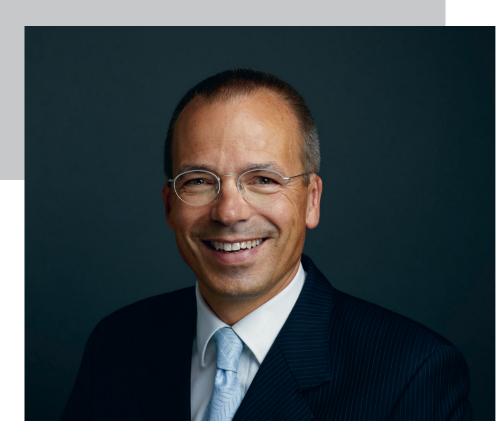
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# "Deliver a great place to work for people who want to excel."



**Bruno Basler** Chairman of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

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# Shareholders' letter

# Dear shareholders

Our compensation policy is aligned with our corporate essence and its core values. Since 2004, our compensation system has supported employees who take responsibility and display entrepreneurship and foresight while placing clients at the center of all that they do. The consistent and predictable nature of the compensation system over time is extremely valuable and has proved to be in the interests of all Vontobel stakeholders.

An important feature of our compensation system is that it encourages all employees to participate in our share participation plan. This promotes an entrepreneurial, prudent and long-term mindset and approach among all our employees and management. More than 62 percent of all Vontobel employees now take part in the share participation plan. At the end of 2024 members of the Executive Committee held an average of more than four times their base salary in Vontobel shares. Furthermore, both our compensation system and individual compensation payments are consistently aligned with the "Pay for Performance" principle: If the financial value created by Vontobel increases, compensation will, on average, also increase. And if value creation decreases, then compensation also decreases. "Pay for Performance" also means that a relatively high proportion of total compensation at Vontobel is variable. The benefit of this is that despite significant variations in business cycles, our level of personnel expense relative to operating income has remained very stable over the last 20 years, amounting to an average of around 50 percent. This also has the effect of reducing the volatility of Vontobel's net profit, dividend and investment power and thus enables a more consistent policy.

Our compensation system helps us recruit, develop and retain the best talent. When recruiting new employees, we strive to attract people with integrity who are right for our company and who value our culture. In this context, we place an emphasis on attracting talented individuals who believe they can achieve success at and with Vontobel and are therefore willing to assume entrepreneurial risk and to join the company on a base salary that sometimes is lower by market standards. If employees are successful and deliver a good performance over the long term, their compensation - together with the share participation plan will develop in line with or exceed slightly market rates. It is in Vontobel's interests to not only attract but also retain top performers.

### Dialogue with our investors

We engage in a regular dialogue with our investors and discuss their thoughts on our compensation policy. We are grateful for all of their suggestions, review them carefully and implement them as far as possible, where this makes sense for our company. For example, we are responding to their calls for greater transparency and are providing the most detailed information possible about the evaluation of the Executive Committee's performance. Our base salaries and annual variable compensation are the subject of carefully prepared decisions by our management bodies.

### Pay for performance

2024 was another year marked by profound economic and geopolitical shifts. The U.S. economy demonstrated resilience, in contrast with Europe's stagnation and China's slowdown. The financial landscape was shaped by inflation, interest rate uncertainty, and late-year volatility. This trend was further emphasized as major central banks, including the Swiss National Bank, began lowering interest rates. Notably, the Swiss National Bank made its most significant rate cut in nearly a decade in December. As a global investment firm specializing in wealth and asset management for private and institutional investors, as well as in investment solutions, Vontobel has proven investment expertise that benefits our clients in all market environments, including in rapidly evolving conditions. The increase in assets under management of CHF 22.3 billion in 2024 was primarily driven by market performance, positive currency effects and net new money. Assets under management increased for both client segments. Private Clients assets under management rose by 13 percent to CHF 110.6. Institutional Clients saw an increase from CHF 103.3 billion to CHF 110.8 billion. The assets under management of Private Clients delivered a strong performance in Vontobel's Swiss home market as well as in focus markets. Adjusted for outflows due to Vontobel's strict market focus, growth in net new money in Private Clients was 4.7 percent and therefore within its target range of 4-6 percent. Institutional Clients recorded negative net new money of CHF -2.9 billion as net inflows in Fixed Income and Multi Asset were offset by continued challenging conditions for equities and emerging markets.

In 2024, Vontobel generated a 9 percent increase in operating income to CHF 1,422.5 million compared to the previous year (2023: CHF 1,309.6 million) on higher trading income and net free and commission income.

Vontobel demonstrated its capability to grow revenues while improving its operating efficiency. Whereas revenues grew by 11%, operating expense remained broadly stable at CHF 1,068.7 million compared to CHF 1,041.9 million last year. Group net profit increased by 24 percent to CHF 266.1 million and earnings per share increased by 23 percent to CHF 4.76.

In view of the company's solid capitalisation, the Board of Directors will again propose to the Annual General Meeting an ordinary dividend of CHF 3.00. Vontobel's strong capital ratios, which far exceed the regulatory minimum requirements defined by FINMA and our own targets, will enable us to achieve organic growth in the future and provide additional financial flexibility for potential acquisitions. Our sustained profitability in recent years also forms the basis for the solid return on equity in the performance period from 2022 to 2024. The average return on equity in these three years was 11.3 percent. The average BIS total capital ratio was 24 percent. Consequently, the multiplier for performance shares from the 2021 bonus, which will vest in spring 2025, is 113 percent.

# Say-on-pay

Our shareholders approved all of the compensation proposals at the General Meeting of Shareholders 2024. The fixed compensation of the Board of Directors was approved by 95 percent of shareholders. The proposed fixed compensation of the Executive Committee was approved by 94 percent and the proposed variable compensation by 92 percent of shareholders. At the General Meeting of Shareholders 2025, you, our shareholders, will once again be given a prospective vote on fixed compensation and a retrospective vote on variable compensation. At Vontobel, you vote on the actual compensation amounts, meaning that you retain full control over the compensation that is paid out. We are asking you to approve it at the General Meeting of Shareholders of April 2, 2025.

#### Outlook

Vontobel wouldn't be Vontobel if we didn't constantly look to the future. We are committed to securing Vontobel's success, both today and in the long term. This entrepreneurial tendency to look to the future is even more important as the world, our society and our clients change ever more rapidly due to the emergence of new opportunities in a digitized world. Consequently, one of the core functions of any Board of Directors is to constantly think about the company's long-term future and to take proactive steps to achieve continued improvements and become even more successful. A company that fails to attract new customers, grow and generate an appropriate return for its owners will not survive in the long term. At Vontobel, we want to continue to build on stable foundations and grow steadily. This is also reflected in our ambitious capital market targets. We also have a clear vision of how we intend to achieve these goals. By 2030, we want to be one of the leading and most respected investment firms that can attract, recruit, develop and retain outstanding talent that is a good fit for Vontobel. Our long-term ambition for 2030 remains unchanged. To help achieve it, the company will focus on four priorities over the next two years:

- 1. Delivering future-proof investment solutions
- 2. Delivering best-in-class private clients experiences
- 3. Accelerating our US growth
- 4. Scaling value creation

On behalf of Vontobel and the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee, I wish to thank you for your trust and support, as well as for your feedback, which are greatly valued.

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Bruno Basler

Chairman of the Nomination and Compensation Committee

# Compensation philosophy and how it is linked to Vontobel's strategy

# Introduction

Vontobel is a globally operating investment manager with Swiss roots. We have a long-term commitment to our employees and shareholders. Our philosophy is to promote a performance-oriented culture, to foster teamwork and to take a prudent approach to risk. We encourage entrepreneurial spirit and empower our people to take ownership of their work and bring opportunities to life. We want each individual to have the courage to express an independent perspective, even if that goes against the consensus view.

We firmly believe that every single employee makes a significant contribution to creating the Vontobel experience. Appropriate and fair compensation for our employees and compliance with local regulatory requirements in the markets in which we operate are important elements of our strategy.

We do not endorse any form of discrimination. All of our employment decisions, including compensation decisions, are based on the person's function, qualifications, performance and conduct, or other objective, legitimate business considerations.

# Link between Vontobel's corporate values and the compensation system

We strive to conduct our business responsibly on basis of concrete values. Our goal is to generate significant benefits for our customers by seizing opportunities. We also want to achieve this goal by shaping each individual customer experience on our own responsibility. Our core values guide us in our efforts to achieve this purpose and vision:

Driven by an ownership mind-set, we stand for empowerment and personal responsibility.

Our compensation structures place a significant emphasis on ownership through performance assessment criteria that consciously seek to reward behavior consistent with the desired ownership mindset. Share ownership is also a key element of our incentive

We embrace independent thinking to capitalize upon the future. To do so, we promote creativity to develop insights that translate into opportunities that make a difference.

We encourage our employees to consider both the long-term impact of their decisions and the sustainability of the results generated. We determine variable awards based on long-term metrics. We also reinforce this view through the focus on share ownership at Vontobel.

Determined to deliver, we stay on course in a changing world. We are determined to overcome hurdles in order to put our clients ahead. We go the extra mile. We constantly improve and learn to work ever smarter.

We encourage this mindset in our employees through non-financial performance assessment criteria.

