOs accrued pension benefit at their unreduced retirement age under our qualified and non-qualified pension plans. These amounts are based on benefits provided by the plan formula and converted to a present value using a discount rate which was 5.10% in fiscal 2022, 6.10% in fiscal 2023, and 5.65% in fiscal 2022. For information on the formula and assumptions used to calculate these amounts, see the Pension Benefits Table. Messrs. Rothe, Genereux, and Gangestad and Ms. House do not participate in the qualified and non-qualified pension plans as they were hired after the plans were closed to new participants (July 1, 2010).
- (8) This column represents the Company matching contributions for the NEOs under our savings plans, deferred compensation plan for Mr. Gangestad, a non-elective contribution (NEC) of 4% for Mr. Gangestad and Ms. House and 5% for Mr. Genereux, and perquisites provided to Messrs. Moret and Rothe. For further information, see Pension Benefits Table and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation sections below. The aggregate amount of personal benefits and perquisites provided to each NEO during fiscal 2024, 2023, and 2022 was less than \$10,000 (except for Mr. Moret in 2024, 2023, and 2022, Mr. Rothe in 2024, and Mr. Gangestad in 2023 and 2022) and, therefore, is not included in All Other Compensation. See All Other Compensation Table for more information.

## ALL OTHER COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table describes each element of the All Other Compensation column in the Summary Compensation Table for fiscal 2024.

Name	Value of Company Contributions to Plans <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Tax Gross Up <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Perquisites <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Total <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)
Blake D. Moret	12,075	-	11,208	23,283
Christian E. Rothe	_	7,811	29,664	37,475
Scott A. Genereux	97,442	-	_	97,442
Rebecca W. House	84,939	_	_	84,939
Tessa M. Myers	21,840	-	_	21,840
Nicholas C. Gangestad	139,753	_	_	139,753

(1) This column includes the Company matching contributions to all the NEOs' 401(k) savings plan and non-qualified savings plan accounts, deferred compensation plan for Mr. Gangestad, and for Messrs. Genereux and Gangestad and Ms. House, an NEC of \$74,891, \$114,081, and \$61,712, respectively, as they were hired after July 1, 2010. Mr. Rothe was not eligible for an NEC during fiscal 2024 with a hire date on August 19, 2024. For further information, see Pension Benefits Table and Non-Qualified Deferred Compensation sections below.

(2) The aggregate amount of personal benefits and perquisites provided to each NEO, except for Messrs. Moret and Rothe, during fiscal 2024 was less than \$10,000 and, therefore, is not included in All Other Compensation. Amounts included in this column for Mr. Moret were related to personal use of the Company plane by Mr. Moret, his spouse, and other family members, costs for personal liability insurance, entertainment suites used for personal use, and recreational activities at one Board retreat calculated at the incremental cost to the Company. The incremental cost of the Company plane is calculated by taking total variable costs divided by total flight hours and imputed for income tax purposes. Amounts included in this column for Mr. Rothe were related to relocation costs of \$29,197 consistent with the Company's U.S. Domestic Executive Homeowner Relocation policy and personal liability insurance and are included based on the incremental cost to the Company for those benefits. Mr. Rothe was also provided tax-gross up on the relocation benefits.

(3) To the extent dividends were paid or accrued on long-term incentive awards, they are not included as those amounts were factored into the grant date fair value of those awards.

# GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS TABLE

The following table provides information about equity and non-equity awards made to the NEOs in fiscal 2024.

			Estimated Under Noi Pla		ncentive			entive	Number of Shares of	Option Awards <sup>(5)</sup> : Number of Securities	Exercise or Base Price of	Fair Value of Stock
Name	Grant Type	Grant Date <sup>(1)</sup>	Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)		Threshold ) (#)	Target (#)	Maximum (#)	Units	Underlying Options (#)	Option Awards <sup>(6)</sup> (\$ / Sh)	and Option Awards <sup>(7)</sup> (\$)
Blake D. Moret	Incentive Compensation		01	1,815,684	3,631,368	}						
	Performance Shares	12/4/2023				0	14,913	29,826				4,400,230
	Restricted Stock Units	12/4/2023							11,807			3,300,057
	Stock Options	12/4/2023								38,413	279.50	3,300,061
Christian E. Rothe	Restricted Stock Units	8/19/2024	0	0	(	)			3,771			1,000,069
	Stock Options	8/19/2024								12,391	265.20	1,000,078
Scott A. Genereux	Incentive Compensation		0	515,424	1,030,848	}						
	Performance Shares	12/4/2023				0	2,983	5,966				880,164
	Restricted Stock Units	12/4/2023							2,362			660,179
	Stock Options	12/4/2023								7,683	279.50	660,047
Rebecca W. House	Incentive Compensation		0	530,899	1,061,798	}						
	Performance Shares	12/4/2023				0	2,983	5,966				880,164
	Restricted Stock Units	12/4/2023							2,362			660,179
	Stock Options	12/4/2023								7,683	279.50	660,047
Tessa M. Myers	Incentive Compensation		0	499,200	998,400	)						
	Performance Shares	12/4/2023				0	2,983	5,966				880,164
	Restricted Stock Units	12/4/2023							2,362			660,179
	Stock Options	12/4/2023								7,683	279.50	660,047
Nicholas C. Gangestad <sup>(8)</sup>	Incentive Compensation		0	859,040	1,718,080	)						
	Performance Shares	12/4/2023				0	4,339	8,678				1,280,265
	Restricted Stock Units	12/4/2023							3,435			960,083
	Stock Options	12/4/2023								11,175	279.50	960,044

(1) In fiscal 2024, annual equity grants were made to NEOs on December 4, 2023, excluding Mr. Rothe. Mr. Rothe was granted an award of stock options and restricted stock units on August 19, 2024, when elected SVP and Chief Financial Officer.

- (2) These columns show the potential value of the cash payout for each NEO under the ICP for fiscal 2024 if the threshold, target and maximum goals are met. For each NEO an incentive compensation target equal to a percentage of the individual's base salary is set at the beginning of the year or upon hire. Amounts shown are based on base salary on September 30, 2024 and reflect the annual incentive prorated for time worked during the fiscal year, excluding Mr. Rothe who was hired after the date required to receive a fiscal 2024 payout (July 1, 2024). Actual ICP payments may be higher or lower than the target based on Company financial and operating performance and individual performance. The Committee has discretion to change the amount of any award regardless of whether the goals are met, and payouts are capped at twice the individual's ICP target.
- (3) These columns show the threshold, target and maximum payouts under performance shares awarded during fiscal year 2024. The payout in respect of these performance shares will be made in shares of our common stock and/or cash in an amount determined based on the TSR of our common stock, assuming reinvestment of all dividends, compared to the performance of companies in the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment) for the period from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026, if the individual continues as an employee until the third anniversary of the grant date (subject to provisions relating to the grantee's death, disability, retirement, or a change of control of the Company). The payouts will be at zero, the target amount and the maximum amount if our TSR is equal to or less than the 25th percentile, equal to the 50th percentile and equal to or greater than the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the TSR of companies in the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups (Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment), respectively, over the applicable three-year period, with the payout interpolated for results between those percentiles. We use the 20-trading day average trading price of our common stock, ending September 30 to determine the starting price and the final TSR. The potential value of a payout will fluctuate with the market value of our common stock.
- (4) This column shows the number of restricted stock units granted in fiscal 2024 to the NEOs. The grant date fair value of restricted stock units was \$279.50 and \$265.20 per share for awards granted on December 4, 2023 and August 19, 2024, respectively, computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and the assumptions set forth in Note 13, Share-Based Compensation, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The restricted stock units granted vest 1/3 on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the grant dates (subject to provisions related to the grantee's death, retirement, or a change of control). Restricted stock units accrue dividend equivalents that are payable in cash when the underlying shares vest.
- (5) This column shows the number of stock options granted in fiscal 2024 to the NEOs under our 2020 Long-Term Incentives Plan. The options vest and become exercisable in three substantially equal installments beginning one year after the grant date. The grant date fair value of the awards granted on December 4, 2023 and August 19, 2024, computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP, was \$85.91 and \$80.71 per share, respectively. This amount was calculated using the Black-Scholes pricing model and the assumptions set forth in Note 13, Share-Based Compensation, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.
- (6) This column shows the exercise price for stock options granted, which was the closing price of our common stock on December 4, 2023 and August 19, 2024, the grant date of the options.
- (7) This column shows the aggregate grant date fair value of the performance share awards at target, which was based on \$295.06 per share computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP and the assumptions set forth in Note 13, Share-Based Compensation, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. The aggregate grant date fair value of the performance share awards at two times the target number of shares was \$8,800,460, \$1,760,328, and \$2,560,531 for Messrs. Moret, Genereux, and Gangestad, respectively, and \$1,760,328 and \$1,760,328 for Messrs. House and Myers, respectively.
- (8) Mr. Gangestad's fiscal 2024 equity incentive award was forfeited as his September 20, 2024 retirement was before the one-year anniversary of the award date.

# OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END TABLE

The following table provides information about equity awards made to the NEOs that are outstanding as of September 30, 2024.

