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3 Practical Applications

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ACTUEEL

Einde van de algemene praktijk lijkt snel nabij te komen

ACHTERGROND

65-Plussers die niet van ophouden weten

KRONIEKEN

Arbeidsrecht, pensioenrecht
en vennootschapsrecht

Beter met beeld

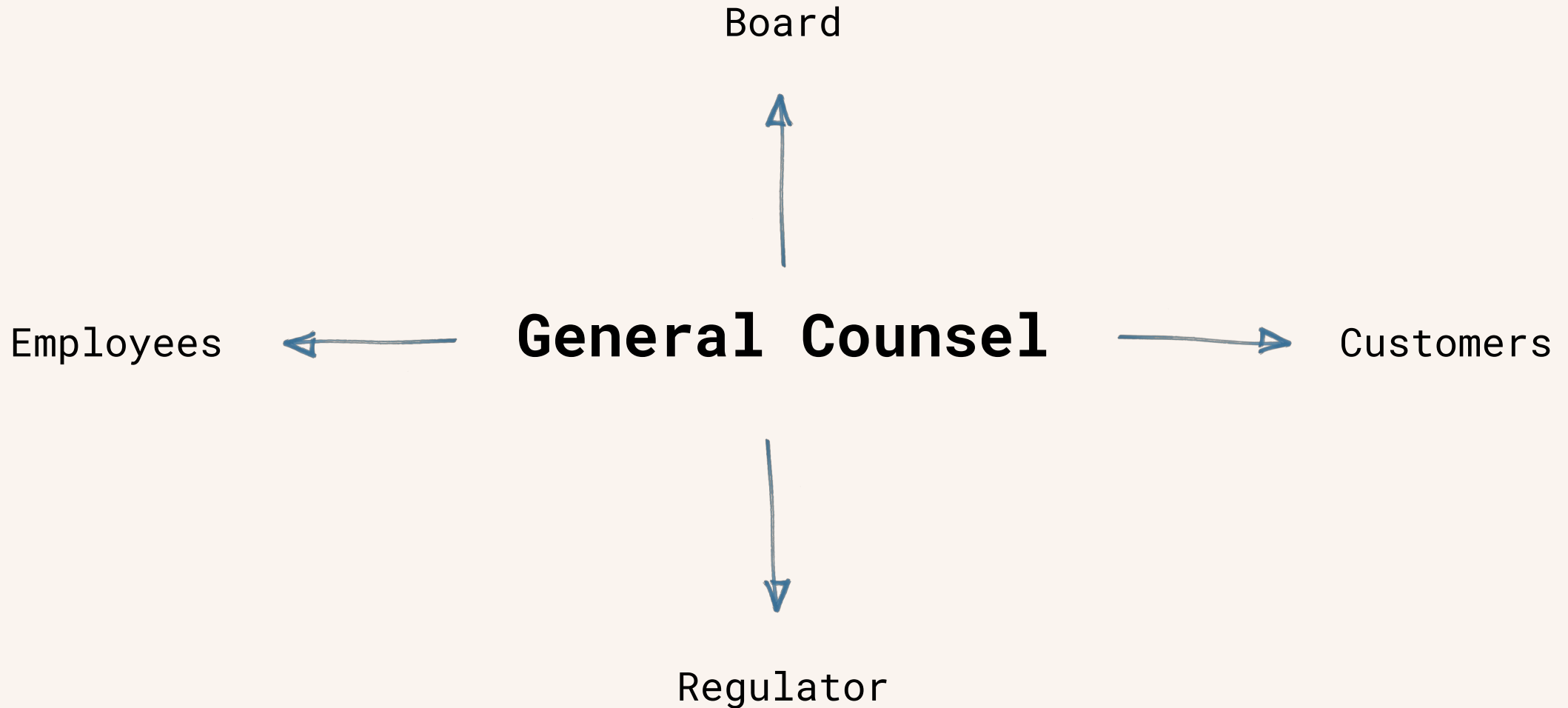


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General Counsel: spider in the web



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Sales Sales Sales and legal

Case Study 2
The Compliance Manual that gets read

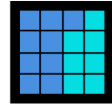
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Case Study 1

Sales sales sales and legal



Company



Shares (now)



Investment



Conditions precedent



Shares
(when conditions are met)



Conditions Precedent



Reverse Vesting



Vesting Period



Lock-up Period



Reserved Matters



Founders



Bad Leaver



Good Leaver



Confidentiality



Non Compete



Relocation to Amsterdam



Exit and Dividends



Drag Along Right



Tag Along Right



Binding Effect

Company B.V.

