Induction and training

Our customary induction processes for newly appointed Directors includes individual meetings with Executive Committee members and other senior executives, visits to the company's production facilities and offices including the company's head office in London and the group's spirits production facilities, scotch brand homes, visitor centres and archives in Scotland.

Induction programmes for new Directors are tailored to suit the particular background and experience of the individual Director, with the Committee advising on priorities for that individual and tracking induction activity. These induction processes supplement existing practices whereby a continuing understanding of the business is developed through appropriate business engagements for Non-Executive Directors such as visits to customers, engagements with employees, and brand events worked into the annual cycle of Board meetings. Training on specific areas of risk and detailed reviews of strategic matters are provided by Executive Committee members, other internal senior leaders and external guest speakers and specialists through presentations, roundtable discussions and other sessions as part of the Board's Annual Strategy Conference and during the year as part of Board and Audit Committee meetings. In addition, Executive Committee members and other senior executives are invited, as

appropriate, to Board and strategy meetings to make presentations on their areas of responsibility. All Directors are also provided with regular briefings to ensure they are kept up to date on relevant legal and governance developments or changes, best practice developments and changing commercial and other risks.

Diversity

The Board has a longstanding commitment to prioritise diversity and supports the recommendations of the FTSE Women Leaders Review (previously the Hampton-Alexander Review) on gender diversity and the Parker Review on ethnic diversity. The Board Diversity Policy sets out specific objectives with parity between male and female members of the Board being the ultimate goal in terms of gender diversity, with a commitment to have no less than 40% female representation on the Board, and having at least one Director reflecting ethnic diversity as defined in accordance with the Parker Review. The Committee is pleased to confirm that both these objectives have currently been met. The Board Diversity Policy also sets out the Board's support for management's actions to increase the proportion of senior leadership roles held by women and by people from minority backgrounds and other under-represented groups. As at 30 June 2023, the percentage of women on the Executive Committee and their direct reports is 43%.

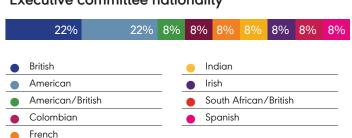
Board and Executive Committee reporting on gender identity or sex

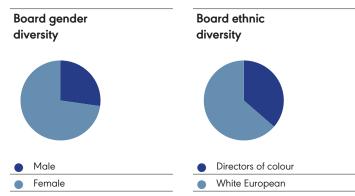
	Number of Board members	Number in executive management	Percentage of executive management		
Men	3	27.3 %	1	7	50.0 %
Women	8	72.7 %	3	7	50.0 %
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Board and Executive Committee reporting on ethnic background

	Number of Board members	Percentage of the Board	Number of senior positions on the Board (CEO, CFO, SID and Chair)	Number in executive management	Percentage of executive management
White British or other White (including minority-white groups)	7	63.6 %	3	8	57.1 %
Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	_	_	-	_	_
Asian/Asian British	3	27.3 %	1	3	21.4 %
Black/African/Caribbean/Black British	1	9.1 %	_	1	7.2 %
Other ethnic group, including Arab	_	-	_	2	14.3 %
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Board diversity data

- Directors are defined as all Non-Executive and Executive Directors appointed to the Board. Board diversity related data are collated directly from each Director annually using a questionnaire and are given on a self-identifying basis.
- Directors of colour are defined in accordance with the Parker Review definitions as those "who identify as or have evident heritage from African, Asian, Middle Eastern, Central and South American regions"
- All Board diversity data above are given as at 30 June 2023.