# **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**





### COMPENSATION REPORT

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#### Ladies and Gentlemen

In accordance with the Ordinance against Excessive Compensation in Listed Stock Corporations (Compensation Ordinance; Verordnung gegen übermässige Vergütungen bei börsenkotierten Aktiengesellschaften, VegüV), which came into force on 1 January 2014, all information regarding the compensation of the Board of Directors and the Group Management Board (Executive Group Management Board and Extended Group Management Board) is presented in the Compensation Report.

With the Compensation Report, the Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee give an account of the material elements of the compensation principles, of the tasks and competences in the field of compensation, of the composition and function of the Compensation Committee, and of the various compensation elements.

The aim of the Compensation Report is to create transparency regarding the compensation provided by the company.

The Compensation Report is divided into the following sections:

- Board of Directors;
- one section with the description of the compensation system;
- one section that sets out the specific compensation in the year under review and the previous year.

The Compensation Report fulfils the provisions of the Ordinance against Excessive Compensation in Listed Stock Corporations, which came into force on 1 January 2014, and accordingly the provisions of the Swiss Code of Obligations. The Report essentially follows the recommendations of the Swiss Code of Best Practices for Corporate Governance issued by economiesuisse and the Guidelines on Corporate Governance issued by SIX Swiss Exchange Regulation AG.

Compensation for the year under review and the previous year (Note 4a-e) were audited by PriceWaterhouseCoopers AG. Disclosure is made according to the « accrual principle ».

#### 1. Compensation Committee

#### 1.1 Composition of the Compensation Committee

As the Board of Directors of the Swatch Group is intentionally kept small in number (currently 6 members), it functions at the same time as the Compensation Committee. This eliminates the need for demarcating the areas of responsibility and ensuring the flow of information

The Compensation Committee is chaired by Mr Ernst Tanner, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors.

All members of the Board of Directors abstain from discussions and decisions regarding their compensation and from discussions and decisions regarding compensation of persons closely related to them (such as family members).

No members having any cross-involvement belong to the Compensation Committee, such that no conflicts of interest arise from this point of view as well.

#### 1.2 Tasks / Competences

The Compensation Committee handles the compensation policy of the company. It assists the Board of Directors in determining the compensation system and the principles of compensation, and in the preparation of motions to the Annual General Meeting for approving compensation. The Compensation Committee may submit proposals and recommendations to the Board of Directors in all matters pertaining to compensation.

According to the Articles of Association of the Swatch Group, the Compensation Committee attends to all issues related to compensation, and proposes solutions for the attention of the Board of Directors. The decision-making body is the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will submit the necessary resolutions to the Annual General Meeting for its approval.

At the Annual General Meeting of the year under review, the fixed remuneration for members of the Board of Directors until the next annual general meeting, as well as the fixed remuneration for the year under review and the variable remuneration for the previous year for executive functions for members of the Board of Directors was voted upon. In addition, fixed remuneration for members of the Management Board and the Extended Management Board for the year under review, as well as variable remuneration for the previous year was voted upon.

#### 1.3 Meetings

The Compensation Committee met twice during the year under review.

- one section with information regarding the structure and decision-making processes within the Compensation Committee and the

#### 2. Compensation system

#### 2.1 General principles of compensation

The members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Management are entitled to compensation corresponding to their job function and degree of responsibility.

The company may award compensation for activities in entities that are directly or indirectly controlled by the company and for activities at the order of the undertaking. The compensation may be awarded by the company or by the companies that it controls.

The compensation of the non-executive members of the Board of Directors comprises only fixed compensation elements.

The compensation of executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Management comprises fixed and variable compensation elements. The fixed compensation comprises base salary and may include additional compensation elements. The variable compensation is guided by the achievement of defined performance objectives.

The performance objectives may include personal goals, company-specific and division-specific objectives, along with key economic or market-related figures. In doing so, the function and the level of responsibility of the recipient of the variable compensation are taken into account.

At the request of the Compensation Committee, the Board of Directors sets the performance values and objectives of the variable compensation elements and their achievement.

The compensation system of the Swatch Group is in line with market conditions and based on performance. It is reviewed on an annual basis and adjusted when necessary.

#### 2.2 Compensation elements

#### a) Non-executive members of the Board of Directors

The non-executive members of the Board of Directors receive fixed compensation. It is graduated according to functions.

