



2019  
**SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**

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## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 A-Sonic Group Profile

A-Sonic Aerospace Limited (“A-Sonic”) and its Group of Subsidiaries (“A-Sonic Group”) are engaged in two areas of businesses, aviation and logistics. We currently operate in 29 cities in 16 countries, spanning four (4) continents in Asia, North Americas, Sub-Continent India, and Europe. Our headquarters is in Singapore. [102-1] [102-3] [102-4] [102-6]

#### Aviation Business

We are engaged in the sale, lease and purchase of aircraft and aircraft engines. Our customers are mainly airlines. [102-2] [102-6] [102-9]

#### Logistics Business

We are engaged in providing supply chain management services. We specialize in various aspects of logistic solutions, including international and domestic multi-modal transportation, warehousing, distribution, customs clearance, and airport ground services. Our customers are mainly corporates and business enterprises. [102-2] [102-6] [102-9]

More detailed information on the A-Sonic Group are set out in our Annual Report 2019. [102-4]

Profile of our employees as at 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018 are as follows : [102-8]

Number of employees	Permanent		Temporary		Full time		Part time	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
Female	270	299	6	10	261	293	15	16
Male	443	434	1	1	443	433	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>

Number of employees	Permanent		Temporary	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
China	237	298	3	6
Singapore	309	267	0	0
Other countries	168	168	3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>733</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>

None of the employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements. [102-41]

## 1.2 Board Statement [102-14]

Dear Stakeholders

The United Nations adopted its Sustainable Development Goals (“SDGs”), officially known as “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. These bold moves cover four broad dimensions as part of a global vision for sustainable development: (i) Inclusive Economic Development; (ii) Inclusive Social Development; (iii) Environmental Sustainability; and (iv) Peace and Security.

In many aspects, 2019 year was a challenging year. The global macro-economics and geo-political environment were fraught with continuous news of trade war and risk of global economic downturn. Despite this backdrop, our business performance ended on a positive note.

We believe that sustainability is the foundation of good management practices, and serves to guide us:

- (i) to achieve long-term economic value for our business;
- (ii) how our actions and solutions help people - our employees, customers, suppliers, and the community; and
- (iii) to conduct our business ethically.

While we operate on an ongoing, pragmatic basis, we commit, albeit in our small way, to make the world a better place for all.

The three pillars that motivate and inspire us in our sustainability efforts are:

- (i) Performance – Provide solutions to our customers and leverage on innovative technology to develop sustainable long-term economic value for our business;
- (ii) People – Cultivate inclusion and holistic wellness of our staff members, their families and the community; and
- (iii) Ethical Conduct – Integrity of our employees.

You can find more information on the A-Sonic sustainability efforts in this report.

On behalf of the Board of Directors

Janet Tan  
Chief Executive Officer

## OUR SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH

### 2.1 Sustainability Governance [102-18]

The A-Sonic Board of Directors delegates authority for day-to-day management of economic performance, people and environmental topics to the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”). The CEO leads the Executive Directors.

With guidance from the Board of Directors, the CEO, supported by the other Executive Directors, set the A-Sonic sustainability strategy, and drive progress company-wide. These executive leaders also provide the interface to our business segments.

The Executive Directors further delegate our relevant sustainability commitments relating to economic, people and ethics, to each business head to embed these into our activities and operations.

Our Board-level Committee meets annually to review the effectiveness of our sustainability strategy, and seek areas for further improvement.

### 2.2 Stakeholders [102-40] [102-42] [103-1]

Within this sustainability approach, A-Sonic takes broader economic, governance and social aspects into account. Our focus is to deliver long-term value for all our stakeholders: employees, customers, suppliers, investors and community in which we operate on an on-going, pragmatic basis.

Stakeholder Groups	Impact
Our Employees	Our staff members constitute our human capital to drive our business. We aim to foster holistic well-beingness of staff.
Our Customers	We aim to provide solutions to address the needs of our customers, and followed through with our actions to provide quality service.
Our Suppliers	We work closely with our service providers to act responsibly in line with international and industry standards, including security and safety.
Our Investors	We strive to improve our economic performance, maintain good corporate governance, and comply with all regulatory requirements.
Our Community	While we operate on an ongoing commercial entity, we conduct our business responsibly, and to support the community.

