

Corporate Governance

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Transparent corporate governance

As a company that adds value, Baloise attaches great importance to practising sound, responsible corporate governance.

Operating in line with the requirements of the Swiss Code of Best Practice and the SIX Corporate Governance Guidelines, Baloise strives to foster a corporate culture of high ethical standards that emphasises the integrity of the Company and its employees. Baloise is convinced that high-quality corporate governance has a positive impact on its long-term performance. The Company therefore rapidly and transparently implemented the requirements under the Swiss Ordinance Against Excessive Remuneration in Listed Companies Limited by Shares (ERCO).

This chapter reflects the structure of the SIX Corporate Governance Guidelines as amended on 1 January 2016 in order to enhance transparency and, consequently, improve comparability with previous years and other companies. It includes the requirements of *economiesuisse's* Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance and, in particular, Appendix 1 to the latter, which contains recommendations on the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. Baloise publishes a remuneration report as item 5 of its Corporate Governance Report, which meets the criteria specified in circular 2010/1 of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

1. STRUCTURE OF THE BALOISE GROUP AND SHAREHOLDER BASE

Structure of the Baloise Group

Headquartered in Basel, Switzerland, Baloise Holding is a public limited company that is incorporated under Swiss law and listed on the Swiss Exchange (SIX). The Baloise Group had a market capitalisation of CHF 6,415 million as at 31 December 2016.

- Information on Baloise shares can be found from page 8 onwards.
- Significant subsidiaries, joint ventures and associates as at 31 December 2016 can be found from page 256 onwards in the notes to the consolidated annual financial statements, which form part of the Financial Report.
- Segment reporting by region and operating segment can be found from page 183 onwards in the notes to the consolidated annual financial statements within the Financial Report section.
- The Baloise Group's operational management structure is presented on page 74.

Shareholder base

As a public company with a broad shareholder base, Baloise Holding is a member of the SMI Mid (SMIM) Index and the Swiss Leader Index (SLI).

Shareholder structure

A total of 21,189 shareholders were registered in Baloise Holding's share register as at 31 December 2016. The number of registered shareholders had increased by 2.2 per cent compared with the previous year. The "Significant shareholders" section on page 278 provides information on the structure of the Company's shareholder base as at 31 December 2016.

The reports that were submitted to the issuer and to SIX Swiss Exchange AG's disclosure office during the reporting year in compliance with article 120 of the Federal Act on Financial Market Infrastructures and Market Conduct in Securities and Derivatives Trading (FinfraG) and were published on the latter's electronic reporting and publication platform in compliance with article 124 FinfraG can be viewed using the search function at www.six-exchange-regulation.com/en/home/publications/significant-shareholders.html.

Treasury shares

Baloise held 1,829,345 treasury shares (3.659 per cent of the issued share capital) as at 31 December 2016.

Cross-shareholdings

There are no cross-shareholdings based on either capital ownership or voting rights.

2. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Dividend policy

Baloise Holding pursues a policy of paying consistent, earnings-related dividends. It uses other dividend instruments such as share buy-backs and options to supplement conventional cash dividends. Shareholders have received a total of CHF 1,263.7 million from cash dividends and share buy-backs over the last five years. Baloise has therefore had a combined annual payout rate of between 30 per cent and 50 per cent in recent years.

	Cash dividends	Share buy-backs	Total
Year (CHF million)			
2012	225.0	–	225.0
2013	237.5	–	237.5
2014	250.0	–	250.0
2015	250.0	59.1	309.1
2016	260.0 ¹	54.8	314.8
Total	1,222.5	113.8	1,336.3

All figures stated as at 31 December.

¹ Proposal to the Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2017.

Baloise Holding's equity

The table below shows the changes in equity during the last three reporting years.

CHANGES IN BALOISE HOLDING'S EQUITY (BEFORE APPROPRIATION OF PROFIT)

	31.12.2014 ¹	31.12.2015	31.12.2016
CHF million			
Share capital	5.0	5.0	5.0
General reserve	11.7	11.7	11.7
Reserve for treasury shares	4.9	3.5	2.3
Free reserves	230.3	387.6	573.9
Distributable profit	406.5	435.4	289.6
Treasury shares	–141.9	–194.8	–156.6
Equity attributable to Baloise Holding	516.5	648.4	725.9

¹ Restated in accordance with the new financial reporting legislation.

The share capital of Baloise Holding has totalled CHF 5.0 million since 29 April 2008 and is divided into 50,000,000 dividend-bearing registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each.

Authorised and conditional capital; other financing instruments

Authorised capital

A resolution adopted by the Annual General Meeting on 30 April 2015 has authorised the Board of Directors until 30 April 2017 to increase the Company's share capital by up to CHF 500,000 by issuing up to 5,000,000 fully paid-up registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10 each (see article 3 [4] of the Articles of Association).
 → www.baloise.com/rules-regulations

Conditional capital

The 2004 Annual General Meeting created conditional capital. This capital enables the Company's share capital to be increased by up to 5,530,715 registered shares with a par value of CHF 0.10

each (see article 3 [2] of the Articles of Association). This constitutes a nominal share capital increase of up to CHF 553,071.50.

Conditional capital is used to cover any option rights or conversion rights granted in conjunction with bonds and similar securities. Shareholders' pre-emption rights are disappplied. Holders of the pertinent option rights and conversion rights are entitled to subscribe for the new registered shares. The Board of Directors may restrict or disapply shareholders' pre-emption rights when issuing warrant-linked bonds or convertible bonds in international capital markets.

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Other equity instruments

The Company has no profit-participation certificates.

The Baloise Group's consolidated equity

The Baloise Group's consolidated equity amounted to CHF 5,773.7 million on 31 December 2016. Details of changes in consolidated equity in 2015 and 2016 can be found in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on pages 116 and 117 in the Financial Report section. All pertinent details relating to 2014 can be found in the consolidated statement of changes in equity on page 110 in the Financial Report section of the 2015 Annual Report.

Bonds outstanding

Baloise Holding has issued bonds publicly. As at the end of 2016, a total of seven public bonds were outstanding. Details of outstanding bonds of Baloise Holding can be found on pages 233 and 276 and on the internet.

→ www.baloise.com/bonds

Credit rating

On 11 August 2016, credit rating agency Standard & Poor's confirmed Baloise Insurance Ltd's rating of "A" with a stable outlook. S & P awarded this rating in recognition of Baloise's very strong capitalisation, its excellent operational profitability and its solid competitive position in its core markets. The agency also rated the firm's risk management as strong. The rating was awarded to Baloise Holding Ltd's Swiss subsidiary, Baloise Insurance Ltd, which is a core company of the Baloise Group.

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3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Election and term of appointment

The Board of Directors consisted of ten members at the end of 2016. Each member of the Board of Directors has been elected for a term of one year at a time.

The average age on the Board of Directors is currently 59. Each member of the Board of Directors is elected individually.

Members of the Board of Directors

All members of the Board of Directors – including the Chairman – are non-executives. They were not involved in the day-to-day management of any Baloise Group companies in any of the three financial years immediately preceding the reporting period, and they maintain no material business relationships with the Baloise Group.

During the reporting year, Dr Michael Becker, Dr Andreas Beerli, Dr Georges-Antoine de Bocard, Dr Andreas Burckhardt, Christoph B. Gloor, Karin Keller-Sutter, Werner Kummer and Thomas Pleines were re-elected as members of the Board of Directors for a one-year term until the end of the next ordinary Annual General Meeting. Prior to the 2016 Annual General Meeting, Dr Eveline Saupper announced that she would be stepping down from the Board of Directors. Professor Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen and Hugo Lasat were elected as new members of the Board of Directors.

All existing members of the Board of Directors are to stand for election at the 2017 Annual General Meeting, with the exception of Dr Michael Becker, who is not putting himself forward for re-election. Dr Becker has been a member of the Board of Directors and of the Audit Committee (now known as the Audit and Risk Committee) since 2010 and was a member of the Investment Committee from 2012 until 2016. He has provided outstanding service to the Baloise Group.

The Board of Directors will propose Dr Thomas von Planta (born in 1961 and qualified as a lawyer in Switzerland) for election at the Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2017. He is the founder and Principal of CorFinAd AG, a company specialising in consultancy for M & A transactions and capital market finance. He has sat on the Board of Directors of Bellevue Group AG since 2007, Bank am Bellevue AG since 2012 and Bellevue Asset Management AG since 2012, and has been Chairman of the Board

of Directors of all three companies since March 2015. Before that, he had worked for Goldman Sachs in Zurich, Frankfurt and London for around ten years and had been the interim Head of Investment Banking and Head of Corporate Finance for the Vontobel Group in Zurich between 2002 and 2006. He will be an independent non-executive director.

Further information on the members of the Board of Directors can be found on the internet.

→ www.baloise.com/board-of-directors

MEMBERS

	Chairman's Committee	Audit Committee	Remuneration Committee	Investment Committee	Nationality	Born in	Appointed in
Dr Andreas Burckhardt, Chairman (since 2011), Basel	C			C	CH	1951	1999
Werner Kummer, Vice-Chairman (since 2014), Küsnacht	VC	C			CH	1947	2000
Dr Michael Becker, Darmstadt (D)		DC			D	1948	2010
Dr Andreas Beerli, Oberwil-Lieli	M	M			CH	1951	2011
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard, Conches			M	M	CH	1951	2011
Christoph B. Gloor, Riehen		M		DC	CH	1966	2014
Karin Keller-Sutter, Wil SG			DC		CH	1963	2013
Hugo Lasat, Kessel-Lo (B)				M	B	1964	2016
Thomas Pleines, Munich (D)	M		C		D	1955	2012
Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen, Crans-Montana			M		CH	1975	2016

C: Chairman, VC: Vice-Chairman, C: Chair, DC: Deputy Chair, M: Member.

BOARD ATTENDANCE IN 2016: MEETINGS OF THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

	18.03.2016	29.04.2016	24.06.2016	25.08.2016	9.12.2016
Dr Andreas Burckhardt, Chairman	x	x	x	x	x
Werner Kummer, Vice-Chairman	x	x	x	x	x
Dr Michael Becker	x	x	x	x	x
Dr Andreas Beerli	x	x	x	x	x
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard	x	x	x	x	x
Christoph B. Gloor	x	x	x	x	x
Karin Keller-Sutter	x	x	x	x	x
Hugo Lasat	n.a.	n.a.	x	x	x
Thomas Pleines	x	x	x	x	x
Dr Eveline Saupper	x	x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen	n.a.	n.a.	x	x	x

x = present, 0 = absent, n.a. = not applicable.
 All members were attending the respective committee meetings.

Statutory rules concerning the number of permitted activities

The 2015 Annual General Meeting approved the addition of a new provision to the Articles of Association (article 33) concerning the maximum number of directorships held outside the Company. Subsection 1 stipulates the principle that the number of external directorships held by members of the Board of Directors or Corporate Executive Committee must be compatible with the commitment, availability, capabilities and independence required of them in order to perform their duties as members of the Board of Directors or Corporate Executive Committee. Subsections 2 and 3 then specify numerical restrictions.

Interlocking directorates

There are no interlocking directorates.

Internal organisation

Functions and responsibilities of the Board of Directors

Subject to the decision-making powers exercised by shareholders at the Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors is the Company's ultimate decision-making body. Decisions are taken by the Board of Directors unless authority has been delegated on the basis of the Organisational Regulations to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, its committees, the Chief Executive Officer or the Corporate Executive Committee.

Article 716a of the Swiss Code of Obligations (OR) and clause A3 of the Organisational Regulations state that the Board of Directors' main functions and responsibilities are to act as the Company's ultimate managerial and supervisory body, to oversee the Company's finances and to determine its organisational structures.

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Committees of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has four committees, which support it in its activities. These committees report to the Board of Directors and submit the necessary proposals for their particular areas of responsibility.

The committees appointed by the Board of Directors generally consist of four members, who are newly elected every year by the Board of Directors. Since 2015, article 7 ERCO has required

the members of the Remuneration Committee to be elected by the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors are ex officio members of the Chairman's Committee. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is not allowed to sit on the Audit and Risk Committee. The committees' basic functions and responsibilities are specified in the Organisational Regulations. Additional specific regulations applicable to individual committees also govern administrative and other aspects.

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Functions and responsibilities of the committees

The Chairman's Committee provides advice on key transactions, especially those involving important strategic or personnel-related decisions. The Chairman's Committee also performs the function of a Nominations Committee and prepares personnel-related matters that fall within the remit of the Board of Directors for subsequent approval by the latter.

The Investment Committee's main responsibilities are to oversee the Baloise Group's investment activities, define the basic principles of its investment policy, specify the asset allocation strategy for all strategic business units and devise the relevant investment plan.

The Remuneration Committee proposes to the Board of Directors – for subsequent approval by the Annual General Meeting – the structure and amount of remuneration paid to the members of the Board of Directors and of the salaries paid to the members of the Corporate Executive Committee. Under ERCO, the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors and the Corporate Executive Committee has to be approved by the Annual General Meeting. The Remuneration Committee approves the target agreements and performance assessments that are applied to the Corporate Executive Committee members in order to determine their variable remuneration. It also sanctions the remuneration policies applicable to the Corporate Executive Committee members and ensures that they are being correctly implemented. It approves the variable remuneration granted to individual members of the Corporate Executive Committee; this remuneration has to be within the maximum amount approved by the Annual General Meeting.