# Link between Vontobel's strategy and the compensation system

All Vontobel employees should be rewarded for their commitment and contribution. For this reason, our compensation principles link Vontobel's strategic priorities with each individual's total compensation package:

### **Priorities 2024-2025**

- 1. Deliver future-proof investment solutions
- 2. Deliver best-in-class private client experiences
- 3. Accelerate our US growth
- 4. Scale value creation

### Compensation principles

- Pay for performance: A comprehensible overall compensation system that rewards contributions.
- Drive culture: Promote an ownership mind-set and courage. Foster performance- and team-oriented culture.
- Aligned and long-term oriented: Take account of the long-term interests of clients, employees, shareholders and the company.
- Competitive: Offer competitive compensation to attract and retain talent.
- Compliant: Commitment to comply with legal and regulatory requirements. Promote risk-consciousness and prevent conflict of interest.

# Core principle of "Pay for Performance"

The principle of "Pay for Performance" lies at the heart of Vontobel's overall compensation system. This means that excellent employee performance and contributions to the long-term success of Vontobel are rewarded. The compensation system is designed to motivate employees at all levels of the company and is geared towards incentivizing future performance while not inducing excessive risk-taking.

### Our guidelines are:

- There should always be a strong correlation between total compensation and the annual performance of the business and of the individual.
- Performance depends on various factors and is therefore variable. Consequently, we pay for performance through variable compensation elements.
- We incentivize the right behavior and reward employees who live the Vontobel experience.
- Strategic investments are important to ensure employee retention, meet business objectives or access new markets.
- In case of termination or misconduct no variable compensation is paid.

#### Compensation components

We are committed to providing each employee with a total compensation package that is fair, competitive, future-oriented and tailored to the role of the individual. The overall level of pay is in line with market practices and is linked to Vontobel's operational profitability. While the exact structure depends on the employee's function and location, the total compensation package generally consists of fixed and variable components, as well as social benefits.

# Base salary

The fixed base salary is the foundation of each individual's total compensation package. The goal of the base salary is to provide a solid fixed income for the respective function.

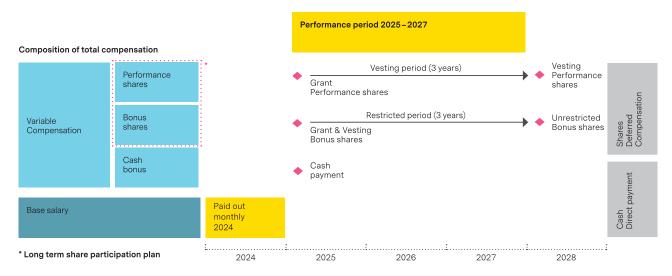
### Variable compensation

While the base salary secures the employee's standard of living, variable compensation serves the purpose of motivating employees to strive for exceptional long-term performance. The variable component is split into bonus (cash or deferred) and long-term incentives. Variable pay is based on the performance at Group level down to the level of the Client Unit/Center of Excellence and entity as well as the indvidual's performance.

Variable compensation is influenced by various key objectives:

- Attract and retain highest-quality talents
- Promote Vontobel values
- Ensure compliance with external regulations
- Secure affordability for the company





### **Variable Compensation**

We want to recognize employees who deliver outstanding results and contribute to the realization of business goals. The bonus is a short-term award that serves this purpose since it rewards employees for the contributions they made during the financial year. The bonus is generally paid out in the first quarter of the year, on a retrospective basis for the previous year.

Employees who receive a cash bonus can choose if they want to invest 25 percent of their cash bonus in bonus shares. Participation is therefore voluntary except in the case of certain employees who are subject to a mandatory investment requirement (e.g. management, high-risk functions, cash bonus above threshold). For employees who participate in long-term incentive plans (LTIs), a portion of the bonus is deferred by investing a defined amount in Vontobel shares (i.e. bonus shares). Since participants become Vontobel shareholders, the deferred bonus is a crucial element of our ownership mindset.

To avoid any real or perceived conflicts of interest, shortterm incentives for employees working in control functions are not calculated solely on the basis of financial metrics, instead they take account of the achievement of functionspecific non-financial key performance indicators.

### Long term incentive

Since each employee is important to Vontobel's overall success, we believe that each individual should participate in long-term value creation. In 2004, we therefore implemented an LTI that encourages ownership, foresight and tenacity and motivates each employee to deliver the edge.

In addition to the global LTI, variations of this plan were introduced to meet regional regulatory requirements, e.g. the inclusion of fund investments in the plan.

The main components that form part of all Vontobel LTIs are Bonus Shares and Performance Shares:

### **Bonus Shares**

Promote ownership through bonus shares: Employees receive the deferred bonus in shares of Vontobel Holding AG at a discounted price of 80 percent of the relevant market price. The shares are immediately transferred into the ownership of the individual but the recipient is required to hold the shares for a period of three years. During this period, the individual is also entitled to receive dividend payments.

# **Performance Shares**

Incentivizing future performance through performance shares: With the allocation of bonus shares, employees also receive a prospective entitlement to performance shares that they can exercise after a period of three years. The performance shares are transferred after a vesting period of three years and there are no sales restrictions.

The amount of performance shares depends on Vontobel's average return on equity (ROE) and average risk profile (BIS Total Capital Ratio). The multiplier resulting from these two parameters is defined using the average over the relevant performance period of three years. This ensures that the achievement of a high return on equity in combination with a low risk profile is rewarded more generously than the achievement of a high return on equity in combination with a high risk profile. Every LTI participant will thus benefit from the discounted price of the shares, the dividends on the bonus shares as well as from the additional performance shares that are offered free of charge.

The number of performance shares is determined on a purely formulaic basis and therefore theoretically has no maximum limit. We have therefore introduced for this component of Executive Committee compensation – the only one not subject to the discretionary governance process – a cap of 250 percent on the multiplier used for the calculation of performance shares as from 2019. This cap applies solely to members of the Executive Committee for reasons of relevance and due to the impact on the risk/return tradeoff practiced by this managing body.

# Link between variable components and the principle "Pay for Performance"

Link between the bonus and pay for performance Our bonus system creates a high degree of transparency since all decisions are based on the performance of Vontobel, the Client Units/centers of excellence and the individual. Consequently, the individual's cash bonus is entirely dependent on the performance achieved across these areas during the financial year.

Link between the share plans and pay for performance As a result of the investment of the bonus and the deferral of the award, the benefit is closely linked to both individual performance and the performance of Vontobel's business. Since employees are not allowed to sell their shares for three years (i.e. "blocked shares"), the actual benefit they realize depends on the development of the share price. In addition, the amount of additional performance shares varies in line with Vontobel's performance. In conclusion, each employee's benefit is dependent on the sustainable performance of the business at two levels.

		DISCRETIONARY INDIVIDUAL BONUS	BLOCKED BONUS SHARES	PERFOR- MANCE SHARES
	Individual	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Perfor- mance	Client Segment/ Center of Excellence	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>
zon	Retrospective for performance delivered	<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>	
Time Horizon	Prospective Investment in future performance of the business		<b>✓</b>	<b>~</b>

# Governance

### Compliance with regulatory requirements

We are committed to complying with regulatory requirements at all times and in all the regions where we do business. Due to the variety of countries in which Vontobel is represented, various regulatory frameworks governing compensation need to be taken into account. For example, Vontobel follows the AIFMD, UCITS, CRD IV and MiFID regulations in the EU and in Switzerland, the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations on remuneration for listed companies (Art. 732 et seq. CO). Additionaly, Vontobel has voluntarily chosen to adhere to the FINMA remuneration principles in accordance with best practice.

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that Vontobel's principle to always complying with all applicable regulations and even exceeding the minimum requirements in key territories is observed. In addition, the Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the compensation policy and level of pay do not expose Vontobel to an unacceptable level of risks.

The individual nature of the regulations that apply to Vontobel entities means that local policies may apply within the scope of this global policy and that these local policies may need to be amended whenever the regulatory landscape changes.

# Responsibility for Vontobel's compensation system

To follow these principles, governance roles and responsibilities are clearly defined and shared across the organization:

- **Shareholders:** The General Meeting votes on the total compensation awarded to the Board of Directors (BoD) and the Executive Committee. The General Meeting also elects the members of the Nomination and Compensation Committee (NCC).
- External auditors: The external auditors review the financial statements, including compensation-related figures that are disclosed in the annual report.
- Board of Directors: The Board of Directors (BoD) delegates selected tasks to the Nomination and Compensation Committee (NCC), oversees all compensation related matters and has the final decision-making power. The Board of Directors is ultimately responsible for the compensation policy and its implementation, with responsibilities being delegated to the Nomination and Compensation Committee.