### 2.3 Our Material Issues [\[102-42\]](#) [\[102-43\]](#) [\[102-44\]](#) [\[102-46\]](#) [\[102-47\]](#) [\[103-1\]](#)

Our stakeholders provides us with valuable insights for improving our business and sustainability strategy through a range of engagement activities – including collaboration on industry initiatives, customer and supplier site visits as well as updates, supplier audits and assessment, international conference participation, employee sessions and feedbacks, annual and extraordinary general meetings with investors, and more.

Resulting from the interactions and communications with various stakeholders, we identify and shape material issues that affect our business, and emerging trends in sustainability.

Based on relative importance to sustainable development and to A-Sonic's business success, the following issues have been identified to be material for the purpose of this report.

<b>A-SONIC MATERIALITY CONTENT TABLE</b>			
<b>Key Material Issues for A-Sonic</b>	<b>Topics Under GRI Standards</b>	<b>Impact and Boundaries</b>	<b>Addressed in this Report</b>
<b>Economic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Economic Performance</li> <li>• Direct Economic Value</li> <li>• Understanding Climate Change on Our Business</li> </ul>	All stakeholders across our value chain.	Page 6 to 9
<b>Ethical Conduct</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anti-Corruption</li> </ul>	All stakeholders across our value chain.	Page 10 to 11
<b>Employees Health, Safety &amp; Wellness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workforce Diversity &amp; Inclusion</li> <li>• Employee Health, Safety &amp; Well Being</li> <li>• Recruitment, Training &amp; Development</li> </ul>	Employees, government and regulators.	Page 12 to 18

Topics below the materiality threshold have less significant impact on our sustainability, and are not covered in this report. Disclosure is made in the GRI Content Index.

## 2.4 Report Period and Scope

This report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core options. This report contains a full year's data from 1 January to 31 December 2019. It focuses on the business owned by A-Sonic, including our subsidiaries, but not our associated companies. We are a publicly listed limited company in Singapore. [102-5] [102-45] [102-50] [102-54]

The scope covers our two areas of businesses activities: aviation and logistics. Monetary values in this report are presented in United States Dollars, which is A-Sonic's functional currency. We have provided the latest year's and previous year's historical data.

In each reporting cycle, the Executive Directors, under the guidance of the Board of Directors review the content of this Report to determine its relevance to our business.

The information in this Report is current as of the date of its initial publication. This Report has not been updated to reflect any changes that may have occurred after such date, including any changes to A-Sonic business or strategy. A-Sonic assumes no obligation and does not intend to update this Report to reflect any such changes, until the next annual review. [102-52]

As part of environmental conservation efforts, our current edition of the Report is available at [www.asonic-aerospace.com](http://www.asonic-aerospace.com).

We welcome any feedback on this report. Please address any feedback to [corporate@asonic-aerospace.com](mailto:corporate@asonic-aerospace.com). [102-53]

## ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

### 3.1 Management Approach to Economic Performance [103-2]

Economic performance is defined as our most material aspect because, like most companies, our economic success enables the execution of our sustainability strategies.

Our primary role in society is to build an integrated team in diverse markets working to provide seamless aviation and logistics solutions. We currently operate in 29 cities in 16 countries, spanning four (4) continents in Asia, North Americas, Sub-Continent India, and Europe. We provide employment to over 700 staff as at 31 December 2019. [102-7]

### 3.2 Economic Performance [103-2] [103-3]

#### 3.2.1 Aviation Business

Our aviation business recorded Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company of US\$0.097 million in financial year (“FY”) 2019. Turnover decreased by US\$2.596 million from US\$7.760 million in FY 2018 to US\$5.164 million in FY 2019, resulting from the sale of aircraft engines. We will continue to pursue potential buyers globally for our aircraft and aircraft engines.