#### b) Executive members of the Board of Directors, members of the Executive and Extended Group Management Board

The compensation system for the executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive and Extended Group Management Board provides for the following elements:

- a base salary;
- an expense allowance;
- a bonus program with variable compensation;
- a share program with annual share allocations and a minimal guaranteed value;
- payments to the pension fund (Swatch Group Pension Fund) and to the Management Fund of the Swatch Group.

#### 2.3 Information on individual elements

#### 2.3.1 Base salary

The base salary is usually paid out monthly in 13 equal instalments. The 13th instalment is paid each year in December. The degree of responsibility and the position are taken into account in the base salary.

#### 2.3.2 Expense allowance

Members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Group Management Board receive an expense allowance of CHF 30 000; members of the Extended Group Management Board receive up to CHF 24 000. This expense allowance covers representation and small expenses, and was approved by the tax authority of the Canton of Bern. Executive members of the Board of Directors who at the same time belong to the Executive Management receive the expense allowance only once.

#### 2.3.3 Bonus programs

The executive members of the Board of Directors, of the Executive Group Management Board and of the Extended Group Management Board annually receive a variable bonus, which depends on the development of the Group and the business division entrusted to the respective person (brands, countries, functional area) as well as individual performance.

At the start of the year, a so-called bonus potential is defined, which is paid out if the objectives are achieved. If the objectives are surpassed, more than 100% of the bonus potential can be paid. If individual objectives are not achieved, a proportionate reduction can be made.

The bonus is determined and paid out at the start of the following year, once the financial statements are available. A recipient with a Swiss contract and residence in Switzerland receives an advance payment in December. This is usually 70% of the bonus potential, provided that the set objectives (sales, operating income, etc.) will foreseeably be achieved; if not, a payment of 50% will be made.

The assessment criteria that apply are, among other things: sales development, development of operating income, changes in market share, development of inventory and receivables, accomplishment of development and set-up projects, success in negotiations, successful implementation of cost reduction programs, personnel fluctuation, and motivation of employees. The assessment criteria are individually tailored to the function holders and weighted accordingly.

For the particular promotion of the Group's interests, a part of the bonus is awarded as a Group bonus. The percentage share of the Group component varies according to function.

#### 2.3.4 Share program

On an annual basis, a number of registered shares with a low exercise price are offered to the executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Group Management Board and the Extended Group Management Board. In the year under review and the previous year, this amounted to CHF 4.00 per share. One-third of the allocation may be exercised and subscribed immediately. In one and two years respectively, an additional one-third may be exercised and subscribed. Once exercised, the shares may be freely disposed of. Optionally these can be subject to a blocking period of either 5 or 10 years. In the event of an early departure, the allocations for non-exercised options expire; upon retirement, they are immediately available.

The allocation of the share subscription rights takes place through the Board of Directors after the Annual General Meeting. A certain minimum allocation value was contractually guaranteed to the executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Group Management Board and the Extended Group Management Board. For executive members of the Board of Directors and members of the Executive Group Management Board, this amounted to CHF 50 000; for members of the Extended Group Management Board, this generally amounted to CHF 25 000 per year (allocation value = share price minus CHF 4.00 exercise price).

The calculation basis for payment of allotted shares and options is the day value at grant date. The day value corresponds to the share price on the grant date, respectively the last trading day before the grant date, less the exercise price.

The following values were in force for the year under review and the previous year:

		2022	2021
Grant date		31.05.2022	31.05.2021
Share price on grant date	CHF	46.60	62.35
Exercise price	CHF	4.00	4.00
Day value on grant date	CHF	42.60	58.35

#### 2.3.5 Pension Fund / Management Fund

The executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Group Management Board and of the Extended Group Management Board respectively, are insured by the Swatch Group Pension Fund and the Swatch Group Management Fund.

The Swatch Group Pension Fund insures incomes of up to CHF 320 000.

The Management Fund covers income components between CHF 320 000 and CHF 860 000.

The Management Fund provides for contributions of 10% of which 75% are assumed by the employer.

#### 3. Additional contractual elements

#### 3.1 Term and termination periods of employment contracts

All employment contracts of the Executive Group Management Board and of the Extended Group Management Board are concluded for an indefinite term.

They may be terminated by either party with a notice period of six months as per the end of a month.

#### 3.2 Payment of salaries

Salaries are paid on a monthly basis. No advance payments are made, either for the current month or for longer periods. The same applies to compensation within the framework of mandate relationships.

#### 3.3 Compensation upon commencement of the employment relationship

Swatch Group does not pay any compensation upon the conclusion of an employment contract or upon the start of work ("golden hellos"/"golden handshakes").