- Nomination & Compensation Committee (NCC): The NCC oversees Vontobel's entire total compensation system. End of year, the Nomination and Compensation Committee proposes the annual variable compensation pool to the Board of Directors and maintains an ongoing dialogue about the performance development with managers throughout the year.
- **Executive Committee:** The Co-CEOs make a proposal to the Nomination and Compensation Committee each year regarding the compensation of the Executive Committee.
- Internal Audit: The role of Internal Audit is to contribute to the integrity of the entire process and to ensure it is comprehensive and adapted to the scale and complexity of the company. One of the goals of Internal Audit is to make sure that the compensation system does not define incentives that could lead to conflicts of interest. Internal Audit therefore acts completely independently and reports directly to the Board of Directors and regulary to the Risk and Audit Committee (RAC).
- Control functions: Human Resources, Finance, the Risk and Audit Committee and other control functions are involved in the oversight, design and allocation of employee incentives.
- Heads of CS/CoE: The management of each Client Segment/Center of Excellence has a say in the total compensation package of the individual employees, including the allocation of variable compensation. Ongoing reviews and annual overall assessments are carried out.
- Line Managers: They provide support and guidance and communicate decisions to employees. Managers with responsibility for compensation matters play an integral role in salary discussions and propose variable compensation.
- Individual employees: Each employee is responsible together with his line manager for setting his own goals and aligning them with the Vontobel experience. The individual collects regular feedback and engages in an ongoing dialogue about individual development.

# Say-on-pay motions proposed to the General Meeting of Shareholders 2025

# Overview of responsibilities for compensation and decision-making processes

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for Vontobel's human resources policy and consequently also for its compensation policy. The Nomination and Compensation Committee (NCC) supports the Board of Directors in determining Vontobel's compensation principles and defining its compensation strategy. The NCC oversees the compensation of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the members of the Executive Committee and the Co-CEOs, as well as basic elements of the compensation of all Vontobel employees.

RECIPIENT OF COMPENSATION	PROPOSED BY	DECISION ON PROPOSAL TO GENERAL MEETING	APPROVAL AT GENERAL MEETING
Board of Directors	NCC	Board of Directors	Shareholders
Chairman of Board of Directors	NCC	Board of Directors	Shareholders
Members of the Executive Committee	Co-CEOs/NCC	Board of Directors	Shareholders
Co-CEOs	Chairman of the BoD/NCC	Board of Directors	Shareholders

ACTIVITIES IN COMPANIES WITH A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES

# Activities in other undertakings (audited information)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	ACTIVITIES IN COMPANIES WITH A COMMERCIAL PURPOSE AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES  ENTERED IN THE COMMERCIAL REGISTER
Andreas E.F. Utermann	<ul> <li>Member of the Board of Directors SIX Group AG and SIX Exchange Group AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Governor, Birkbeck, University of London, London, UK</li> <li>Trustee, FT Financial Literacy and Inclusion Campaign, London, UK</li> <li>Governor, North London Collegiate School, London, UK</li> </ul>
Bruno Basler	<ul> <li>Chairman of the Board of Directors of EBP Schweiz AG and EBP Global AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors NorthStar Holding AG, Roggwil, Switzerland</li> <li>Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of Baumann Federn AG, Rüti, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairman of the Monique Dornonville de la Cour Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>
Dr. Maja Baumann	<ul> <li>Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of SwissLegal Zurich AG and SwissLegal Schwyz AG, Zurich and Pfäffikon, Canton of Schwyz, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Advontes AG, Pfäffikon, Canton of Schwyz, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Vontrust AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Swisspearl Group AG, Niederurnen, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors GRAPHA-Holding AG, Hergiswil, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Foundation Board of the Vontobel Foundation, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairwoman of the Zoo Foundation Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>
Dr. Elisabeth Bourqui	<ul> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Banque Cantonale Neuchâteloise, Neuchatel, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairwoman of the Board of Directors of Helsana HealthInvest AG, Dübendorf, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Supervisory Board of Athora Netherlands N.V., Amstelveen, Netherlands</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors RUAG MRO Holding AG, Bern, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors compenswiss, Geneva, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Swiss-Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Foundation Board of Greenbix Investment Foundation Lucerne, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Trustees of the Louis Jeantet Foundation, Geneva, Switzerland</li> </ul>
Kristine Braden	– Member of the Board TrustBridge Global Foundation, Thun, Switzerland – Member of the Board, International Care Ministries, USA – Advisory Council Member, Frontier Tech Capital Pte, Singapore
David Cole	– Chairman of the Supervisory Board of IMC B.V., Amsterdam, Netherlands – Chairman of the Supervisory Board of NN Group N.V., The Hague, Netherlands – Member of the Board of Directors COFRA Holding AG, Zug, Switzerland
Annika Falkengren	– Member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Audit Committee, Hexagon AB, Stockholm, Schweden
Stefan Loacker	<ul> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Swiss Life AG and Swiss Life Holding AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Board of Directors SWICA, Winterthur, Switzerland</li> <li>Member of the Executive Committee of the Institute of Insurance Economics at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland</li> </ul>
Mary Pang	- None
Björn Wettergren	<ul> <li>Member of the Board of Directors Vontrust AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Swedish-Swiss Chamber of Commerce, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairman of the Board of Directors of Cagson AG, Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Dr. Christel Rendu de Lint	– Member of the Board of Directors of the Asset Management Association (AMAS), Basel, Switzerland
Georg Schubiger	– Vice-Chairman of the Association of Swiss Asset and Wealth Management Banks, Zurich, Switzerland
Dr. Maria-Antonella Bino	<ul> <li>Substitute Federal Judge at the Federal Criminal Supreme Court, Bellinzona, Switzerland</li> <li>Chairwoman of the Legal Experts Group of the Association of Swiss Asset Management and Wealth Management Banks (VAV), Zurich, Switzerland</li> </ul>
Markus Pfister	– Member of the Regulatory Board SIX Exchange Regulation AG, Zurich, Switzerland – Member SIX Swiss Exchange Index Committee, Zurich, Switzerland
Dr. Thomas Heinzl	- None

There were no changes in the activities in other undertakings (audited information) of the existing members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee compared to previous year. For a full list of all mandates, please refer to the Corporate Governance section of this Annual Report.

In accordance with the Articles of Association of Vontobel Holding AG (see Article 31: www.vontobel.com/en-ch/ about-vontobel/investor-relations/annual-general-meeting) and the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations on remuneration for listed companies (Art. 732 et seq. CO), Vontobel discloses the compensation awarded to members of the Board of Directors and members of the Executive Committee and puts it to the vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

The Board of Directors will hold the following votes on compensation at the General Meeting of Shareholders of April 2, 2025:

# Voting on compensation

	2022	2023	2024	2025	5	2026	:	2027
Consultative vote on Compensation Report 2024			Compensation system and governance					
Maximum aggregate fixed compensation of members of Board of Directors for forthcoming term of office					mpensa- n period			
Maximum aggregate fixed compensation of members of Executive Committee for period from 1 July 2025 to 30 June 2026				C	ompensa period			
Maximum aggregate performance-related compensation of Executive Committee for prior financial year that has ended			Perfor- mance period					
Additional amount for performance shares of the Executive Committee, which relate to bonus shares for 2021 (approved at the General Meeting of Shareholders 2022) and will vest in 2025.	Per	formance pe	riod			•••••		
Maximum aggregate amount for performance shares 2025–2027 of Executive Committee					Perforr	mance	period	

= General Meeting

In the event of one or more motions being rejected at the General Meeting of Shareholders 2025, the Board of Directors is required to call a new General Meeting within

six months and to propose new motions for the approval of compensation to shareholders.

# Nomination & Compensation Committee (NCC)

The NCC consists of at least three members of the Board of Directors, who are elected each year by the General Meeting of Shareholders. In 2024, the NCC comprised the independent Board members Andreas. E.F. Utermann, Bruno Basler (Chairman of the NCC), Annika Falkengren as well as the non-independent Board member Björn Wettergren. Björn Wettergren represents the fourth generation of the Vontobel and de la Cour families.

The NCC maintains an intensive dialogue with management throughout the year and generally holds at least four meetings during that period. Each year, the extent to which Group-wide performance objectives have been achieved in quantitative and qualitative terms, as well as the Co-CEOs proposal concerning the size of the variable compensation pool for the entire Group, are discussed in detail. The Co-CEOs and occasionally also the Head of Human Resources provide the NCC with explanations and advice on this matter. The Co-CEOs is not present during the part of the meeting when his compensation is determined.

# **Benchmarks**

We consider it necessary to offer competitive compensation in order to attract and retain talented professionals over the long term. The NCC therefore reviews the compensation levels of all employees once each year. During this process, compensation levels and structures are compared with those of similar positions in Vontobel's peer group in the finance industry. The NCC uses comparative data from publicly accessible sources, information provided by renowned market data providers and talent recruitment information for this purpose. The results of this compensation comparison are used, among other things, as the basis for determining individual compensation.

The current peer group used to assess the appropriateness of our compensation is shown below:

### Peer group

	EFF, DWS, Julius Baer, Lombard Odier, Pictet, UBS,
Switzerland	Allianz Global Investors
UK	Fidelity International, Barclays, HSBC
	Alliance Bernstein, Nuveen Investments, Welling-
USA	ton Management, Citigroup, JPMorgan

# Variable compensation pool

The variable compensation pool is used to finance the variable compensation of the Executive Committee and employees. It is determined using the following three-stage process:



Vontobel Asset Management in the US and TwentyFour Asset Management in the UK have their own compensation systems and receive variable compensation that is not part of the variable compensation pool.