Furthermore, it specifies the total amount available in the performance pool.

The **Audit and Risk Committee** supports the Board of Directors in its non-delegable overarching supervisory and financial oversight functions (article 716a OR) by ascertaining whether the internal and external control systems, including risk management, are well organised and function properly, by assessing the situation with respect to compliance in the Company and by forming its own view of the Company's separate and consolidated annual financial statements. It receives regular reports on the work and findings of Group Internal Audit and on cooperation with the external auditors.

Meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees

The Organisational Regulations stipulate that the full Board of Directors must meet as often as business requires, but no fewer than four times a year.

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The full Board of Directors of Baloise Holding met on five occasions in 2016. The table on page 63 shows Board of Directors members' attendance at these meetings. All members of the relevant committee in each case attended every one of the additional 18 committee meetings. This means that the Board of Directors achieved an overall meeting attendance rate of 100 per cent. The Board of Directors held a seminar for the purpose of training its members. Meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees usually last half a working day each.

The Chairman's Committee convened nine times in 2016, which included one two-day strategy meeting. The Investment Committee met on three occasions. The Audit and Risk Committee held four meetings, and the Remuneration Committee convened twice.

Meetings of the Board of Directors are regularly attended by members of the Corporate Executive Committee. Meetings of the Chairman's Committee are usually attended by the Group CEO and the Chief Financial Officer. Those present at Audit and Risk Committee meetings are primarily the Chief Financial Officer, the Head of the Corporate Centre, the Head of Group Internal Audit and, occasionally, representatives of the external

auditors, the Chief Risk Officer and the Group Compliance Officer. The main attendees at Remuneration Committee meetings are the Group CEO, the Head of the Corporate Centre and the Head of Group Human Resources. Meetings of the Investment Committee are usually attended by the Group CEO, the Chief Investment Officer and the Heads of Investment Strategy and Investment Control, Baloise Asset Management and Real Estate. The Secretary to the Board of Directors attends the meetings of the full Board of Directors and those of its committees.

Self-evaluation

Every two years, a comprehensive self-evaluation is carried out in the full Board of Directors and in the Audit and Risk Committee. The results are then discussed in each body.

Division of authorities, functions and responsibilities between the Board of Directors and the Corporate Executive Committee

The division of authorities, functions and responsibilities between the Board of Directors and the Corporate Executive Committee is governed by law, the Articles of Association and the Organisational Regulations. The latter are reviewed on an ongoing basis and updated as changing circumstances require.

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Tools used to monitor and obtain information on the Corporate Executive Committee

Group Internal Audit reports directly to the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Effective risk management is essential for any insurance group. This is why Baloise has devoted two entire chapters to the subject of financial risk management from page 52 onwards and in the Financial Report section starting on page 139.

The members of the Board of Directors receive copies of the minutes of Corporate Executive Committee meetings for their information. The Chairman of the Board of Directors may attend meetings of the Corporate Executive Committee at any time.



Andreas Burckhardt

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Andreas Burckhardt (1951, Switzerland, Dr iur., lawyer) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1999 and its Chairman since 29 April 2011. He studied jurisprudence at the universities of Basel and Geneva. He worked in the legal department of Fides Treuhandgesellschaft from 1982 to 1987 and served as Secretary General of the Baloise Group from 1988 to 1994. He was director and head of the Basel Chamber of Commerce from 1994 to April 2011. In this role he sat on various governing bodies of national and regional business organisations. From 1981 to 2011 he performed political functions in Basel City, and from 1997 to 2011 he served on the Great Council of the Canton of Basel City (as Chairman in 2006 and 2007). He sits on the Board of Directors of Carl Spaeter AG and is Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Basel. He is a member of the Executive Committee of economiesuisse and sits on the Executive Board of the Employers' Federation for Basel and Regio Basiliensis. Dr Burckhardt performs a non-executive function as Chairman of Baloise's Board of Directors.

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Werner Kummer (1947, Switzerland, Dipl.-Ing. ETH Zurich, MBA Insead) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2000 and Vice-Chairman since 2014. From 1990 to 1994 he was CEO of Schindler Aufzüge AG and subsequently, until 1998, sat on Schindler's Group Management Committee, where he was responsible for the Asia Pacific region. Until 2013 he was a member of the Supervisory Board of Schindler Deutschland Holding GmbH. He was CEO of Forbo Holding AG from 1998 until 2004. He is a freelance management consultant, Chairman of the Board of Directors at Gebrüder Meier AG, a member of other supervisory boards of non-listed companies in Switzerland and abroad and an executive director of the Zurich Chamber of Commerce. Mr Kummer is an independent non-executive director.



Werner Kummer



Michael Becker

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Michael Becker (1948, Germany, Dr iur.) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2010. He studied law in Hamburg and Tübingen and became Head of Accounting and Finance at Merck KGaA, Darmstadt, in 1998. He was an executive director and general partner at the publicly listed company Merck KGaA from 2000 until the end of 2011, and he was an executive director and general partner at E. Merck KG, Darmstadt, which holds 70 per cent of the share capital in Merck KGaA, from 2002 until 2011. He sits on the Supervisory Board at Symrise AG, Germany. Dr Becker is an independent non-executive director.

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Andreas Beerli (1951, Switzerland, Dr iur.) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011. He studied law at the University of Basel. In 1979 he started working as an underwriter for the German market at Swiss Re. From 1985 to 1993 he performed various managerial roles at Baloise, with the main focus on supervising and supporting several foreign units. He then returned to Swiss Re, where he became a member of the Group Executive Committee in 2000, first in the United States as Head of Swiss Re Americas and, most recently, in Zurich as Chief Operating Officer for the entire Swiss Re Group. Since 2009 he has acted as an independent advisor on the boards of directors and advisory boards of companies and professional associations. He is a member of the Board of Directors at Ironshore Europe Inc., Dublin, a member of the Advisory Board of Accenture Schweiz, and Chairman of the Swiss Advisory Council of the American Swiss Foundation. Dr Beerli is an independent non-executive director.



Andreas Beerli

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Georges-Antoine de Boccard (1951, Switzerland, Dr med.) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2011. He studied medicine at the University of Geneva. He has been running his own urological surgery practice in Geneva since 1987. Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard chairs the Board at Stellaria Holding SA and at the asset management companies of Citadel Finance SA and GPP-Gestion Patrimoniale Personnalisée SA. He sits on the Board of Directors at the Swiss International Prostate Center SA and was Chairman of the Swiss Association of Urology from 2005 to 2006. As well as remaining a member of the Swiss Association of Urology, he is a member of the European Association of Urology and other professional bodies and associations and sits on the boards of directors of various foundations. Dr de Boccard is an independent non-executive director.



Georges-Antoine de Boccard



Christoph B. Gloor

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Christoph B. Gloor (1966, Switzerland) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2014. He holds a university degree in business economics and has been a member of the Executive Committee of Notenstein La Roche Privatbank AG, St. Gallen, since November 2015. He was previously Chief Executive Officer of Basel-based private bank La Roche & Co AG. Prior to joining La Roche & Co AG in 1998, he worked for Swiss Bank Corporation (SBC) before moving to Vitra (International). Christoph B. Gloor served as president of the Association of Swiss Private Banks from November 2013 to February 2015 and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Swiss Bankers Association from September 2013 to February 2015. He has been a member of the Board of Managing Directors of the Basel Banking Association since 2016. Mr Gloor is an independent non-executive director.

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Karin Keller-Sutter (1963, Switzerland), who holds a university degree in translation and conference interpreting and has a postgraduate qualification in education, has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2013. In 1996 she was elected to St. Gallen's cantonal parliament and became Chairwoman of the FDP (the Swiss Liberal Party) for the canton of St. Gallen before being elected to St. Gallen's cantonal governing council in 2000. She was in charge of the security and justice department until May 2012 and chaired the Governing Council in 2006/2007 and again in 2011/2012. She has been a member of the Council of States – the upper chamber of the Swiss parliament – since the autumn of 2011. Ms Keller-Sutter sat on the Boards of Directors of the NZZ Media Group until April 2016. She also sits on the Board of Directors of the ASGA pension fund. In addition, she chairs the Board of Directors of Pensimo Fondsleitung AG and the Pensimo investment foundation. She is Chairwoman of the Swiss Retail Federation and a member of the executive committee of the Swiss Employers' Federation. Ms Keller-Sutter is an independent non-executive director.



Karin Keller-Sutter



Hugo Lasat

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Hugo Lasat (1964, Belgium, Master in Economic Sciences, Master in Finance) has sat on the Board of Directors since 2016. He has been CEO of Brussels-based Degroof Petercam Asset Management (formerly Petercam Institutional Asset Management) since 2011. His managerial roles prior to that include CEO of Amonis Pension Fund and CEO of Candriam Investors Group (previously known as Dexia Asset Management). He is a guest professor at Hogeschool Universiteit Brussel (HUBrussel) and VIVES University College, Chairman of the Belgian Asset Management Association (BEAMA) and a member of the Board of Directors of the Belgian Financial Sector Federation (Febelfin). He is also a member of the Financial Committee of the Belgian Red Cross and the Financial Committee of the King Baudouin Foundation. Mr Lasat is an independent, non-executive director.



Thomas Pleines

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Thomas Pleines (1955, Germany, lawyer) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2012. From 2003 to 2005 he was CEO and delegate of the Board of Directors at Allianz Suisse, Zurich, and from 2006 to 2010 he was CEO of Allianz Versicherungs-AG, Munich, and an executive director at Allianz Deutschland AG, Munich. From 1998 to 2013 Mr Pleines sat on the Supervisory Board of Bilfinger SE, Mannheim. Since 2011, he has chaired the presidential boards of DEKRA e.V., Stuttgart, and DEKRA e.V. Dresden, as well as the supervisory boards of DEKRA SE, Stuttgart, and SÜDVERS Holding GmbH & Co. KG, Au near Freiburg. Mr Pleines is an independent non-executive director.

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Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen (1975, Switzerland, Prof. Dr iur., lawyer) has been a member of the Board of Directors since 2016. She holds a PhD and master's degree in law and a master's degree in philosophy from the University of Fribourg. She is a lawyer and honorary professor at the School of Economics and Management at the University of Geneva, where she mainly lectures on corporate law. Professor Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen was a partner in the Geneva law firm Tavernier Tschanz until 2012, and since that time has been of counsel for the firm. She is president of the Swiss Board Institute foundation and sits on the Board of Management of the Swiss Institute of Directors. Professor Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen is an independent non-executive director.



Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen

Secretary to the Board of Directors: Dr Philipp Jermann, Buus (BL)	Head of Group Internal Audit: Rolf-Christian Andersen, Meilen (ZH)
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4. CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Gert De Winter

Gert De Winter (1966, Belgium, MSc) studied applied economics at the University of Antwerp. From 1988 to 2004 he performed various roles at Accenture in Brussels for issues relating to IT and business transformation management in the financial sector. He was made a partner at the firm in the year 2000. In 2005 he joined the Baloise Group as Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Head of HR of the Mercator insurance company in Belgium. From 2009 to 2015 Gert De Winter was Chief Executive Officer of Baloise Insurance, which was formed in 2011 from the merger of the three insurance companies Mercator, Nateus and Avéro. He has been Group Chief Executive Officer since 1 January 2016. Since June 2016 he has been a member of the Management Board of the Basel Chamber of Commerce.

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German Egloff (1958, Switzerland, lic. oec. HSG) graduated in business management from the University of St. Gallen. From 1985 onwards he held various managerial positions at Winterthur Insurance, Switzerland. In 1997, as an executive director, he was put in charge of personal non-life insurance products, which included responsibility for both Wincare and – as Chairman of the Board of Directors – Sanacare. From 1998 to 2002 he was Chief Financial Officer of Winterthur Switzerland and sat on the Board of Directors of Wincare, becoming its Chairman in 2000. From 2002 to 2004 he was Chief Financial Officer at Zurich Financial Services, Switzerland. His responsibilities here comprised finance, human resources, IT, logistics and procurement. Since 1 December 2004, he has been a member of the Corporate Executive Committee (heading up Corporate Division Finance), where he oversees Group Accounting & Finance, Corporate Communications & Investor Relations, Group Risk Management, and Corporate IT. The actuary responsible for Baloise's business in Switzerland and the Head of Regulatory Affairs also report to German Egloff. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Absolutum AG, Bern, since 2016. On 13 October 2016 German Egloff announced that he will be stepping down from the Corporate Executive Committee with effect from 30 April 2017. The Board of Directors of Baloise Holding Ltd appointed Dr Carsten Stolz as his successor. Dr Stolz has worked for Baloise since 2002. He has been Head of Finance and Risk and thus a member of the Executive Committee of Basler Versicherungen Switzerland since 2011.



German Egloff

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Michael Müller (1971, Switzerland, lic. oec. publ.) graduated in economics from the University of Zurich, specialising in insurance and accounting/finance. He began his career with Basler Versicherungen in 1997, starting as a management trainee, then working in Group Finance and eventually becoming Deputy Head and, in 2004, Head of Financial Accounting for the Baloise Group. In 2009, as Head of Finance and Risk, he became a member of the senior management team in Corporate Division Switzerland, focusing on financial reporting and accounting, actuarial management of the insurance companies, risk management and coordination of logistics processes and the pool of project leaders. He has been a member of the Corporate Executive Committee and CEO of Corporate Division Switzerland since March 2011. Michael Müller is a member of the Board of Foundation of Stiftung Finanzplatz Basel and a member of the Management Board of the Swiss Insurance Association (SVV).



