The sum of provisions for variable compensation must be affordable in the aggregate. This should never result in VP Bank Group or any individual subsidiary company falling into financial difficulties. The impact on the Group's equity situation is taken into consideration in this process.

Further to a request by the NCC (see the <u>Corporate governance chapter, section 3.5.2</u>), the Board of Directors establishes the principles applicable to compensation and the amount of compensation paid to the Board of Directors, as well as the fixed and variable compensation of the Members of GEM and the Heads of Risk Management and Compliance.

## Allocation of variable compensation

The allocation of variable payments is made on a discretionary basis and in addition to the attainment of quantitative and/or qualitative goals also takes account of the degree of compliance with statutory requirements, guidelines set by the company, including the Code of Conduct, as well as any requirements defined by the client. Longer-term perspectives may also flow into the performance evaluation. The performance evaluation of identified employees is based upon the individual's goals as well as the goals of the team, the business segment, the subsidiary company and the overall result of VP Bank Group on the basis of the value share approach. The variable compensation of employees in controlling functions, internal audit or with legal and compliance tasks is determined based upon the achievement of the targets related to their tasks irrespective of the results of the business units being controlled. A participation in the results of the company or of VP Bank Group is admissible within normal limits and is sensible within the spirit of equal treatment. Achievement of targets is evaluated after the end of the financial year within the scope of the performance management process. The amount of the individual variable compensation is determined by the employee's superior.

#### Calculation of risk-adjusted profit



## Compliance with compensation provisions

The compensation practices of VP Bank are in compliance with Annex 4.4 of the BankO as well as the EU Directive and are geared to long-term success. The decision concerning the earmarking of a total amount for compensation ultimately lies with the Board of Directors.

VP Bank does not make guaranteed payments in addition to fixed salaries such as end-of-service indemnities agreed in advance. Special payments upon commencement of employment may occur in given individual cases – as a rule, these relate to compensation for foregone benefits from the previous employer.

In application of Liechtenstein law, variable salary components, where applicable, may be cancelled, those withheld may be forfeited or those already paid out may be reclaimed. This applies in particular in the event that employees are found to have been at fault or excessive risk is assumed to achieve goals.

# Compensation, shareholdings and loans to selected groups of persons

## **Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors receives compensation for the duties and responsibilities conferred on them by law and pursuant to Art. 20 of the Articles of Association. This is laid down annually by the Board of Directors in plenary session acting on the proposal of the NCC. Compensation is paid to the Members of the Board of Directors on a graduated basis according to their function on the Board of Directors and its committees or in other bodies. Three quarters of this compensation is paid in cash and one quarter is settled in the form of freely disposable VP Bank registered shares A, the number of which is determined by the current market price at the time of receipt.

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## Compensation paid to the Members of the Board of Directors (audited)

|                               |                                 |       |       | Remune  | ration 1, 2 |                             |      |       | Total remuneration |  |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---|-------------|-----------------------------|------|-------|--------------------|--|
|                               |                                 | Fix   | ed    | thereof in<br>registered shares<br>A (market value) |             | Retirement Benefit<br>plans |      |       |                    |  |
| in CHF 1000                   |                                 | 2024  | 2023  | 2024  | 2023        | 2024                        | 2023 | 2024  | 2023               |  |
| Board of Directors            |                                 |       |       |   |             |                             |      |       |                    |  |
| Stephan<br>Zimmermann         | Chairman <sup>A</sup>           | 373   | 93    | 93  | 23          |                             |      | 373   | 93                 |  |
| Dr. Thomas R.<br>Meier        | Chairman <sup>B</sup>           | 163   | 490   | 41  | 123         |                             |      | 163   | 490                |  |
| Ursula Lang                   | Vice<br>Chairwoman <sup>C</sup> | 180   | 180   | 45  | 45          |                             |      | 180   | 180                |  |
| Dr. Mauro<br>Pedrazzini       | Vice Chairman <sup>D</sup>      | 160   | 153   | 40  | 38          |                             |      | 160   | 153                |  |
| Stefan Amstad                 | BoD <sup>E</sup>                | 160   | 107   | 40  | 27          |                             |      | 160   | 107                |  |
| Philipp Elkuch                | BoD <sup>F</sup>                | 160   | 160   | 40  | 40          |                             |      | 160   | 160                |  |
| Dr. Beat Graf                 | BoD <sup>G</sup>                | 145   | 145   | 36  | 36          |                             |      | 145   | 145                |  |
| Dr. Dirk Klee                 | BoD <sup>H</sup>                | 47    |       | 0   |             |                             |      | 47    |                    |  |
| Katja Rosenplänter-<br>Marxer | BoD <sup>1</sup>                | 150   | 140   | 38  | 35          |                             |      | 150   | 140                |  |
| Michael Riesen                | BoD <sup>J</sup>                |       | 53    |   | 13          |                             |      |       | 53                 |  |
| Total Board of<br>Directors   |                                 | 1,538 | 1,522 | 373   | 381         | 0                           | 0    | 1,538 | 1,522              |  |