# Allocation of variable compensation

The allocation to the individual client segments and centers of excellence (areas) is managed by the Co-CEOs using a clearly defined process. The following elements form the basis for the allocation of a variable compensation pool:

- Variable Compensation Pool: the available total pool approved by the Board of Directors
- **Area Base Line:** is the starting point for the variable compensation allocation and is based on a "same for same" bonus simulation. This takes into account the change in number of employees, the results of external and internal market studies and the results of the equal pay analyses, but not the performance of the respective area.
- **Area Performance Score:** is the result of the annual assessment of the individual client segments and centers of excellence. The performance score is the result of the following parameters:

Performance metrics: "what has been achieved" measures the achievement of specific predefined key performance indicators (KPI's)

Health & ESG metrics: "does it contribute to the longterm development of Vontobel" measures the contribution to the corporate strategy/business plan (lighthouse) using the predefined key figures (quantitative, qualitative and ESG KPI's).

Risk & Compliance metrics: "how has it been achieved" measures the achievement of specific risk indicators as well as qualitative risk behavior.

Within the client segments and the centers of excellence, an individual's discretionary variable compensation is also determined using quantitative and qualitative assessment criterias that are relevant to the individual's respective function. The quantitative components include the respective current profitability of Vontobel as well as the profitability and growth achieved by the client segment/center of excellence. In addition, the variable compensation amount depends to a significant extent on the employee's actions over the course of the year; responsible conduct is of particular importance in this regard. The variable compensation is reviewed annually and is usually paid in the first quarter of each year. The variable compensation is determined each year by the merit managers and is subject to approval by the Executive Committee and corresponding Area Head.

# **External consultants**

Vontobel obtains anonymized comparative data from external compensation consulting firms such as Willis Towers Watson and AON, as well as Kienbaum. This information serves as an important basis when determining compensation - especially in an environment characterized by significant market and regulatory changes.

In the case of our entities outside Switzerland, we obtain advice from Mercer LLC on pension and social benefits.

The NCC has commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers AG (PwC) to provide independent advice and support with regard to the review and further development of our compensation model as well as in respect of general compensation-related questions such as changes in international guidelines and rules.

The above mentioned consultant have other mandates within Vontobel. However, these other mandates are performed outside the Compensation and Benefits unit.

# Periodic review of the system

The Compensation Regulations (regulations governing Vontobel's share participation plan, including the related brochure) were approved by the Board of Directors of Vontobel Holding AG on December 16, 2004 and continue to apply in their current form. Each year, the compensation system is discussed by the NCC from various perspectives.

Base salaries and annual variable compensation are the subject of carefully prepared decisions by our management bodies. Only our Long Term Incentive Program, which comprises performance shares, is calculated on a purely formulaic basis and theoretically has no upper limit. For this reason, the NCC decided in 2018 to introduce a cap of 250 percent on the multiplier used for the calculation of performance shares for members of the Executive Committee from 2019 (applicable for the first time to the performance period 2019 to 2021).

In 2016, the NCC approved the introduction of a Variable Compensation Agreement (VCA) for individual employees that also reflects regulatory requirements in the European locations in which Vontobel operates. The Executive Committee is not affected by this arrangement.

# Change of control clauses

The contracts of members of the Board of Directors (including the Chairman) and the Executive Committee (including the Co-CEOs) do not make provision for any agreements in the case of a change of corporate control (referred to as change of control clauses). In the event of a change of control, any entitlements arising from the share participation plan will, however, be met immediately if the plan cannot be continued.

# Notice periods and severance agreements

Vontobel Holding AG or companies controlled by it may conclude mandate agreements or employment contracts of limited or unlimited duration with members of the Board of Directors. The duration and termination of such agreements are based on the term of office and applicable law.

Vontobel Holding AG or companies controlled by it may conclude employment contracts with members of the Executive Committee. Employment contracts of limited duration are subject to a maximum duration of one year but may be renewed. The maximum notice period for employment contracts of unlimited duration is 12 months. If the employment relationship is terminated, the company or companies controlled by it may release a member of the Executive Committee from his duties with immediate effect and/or conclude a termination agreement.

In principle, the employment contracts of Vontobel employees (including members of the Executive Committee) are subject to a notice period of a maximum of six months. In the case of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, notice must be given in the fourth quarter of the relevant year. The contracts concluded with the members of the Board of Directors (including the Chairman) and the members of the Executive Committee (including the Co-CEOs) do not contain any clauses relating to severance payments.

# Loans to governing bodies

In accordance with the Articles of Association of Vontobel Holding AG (see Article 33: www.vontobel.com/en-ch/about-vontobel/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-regulations) the company may grant a member of the Board of Directors or a member of the Executive Committee credits and loans at standard market rates or generally applicable employee terms and conditions up to an amount of CHF 50 million.

To the extent permitted by law, the company may grant an advance to members of the Board of Directors or members of the Executive Committee to cover court costs and lawyers' fees in connection with legal proceedings, lawsuits or investigations – whether under civil, criminal or administrative law or of another nature – that are connected with their duties or with the fact that they are or were members of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

# Compensation of the Board of Directors

# Compensation system

# Compensation principles

The range of duties performed by a bank's Board of Directors is prescribed by law and by the financial market supervisory authority. The overall supervision and direction of the company are the non-transferable and irrevocable duties of the Board of Directors in its capacity as the supervisory and defining body. A Swiss Board of Directors has an extended range of responsibilities, duties and powers compared to Boards of Directors in other countries. The Board of Directors of Vontobel should be able to perform the overall direction and supervision of the company without restriction. It is also intended to serve as a credible counterbalance to the Executive Committee and should be able to act independently. Based on this, Vontobel has defined the following compensation principles for its Board of Directors:

- Competitive compensation that reflects the competences and experience of members of the Board of Directors and the value they contribute
- It consists exclusively of fixed compensation
- Participation in the long-term performance of the company through shares

The compensation proposed to the General Meeting of Shareholders is decided by the Board of Directors.

# **Compensation components**

The compensation of the members of the Board of Directors consists of the following components:

### **Duties and roles**

**Board of Directors** 

The Board of Directors defines the business strategy and formulates guiding principles for the bank's corporate culture. It signs off the company-wide risk management framework and is responsible for issuing regulations, establishing and monitoring an effective risk management function, and managing overall risks. Furthermore, the Board of Directors establishes a suitable organizational structure and has ultimate responsibility for the company's financial position and development. The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the company has an appropriate number of employees and other resources (e.g. infrastructure, IT) and for its human resources and compensation policies. It oversees the work of the Executive Committee and is, among other things, responsible for ensuring that there is both a suitable risk and control environment within the company. In this way, it has a decisive influence on the strategy, structure and culture of Vontobel. In order for the Board of Directors to perform these duties credibly and to act independently from the Executive Committee, it must be composed of qualified and experienced members, while ensuring an appropriate level of diversity.

# COMPENSATION COMPONENTS

Fixed fee	50% paid in cash	The fixed fee for the mandate as a member of the Board of Directors of Vontobel Holding AG is paid half in cash and half in shares.
	50% paid in shares	The allocation of shares that are blocked for a period of three years serves as a long-term incentive, resulting in an alignment with shareholder interests. Members of the Board of Directors thus participate in the long-term success of the company and the long-term performance of the Vontobel share.
		Shares are allocated at an accepted value of 80% of the average price in the month of December of the year prior to the year in which the payment is paid out. These shares may not be sold, pledged or transferred during the blocking period.
Further fees	100% paid in cash	The fee for the mandate as a member of the Board of Directors of Bank Vontobel AG, which is controlled by Vontobel Holding AG, and the daily fees/meeting attendance allowance as well as expenses are paid 100% in cash.
Pension payments (only for the Chairman of the Board of Directors)		The Chairman of the Board of Directors has an ordinary employment relationship in Switzerland. He therefore receives statutory pension fund benefits like all other employees. The other members of the Board of Directors do not receive pension fund benefits.

# **Chairman of the Board of Directors**

The Chairman presides over the Board of Directors as a whole and represents it internally and externally. The Chairman has a key role in shaping Vontobel's strategy, communication and culture. With the election of Andreas E.F. Utermann at the 2022 General Meeting, Vontobel has a strong and experienced Chairman who exercises a central function within the Board of Directors on a full-time basis. As in previous years, his compensation was set at CHF 2.5 million, which – based on a multi-year average – corresponds to the level of compensation of a member of the Executive Committee.

The fixed aggregate compensation of members of the Board of Directors, including the Chairman of the Board of Directors, which is proposed to the General Meeting of Shareholders for the forthcoming term in office includes a reserve for the following other compensation components: Employer contributions to the pension fund and supplementary fund, daily fees and meeting attendance allowances. The amount that serves as the basis for the vote on compensation does not include social security contributions (AHV, ALV, IV) or additional advisory fees that are unrelated to the function as a member of the Board of Directors and are disclosed separately in the Annual Report.

# Actual compensation (audited information)

# Compensation for the financial year

For the financial year 2024, compensation totaling CHF 4.6 million (previous year CHF 4.5 million) was paid to the

members of the Board of Directors. Of this sum, CHF 2.7 million was paid in cash and CHF 1.8 million in the form of share-based compensation.