Michael Müller



Thomas Sieber

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Thomas Sieber (1965, Switzerland, Dr iur., M.B.L., lawyer, SDM mediator) studied law at the University of St. Gallen. At the beginning of 1994 he qualified to practise as a lawyer in the Swiss canton of Zurich. From 1999 to 2002 he lectured in corporate law at the University of St. Gallen. After brief spells working at Landis & Gyr and Siemens he joined the Baloise Group in 1997 as Deputy Head of Legal & Tax. He became head of this division in 2001 and, in addition, was secretary to Baloise Holding's Board of Directors until April 2012. Since 6 December 2007 Dr Sieber has been a member of the Corporate Executive Committee and, as Head of the Corporate Centre, is responsible for Group Human Resources, Group Strategy and Digital Transformation, Legal and Tax, Group Compliance, Group Procurement and Run-off Business. He also sits on the Board of Directors at Euro Airport Basel-Mulhouse-Freiburg.

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Martin Wenk (1957, Switzerland, lic. iur.) held several posts at a major bank from 1982 to 1992 after graduating in law from the University of Basel. He started out as an investment advisor to institutional clients before becoming a Group Manager in private banking in New York and eventually working as Section Head of Securities Sales, where he primarily covered key institutional clients. From 1992 to 2000 he headed up portfolio management in Switzerland for the Baloise Group, where he was responsible for managing the assets of several Swiss companies, including their pension funds. In 2001 he was appointed to the Corporate Executive Committee (as Head of Corporate Division Asset Management) and, in this capacity, is responsible for the Baloise Group's asset management activities, which include investment strategy and investment control, Baloise Asset Management, real estate, and Baloise Investment Services (investment fund business). He sits on the Board of Directors at Unigestion Holding, Geneva, and compenswiss (the Swiss Federal Social Security Funds), Geneva. On 13 October 2016 Martin Wenk announced that he will be stepping down from the Corporate Executive Committee with effect from 30 April 2017. The Board of Directors of Baloise Holding Ltd appointed Dr Matthias Henny as his successor. Dr Henny joined Baloise in 2012 as CEO of Baloise Asset Management.



Martin Wenk

Further information on the members of the Corporate Executive Committee can be found on the internet.

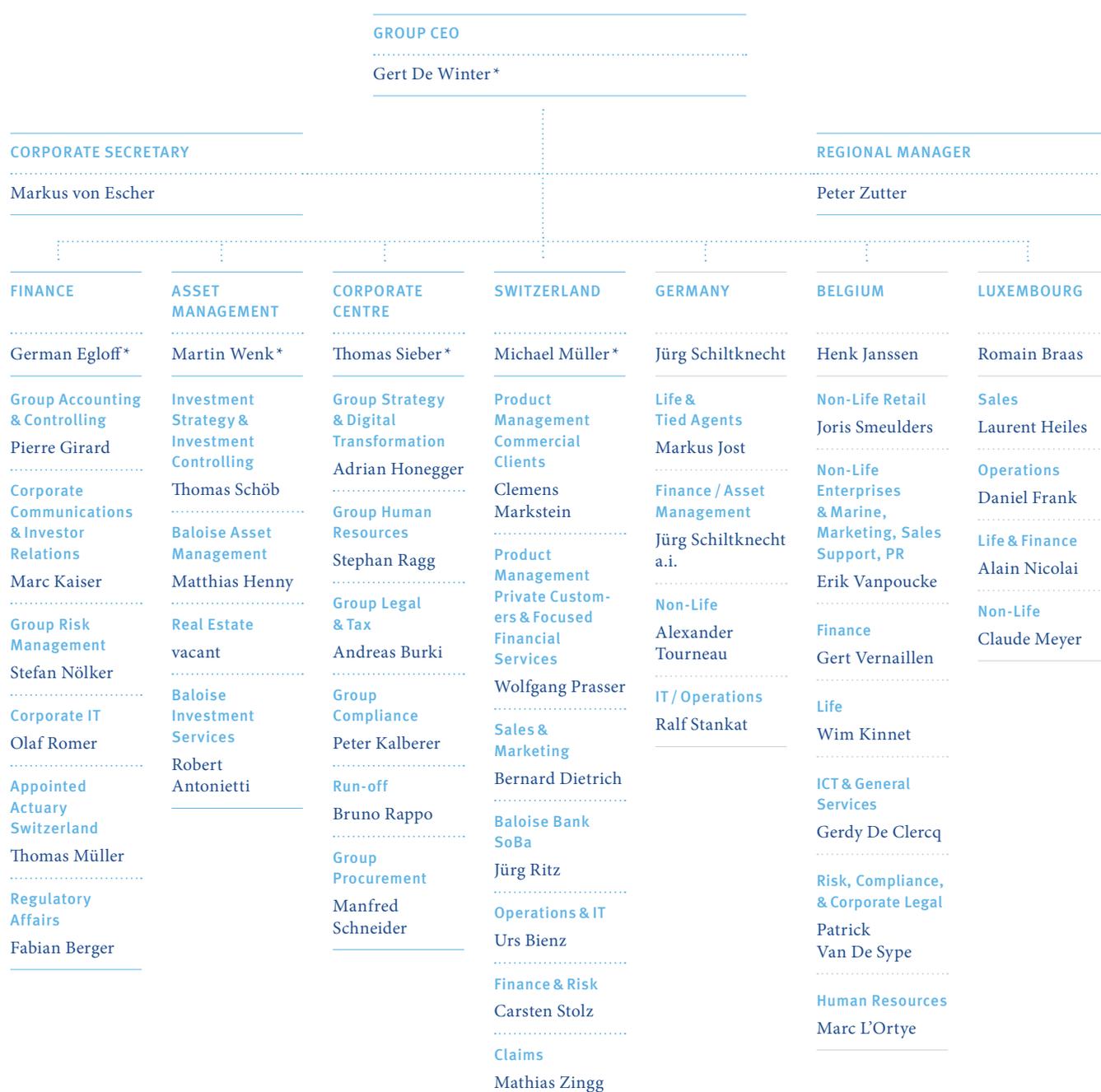
With the exception of the mandates listed above, no Corporate Executive Committee members serve on the boards of directors at companies outside the Baloise Group.

There are no management agreements that assign executive functions to third parties.

→ www.baloise.com/corporate-executive-committee

Management structure

(as at: 31 December 2016)



* Member of the Corporate Executive Committee.

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Overview of remuneration

REMUNERATION GUIDELINE

Basic salary

- Aim for a position around the market median
- Reflection of the responsibilities of the role and the individual's long-term performance

Short-term variable remuneration

- Influencing factors: the individual's performance and the Company's economic value added
- Designed to incentivise staff to achieve outstanding results

Long-term variable remuneration

- Supports the Company's long-term development
- Gives the top level of management a greater stake in the performance of the Company

Fringe benefits

- Not dependent on either an individual's function or performance or the Company's performance
- Demonstration of Baloise's close partnership with employees and its respect for them

APPROVED REMUNERATION VS. AMOUNT PAID OUT

CHF million	Approved	2015 Paid out	Approved	2016 Paid out
Fixed remuneration of Board of Directors	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
Fixed remuneration of Corporate Executive Committee	5.5	4.8	4.6	4.9 ¹
Variable remuneration of Corporate Executive Committee	5.3	4.0	4.8	4.0

¹ Incl. CHF 0.452 million for the departing Group CEO, covered by the additional amount pursuant to article 30 of the Articles of Association of Baloise Holding Ltd.

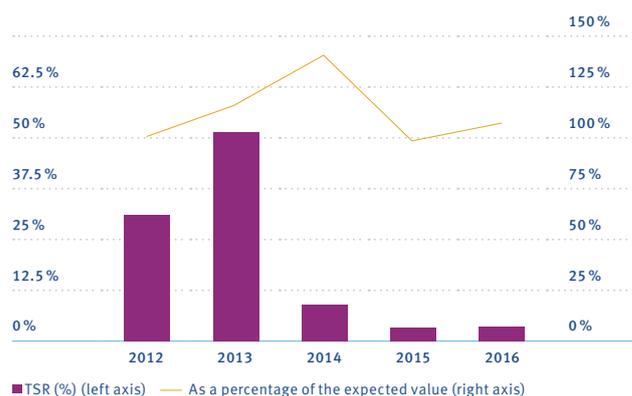
REMUNERATION IN RELATION TO BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

Performance pool	2015	2016
Total performance pool ² for Corporate Executive Committee (CHF million)	2.4	2.4
Performance pool factor ² (%)	100 %	107 %

Profit vs. performance pool factor²



Total shareholder return (TSR) vs. performance pool factor²



² The performance pool (PP) is the component of short-term variable remuneration that depends on the Company's performance: The Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors assesses the Company's performance and success during the past financial year. The performance pool factor is the ratio of the pool to its target value.

REMUNERATION OF THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Member	Year	Fixed	Short-term variable	Long-term variable	Total
Gert De Winter (from 1 Jan 2016)	2015				
	2016	53%	29%	18%	CHF 2.152 million
Dr Martin Strobel	2015	55%	26%	19%	CHF 2.409 million
	2016	100%			CHF 0.452 million
Michael Müller	2015	54%	28%	18%	CHF 1.441 million
	2016	55%	28%	17%	CHF 1.481 million
German Egloff	2015	57%	26%	17%	CHF 1.599 million
	2016	57%	26%	17%	CHF 1.600 million
Dr Thomas Sieber	2015	57%	26%	17%	CHF 1.441 million
	2016	55%	28%	17%	CHF 1.478 million
Martin Wenk	2015	56%	27%	17%	CHF 1.632 million
	2016	54%	30%	16%	CHF 1.682 million

■ Fixed (comprising basic salary, non-cash remuneration and pension benefits) ■ Short-term variable remuneration (comprising share-based and cash payments from the performance pool) ■ Long-term variable remuneration (comprising allocations of share entitlements)

LONG-TERM VARIABLE REMUNERATION

Performance share units (PSUs)

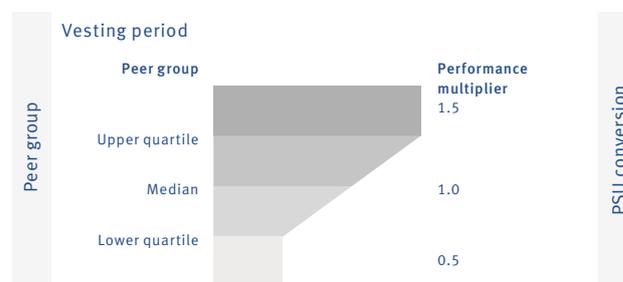
Long-term variable remuneration for members of the Corporate Executive Committee

Allocation

- The total amount for the allocation of PSUs is determined by the Remuneration Committee
- The Remuneration Committee decides on the allocation of PSUs to each individual Corporate Executive Committee member

Conversion

- Performance criterion: profit for shareholders relative to the peer group (EURO STOXX 600 Insurance) after three years
- PSUs are a performance instrument, enabling clear differentiation using a performance multiplier of between 0.5 and 1.5



2016 plan (ended)

Plan term: 1 March 2013 – 29 February 2016

Date	Share value at start of PSU programme	Change in share value during programme term	Performance multiplier	Total
1 Mar 2013	100%			100%
29 Feb 2016	100%	50%	75%	225%

Profit for shareholders: 1 March 2013 – 29 February 2016

Date	Share value at start of PSU programme	Change in share value during programme term	Performance multiplier	Total
1 Mar 2013	100%			100%
29 Feb 2016	100%	50%	17%	167%

■ Share value at start of PSU programme ■ Change in share value during programme term ■ Performance multiplier ■ Dividend payments ■ Change in share value (measured as at 31 Dec 2016) ■ Performance multiplier (measured as at 31 Dec 2016)

Overview of ended and current plans (as at 31 December 2016)

2010 to 2016 plans

Plan Term	Change in share value	Performance multiplier	Total
1 Jan 2010 – 31 Dec 2012	-38%	-9%	-47%
1 Jan 2011 – 31 Dec 2013	-29%	25%	-4%
1 Mar 2012 – 28 Feb 2015	74%	37%	111%
1 Mar 2013 – 29 Feb 2016	50%	75%	125%
1 Mar 2014 – 28 Feb 2017	-6%	13%	7%
1 Mar 2015 – 28 Feb 2018	6%	21%	27%
1 Mar 2016 – 28 Feb 2019	-49%	-1%	-51%

5. REMUNERATION REPORT: REMUNERATION, SHARE OWNERSHIP AND LOANS GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

This remuneration report relates to the 2016 financial year. It describes the remuneration policies adopted and the remuneration systems in place, and it discloses the remuneration paid to the Board of Directors and the Corporate Executive Committee in 2016. The content and scope of these disclosures are determined by articles 13 to 17 of the Ordinance Against Excessive Remuneration in Listed Companies Limited by Shares (ERCO), article 663c (3) of the Swiss Code of Obligations (OR), the corporate governance information guidelines published by the SIX Swiss Exchange, the Swiss Code of Best Practice for Corporate Governance, and circular 10/1 of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA) concerning remuneration systems.