		Option Awards <sup>(1)</sup>						Sto	ck Awards	
Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date		Have Not	Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(4)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)
Blake D.	12/4/2023		38,413		279.50	12/4/2033	11,807	3,169,707	29,826	8,007,088
Moret	12/9/2022	12,883	25,767		259.81	12/9/2032	7,698	2,066,605	23,478	6,302,904
	12/7/2021	20,529	10,265		350.76	12/7/2031	2,566	688,868	14,962	4,016,699
	12/10/2020	35,200			246.77	12/10/2030				
	12/5/2019	70,200			196.43	12/5/2029				
	12/4/2018	69,200			171.46	12/4/2028				
	12/8/2017	57,100			192.86	12/8/2027				
	12/6/2016	62,400			136.40	12/6/2026				
	7/1/2016	24,400			115.89	7/1/2026				
	12/3/2015	26,700			104.08	12/3/2025				
Christian E. Rothe	8/19/2024	0	12,391		265.20	8/19/2034	3,771	1,012,363		
Scott A.	12/4/2023		7,683		279.50	12/4/2033	2,362	634,103	5,966	1,601,632
Genereux	12/9/2022	3,221	6,442		259.81	12/9/2032	1,925	516,786	5,870	1,575,860
	12/7/2021	4,562	2,282		350.76	12/7/2031	571	153,291	3,326	892,898
Rebecca W.	12/4/2023		7,683		279.50	12/4/2033	2,362	634,103	5,966	1,601,632
House	12/9/2022	3,865	7,730		259.81	12/9/2032	2,310	620,143	7,044	1,891,032
	12/7/2021	4,105	2,054		350.76	12/7/2031	514	137,988	2,994	803,769
	12/10/2020	6,500			246.77	12/10/2030				
	12/5/2019	12,600			196.43	12/5/2029				
	12/8/2017	10,200			192.86	12/8/2027				
Tessa M.	12/4/2023		7,683		279.50	12/4/2033	2,362	634,103	5,966	1,601,632
Myers	12/9/2022	2,319	4,638		259.81	12/9/2032	1,386	372,086	4,226	1,134,512
	6/6/2022						776	208,325		
	12/7/2021	1,825	913		350.76	12/7/2031	229	61,477	1,330	357,052
	12/10/2020	2,200			246.77	12/10/2030				
Nicholas C.	12/4/2023		0		279.50		0	0	0	0
Gangestad <sup>(5)</sup>	12/9/2022	4,122	8,246		259.81	12/9/2032	2,464	661,485	4,464	1,198,405
	12/7/2021	7,299	3,650		350.76	12/7/2031	913	245,104	4,942	1,326,729

(1) All option awards vest 1/3 on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the grant date (subject to provisions related to the grantee's death, retirement or a change of control).

(2) All restricted stock units vest 1/3 on each of the first, second, and third anniversaries of the grant date (both subject to provisions related to the grantee's death, retirement or a change of control).

(3) The market value of the stock awards is based on the closing market price of our common stock as of September 30, 2024, which was \$268.46.

(4) This column shows the maximum number of performance shares outstanding. The payout can be from 0% to 200% of the target as described in footnote 3 to the Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table. All performance shares earned will vest and be paid out on the third anniversary of the grant date (subject to provisions relating to the grantee's death, disability, retirement, or a change of control). The performance shares awarded on December 7, 2021 had a 0% payout and no shares were earned.

(5) Mr. Gangestad's fiscal 2024 award was forfeited on his September 20, 2024 retirement as it was before the one-year anniversary of the award date. Based on the terms of the awards, he received retirement treatment for his fiscal 2022 and 2023 awards.

# OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED TABLE

The following table provides additional information about stock option exercises and shares acquired upon the vesting of stock awards, including the value realized, by the NEOs during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

	Option Awa	rds	Stock Awa	tock Awards	
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise <sup>(1)</sup> (#)	Value Realized on Exercise <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	
Blake D. Moret	900	143,055	17,077	4,754,815	
Christian E. Rothe	-	_	_	_	
Scott A. Genereux	-	_	4,224	1,134,366	
Rebecca W. House	13,900	1,550,723	5,011	1,405,441	
Tessa M. Myers	_	_	2,358	638,570	
Nicholas C. Gangestad	_	_	7,453	2,131,151	

(1) Mr. Moret retained 900 shares.

(2) Based on the closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on the exercise date or vesting date, as applicable.

# PENSION BENEFITS TABLE

The following table shows the present value of accumulated benefits as of September 30, 2024 payable to the NEOs under the Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan and Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan based on the assumptions described in footnote 1 to this table.

		Number of Years Credited Service	Present Value of Accumulated Benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	Payments During Last Fiscal Year
Name	Plan Name	(#)	(\$)	(\$)
Blake D. Moret	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	40	1,858,474	-
	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	40	18,325,389	-
Christian E. Rothe <sup>(2)</sup>	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	_	_	-
	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	_	-	-
Scott A. Genereux <sup>(2)</sup>	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	_	_	_
	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	_	-	-
Rebecca W. House <sup>(2)</sup>	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	-	_	-
	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	_	-	-
Tessa M. Myers	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	25	685,592	_
	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	25	1,079,119	-
Nicholas C. Gangestad <sup>(2)</sup>	Rockwell Automation Pension (Qualified) Plan	_	_	_
oungeotuu	Rockwell Automation Pension (Non-Qualified) Plan	_	_	-

(1) These amounts have been determined using the assumptions set forth in Note 14, Retirement Benefits, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, and represent the accumulated benefit obligation for benefits earned to date, based on age, service and earnings through the measurement date of September 30, 2024.

(2) Messrs. Rothe, Genereux and Gangestad and Ms. House were hired after the pension plans were closed to new participants on July 1, 2010. Messrs. Genereux and Gagestad and Ms. House are eligible for an NEC described below. Messrs. Genereux and Gangestad and Ms. House received a total NEC of \$74,891, \$114,081, and \$61,712, respectively, during fiscal 2024 in their Qualified and Non-Qualified Savings Plans. Mr. Rothe was not eligible for an NEC in fiscal 2024 as he was hired after December 31, 2023.

Mr. Moret and Ms. Myers participate in two pension plans with the same requirements and benefits as other employees hired before July 1, 2010: the Rockwell Automation Pension Plan (the Qualified Pension Plan), which is gualified under the Code, and the Rockwell Automation Non-Qualified Pension Plan (the Non-Qualified Pension Plan), which is an unfunded, non-gualified plan. The Qualified Pension Plan provides retirement benefits to nearly all U.S. employees of the Company hired before July 1, 2010. The Qualified Pension Plan and the Non-Qualified Pension Plan were closed to new participants hired or re-hired on or after July 1, 2010. In place of becoming a participant in the Qualified Pension Plan and, if applicable, the Non-Qualified Pension plan, employees hired or re-hired on or after July 1, 2010, including Messrs. Rothe, Genereux, and Gangestad and Ms. House, are eligible for an NEC in the Qualified and, if applicable, Non-Qualified Savings Plan. The NEC is based on a combination of age and service and the percentage contribution is outlined in the Non-Qualified Savings Plan section below. The NEC formula is the same for both the Qualified Savings Plan and the Non-Qualified Savings Plan.

The Non-Qualified Pension Plan provides benefits that may not be paid from the Qualified Pension Plan due to limitations imposed by the Code on qualified plan benefits. Non-Qualified Pension Plan benefits are provided to any U.S. salaried employee whose benefits are affected by these limits. Our policy with respect to funding our pension obligations is to fund at least the minimum amount required by applicable laws and governmental regulations. We maintain a rabbi trust for our non-qualified plans, including the Non-Qualified Pension Plan, which we will fund in the event there is a change of control of the Company.

Effective January 1, 2011, the pension plans were amended to allow participants to elect a lump sum payment instead of an annuity option offered under the plans. The present values in the above table are determined based on assumptions required by SEC rules, which are different from those used to calculate the lump sum payment under the plans. Note that due to Code Section 409A regulations, if an NEO elected to receive his or her benefit from the Non-Qualified Plan in the form of a lump sum, he or she would not be eligible to receive the lump sum payment for at least five years.

Effective December 1, 2022, the Qualified Pension Plan was amended to allow participants the ability to commence their Qualified Pension benefit while actively employed by the Company on any December 1st after attainment of age fifty-nine and one-half. If a participant elects to receive their Qualified Pension benefit as an in-service distribution, their participation in the Qualified plan will cease and if they have a benefit in the Non-Qualified Pension Plan that benefit will be frozen as of the in-service distribution commencement date. In addition, a participant who has elected to receive an in-service distribution will begin participating in the NEC the calendar year following their in-service distribution commencement date. No NEOs have elected an in-service distribution commencement date.

For employees hired before July 1, 2010, benefits provided by both the Qualified Pension Plan and the Non-Qualified Pension Plan have the same requirements for vesting, which occurs at five years of service credit. Benefits in both plans are determined using the same formula. Named executive officers do not receive any additional service or other enhancements in determining the form, timing or amount of their benefits.

### NORMAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS

• Normal retirement benefits are payable at age 65 with five years of service.

## EARLY RETIREMENT WITH REDUCED BENEFITS

- Reduced early retirement benefits after 10 years of service are payable at the earlier of either:
  - age 55 or older; or
  - 75 or more points (age plus credited service equals or exceeds 75).

The reduction for early retirement benefits is determined using an actuarial equivalence with an applicable interest rate and mortality table. Currently, Mr. Moret has met the eligibility requirements for early retirement with a reduced benefit.

An optional early distribution was added to the Qualified Pension Plan starting January 1, 2014, for those who do not meet early or normal retirement eligibility described above. The reduction in benefits is determined using an actuarial equivalence with the applicable interest rate and mortality table as used for lump sum calculations.

### PENSION PLAN FORMULA

- Pension plan benefits are payable beginning at a named executive officer's normal retirement date and are determined by the following formula:
  - Two-thirds (66 2/3%) of the participant's average monthly earnings up to \$1,666.67;
  - Multiplied by a fraction, not to exceed 1.00, the numerator of which is the participant's years of credited service, including fractional years, and the denominator of which is thirty-five (35);
  - Plus 1.50% of the participant's average monthly earnings in excess of \$1,666.67 times the participant's years of credited service, including fractional years, up to a maximum of thirty-five (35) years;
  - Plus 1.25% of the participant's average monthly earnings in excess of \$1,666.67 times the participant's years of credited service, including fractional years, in excess of thirty-five (35)years;

• Less 50% of primary Social Security benefit times a fraction not to exceed 1.00, the numerator of which is the participant's years of credited service, including fractional years, and the denominator of which is thirty-five (35).

Average monthly earnings represent the monthly average of the participant's pensionable earnings for the highest five calendar years during the last 10 calendar years while the participant was actively employed. A participant's earnings used for calculating pension plan benefits (pensionable earnings) include base salary and annual incentive compensation awards. Awards of stock options, restricted stock, performance shares and performance-based long-term cash awards, and all other cash awards are not considered when determining pension benefits.