# Compensation of the members of the Board of Directors for the financial year (pursuant to Art. 663b bis of the Swiss Code of Obligations)

NAME	FUNCTION	COMPENSATION PAID IN CASH CHF 1,000	COMPENSATION PAID IN SHARES <sup>1</sup> CHF 1,000	OTHER COMPENSATION CHF 1,000	2024 TOTAL FIXED COMPENSATION CHF 1,000	2023 TOTAL FIXED COMPENSATION CHF 1,000
Andreas E.F. Utermann	Chairman	1,250.0	1,250.0	155.6 <sup>2</sup>	2,655.6	2,655.6
Bruno Basler	Vice-Chairman	208.3	60.0		268.3	273.5
Dr. Maja Baumann	Member	153.0	60.0		213.0	213.5
Dr. Elisabeth Bourqui	Member	181.0	60.0		241.0	249.5
Kristine Braden	Member	116.0	45.0		161.0	
David Cole	Member	175.0	60.0	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	235.0	239.3
Annika Falkengren	Member	113.0	45.0	•••••••••••	158.0	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Stefan Loacker	Member	153.0	60.0	••••••••••••	213.0	213.5
Mary Pang	Member	110.0	45.0	***************************************	155.0	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Björn Wettergren	Member	184.3	60.0	••••••••••	244.3	249.5
Total		2,643.5	1,745.0	155.6	4,544.1	4,094.4
Members resigned						<u></u>
Dr. Michael Halbherr³	Member	36.0	15.0		51.0	206.5
Clara C. Streit <sup>3</sup>	Member	36.3	15.0		51.3	207.5

<sup>1</sup> Allocation of shares of Vontobel Holding AG based at the price of CHF 49.54 (per share) that are subject to a holding period of three years, during which they cannot be sold.

<sup>2</sup> Contribution to pension funds

<sup>3</sup> Retired from the Board of Directors on April 9, 2024

# Additional fees, related parties and similar information None.

# Former members of the Board of Directors

Compensation paid to members of the Board of Directors who stepped down during or prior to the previous year:

# Holdings of shares and options (audited information)

			AT THE TIME	31.12.2024 OPTIONS ER OF SHARES E OF EXERCISE		AT THE TIME	31.12.2023 OPTIONS ER OF SHARES OF EXERCISE
NAME	FUNCTION	SHARES NUMBER	CALL OPTIONS	PUT OPTIONS	SHARES NUMBER	CALL OPTIONS	PUT OPTIONS
Andreas E.F. Utermann	Chairman	57,086			27,224		
Bruno Basler	Vice-Chairman	22,527		•••	21,093	••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Dr. Maja Baumann¹	Member	9,355		•••	7,921	••••	······································
Dr. Elisabeth Bourqui	Member	8,216		•••	6,782	······································	······································
Kristine Braden	Member			•••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
David Cole	Member	8,905		••••	7,471	••••	······································
Annika Falkengren	Member		••••••	***	***************************************	*****	···········
Stefan Loacker	Member	7,145		****	5,711	*****	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Mary Pang	Member			•	••••	••••	•
Björn Wettergren <sup>1</sup>	Member	9,109		•	7,675	••••	•
Members resigned				****		******	
Clara C. Streit	Member			***	13,551	***************************************	······
Dr. Michael Halbherr	Member			***	1,977	*****	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••

The calculation of the number of shares at the time of exercise reflects the exchange ratio of the respective options.

The above figures also include the share and option holdings of parties related to the members of Vontobel's governing bodies.

# Loans to governing bodies (audited information)

As of December 31, 2024 loans and credits of CHF 2.4 million to members of the Board of Directors were outstanding (previous year: CHF 2.4 million). Of which the highest amount: Andreas E.F. Utermann, Chairman of the Board of Directors with CHF 2.4 million. As of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 no fully secured loans and credits to related parties were outstanding. No loans to former members of the Board of Directors were outstanding that were not granted according to standard terms and conditions.

<sup>1</sup> The figures stated do not include the indirect participations of members of the Board of Directors Dr. Maja Baumann and Björn Wettergren held through a group of shareholders ("shareholder pool") bound by a shareholder pooling agreement. Further information on the shareholder pool is provided in the Corporate Governance Report on page 31.

# Compensation of the Executive Committee

# Compensation system

# Compensation principles

The principle of "Pay for Performance" applies at Vontobel. The compensation system was structured in such a way as to ensure that the level of compensation paid to the members of the Executive Committee tends to be lower than the market rate in the first few years after they join the company but can increase if a good performance is achieved over more than three years thanks to the share participation plan. As a result, the members of the Executive Committee tend to have a relatively low base salary but receive higher variable compensation – provided Vontobel and the Client Segment or Center of Excellence they oversee perform well.

In the allocation of variable compensation, quantitative and qualitative objectives are assigned equal weighting when measuring and evaluating performance. In this context, the NCC takes account of criteria including:

- Performance of each member of the Executive Committee
- Financial performance of Vontobel and the relevant Client Segment/Center of Excellence
- Performance measured in relation to the finance industry peer group

- Current market rates of compensation and efforts to achieve a compensation policy with a long-term focus, and
- Balanced distribution between groups of stakeholders

Formula-based compensation is not used for members of the Executive Committee at Vontobel. The Board of Directors reaches the final decision about the compensation proposals for the General Meeting of Shareholders at its own discretion.

### Compensation components

The compensation of the Executive Committee consists of a fixed compensation component (annual base salary) and a variable compensation component (cash bonus, bonus shares and performance shares). The fixed compensation component is determined on the basis of the individual function. The variable compensation component is determined on the basis of collective and also individual performance. This approach is designed to ensure that the compensation of the Executive Committee is largely dependent on the achievement of ambitious performance objectives.

Overview of Executive Committee compensation components:



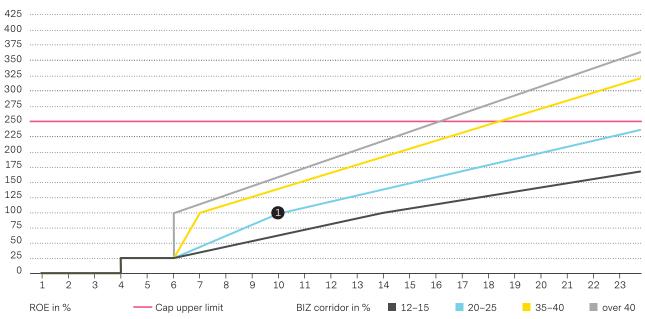
The compensation of the members of the Executive Committee consists of the following components:

Base salary	100% paid in cash	The base salary of each member of the Executive Committee is determined individually. The level of base salary is in line with our international peer group and is generally lower than the base salaries paid by our Swiss peers.
Variable Compensation	50% paid in cash (cash bonus)	The variable compensation is based on the collective and individual achievement of quantitative and qualitative objectives. One half is paid in cash and the other portion in bonus shares.
	Long-term share participation plan	Vontobel also pays part of its compensation in the form of long-term incentive components. They are paid in the form of registered shares of Vontobel Holding AG (bonus shares and performance shares) and are designed to promote loyalty to the company.
	50% paid in shares (bonus shares)	Bonus shares are allocated at an accepted value of 80% of the average price in the month of December of the year prior to the year in which the variable compensation is paid out. These shares are blocked for three years from the date of vesting and may not be sold, pledged or transferred during that period.
		If the company achieves a sustained good performance and its share price rises during the blocking period, the value of the bonus shares increases accordingly. However, if the share price falls, the variable compensation subsequently decreases – resulting in a dua financial loss for the member of the Executive Committee, since taxes have already beer paid on the basis of the higher share price. This model ensures that members of the Executive Committee can participate in the successful performance of the company while also sharing the risks in the event of poor financial results.
		If the employment relationship is terminated, bonus shares that have already been allocated remain in the ownership of the individual members of the Executive Committee and continue to be subject to the blocking period even after the period of employment has ended.
		Further details of the share participation plan can be found in the brochure "Vontobel Share Participation Plan" at: www.vontobel.com/compensation-report.
	100% paid in shares (performance shares)	Three years after receiving bonus shares, members of the Executive Committee are entitled to receive additional shares, known as performance shares if vesting conditions are met. This right depends on the performance of the business over the last three years hence the name "performance shares", as well as on the number of bonus shares received.
		When determining the performance of the business, Vontobel's average return on equity (ROE) and average risk profile (BIS Total Capital Ratio) are taken into account. The multiplier resulting from these two parameters is defined using the average over the relevant performance period (the last three years or the last six half-year values) and is subject to a cap of max. 250% of the bonus shares obtained three years ago. This ensures that the achievement of a high return on equity in combination with a low risk profile is rewarded more generously than the achievement of a high return on equity in combination with a high risk profile. One condition for the vesting of performance shares is that an average Group-wide return on equity of at least 4% is generated over the relevant three-year period. In addition, the BIS Total Capital Ratio must exceed 12%.
		If one of these requirements is not met, all rights to performance shares lapse (see chart on the next page for further details).
		Performance shares are only awarded to members of the Executive Committee who remain in an employment relationship on which notice has not been served three years after they received the bonus shares. In this way, performance shares also play an important part in ensuring that the Executive Committee is focused on the stable and successful development of Vontobel over the long term and in promoting loyalty to the company.
Employee benefits		The members of the Executive Committee receive the same pension fund benefits as all other employees in Switzerland.
Other compensation		In general, the members of the Executive Committee do not receive any special additional benefits. They have the same additional benefits as all other employees in the location and the unit in which they work.