Term Sheet

Summary of the Transaction



Company
Company B.V.



Shares (now)
Shareholder (51%)
Shareholder (49%)



Investment
New Shareholder will invest
EUR in the Company.
New Shareholder will become CTO.



Conditions precedent
Certain conditions must be met.



Shares
(when conditions are met)
Shareholder 1 (46%)
Shareholder 2 (44%)
New Shareholder (10%)

Conditions Precedent



When:

- ✓ the Company successfully attracts equity funding, and
- ✓ one year has passed since signing the SHA

the Shares will be issued to New SH.

Transfer Restrictions



Reverse Vesting

The Shares will be subject to reverse vesting, vesting quarterly (and on a pro-rata basis) over a four year period.



Vesting Period

4 years, starting on the date of execution of the SHA.



Lock-up Period

4 years, starting on the date of execution of the SHA.



Pre-emption

Shareholders will have a customary right of first refusal (aanbiedingsregeling) and a right of pre-emption (voorkeursrecht).

Founders



Roles and Commitment

[Name] = CEO
[Name] = CMO
[Name] = CTO

Founders will devote 100% of their professional time to the Company and its business. Terms to be finalised in management agreements.

Leaver provisions



Bad Leaver

In case of voluntary termination by the Leaving Shareholder of its management agreement with the Company the Leaving Shareholder will sell and assign to the Company 100% of its shares for nominal value. The specifics will be laid down in the SHA.



Good Leaver

A Leaving Shareholder will be deemed to be a Good Leaver if it ceases to have an active business relationship with the Company and such is due to reasons other than those applicable to a Bad Leaver. The specifics will be laid down in the SHA.

Drag Along / Tag Along



Drag Along Right

80% of the Shareholders may trigger a drag-along.



Tag Along Right

All Shareholders shall have a (proportionate) tag along right.

Business terms



Confidentiality

Each of the Parties agrees to keep secret and confidential any confidential information relating to the Company.



Non Compete

The Parties will agree to market practice non-competition undertakings (excluding certain pre-agreed activities).



Reserved Matters

Certain important actions of the Company shall require the consent of 80% of the votes cast in a general meeting with a quorum of 100%.



Relocation to Amsterdam

[Name] currently lives in [City]. If this is in the best interest of the Company, [Name] is in principle willing to relocate to Amsterdam in the near future.



Exit and Dividends

The Company is geared towards a possible exit in 5-7 years. The Company will use profits for further growth of the business (and will in principle not distribute those as dividends).

Legal stuff



SHA

Within 2 weeks following execution of this term sheet the Parties will execute the Shareholders Agreement.



Governing Law / Jurisdiction

Dutch law / Amsterdam.



Binding Effect

This term sheet is binding on the Parties.

Parties & Signatures

[Name] (CEO)

[Name] (CMO)

[Name] (CTO)