- Chairman of the Board of Directors since 26. April 2026 (previously member), Chairman of the Strategy & Digitalisation Committee since 26. April 2024
- (previously member), member of the Audit Committee until 26. April 2024, Member if the Nomination & Compensation Committee since 26. April 2024 Chairman of the Board of Directors until 26. April 2026
- Chairwoman of the Risk Committee, Member of the Nomination & Compensation Committee, Member of the Audit Committee since 1. October 2024 Member of the Strategy & Digitalisation Committee, member of the Risk Committee
- Chairwoman of the Audit Committee, member of the Risk Committee
- Chairman of the Nomination & Compensation Committee, member of the Strategy & Digitalisation Committee.
- Member of the Audit Committee, member of the Nomination & Compensation Committee
  Member of the Board of Directors from 26. April until 30. September 2024, member of the Strategy & Digitalisation and of the Audit Committee during that
- Member of the Risk Committee, Sustainability Officer of the Board of Directors
- Member of the Board of Directors until 28. Ápril 2023 Social-security costs on the emoluments paid to the Board members are borne by VP Bank.
- Compensation for out-of-pocket expenses is not included

VP Bank has concluded no agreements on severance payments with Members of the Board of Directors.

## Shareholdings and loans to the Members of the Board of Directors and related persons (audited)

Shareholdings in VP Bank

Loans and credits

| Number of Shares (including related parties, excluding qualifying participants) |               |         |               |      |       |       |  |
|---|---------------|---------|---------------|------|-------|-------|--|
| in CHF 1000   | Registered sl | nares A | Registered sh |      |       |       |  |
|   | 2024          | 2023    | 2024          | 2023 | 2024  | 2,023 |  |
| Board of Directors  |               |         |               |      |       |       |  |
| Stephan Zimmermann  | 1,542         | 278     |               |      |       |       |  |
| Dr. Thomas R. Meier <sup>A</sup>  |               | 5,313   |               |      |       |       |  |
| Stefan Amstad   | 861           | 318     |               |      |       |       |  |
| Philipp Elkuch  | 1,672         | 1,129   |               |      | 2,220 | 1,520 |  |
| Dr. Beat Graf   | 3,443         | 2,951   |               |      |       |       |  |
| Ursula Lang   | 3,355         | 2,745   |               |      |       |       |  |
| Dr. Dirk Klee <sup>B</sup>  |               |         |               |      |       |       |  |
| Katja Rosenplänter-Marxer   | 1,868         | 1,359   |               |      |       |       |  |
| Dr. Mauro Pedrazzini  | 1,264         | 721     |               |      |       |       |  |
| Total Board of Directors  | 14,005        | 14,814  | 0             | 0    | 2,220 | 1,520 |  |

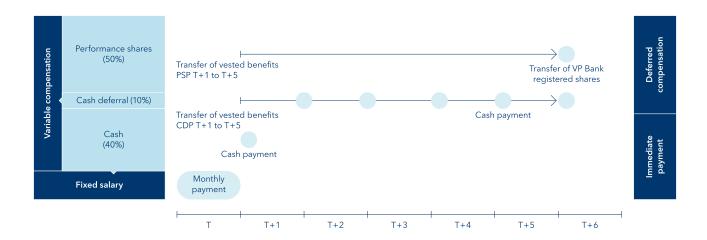
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## **Group Executive Management (GEM)**