### DISABILITY PENSION BENEFITS

Disability pension benefits are available under the Qualified Pension Plan and the Non-Qualified Pension Plan to active employees before age 65 upon total and permanent disability if the participant has at least 15 years of credited service or at least 10 years of credited service with 70 points or more (age plus credited service is equal to or greater than 70). The benefit is generally calculated in the same manner as the normal retirement benefit.

## PENSION BENEFITS PAYABLE TO BENEFICIARIES UPON DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT

- Pension benefits under the Qualified Pension Plan and the Non-Qualified Pension Plan are payable to the participant's beneficiaries upon the death of the participant.
- The surviving spouse will receive a monthly lifetime benefit calculated as if the participant retired and elected the 50% surviving spouse option.
- If the participant dies after starting to receive benefits, the benefit payments are processed in accordance with the benefit option selected.
- If the retiree has started monthly pension benefit payments, the beneficiary is eligible for a lump-sum death benefit equal to \$150 per year of credited service up to \$5,250.
- If the participant elects the lump sum payment option and the lump sum payment is made, no further benefits are provided to the beneficiary or surviving spouse upon death of the participant.

# NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The following table provides information on our non-qualified defined contribution and other non-qualified deferred compensation plans in which all eligible U.S. salaried employees, including the NEOs, participate, which consist of the following:

# ROCKWELL AUTOMATION NON-QUALIFIED SAVINGS PLAN (THE NON-QUALIFIED SAVINGS PLAN)

Our U.S. employees, including the NEOs, whose earnings exceed certain applicable federal limitations on compensation that may be recognized under our Qualified Savings Plan, are entitled to defer earnings on a pre-tax basis to the Non-Qualified Savings Plan. Company matching contributions that cannot be made to the Qualified Savings Plan due to applicable federal tax limits are also made to the Non-Qualified Savings Plan. Under the Qualified Savings Plan, we match half up to 7% of the employee's eligible earnings contributed to the plan each pay period, subject to a maximum amount of earnings under applicable federal tax regulations. Earnings under the Non-Qualified Savings Plan are credited to participant accounts on a daily basis in the same manner as under the Qualified Savings Plan. Investment options are selected by the participant, may be changed daily, and include the same fund and Company stock investments that are offered by the Qualified Savings Plan. No preferential interest or earnings are provided under the Non-Qualified Savings Plan. Account balances under the Non-Qualified Savings Plan are distributed in a lump-sum cash payment within 60 days after the end of the month occurring six months, or five years if elected, after the employee terminates employment or retires.

In addition to the Company matching contributions, an NEC is provided for employees hired or rehired on or after July 1, 2010. If employed on the last business day of the year, eligible employees receive an annual NEC benefit equal to eligible pay multiplied by a percentage based on "points", which equal the sum of age and years of service as of each December 31 and based on the following chart. The NEC is provided by the end of the first quarter of the following year.

Total Points (Age + Years of Service as of 12/31)	Percentage of Pay Contributed as NEC
<40	3.00%
40-59	4.00%
60-79	5.00%
80+	7.00%

Mr. Moret and Ms. Myers were hired before July 1, 2010 and are not eligible for an NEC. Messrs. Genereux and Gangestad and Ms. House received a total NEC of \$74,891, \$114,081, and \$61,712, respectively, during fiscal 2024 in their Qualified and Non-Qualified Savings Plans. Mr. Rothe was not eligible for an NEC in fiscal 2024 as he was hired after December 31, 2023.

## CURRENT ROCKWELL AUTOMATION DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN)

Our U.S. salaried employees in career level of Management 6, including the NEOs, may elect annually to defer up to 50% of base salary and up to 100% of their annual incentive compensation award to the Deferred Compensation Plan.

#### MATCHING

For participants who defer base salary to the plan, we provide a matching contribution equal to what we would have contributed to the Qualified Savings Plan or Non-Qualified Savings Plan for the deferred amounts.

#### DISTRIBUTION ELECTIONS

- For contributions before 2005. Participants could opt to receive the deferred amounts on a specific date, at retirement, or in installments up to 15 years following retirement. Participants may make a one-time change of distribution election or timing (at least one year before payments would otherwise begin).
- Contributions after January 1, 2005. Participants may elect either a lump-sum distribution at termination of employment or installment distributions for up to 15 years following retirement. Participants may make a one-time change of the distribution election or timing (at least one year before payments would otherwise begin), provided that the changed distribution cannot begin until five years after the original distribution date.

#### TIMING OF DISTRIBUTIONS

- For contributions before 2005. We make distributions within the first 60 days of a calendar year.
- For contributions after January 1, 2005. We make distributions beginning in July of the year following termination or retirement. Ongoing installment payments are made in February of each year.
- Earnings on deferrals. Participants select investment measurement options, including hypothetical fund investments that correspond to those offered by the Qualified Savings Plan, excluding the Company's stock. Investment measurement options may be changed daily. Earnings are credited to participant accounts on a daily basis in the same manner as under the Qualified Savings Plan. No preferential interest or earnings are provided under the Deferred Compensation Plan.

## NON-QUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION TABLE

Name	Executive Contributions in Last Fiscal Year <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Registrant Contributions in Last Fiscal Year <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Aggregate Earnings in Last Fiscal Year <sup>(3)</sup> (\$)	Aggregate Withdrawals/ Distributions (\$)	Aggregate Balance at Last Fiscal Year End <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)
Blake D. Moret	_	-	152,149	-	990,877
Christian E. Rothe	_	_	_	_	_
Scott A. Genereux	23,544	70,163	45,500	_	299,290
Rebecca W. House	22,304	59,664	96,259	_	533,292
Tessa M. Myers	20,051	10,026	28,733	-	167,590
Nicholas C. Gangestad	1,393,361	113,749	501,341	_	3,383,066

(1) These amounts include contributions made by each NEO to the Non-Qualified Savings Plan and the amounts deferred by Mr. Gangestad to the Deferred Compensation Plan. These amounts are also reported in the "Salary" column in the Summary Compensation Table.

(2) These amounts represent Company matching contributions for each NEO under the Non-Qualified Savings Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan. These amounts are also reported in the "All Other Compensation" column in the Summary Compensation Table and as part of the "Value of Company Contributions to Plans" column in the All Other Compensation Table. As noted earlier, Messrs. Rothe, Genereux and Gangestad and Ms. House were hired after July 1, 2010, and do not participate in our pension plans. Messrs. Genereux, Gangestad, and Ms. House received a total NEC of \$74,891, \$114,081, and \$61,712, respectively, during fiscal 2024 in their Qualified and Non-Qualified Savings Plans, and for Mr. Gangestad his Deferred Compensation Plan.

(3) These amounts include earnings (losses), dividends and interest provided on current contributions and existing balances, including the change in value of the underlying investment options in which the NEO is deemed to be invested. These amounts are not reported in the Summary Compensation Table as compensation.

(4) These amounts represent each NEO's aggregate balance in the Non-Qualified Savings Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan at September 30, 2024. The amounts also include the contributions made by each NEO to the Non-Qualified Savings Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan, which are also reported in the "Salary" column of the Summary Compensation Table, and the Company matching contributions, which are also reported in the "All Other Compensation" column in the Summary Compensation Table for each fiscal year. The amounts included in the Summary Compensation Table for fiscal 2022 for Messrs. Moret, Genereux, Gangestad, and Ms. House were \$85,988, \$69,188, \$647,771, and \$75,183, respectively; and for fiscal 2023 for Messrs. Moret, Genereux, Gangestad, and Ms. House are \$32,903, \$61,603, \$588,373, and \$56,732, respectively; and for fiscal 2024 for Messrs. Moret, Rothe, Genereux, Gangestad, and Ms. House are \$0, \$0, \$93,707, \$1,507,110, \$81,968, and \$30,077, respectively.

# POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL

The tables and narrative below describe and quantify compensation that would become payable to the NEOs under existing plans and arrangements if the NEO's employment had terminated on September 30, 2024, for the reasons set forth below. We do not have employment agreements with the NEOs but do have change of control agreements with the NEOs and certain other officers. There are two main purposes of these agreements.

- They provide protection for the executive officers who would negotiate any potential acquisition of the Company, thus encouraging them to negotiate a good outcome for shareowners, without concern that their negotiating stance will put at risk their financial situation immediately after an acquisition.
- The agreements seek to ensure continuity of business operations during times of potential uncertainty, by removing the incentive to seek other employment in anticipation of a possible change of control.

In short, the change of control agreements seek to ensure that we may rely on key executives to continue to manage our business consistent with our best interests despite concerns for personal risks. We do not believe these agreements encourage our executives to favor or oppose a change of control. We believe these agreements strike a balance that the amounts are neither so low to cause an executive to oppose a change of control nor so high as to cause an executive to favor a change of control. In addition, we have at times entered into severance agreements with executive officers in connection with the termination of their employment, with the terms and conditions depending on the individual circumstances of the termination, the transition role we expect from the officer and our best interests. The information set forth below does not include payments and benefits to the extent they are provided on a non-discriminatory basis to salaried employees upon termination of employment, including unused vacation pay, distributions of balances under savings and deferred compensation plans and accrued pension benefits. The information set forth below also does not include any payments and benefits that may be provided under severance arrangements that may be entered into with any NEO upon termination of their employment.

We have change of control agreements with Mr. Moret, each of the other NEOs and certain other officers. These agreements become effective if there is a change of control (as defined in the agreements) on or before September 30, 2025. Each agreement provides for the continuing employment of the executive for two years after the change of control on conditions no less favorable than those in effect before the change of control. If the executive's employment is terminated by us without "cause" or if the executive terminates his or her employment for "good reason" (such as, diminution of responsibilities or a relocation) within that two-year period, each agreement entitles the executive to:

- severance benefits payable as a lump sum equal to two times (three times in the case of Mr. Moret) his or her annual compensation, including target ICP;
- annual ICP payment prorated through the date of termination payable as a lump sum, based upon the average of the previous three years' ICP payments; and
- continuation of other benefits and perquisites for two years (three years in the case of Mr. Moret).

The agreements do not include a provision that entitles the executives to receive tax gross-ups related to any excise tax imposed on change of control agreements. In each change of control agreement, the executive agreed to certain confidentiality provisions.