Holding Company

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Results

Board

Employees ← **General Counsel** → Customers

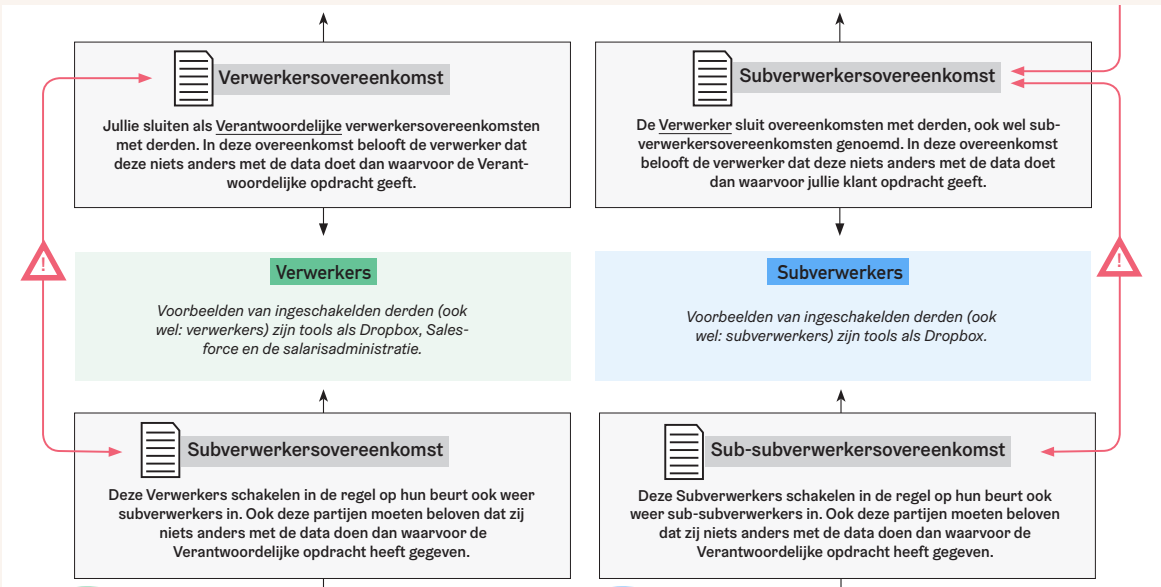
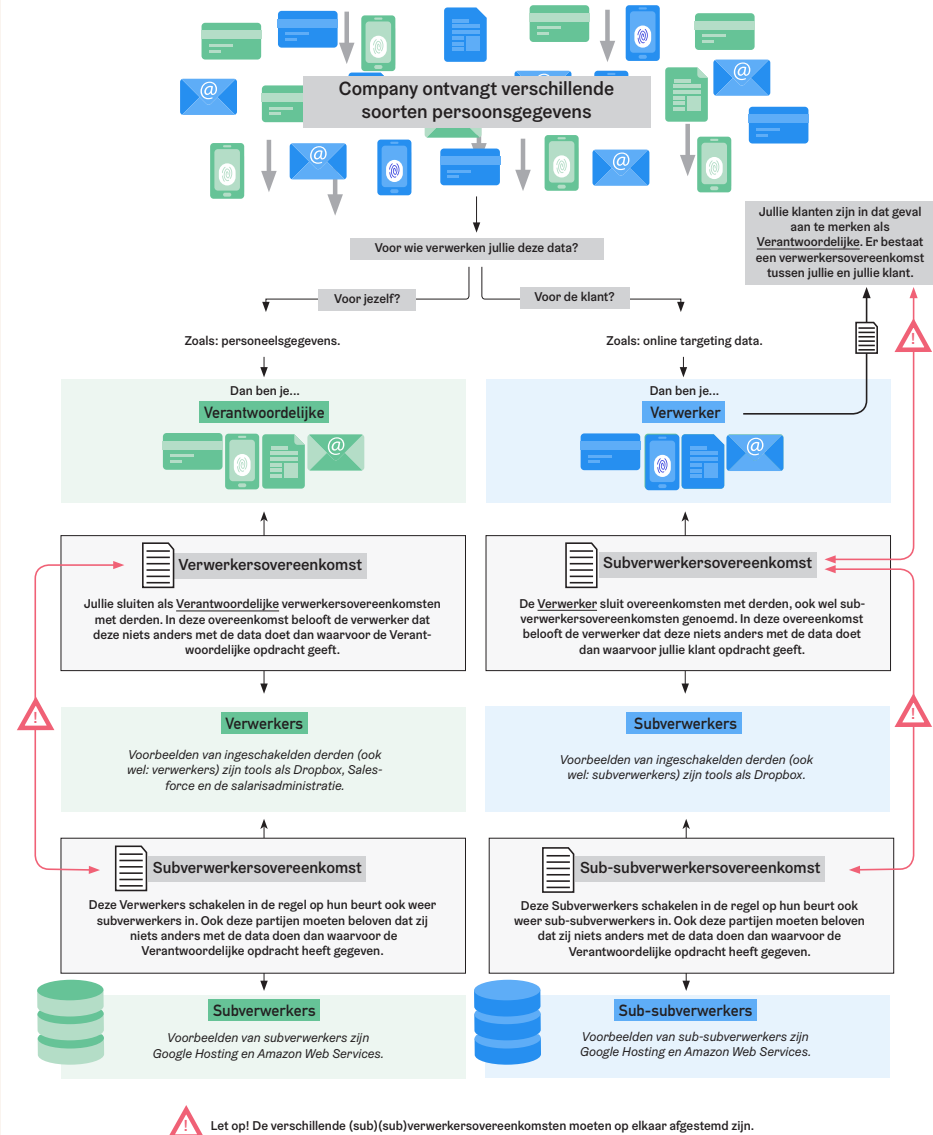