5.1 Remuneration Committee of the Board of Directors

The Remuneration Committee set up by the Board of Directors in 2001 is consistent with the Swiss Code of Best Practice and is tasked with helping the Board of Directors to frame the Company's remuneration policies. The Remuneration Committee has been vested with special decision-making powers and ensures, among other things, that:

- the remuneration offered by Baloise is in line with the going market rate and performance-related in order to attract and retain individuals with the necessary skills and character attributes;
- the remuneration paid is demonstrably dependent on the Company's sustained success and individuals' personal contributions and does not create any perverse incentives;
- the structure and amount of overall remuneration paid are consistent with Baloise's risk policies and encourage risk awareness.

The Remuneration Committee's main functions and responsibilities are to:

- submit proposals to the Board of Directors on the structure of remuneration to be paid in the Baloise Group, especially the remuneration to be paid to the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors and to the members of the Corporate Executive Committee;
- submit proposals to the Board of Directors – for approval by the Annual General Meeting – on the amount of remuneration to be paid to the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors and to the members of the Corporate Executive Committee;
- approve the basic salaries and the variable remuneration paid to individual members of the Corporate Executive Committee (in compliance with the pay caps stipulated by the Annual General Meeting);
- specify the total amount available in the performance pool and the total amount set aside for the allocation of performance share units (PSUs);
- approve inducement payments and severance packages that are granted to the most senior managers and which in individual cases exceed CHF 100,000 (subject to the proviso that no severance packages may be granted to members of the Board of Directors or the Corporate Executive Committee).

The Remuneration Committee consists of at least three independent members of the Board of Directors, who are elected every year by the Annual General Meeting. Thomas Pleines (Chairman), Karin Keller-Sutter (Deputy Chairwoman), Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard and Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen were elected to the Remuneration Committee by the Annual General Meeting on 29 April 2016. The Remuneration Committee maintains an intensive dialogue with senior management throughout the year and generally meets at least twice annually. In addition to the committee secretary being present, these meetings are usually also attended by the Group CEO, the Head of the Corporate Centre and the Head of Group Human Resources, who participate in an advisory capacity. The individual members of the Group Executive Committee leave the meeting if the Remuneration Committee is discussing or deciding on their personal remuneration. The Chairwoman of the Remuneration Committee reports to the Board of Directors at its next meeting on the committee's activities.

5.2 Remuneration policies

Principles

The Company's success is largely dependent on the skills, capabilities and performance of its workforce. It is therefore essential to recruit, develop and retain suitably qualified, highly capable and highly motivated professionals and executives. The level of remuneration offered by Baloise is in line with the going market rate and performance-related. The clearly defined caps approved by the Annual General Meeting for the pay awarded to members of the Board of Directors and Corporate Executive Committee ensure that remuneration is not excessive.

Remuneration Guideline and Remuneration Policy

Responding to a request from the Remuneration Committee, in 2010 the Board of Directors formally adopted a Remuneration Guideline that formulates the remuneration principles and parameters applied across the Baloise Group. This Remuneration Guideline applies to all employees throughout the Baloise Group. It reflects the Company's values and principles and can be summarised as follows:

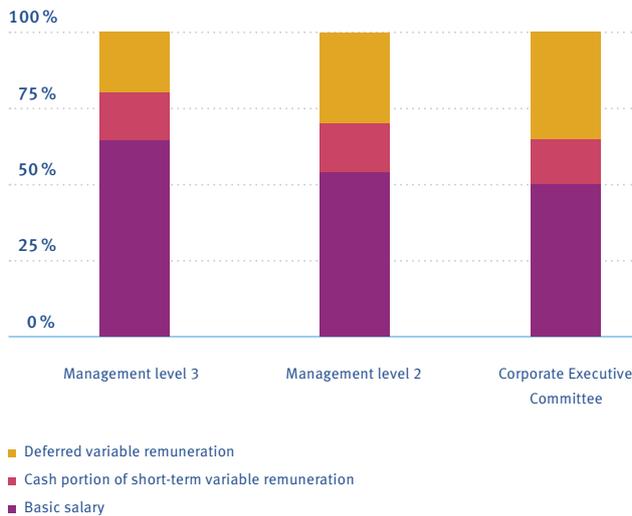
- Competitiveness in the marketplace: Baloise aims to pay basic salaries that are in line with the market – i.e. around the market median – and to offer variable remuneration packages in excess of the going market rate to reward outstanding performance by individuals and the Company;
- Remuneration that reflects individual and company-wide performance: merit and achievement form the basis for advancement and promotion;
- Fairness and transparency: external market-based comparisons, fair pay and no discrimination;
- Sustainability: high correlation between the interests of managers and shareholders, long-term commitment, and a high proportion of restricted shares.

The Board of Directors used this Remuneration Guideline as the basis for the Remuneration Policy, which applies to all employees in Switzerland and, by analogy, to all members of staff throughout the Baloise Group. By adopting this Remuneration Guideline and Remuneration Policy, the Board of Directors has ensured that all aspects of remuneration policy are standardised for the entire group. This regulatory framework underpins a remuneration system that meets all the requirements of the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority and, in particular, ensures that variable remuneration even more accurately reflects the value added by the Company.

5.3 Remuneration system

Objectives

The objectives of the remuneration system are to further increase the emphasis on performance at Baloise and to strengthen employees' and executives' loyalty and commitment to the organisation. The aim of Baloise's remuneration policies is to pay basic salaries in line with the going market rate. In addition, the variable components of remuneration are structured in such a way that it is possible to grant payments above the market median for years in which individual performance and the Company's profitability have been good; equally, it is possible to offer payments below the market median for years in which performance and profitability have been poor. As a performance-driven organisation, Baloise clearly and transparently aligns individual employees' targets with the Company's targets, which are derived from its strategic priorities. Target agreements, performance assessments and remuneration are closely correlated. The total remuneration package – which comprises basic salary and variable remuneration – offers a sophisticated way of linking individuals' performance to Baloise's success and recognising both accordingly, and it is designed to reward employees for outstanding achievement without creating an incentive for them to take inappropriate risks. Personal performance provides our talented individuals with the necessary platform for their development, advancement, career planning and promotion. Baloise attaches considerable importance to retaining high performers and managing its business sustainably. In addition to paying its staff in line with market rates and according to individual achievement, the Company encourages its executives to focus on the longer term and on its shareholders' interests. Consequently, it pays a substantial proportion of variable remuneration in the form of shares that are restricted for three years. Furthermore, the three most senior management levels receive performance share units, which means that a further component of their salaries is paid out as shares; these PSUs must be held for three years before being converted into shares as a form of deferred remuneration. As managers' strategic responsibility and influence grow, the amount of their variable remuneration is largely determined by the Company's profitability and economic value added (allowing for the level of risk taken). Short-term variable remuneration as a percentage of total compensation as well as the proportion of remuneration paid in the form of restricted shares (i.e. as deferred compensation) increase accordingly.



Performance management system

Baloise introduced a new performance management system for short-term variable remuneration in 2011. In order to encourage employees to focus relentlessly on performance and results while also taking account of the Company's success, this system comprises two clearly distinct tools: performance-related remuneration and the performance pool. Performance-related remuneration is used to reward individual employees' achievements, while the performance pool as a whole takes account of the Company's performance and value added.

The performance management system applies to the most senior level of management and to most other members of the management team throughout the Baloise Group.

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee are not entitled to performance-related remuneration. Their individual performance is factored into the allocation of payments from the performance pool.

Market comparisons

Baloise regularly compares the salaries paid to its senior executives with those paid in the wider market. The Corporate Key Position Benchmark survey conducted by Kienbaum uses function-specific peer groups. Each function being compared is assigned to one of three distinct peer groups. Assignment is based on which companies Baloise is competing against for the skill-sets and qualifications needed for each function (i.e. recruitment market) and which alternative employers – in theory, at least – meet a certain function profile (i.e. competitors).

The first peer group replicates Baloise's core market and comprises direct insurers in the respective country. This peer group is used for conventional insurance and sales functions and for the local CEOs, executive directors and senior management functions. The second peer group supplements the core-market group by including further companies from the banking and financial services sector in the respective country. This group is designed to compare functions that demand considerable financial expertise but do not necessarily require an insurance background. The third peer group consists of companies of a similar size and structure from various sectors and is used for interdisciplinary functions.

Baloise regularly compares the salaries paid in its insurance-specific and insurance-related functions in Switzerland with those of its relevant competitors and takes part in the Club Survey that Kienbaum has been conducting since 1995. This benchmarking survey of the salaries paid in the Swiss insurance sector is constantly being optimised to ensure that it meets participants' high professional standards and quality requirements. The comparison mainly covers insurance-specific functions up to middle management level. It also examines insurance-related, managerial and specialist functions performed by senior executives. Functions not covered by the Kienbaum comparison are regularly reviewed using Willis Towers Watson's Financial Services Compensation Survey. The findings of these benchmarking surveys are fed into the Company's regular review of its salary structures and presented to the Remuneration Committee.

Baloise also regularly conducts market comparisons of its local functions in the countries outside Switzerland.

5.4 Components of remuneration

Baloise views its compensation packages in the round and therefore factors in not only the basic salary plus short- and long-term variable remuneration but also other material and non-material benefits such as pension contributions, additional benefits, and staff development.

Basic salary

The basic salary constitutes the level of remuneration that is commensurate with the functions and responsibilities of the position concerned as well as the employee skills and expertise required in order to achieve the relevant business targets and objectives. When determining the level of its basic salaries, Baloise aims to position itself around the market median, although the way in which this is done will vary depending on local operating and market requirements. This remuneration is paid by bank transfer. In order to ensure fairness and compliance with its code of conduct when determining the level of basic salaries, Baloise applies the internal fair-pay principle that people who do the same job and have the same qualifications should be paid the same amount. The Company's clearly defined and market-based salary structures help ensure fair pay both inside and outside the organisation.

Short-term variable remuneration

The key factors determining the amount of short-term variable remuneration paid are an employee's individual performance and the Company's profitability and economic value added. The consequent link between individual performance and the Company's profits is designed to incentivise staff to achieve outstanding results. Measurement of the variable remuneration paid to employees who perform control functions (risk management, compliance, Group Internal Audit) is structured in such a way that it is not determined directly by the profitability of the unit being monitored or by the profitability of individual products or transactions.

The remuneration paid to the insurance sales force is, by its very nature, strongly performance-related in line with the system of commissions commonly used in the insurance industry as a whole. However, these commissions constitute selling expenses rather than being regarded as variable remuneration in the strict sense of the term. Consequently, they are not discussed in this remuneration report.

Short-term variable remuneration is paid together with the salary for March of the following year. Baloise attaches con-

siderable importance to managing its business sustainably and ensuring a high correlation between the interests of its shareholders and executives. It therefore pays a substantial proportion of variable remuneration in the form of shares. Senior managers can choose what percentage of their remuneration is paid out and what proportion they receive in the form of shares. This choice is limited for the most senior managers, who are obliged to subscribe for shares on a sliding-scale basis: members of the Corporate Executive Committee must receive at least 50 per cent of their short-term variable remuneration in the form of shares, which account for at least 70 per cent of total variable remuneration if the long-term effect of performance share units is included (see page 83). The shares subscribed in this way are restricted for three years and during this period are exposed to market risk. This mandatory purchase of shares in particular ensures that as senior executives' managerial responsibilities and total remuneration packages increase, a significant proportion of their compensation is paid in the form of deferred remuneration. This system also raises employees' risk awareness and encourages them to maintain sustainable business practices.

Two plans are available to individuals who wish to subscribe for shares: the Share Subscription Plan and the Share Participation Plan (see 5.6 Share Subscription Plan and Share Participation Plan).

The section below describes performance-related remuneration and the performance pool, which are available as short-term variable remuneration components.

Performance-related remuneration

Performance-related remuneration reflects individual employees' performance and rewards the achievement of their personal targets. To this end, line managers consult their members of staff once a year in order to define the latter's key individual targets and objectives and then – by no later than February of the following year – assess the extent to which these targets and objectives have been achieved. The target achievement scale ranges from 0 per cent (not achieved) to a maximum of 150 per cent (significantly over-achieved). When setting these individual targets, line managers and their staff ensure that they do not agree any targets or objectives that conflict with the Company's business strategy.

The target figure agreed for performance-related remuneration depends on the employee's basic salary and varies according to his or her seniority in the management hierarchy and the importance of his or her function. Those entitled to

receive performance-related remuneration are the most senior management level in the Baloise Group (except for the members of the Corporate Executive Committee), the majority of senior managers in Switzerland and the corresponding functions abroad.

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee do not receive any performance-related remuneration. Instead, their individual performance is recognised in such a way that the contribution made by each and every member of the Corporate Executive Committee to the achievement of the Company's targets and objectives is factored into decisions affecting the measurement of the performance pool.

Performance pool

The performance pool takes account of the entire Baloise Group's performance; its amount is determined by the Remuneration Committee after the end of the financial year concerned, and it factors in the following indicators resulting from systematic analysis:

→ Business performance

The key metric for this criterion is the profit for the period.

→ Risks taken

The indicators used to gauge the success of the Company's business from a risk perspective are the Solvency I ratio, the Swiss Solvency Test (SST) ratio, economic profit, the credit rating awarded by Standard & Poor's, and assessments provided by the Chief Risk Officer and the Head of Group Compliance.

→ Capital-markets perspective compared with competitors

The main metric used to evaluate this criterion is the performance of Baloise's share price compared with the 36 European insurance companies represented in the STOXX Europe 600 Insurance Index (the composition of this index is shown in the table on page 83).