Under the change of control agreements, a change of control would include any of the following events:

- any "person", as defined in Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act, acquires 20 percent or more of our outstanding voting securities;
- a majority of our directors are replaced by persons who are not endorsed by a majority of our directors;
- we are involved in a reorganization, merger, sale of assets or other business combination that results in our shareowners owning 50% or less of our outstanding shares or the outstanding shares of the resulting entity; or
- shareowners approve a liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

The following table provides details with respect to potential post-employment payments to the NEOs, excluding Mr. Gangestad who retired effective September 20, 2024, under our change of control agreements in the event of separation due to a change of control of the Company, assuming a termination covered by the change of control agreement occurred on September 30, 2024.

Name	Cash (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Equity (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Pension/ NQDC (\$)	Perquisites/ Benefits (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Tax Reimbursement (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Other (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	Total (\$)
Blake D. Moret	10,330,334	15,311,411	0	70,735	0	100,000	25,812,480
Christian E. Rothe	3,200,000	1,052,757	0	38,811	0	75,000	4,366,568
Scott A. Genereux	2,674,793	3,395,097	0	43,657	0	75,000	6,188,547
Rebecca W. House	2,755,101	3,607,315	0	47,157	0	75,000	6,484,573
Tessa M. Myers	2,578,109	2,862,707	0	43,657	0	75,000	5,559,473

(1) This column includes the severance value, which is base salary plus target annual ICP payout multiplied by three for Mr. Moret, and multiplied by two for Messrs. Rothe and Genereux, and Mss. House and Myers. In the year of termination, the executive is also entitled to receive a prorated ICP payout based on the average of the previous three years' ICP payment (fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024). These amounts are \$1,251,914, \$0, \$355,385, \$366,055, and \$331,708 for Messrs. Moret, Rothe, Genereux, and Mss. House and Myers, respectively.

(2) Upon a change of control of the Company and, in the case of awards granted after February 2, 2010, if (1) the executive's awards are assumed or substituted with comparable awards by the surviving company in the change of control and such executive's employment is terminated within two years of the change of control for certain specified reasons or (2) the executive's awards are not assumed or substituted with comparable awards by the surviving company in the change of control, all outstanding stock options would become fully exercisable; the restrictions on all shares of restricted stock would lapse; and grantees of performance shares would be entitled to a performance share payout equal to 100% of the target shares. The following represents the value of unvested equity awards had a change of control occurred on September 30, 2024, using the fiscal year end price of our common stock of \$268.46.

Name	Unvested Stock Options (\$)	Unvested Restricted Stock (\$)	Unvested Performance Shares (\$)
Blake D. Moret	222,885	5,925,181	9,163,345
Christian E. Rothe	40,395	1,012,363	_
Scott A. Genereux	55,723	1,304,179	2,035,195
Rebecca W. House	66,864	1,392,234	2,148,217
Tessa M. Myers	40,119	1,275,990	1,546,598

(3) Amounts include healthcare program subsidies provided to all employees and amounts received for personal liability insurance.

(4) Agreements do not include a provision that entitles the executives to receive tax gross-ups related to any excise tax imposed on change of control agreements. (5) Estimated value of outplacement services.

The following table sets forth the treatment of equity-based awards upon termination of employment for the following reasons:

Reason	Options	Restricted Stock Units	Performance Shares <sup>(5)</sup>
Voluntary — Other than retirement <sup>(1)</sup>	Vested — can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three months after last date on payroll or (ii) the date the option expires Unvested — forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited
Voluntary — Retirement <sup>(2)</sup>	If retirement occurs 12 months or more after grant date, unvested options continue to vest; otherwise all unvested options are forfeited. Vested options can be exercised until the earlier of (i) five years after retirement or (ii) the date the option expires.	If retirement occurs within 12 months of the grant date, all unearned shares forfeited. If retirement occurs 12 months or more after grant date and before the end of the restriction period, awards continue to vest.	If retirement occurs before 12 months after the grant date, all unearned shares forfeited. If retirement occurs 12 months or more after grant date and before the end of the performance period, pro rata shares earned at the end of the performance period.
Involuntary — Cause <sup>(1)</sup>	Vested – forfeited Unvested – forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited
Involuntary – Not for cause <sup>(1)</sup>	Vested – can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three months after last date on payroll or (ii) the date the option expires Unvested – continue to vest during salary continuation period; if vesting occurs in that period, can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three months after last date on payroll or (ii) the date the option expires; remaining unvested options forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited	Unearned shares forfeited
Death <sup>(3)</sup>	All options vest immediately and can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three years after death or (ii) the date the option expires	All restrictions lapse	Shares earned on a pro rata basis at the end of the performance period
Disability <sup>(4)</sup>	Vested – can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three months after the employee's last date on payroll or (ii) the date the option expires Unvested – continue to vest during salary continuation period; if vesting occurs in that period, can be exercised until the earlier of (i) three months after last date on payroll or (ii) the date the option expires; remaining unvested options forfeited	If disability continues for more than six months, all restrictions lapse	If disability continues for more than six months, pro rata shares earned at the end of the performance period

(1) Assuming a termination as of September 30, 2024, the NEOs would not receive any additional equity value in connection with voluntary terminations (other than retirement) or involuntary terminations (whether or not for cause).

(2) Assuming a retirement as of September 30, 2024 for Mr. Moret all shares would continue to vest into retirement. Messrs. Rothe and Genereux and Mss. House and Myers do not qualify for retirement under the terms and conditions of their equity awards as of September 30, 2024.

(3) The value of the unvested stock options and restricted stock that vests on an accelerated basis assuming a termination as a result of death as of September 30, 2024 for Messrs. Moret, Rothe, Genereux and Mss. House and Myers would be \$6,148,066, \$1,052,757, \$1,359,902, \$1,459,098, and \$1,316,109, respectively.

(4) The value of the unvested restricted stock that vests on an accelerated basis assuming a termination as a result of disability as of September 30, 2024 for Messrs. Moret, Rothe, Genereux, and Mss. House and Myers would be \$5,925,181, \$1,012,363, \$1,304,179, \$1,392,234, and \$1,275,990, respectively.

(5) In the case of assumed terminations for retirement, death or disability as of September 30, 2024, the value of the vesting of pro rata performance shares is not determinable in such instances as the payout will be determined at the end of the applicable performance period.

# RATIO OF ANNUAL COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO TO OUR MEDIAN EMPLOYEE

As required in Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K, we have estimated the ratio of the 2024 annual total compensation of our CEO to the annual total compensation of our median employee was 306 to 1, calculated as follows:

Blake Moret, Chairman and CEO, 2024 total compensation	\$16,430,804
Median employee	\$53,679
Ratio	306:1

Rockwell Automation is a global organization with approximately 27,000 employees as of September 30, 2024. The countries with our largest number of employees are the United States, Mexico, India, and Poland. Consistent with our executive compensation program, our global compensation program is designed to be competitive in terms of both the position and the geographic location in which an employee is located. We have an Annual Employee Incentive Plan that covers the majority of our non-executive or non-sales employees worldwide and is linked

to certain of the executive ICP financial metrics (adjusted EPS, organic sales growth, and organic ARR growth). Additionally, the majority of our employees worldwide participate in either a Company defined-contribution or defined-benefit pension plan, a mandatory plan, or combination of these.

We identified our median employee based on target cash compensation (base salary including overtime, if applicable, plus target annual cash incentive) of all our employees as of September 30, 2024. The median employee was employed in the United States. They are eligible for an NEC in the Qualified Savings Plan and do not participate in the Qualified Pension Plan that was closed to entrants hired or re-hired on or after July 1, 2010, as described under the Pension Benefits Table above. We calculated the median employee's compensation under the Summary Compensation Table rules and compared that to the annual total compensation of our CEO, as disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table.

# PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE

As required by Section 953(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, and Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K, we are providing the following information about the relationship between executive compensation actually paid (as defined by SEC rules) and certain financial performance measures of the Company. For further information concerning our pay for performance philosophy and how we align executive compensation with the Company's performance, refer to the Compensation Discussion & Analysis section above.

	Summary Compensation Table Total for PEO <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Compensation Actually Paid <sup>(3)</sup> to PEO (\$)	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO NEOs <sup>(2)</sup> (\$)	Average Compensation Actually Paid <sup>(2)</sup> to Non-PEO NEOs (\$)	Value of Initial Fixed \$100 Investment based on:			
Year					Total Shareowner Return <sup>(4)</sup> (\$)	Peer Group <sup>(5)</sup> Total Shareowner Return (\$)	Net Income (\$ millions)	Adjusted Earnings Per Share for ICP <sup>(6)</sup> (\$)
2024	16,430,804	3,313,780	3,238,283	982,008	130.30	191.00	947.3	9.71
2023	16,765,020	21,012,628	4,569,652	5,928,779	136.20	140.01	1,278.0	12.15
2022	10,987,703	5,414,576	3,629,139	1,985,347	100.79	107.15	919.1	9.48
2021	13,517,285	22,825,839	2,994,262	3,965,622	135.41	128.32	1,344.3	9.10

(1) The principal executive officer (PEO) of the Company for each year shown in the table was Blake D. Moret, the Company's CEO.

