

BUSINESS ORGANISATION

This section describes in broad terms how the Company is organised in terms of the overall structure and principal roles and responsibilities of the Board, the Board Committees and other significant bodies with authority delegated from the Board or the Chief Executive Officer, such as the Senior Executive Team (SET) and the R&D Executive Committee.

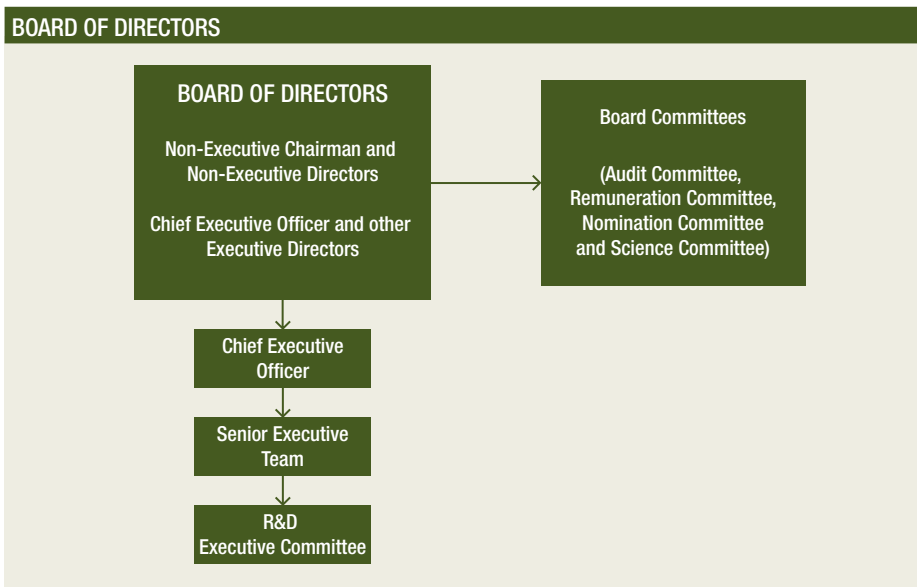
ASTRAZENECA PLC BOARD COMPOSITION, PROCESSES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board comprises three Executive Directors and nine Non-Executive Directors. The membership of the Board at 31 December 2007, and information about individual Directors is shown on pages 18 and 19.

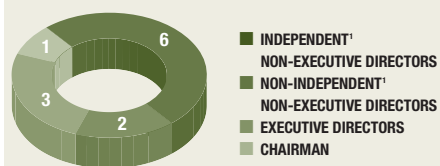
All Directors are collectively responsible for the success of the Company. The Non-Executive Directors have a responsibility to bring independent, objective judgement to bear on Board decisions, which includes constructively challenging management and helping to develop the Company's strategy as well as scrutinising the performance of management. The Non-Executive Directors also have various responsibilities concerning the integrity of financial information, internal controls and risk management.

At the end of every Board meeting the Company's Non-Executive Directors meet without the Executive Directors present in order to review and discuss any matters that have arisen during the meeting and/or such other matters as may appear to the Non-Executive Directors to be relevant to them in properly discharging their duties in an independent manner. In order to ensure that the Board has good visibility in respect of the key operating decisions of the business, members of the SET routinely attend Board meetings on a rotational basis and the Board regularly meets and consults other senior employees throughout the year.

Further details about the members and responsibilities of the SET are described on page 20. Further information about the operation of the Board and its committees can be found in the Corporate Governance and Managing Risk section on pages 38 to 49.

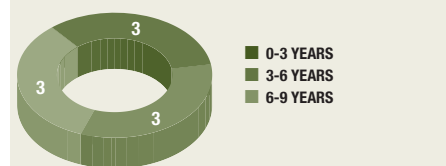


BALANCE OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

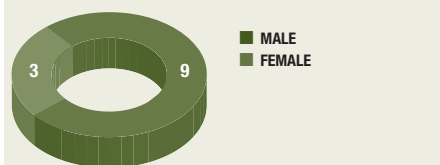


¹ As determined by the Board in accordance with the UK Combined Code.

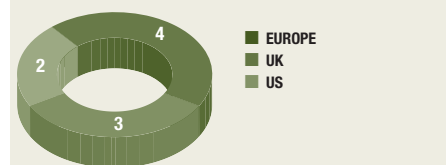
LENGTH OF TENURE OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



GENDER SPLIT OF DIRECTORS



GEOGRAPHICAL MIX OF NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS



R&D EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The R&D Executive Committee oversees and prioritises an integrated portfolio of both small molecule and biological discovery and development projects from across the Group (whether originating from our own R&D activities or from external sources). It takes a view across all therapy areas and makes decisions based on therapeutic need, market opportunity and technical risk. It is also charged with establishing a portfolio review process intended to ensure that internal and external opportunities are reviewed using the same criteria and that there is a clear externalisation strategy aligned with the disease area strategies.

The R&D Executive Committee is chaired by John Patterson, Executive Director, Development. Its other members are currently the Executive Vice-President, Discovery Research; the President, Research and Development, MedImmune; the President and Chief Executive Officer, North America and Executive Vice-President, Global Marketing; the Senior Vice-President, Strategic Planning and Business Development; the Vice-President, Corporate Strategy and R&D Finance; and the Vice-President and Head of Development Projects. Further information about the R&D Executive Committee can be found in the R&D Governance and Portfolio Management section on page 27.