



## Press Release

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Fostering gender diversity across Henkel

### Henkel strives for gender parity by 2025

- **Ambition to establish gender balance across all management positions by 2025**
- **Proportion of women in management currently at 38 percent**
- **Comprehensive action plan and measures to foster diversity, equity and inclusion**

Düsseldorf – Henkel has announced its ambition to reach gender parity across all management positions by 2025. The proportion of women is to be significantly increased both at the top management levels and in junior and middle management. With this ambition, Henkel backs its clear commitment to a more diverse, equitable and inclusive organization with concrete ambitions and actions.

“At Henkel, we see it as our responsibility to ensure equal access to opportunities for all people, embracing all diversity criteria,” says Carsten Knobel, CEO of Henkel. “We are deeply convinced that gender diversity plays a crucial role for our future business success. Our purposeful growth agenda is built on the foundation of a collaborative culture and empowered people. Embracing diversity and strengthening our inclusive culture are key elements that allow us to collaborate effectively, include different perspectives and empower each other – not despite of, but because of our differences.”

Over recent years, Henkel has steadily increased the proportion of women in management positions. Today, the level has reached 38 percent. “We have made good progress, but more needs to be done. Reaching gender balance across all management level is a truly ambitious journey. We are fully committed to further accelerate and step up our efforts with concrete programs and actions to leverage the full potential of our diversity,” says Sylvie Nicol, CHRO of Henkel. “We will foster more inclusive mindsets and relationships and build even more equitable and transparent structures and processes.”



## **Action plan for more gender diversity**

To strive for more gender diversity, Henkel will further accelerate its programs and measures along the whole employee lifecycle – from recruitment to development and retention. This includes gender inclusive recruitment and talent attraction, a thoroughly monitored promotion and succession plan, intensive internal upskilling on diversity, unconscious bias trainings and inclusion programs, exploring new working formats such as shared or part-time leadership roles, as well as further leveraging Henkel’s numerous mentoring and networking initiatives for diversity worldwide.

## **Diversity, equity and inclusion**

In 2007, Henkel was one of the first German DAX companies to establish a dedicated global diversity team. Today, diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) is deeply anchored in the company strategy and corporate culture. Striving for more gender diversity is a key element in the company’s holistic diversity strategy which includes further dimensions such as internationality and ethnicity, sexual orientation, disabilities as well as different generations working together. Henkel has the aspiration to significantly drive progress across all these dimensions. To anchor this in all areas of the company and to put it into action, the company has also established a company-wide DEI network which works collaborative across all departments and regions.

## **About Henkel**

Henkel operates globally with a well-balanced and diversified portfolio. The company holds leading positions with its three business units in both industrial and consumer businesses thanks to strong brands, innovations and technologies. Henkel Adhesive Technologies is the global leader in the adhesives market – across all industry segments worldwide. In its Laundry & Home Care and Beauty Care businesses, Henkel holds leading positions in many markets and categories around the world. Founded in 1876, Henkel looks back on more than 140 years of success. In 2021, Henkel reported sales of more than 20 billion euros and an adjusted operating profit of about 2.7 billion euros. The company employs more than 52,000 people globally – a passionate and highly diverse team, united by a strong company culture, a common purpose, and shared values. As a recognized leader in sustainability, Henkel holds top positions in many international indices and rankings. Henkel’s preferred shares are listed in the German stock index DAX. For more information, please visit [www.henkel.com](http://www.henkel.com).

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