Regulator

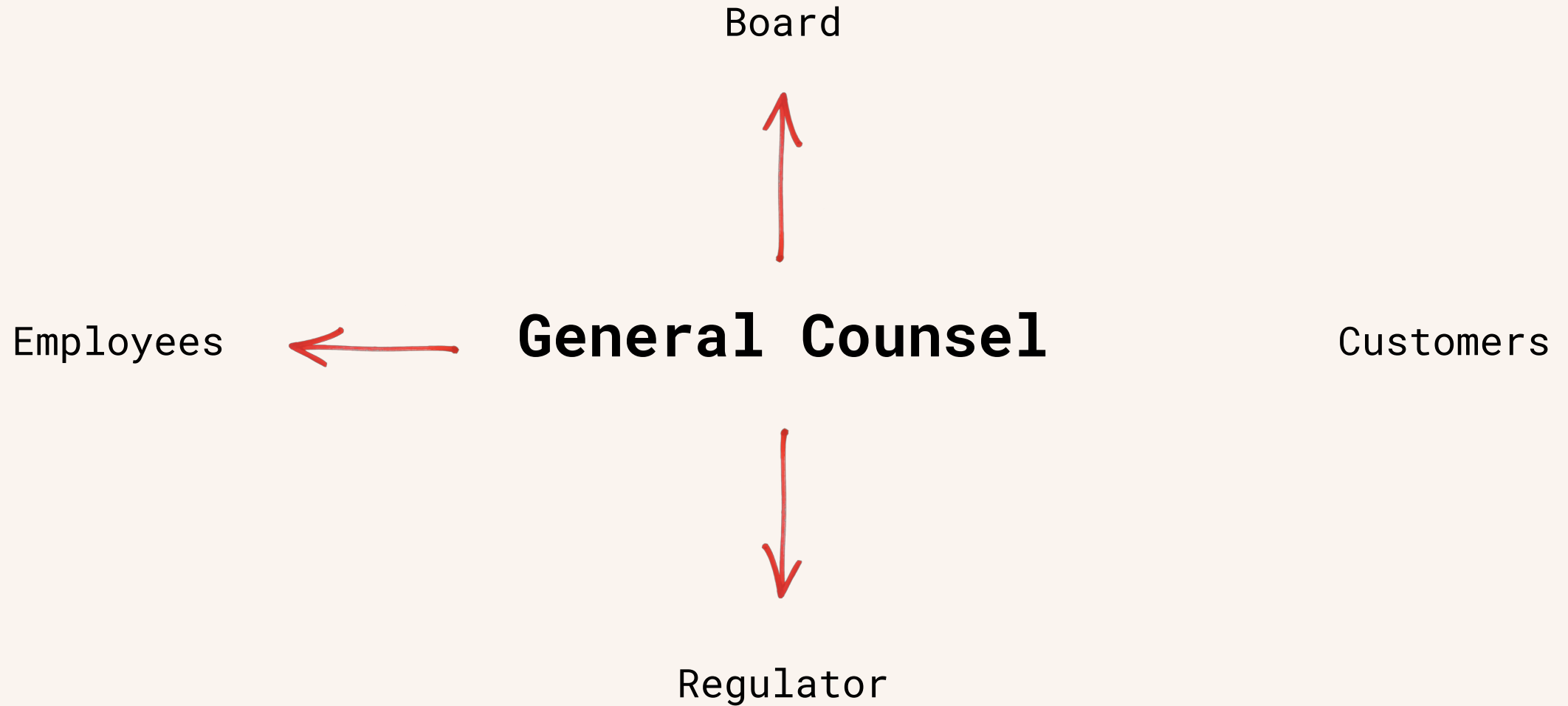
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Visual Compliance Manual
Verwerking van persoonsgegevens



Results



Case Study 3

Corporate Governance

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Who Decides On What; Who Needs To Approve?

		Board Resolutions			Shareholder Resolutions		
3. Who approves?							
2. Who decides?							
1. Decision							
			>50% Overarching Shareholders Meeting	≥85% Overarching Shareholders Meeting		>50% Overarching Shareholders Meeting	≥85% Overarching Shareholders Meeting
	Executive Directors	Non- Executive Director & Executive Directors	Non- Executive Director & Executive Directors	Non- Executive Director & Executive Directors	>50% General Meeting	General Meeting	General Meeting ≥85% + 100% quorum
	daily board resolutions hiring	material board resolutions investments higher than 50k, hiring key personnel	super material board resolutions investments higher than 250k	super duper material board resolutions entering into related party transactions	normal shareholders resolutions increase of authorize number of directors	super shareholders resolutions decisions about remuneration of directors	super duper shareholders resolutions amending the Articles of Association

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