(2) Our Non-PEO NEOs for each year were:

2024	2023	2022	<u>2021</u>	
Nicholas C. Gangestad	Nicholas C. Gangestad	Nicholas C. Gangestad	Nicholas C. Gangestad	
Scott A. Genereux	Scott A. Genereux	Scott A. Genereux	Scott A. Genereux	
Rebecca W. House	Rebecca W. House	Rebecca W. House	Rebecca W. House	
Tessa M. Myers	Frank C. Kulaszewicz	Veena M. Lakkundi	Frank C. Kulaszewicz	
Christian E. Rothe			Steven W. Etzel	
			Patrick P. Goris	

(3) Following are the adjustments made to the summary compensation table to determine the amounts shown as compensation actually paid:

	PE0 <sup>(1)</sup>			ounts shown as compensation actually paid: Average Non-PEO NEOs <sup>(2)</sup>				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2024	2023	2022	2021
Summary Compensation Table	\$16,430,804	\$ 16,765,020	\$ 10,987,703	\$ 13,517,285	\$ 3,238,283	\$ 4,569,652	\$ 3,629,139	\$ 2,994,262
Reduction for amount reported in 'Stock Awards' and 'Option Awards' columns in the Summary Compensation Table	(11,000,347)	(10,000,338)	(9,000,624)	(6,504,183)	(2,360,342)	(2,625,360)	(2,525,461)	(1,568,042)
Fair value of awards granted during applicable fiscal year that remain unvested as of applicable fiscal year end	8,241,603	11,311,696	4,216,824	8,477,454	1,392,499	2,969,620	1,274,958	1,910,381
Fair value of awards granted during applicable fiscal year that vested during the year	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Change in fair value of awards granted during prior fiscal year that were outstanding and unvested as of applicable fiscal year end	(6,244,476)	2,739,219	(5,384,378)	8,889,435	(1,154,563)	643,343	(588,222)	672,602
Change in fair value of awards granted during prior fiscal year that vested during applicable fiscal year	(426,492)	2,315,289	4,047,914	1,493,729	(70,141)	416,526	150,230	143,157
Value of dividends or other earnings paid on stock awards not otherwise reflected in fair value or total compensation	143,580	120,094	90,472	66,185	29,208	48,991	44,704	15,880
Reduction for values reported in the 'Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings' column of the Summary Compensation Table	(4,196,718)	(2,519,169)		(3,572,868)	(116,432)	(128,199)		(286,583)
Increase for Service Cost and, if applicable, Prior Service Cost for pension plans	365,826	280,817	456,665	458,802	23,495	34,206	_	83,965
Total adjustments	(13,117,024)	4,247,608	(5,573,127)	9,308,554	(2,256,275)	1,359,127	(1,643,791)	971,359
COMPENSATION Actually Paid	\$ 3,313,780	\$ 21,012,628	\$ 5,414,576	\$22,825,839	\$ 982,008	\$5,928,779	\$1,985,347	\$3,965,622

(4) Total shareowner return is calculated by assuming a \$100 investment was made on the day prior to the first fiscal year reported above and all dividends were reinvested until the last day of each reported fiscal year.

(5) The peer group used for this data is the S&P 500 Selected GICS Groups including Capital Goods, Software & Services, Technology, Hardware & Equipment GICS groups companies consistent with our relative TSR performance share benchmark group and as used in the chart in Part II, Item 5 of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(6) See Other Information and Supplemental Financial Information sections below for reconciliation of our non-GAAP measures to the audited financial statements.

#### RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN 'COMPENSATION ACTUALLY PAID' (CAP) AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The charts below illustrate how CAP to our NEOs aligns with our Company's financial performance as measured by cumulative TSR, our peer group cumulative TSR, our net income and our adjusted earnings per share for ICP.



#### CAP vs Net Income



#### COMPANY PERFORMANCE METRICS

Our compensation philosophy is designed to attract, retain, and motivate high caliber executive talent necessary to deliver long-term and sustained performance to our shareowners. We utilize metrics in our annual and long-term incentive compensation programs based on an objective of driving profitable growth and increasing shareowner value. The most important financial performance metrics used to link CAP and performance for the most recently completed fiscal year, sorted alphabetically, were:

Adjusted EPS
Free cash flow
Organic ARR growth
Organic sales growth
Relative TSR
Return on invested capital

These measures were used to determine annual incentive and PSU payouts for our NEOs in fiscal year 2024 and are described in the 'Compensation Discussion and Analysis' above and defined in the 'Supplemental Financial Information' section below.
# AUDIT MATTERS

# ITEM 3. PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the Company's independent auditor. The Audit Committee annually evaluates the qualifications, performance, and independence of the Company's independent auditor and considers whether there should be a change of the independent audit firm and potential impact of making a change. The Audit Committee has selected the firm of Deloitte & Touche LLP (D&T) as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025 (the D&T appointment), subject to the approval of our shareowners. D&T and its predecessors have acted as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company and its corporate predecessors since 1934, and for the Company and its accounting predecessors since 1967

The Audit Committee reviews all non-audit services that the independent auditor may provide and conducts regular private sessions with the independent auditor. This review includes consideration of whether any non-audit services provided by the independent auditor are compatible with maintaining the firm's independence.

The Audit Committee annually reviews and evaluates the lead audit partner and is involved in the process of the independent audit firm's selection of a new lead audit partner when rotation is required after 5 years under the SEC's audit partner rotation rules. A new lead audit partner

was selected as required by these rules effective beginning fiscal 2022. The selection process includes a meeting between the Chair of the Audit Committee and the candidate for lead audit partner as well as discussion by the full Audit Committee and with management.

Company policy generally restricts the hiring of certain individuals who have been employed by the independent auditor until after a two year "cooling off" period, which is more restrictive than regulatory requirements. We understand the need to maintain the independence of the Company's independent auditor both in appearance and in fact.

Before the Audit Committee selected D&T as its auditor for fiscal 2025, it carefully considered the independence and qualifications of that firm, including their performance in prior years, their tenure as our independent auditor, the appropriateness of their fees, and their reputation for integrity and for competence in the fields of accounting and auditing, with input from management on their assessment of D&T's performance. Based on this evaluation, the Audit Committee believes it is in the best interests of the Company and its shareowners for D&T to continue as its independent auditor for fiscal 2025.

We expect that representatives of D&T will attend the Annual Meeting to answer appropriate questions and make a statement if they desire to do so.

### ✓ ITEM 3: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM.

## AUDIT FEES

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees for services provided by D&T for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 (in millions), all of which were approved by the Audit Committee:

	Year Ended September		nber 30,	
		2024		2023
Audit Fees				
Integrated Audit of Consolidated Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting	\$	4.31	\$	4.01
Statutory Audits		1.94		1.90
Audit-Related Fees*		0.10		0.13
Tax Fees				
Compliance		0.01		0.03
All Other Fees**		0.01		0.01
TOTAL	\$	6.37	\$	6.08

\* Audit-related services primarily relate to non-U.S. employee benefit plan audits and other compliance services.

\*\* Other fees include a license for an accounting research tool.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, compensating, and overseeing the work performed by D&T and benefit plan audit services performed by other independent public accounting firms. The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and audit-related services and permitted non-audit services provided and supervised by D&T, and employee benefit plan audit services performed by others in accordance with its pre-approval policies and procedures.

The Audit Committee annually approves the scope and fee estimates for the year-end audit of the Company, D&T statutory audits, and employee benefit plan audits. The Audit Committee receives reports from the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Controller on the appropriateness of the audit engagement fees and meets separately with management and the independent auditor to discuss and review the fees prior to engagement.

With respect to other permitted services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee has adopted a policy pre-approving certain categories and specific types of audit, audit related and non-audit services that may be provided or supervised by our independent registered public accounting firm on a fiscal year basis, subject to individual and aggregate monetary limits. The policy requires the Company's Controller or Chief Financial Officer to review the terms and conditions of any engagement under the policy. The Audit Committee must specifically approve any proposed engagement for an audit, audit related, or non-audit service that does not meet the guidelines of the policy. The Audit Committee also authorized the Chair of the Audit Committee to pre-approve any individual service not covered by the general pre-approval policy, with any such approval reported by the Chair at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee annually reviews and approves the categories of pre-approved services and monetary limits under the pre-approval policy. The Company's Controller reports to the Audit Committee regarding the aggregate fees charged by D&T and employee benefit plan audit fees charged by other public accounting firms compared to the pre-approved amounts, by category.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee assists the Board in overseeing and monitoring the integrity of the Company's financial reporting processes, its internal control and disclosure control systems, the integrity and audits of its financial statements, the Company's compliance with applicable legal and regulatory requirements, the qualifications and independence of its independent registered public accounting firm and the performance of its internal audit function and independent registered public accounting firm.

Our Committee's roles and responsibilities are set forth in a written Charter adopted by the Board, which is available on the Company's website at *https://www.rockwellautomation.com* under the "Investors" link. We review and reassess the Charter annually, and more frequently as necessary to address any changes in NYSE corporate governance and SEC rules regarding audit committees, and recommend any changes to the Board for approval.

Management is responsible for the Company's financial statements and the reporting processes, including the system of internal control. Deloitte & Touche LLP (D&T), the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Our Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's overall financial reporting processes. In fulfilling our responsibilities for the financial statements for fiscal year 2024, we:

- Reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 and quarterly financial statements with management and D&T;
- Reviewed management's assessment of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and D&T's report pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act;
- Discussed with D&T the matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) Auditing Standard No. 1301 "Communication with Audit Committees" and Rule 2-07 of SEC Regulation S-X relating to the conduct of the audit; and
- Received written disclosures and the letter from D&T regarding its independence as required by PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526. We also discussed with D&T its independence.

We reviewed and approved all audit, audit-related, and non-audit fees and services for D&T and benefit plan audit services performed by other independent public accounting firms. For information on fees paid to D&T for each of the last two years, see the section entitled "Proposal to Approve the Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" in this proxy statement.

We considered the non-audit services provided by D&T in fiscal year 2024 and determined that engaging D&T to provide those services is compatible with and does not impair D&T's independence.

In fulfilling our responsibilities, we discussed with D&T the scope and plans for the annual audit and met with the Company's General Auditor and D&T, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, the evaluations of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and the overall guality of the Company's financial reporting, critical audit matters addressed during the fiscal year, and other matters as are required to be discussed by applicable requirements of the PCAOB and SEC. We considered the status of pending litigation, taxation matters and other areas of oversight relating to the financial reporting and audit processes that we determined appropriate. We discussed with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies. We also met separately with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Controller, Chief People and Legal Officer and Ombuds.

Based on our review of the audited financial statements and the discussions and reports referred to above, we recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 for filing with the SEC.

### Audit Committee

Lisa A. Payne, Chair Alice L. Jolla Timothy M. Knavish Pam Murphy Donald R. Parfet

# STOCK OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

# OWNERSHIP OF EQUITY SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

### DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table shows the beneficial ownership, reported to us as of November 1, 2024, of our common stock, including shares as to which a right to acquire ownership within 60 days exists, of each director, and each executive officer listed in the table on page 48 (NEOs) and of these persons and other executive officers as a group. On November 1, 2024, we had outstanding 112,903,196 shares of our common stock.

