

STARBUCKS CORPORATION AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

Purpose

The primary purpose of the Audit and Compliance Committee (the “Committee”) is to oversee the accounting and financial reporting processes of Starbucks Corporation (the “Company”) and the internal and external audit processes. The Committee also assists the Board of Directors of the Company in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing the financial information which will be provided to shareholders and others, the systems of internal control which management and the Board of Directors have established, and compliance with the Company's Standards of Business Conduct and Code of Ethics for the CEO and Finance Leaders.

In fulfilling its purpose, it is the responsibility of the Committee to provide an open avenue of communication between the Board of Directors and management, the internal audit department and the independent auditors. The Committee is the Board’s principal agent in ensuring the integrity of management and the adequacy of disclosure to shareholders. The opportunity for the independent auditors to meet with the entire Board of Directors as needed is not to be restricted, however. The independent auditors are ultimately accountable to the Committee, as representatives of the Company's shareholders; the Committee has the sole authority to determine funding for, select, evaluate, and, where appropriate, replace the independent auditors. The Committee oversees the independent auditors, including their independence and objectivity.

The Committee members are not acting as professional accountants or auditors, and their functions are not intended to duplicate or substitute for the activities of management and the independent auditors, nor can the Committee certify that the independent auditors are “independent” under applicable rules. The Committee serves a Board-level oversight role in which it provides advice, counsel and direction to management and the independent auditors on the basis of information it receives, discussions with the independent auditors, and the experience of the Committee’s members in business, financial and accounting matters.

Composition

The Committee shall be comprised of at least three (3) members, all of whom shall meet the independence requirements of The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC, applicable laws, and rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The members of the Committee shall also meet all financial knowledge and experience qualifications required under rules promulgated by The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC, the Securities and Exchange Commission or other governing body, as may be in effect from time to time. In addition, at least one member of the Committee shall be an “audit committee financial expert” as that term is defined in applicable rules. Members and a Chair of the Committee shall be recommended by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and appointed by the full Board of Directors.

Authority

The Committee has the authority to investigate any activity of the Company within its scope of responsibilities, and shall have unrestricted access to members of management and all

information relevant to its responsibilities. All employees are directed to cooperate as requested by members of the Committee. The Committee is empowered to retain independent legal counsel and other advisors as it deems necessary or appropriate to assist the Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities, and to approve the fees and other retention terms of such advisors.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet at least six times per year (in person or telephonically), and may hold additional meetings as often as may be necessary or appropriate, in the discretion of the Chair of the Committee. Prior to each meeting, the Chair of the Committee may communicate with the independent auditors to review the agenda and solicit input on any additional topics that should be covered. There will be an executive session at each meeting.

Attendance

Members of the Committee are expected to use all reasonable efforts to attend each meeting. As necessary or desirable, the Chair may request that members of management, the internal audit director, and representatives of the independent auditors be present at meetings of the Committee.

Minutes

Minutes of each meeting shall be prepared under the direction of the Chair of the Committee and circulated to Committee members for review and approval and then circulated to the Starbucks directors who are not members of the Committee. Copies are to be made available to the independent auditors.

Specific Duties

The Committee shall:

1. Enable direct communication between the independent auditors and the Committee at any time. Instruct the independent auditors to report directly to the Committee any serious difficulties or disputes with management, and ensure they are appropriately resolved.
2. Appoint, determine funding and other retention terms for, oversee and, if the Committee determines necessary or appropriate, replace the independent auditors. This oversight includes:
 - Monitoring the independence and objectivity of the independent auditors, actively engaging in dialog with them regarding the impact of any disclosed relationships or services to the Company. Receive from the independent auditor a formal written statement delineating all relationships between the auditor and the Company, consistent with applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board.
 - Reviewing a report from the firm describing the firm's internal quality control procedures, and any material issues raised by the internal quality control review, or peer review, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities.

