

Presentation of Avanza's remuneration policy for 2020

Background

This presentation has been drawn up with reference to article 450 of regulation (EU) 575/2013.

Avanza's remuneration regulations are formulated in accordance with the requirements imposed by external regulations applicable to the operational spheres in which the Avanza Group companies operate. These include, among others, the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority regulations, FFFS 2011:1, delegated regulation (EU) 604/2014 on criteria for identifying risk takers, EU Directive 2013/36, regulation (EU) 575/2013 on prudential requirements for credit institutions and investment firms (the Capital Requirements Regulation, CRR), applicable guidelines from EBA and ESMA, and the provisions governing managers of securities funds set forth in FFFS 2013:9 and for AIF managers in FFFS 2013:10.

The term, Avanza, refers to Avanza Bank Holding AB (publ) and its subsidiary companies.

This presentation refers to Avanza's remuneration policy for the 2020 financial year. The remuneration policy has applied to all companies and employees within Avanza and there are, over and above these companies and their employees, no other stakeholders in the remuneration system.

The applicable and approved guidelines for remuneration to senior executives at any given time are, over and above Avanza's remuneration policy, applicable to remuneration payable to the CEO and other members of Avanza's group management.

This presentation shall be published no later than in conjunction with the publication of the annual accounts.

The figures shown refer to conditions as of 31 December 2020.

Decision-making process

Avanza's remuneration regulations and remuneration system are adopted by the Boards of Directors of the parent company and the respective subsidiary companies after preparation by the Remuneration Committee. Avanza's legal counsels monitor regulatory changes and propose ongoing updates to Avanza's remuneration regulations. The regulations are reviewed at least once a year and, additionally, in conjunction with changes to external regulations or internal conditions. Representatives from HR, Risk, and Compliance have also participated in the updating of the remuneration policy and remuneration guidelines.

The guidelines for remuneration to the Group management were most recently adopted by the Annual General Meeting of the shareholders of Avanza Bank Holding AB (publ) held on 17 March 2020 to apply until further notice.

Remuneration Committee

The 2020 Remuneration Committee has comprised Mattias Miksche, Sven Hagströmer and Catharina Eklöf.

The 2020 Remuneration Committee was tasked with:

- conducting an independent assessment of Avanza's remuneration policy and remuneration system;
- preparing the Board's resolution concerning guidelines for remuneration to the Group management;
- preparing the Board's resolution concerning measures for monitoring the implementation of Avanza's remuneration policy and remuneration system;
- preparing the Board's resolution concerning remuneration to senior executives;
- preparing the Board's resolution concerning remuneration to employees with overall responsibility for any of Avanza's control functions.

The preparation of the Board's resolutions takes into account the long-term interests of shareholders, investors and other stakeholders.

The Remuneration Committee held 12 minuted meetings in 2020, and the members have also been in ongoing contact with each other.

Characteristics of the remuneration system

Avanza's remuneration regulations are structured to encourage good performances and to attract new employees. They shall, at the same time, counteract excessive risk-taking and conflicts of interest and shall promote sound and efficient risk management.

Balance between fixed salary and variable remuneration

Avanza endeavours to maintain a reasonable balance between an individual's fixed salary and, where applicable, variable remuneration, such that the fixed salary accounts for a sufficiently large share of the employee's total remuneration package that it is possible to set the variable remuneration at SEK 0.

The scale and cost of the capital required to conduct the operations and the risk that future income expectations cannot be realised shall be taken into account in conjunction with decisions on the percentage of the remuneration package that shall comprise variable remuneration. The risk that the variable remuneration may entail risks being taken in order to influence the period's profits, the scale and cost of the liquidity risk (the extra capital required to conduct the operations in question) shall also be taken into account.

The variable remuneration payable to an employee per annum shall amount to a maximum of 50% of the fixed annual salary for the employee in question. The CEO and COO are authorized to jointly decide on variable remuneration amounting to a maximum of 100% of the fixed annual salary for certain employees within Corporate Finance. Other exceptions from the principle that variable remuneration to employees per year shall amount to a maximum of 50% of the fixed annual salary, shall be granted by the Board, taking into account that the variable remuneration may not exceed 100% of the fixed annual salary.

Criteria for fixed remuneration

Fixed remuneration shall be determined in advance for the work that the employee is employed to perform and shall reflect relevant professional experience and organisational responsibility, as stated in the employee's contract of employment and job description.

Criteria for variable remuneration

The fundamental principle of Avanza's guidelines for remuneration states that only employees of the Brokerage and Corporate Finance sections shall be eligible to receive variable remuneration over and above their basic salary. Exceptions to the fundamental principle shall be approved by the CEO or alternatively by the Board. The variable remuneration, which is not pre-determined either by amount or scale, is determined for every individual employee and shall be based on quantitative and qualitative evaluation of performance in relation to set goals. The individual goals are based on the overall goals of the department and the Avanza Group, the employee's main tasks, and are set to not encourage excessive risk-taking or conflicts of interest.

Both financial and non-financial criteria shall be taken into account when assessing the employee's results.

The total variable remuneration disbursed to Avanza's employees may not be so sizeable that it limits Avanza's ability to maintain an adequate capital base or, where necessary, to strengthen the capital base.

The purpose of variable remuneration is to motivate, engage and retain employees in positions where a variable remuneration model is deemed to be justified.