	Beneficial Ownership on November 1, 2024			
Name	Shares of Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	Derivative Securities <sup>(2)</sup>	Total Shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent of Class <sup>(3)</sup>
William P. Gipson	453 <sup>(4)</sup>	_	453 <sup>(5)</sup>	_
Alice L. Jolla	1,169	_	1,169	_
James P. Keane	13,518	_	13,518	_
Timothy M. Knavish	482	_	482	_
Blake D. Moret	78,280 <sup>(6)</sup>	424,915	503,195	_
Pam Murphy	3,813	_	3,813	_
Donald R. Parfet	12,250	_	12,250 <sup>(5)</sup>	_
Lisa A. Payne	7,920	_	7,920	_
Thomas W. Rosamilia	6,606	_	6,606	_
Robert W. Soderbery	1,105 <sup>(4)</sup>	_	1,105 <sup>(5)</sup>	_
Patricia A. Watson	6,313	_	6,313	_
Christian E. Rothe	_	_	_	_
Nicholas C. Gangestad <sup>(7)</sup>	10,557	21,340	31,897	_
Scott A. Genereux	2,383	18,167	20,550	_
Rebecca W. House	8,532 <sup>(6)</sup>	48,206	56,738	_
Tessa M. Myers	3,726 <sup>(6)</sup>	14,622	18,348	_
All of the above and other executive officers as a group (24 persons)	191,831 <sup>(6)</sup>	571.090	762,921	0.68%

(1) Each person has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares listed (either individually or with spouse). None of the listed shares are pledged.

(2) Represents shares that may be acquired upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and settlement of performance shares and restricted stock units within 60 days.

(3) The shares owned by each person, and by the group, and the shares included in the number of shares outstanding have been adjusted, and the percentage of shares owned (where such percentage exceeds 1%) has been computed, in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d)(1) under the Exchange Act.

(4) Messrs. Gipson and Soderbery defer all cash and stock compensation for services as a director to restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit represents the right to receive one share of our common stock.

- (5) Shares owned do not include 2,615, 2,162, and 373 restricted stock units granted under the 2020 Long-Term Incentives Plan and 2003 Directors Stock Plan as compensation for services as directors for Messrs. Gipson, Parfet, and Soderbery, respectively.
- (6) Includes shares held under our savings plan. Does not include 484, 26, 26, and 754 share equivalents for Mr. Moret, Ms. House, Ms. Myers, and the group, respectively, held under our non-qualified savings plan.
- (7) Mr. Gangestad retired on September 20, 2024. His shareholdings are as of that date. Mr. Gangestad's fiscal 2024 award was forfeited on his September 20, 2024 retirement as it was before the one-year anniversary of the award date. Based on the terms of the awards, he received retirement treatment for his fiscal 2022 and 2023 awards.

## CERTAIN OTHER SHAREOWNERS

Based on filings made under Sections 13(d) and 13(g) of the Exchange Act on or before December 11, 2024, the following table lists the persons who we believe beneficially owned more than 5% of our common stock as of such date.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percent of Class <sup>(1)</sup>
BlackRock, Inc.		
55 East 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street		
New York, NY 10055	9,927,401 <sup>(2)</sup>	8.7%
The Vanguard Group		
100 Vanguard Blvd.		
Malvern, PA 19355	13,610,512 <sup>(3)</sup>	11.88%
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.		
100 E. Pratt Street		
Baltimore, MD 21202	6,698,974 <sup>(4)</sup>	5.9%

(1) The percent of class owned has been computed in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d)(1) under the Exchange Act.

(2) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by BlackRock, Inc. with the SEC on January 25, 2024. BlackRock and its named subsidiaries reported sole voting power for 9,007,564 shares and sole dispositive power for 9,927,401 shares.

(3) Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by The Vanguard Group with the SEC on February 13, 2024. Vanguard reported sole voting power for 0 shares, sole dispositive power for 13,116,242 shares, shared voting power for 152,505 shares and shared dispositive power for 494,270 shares. According to the filing, Vanguard beneficially owns the shares as a registered investment adviser and through its subsidiaries as a result of serving as investment managers.

(4) Based on a Schedule 13G filed by T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. with the SEC on November 14, 2024. R. Rowe Price Associates reported sole voting power for 6,414,324 shares and sole dispositive power for 6,690,272 shares.

# **OTHER** INFORMATION

# SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement contains information regarding organic sales, free cash flow, free cash flow conversion, adjusted income, adjusted EPS, and return on invested capital, which are non-GAAP financial measures. This proxy statement also contains information regarding total and organic ARR growth, key metrics. On an annual basis we evaluate whether any adjustments to the calculation of the ICP financial measures are appropriate for items such as acquisitions or legal settlements that were not anticipated at the time the goals were set and as explained in the table below.

## ORGANIC SALES

We translate sales of subsidiaries operating outside of the United States using exchange rates effective during the respective period. Therefore, changes in currency exchange rates affect our reported sales. Sales by acquired businesses also affect our reported sales. We believe that organic sales, defined as sales excluding the effects of acquisitions and changes in currency exchange rates, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, provides useful information to investors because it reflects regional and operating segment performance from the activities of our businesses without the effect of acquisitions and changes in currency exchange rates. We use organic sales as one

### ROCKWELL ORGANIC SALES GROWTH

measure to monitor and evaluate our regional and operating segment performance. When we acquire businesses, we exclude sales in the current period for which there are no comparable sales in the prior period. We determine the effect of changes in currency exchange rates by translating the respective period's sales using the same currency exchange rates that were in effect during the prior year. When we divest a business, we exclude sales in the prior period for which there are no comparable sales in the current period. Organic sales growth is calculated by comparing organic sales to reported sales in the prior year, excluding divestitures.

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Reported sales growth	(9)%	17%
Less: Effect of acquisitions	1%	1%
Effect of changes in currency	0%	(1)%
Organic sales growth	(10)%	17%

## TOTAL ARR GROWTH

Annual recurring revenue (ARR) is a key metric that enables measurement of progress in growing our recurring revenue business. It represents the annual contract value of all active recurring revenue contracts at any point in time. Recurring revenue is defined as a revenue stream that is contractual, typically for a period of 12 months or more, and has a high probability of renewal. The probability of renewal is based on historical renewal experience of the individual revenue streams, or management's best estimates if historical renewal experience is not available. Total ARR growth is calculated as the dollar change in ARR, adjusted to exclude the effects of currency, divided by ARR as of the prior period. The effects of currency translation are excluded by calculating Total ARR on a constant currency basis. Total ARR includes acquisitions even if there was no comparable ARR in the prior period. We believe that Total ARR provides useful information to investors because it reflects our recurring revenue performance period over period including the effect of acquisitions. Our measure of ARR may be different from measures used by other companies. Because ARR is based on annual contract value, it does not represent revenue recognized during a particular reporting period or revenue to be recognized in future reporting periods and is not intended to be a substitute for revenue, contract liabilities, or backlog.

### ROCKWELL TOTAL ARR GROWTH

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Total ARR growth	16%	16%

### ORGANIC ARR GROWTH

Organic ARR growth is calculated as the dollar change in ARR, adjusted to exclude the effects of currency translation and acquisitions, divided by ARR as of the prior period. The effects of currency translation are excluded by calculating Organic ARR on a constant currency basis. When we acquire businesses, we exclude the effect of ARR in the current period for which there

### ROCKWELL ORGANIC ARR GROWTH

was no comparable ARR in the prior period. We believe that Organic ARR provides useful information to investors because it reflects our recurring revenue performance period over period without the effect of acquisitions and changes in currency exchange rates. Organic ARR growth is also used as a financial measure of performance for our annual incentive compensation.

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Organic ARR growth	14%	16%

# FREE CASH FLOW, FREE CASH FLOW CONVERSION, ADJUSTED INCOME, AND ADJUSTED EPS

Our definition of free cash flow, which is a non-GAAP financial measure, takes into consideration capital investments required to maintain the operations of our business and execute our strategy. Cash provided by operating activities adds back non-cash depreciation expense to earnings but does not reflect a charge for necessary capital expenditures. Our definition of free cash flow excludes the operating cash flows and capital expenditures related to our discontinued operations, if any. In our opinion, free cash flow provides useful information to investors regarding our ability to generate cash from business operations that is available for acquisitions and other investments, service of debt principal, dividends, and share repurchases. We use free cash flow as one measure to monitor and evaluate our performance, and free cash flow for ICP as a

financial measure for our annual incentive compensation. Our definition of free cash flow may differ from definitions used by other companies.

Free cash flow conversion (free cash flow as a percentage of adjusted income) is a non-GAAP financial measure, which reflects our ability to generate cash from the operations of the business while considering the capital investments required to maintain operations and execute our strategy as a ratio of our operating performance. We believe free cash flow conversion provides useful information to investors about our ability to convert operating performance into cash generation. Our measure of free cash flow conversion may be different from measures used by other companies.

### FREE CASH FLOW (IN MILLIONS) AND FREE CASH FLOW CONVERSION

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 863.8	\$1,374.6
Capital expenditures	(224.7)	(160.5)
Free cash flow	\$ 639.1	\$ 1,214.1
Impact from acquisitions that were not part of the original target	0.0	3.3
Free cash flow for ICP	\$ 639.1	\$ 1,217.4
Adjusted income	\$ 1,117.2	\$1,406.7
Free cash flow conversion (i.e., Free cash flow as a % of Adjusted income)	57%	86%

Adjusted income, adjusted EPS, and adjusted EPS for ICP are non-GAAP earnings measures that exclude non-operating pension and postretirement benefit (credit) cost, purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment attributable to Rockwell Automation, change in fair value of restructuring charges investments, aligned with enterprise-wide strategic initiatives, and net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests, including their respective tax effects. In 2024, we updated the definition of our non-GAAP earnings measures to exclude significant restructuring charges aligned with enterprise-wide strategic initiatives. In the year ended September 30, 2024, we recognized these restructuring charges in conjunction with an enterprise-wide comprehensive program to optimize cost structure and expand margins. We believe the change to our definition provides a more useful presentation of our operating performance to investors as these restructuring charges are significant and enterprise-wide severance actions and not reflective of our ongoing operations. We did not revise prior years because there were no similar restructuring actions with significant costs.

Purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment attributable to Rockwell Automation includes an accounting charge related to goodwill impairment for our Sensia joint venture in the year ended September 30, 2023. The tax effect of the purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment attributable to Rockwell Automation includes the tax effects on the Sensia joint venture goodwill impairment and related Sensia tax asset valuation allowances. Non-operating pension and postretirement benefit (credit) cost is defined as all components of our net periodic pension and postretirement benefit cost except for service cost. See Note 14, Retirement Benefits, to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 for more information on our net periodic pension and postretirement benefit cost.

We believe that adjusted income, adjusted EPS, and adjusted EPS for ICP provide useful information to our investors about our operating performance and allow management and investors to compare our operating performance period over period. We use adjusted EPS for ICP as a financial measure of performance for our annual incentive compensation. Our measures of adjusted income and adjusted EPS may be different from measures used by other companies. These non-GAAP measures should not be considered a substitute for net income attributable to Rockwell Automation, Inc. and diluted EPS.

The following are reconciliations of net income attributable to Rockwell Automation, Inc. to adjusted income and diluted EPS to adjusted EPS and adjusted EPS for ICP:

### ADJUSTED INCOME (IN MILLIONS)

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Net Income attributable to Rockwell Automation, Inc.	\$ 952.5	\$ 1,387.4
Non-operating pension and postretirement benefit (credit) cost, net of tax effect	(15.8)	62.1
Purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment attributable to Rockwell Automation, net of tax effect	108.2	168.9
Change in fair value of investments, net of tax effect	(0.8)	(211.7)
Restructuring charges, net of tax effect	73.1	-
Adjusted income	\$ 1,117.2	\$ 1,406.7

### ADJUSTED EPS

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023	Year Ended September 30, 2022	Year Ended September 30, 2021
Diluted EPS	\$ 8.28	\$ 11.95	\$ 7.97	\$ 11.58
Non-operating pension and postretirement benefit (credit) cost, net of tax effect	(0.14)	0.54	0.02	0.41
Purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment attributable to Rockwell Automation, net of tax effect	0.94	1.46	0.59	0.28
Change in fair value of investments, net of tax effect	(0.01)	(1.83)	0.91	(2.84)
Restructuring charges, net of tax effect	0.64	-	-	-
Adjusted EPS	\$ 9.71	\$ 12.12	\$9.49	\$9.43
Impact from acquisitions and, in fiscal 2021, a one-time incremental accelerated investment, net of tax	-	0.03	(0.01)	0.38
Gain from legal settlement net of tax and discrete tax benefit	-	-	-	(0.71)
Adjusted EPS for ICP	\$ 9.71	\$ 12.15	\$9.48	\$9.10

## RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL (ROIC)

We believe that ROIC is useful to investors as a measure of performance and of the effectiveness of the use of capital in our operations. We use ROIC as one measure to monitor and evaluate performance. Our measure of ROIC may be different from that used by other companies. We define ROIC as the percentage resulting from the following calculation:

(a) Net Income, before interest expense, income tax provision, purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment divided by;

(b) Average invested capital for the year, calculated as a five quarter rolling average using the sum of short-term debt, long-term debt, shareowners' equity, and accumulated amortization of goodwill and other intangible assets, minus cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and long-term investments (fixed income securities), multiplied by;

(c) One minus the effective tax rate for the period.

ROIC is calculated as follows (in millions, except percentages):

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
(a) Return		
Net income	\$ 947.3	\$1,278.0
Interest expense	154.6	135.3
Income tax provision	151.8	330.5
Purchase accounting depreciation and amortization, and impairment	143.9	264.4
Return	\$ 1,397.6	\$ 2,008.2
(b) Average invested capital		
Short-term debt	\$ 778.8	\$ 847.6
Long-term debt	2,686.2	2,866.5
Shareowners' equity	3,686.2	3,401.2
Accumulated amortization of goodwill and intangibles	1,359.9	1,107.1
Cash and cash equivalents	(571.9)	(584.4)
Short-term and long-term investments	(0.4)	(5.4)
Average invested capital	\$ 7,938.8	\$ 7,632.6
(c) Effective tax rate		
Income tax provision	\$ 151.8	\$ 330.5
Income before income taxes	1,099.1	1,608.5
Effective tax rate	13.8%	20.5%
(a) / (b) * (1-{c)) Return On Invested Capital	15.2%	20.9%

## OTHER MATTERS

The Board does not know of any other matters that may be presented at the meeting. Our by-laws required notice by November 8, 2024, for any matter to be brought before the Annual Meeting by a shareowner. In the event of a vote on any matters other than those referred to in the accompanying Notice of 2025 Annual Meeting of Shareowners, proxies in the accompanying form will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the persons voting such proxies.

## ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, including financial statements and financial statement schedules, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, was mailed with this proxy statement to shareowners who received a printed copy of this proxy statement. A copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K is available on the internet as set forth in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

We will send a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K to any shareowner without charge upon written request addressed to:

### **Rockwell Automation, Inc.**

Shareowner Relations, E-7F19 1201 South Second Street Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA +1(414) 382-8410

### SHAREOWNER PROPOSALS FOR 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

If a shareowner wants to submit, in accordance with SEC Rule 14a-8, a proposal for possible inclusion in our proxy statement for the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareowners, the proposal must be received by our Corporate Secretary at the address listed below by August 22, 2025.

Our by-laws provide proxy access to eligible shareowners. The proxy access by-law provides that a shareowner, or group of up to 20 shareowners, that owns 3% or more of the Company's outstanding common stock continuously for at least three years may submit director nominees for up to the greater of two directors or 20 percent of the Board (provided the shareowner or a group of shareowners and nominees satisfy specified requirements). A shareowner's notice of nomination of one or more director candidates to be included in the Company's proxy statement and ballot pursuant to Section 9 of Article II of our by-laws (a proxy access nomination) must be delivered to our principal executive offices no earlier than July 23, 2025 and no later than August 22, 2025 (i.e., no earlier than the 150th day and no later than the 120th day before the anniversary of the date the Company filed its proxy statement for the previous year's annual meeting with the SEC). In addition, shareowners who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees must also comply with the additional requirements of SEC Rule 14a-19(b).

In addition, if a shareowner wants to propose any matter for consideration by the shareowners at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareowners, other than a matter brought pursuant to SEC Rule 14a-8 or a proxy access director nomination, or the person the shareowner wants to nominate as a director, our by-laws

require the shareowner to notify our Corporate Secretary in writing at the address listed below on or after October 7, 2025 and on or before November 6, 2025. If the number of directors to be elected to the Board at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Shareowners is increased and we do not make a public announcement naming all of the nominees for director or specifying the increased size of the Board on or before October 27, 2025, a shareowner proposal with respect to nominees for any new position created by such increase will be considered timely if received by our Corporate Secretary not later than the tenth day following our public announcement of the increase. The specific requirements and procedures for shareowner proposals to be presented directly at an Annual Meeting are set forth in our by-laws, which are available on our website at www.rockwellautomation.com on the "Investors" page under the heading "Governance."

To be in proper form, a shareowner's notice must include the information about the proposal or nominee as specified in our by-laws.

Notices of intention to present proposals or nominate directors at the 2026 Annual Meeting, and all supporting materials required by our by-laws, must be submitted to:

#### Rockwell Automation, Inc.

c/o Corporate Secretary 1201 South Second Street Milwaukee, WI 53204

# GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING AND VOTING

# DISTRIBUTION AND ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS

This year we are once again taking advantage of SEC rules that allow companies to furnish proxy materials to shareowners via the internet. If you received a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (Notice) by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials unless you specifically request one. The Notice instructs you on how to access and review this proxy statement and our 2024 Annual Report on Form 10-K as well as how to vote by internet. If you received the Notice and would still like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting these materials included in the Notice.

We will mail the Notice to certain shareowners by December 21, 2024. We will continue to mail a printed copy of this proxy statement and form of proxy to certain shareowners and we expect that mailing to begin on December 20, 2024.

# SHAREOWNERS SHARING THE SAME ADDRESS

SEC rules permit us to deliver only one copy of our annual report and this proxy statement or the Notice to multiple shareowners who share the same address and have the same last name, unless we received contrary instructions from a shareowner. This delivery method, called "householding," reduces our printing and mailing costs. Shareowners who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards.

We will deliver promptly upon written or oral request a separate copy of our annual report and proxy statement or Notice to any shareowner who received these materials at a shared address. To receive a separate copy, please write or call Rockwell Automation Shareowner Relations, 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA, telephone: +1(414)382-8410.

If you are a holder of record and would like to revoke your householding consent and receive a separate copy of our annual report and proxy statement or Notice in the future, please contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (Broadridge), either by calling +1 (800) 542-1061 (toll free in the United States and Canada only) or by writing to Broadridge, Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717, USA. You will be removed from the householding program within 30 days.

Any shareowners of record who share the same address and wish to receive only one copy of future Notices or proxy statements and annual reports for their household should contact Rockwell Automation Shareowner Relations at the address or telephone number listed above.

If you hold your shares in street name with a broker or other nominee, please contact them for information about householding.

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

### WHAT AM I VOTING ON?

You will be voting on whether to:

- Elect as directors the four nominees named in this proxy statement;
- Approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers; and
- Approve the selection by the Audit Committee of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2025.

# WHO IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Only holders of record of our common stock at the close of business on December 9, 2024, the record date for the meeting, may vote at the Annual Meeting. Each shareowner of record is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held on the record date. On December 9, 2024, 113,032,651 shares of our common stock were outstanding and entitled to vote.

### SHAREOWNER OF RECORD

You are considered a shareowner of record of our common stock if your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, EQ Shareowner Services (formerly Wells Fargo Shareowner Services).

