

# The Board's proposed guidelines for remuneration of senior executives

The Board of Directors proposes unchanged guidelines for remuneration to the CEO and other members of Group Management. The guidelines also encompass any remuneration to Board members, other than Directors' fees. The guidelines apply to remuneration agreed after the Annual General Meeting 2024 and amendments to agreed remuneration made thereafter. The guidelines do not apply to remuneration resolved by the general meeting. For employments governed by rules other than Swedish, pension benefits and other benefits may be duly adjusted for compliance with mandatory rules or established local practice, taking into account, to the extent possible, the overall purpose of these guidelines.

# How the guidelines advance the company's business strategy, long-term interests and sustainability

Successful implementation of the company's business strategy and safeguarding the company's long-term interests, including its sustainability, require the company to recruit and retain highly qualified employees. In order to do so, SAS must offer competitive total remuneration, which these guidelines enable. Total remuneration should be on market terms and competitive and relate to responsibility and authority.

For information about the company's business strategy, see the SAS website (<a href="https://www.sasgroup.net/en/strategic-priorities/">https://www.sasgroup.net/en/strategic-priorities/</a>).

#### Types of remuneration, etc.

Remuneration shall be on market terms and may consist of the following components: fixed salary, any variable salary according to separate agreements, pension and other benefits. The general meeting can also, irrespective of these guidelines, resolve on, among other things, share and share price-related remuneration.

# Fixed salary

The fixed salary shall consist of fixed cash salary. The fixed salary shall reflect the position requirements with respect to qualifications, responsibilities, complexity and the manner in which it serves to reach the business objectives. The fixed salary shall also reflect the performance of the senior executive and thus be individual and differentiated.

# Variable salary

In addition to fixed salary, senior executives reporting to the CEO may, according to separate agreements, receive variable salary when fulfilling agreed performance criteria and provided that their fixed salaries are frozen for review for a certain period after payment of the variable salary. Any variable salary shall consist of an annual variable cash salary and may amount to a maximum of 20 percent of the fixed annual salary. Criteria fulfillment for awarding variable salary shall be measured over a period of one year.

The variable salary shall be linked to one or several predetermined and measurable criteria, which can be financial, such as EBT, CASK and PASK, or nonfinancial, such as CO2 emissions, safety, employee engagement and customer satisfaction. Less than 30 percent of the variable cash remuneration shall depend on non-financial criteria. By linking the remuneration to senior executives to the company's earnings as well as sustainability, the criteria contribute to the company's business strategy, long-term interests and competitiveness.

To which extent the criteria for awarding variable cash remuneration has been satisfied shall be determined when the measurement period has ended. For financial objectives, the evaluation shall be based on the latest financial information made public by the company.

The terms for variable remuneration shall be designed so that the Board of Directors, under exceptional financial conditions, may limit or refuse to pay variable remuneration if such a measure is deemed reasonable.

Further variable cash remuneration may be awarded in extraordinary circumstances, provided that such extraordinary arrangements are limited in time and only made on an individual basis, either for the purpose of recruiting or retaining executives, or as remuneration for extraordinary performance beyond the individual's ordinary tasks. Such remuneration may not exceed an amount corresponding to 20 percent of the fixed annual cash salary and may not be paid more than once each year per individual. Any resolution on such remuneration shall be made by the Board of Directors based on a proposal from the Remuneration Committee.

#### Pension

For the CEO, pension benefits, including health insurance, shall be defined contribution with premiums not exceeding 40 percent of the fixed annual salary. For other members of Group Management, pension benefits, including health insurance, shall be defined contribution unless the senior executive is subject to defined benefit pension under mandatory collective agreement provisions. Premiums for defined contribution pensions are not to exceed 30 percent of the fixed annual salary. Variable remuneration shall qualify for pension benefits to the extent required by mandatory collective agreement provisions applicable to the senior executive (applies to Sweden and defined contribution pension). In such case, the premiums for defined contribution pensions shall not exceed 36 percent of the fixed annual salary, as a result of pension provisions for variable salary.

#### Other benefits

Other benefits, which may include, for example, company car, travel benefits and health insurance, shall be on market terms and only constitute a limited part of the total remuneration. Premiums and other costs associated with such benefits may amount to a maximum of 10 percent of the fixed annual salary.

### Termination of employment

For the CEO and other members of Group Management, the notice period shall be six months in case of termination by the senior executive. In case of termination by the company the maximum notice period shall be 12 months. In case of termination by the company, severance pay may be payable in an amount corresponding to a maximum of one year's fixed salary less any remuneration received from new employments or assignments.

Additionally, remuneration may be paid for non-compete undertakings. Such remuneration shall compensate for loss of income and shall only be paid in so far as the previously employed executive is not entitled to severance pay. The remuneration shall be based on the fixed salary at the time of termination of employment and amount to not more than 60 percent of the fixed salary at the time of termination of employment, unless otherwise provided by mandatory collective agreement provisions, and be paid during the time the non-compete undertaking applies, however not for more than 18 months following termination of employment.

#### Fees to Board members

SAS Board members elected by the general meeting may, in specific cases and for limited time, be remunerated for services beyond Board work within their respective areas of competence. A fee on market terms for these services (including services rendered by a company wholly owned by a Board member) shall be paid, provided that such services contribute to the implementation of SAS' business strategy and long-term interests, including its sustainability. Such consultant's fee may, for each Board member, in no case exceed the annual Directors' fee.

# Salary and employment conditions for employees

In the preparation of the Board of Directors' proposal for these remuneration guidelines, salary and employment conditions for employees of the company have been taken into account by including information on the employees' total income, the components of the remuneration and increase and growth rate over time, in the Remuneration Committee's and the Board of Directors' basis of decision when evaluating whether the guidelines and the limitations set out herein are reasonable.

#### Preparation and decision-making process

The Board of Directors has established a Remuneration Committee. The Committee's duties include preparing principles for remuneration to Group Management and the Board of Directors' decision to propose guidelines for remuneration to senior executives. The Board of Directors shall prepare a proposal for new guidelines at least every fourth year and submit it to the general meeting for resolution. The guidelines shall be in force until new guidelines have been adopted by the general meeting. The Remuneration Committee shall also monitor and evaluate programs for variable remuneration to Group Management, the application of the guidelines to senior executives as well as the current remuneration structures and compensation levels in the company. Remuneration to the CEO shall be decided by the Board of Directors in line with approved policies following preparation and recommendation by the Remuneration Committee. Remuneration to other senior executives shall be decided by the CEO in line with approved policies and after consultation with the Remuneration Committee.

The members of the Remuneration Committee are independent in relation to the company and Group Management. The CEO and other members of Group Management do not participate in the Board of Directors' discussions and decisions on remuneration-related matters that pertain to them.

# Derogation from these guidelines

The Board of Directors may decide to derogate from these guidelines, in whole or in part, if in a specific case there is special cause and such a derogation is necessary to safeguard the company's long-term interests, including its sustainability, or to ensure the company's financial viability. As stated above, the Remuneration Committee's duties include preparing the Board of Directors' decisions on remuneration matters, including decisions to derogate from these guidelines.