This chart shows the payout ratio for performance shares for selected BIZ ranges:

### Payout ratios for performance shares

Performance shares as a % of bonus shares (multiplier)



If an average ROE of 10 percent is generated and the average BIS Total Capital Ratio is 20–25 percent, the member of the Executive Committee would, for example, receive 100 percent of the performance shares at the end of the three-year performance period based on the current perspective. This means that the member would receive the same number of shares as performance shares that he or she already received as bonus shares at the beginning of the performance period (see point 1 in chart). The payout ratio or the multiplier used for the calculation of performance shares (as shown above) is capped at a maximum of 250 percent for members of the Executive Committee.

# Additional amount

If new members are appointed to the Executive Committee and take up their position at Vontobel after the General Meeting of Shareholders has approved the maximum aggregate amount of fixed compensation for members of the Executive Committee for the financial year concerned, an additional amount may be used for the compensation to be paid to these new members. In accordance with the Articles of Association of Vontobel Holding AG (see Article 33: www.vontobel.com/en-ch/about-vontobel/corporate-governance/corporate-governance-regulations) the additional amount for each compensation period and for each new member corresponds to 40 percent of the last approved maximum aggregate amount of fixed compensation of the Executive Committee. This additional aggregate compensation includes any compensation for disadvantages incurred in the course of a change of employment (sign-on bonuses). If the additional amount is not sufficient to compensate for these disadvantages, the amount of the sign-on bonus exceeding the additional amount must be submitted to the next Ordinary General Meeting for approval.

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# Objectives and their achievement

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The Executive Committee has a sustained influence on the implementation of Vontobel's strategy and consequently on its business activities. In addition to this overall responsibility, the Co-CEOs and the other members of the Executive Committee are assigned quantitative and qualitative objectives, which are listed in the scorecard. Since each member of the Executive Committee performs a different function within the company, the objectives are individually aligned to the areas of responsibility of each member of the Executive Committee. In this context, the Co-CEOs objectives serve as the basis for the individual objectives of the other members of the Executive Commit-

The following objectives were defined for the Executive Committee for 2024 and were evaluated by the Board of Directors:

QUANTITATIVE OBJECTI	VES (50%)	EVALUATION <sup>1</sup>				
Finance	<ul> <li>Achieve or exceed budget</li> <li>Generate net inflows of new money</li> <li>Enhance operating efficiency</li> <li>Increase return on equity</li> <li>Maintain capital position that significantly exceeds regulatory requirements</li> </ul>					
Strategy	<ul> <li>Implement strategic growth initiatives and priorities based on the defined interim goals for growth</li> <li>Further strengthen core competencies</li> <li>Drive organic growth in target markets</li> <li>Capture opportunities created by technology</li> <li>Supplement growth through M&amp;A</li> </ul>	Highly effective performance				
QUALITATIVE OBJECTIV	ES (50%)	EVALUATION <sup>1</sup>				
Behaviour	- Client focus – always seek the best solution to deliver sustained success for our clients and Vontobel; strengthen client focus across all areas of Vontobel, especially through the implementation of specific customer journeys - Results-driven approach – achieve impact by focusing on objectives and results; think long term in order to realize sustainable and competitive growth - Compliant conduct – act with integrity and remain independent at all times; provide advice in accordance with our Code of Conduct and our guidelines and take appropriate account of risks; take comprehensive measures to guarantee continuous compliance with laws and regulatory requirements, with a particular emphasis on the recognition of risks related to money laundering; ensure the protection of client data and compliance with all applicable legal requirements	Highly effective performance				
Leadership and development	<ul> <li>Inspirational leadership – recruit, retain, support and develop the best talent; define ambitious objectives and motivate employees to raise the benchmark for client service and quality of work; inspire others to deliver a top performance</li> <li>Transformative leadership – demonstrate flexibility and be capable of leading in new operating conditions and adapting to them constructively; reach clear decisions and share them with the team</li> <li>Communication – share own knowledge and experience with others; promote constructive collaboration as a team across functions and borders</li> <li>Diversity and Inclusion – create an open and trustworthy environment that is free of prejudice and promotes diversity and equal opportunities</li> </ul>	Highly effective performance				

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Vontobel Evaluation Grid: 1 Unsatisfactory performance/2 Inconsistent performance/3 Effective performance/4 Highly effective performance/5 Outstanding performance contribution

Based on its performance in a challenging market environment during the year under review, the Executive Committee achieved or exceeded with a highly effective performance the objectives set for the financial year 2024. Adjusted to reflect Vontobel's market focus, Private Clients achieved pleasing growth in net new money of 4.7 percent and thus within Vontobel's target range. Institutional Clients recorded negative growth in net new money of -2.7 percent, as net inflows in Fixed Income and Multi Asset were offset by continued challenging conditions for equities and emerging markets. In 2024, Vontobel generated a 9 percent increase in operating income to CHF 1,422.5 million compared to the previous year (2023: CHF 1,309.6 million). In view of the market environment, Vontobel delivered a strong net profit of CHF 266.1 million, an increase of 24 percent compared to 2023. Profit before tax increased by 32 percent to CHF 353.8 million. In a challenging operating environment in 2024, Vontobel continued to generate a good return on equity of 12.3 percent on its strong capital base, although this was below its mid-term target of 14 percent. The CET1 capital ratio was 16.1 percent (end-2023: 18.7 percent). The Tier 1 capital ratio, which

is identical to the total capital ratio at Vontobel, reached 20.9 percent. The capital ratios continue to substantially exceed the regulatory minimum requirements, including the anti-cyclical capital buffer, defined by FINMA of 8.0 percent for the CET1 capital ratio, 9.8 percent for the Tier 1 capital ratio and 12.2 percent for the total capital ratio for category 3 banks, including Vontobel. It has set itself the target of achieving a CET1 capital ratio of more than 12 percent and a total capital ratio of more than 16 percent. Its own mid-term targets were thus also exceeded.

The Executive Committee successfully executed its strategic objectives in 2024. Progress was achieved against many of the strategic priorities for 2024 to 2025. Vontobel is today one of the strongest brands in the Swiss financial sector. In addition, it has strengthened its market position in its focus markets, which represent more than 80 percent of global wealth. At the beginning of this year, important decisions were made to sharpen and accelerate our strategic execution: announcement of entry into private markets, simplification of the organizational structure into two client segments and the launch of a CHF 100 million efficiency program. In the first quarter the integration of Digital Investing into the Private Clients segment was completed. The integration enables to leverage digital capabilities and tools across the firm, thereby enhancing service quality and client experience. In July, the acquisition of a significant minority stake in Ancala, a London-based private infrastructure manager, completed. This marked an important milestone in the deliver of the private markets strategy. Significant progress has been made in improving our efficiency, lowering our cost-income ratio by 4.5 percentage points to 74.7 percent this year.

In the Private Clients segment, business was expanded organically and inorganically. New relationship managers continued to be successfully recruited and on January 3, 2025, the acquisition of the client book of IHAG was completed, thereby strengthening our presence in the DACH region. In the Institutional Clients the offering in private markets was expended and distribution was strengthened by integrating the distribution of the 40 Act funds.

The Executive Committee consistently exceeded its qualitative objectives. For example, it further strengthened Vontobel's positioning in the market and vis-a-vis all stakeholders. A strong emphasis was placed on client focus. To deliver the best solutions and generate sustained success for our clients, the Executive Committee has, in particular, introduced specific Customer Journeys. In this context, ever stricter regulatory requirements have been implemented in good time. To achieve its targets and ensure Vontobel maintains a long-term view, it is essential to have an inspiring and dedicated leadership team in place that promotes talented employees in a targeted way, motivating them and setting the right objectives. Vontobel is about taking ownership, adopting a forward-looking approach and thinking independently for the benefit of its clients. Its sharper identity sends out a clear signal and is an expression of what motivates it and how it creates value for its clients.

# Actual compensation (audited information)

# Compensation for the financial year

The aggregate compensation of the Executive Committee increased by 19 percent compared to the previous year. The variable compensation awarded to members of the Executive Committee based on an evaluation of their achievement of individual objectives was, on average, 1.68 times their base salary (previous year: 1.22).

# Compensation of the members of the Executive Committee for the financial year

		PERFORMANCE-RELATED FIXED COMPENSATION COMPENSATION					
FINANCIAL YEAR	BASE SALARY CHF M	PENSION CHF M	COMPENSATION <sup>1</sup>	COMPENSATION PAID IN CASH <sup>2</sup>	VARIABLE COMPENSATION PAID IN SHARES <sup>2,3</sup> CHF M	TOTAL <sup>4,5</sup> CHF M	NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
2024	3.8	0.7	0.0	3.2	3.2	10.8	5
2023	3.8	0.7	0.0	2.9	1.7	9.1	5
Change vs 2023 in %	0	0	0	10	82	19	0

- 1 Other short-term employee benefits comprise claim payments, family allowance payments and preferential interest rates for mortgages.
- 2 Financial year 2024: Subject to the approval of the General Meeting of Shareholders 2025
- 3 A total of 63 877 (previous year 41,509 Vontobel Holding AG shares based at the price of CHF 49.54 (per share) were allocated to members of the Executive Committee. These bonus shares entail a conditional right to receive performance shares following the expiry of a three-year vesting period.
- 4 Excluding flat rate compensation for expenses and employer contribution to AHV/IV/ALV.
- 5 The expense relating to performance shares is not included in "Total compensation for the financial year". The allocation of performance shares is shown separately in the following table "Allocation of shares from the long-term employee share-based benefit program".