### STREET NAME SHAREOWNER

If you hold shares through a bank, broker or other nominee, you are considered a "beneficial owner" of shares held in "street name". If you hold shares in street name on the record date, you are entitled to vote them through your bank, broker or nominee who will send you these proxy materials and voting instructions.

# HOW MAY I ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Shareowners as of December 9, 2024, the record date, or individuals authorized as their duly appointed proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting. Please note that if you hold your shares in street name through a broker or other nominee, you will need to provide a copy of a brokerage statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. Instructions for obtaining an admission card are on the inside back cover page of this proxy statement. You will find directions and instructions for parking and entering the building on your admission card.

## HOW DO I VOTE MY SHARES?

We encourage shareowners to vote their shares in advance of the Annual Meeting even if they plan to attend. Shareowners

may vote in-person at the Annual Meeting. If you are a record holder and wish to vote in-person at the meeting, you may vote by obtaining a ballot at the meeting. If you hold your shares in street name and wish to vote in-person at the meeting, you should contact your broker or other nominee to obtain a broker's proxy card and bring it, together with proper identification and your brokerage statement reflecting your stock ownership as of the record date, to the meeting.

In addition, you may vote by proxy:

- if you received a Notice, by submitting the proxy over the internet by following the instructions on the Notice; and
- if you received a paper copy of the proxy materials:
  - for shareowners of record and participants in our savings plans and EQ Shareowner Services Plus Plan (dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plan), by completing, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card or direction card, or via the internet or by telephone; or
  - for shares held in street name, by using the method directed by your broker or other nominee. You may vote over the internet or by telephone if your broker or nominee makes those methods available, in which case they will provide instructions with your proxy materials.

### HOW WILL MY PROXY BE VOTED?

If you properly complete, sign and return a proxy or use our telephone or internet voting procedures to authorize the named proxies to vote your shares, your shares will be voted as specified. If your proxy card is signed but does not contain specific instructions, your shares will be voted as recommended by our Board, subject to applicable NYSE regulations.

For shareowners participating in our savings plans or in the EQ Shareowner Services Plus Plan, the trustee or administering bank will vote the shares that it holds for a participant's account only in accordance with instructions given in a signed, completed and returned proxy card or direction card, or in accordance with instructions given pursuant to our internet or telephone voting procedures. If they do not receive instructions, the shares will not be voted. To allow sufficient time for voting by the trustees of the savings plans, your voting instructions for shares held in the plans must be received by January 31, 2025.

### MAY I CHANGE MY PROXY AFTER I VOTE MY SHARES?

For shareowners of record, you may revoke or change your proxy at any time before it is voted at the Annual Meeting by:

• Delivering a written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company;

- Submitting a properly signed proxy card with a later date;
- Casting a later vote using the telephone or internet voting procedures; or
- Voting in-person at the Annual Meeting (except for shares held in the savings plans).

If you hold your shares in street name, you must contact your broker or other nominee to revoke or change your proxy. Your proxy is not revoked simply because you attend the Annual Meeting.

### WILL MY VOTE BE CONFIDENTIAL?

It is our policy to keep confidential all proxy cards, ballots and voting tabulations that identify individual shareowners, except (i) as may be necessary to meet any applicable legal requirements, and (ii) in the case of any contested proxy solicitation, as may be necessary to permit proper parties to verify the propriety of proxies presented by any person and the results of the voting. Representatives of Broadridge will tabulate votes and act as the independent inspector of election at this year's meeting. The independent inspector of election and any employees involved in processing proxy cards or ballots and tabulating the vote are required to comply with this policy of confidentiality.

## WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THERE TO BE A QUORUM AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?

Holders of at least a majority of the shares of our common stock issued and outstanding on the record date for the Annual Meeting must be present, in-person or by proxy, for there to be a quorum in order to conduct business at the meeting.

### HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO APPROVE EACH OF THE PROPOSALS?

Proposal	Vote Required	Broker Discretionary Voting Allowed
Election of Directors	Plurality of votes cast	No
Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation	Majority of votes cast	No
D&T Appointment	Majority of votes cast	Yes

### ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast. This means that the four nominees for election as directors who receive the greatest number of votes cast by the holders of our common stock entitled to vote at the meeting will become directors. In an uncontested election where the number of nominees equals the number of director seats up for election, all the nominees will be elected and withhold votes will have no effect, in each case as long as there is a quorum and somebody votes for their election. The election of directors, however, is subject to our director resignation policy if a director fails to receive a majority vote.

Our Guidelines on Corporate Governance set forth our policy if a director is elected by a plurality of votes cast but receives a greater number of votes "withheld" from his or her election than votes "for" such election. In an uncontested election, any nominee for director who receives more votes "withheld" than votes "for" his or her election must promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board. The Board Composition and Corporate

Governance Committee will consider the resignation offer and make a recommendation to the Board. The Board will act on the tendered resignation within 90 days following certification of the election results. The Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee, in making its recommendation, and the Board, in making its decision, may consider any factors or other information that it considers appropriate and relevant, including any stated reasons why the shareowners withheld votes from the director, the director's tenure, the director's qualifications, the director's past and expected contributions to the Board, and the overall composition of the Board. We will promptly disclose the Board's decision regarding whether to accept or reject the director's resignation offer in a Form 8-K furnished to the SEC. If the Board rejects the tendered resignation or pursues any additional action, the disclosure will include the rationale behind the decision. Any director who tenders his or her resignation may not participate in the Board Composition and Corporate Governance Committee deliberations and recommendation or in the Board's decision whether to accept or reject the resignation offer.

### COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

An affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of our common stock present in-person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter is necessary to approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our NEOs, although such vote will not be binding on us.

### **D&T APPOINTMENT**

An affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of our common stock present in-person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on the matter is necessary to approve the D&T appointment.

## HOW ARE VOTES COUNTED?

Under Delaware law and our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, all votes entitled to be cast by shareowners present in-person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter, whether those shareowners vote "for", "against" or abstain from voting, will be counted for purposes of determining the minimum number of affirmative votes required to approve the D&T appointment and approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our NEOs.

# WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF AN ABSTENTION?

The shares of a shareowner who abstains from voting on a matter will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting so long as the shareowner is present in-person or represented by proxy. An abstention from voting on a matter by a shareowner present in-person or represented by proxy at the meeting has no effect on the election of directors, but has the same legal effect as a vote "against" the proposals to approve the compensation of our NEOs and the D&T appointment.

### HOW WILL VOTES BE COUNTED ON SHARES HELD THROUGH BROKERS?

Brokers are not entitled to vote on the election of directors or the advisory proposal to approve the compensation of our NEOs unless they receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner. However, under NYSE rules, brokers may use discretionary authority to vote on "routine" items such as the ratification of auditor. If a broker does not receive voting instructions, the broker may return a proxy card voting on routine items with no vote on the election of directors and the advisory proposal to approve the compensation of our NEOs, which is usually referred to as a broker non-vote. The shares of a shareowner whose shares are not voted because of a broker non-vote on a particular matter will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the meeting so long as the shareowner is represented by proxy. A broker non-vote has no effect on the election of directors or the advisory proposal to approve the compensation of our NEOs.

# CAN I RECEIVE ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO SHAREOWNER MATERIALS?

As noted above, SEC rules permit us to furnish proxy materials to shareowners via the internet. However, we may choose to continue to provide printed copies to certain shareowners. If we send you printed copies, you can help us reduce the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting by electing to access proxy statements, annual reports and related materials electronically instead of receiving these documents in print. You must have an e-mail account and access to the internet and expect to have such access in the future to be eligible for electronic access to these materials. To enroll for these services, please go to https://enroll.icsdelivery.com/rok\_ or visit our website at www.rockwellautomation.com, click on "Investors", then click on "Contact Us", and you will find the link under the subheading "Electronic Delivery" under "Transfer Agent & Dividends". If you own your shares through a broker or other nominee, you may contact them directly to request electronic access.

Your consent to electronic access will be effective until you revoke it. You may cancel your consent at no cost to you at any time by going to *https://enroll.icsdelivery.com/rok\_* and following the instructions or by contacting your broker or other nominee.

## EXPENSES OF SOLICITATION

We will bear the cost of the solicitation of proxies. We are soliciting proxies by mail, e-mail and through the Notice. Proxies also may be solicited personally, or by telephone or facsimile, by a few of our regular employees without additional compensation. In addition, we have hired Innisfree M&A Incorporated, 501 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, for \$20,000 plus associated costs and expenses to assist in the solicitation. We will reimburse brokers and other persons holding stock in their names, or in the names of nominees, for their expenses for forwarding proxy materials to principals and beneficial owners and obtaining their proxies.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREOWNERS TO BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 4, 2025

# This proxy statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, are available to you on the internet at www.proxyvote.com.

To view this material, you will need your control number from your proxy card.

The Annual Meeting (for shareowners as of the December 9, 2024 record date) will be held on February 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. CST at Rockwell Automation Global Headquarters, 1201 South Second Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204, USA.

For directions to the Annual Meeting and to vote in-person, please call Shareowner Relations at +1(414) 382-8410.

Shareowners will vote at the Annual Meeting on whether to:

- 1) Elect James P. Keane, Blake D. Moret, Thomas W. Rosamilia, and Patricia A. Watson as directors;
- 2) Approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers as described in the proxy statement; and
- 3) Approve the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2025.

### ✓ THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF THE FOUR NAMED DIRECTORS AND THE PROPOSALS TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND SELECTION OF DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP.

December 20, 2024

### ADMISSION TO THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

You will need an admission card (or other proof of stock ownership) and proper identification for admission to the Annual Meeting of Shareowners in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 4, 2025. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please be sure to request an admission card by:

- marking the appropriate box on the proxy card and mailing the card using the enclosed envelope;
- indicating your desire to attend the meeting through our internet voting procedure; or
- calling our Shareowner Relations line at +1(414)382-8410.

An admission card will be mailed to you if:

- your Rockwell Automation shares are registered in your name; or
- your Rockwell Automation shares are held in the name of a broker or other nominee and you provide written evidence of your stock ownership as of the December 9, 2024 record date, such as a brokerage statement or letter from your broker.

Your admission card will serve as verification of your ownership.



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