→ Strategy implementation

The indicators used here are the changes in the combined ratio and market-consistent embedded value (MCEV) over time as well as the progress made on key strategic initiatives and projects.

The assessments by the Chief Risk Officer and the Head of Group Compliance of the risks taken and the evaluations by the Head of Group Human Resources and others of strategy implementation are also based on qualitative criteria and non-financial indicators such as senior managers' risk behaviour, compliance with procedures and regulations and the practising of a genuine compliance culture, the effectiveness of the internal control

system, and the efforts made in respect of talent management and staff engagement.

Performance pool payments are awarded to individuals at the discretion of the line manager concerned; no regulatory target figures – except for members of the Corporate Executive Committee – have been specified. The amount of these payments is mainly determined by a holistic assessment consisting of individuals' achievement of targets (gauged by the extent to which they have achieved their personal targets and objectives) as well as their leadership and conduct. The individual performance pool payment proposed by the respective line manager is discussed by the relevant management team, compared with other departments and divisions, and adjusted where necessary. This process ensures that risk-relevant behavioural attributes are factored into the performance pool payments awarded to individuals.

This chosen system is centred on senior managers' overall assessment and the validation of individuals' performance pool payments at roundtable discussions. The aim here is to give due consideration to all aspects of an individual's performance rather than using just a few parameters to make an assessment that may neglect other key factors.

The Remuneration Committee decides on the performance pool payments awarded to the individual members of the Corporate Executive Committee. The average expected value amounts to 60 per cent of basic salary; the maximum amount that can be allocated per member of the Corporate Executive Committee is 90 per cent of the basic salary, or 150 per cent of the expected value.

Those considered for performance pool payments are the most senior management level in the Baloise Group, the majority of senior managers in Switzerland and the corresponding functions abroad. However, there is no entitlement to receive payments from the performance pool.

For the 2016 financial year the Remuneration Committee decided on a factor of 107 per cent of the normally expected value of performance pool payments. This decision was motivated by the following considerations:

- A substantial profit for the period overall – higher than the budgeted figure despite the strengthening of reserves in Germany and the current environment of low interest rates;
- Confirmation of the good risk position;
- Above-average share price performance;
- Successful start to implementation of the Simply Safe strategy.

The Remuneration Committee conducts a detailed assessment of the Company's performance once a year on the basis of the various criteria mentioned above and adjusts the size of the performance pool accordingly. As the table below illustrates in the form of a comparison with the consolidated profit for the period, when the performance pool factor is set in this way, it goes up or down in line with the Company's success, although it is not directly derived from this key figure alone:

	Performance pool (as a percentage of the normal expected value)	Consolidated profit for the period (CHF million)
2011	70%	61.3
2012	100%	485.2
2013	120%	455.4
2014	137%	711.9
2015	100%	511.1
2016	107%	533.9

Long-term variable remuneration: Performance share units

In addition, Baloise grants performance share units (PSUs) to the most senior managers as a form of long-term variable remuneration. The PSU programme enables the top management level to benefit even more from the Company's performance and helps Baloise to retain high performers in the long run.

At the beginning of each vesting period the participating employees are granted rights in the form of PSUs, which entitle them to receive a certain number of shares free of charge after the vesting period has elapsed. The Remuneration Committee specifies the grant date and applies its own discretion in deciding which of the most senior management team members are eligible for the programme. It determines the total number of PSUs available and decides how many are to be awarded to each member of the Corporate Executive Committee. PSUs are granted to the other programme participants on the basis of the relevant line manager's proposal, which must be approved by the line manager's manager.

The number of shares that can be subscribed after three years – i.e. at the end of the vesting period – depends on the performance of Baloise shares relative to a peer group. This comparative performance multiplier can be anywhere between 0.5 and 1.5. The peer group comprises the 36 leading European insurance companies contained in the STOXX Europe 600 Insurance Index.

One PSU generally confers the right to receive one share. This is the case if Baloise shares perform in line with the median of their peer group. In this case the performance multiplier would be 1.0. Programme participants receive more shares in exchange for their PSUs if Baloise shares outperform their peer group. The multiplier reaches the maximum of 1.5 if the per-

Companies in the STOXX 600 Europe Insurance Index (as at 31 December 2016)

ADMIRAL GRP	DELTA LLOYD	OLD MUTUAL	SWISS LIFE HLDG
AEGON	DIRECT LINE INSURANCE GROUP	PHOENIX GROUP HDG.	SWISS REINSURANCE COMPANY
AGEAS	GJENSIDIGE	POSTE ITALIANE	TOPDANMARK
ALLIANZ	HANNOVER RUECK	PRUDENTIAL	TRYG
ASSICURAZIONI GENERALI	HELVETIA HLDG	RSA INSURANCE GRP	UNIPOLSAI
AVIVA	HISCOX	SAMPO	ZURICH INSURANCE GROUP
AXA	LEGAL & GENERAL GRP	SCOR	
BALOISE	MAPFRE	ST. JAMES'S PLACE CAPITAL	
BEAZLEY	MUENCHENER RUECK	STANDARD LIFE	
CNP ASSURANCES	NN GROUP	STOREBRAND	

Source: <http://www.stoxx.com/index-details?symbol= SXIP>

formance of Baloise shares is in the top quartile of companies in the peer group. The multiplier amounts to 0.5 if the performance of Baloise shares is in the bottom quartile of companies in the peer group. If the performance of Baloise shares is in either of the two middle quartiles, a linear scale is used to calculate the performance multiplier. The performance multiplier for the entire vesting period ended is based on the closing stock market prices on the final trading day of the respective vesting period.

Participants receive the pertinent number of shares once the vesting period has elapsed, which means that for the PSUs allocated in 2016 they receive their shares on 1 March 2019. If an individual's employment contract is terminated during the vesting period, the PSUs expire without the person concerned receiving any consideration or compensation. This does not apply if the employment contract ends due to retirement, disability or death. It also does not apply if the contract is terminated but the programme participant does not join a rival company or is not personally at fault for the termination of the contract. In the latter two cases, some of the allocated PSUs will still expire. The number of PSUs expiring is proportional to the amount of time remaining until the end of the vesting period. In addition, the Remuneration Committee has the powers to claw back some or all of the PSUs allocated to an individual or to a group of programme participants if there are specific reasons

for doing so. Such specific reasons include, for example, serious breaches of internal or external regulations, the taking of inappropriate risks that are within an individual's control, and the type of conduct or behaviour that would increase the risks to Baloise.

The shares needed to convert the PSUs are purchased in the market as and when required.

Measurement of the PSUs at their issue date is based on a Monte Carlo simulation, which calculates a present value for the payout expected at the end of the vesting period. This measurement incorporates the following parameters:

- interest rate of 1 per cent;
- the volatilities of all shares in the peer group and their correlations with each other (measured over a three-year track record);
- the expected dividend yields;
- empirical data on how long eligible programme participants remain with the Company.

The value of PSUs is exposed to market risk until the end of the vesting period and may, of course, fluctuate significantly, as shown in the table below:

PERFORMANCE SHARE UNIT (PSU) PLAN

	PSUs granted		PSUs converted			Change in value ³	
	Date	Price (CHF) ¹	Date	Multiplier	Price (CHF) ¹		Value (CHF) ²
2007	01.03.2007	125.80	01.01.2010	1.182	86.05	101.71	-19%
2008	01.01.2008	109.50	01.01.2011	1.24	91.00	112.84	3%
2009	01.01.2009	82.40	01.01.2012	0.64	64.40	41.22	-50%
2010	01.01.2010	86.05	01.01.2013	0.58	78.50	45.53	-47%
2011	01.01.2011	91.00	01.01.2014	0.77	113.60	87.47	-4%
2012	01.03.2012	71.20	01.03.2015	1.21	124.00	150.04	111%
2013	01.03.2013	84.50	01.03.2016	1.50	126.00	189.00	124%
2014	01.03.2014	113.40	01.03.2017	⁴ 0.95	⁴ 128.30	⁴ 121.72	⁴ 7%
2015	01.03.2015	124.00	01.03.2018	⁴ 1.20	⁴ 128.30	⁴ 153.33	⁴ 24%
2016	01.03.2016	126.00	01.03.2019	⁴ 0.50	⁴ 128.30	⁴ 64.15	⁴ -49%

¹ Price = price of Baloise shares at the PSU grant date or conversion date.

² Value = value of one PSU at the conversion date (share price at the conversion date times the multiplier).

³ Change in value = difference between the value at the conversion date (multiplier times the share price at the conversion date) and the share price at the grant date, expressed as a percentage of the share price at the grant date; example of the PSU plan in 2007: $\frac{[(1.182 \times 86.05) - 125.80]}{125.80} \times 100 = -19\%$.

⁴ Interim measurement as at 31 December 2016.

Fringe benefits

Fringe benefits are generally defined as components of the total remuneration package that are not dependent on either an individual's function or performance or the Company's performance. By providing voluntary benefits in the form of retirement pensions, subsidies, concessions, and staff training and professional development, Baloise demonstrates the close partnership that it maintains with its employees and the extent to which it values their contribution. Fringe benefits are granted on a country-by-country basis in line with prevailing local laws.

5.5 Employment contracts, change-of-control clauses, inducement payments and severance packages

The employment contracts of senior managers in Switzerland and – in most cases – in other countries as well have been concluded for an indefinite period. They stipulate a notice period of six months. All members of the Corporate Executive Committee have a notice period of twelve months. The employment contract with the Chairman of the Board of Directors does not stipulate any notice period; its duration is determined by the term of appointment and by law. There are no change-of-control clauses.

The Remuneration Policy adopted by the Board of Directors contains clear guidance on inducement payments and severance packages. Such remuneration may only be paid in justified cases. No severance packages may be awarded to members of either the Board of Directors or the Corporate Executive Committee, and any inducement payments granted to such persons – irrespective of their amount – must be approved by the Remuneration Committee. Inducement payments and severance packages for the most senior managers must be approved by the Remuneration Committee if they exceed CHF 100,000. Each individual case is assessed on a discretionary basis.

5.6 Share Subscription Plan and Share Participation Plan

Two plans are available to individuals who wish to subscribe for shares as part of their short-term variable remuneration: the Share Subscription Plan and the Share Participation Plan.

Share Subscription Plan

Since January 2003 those who qualify as eligible persons at Baloise Group companies in Switzerland – and, since 2008, the members of the Executive Committees at companies outside Switzerland as well – have been able to subscribe for shares at a preferential price as part of their short-term variable remuneration. The subscription date is 1 March of each year; although title to the shares passes to the relevant employees on this date without any further vesting conditions having to be met, the shares cannot be sold for the duration of a three-year closed period.

The parameters used to determine the subscription price are decided each year by the Remuneration Committee. The subscription price is based on the closing price before the first day of the subscription period, on which a discount of 10 per cent is granted (please refer to the accompanying table for details). Once it has been calculated using this method, the subscription price is published in advance on the intranet. The shares needed for the Share Subscription Plan are purchased in the market as and when required.

	Applicable closing quotation		Subscription price
	from	CHF	CHF
Share Subscription Plan for 2017 (applies to variable remuneration awarded for the 2016 reporting period)	10.01.2017	129.30	116.37
Share Subscription Plan for 2016 (applies to the variable remuneration granted for 2015 and to the shares subscribed by the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors in 2016)	08.01.2016	121.40	109.26

Share Participation Plan

Since May 2001 it has been possible for most management team members working in Switzerland to receive part of their short-term variable remuneration in the form of shares from the Share Participation Plan instead of receiving cash. Within certain limits they are free to choose what proportion of their short-term variable remuneration they receive in the form of such shares. The most senior management team members are subject to upper limits; members of the Corporate Executive Committee – who are obliged to receive at least half of their short-term variable remuneration in the form of shares – are not allowed to receive more than 40 per cent of their entitlement in the form of shares from the Share Participation Plan. The subscription date is 1 March of each year (the same as for the Share Subscription Plan); although title to the shares passes to the relevant employees on this date without any further vesting conditions having to be met, the shares cannot be sold during a three-year closed period.

The parameters used to determine the subscription price are decided each year by the Remuneration Committee. The subscription price is based on the closing price before the first day of the subscription period, from which discounted dividend rights are deducted over a period of three years (please refer to the accompanying table for details). Once it has been calculated using this method, the subscription price is published in advance on the intranet. The shares needed for the Share Participation Plan are purchased in the market as and when required.

In order to increase the impact of this Share Participation Plan, employees are granted loans on which interest is charged at market rates, which enables them to subscribe for shares whose value constitutes a multiple of the capital invested; these shares are purchased at their fair value net of discounted dividend rights over a period of three years. Repayment of these loans after the three-year closed period has elapsed is hedged by put options, which are financed by the sale of offsetting call options. If the price of the shares is below the put options' strike price when the closed period expires, programme participants can sell all their shares at this strike price, which ensures that they can repay their loans plus interest. In this event, however, they lose all the capital that they have invested. If, on the other hand, the price of the shares is above the call options' strike price, programme participants must pay the commercial value of these options. Their upside profit potential is thus limited by the call options. If, when the three-year closed period elapses, the price of the shares is between the put options' strike price and the call options' strike price, once the loans plus accrued interest have been repaid the employees concerned receive the remaining shares to do with as they wish.

