

Stiftung Constanter – Outline Policy Plan 2022 – 2023

General

Stiftung Constanter (hereafter “Constanter”) is a private, independent charitable foundation founded by Brenninkmeijer family business owners and based in Switzerland. Constanter has a charitable character and does not pursue a profit-making purpose.

Constanter’s mission is to contribute to a better world where social justice and the dignity of the planet and all its people are respected and promoted. Constanter advances this mission by enabling work in the areas of education, society, faith and climate, providing funds to other philanthropic entities and partners that support these aims, and by encouraging the development of industries and economies that work for all stakeholders, not just a few.

The way Constanter works, invests and partners is driven by a strong sense of what matters in principle and works in practice. Its values are rooted in the Catholic faith and the business heritage of the Brenninkmeijer family business owners. Constanter believes in listening and working collectively with those who understand the issues best – whether that’s experts, local communities or the people directly affected – to promote human dignity and strive for a more just and sustainable world.

Constanter works in strategic partnership with a wider network of philanthropic organisations. Chief among these are Porticus which advises and supports us in developing and executing Constanter’s philanthropic strategy, and Laudes Foundation which pursues its mission by inspiring and challenging industry to accelerate the transition to a climate-positive and inclusive economy.

Board

The Board currently consists of four persons. The current Board members are:

- Mr. Edward K. Brenninkmeijer (Chair)
- Mr. Martin Rudolf V.M. Brenninkmeijer
- Mr. Stan H.M. Brenninkmeijer
- Mr. Wim Eysink

Constanter does not remunerate its board members for their work.

Source of income

Constanter is a private not-for-profit charitable foundation which does not raise funds or rely on donations from the public. Its funds come from investments made and managed by Constanter specifically for the purpose of its philanthropic work.

Porticus & Laudes Foundation

Constanter’s funding, investments and professional services enable the work of Porticus, Laudes Foundation and other philanthropic organisations founded by the Brenninkmeijer family business owners. In turn, these organisations support Constanter in developing and executing its philanthropy strategy through grant-giving programmes.

Porticus

Established in 1995, Porticus is now active in over 135 countries. Porticus believes that the best way to maximise positive impact is to tackle the root causes of problems by understanding the systems in which they arise. This means listening to those that understand the issues best, and working in equal partnership with them to deliver change. Porticus advises and supports Constanter in developing and executing its philanthropic strategy, selecting and reviewing initiatives serving human dignity and social justice.

Laudes

Laudes Foundation exists to challenge and inspire industry to harness its power for good. It operates globally, supporting bold and urgent action to tackle the dual crises of inequality and climate change. Born from the industry-changing work of C&A Foundation and its flagship initiative Fashion for Good, it hopes to redefine value beyond shareholder interests alone, and to re-engineer how we grow and distribute wealth for the good of all people and nature.

Investment policy

As a private not-for-profit charitable foundation, Constanter does not raise funds or rely on donations from the public. Its funds come from investments made and managed specifically for the purpose of its philanthropic work. Constanter strives to meet its philanthropic spending commitments now and in future, guided by high ethical standards. Increasingly, co-funding has emerged as an effective way to approach systemic challenges.

Constanter's investments are aligned with its mission, going beyond legal and regulatory compliance to express its values as well. Informed by its responsible investment guidelines which are implemented through its asset managers and partners, Constanter aims to exclude assets that are incompatible with its values or fail to meet international standards.

The Board of Constanter has adopted a Strategic Asset Allocation that looks at the long-term goal of charitable donations, Constanter's capacity to deal with fluctuations in capital markets, and the risk and return expectations for the different investment categories