Our aviation business deals with sale and purchase of pre-owned aircraft and aircraft engines. We deal with owners of aircraft and aircraft engines around the world (“**Suppliers**”). We engage with the Suppliers through emails and tele-communication. [102-9]

Our aviation business contributes to sustainability by adopting the following: [102-12]

- Verifying that the suppliers that we deal with adopt anti-corruption and anti-bribery practices.
- We select aircraft and aircraft engine suppliers based on the safety certification for each aircraft or aircraft engine, including the parts or components in compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) and/or European Aviation Safety Agency (“EASA”) standard.
- We repair or maintain our aircraft engines at third-party maintenance organizations that possess FAA and/or EASA compliance certification(s).
- We ensure that our aircraft and aircraft engine are prepared for sale to customers.



### 3.2.2 Logistics Business

Ongoing geopolitical tides, and economic uncertainties around the world, are constantly changing. We have to be more agile to prepare ourselves for more disruptions from geopolitical tensions, policy uncertainty, financial market volatility, and rapid changes in technology.

As we move forward under such challenging economic environment, we need to stay focused to maintain positive momentum. To achieve this goal, we are centering our efforts on two overarching strategies:

- First, to continue building strength-on-strength to execute our enterprise initiative. More offices in our network must operate efficiently, effectively and productively.
- Second, to stretch ourselves beyond, and leverage on the qualitative sources of growth with investment in technology and business productivity.

We stayed focus to streamline our logistics business model to solidify our foundation. With the storied previous three (3) financial years, from FY 2016 to FY 2018, as inspiration for the future, “A-Sonic Logistics” sub-business unit is driven to strive even harder now. The logistics sub-business unit operating under “A-Sonic Logistics” brand recorded “Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company” of US\$1.971 million in FY 2019, an improvement of US\$0.889 million compared to US\$1.082 million for FY 2018. This gain was further enhanced by another sub-business unit operating under “UBI Logistics” brand, which incurred a “Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company” of US\$0.465 million in FY2019, compared to a “Loss attributable to equity holders of the Company” of US\$0.869 million in FY 2018. As a result, the combined logistics business unit registered a “Profit attributable to equity holders of the Company” of US\$2.436 million in FY 2019 compared to US\$0.213 million in FY 2018.

We challenge ourselves further because we know there is still a lot of work to be done. We shall relentlessly continue to execute with clear strategy and consistent focus across the logistics business unit.

Our logistics business contributes to sustainability by making our logistics-related activities as resource-efficient as possible. To do so, we: [\[102-11\]](#)

- Provide customers with solutions to meet their needs. We utilize a wide range of transportation modes, including aircraft, ocean carriers, trucks and rail, to reduce our impact on the environment;
- Aim to achieve optional routing for the motor vehicles that we own to maximize cargo on board and minimize the fuel utilized and emission;
- Participate in government-led initiatives to adopt reduced-emission technology. We upgrade our trucks to reduce our impact on the environment;

- Minimize material use at our work place, such as shrink wraps, pallets, and paper. We educate our staff to reuse and recycle these materials for cost saving objectives, and to reduce our impact on the environment;
- We also conduct ourselves responsibly to dispose end-of-service pallets, and other hazardous waste such as motor-vehicle batteries; and
- Compliance with international and national standards promulgated in the countries that we operate in. These include: [102-12] [102-13]
  - (i) International Air Transport Association (“**IATA**”), a trade association for the world’s airlines, representing some 275 airlines or 83% of total air traffic;
  - (ii) The Federal Maritime Commission of The United States;
  - (iii) The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism of The United States;
  - (iv) Transportation Security Administration of The United States; and
  - (v) The various logistics associations at national levels, for example, Singapore Logistics Association, British International Freight Association.

We report on the structure of our group, changes in structure, and financial performance primarily through our Annual Report. In this Report, we focus on economic performance as it relates to sustainability. The organizational entities covered in this Report are those presented in our Annual Report. [201-1]

<b>A-SONIC Financial Highlights* (US\$'000)</b>		
	<b>FY 2019</b>	<b>FY 2018</b>
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>\$206,072</b>	\$219,631
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$(202,814)</b>	\$(219,866)
<b>Staff costs</b>	<b>\$(16,935)</b>	\$(18,004)
<b>Taxation</b>	<b>\$(374)</b>	\$(182)

\* Details of A-Sonic’s financial information is described in our Annual Report 2019

We target to attain sustainable economic growth annually.