	Applicable closing quotation		Subscription price
	from	CHF	CHF
Share Participation Plan for 2017	10.01.2017	129.30	114.49
(applies to variable remuneration awarded for the 2016 reporting period)			
Share Participation Plan for 2016	08.01.2016	121.40	106.59
(applies to the variable remuneration granted for 2015 and to the shares subscribed by the Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2016)			

EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PLAN

	2015	2016
Number of shares subscribed	172,796	183,678
Restricted until	31.08.2018	31.08.2019
Subscription price per share (CHF)	60.40	56.40
Value of shares subscribed (CHF million)	10.4	10.4
Fair value of subscribed shares on subscription date (CHF million)	20.5	21.5
Employees entitled to participate	3,181	3,098
Participating employees	1,920	2,029
Subscribed shares per participant (average)	90.0	90.5

5.7 Employee Incentive Plan

The Baloise Foundation for Employee Participation set up in 1989 offers members of staff working for various Baloise Group companies in Switzerland the opportunity to purchase shares of Baloise Holding Ltd – usually once a year – at a preferential price in compliance with the regulations adopted by the Board of Foundation. This encourages employees to maintain their commitment to the Company over the long term by becoming shareholders. The subscription price is fixed by the Board of Foundation at the beginning of the subscription period and is then published on the intranet. It equals half of the volume-weighted average share price calculated for the month of August in each subscription year. In 2016 the subscription price amounted to CHF 56.40 (2015: CHF 60.40) and a total of 183,678 shares were subscribed (2015: 172,796). Title to the subscribed shares passes to the relevant employees with effect from 1 September each year, and the shares are subject to a three-year closed period.

The Foundation acquired the underlying stock of shares used in this plan from previous capital increases carried out by Baloise Holding Ltd. It supplements these shareholdings by purchasing shares in the market. The existing shareholdings will enable the Foundation to continue the Employee Incentive Plan over the coming years. The Foundation is run by a Board of Foundation that is predominantly independent of the Corporate Executive Committee. The independent Board of Foundation members are Peter Schwager (Chairman) and Professor Heinrich Koller (lawyer); the third member of the Board of Foundation is Andreas Burki (Head of Legal & Tax at Baloise).

5.8 Pension schemes

Baloise provides a range of pension solutions, which vary from country to country in line with local circumstances. In Switzerland it offers different pension schemes for its insurance and banking employees.

The Company provides its employees in Switzerland with an attractive occupational pension solution (Pillar 2) that meets the following objectives:

- It covers its insured employees' needs in the event of old age, death or disability and mitigates the resultant financial consequences by offering an occupational pension scheme based on the principle of social partnership.
- It enables its retirees to maintain the standard of living to which they are accustomed by providing them with a sufficiently high level of income replacement (combination of Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 benefits) to compensate for their loss of earnings.
- The employer makes a disproportionately high contribution to the funding of its occupational pension scheme.
- Its pension solutions are future-proof, robust, predictable and properly costed.

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee are insured under the pension scheme run by Baloise Insurance Ltd. They are subject to the same terms and conditions as all other insured office-based members of staff. Until May 2016, the pension contributions were also paid on behalf of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, who is also insured. Since June 2016, he has not been entitled to have contributions paid to the pension fund, nor have such contributions been paid to him.

The other members of the Board of Directors have never been entitled to have contributions paid to the pension fund, nor have such contributions been paid to them.

5.9 Rules stipulated in the Articles of Association

Certain rules governing remuneration are stipulated in the Articles of Association:

- Article 30 Additional amount for the remuneration paid to Corporate Executive Committee members appointed since the last Annual General Meeting
- Article 31 Annual General Meeting votes on remuneration
- Article 32 Principles of profit-related remuneration and the granting of equity instruments
- Article 34 Loans and advances granted to members of the Board of Directors and the Corporate Executive Committee
- www.baloise.com/rules-regulations

5.10 Remuneration paid to the members of the Board of Directors

Please refer to the tables on pages 92 and 93.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors chairs the meetings of both the Board of Directors and the Chairman's Committee. He also chairs the Investment Committee. He represents the Company externally and, acting in this capacity, maintains contact with government agencies, trade associations and other Baloise stakeholders. The Chairman of the Board of Directors liaises with the Group CEO in formulating proposals on Baloise's long-term objectives and its strategic direction and development, and these proposals are then discussed and approved by the Board of Directors as a whole. He works closely with the Corporate Executive Committee to ensure that the Board of Directors is provided with timely information on all matters of material importance to the decision-making and monitoring process at Baloise. The Chairman of the Board of Directors is entitled to attend meetings of the Corporate Executive Committee at any time. He takes part in these meetings when necessary in order to maintain a regular dialogue between himself and the Corporate Executive Committee and whenever matters of strategic or long-term importance are being discussed.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors performs his various functions on a full-time basis, in return for which he is paid a fixed amount of remuneration. He is not entitled to any variable remuneration and, consequently, he receives no performance-related remuneration, no performance pool payments and no allocation of PSUs. He is paid roughly a quarter of his remuneration in the form of shares, although he is free to choose each year how many shares he receives under the Share Subscription Plan and the Share Participation Plan respectively. The shares that he receives under the Share Subscription Plan are subject to a closed period of five years (instead of the usual three years).

The other members of the Board of Directors are paid a lump sum as remuneration for their work on the Board of Directors (CHF 125,000) and for additional functions that they perform on the Board of Directors' committees (CHF 70,000 for the Chairman and CHF 50,000 for members). These amounts provide appropriate compensation for the responsibility and workload involved in their various functions and have remained unchanged since 2008.

Since 2006 the members of the Board of Directors have received 25 per cent of their annual remuneration in the form of shares that are restricted for three years. Members of the Board of Directors receive a 10 per cent discount on the shares' market price in line with the Share Subscription Plan available to senior executives. The members of the Board of Directors do not participate in any share ownership programmes that are predicated on the achievement of specific performance targets.

No amounts receivable from current or previous members of the Board of Directors have been waived. No remuneration was paid to former members of the Board of Directors.

5.11 Remuneration paid to the members of the Corporate Executive Committee

Please refer to the tables on pages 94 to 97.

The short-term variable remuneration paid to the members of the Corporate Executive Committee is allocated from the performance pool. The individual performance of each member in achieving the Company's objectives is factored into the measurement of the performance pool. The expected performance pool value amounts to 60 per cent of basic salary. Even in cases of outstanding individual performance and excellent performance by the Company as a whole, this payment cannot exceed 90 per cent of basic salary (cap of 150 per cent of the expected value).

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee receive performance share units (PSUs) as a form of long-term variable remuneration, which is expected to account for 40 per cent of basic salary. This system complies with Swiss legislation and meets the European standard, which stipulates that the ratio of fixed to variable remuneration should normally be one-to-one (Capital Requirements Directive IV).

In addition, the Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2016 passed binding votes in which it set a cap on the variable remuneration payable for 2016 and the amount of fixed remuneration to be paid for 2017.

The structure of remuneration paid to the Corporate Executive Committee is laid down in the Remuneration Policy. The actual level of remuneration paid is determined as follows (see table below).

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee must receive at least 50 per cent of their short-term variable remuneration in the form of shares in order to ensure that their own interests are more strongly aligned with those of shareholders. This mandatory purchase of shares coupled with the shares allocated under the PSU programme ensures that, compared with the market as a whole, a significant proportion of their compensation is paid in the form of deferred remuneration.

The Corporate Executive Committee members' remuneration is disclosed on pages 94 to 97 in accordance with the accrual principle. The table includes all forms of remuneration awarded for performance in 2016 even if individual components are not paid until a later date.

The total remuneration paid to the Corporate Executive Committee for 2016 was lower than in the previous year (sum total of basic salary plus variable remuneration down by 4.4 per cent). This can be attributed to several factors:

- Upon Jan De Meulder's retirement in 2015, the Corporate Executive Committee decreased from six to five members.
- The basic salary of the Group CEO, Gert De Winter, is CHF 200,000 less than that of his predecessor.

The lower level of fixed remuneration also reduced the total amount of variable remuneration paid.

TYPE OF REMUNERATION	DECIDED BY	APPLICABLE PERIOD
Fixed remuneration	Annual General Meeting	For the next financial year
Variable remuneration		
cap	Annual General Meeting	For the current financial year
individual payment	Remuneration Committee (in compliance with the cap set by the Annual General Meeting)	

The Annual General Meeting held on 30 April 2015 approved a maximum amount of CHF 4.627 million for the fixed remuneration (including pension contributions) payable to the Corporate Executive Committee for 2016. The sum paid was CHF 4.427 million (excluding the fixed remuneration of the departing Group CEO). During his handover period, which ended on 30 April 2016, the departing Group CEO was paid fixed remuneration (including pension contributions) totalling CHF 0.452 million. The amount, which exceeded the total amount originally requested, is covered by article 30 of the Articles of Association of Baloise Holding Ltd (additional amount for the remuneration of newly appointed members of the Corporate Executive Committee: If the Board of Directors appoints a new Group CEO or one or more new members of the Corporate Executive Committee between two Annual General Meetings, the total amount of Corporate Executive Committee remuneration approved by the Annual General Meeting will be increased. In the case of the Group CEO, the increase may not exceed the remuneration of the incumbent.).

The Annual General Meeting held on 29 April 2016 also approved a maximum amount of CHF 4.840 million for the variable remuneration (including pension contributions) payable for 2016. A total of CHF 3.951 million was paid out, which meant that only around four-fifths of the maximum amount available was utilised.

5.12 Loans and credit facilities

Please refer to the table on page 98.

5.13 Shares and options held

Please refer to the tables on pages 99 and 100.

5.14 Amounts of total remuneration and variable remuneration

Please refer to the table on page 101.

As requested by circular 10/1 issued by the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority on the subject of remuneration, Baloise has published in the table on page 101 the amounts of total remuneration and variable remuneration and has disclosed the total amounts of outstanding deferred remuneration and the inducement payments and severance packages granted. These figures include all forms of remuneration awarded for 2016 even if individual components are not paid until a later date.

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REMUNERATION PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015	Basic remuneration	Remuneration for additional functions	Total remuneration	Pension benefits	Total	Of which: in shares	Number of shares
CHF							
Dr Andreas Burckhardt	1,320,000	0	1,320,000	231,607	1,551,607	311,940	2,743
Chairman of the Board of Directors							
Werner Kummer	125,000		295,000	0	295,000	73,670	642
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors		50,000					
Chairman's Committee		50,000					
Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee		70,000					
Dr Michael Becker	125,000		225,000	0	225,000	56,228	490
Investment Committee		50,000					
Audit and Risk Committee		50,000					
Dr Andreas Beerli	125,000		225,000	5,743	230,743	56,228	490
Chairman's Committee		50,000					
Audit and Risk Committee		50,000					
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard	125,000		225,000	5,743	230,743	56,228	490
Investment Committee		50,000					
Remuneration Committee		50,000					
Christoph B. Gloor	125,000		175,000	5,743	180,743	43,720	381
Investment Committee		50,000					
Karin Keller-Sutter	125,000		175,000	5,743	180,743	43,720	381
Remuneration Committee		50,000					
Thomas Pleines	125,000		225,000	5,743	230,743	56,228	490
Audit and Risk Committee		50,000					
Remuneration Committee		50,000					
Dr Eveline Saupper	125,000		245,000	5,743	250,743	61,162	533
Chairman's Committee		50,000					
Chair of the Remuneration Committee		70,000					
Total for the Board of Directors	2,320,000	790,000	3,110,000	266,065	3,376,065	759,121	6,640

Explanatory notes to the table

Remuneration paid to former members and related parties No remuneration on a non-arm's-length-basis was paid to individuals or companies who are related to members of the Board of Directors. Related parties are spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them. No amounts receivable from these persons were waived.

Shares 25 per cent of contractually agreed overall remuneration is paid in shares which remain restricted for three years. They are recognised at market value less 10 per cent (CHF 114.75, in line with the Share Subscription Plan). Shares received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors amounted to 1,359 shares in connection with the Share Subscription Plan (CHF 155,945, with a closed period of five years instead of the usual three years) and 1,384 shares in connection with the Share Participation Plan (CHF 155,995).

Pension contributions The information disclosed for 2015 includes for the first time the contributions payable by the employer into the state-run social security schemes (up to the pensionable or insurable threshold in each case) and the pension fund (only for the Chairman of the Board of Directors).