# Allocation of shares from the long-term employee share-based benefit program<sup>1</sup>

	2024	2023 _ CHF M OR NUMBER	CHANGE TO 2023	
	CHF M OR NUMBER		CHF M OR NUMBER	IN %
Market value of performance shares at the date on which they were allocated in CHF M <sup>2</sup>	0.5	3.3	-2.8	-85
Number of performance shares allocated	9,814	56,973	-47,159	-83
Total number of persons receiving compensation	1	2	-1	-50
Market value of performance shares to former members of the Executive Committee at the date on which they were allocated in CHF M	3.9	4.2	-0.3	-7
Number of performance shares allocated to former members of the Executive Committee	72,234	71,485	749	1
Number of persons receiving compensation (former members of the Executive Committee)	2	3	-1	-33

- 1 The allocated performance shares are a long-term component of the compensation system and, as such, are not included in the previous table "Compensation for the financial year". Instead, they are shown separately in this table.

  2 In accordance with the relevant IFRS rules the cost recorded as equity compensation benefits was CHF 0.6 M (previous year: CHF 3.0 M) and
- was included on a pro rata basis over the vesting period.

# Highest total compensation for the financial year

			PERFORMANCE RELEA FIXED COMPENSATION COMPENSAT				NCE RELEATED OMPENSATION	
FINANCIAL YEAR	NAME	FUNCTION	BASE SALARY CHF1,000	PENSION PLAN CHF 1,000	OTHER COMPEN- SATION CHF 1,000	VARIABLE COMPEN- SATION PAID IN CASH CHF 1,000	VARIABLE COMPEN- SATION PAID IN SHARES <sup>1</sup> CHF 1,000	TOTAL CHF1,000
2024	Georg Schubiger	Co-CEO	900.0	155.9	3.0	857.1	857.1	2,773.2
2024	Dr. Christel Rendu de Lint	Co-CEO	900.0	138.9	3.0	857.1	857.1	2,756.2
2023	Dr. Zeno Staub	CEO	1,000.0	156.9	0.0	1,150.0	0.0	2,306.9

To determine the member of the Executive Committee with the highest total compensation, the conditional rights to receive performance shares associated with bonus shares are included in the calculation with a weighting of one performance share per bonus share.

# Allocation of shares from the long-term employee sharebased benefit program to the member with the highest total compensation

40,695

The number of performance shares allocated is calculated on the basis of the number of bonus shares received for the financial year 2020 (previous year 2019) as well as the performance of the business in the years 2021 to 2023 (2020 to 2022). The member with the highest total compensation in 2024 was not a member of the Executive Committee in the 2020 financial year.

# Multiplier of performance shares that have vested

The following table shows the key data and the multiplier of the share participation plan since 2012:

### **Vesting of performance shares**

**DETERMINING FACTORS MULTIPLIER** 

The increase in profitability in recent years resulted in a pleasing increase in the return on equity in the performance period from 2022 to 2024. The average return on equity was 11.3 percent and the average BIS Total Capital Ratio was a solid 23.6 percent. Consequently, the multiplier for performance shares from the 2021 variable compensation, which will vest in spring 2025, is 113 percent.

SERVICE PERIOD (BUSINESS YEAR)	PERFORMANCE PERIOD	ALLOCATION YEAR	AVERAGE RETURN ON EQUITY (ROE)	AVERAGE BIS TOTAL CAPITAL RATIO	MULTIPLIER	MARKET PRICE AT ALLOCATION DATE IN CHF	
2012	2013–2015	2016	9.6%	22.3%	93%	41.75	
2013	2014–2016	2017	13.0%	20.1%	130%	55.60	
2014	2015–2017	2018	14.5%	18.6%	121%	61.80	
2015	2016-2018	2019	14.7%	18.8%	123%	55.20	
2016	2017–2019	2020	13.4%	19.0%	112%	64.00	
2017	2018-2020	2021	13.5%	19.3%	113%	72.55	
2018	2019-2021	2022	15.4%	20.3%	154%	68.05	
2019	2020-2022	2023	14.4%	22.2%	144%	58.70	
2020	2021–2023	2024	13.5%	23.5%	135%	54.10	
2021	2022 2024	2025	11 20/	22.6%	1120/	n/a	

<sup>1</sup> The member of the Executive Committee was awarded 17,303 shares (previous year 0) of Vontobel Holding AG based at the price of CHF 49.54 (per share) as part of his compensation for the year under review. These shares are subject to a holding period of three years, during which they cannot be sold. These bonus shares entail a conditional right to receive performance shares following the expiry of a three-year vesting period. Those values will be known in spring 2027 respectively 2028 (cf. previous section "compensation components").

# Additional fees, related parties and similar information None.

# Former members of the Executive Committee

In 2024, compensation of CHF 3.9 million was paid to two former members of the Executive Committee. This was the pro rata payment of the underlying entitlement to performance shares (variable compensation 2020) in accordance with the share participation plan regulations. The table "share allocation from the Long-Term Incentive Program" shows the allocation of performance shares to former members of the Executive Committee.

# Holdings of shares and options (audited information)

		31.12.2024 OPTIONS NUMBER OF SHARES AT THE TIME OF EXERCISE				AT THE TIME	31.12.2023 OPTIONS ER OF SHARES OF EXERCISE
NAME	FUNCTION	SHARES NUMBER	CALL OPTIONS	PUT OPTIONS	SHARES NUMBER	CALL OPTIONS	PUT OPTIONS
Dr. Christel Rendu de Lint	Co-CEO	36,805			20,978		
Georg Schubiger	Co-CEO	124,351			•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Dr. Thomas Heinzl	CFO/CRO	27,263			22,587	•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Dr. Maria-Antonella Bino	General Counsel	14,321			9,244	•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Markus Pfister	COO	42,929			•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	•••••	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Members resigned	***************************************				***************************************	***************************************	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Dr. Zeno Staub	CEO				178,284	***************************************	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
Felix Lenhard	COO				39,832	***************************************	•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••

The above figures do not include rights to receive performance shares.

The calculation of the number of shares at the time of exercise reflects the exchange ratio of the respective options.

The above figures also include the share and option holdings of parties related to the members of Vontobel's governing bodies.

# Loans to governing bodies (audited information)

As of December 31, 2024, fully secured loans and credits to and the promise of payment in favour of members of the Executive Committee of CHF 1.5 million were outstanding (previous year CHF 0.0 million). Of which the highest amount: Georg Schubiger, Co-CEO with CHF 1.4 million. No loans to former members of the Executive Committee were outstanding that were not granted according to standard terms and conditions.

# Compensation of other employees

# **Compensation system**

# Compensation principles

Employee compensation is essentially based on the same model as for the Executive Committee and consists of the same components. Differences may arise in the case of individual employees due to market-specific compensation models for individual job profiles or due to local regulatory requirements.

# Long-term participation plan

In principle, the same participation plan is available to Vontobel employees as to the Executive Committee. However, the mandatory portion that has to be taken in the form of shares differs between employees and members of the Executive Committee. Employees can opt to receive 25 percent of their variable compensation in the form of bonus shares of Vontobel Holding AG. For variable compensation amounts exceeding CHF 100,000, it is mandatory for employees to take 25 percent in the form of shares. Individual employees who exercise roles that are defined by the Board of Directors as special positions are required to take 33 percent of their variable compensation in the form of shares.

# **Variable Compensation Agreements**

Additional agreements known as variable compensation agreements are used in the case of individual portfolio managers in the Center of Excellence Investments. As a result of these agreements, a part of the variable compensation for the concerned employees is linked to the performance of funds and is blocked for a period of three years. The cash portion of the variable compensation is reduced accordingly. Their participation in the share participation plan is not affected by this. These agreements align the interests of portfolio managers with those of clients. Furthermore, it increases the loyalty of the employees concerned to Vontobel and also fulfils regulatory requirements in certain countries.

### **Vontobel Asset Management USA**

Vontobel Asset Management USA has a compensation system in place that is aligned with local compensation practices. In addition, certain employees receive variable compensation that is not part of the Group-wide variable compensation pool. To align the interests of portfolio managers and clients, their part of the variable compensation that exceeds a specific threshold, is linked to the performance of funds and is blocked for a period of three years. Other employees take part in the Group-wide participation program.

### TwentyFour Asset Management

With the acquisition of the remaining 40 percent of Twenty-Four Asset Management by Vontobel as of 30 June 2021, its compensation model was also revised and aligned with that of Vontobel. In particular, elements of the "Vontobel Share Plan" and those of the "Variable Compensation Agreement" were included.

# Confirmation of compliance with equal pay between women and men

Bank Vontobel AG and Vontobel Asset Management AG comply with the principle of equal pay for men and women. As part of the new legal framework, an internal equal pay analysis was successfully carried out by external experts. The correct implementation of this analysis was subsequently verified by the Social Partnership Office for Equal Pay in the Banking Industry (SF-LoBa).

#### Context

The Federal Act on Gender Equality (GEA) was revised as of July 1, 2020 and supplemented by an obligation for employers to conduct an internal equal pay analysis. The revision of the law affects employers with 100 or more employees and aims to enforce the constitutional right to equal pay for equal work and work of equal value (Art. 8 para. 3 BV).