In accordance with the model approved by the Board of Directors on 26 October 2023, the compensation payable to GEM consists of the following components:

- 1. A fixed base salary; this is contractually agreed between the Board of Directors and individual Members. In addition to the base salary, VP Bank pays proportionate contributions to the management insurance scheme and the pension fund.
- 2. A Performance Share Plan (PSP); this is a long-term, variable management equity-participation programme in the form of registered shares A of VP Bank Ltd and promotes long-term commitment in the form of equity shares. At the end of the five-year plan period and depending upon performance, 50 to 150 per cent of the allocated vested benefits are transferred in the form of equity shares. This vesting multiple is determined from the weighting of an average group net income and the average net new money over the first three years of the plan period. Once the equity shares have been transferred, they remain blocked for one year. Until the time of transfer of ownership, the Board of Directors reserves the right to reduce or suspend the allocated vested benefits in the case of defined occurrences and in extraordinary situations. The share of the PSP makes up 50 per cent of total variable performance-related compensation.
- 3. A Cash Deferral Plan (CDP); this is a long-term management equity-participation programme in the form of cash payments. Payment is spread out pro rata over five years. Until the time when each respective payment is made, the Board of Directors reserves the right to reduce or suspend the cash benefits allocated in the case of defined occurrences and in extraordinary situations. The share of the cash deferral makes up 10 per cent of total variable performancerelated compensation.
- 4. Direct cash compensation (STI), the share of which amounts to 40 per cent of total variable performance-related compensation. The Board of Directors determines the planning parameters of the variable profit-sharing (PSP, CDP, STI) and their amount annually. The target share of total compensation varies according to function and market customs. VP Bank has concluded no agreements on severance pay with the Members of GEM. An external advisor who has no other mandates from VP Bank Group was commissioned to structure the compensation model.

Chair of the Board of Directors until 26 April 2024. Member of the Board of Directors from 26 April 2024 until 30 Sepbember 2024.



#### Compensation 2024

As an exception to the standard arrangement (see the section on deferred compensation instruments), no Performance Share Plan (PSP) or Cash Deferral Plan (CDP) have been established for deferred variable compensation for 2024. This is due to the fact that the CEO and all GEM Members (as at 31 December 2024) have waived their variable compensation in recognition of last year's challenging circumstances. In addition, the number of participating selected key managers has been significantly reduced due to the small total amount of variable compensation. Variable compensation for 2024 will be paid to all selected key managers entirely in the form of equity shares according to the Restricted Share Plan (RSP). Under the RSP, each year, one fifth of the equity shares are paid out in the form of registered shares A of VP Bank over a scheduled duration of five years. These will remain blocked for a further year after the transfer.

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## Compensation paid to GEM (audited)

|                               | Remuneration 1, 2 |              |      |                        |        |                        |               |   |      |                   | tal<br>eration |       |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|------------------------|--------|------------------------|---------------|---|------|-------------------|----------------|-------|
|                               |                   | basic<br>ary | Ince | t Term<br>ntive<br>TI) | Deferi | ash<br>ral Plan<br>DP) | Rest<br>Share | rmance<br>nd<br>ricted<br>e Plan<br>/RSP) |      | ement<br>it plans |                |       |
| in CHF 1000                   | 2024              | 2023         | 2024 | 2023                   | 2024   | 2023                   | 2024          | 2023                                      | 2024 | 2023              | 2024           | 2023  |
| Group Executive<br>Management | 3,289             | 3,303        | 600  | 774                    | 0      | 176                    | 0             | 986                                       | 664  | 436               | 4,663          | 5,674 |
|                               |                   |              |      |                        |        |                        |               |   |      |                   |                |       |
| Highest remuneration          |                   |              |      |                        |        |                        |               |   |      |                   |                |       |
| Paul H. Arni                  | 200               | 700          | 600  | 200                    | 0      | 50                     | 0             | 250                                       | 245  | 109               | 1,046          | 1,309 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These amounts do not include fees or lump-sum allowances

The Members of GEM were paid a fixed basic salary of CHF 3.29 million in the 2024 financial year. As previously mentioned, all GEM Members (as of 31 December 2024) have waived the payment of variable compensation for the 2024 financial year.