REMUNERATION PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2016	Basic remuneration	Remuneration for additional functions	Total remuneration	Pension benefits	Total	Of which: in shares	Number of shares
CHF							
Dr Andreas Burckhardt	1,320,000	0	1,320,000	100,076	1,420,076	311,906	2,890
Chairman of the Board of Directors							
Werner Kummer	125,000		295,000	0	295,000	73,641	674
Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors		50,000					
Chairman's Committee		50,000					
Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee		70,000					
Dr Michael Becker	125,000		191,667	0	191,667	56,160	514
Investment Committee (until 29 April 2016)		16,667					
Audit and Risk Committee		50,000					
Dr Andreas Beerli	125,000		225,000	5,966	230,966	56,160	514
Chairman's Committee		50,000					
Audit and Risk Committee		50,000					
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard	125,000		225,000	5,966	230,966	56,160	514
Investment Committee		50,000					
Remuneration Committee		50,000					
Christoph B. Gloor	125,000		208,333	5,966	214,299	43,704	400
Investment Committee		50,000					
Audit and Risk Committee (since 29 April 2016)		33,333					
Karin Keller-Sutter	125,000		175,000	5,966	180,966	43,704	400
Remuneration Committee		50,000					
Hugo Lasat (since 29 April 2016)	83,333		116,667	5,619	122,286	0	0
Investment Committee		33,333					
Thomas Pleines	125,000		238,333	5,966	244,299	56,160	514
Audit and Risk Committee (until 29 April 2016)		16,667					
Remuneration Committee (until 29 April 2016)		16,667					
Chair of the Remuneration Committee (since 29 April 2016)		46,667					
Chairman's Committee (since 29 April 2016)		33,333					
Dr Eveline Saupper (until 29 April 2016)	62,500		122,500	5,683	128,183	61,186	560
Chairman's Committee		25,000					
Chair of the Remuneration Committee		35,000					
Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen (since 29 April 2016)	83,333		116,667	5,619	122,286	0	0
Remuneration Committee		33,333					
Total for the Board of Directors	2,424,167	810,000	3,234,167	146,827	3,380,994	758,779	6,980

Explanatory notes to the table

Remuneration paid to former members and related parties No remuneration on a non-arm's-length-basis was paid to individuals or companies who are related to members of the Board of Directors. Related parties are spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them. No amounts receivable from these persons were waived.

Shares 25 per cent of contractually agreed overall remuneration is paid in shares which remain restricted for three years. They are recognised at market value less 10 per cent (CHF 109.26, in line with the Share Subscription Plan). Shares received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors amounted to 1,427 shares in connection with the Share Subscription Plan (CHF 155,914, with a closed period of five years instead of the usual three years) and 1,463 shares in connection with the Share Participation Plan (CHF 155,992).

Pension contributions The information disclosed for 2016 includes the contributions that the employer is required by law to pay into the state-run social security schemes (up to the pensionable or insurable threshold in each case) and into the pension fund (only for the chairman of the Board of Directors until May 2016). Neither the Chairman (since June 2016) nor the members of the Board of Directors are entitled to have contributions paid to the pension fund, nor have such contributions been paid to the Chairman or the members of the Board of Directors.

REMUNERATION PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Basic salary					
	Cash payment (fixed)	Cash payment	Share Subscription Plan		Share Participation Plan	
2015	CHF	CHF	Number of shares	CHF	Number of shares	CHF
Dr Martin Strobel	1,150,000	310,592	2,841	310,408	0	0
Group CEO						
Michael Müller	632,500	123,053	2,625	286,808	0	0
Head of Corporate Division Switzerland						
Jan De Meulder	255,762	143,142	0	0	0	0
Head of SBU Germany (until 30 April 2015)						
German Egloff	690,000	144,975	1,515	165,529	971	103,496
Head of Corporate Division Finance						
Dr Thomas Sieber	621,000	186,318	1,023	111,773	699	74,509
Head of Corporate Division Corporate Centre						
Martin Wenk	690,000	111,801	3,069	335,319	0	0
Head of Corporate Division Asset Management						
Total for the Corporate Executive Committee	4,039,262	1,019,881	11,073	1,209,836	1,670	178,005

Explanatory notes to the table

Remuneration is disclosed in accordance with the accrual principle. The table includes all forms of remuneration awarded for performance in 2014 even if individual components are not paid until a later date. Amounts are gross, before deduction of social security contributions, etc.

Remuneration paid to former members and related parties No remuneration on a non-arm's-length basis was paid to companies or individuals who are related to members of the Corporate Executive Committee. Related parties are spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them. No amounts receivable from these persons were waived.

Share Subscription Plan Proportion of variable remuneration received directly as shares, which are measured at market value less 10 per cent markdown. Subscription price = CHF 109.26.

Share Participation Plan Proportion of variable remuneration received as shares (excluding loans to purchase shares), which are measured at market value less dividend rights discounted over three years. Subscription price = CHF 106.59.

Performance share units (PSUs) These have been disclosed at their value of CHF 121.20 at the grant date and measured using a Monte Carlo simulation, which calculates a present value for the payout expected at the end of the vesting period.

		Variable remuneration		Total basic salary plus variable remuneration	Variable remuneration as percentage of basic salary	Non-cash benefits	Pension contributions	Total remuneration
Performance share units (PSU)		Total variable remuneration						
Granted in 2015								
Number of PSU	CHF	Number of shares	CHF	CHF		CHF	CHF	CHF
3,796	460,075	2,841	1,081,075	2,231,075	94 %	3,901	174,115	2,409,091
2,088	253,066	2,625	662,926	1,295,426	105 %	3,901	141,262	1,440,588
926	112,231	0	255,373	511,135	100 %	62,004	154,443	727,581
2,278	276,094	2,486	690,094	1,380,094	100 %	3,901	215,181	1,599,175
2,050	248,460	1,722	621,060	1,242,060	100 %	3,901	194,648	1,440,609
2,278	276,094	3,069	723,214	1,413,214	105 %	3,901	215,181	1,632,295
13,416	1,626,019	12,743	4,033,741	8,073,003	100 %	81,509	1,094,828	9,249,340

Non-cash benefits Based on all remuneration elements required to be declared on the Swiss salary certificate, including long-service awards, taxable benefits relating to shares received in connection with the Employee Incentive Plan (maximum of 100 shares per annum), accommodation costs and non-cash benefits (use of a company vehicle) granted to a Corporate Executive Committee member residing abroad.

Pension benefits These comprise the estimated employer contributions to the state-run social security schemes (up to the pensionable or insurable threshold in each case) and the pension fund or, alternatively, a compensatory payment in lieu of employer and employee contributions to the Swiss social security scheme and the pension fund (neither of these is payable if the person concerned is working outside Switzerland) and maintenance of disability insurance cover in the home country of a Corporate Executive Committee member residing abroad.

REMUNERATION PAID TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

	Basic salary					
	Cash payment (fixed)	Cash payment	Share Subscription Plan		Share Participation Plan	
2016	CHF	CHF	Number of shares	CHF	Number of shares	CHF
Gert De Winter	950,000	313,616	2,693	313,384	0	0
Group CEO						
Dr Martin Strobel (until 30 April 2016)	383,333	0	0	0	0	0
Departing Group CEO						
Michael Müller	632,500	125,245	2,511	292,205	0	0
Head of Corporate Division Switzerland						
German Egloff	690,000	207,067	711	82,739	1,085	124,194
Head of Corporate Division Finance						
Dr Thomas Sieber	621,000	164,019	1,056	122,887	1,074	122,954
Head of Corporate Division Corporate Centre						
Martin Wenk	690,000	124,300	3,201	372,500	0	0
Head of Corporate Division Asset Management						
Total for the Corporate Executive Committee	3,966,833	934,246	10,172	1,183,716	2,159	247,148

Explanatory notes to the table

Remuneration is disclosed in accordance with the accrual principle. The table includes all forms of remuneration awarded for performance in 2015 even if individual components are not paid until a later date. Amounts are gross, before deduction of social security contributions, etc.

Remuneration paid to former members and related parties No remuneration on a non-arm's-length basis was paid to companies or individuals who are related to members of the Corporate Executive Committee. Related parties are spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them. No amounts receivable from these persons were waived.

Share Subscription Plan Proportion of variable remuneration received directly as shares, which are measured at market value less 10 per cent markdown. Subscription price = CHF 116.37.

Share Participation Plan Proportion of variable remuneration received as shares (excluding loans to purchase shares), which are measured at market value less dividend rights discounted over three years. Subscription price = CHF 114.49.

Performance share units (PSUs) These have been disclosed at their value of CHF 129.75 at the grant date and measured using a Monte Carlo simulation, which calculates a present value for the payout expected at the end of the vesting period.

Performance share units (PSU)		Variable remuneration		Total basic salary plus variable remuneration	Variable remuneration as percentage of basic salary	Non-cash benefits	Pension contributions	Total remuneration
Granted in 2016		Total variable remuneration						
Number of PSUs	CHF	Number of shares	CHF	CHF		CHF	CHF	CHF
2,929	380,038	2,693	1,007,038	1,957,038	106 %	0	194,871	2,151,908
0	0	0	0	383,333	0 %	0	68,934	452,268
1,950	253,013	2,511	670,463	1,302,963	106 %	4,183	174,338	1,481,483
2,128	276,108	1,796	690,108	1,380,108	100 %	4,183	215,404	1,599,695
1,915	248,471	2,130	658,331	1,279,331	106 %	4,183	194,871	1,478,385
2,128	276,108	3,201	772,908	1,462,908	112 %	4,183	215,404	1,682,495
11,050	1,433,738	12,331	3,798,848	7,765,681	96 %	16,732	1,063,821	8,846,234

Non-cash benefits Based on all remuneration elements required to be declared on the Swiss salary certificate, including long-service awards, taxable benefits relating to shares received in connection with the Employee Incentive Plan (maximum of 100 shares per annum).

Pension benefits These comprise the estimated employer contributions to the state-run social security schemes (up to the pensionable or insurable threshold in each case) and the pension fund.

LOANS AND CREDIT FACILITIES GRANTED TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AS AT 31 DECEMBER)

	Mortgages		Loans pertaining to the Share Participation Plan		Other loans		Total	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
CHF								
Dr Andreas Burckhardt								
Chairman	0	0	2,674,203	2,623,656	0	0	2,674,203	2,623,656
Werner Kummer								
Vice-Chairman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Michael Becker								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Andreas Beerli								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Christoph B. Gloor								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karin Keller-Sutter								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hugo Lasat								
Member		0		0		0		0
Thomas Pleines								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Eveline Saupper								
Member	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen								
Member		0				0		0
Total for the Board of Directors	0	0	2,674,203	2,623,656	0	0	2,674,203	2,623,656
Corporate Executive Committee member with the highest outstanding loan								
Dr Thomas Sieber								
Head of Corporate Division Corporate Centre	1,000,000	1,000,000	2,399,986	1,887,700	0	0	3,399,986	2,887,700
Other members of the Corporate Executive Committee	1,850,000	1,600,000	897,885	574,474	0	0	2,747,885	2,174,474
Total for the Corporate Executive Committee	2,850,000	2,600,000	3,297,871	2,462,174	0	0	6,147,871	5,062,174

Explanatory notes to the table

Loans and credit facilities No loans or credit facilities were granted at non-market terms and conditions

a) to former members of the Board of Directors or Corporate Executive Committee;

b) to individuals or companies related to members of the Board of Directors or Corporate Executive Committee. Related parties are: spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, or legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them.

Mortgages Mortgages of up to CHF 1 million are granted to staff at the following terms and conditions: 1 per cent below the customer interest rate for variable-rate mortgages and at a preferential interest rate for fixed-rate mortgages.

Loans associated with the Share Participation Plan Loans to increase the effect of the Share Participation Plan (see "5.6 Share Subscription Plan and Share Participation Plan"). Interest is charged on loans at a market rate (2016: 1 per cent), and they have a term of three years.

Other loans There are no policy loans.

SHARES HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (AS AT 31 DECEMBER)

	Discretionary shares		Restricted shares		Total share ownership		Percentage of issued share capital	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Quantity								
Dr Andreas Burckhardt								
Chairman	8,809	13,983	43,919	38,611	52,728	52,594	0.105%	0.105%
Werner Kummer								
Vice-Chairman	4,927	5,192	3,069	2,911	7,996	8,103	0.016%	0.016%
Dr Michael Becker								
Member	2,197	2,961	2,801	2,551	4,998	5,512	0.010%	0.011%
Dr Andreas Beerli								
Member	667	1,261	2,631	2,551	3,298	3,812	0.007%	0.008%
Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard								
Member	667	1,261	2,509	2,429	3,176	3,690	0.006%	0.007%
Christoph B. Gloor								
Member	7,312	7,312	1,381	1,781	8,693	9,093	0.017%	0.018%
Karin Keller-Sutter								
Member	0	0	1,806	2,206	1,806	2,206	0.004%	0.004%
Hugo Lasat (since 29 April 2016)								
Member		0		1,000		1,000		0.002%
Thomas Pleines								
Member	0	594	2,631	2,551	2,631	3,145	0.005%	0.006%
Dr Eveline Saupper (until 29 April 2016)								
Member	3,438	5,270	2,960	1,688	6,398	6,958	0.013%	0.014%
Prof. Dr Marie-Noëlle Venturi - Zen-Ruffinen (since 29 April 2016)								
Member		0		1,000		1,000		0.002%
Total for the Board of Directors	28,017	37,834	63,707	59,279	91,724	97,113	0.183%	0.194%
Percentage of issued share capital	0.056%	0.076%	0.127%	0.119%	0.183%	0.194%		

Explanatory notes to the table

Shareholdings Includes shares held by related parties (spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them).

Restricted shares Shares received in connection with share-based remuneration programmes are subject to a closed period of three years. The closed period for shares received by the Chairman of the Board of Directors in connection with the Share Subscription Plan is five years. Section 20 of the Articles of Association also requires all members of the Board of Directors to lodge 1,000 shares with the Company for the duration of their term of appointment (qualifying shares).

Options Members of the Board of Directors do not hold any options on Baloise shares.