# **Analysis** method

An in-house pay equity analysis must be based on a demonstrably scientific method that is legally compliant for Switzerland. Such an analysis statistically examines whether equal pay is being complied between all women and men of an employer. Equal pay within the company is deemed to have been observed as long as any remaining unexplained pay difference is within the specified tolerance threshold of 5 percent.

# Basis of analysis

Bank Vontobel AG and Vontobel Asset Management AG decided to have the analysis carried out by external experts. For this purpose, the Competence Centre for Diversity and Inclusion (CCDI-FIM) of the HSG prepared a statistical pay equality analysis using the Logib method. The analysis was carried out within the statutory deadline with a cut-off date of 30 April 2021. The 1515 employees of Bank Vontobel AG and 239 employees of Vontobel Asset Management AG in employment at that date were taken into account. In accordance with the law, the only employees excluded from the analysis were apprentices, interns, temporary employees, seconded employees as well as disability and similar special cases.

### Analysis result



The result of the analysis shows that Bank Vontobel AG and Vontobel Asset Management AG comply with the internal pay equality between women and men within the specified tolerance threshold of "Logib" and therefore the label "Equal pay audited in

accordance with the requirements of the Equal Opportunities Act" could be issued.

### Social partnership control

The revised GEA requires an additional, independent check of the equal pay analysis carried out. Bank Vontobel AG and Vontobel Asset Management AG have decided to take advantage of the possibility of a social partnership review. The Social Partnership Office for Equal Pay in the Banking Industry (SF-LoBa) reviewed the analysis and confirmed not only that it was formally correct, but also that it complied with all the requirements of the SF-LoBa industry seal of approval.

# Questions and answers

Questions have repeatedly arisen in discussions with our investors and shareholders as well as when performing comparisons of Vontobel's compensation system with other compensation models. We carefully address these questions and assess their relevance for Vontobel. We have, among other things, responded to calls for complete transparency. In the following section, we look at the most important questions:

#### **Objectives**

Why doesn't the Compensation Report contain more detailed disclosures on objectives and the extent to which they are achieved?

Quantitative and qualitative objectives are agreed and measured for each member of the Executive Committee. Due to competition considerations, we disclose objectives and the extent to which they are achieved on an aggregate basis because we don't wish to provide an insight into individual strategic objectives or the individual achievement of objectives.

### Caps (relative or absolute limit on compensation)

Why has Vontobel not imposed any caps on variable compensation?

Individual caps on variable compensation result in upward pressure on fixed compensation. This development would lead to a less flexible cost structure and would not be in line with our corporate and performance culture, which have a long-term focus. Consequently, Vontobel has not imposed any relative or absolute caps on variable compensation.

Vontobel has a balanced compensation system that ensures only sustained performance is rewarded. In the past, compensation was therefore always consistent with performance and the achievements of objectives. Furthermore, all compensation is put to the vote at the General Meeting of Shareholders (on a prospective basis for fixed compensation and on a retrospective basis for variable compensation). This gives shareholders full control over the compensation that is paid out.

Why has Vontobel not defined any caps for the share participation plan?

Our Long-term Incentive Program is risk-adjusted and has a natural cap, since the return on equity and Total Capital Ratio parameters run counter to each other on the one hand and have a de facto maximum limit on the other.

For example, since Vontobel was listed on the stock market in 1986, the return on equity has never exceeded 21.6 percent – the value achieved in 2006 prior to the financial crisis.

The increase in the capital ratio is also limited. On the one hand, Vontobel distributes a major proportion of its annual net profit to shareholders in the form of a dividend. On the other hand, the remaining profit is retained to finance organic growth and potential acquisitions. Consequently, an increase in the capital ratio can only be achieved slowly. However, we recognize that the calculation of performance shares is purely formulaic and therefore has no upper limit in theory. For this reason, we have decided to introduce a cap of 250 percent on the multiplier used for the calculation of performance shares for members of the Executive Committee from 2019.

### **Target bonus**

Why has Vontobel not introduced a target bonus?

The introduction of an additional rule in the form of a target bonus would not create any added value in the current process to determine compensation, since a retrospective vote on the concrete bonus amounts is held at the General Meeting of Shareholders.

### Shares for employees

Does Vontobel increase its share capital in order to allocate bonus and performance shares?

Vontobel purchases all of the shares required for the compensation of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee and employees in the market. This ensures that our compensation system does not result in any dilution of shareholders.

## Discount on shares

Why is a 20 percent discount applied to the shares allocated to employees?

The discount is to be viewed as a component of overall compensation and, as such, also forms part of the contractual negotiations with potential employees. In addition, the discount is a further incentive for employees to opt to receive shares despite the three-year blocking period.

Employees – excluding the Board of Directors and Executive Committee – have the option of receiving shares if their variable compensation is less than CHF 100,000. The discount serves here as an additional incentive to participate in the company over the long term. Shareholder interests are thus broadly anchored across the company. Vontobel shares received as part of the variable compensation are valued at the average share price on the SIX Swiss Exchange in the month of December and a 20 percent discount is applied to reflect the three-year blocking period.

### Peer comparison in participation plan

Why isn't the performance of the peer group or a benchmark index incorporated into the long-term participation plan based on a formula, e.g. through the relative Total Shareholder Return (TSR)?

Peer performance is naturally taken into account by Vontobel when determining variable compensation. Rather than using a formula-based component, it is taken into account via an individual quantitative and qualitative comparison, which is incorporated into the variable compensation allocation. Furthermore, if a relative TSR were to be taken into account, this would entail the risk of management adopting a procyclical approach. Management would, for example, have an incentive to participate in short-term market trends to avoid the share price coming under pressure – even if this would not make any sense for Vontobel in terms of business policy or from a long-term perspective.

In addition, it is only possible to compare different companies to a limited extent, since the TSR and share price always incorporate company-specific and market-specific factors that would then need to be individually "corrected" or "normalized".

# Capital costs in compensation model

Why are capital costs not taken into account in Vontobel's compensation model?

Vontobel has set itself the target of generating a return on equity of at least 14 percent. This minimum requirement means that the cost of capital is taken into account when defining management objectives. In addition, all rights arising from the long-term share participation plan lapse if the average return on equity falls below 4 percent.

Why do performance shares vest if the return on equity is 4 percent and is therefore below the cost of capital? The participation plan is designed to promote employee loyalty to the company over the long term. For this reason, the compensation model provides for an allocation of performance shares even if the return on equity is 4 percent, i.e. below the cost of capital. However, a correspondingly low allocation applies (25 percent). We expect the costs of the participation plan to be reduced significantly if a low return on equity is generated.

### Mandatory share ownership requirements

Why is there no mandatory requirement for members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee to hold shares in Vontobel?

Our compensation model results in the Board of Directors and Executive Committee building up a significant shareholding over time. In the case of the Executive Committee, for example, the mandatory requirement to take 50 percent of the variable compensation in shares automatically results in a minimum holding of Vontobel registered shares with a value equivalent to 50 percent of the variable compensation paid over the last three years. For this reason and because management has not sold all of the shares that became free - the Executive Committee had an aggregate holding of Vontobel shares corresponding to four times its base salary at the end of 2024.

#### Clawbacks

Why are there no clawbacks at Vontobel?

Vontobel has so far intentionally refrained from introducing clawbacks since they can give rise to the temptation to not disclose challenges and problems in order to avoid any clawbacks. Instead, Vontobel encourages and cultivates a corporate culture in which problems are disclosed, discussed and actively addressed. Furthermore, clawbacks are very difficult to enforce in practice and can only be implemented under certain circumstances.

# **Total compensation**

Why doesn't Vontobel disclose the total amount of current compensation plus the value of vested shares from earlier participation plans?

Vontobel provides a high level of transparency about compensation. Vontobel is one of a small number of companies that report allocated performance shares at vesting, meaning that the actual - rather than model-based or calculatory - compensation is shown.

If the compensation from the participation plan 2021 were to be added to the compensation for 2024, this would provide a misleading picture since the compensation stems from different periods.



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# Report of the statutory auditor on the audit of the compensation report



### Opinion

We have audited the compensation report of Vontobel Holding AG (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2024. The audit was limited to the information pursuant to Art. 734a-734f of the Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) in the tables marked "audited information" on pages 58 to 73 of the compensation report.

In our opinion, the information pursuant to Art. 734a-734f CO in the compensation report (pages 49 to 77) complies with Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation.



### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the compensation report" section of our report. We are independent of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.



# Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the tables marked "audited information" in the compensation report, the consolidated financial statements, the stand-alone financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon.

Our opinion on the compensation report does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the compensation report, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the audited financial information in the compensation report or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.





# Board of Directors' responsibilities for the compensation report

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation of a compensation report in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the Company's articles of incorporation, and for such internal control as the Board of Directors determines is necessary to enable the preparation of a compensation report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It is also responsible for designing the remuneration system and defining individual remuneration packages.



# Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the compensation report

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the information pursuant to Art. 734a-734f CO is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this compensation report.

As part of an audit in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- ldentify and assess the risks of material misstatement in the compensation report, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made.

We communicate with the Board of Directors or its relevant committee regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



We also provide the Board of Directors or its relevant committee with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, actions taken to eliminate threats or safeguards applied.

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Philipp Müller (Qualified Signature)

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