### 3.3 Direct Economic Value

We are committed to create jobs and career path for employees, and offer competitive remuneration. As at 31 December 2019, A-Sonic Group employed 720 (2018: 744) people. We paid US\$16.935 million (2018: US\$18.004 million) in compensation and benefit for full-time and part-time employees. Of the US\$16.935 million (2018: US\$18.004 million), US\$1.467 million (2018: US\$1.392 million) relate to retirement plans. [201-3]

In addition, we pay taxes to local and national government in certain countries, that help fund community infrastructure and public services.

We received a total of approximately US\$0.140 million (2018: US\$0.146 million) of financial assistance from various government, interims largely for incentive and development grants. [201-4]

### 3.4 Understanding Climate Change on Our Business [201-2]

Climate change presents both opportunity and risk to the economic performance of our business. From an opportunity perspective:

- (i) we conserve fuel utilization and reduce emission;
- (ii) we minimize material usage at our work place, such as shrink wraps, pallets and paper; and
- (iii) we act responsibly to dispose end-of-service pallets, and other hazardous waste such as motor-vehicle batteries.

These actions achieve two targets: (i) economic cost savings; and (ii) reduce our impact on the environment, hence climate change. [102-11]

Our main economic risk currently related to climate change is a regulatory risk. Countries are likely to increase regulation on emission to include new taxes, levies, or other costs for transportation and logistics companies. Today, it is not feasible to quantify the risk because different countries adopt different public policies. We aim to manage this risk by upgrading, at the appropriate time, the motor vehicles we utilize for our transportation business. We also continue to support public policies to own more carbon-efficient motor vehicles. [102-11]

## ETHICAL CONDUCT

Fundamental to our sustainability is to conduct our business with integrity and protect our reputation. We strive daily to earn our trust from our employees, customers and suppliers. We adopt strong measures to prevent corruption and comply with applicable laws and regulations.

### 4.1 Management Approach to Ethical Conduct [102-16] [103-2] [103-3]

#### (a) Governance

Our management approach to ethical conduct is to adhere to our corporate governance structures, policies and processes in a transparent manner. The senior management of A-Sonic executives set a tone of compliance and ethical conduct from the top. A-Sonic is committed to comply with the applicable law and regulation wherever we operate.

A-Sonic has in place an internal code of conduct applicable to all employees. The code of conduct embraces principles on integrity, responsibility and accountability at all levels of the group in the conduct of the group's business activities when dealing with other colleagues customers and suppliers.

The code provides guidance on issues such as:

- Conflicts of interest and appropriate discussion to be made;
- Our policies against corruption and bribery;
- Our policies and procedures, including internal controls and accounting;
- Safeguarding and proper use of our assets and confidential information; and
- Internal code on dealings in securities by all employees and directors.

#### (b) Reporting ethic concerns

We maintain open communication and transparency. Anyone with a concern is encouraged to speak up without fear of retaliation. Our employees and other stakeholders such as business partners, or customers, may raise any query or report a concern. These options include email, in-person meeting, or tele-communication. We will provide prompt follow up and responses.

**(c) Review Concerns**

We take alleged violations seriously and respond quickly, with disciplinary or remedial actions where appropriate. A senior representative from an office in a country that we operate in, and a senior representative from our head office, including a legal counsel may be engaged, to participate in the review.

**4.2 Combating Anti-Corruption [102-11] [102-16] [205-1]**

A-Sonic's policy is to comply with applicable laws, rules and regulations in countries where we operate. Corruption is a business risk that undermines our values. A-Sonic has zero tolerance for corruption behaviours, including bribery and kickbacks. Our Code of Conduct includes policies and procedures that prohibit employees, and people acting on our behalf, from engaging in corruption or any unlawful activities, including violations of the Corruption Act in Singapore, U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act, and other applicable anti-bribery laws, rules and regulations.

In conducting our business in 16 countries, we work through numerous third parties. In order to mitigate the risk of corruption from third parties, we employ a due diligence process to review their background. We adopt the policy of "know our customers and suppliers". The process starts with identifying and taking ownership of risks, then documenting the information, and verifying the information with independent third parties such as credit agencies, authorities, where feasible.