3. Review the scope of the independent auditor's audit examination, including their engagement letter, prior to the annual audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements. Approve in advance the engagement of the independent auditors and their fees for all audit and non-audit services. Adopt specific policies and procedures for such preapproval, ensuring that they provide sufficient detail so that the Committee's responsibilities are not delegated to management. These policies and procedures may delegate authority to one or more members of the Committee to grant pre-approval, provided that the decision is presented to the Committee at its next scheduled meeting. Review all engagements of the independent auditors at the next scheduled meeting.
4. Review the Company's quarterly and annual financial results with management and the independent auditors. This review includes:
 - The financial statements and disclosures to be included in the Company's Annual report to Shareholders, the Annual Report on Form 10-K, the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, or similar publicly filed documents.
 - Information to be discussed in the Company's quarterly earnings announcements.
 - Significant transactions not a normal part of the Company's operations.
 - Any off-balance sheet structures.
 - The Company's critical accounting policies and the disclosure of them in "Management's Discussion and Analysis".
 - Significant management judgments and accounting estimates.
 - Significant changes in the Company's accounting policies or their application, or alternative GAAP treatments discussed with the independent auditor.
 - Adjustments proposed by the independent auditors.
 - The independent auditors' audit opinion, their judgment on the quality of the Company's accounting policies and financial reporting, and other matters they are required to communicate to the Committee under applicable professional standards.
5. Review the audit process with management and the independent auditors, upon completion of their annual audit, to evaluate:
 - The cooperation received by the independent auditors, including access to all requested information.
 - Any instances where management has obtained "second opinions" from other external auditors.
 - Any disagreements with management that, if not satisfactorily resolved, would have caused them to modify their report on the financial statements.
 - Management's comments regarding the audit.
6. Review management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal controls over financial reporting, and the independent auditor's related attestation. Consider with management and the internal and independent auditors whether any changes to such internal controls are appropriate.
7. Based upon the review and discussion of the annual financial statements with management and the independent auditors, recommend to the Board that the annual financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K.

8. Report to shareholders in the Company's annual proxy statement on those matters required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
9. Review the internal audit department's staffing, budget and responsibilities. Review and approve the internal audit plan. Enable direct communication between the Audit Committee and the vice president, internal audit at any time, as needed, to address concerns.
10. Review and approve any dismissal of the vice president, internal audit.
11. Review periodically, with internal audit and the independent auditors, the adequacy of the Company's accounting and financial personnel and any relevant recommendations concerning internal controls, accounting principles, and accounting/reporting systems.
12. Review the effect of any important new pronouncements of the accounting profession and other regulatory bodies on the Company's accounting and reporting policies.
13. Review any inquiries related to accounting or financial reporting matters received from the Securities and Exchange Commission or other agencies, and management's response thereto. Ensure that any complaints received by the Company regarding its accounting, internal control, or auditing matters are addressed.
14. Review and approve or ratify all related party transactions and potential conflict of interest situations that are required to be disclosed in the Company's annual proxy statement pursuant to SEC Regulation S-K, Item 404.
15. Establish, review and update periodically the Company's Standards of Business Conduct and the Code of Ethics for the CEO and Finance Leaders. Review with management the Company's systems to monitor compliance with these standards and applicable legal requirements. Establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters, and procedures for their receipt, retention and treatment.
16. Review the compliance office's staffing, budget and responsibilities. Enable direct communication between the Audit Committee and the chief compliance officer at any time, as needed, to address concerns. Review and approve any dismissal of the chief compliance officer.
17. Review periodically with management, the compliance officer and the Board any legal and regulatory matters that may have a material impact on the Company's financial statements, compliance policies, and compliance programs.
18. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and the Timetable of Audit and Compliance Committee Activities annually, or as circumstances dictate, and update as appropriate.
19. Periodically evaluate and take steps to improve the effectiveness of the Committee in meeting its responsibilities under this Charter.

This Charter is intended to provide a set of flexible guidelines for the effective functioning of the Committee. The Committee may modify or amend this Charter and the authority and responsibilities of the Committee set forth herein at any time.