SHARES HELD BY MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (AS AT 31 DECEMBER)

	Discretionary shares		Restricted shares		Total share ownership		Percentage of issued share capital		Prospective entitlements (PSUs)	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
Quantity										
Gert De Winter										
Group CEO		13,527		3,013		16,540		0.033%		5,852
Dr Martin Strobel (until 30 April 2016)										
Departing Group CEO	100	100	28,960	11,517	29,060	11,617	0.058%	0.023%	14,373	7,833
Jan De Meulder (until 30 April 2015)										
Head of SBU Germany	7,724		8,607		16,331		0.033%		8,043	
Michael Müller										
Head of Corporate Division Switzerland	9,708	16,209	9,931	8,248	19,639	24,457	0.039%	0.049%	7,371	6,259
German Eglolf										
Head of Corporate Division Finance	17,457	12,054	9,557	13,293	27,014	25,347	0.054%	0.051%	8,269	6,829
Dr Thomas Sieber										
Head of Corporate Division Corporate Centre	6,050	7,100	36,623	24,819	42,673	31,919	0.085%	0.064%	7,441	6,145
Martin Wenk										
Head of Corporate Division Asset Management	9,000	9,533	9,894	8,467	18,894	18,000	0.038%	0.036%	8,269	6,829
Total for the members of the Corporate Executive Committee	50,039	58,523	103,572	69,357	153,611	127,880	0.307%	0.256%	53,766	39,747
Percentage of issued share capital	0.100%	0.117%	0.207%	0.139%	0.307%	0.256%				

Explanatory notes to the table

Shareholdings Includes shares held by related parties (spouses, life partners, children under 18 years, companies owned or controlled by directors, and legal entities or individuals who act as trustees for them).

Restricted shares Includes loan-financed shares connected with the Share Participation Plan. Shares received in connection with share-based remuneration programmes are subject to a closed period of three years.

Options Options held in connection with the Share Participation Plan are not reported here because they were written to hedge loans and do not originate from a separate option plan. Each put option is also offset by a countervailing call option.

Prospective entitlements (PSUs) Number of allocated performance share units (granted as at 1 March 2014, 1 March 2015 and 1 March 2016).

TOTAL AND VARIABLE REMUNERATION IN THE BALOISE GROUP

	2015				2016			
	In cash	In shares	Prospective entitlements	Total	In cash	In shares	Prospective entitlements	Total
Total remuneration								
CHF million	698.8	5.5	5.1	709.4	705.3	5.7	5.3	716.3
Total variable remuneration (total pool)								
CHF million	154.7	5.5	5.1	165.3	153.4	5.7	5.3	164.4
Number of beneficiaries	5,230	168	62		5,176	176	69	
Of which commission paid to insurance sales force								
CHF million	99.9	0.0	0.0	99.9	101.1	0.0	0.0	101.1
Of which other forms of variable remuneration								
CHF million	54.7	5.5	5.1	65.3	52.3	5.7	5.3	63.2
Total outstanding deferred remuneration								
CHF million	0.0	94.1	15.5	109.6	0.0	87.1	15.0	102.2
Debits / credits for remuneration for previous reporting periods recognised in profit or loss								
CHF million	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Total inducement payments made								
CHF million	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Number of beneficiaries	3	0	0		9	0	0	
Total severance payments made								
CHF million	14.7	0.0	0.0	14.7	9.6	0.0	0.0	9.6
Number of beneficiaries	137	0	0		80	0	0	

Explanatory notes to the table

The table includes all forms of remuneration awarded for each year even if individual components are not paid until a later date.

Total remuneration All taxable benefits that the financial institution provides to persons directly or indirectly for the work they have performed for it in connection with their employment or directorship. They include cash payments, non-cash benefits, expenditure that creates or increases entitlements to pension benefits, pensions, allotment of shareholdings, conversion rights and warrants, and debt waivers.

Variable remuneration Part of total remuneration, the amount or payment of which is at the discretion of the financial institution or which depends on the occurrence of agreed conditions. It includes performance-related and profit-based remuneration such as fees and commissions. Inducement and severance payments also fall under the definition of variable remuneration.

Total pool All the variable remuneration that a financial institution allocates for a year regardless of its form, any contractual undertaking in respect of grant dates or payout dates and any terms and conditions attached. Inducement and severance payments made in the relevant year should be included in the total pool.

Inducement payment One-off payment agreed when an employment contract is signed. Payments to compensate for lost entitlement to remuneration from a former employer also count as inducement pay.

Severance payment Remuneration agreed in connection with the termination of an employment contract. Severance packages are paid only in individual justified cases and are granted only to management team members and to employees, but not to members of either the Board of Directors or the Corporate Executive Committee.



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To the General Meeting of
Baloise Holding AG, Basel

Basle, 17 March 2017

Report of the statutory auditor on the remuneration report

We have audited the remuneration report of Baloise Holding AG (pages 78 - 101) for the year ended 31 December 2016.



Board of Directors' responsibility

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and overall fair presentation of the remuneration report in accordance with Swiss law and the Ordinance. The Board of Directors is also responsible for designing the remuneration system and defining individual remuneration packages.



Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the remuneration report. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the remuneration report complies with Swiss law and articles 14 – 16 of the Ordinance.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence on the disclosures made in the remuneration report with regard to compensation, loans and credits in accordance with articles 14 – 16 of the Ordinance. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements in the remuneration report, whether due to fraud or error. This audit also includes evaluating the reasonableness of the methods applied to value components of remuneration, as well as assessing the overall presentation of the remuneration report.

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



Opinion

In our opinion, the remuneration report for the year ended 31 December 2016 of Baloise Holding AG complies with Swiss law and articles 14 – 16 of the Ordinance.

Other Matter

The remuneration report of Baloise Holding AG for the year ended 31 December 2015 was examined by another statutory auditor who expressed an unmodified opinion on the remuneration report on 18 March 2016.

Ernst & Young Ltd

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Stefan Marc Schmid
Licensed audit expert
(Auditor in charge)

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Christian Fleig
Licensed audit expert

6. SHAREHOLDER PARTICIPATION RIGHTS

Voting rights

The share capital of Baloise Holding consists solely of registered shares. Each share confers the right to one vote. No shares carry preferential voting rights. To ensure a broad-based shareholder structure and to protect minority shareholders, no shareholder is registered as holding more than 2 per cent of voting rights, regardless of the size of their shareholding. The Board of Directors can approve exceptions to this provision if a majority of two-thirds of all its members is in favour (article 5 of the Articles of Association). There are currently no exceptions. Each shareholder can appoint a proxy in writing in order to authorise another shareholder or an independent proxy to exercise his or her voting rights. When exercising voting rights, no shareholder can accumulate more than one fifth of the voting shares at the Annual General Meeting directly or indirectly for his or her own votes or proxy votes (article 16 of the Articles of Association).

Powers of attorney and voting instructions may also be given to an independent proxy electronically without requiring a qualifying electronic signature (article 16 [2] of the Articles of Association).

Statutory quorums

The Annual General Meeting is quorate regardless of the number of shareholders present or proxy votes represented, subject to the mandatory cases stated by law (article 17 of the Articles of Association).

The consent of at least three-quarters of the votes represented at the Annual General Meeting is required to suspend statutory restrictions on voting rights. The votes must also represent at least one third of the total shares issued by the Company. This qualified majority also applies to the cases specified in article 17 (3)(a) to (h) of the Articles of Association. Otherwise, resolutions are adopted by a simple majority of the votes cast, subject to compulsory legal provisions (article 17 of the Articles of Association).

Convening the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting generally takes place in April, but must be held within six months of the end of the previous financial year. Baloise Holding's financial year ends on 31 December. The Annual General Meeting is convened at least 20 days before the date of the meeting. Each registered shareholder receives a personal invitation, which includes the agenda. The invitation and the agenda are published in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce, in various newspapers and on the internet.

The Annual General Meeting, the Board of Directors or the external auditors decide whether to convene extraordinary general meetings. Furthermore, legal provisions also require the Board of Directors to convene an extraordinary general meeting if requested by the shareholders (article 11 of the Articles of Association). Article 699 (3) of the Swiss Code of Obligations (OR) states such requests must be made by shareholders who represent at least 10 per cent of the share capital.

Requesting agenda items

Article 699 (3) OR states that one or more shareholders who together represent shares of at least CHF 100,000 can request items to be put on the agenda for debate. Such requests must be submitted in writing to the Board of Directors at least six weeks before the ordinary Annual General Meeting is held, giving details of the motions to be put to the AGM (article 14 of the Articles of Association).

Entry in the share register

Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting provided they are registered in the share register as shareholders with voting rights on the cut-off date stated by the Board of Directors in the invitation. The cut-off date should be several days before the Annual General Meeting (article 16 of the Articles of Association).

Article 5 of the Articles of Association determines whether nominee entries are permissible, taking into account any percentage limits and entry requirements. The procedures and requirements for suspending and restricting transferability are set out in the provisions in article 5 and article 17.

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7. CHANGES OF CONTROL AND POISON-PILL MEASURES

Shareholders or groups of shareholders acting together by agreement are required to issue a takeover bid to all other shareholders when they have acquired 33 per cent of all Baloise shares. Baloise Holding has not made any use of the option to deviate from or waive this regulation. There is no statutory opting-out clause or opting-up clause as defined by the Federal Act on Financial Market Infrastructures and Market Conduct in Securities and Derivatives Trading (FinfraG).

The members of the Corporate Executive Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Directors have a notice period of twelve months. Baloise has not agreed any arrangements in respect of changes of control or non-compete clauses with members of either the Board of Directors or the Corporate Executive Committee.

8. EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The external auditors are elected annually by the Annual General Meeting. Ernst & Young AG (EY), Basel, have been the external auditing firm for Baloise Holding since 2016. Stefan M. Schmid has held the post of auditor-in-charge since 2016. In accordance with article 730a (2) OR, the role of auditor-in-charge is rotated every seven years. EY is the external auditing firm for almost all Group companies.

AUDITORS FEES

	2015	2016
CHF (including outlays and VAT)		
Audit fees	5,049,000	4,706,926
Consulting fees	953,000	223,944
Total	6,002,000	4,930,870

Audit fees paid to EY (2015: PwC) include fees for engagements with a direct or indirect connection to a particular audit engagement and fees for audit-related activities (namely, the MCEV Review, ISAE 3401 reports and statutory and regulatory special audits).

In 2016, CHF 101,062 of the additional fees for consultancy services were attributable to tax consultancy and legal advice and CHF 46,274 to operational advice. The remainder related to business and IT consultancy and to insurance-specific advice. The services were rendered in accordance with the relevant provisions on independence set forth in the Swiss Code of Obligations, the Swiss Audit Supervision Act and FINMA-Circular 2013/3 on “auditing”.

At its meetings, the Audit and Risk Committee receives detailed documentation about the external auditors’ findings, primarily at meetings about the annual and half-year financial statements.

The performance of the external auditors and their interaction with Group Internal Audit, Risk Management and Compliance are assessed by the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee’s discussions with the external auditors focus on the audit work the latter have undertaken, their reports and the material findings and most important issues raised during the audit.

The Audit and Risk Committee submits proposals to the Board of Directors regarding the external auditors to be elected by the Annual General Meeting and makes recommendations regarding their fees. Before the start of the annual audit, it reviews the scope of the audit and suggests areas that require special attention. The Audit and Risk Committee reviews the external auditors’ fees on an annual basis.

9. AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION SUBMITTED TO THE 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Board of Directors will ask the Annual General Meeting on 28 April 2017 to cancel 1,200,000 shares at CHF 0.10 par value each and to thereby reduce the share capital by CHF 120,000 to CHF 4,880,000 (amendment to article 3 [1] of the Articles of Association), and to extend the term of the authorised capital of CHF 500,000.00 to 30 April 2019 (amendment to article 3 [4] of the Articles of Association).

10. INFORMATION POLICY

Information principles

The Baloise Group provides shareholders, potential investors, employees, customers and the public with information on a regular, open and comprehensive basis. All registered shareholders each receive a summary of the annual report once a year and a letter to shareholders every six months, which provide a review of business. The full annual report is sent to shareholders on request. In addition, a presentation is created for every set of financial statements that summarises the financial year or period for financial analysts and investors. All publications are simultaneously available to the public. All market participants receive the same information. Baloise offers teleconferences, podcasts, videos and live streaming in order to make information generally and easily accessible.

Information events

Baloise provides detailed information about its business activities as follows:

- Details about its financial performance, targets, strategies and operations are provided at press conferences covering its annual and half-year financial statements.
- Teleconferences for financial analysts and investors take place when the annual and half-year financial statements are published. The events can then be downloaded as podcasts.
- Shareholders are informed about business during the year at the Annual General Meeting.
- Roadshows are regularly staged at various financial centres.
- At its regular Investor Days, the Company presents its corporate strategy and targets as well as any other matters relevant to its business. The documents used for this and the recording of the event are made publicly available on various media.

Ongoing relationships are maintained with analysts, investors and the media. Full details of individual Baloise events can be accessed at www.baloise.com.

Information about Baloise shares

Information about Baloise shares begins on page 8.

→ www.baloise.com/baloise-share

Information about Baloise bonds

Information about Baloise bonds in circulation can be found on pages 233 and 276.

→ www.baloise.com/bonds

Financial calendar

Important dates for investors are available at www.baloise.com. This is where the publication dates for the annual and half-year reports and the Q3 interim statement are listed and where the date of the Annual General Meeting, the AGM invitation, the closing date for the share register and any ex-dividend dates are published.

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Availability of documents

Annual and half-year reports, media releases, disclosures, recent announcements, presentations and other documents are available to the public at www.baloise.com. Please register for the latest corporate communications at www.baloise.com/maillinglist.

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