Moreover, no compensation is provided to settle share options or other financial benefits of a prior employer that were rendered void through the job change.

#### 3.4 Loans and credits to members of governing bodies

The company or companies controlled by it may grant loans and credits to executive members of the Board of Directors and the Group Management Board on market terms. Such loans and credits may not exceed the amount of the fixed annual compensation of the person concerned. The fixed annual compensation of the previous year shall be taken as the basis for the grant of credit or loan (Article 41 of the Articles of Association).

In addition, just like all employees of the Swatch Group in Switzerland, the executive members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Executive Group Management Board and of the Extended Group Management Board respectively, have the option of taking out a mortgage loan with the Swatch Group Pension Fund to finance the purchase of real estate in Switzerland. The applicable conditions are the same as those that apply to all employees of the Swiss Swatch Group companies (lending limit, interest rate, etc.).

#### 3.5 Membership in governing bodies of Group companies

It regularly occurs that executive members of the Board of Directors and members of the Executive Group Management Board and of the Extended Group Management Board sit on governing bodies of subsidiaries, both in Switzerland and abroad (as board members, members of supervisory boards, members of advisory boards, or as managers). No additional compensation is awarded for such tasks and functions, either by the Swatch Group or by the relevant Group company.

#### 3.6 Severance payments

The employment contracts of the members of the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board do not provide for severance payments or any payments whatsoever upon termination of the employment relationship.

In addition, no payments ("golden parachutes", etc.) are provided in the event of a change of control.

#### 3.7 Mandates with former members of the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board

It may occur that members of the Executive Group Management Board and the Extended Group Management Board who have resigned from their functions are employed on a mandate basis by the Group from time to time. In all such cases, clear written mandate contracts are concluded; these must be approved by the President of the Executive Group Management Board. Such mandate contracts contain the same restrictive conditions as employment contracts (contractual term, payments, etc.).

## 4. Compensation for the members of the Board of Directors and Group Management Board (KL/EKL)

This part of the report is subject to audit by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG.

#### a. Board of Directors (BoD)

2022		Compensation	Compensation for executive functions				Total 6)
		for functions in the BoD 1)	Base compen- sation 2)	Bonus 3)	Share options 4)	Other compen- sation 5)	
Name	Function	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)
Nayla Hayek	Chairwoman	205 554	1 002 108	1 725 000	852 000	293 410	4 078 072
Ernst Tanner	Vice-Chairman	149 176				8 133	157 309
Daniela Aeschlimann	Member	142 179				10 171	152 350
Georges Nicolas Hayek 7)	Member	140 877				8 833	149 710
Prof. Dr. h.c. Claude Nicollier	Member	139 936				7 397	147 333
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		in the BoD 1)	compen-		options 4)	compen-		
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Name	Function	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	
Nayla Hayek	Chairwoman	170 444	1 002 108	1 500 000	1 167 000	348 409	4 187 961	
Ernst Tanner	Vice-Chairman	125 153				6 347	131 500	
Daniela Aeschlimann	Member	119 744				8 256	128 000	
Georges Nicolas Hayek 7)	Member	118 701				7 185	125 886	
Prof. Dr. h.c. Claude Nicollier	Member	117 761				5 748	123 509	
Dr. Jean-Pierre Roth	Member	117 761				5 748	123 509	
Total		769 564	1 002 108	1 500 000	1 167 000	381 693	4 820 365	

1) Total annual compensation allocated on a cash or accrual basis, not including any reimbursement for travel and other business expenses incurred. The compensation contains an amount of CHF 20 000 for functions in the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee (previous year: CHF 14 000) as well as expense allowance payments in the amount of CHF 30 000 per year.

2) Total annual compensation allocated on a cash or accrual basis, not including any reimbursement for travel and other business expenses incurred.

3) Bonus payments allocated on a cash or accrual basis.

4) In the year under review and the previous year, Mrs N. Hayek was allocated 20 000 share options. The calculation basis for share options is the day value at grant date (see Section 2.3.4). In the year under review, this corresponded to a value of CHF 58.35 per option (previous year: CHF 33.34 per option). The valuation of the share options at prior-year value would therefore result in an unchanged value of CHF 1 167 000.

5) Other compensation includes no pension benefits (previous year: CHF 64 999). The remaining social benefits (employer's contributions) amounted to CHF 314 507 (previous year: CHF 316 694). In the year under review, long-term service awards in the amount of CHF 20 834 were paid out (previous year: none).