Periodically, we analyze 100% (2018: 100%) of our business units for compliance risks. One of our primary tool is to rely on internal audit to seek methodically for specific evidence of fraud, corruption, and other operational or process deficiencies. As part of our internal audit process, we also pay particular attention to significant changes in an A-Sonic business entity or its regulatory environment that is likely to increase the risk of unethical practices or inadequate controls.

In addition, we conduct annual surprise special external audit on A-Sonic entity which we have identified to be more susceptible to multiple internal and external factors in any given year. In FY2019, there were zero incidents of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations, including anti-corruption. We target to maintain this trend for the forthcoming year.

## EMPLOYEE HEALTH, SAFETY & WELLNESS

### 5.1 Management Approach to Employees [103-2] [103-3]

The value that continues to guide us as we grow A-Sonic enterprise is the corporate culture that we build together. Our culture aspires us to make lives better, and at the same time, be pragmatic, to be profitable. While we work hard, push ourselves, we must enjoy our work and have fun. We look to each and every employee to incorporate our sustainability principles into their work.

Our priority is to promote from within the group as a means of engaging and retaining our people, as well as bringing valuable external experience and continuity to our business. We aim to promote from within means that we emphasize on developing our people within their current positions of greater responsibility. However, we may have to bring in outside specialists to expand our skill set and meet new challenges.

We continually evaluate how we work, how we engage our people, how we provide development opportunities, and how we define and deliver rewards.

We face a few issues in reality. These include:

- (i) The rapidly transforming industry trends relating to the logistics industry, particularly in the sphere relating to e-commerce and e-fulfilment;
- (ii) Growth in new geographic and new emerging market trends in various industries. The evolving and changing global market place means that we must develop a more diverse, global workforce that is aligned to the dynamic industry trends in the logistics industry;
- (iii) We strive to offer attractive and holistic experiences and opportunities to continually enhance our employee retention and engagement strategies;
- (iv) While we promote internally, we are mindful of the need to acquire specialized skills sets. New technologies and innovations are emerging daily, and faster, and we strive to develop the skills needed for the next-generation logistic solutions. Hence, we may recruit externally, to reinvigorate our talent pool.

We strive to align our human capital strategy with our business strategy, and to continue to evolve to address the rapidly changing marketplace realities.

We focus on two (2) strategic initiatives, as well as the transformation of the HR function and its on-going support required to run the business:

- (a) First initiative - build a strong global talent pool, which is vital to our ability to grow and create value. Our management team is directly involved in this initiative; and

- (b) Second initiative - align our remuneration to incentivize and drive our employee engagement and business outcomes. We adopt a holistic remuneration approach, including compensation, healthcare, retirement, voluntary benefits, insurance, and various staff benefits.

Our human capital strategy also emphasizes on effective two-way communication with employees to:

- (a) help us define and execute our strategies;
- (b) identify and address issues as they may arise; and
- (c) measure the effectiveness of the policies and practices.

We often use employee feedbacks to better understand the changing needs of our workforce, improve operational processes, and match the rewards and recognition programmes. Our top management is directly involved in such meet-the-employee sessions. [102-43]

## 5.2 Workforce Diversity & Inclusion [103-2] [103-3] [405-1]

Cultivating a diverse workforce and inclusive work environment can help increase talent engagement, foster innovation, and offer different perspectives to an issue, or problem-solving approaches.

We operate in 16 countries, and we recognize that diversity is defined differently in varying countries. We believe that the process of building a diverse workforce begins with recruiting talented people regardless of their race, religion, gender identity, nationality or age. We reward base on merits and performance.

### STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT OF A-SONIC DIVERSITY

Employee Categories	Age Group (Global)					
	< 30 yrs		30 – 50 yrs		> 50 yrs	
	2019	2018	2019	2018	2019	2018
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Senior Management	0%	0%	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	1.2%
Middle Management	0.1%	0.7%	9.0%	8.6%	3.5%	3.5%
Admin / Technical	1.7%	1.9%	7.0%	9.3%	1.4%	0.7%
Operations / Business Development / Sales / Customer Service	15.4%	20.0%	43.2%	39.1%	15.1%	13.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>22.6%</b>	<b>61.0%</b>	<b>58.7%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>18.7%</b>

Employee Categories	Gender			
	Male		Female	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
	%	%	%	%
Senior Management	1.8%	1.9%	1.8%	1.1%
Middle Management	6.1%	5.2%	6.5%	7.5%
Admin / Technical	2.7%	4.3%	7.4%	7.5%
Operations / Business Development / Sales / Customer Service	51.1%	48.1%	22.6%	24.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>61.7%</b>	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>	<b>40.4%</b>

We believe that diversity and inclusion supports the economic sustainability of our business by helping us to better understand and meet customer needs, as well as strengthening our workplace environment. Each employee is free to bring their ideas to the table, and is not constrained to hold back in any way.

While we target diversity, in terms of talented staff, and varied skill sets, gender equality and balance, we must connect, integrate and align our shared corporate vision. Hence, our corporate culture is inclusion to further strengthen the engagement of our workforce.



### 5.3 Employee Health, Safety & Well Being [\[401-1\]](#) [\[401-2\]](#)

Our corporate culture aspire us to make lives better, and at the same time, be pragmatic, to be profitable. We adopt a holistic wellness approach for our employees. Our holistic programme focuses on three critical aspects:

- (i) physical health and safety;
- (ii) work-life balance; and
- (iii) financial wellness.

During the year ended 31 December 2019 and 31 December 2018, the data on the new employee hires and turnover is as follows : [\[401-1\]](#)

#### Number and Rate of Employee Hires by Age Group

Age Group	Number of new hires		% of new hires	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Under 30 years old	55	68	7.6%	9.1%
30 -50 years old	100	86	13.9%	11.6%
Over 50 years old	53	39	7.4%	5.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>

#### Number and Rate of Employee Hires by Gender

Gender	Number of new hires		% of new hires	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Male	159	128	22.1%	17.2%
Female	49	65	6.8%	8.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>

#### Number and Rate of Employee Hires by Region

Countries	Number of new hires		% of new hires	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Singapore	137	101	19.0%	13.5%
China	42	63	5.8%	8.4%
Other countries	29	29	4.1%	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>25.9%</b>

**Number and Rate of Employee Turnover by Age Group**

Age Group	Number of employee turnover		% of employee turnover	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Under 30 years old	51	61	7.1%	8.2%
30 -50 years old	68	96	9.5%	12.9%
Over 50 years old	42	37	5.8%	5.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

**Number and Rate of Employee Turnover by Gender**

Gender	Number of employee turnover		% of employee turnover	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Male	116	130	16.1%	17.5%
Female	45	64	6.3%	8.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

**Number and Rate of Employee Turnover by Region**

Countries	Number of employee turnover		% of employee turnover	
	2019	2018	2019	2018
Singapore	89	94	12.4%	12.6%
China	43	73	6.0%	9.8%
Other countries	29	27	4.0%	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>26.1%</b>

We target to maintain our employee turnover rate and provide them with opportunities to learn and grow in the forthcoming year as follows:

(i) **Physical Health and Safety**

In 2019, A-Sonic Group provided health benefits for 720 (2018: 744) employees. We participate in several employee benefit plans to meet the health and wellness needs of our employees. In addition, we make contributions on behalf of employees in statutory provident funds. While there are variations in each country, the following is an overview of A-Sonic employee benefits:

- Medical care, including hospitalization and surgery
- Term life insurance

- Workmen injury compensation
- Supplemental group life insurance
- Business travel accident insurance
- Parental leave

In many countries that we operate, we contribute to the social security systems that generally provide health, unemployment, disability, and retirement benefits for employees in that country.

At A-Sonic, safety begins with a healthy individual who takes safety precautions at home and at work. We are mindful to focus on fitness, adequate rest, and stress management, when assigning work schedules for our employees. In certain countries that we operate, we allow certain flexibility in working hours to better manage their stress owing to extenuating personal circumstances.

An on-going focus is to enforce stringent internal policies governing working hours, rest hours, rest facilities, for employees who drive and operate vehicles. These policies are tailored to different types of work we do, as well as to the law and regulations in the countries and states that we operate.

