Case study – Global Stars: Diversity & Inclusion Eli Lilly

Key facts Company description US pharmaceutical company Engagement period Q3 2022 – Q2 2025 Current status Closed effective

Engagement theme

- Addressing inequalities in gender and ethnic pay, discriminatory company policies and unequal opportunities for promotion at the companies we invest in
- > Through this theme, we aim to help companies tap into the full potential of everyone in their workforce, creating value both for themselves and for wider society

Engagement background

- > Eli Lilly & Co. (Lilly) is a US-based pharmaceutical company. It is headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, and has more than 36,000 employees worldwide, with 56% of the workforce outside the United States
- > The company has an extensive D&I strategy but can provide more clarity on the targets
- > We expect the company to conduct regular pay equity audits and disclose the unadjusted and adjusted median pay gaps
- > Our engagement will focus on improving the current D&I policy and increasing transparency and the culture of inclusion in the entire organization

Company progress

- Since the start of our engagement with Eli Lilly in September 2022, we have met with the company numerous times through engagement calls and in-person meetings
- > We successfully close 'Transparency in Workforce Disclosures' and 'Workplace of Respect and Belonging', as the company's D&I report disclosed that 77% of employees felt that they belonged in the company.
- > The company has equal gender representation across the global workforce and in management roles and 41% female members on the BoD. However, improvements can be made by increasing ethnic diversity.
- > The company is actively addressing low diversity levels in minority groups through its robust strategy and is aiming to expand efforts beyond gender to include aspects such as mental health.
- The company conducts pay equity analyses regularly and acts to close these gaps by, for example, setting standard rates for junior employees