The members of Avanza's Group management do not receive variable remuneration, only fixed remuneration.

Basic principles for individual goals

The individual goals shall be specific and traceable, as well as formulated to also be able to include a qualitative assessment of goal fulfilment in addition to the quantitative assessment of the same.

The employee's manager is responsible for ensuring that the individual goals are linked to the overall goals of the department and the Avanza Group, the employee's main tasks, and that they do not encourage excessive risk-taking or conflicts of interest.

Risk analysis

Avanza's operations are characterised by a low level of risk-taking, and Avanza limits its risk exposure by avoiding such activities as proprietary trading, and by means of conservative secured lending.

All variable remuneration is determined in a discretionary manner based on a quantitative and qualitative assessment of individual performances in relation to individual goals. Avanza works actively to ensure that no individual goals, or the associated variable remuneration, encourage excessive risk-taking or conflicts of interest. Avanza does not guarantee disbursement of any variable remuneration.

The Board conducts annual reviews and determinations to establish which employees may affect Avanza's risk level, based on an analysis that identifies the positions that may have a material impact on Avanza's risk profile.

Risk takers

Avanza has identified risk takers¹ based on the following employee categories in that individuals in these positions have typically been adjudged to be capable of having a material impact on Avanza's risk profile:

- senior executives;
- employees with responsibility for control functions;
- employees with responsibility for essential business units;
- employees with significant compensation according to FFFS 2011:1; and
- other risk takers who are adjudged to be capable of having a material impact on Avanza's risk profile.

Deferment and disbursement of variable remuneration

The fundamental rule during 2020 has stated that at least 40% of the variable remuneration to risk takers (at least 60% for risk takers whose variable remuneration during the calendar year totals a minimum of SEK 100,000) shall be deferred for between three and five years before disbursement in full or before title transfers to the employee.

When Avanza has determined the percentage of the disbursement to be deferred and the period for which it is to be deferred, consideration has been given to the company's business cycle, the risks entailed by the commercial operations, the employee's responsibilities and duties, and the size of the variable remuneration payment.

When determining the period for which disbursement is to be deferred, the scale of the employee's responsibilities and of the risk the employee may take has been

¹ The term, Risk taker, is synonymous within Avanza with specifically regulated and identified personnel.

considered in relation to the point in time when such potential risks may materialise, together with the point in time when the long-term result can definitively be established. The aim is to ensure any risks have materialised before disbursement occurs.

Avanza disburses the retained portion of the remuneration once a year, evenly spread over the period for which the remuneration has been deferred (pro rata). The first payment may not be made until one year after the variable remuneration has been established.

Criteria for disbursement of retained remuneration

Retained variable remuneration will only be disbursed to the employee when such disbursement is justifiable with due consideration for Avanza's financial position and when it is motivated by Avanza's and the employee's results. Such remuneration may also be totally revoked.

Should it, furthermore, subsequently become apparent that a previous decision regarding variable remuneration to a risk taker was based on incorrect data, the decision shall be reviewed. An evaluation of the criteria that formed the basis for the original decision shall be conducted in order to permit the identification of any such incorrect data prior to every occasion on which retained variable remuneration is to be disbursed. If a previously confirmed variable remuneration payment is revised after review, a reduction in the retained portion of the variable remuneration shall initially be effected. A reduction in the variable remuneration for the current calendar year is a secondary option, and, finally, a reduction in variable remuneration for future calendar years.

Remuneration for 2020

Avanza has carried the following remunerations as expenses for the 2020 financial year, broken down as follows.

Reported by personnel in MSEK:

Group	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			6
Additional	308	3	0
Disbursed	-308		-4
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	3	2

Management	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			3
Additional	26	0	0
Disbursed	-26		-2
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	0	1

Risk takers	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			1
Additional	29	1	0
Disbursed	-29		-1
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	1	1

Others	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			1
Additional	253	2	0
Disbursed	-253		-1
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	2	0

Reported by company in MSEK:

Avanza Bank Holding (publ.)	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			0
Additional	9		
Disbursed	-9		0
Interest			0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0		0

Avanza Bank AB (publ.)	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			5
Additional	253	3	0
Disbursed	-253		-4
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	3	2

Försäkringsaktiebolaget Avanza Pension	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			0
Additional	28	0	0
Disbursed	-28		0
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	0	0

Avanza Fonder AB	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			0
Additional	10	0	0
Disbursed	-10		0
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	0	0

Others	Wage cost	Variable remuneration 2020	Deferred variable remuneration from previous years
Bal.b/f 2019-12-31			0
Additional	8	0	0
Disbursed	-8		0
Interest		0	0
Bal.c/f 2020-12-31	0	0	0

The variable remuneration for the categories of employees who received such compensation in 2020 is payable in full in cash. No variable remuneration has been paid in the form of rights to financial instruments, neither in 2020 nor in previous financial years. Members of the Group management have, however, acquired share warrants on market terms in accordance with the incentive programme resolved by the Annual General Meeting held on 17 March 2020.

A total of SEK 285,000 has been carried as an expense and pledged in severance pay in 2020 of which the highest individual severance pay that has been pledged amounts to SEK 150,000. No severance pay has been disbursed during the year. Severance pay in conjunction with new recruitments is not applied.