(ii) Work-life balance

We target for work-life balance to help our employees better manage daily stress. Apart from striving to automate routine work schedules, we work towards more flexible and shorter work-week by increasing productivity.

Our Human Resource Department also provides counseling to employees that require help to manage stress. We empower managers to support troubled employees during times of personal or professional upheaval.

(iii) Financial Wellness

Financial issues can be a major source of stress. To support employees, our Human Resource Department provides counseling.

#### 5.4 Recruitment, Training & Development [103-2] [103-3] [404-2]

We target to recruit good people and retain them with us for the long-term. Our management approach includes:

- Promoting from within;
- Offering a range of on-the-job training and development opportunities; and
- Identifying an employee's potential early to accelerate career development.

We adopt an unwritten policy to promote from within before considering a new hire, transferring employees into equivalent positions, job-rotation to train them for higher positions, or new assignments. We encourage continuous learning and on-the-job training by job rotation where feasible.

We target to recruit people with the requisite skill sets and attributes regardless of their race, nationality, gender identity, age or religion. We strive to recruit people from within the local community in the country that we operate.

We leverage on technology to improve our recruitment process. For example, a candidate from anywhere in the world may access our website to submit an employment application. We also engage in advertising, social media, recruitment events, and other communication modes.

Our approach to training and development is one of shared responsibility among the company, individual employees, and their managers. To prepare our employees for their tasks and assignments, we combine training and development opportunities with exposure and on-the-job training.

We are targeting to evolve towards a more self-directed development model in which our employees and their managers collaborate to determine beneficial training programmes and development opportunities. Training and development include constructive feedback, coaching, and counseling from managers and co-workers.

We encourage management employees to continue their career development and job-related education. We also offer interns from higher learning institutions on-the-job programmes.

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	102-5	Ownership and legal form	2.4, page 5	N
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	102-10	Significant changes to the organization and its supply chain	There were no significant changes.	N
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	102-44	Key topics and concerns raised	2.3, page 4	N
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	102-46	Defining report content and topic Boundaries	2.3, page 4	N
	102-47	List of material topics	2.3, page 4	N
102-48	Restatements of information	There was no restatement of information.	N	
102-49	Changes in reporting	There was no change in reporting.	N	
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	<b>Reporting practice</b>			
	102-51	Date of most recent report	Our last sustainability report was published in May 2019.	N
	102-52	Reporting cycle	2.4, page 5	N
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	102-54	Claims of reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards	2.4, page 5	N
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	102-56	External assurance	No external assurance on this report has been engaged.	N
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<b>GRI 103: Management Approach 2016</b>	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	2.2, page 3, 2.3, page 4	N
	103-2	The management approach and its components	3.1, page 6, 3.2, page 6-8	N
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	3.2, page 6-8	N
<b>GRI 201: Economic performance 2016</b>	201-1	Direct economic value generated and distributed	3.2.2, page 8	N
	201-2	Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change	3.4 page 9	N
	201-3	Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans	3.3 page 9	N
	201-4	Financial assistance received from government	3.3 page 9	N
<b>GRI 103: Management Approach 2016</b>	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	2.2, page 3, 2.3, page 4	N
	103-2	The management approach and its components	4.1, page 10-11	N
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	4.1, page 10-11	N
<b>GRI 205 : Anti-corruption</b>	205-1	Operations assessed for risks related to corruption	4.2, page 11	N
<b>GRI 103: Management Approach 2016</b>	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	2.2, page 3, 2.3, page 4	N
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<b>GRI 401 : Employment</b>	401-1	New employee hires and employee turnover	5.3, page 15-16	N
	401-2	Benefits provided to full time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employees	5.3, page 15-17	N
<b>GRI 103: Management Approach 2016</b>	103-1	Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary	2.2, page 3, 2.3, page 4	N
	103-2	The management approach and its components	5.4, page 18	N
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	5.4, page 18	N
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	103-2	The management approach and its components	5.2, page 13-14	N
	103-3	Evaluation of the management approach	5.2, page 13-14	N
<b>GRI 405: Diversity and Equal opportunity</b>	405-1	Diversity of governance bodies and employees	5.2, page 13-14	N



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