The payment made to Paul Arni constitutes partial payment of the target bonus for 2024, which was paid out with the aim of terminating the employment relationship early during the current strategy period. Any remaining deferred compensation elements allocated during previous years will be carried forward in accordance with the applicable plan rules (after three or five years).

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#### Deferred compensation from previous years

The following payments were made to the Members of GEM in the 2024 financial year for variable deferred compensation from previous years.

The second tranche of CHF 82,600 was paid out from CDP 2022-2026 and the first tranche of CHF 75,250 from CDP 2023-2027.

A total of 5,476 performance shares with a market value of CHF 520,270 on the date of allocation were transferred to the Members of GEM from PSP 2021-2023, which was part of the compensation for the 2020 financial year. The vesting multiple applied was 60 per cent.

The vested benefits from previous management equity-participation programmes (PSP 2022-2024, PSP 2023-2025, PSP 2024-2028, CDP 2022-2026, CDP 2023-2027 and CDP 2024-2028) will continue to run unchanged until the end of the plan period. The following table, "Outstanding management equity-participation programmes", shows an overview of outstanding rights to deferred variable compensation from previous financial years for the Members of GEM in post on 31 December 2024.

#### Outstanding management equity-participation programmes

|                        |              | Performar | nce shares | Shares (vesting) |                  |  |  |
|------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Performance Share Plan | Vesting date | Number    | Value      | Number           | Value            |  |  |
| PSP 2022-2024          | 01.03.2025   | 10,343    | 1,032,438  | To be determined | To be determined |  |  |
| PSP 2023-2025          | 01.03.2026   | 8,590     | 752,570    | To be determined | To be determined |  |  |
| PSP 2024-2028          | 01.03.2029   | 10,330    | 877,534    | To be determined | To be determined |  |  |

|                    | Vesting    | date       | Value on<br>vesting<br>date | vesting |             |
|--------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|
| Cash Deferral Plan | First      | Last       | Annually                    | Total   | Outstanding |
| CDP 2022-2026      | 01.03.2024 | 01.03.2027 | 82,600                      | 413,000 | 247,800     |
| CDP 2023-2027      | 01.03.2025 | 01.03.2028 | 75,250                      | 376,250 | 301,000     |
| CDP 2024-2029      | 01.03.2025 | 01.03.2029 | 35,100                      | 175,500 | 175,500     |

Overview of outstanding allocations of deferred compensation (to the Members of Group Executive Management in post on 31 December 2024)

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## Shareholdings and loans to Group Executive Management and related persons (audited)

Shareholdings in VP Bank Loans and credits Number of Shares (including related parties, excluding qualifying participants)

Registered shares A

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|                            | Registered sh | ares A | Registere | d shares B |       |       |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------|------------|-------|-------|--|--|
| in CHF 1000                | 2024          | 2023   | 2024      | 2023       | 2024  | 2023  |  |  |
| Management                 |               |        |           |            |       |       |  |  |
| Dr. Urs Monstein, CEO      | 8,410         | 7,306  |           |            | 2,614 | 2,614 |  |  |
| Paul H. Arni, <sup>A</sup> |               | 587    |           |            |       | 750   |  |  |
| Roger Barmettler, CFO      | 884           |        |           |            | 672   |       |  |  |
| Dr. Rolf Steiner           |               |        |           |            |       |       |  |  |
| Patrick Bont, CRO          | 177           |        |           |            |       |       |  |  |
| Adrian Schneider           | 220           | 220    |           |            |       |       |  |  |
| Dr. Mara Harvey            |               |        |           |            | 745   |       |  |  |
| Total Management           | 9,691         | 8,113  | 0         | 0          | 4,031 | 3,364 |  |  |

Member of the Group Executive Management until 31 December 2022.

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