6) All amounts are gross amounts (i.e., before deduction of the social insurance contributions to be taken on by the employee). 7) The compensation for the executive function is set forth in paragraph b. of this chapter.

#### b. Executive Group Management Board (KL) and Extended Group Management Board (EKL)

2022	Base com- pensation 1)	Bonus 2)	Share options 3)	Share options 3)	Other com- pensation 4)	Total 5)
	(CHF)	(CHF)	(number)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)
Georges Nicolas Hayek						
(MB President / CEO)	1 502 105	3 400 000	24 000	1 022 400	607 929	6 532 434
Total other members	5 503 309	10 673 198	89 800	3 825 480	2 433 569	22 435 556
Total	7 005 414	14 073 198	113 800	4 847 880	3 041 498	28 967 990

The calculation basis for share options is the day value at grant date (see Section 2.3.4). In the year under review, this corresponded to a value of CHF 42.60 per option (previous year: CHF 58.35 per option). The valuation of the share options at prior-year value would result in a total value of CHF 6 640 230 (+1.2% compared to the previous year's value of CHF 6 564 375).

2021	Base com- pensation 1)	Bonus 2)	Share options 3)	Share options 3)	Other com- pensation 4)	Total 5)
	(CHF)	(CHF)	(number)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)
Georges Nicolas Hayek						
(MB President / CEO)	1 502 105	3 120 000	24 000	1 400 400	556 892	6 579 397
Total other members	5 497 577	10 155 000	88 500	5 163 975	2 476 798	23 293 350
Total	6 999 682	13 275 000	112 500	6 564 375	3 033 690	29 872 747

1) Total annual base compensation allocated on a cash or accrual basis, including expense allowance payments, but not including any reimbursement for travel and other business expenses incurred.

2) Variable bonus payments allocated on a cash or accrual basis.

3) The allocation and valuation of share options takes place in accordance with the conditions described in Section 2.3.4.

4) Other compensation includes pension benefits in the amount of CHF 705 685 (previous year: CHF 709 026). The remaining social benefits (employer's contributions) amounted to CHF 2 202 047 for the year under review (previous year: CHF 2 293 189). Other compensation also includes further benefits and long-term service awards in the amount of CHF 133 766 (previous year: CHF 31 475).

5) All amounts are gross amounts (i.e., before deduction of the social insurance contributions to be taken on by the employee).

The figures presented include all direct and indirect compensation. Mr G.N. Hayek, as the CEO, received the highest compensation.

In the year under review, no payments were made to former members of the Executive Group Management Board and the Extended Group Management Board in connection with their past activities as members of the Company's governing bodies (previous year: nonel.

#### c. Loans and credits to the Board of Directors and the Group Management

In the year under review, no loans or credits were granted to members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board respectively. Moreover, no loans or credits were granted to former members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board respectively. The same holds true for the previous year.

At the end of the year under review, as in the previous year, there were no credit or loans outstanding to (current or former) members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board.

#### d. Compensation, loans, and credits to closely related persons

In the year under review and the previous year, no non-market-based compensation was awarded to persons who are closely related to the members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board respectively

#### e. Impermissible compensation

In the year under review and the previous year, the company did not award any severance payments to the members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board respectively.

Likewise, in the year under review and the previous year, no compensation was paid in advance to members of the Board of Directors, the Executive Group Management Board or the Extended Group Management Board respectively.

# Report of the statutory auditor to the General Meeting of The Swatch Group Ltd

### Neuchâtel

## Report on the audit of the compensation report

#### Opinion

We have audited the compensation report of The Swatch Group Ltd (the Company) for the year ended 31 December 2022. The audit was limited to the information on compensation, loans and advances pursuant to Art. 14 to 16 of the Ordinance against Excessive Remuneration in Listed Companies Limited by Shares (Ordinance) in sections 4a-e in the compensation report.

In our opinion, the information on compensation, loans and advances in the accompanying compensation report complies with Swiss law and article 14 to 16 of the Ordinance.

#### **Basis for opinion**

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

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

#### Other information

The Board of Directors is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the content in sections 4a-e in the compensation report, the consolidated financial statements, the financial statements and our auditor's reports thereon.

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

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

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

#### Board of Directors' responsibilities for the compensation report

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

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# Report of the statutory auditor

to the General Meeting of The Swatch Group Ltd

## Neuchâtel

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

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the information on compensation, loans and advances pursuant to article 14 to 16 of the Ordinance is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of this compensation report.

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

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

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

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

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