

consolidated corporate governance report 2018

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# MANDATORY INFORMATION IN THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE REPORT

#### BAWAG GROUP'S DECLARATION OF COMMITMENT

In 2006 BAWAG P.S.K. made a (voluntary) commitment to apply the applicable provisions of the Austrian Code of Corporate Governance ("Code", accessible under http://www.corporate-governance.at). Following the listing of BAWAG Group in 2017, BAWAG Group declared its commitment to comply with the rules of the Code.

This is the (consolidated) Corporate Governance Report prepared in accordance with Sections 243c and 267b of the Austrian Commercial Code (UGB).

Generally speaking, the Code is a set of self-regulation rules for listed Austrian companies and it contains rules based on compulsory legal requirements (L rules); rules that should be complied with, where deviations must be explained and justified in order for the company's conduct to conform with the Code (C rules, comply or explain); and rules that are recommendations, where non-compliance must not be disclosed or justified (R rules).

#### **DEVIATIONS**

Since issuance of its commitment to comply with the rules, BAWAG Group has complied with all L rules and all R rules. Furthermore, BAWAG Group deviates from C rules in one instance, whereas BAWAG Group nevertheless complies with the Code in all respects in light of the following explanations and justifications:

Rule 2: the principle of "one share one vote" is not implemented since two shareholders have each and separately been granted the right to nominate one member

of BAWAG Group's Supervisory Board for as long as the respective shareholder holds at least one share in the company. Such right of the respective shareholder to nominate a member of the company's Supervisory Board shall be repealed, in each case, once the shareholding of the Golden Tree shareholders (jointly) or the Cerberus shareholders (jointly), respectively, taken as a whole falls below 20% of the voting rights in the company.

## MANAGING BOARD

#### MANAGING BOARD MEMBERS AND ALLOCATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

As of 31 December 2018, the Managing Board of BAWAG Group and BAWAG P.S.K. was composed of the following members:

#### MANAGING BOARD of BAWAG Group and BAWAG P.S.K. as of 31 December 2018

Name	Function	Year of birth	Date of first appointment <sup>1)</sup>	End of current tenure
Anas ABUZAAKOUK	Chairperson	1977	19.08.2017	31.03.2021
Stefan BARTH	Member	1977	19.08.2017	31.03.2021
David O'LEARY	Member	1975	19.08.2017	31.03.2021
Enver SIRUCIC	Member	1982	19.08.2017	31.03.2021
Sat SHAH	Member	1978	19.08.2017	31.03.2021
Andrew WISE	Member	1971	19.08.2017	31.03.2021

<sup>1)</sup> Regarding BAWAG Group AG.

#### Member who left the Managing Board since BAWAG Group's declaration of commitment

Name	Function	End of current tenure
None		

As of 31 December 2018, duties were allocated as follows on the Managing Board:

#### **Anas ABUZAAKOUK**

## Chairperson of the Managing Board and Chief Executive Officer

Legal & Corporate Office Human Resources Technology Operations Technology Research Office Digital & Data Office Südwestbank segment

#### Stefan BARTH

#### **Chief Risk Officer**

Strategic Risk Management Credit Risk Management Retail Risk Management Non-Financial Risk Management & Regulatory Compliance Market & Liquidity Risk Controlling

#### David O'LEARY

#### BAWAG P.S.K. Retail

Retail Sales Customer Service Marketing & Products Strategic Initiatives

#### Sat SHAH

#### Chief Executive Officer easygroup

easygroup segment (including easybank AG, easyleasing AG and start:bausparkasse AG)

#### **Enver SIRUCIC**

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

Chief Performance Office
Financial Planning & Analysis
Data Engineering and RegTechData Solution Services
Accounting & Participations
Chief Administrative Office
Treasury & Markets
Chief Operations Office
Group Procurement & Real Estate Management
Operations Strategy & Execution

#### **Andrew WISE**

#### **Chief Investment Officer**

Austrian Corporates & Public Sector International Corporates International Commercial Real Estate International Mortgages & Special Situations

#### **Entire Managing Board**

Internal Audit Compliance Officer AML Officer

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD MANDATES AND COMPARABLE FUNCTIONS

The following describes the Supervisory Board mandates and comparable functions of Managing Board members as of 31 December 2018 at other Austrian or foreign stock

corporations, which are not fully consolidated in the consolidated financial statements. Members not listed in the following do not have any comparable functions:

#### David O'LEARY

Name of the company	Function
Amundi Austria GmbH	Supervisory Board member
BAWAG P.S.K. Versicherung AG	Supervisory Board member

#### Sat SHAH

Name of the company	Function
BAWAG P.S.K. Versicherung AG	Supervisory Board member

### SUPERVISORY BOARD

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

As of 31 December 2018, the Supervisory Board was composed of the following members:

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD of BAWAG Group as of 31 December 2018

Name	Function	Year of Birth	Date of first appointment	End of current tenure
Pieter KORTEWEG	Chairperson	1941	15.09.2017	1)
Christopher BRODY	Deputy Chairperson	1968	15.09.2017	2)
Egbert FLEISCHER	Deputy Chairperson	1957	15.09.2017	2)
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	Member	1950	15.09.2017	2)
Frederick S. HADDAD	Member	1948	15.09.2017	1)
Adam ROSMARIN	Member	1963	15.09.2017	2)
Ingrid STREIBEL-ZARFL	Delegated by the Works Council	1959	25.10.2017	
Beatrix PRÖLL	Delegated by the Works Council	1958	25.10.2017	
Verena SPITZ	Delegated by the Works Council	1970	25.10.2017	

<sup>1)</sup> Until revoked.

#### Members who left the Supervisory Board since BAWAG Group's declaration of commitment

Name	Function	End of tenure
None		

#### INDEPENDENCE OF SUPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

According to the company's "Independency criteria for members of the Supervisory Board of BAWAG Group AG", a member of the Supervisory Board shall be deemed independent if said member does not have any business or personal relations to the company or its Managing Board that constitute a material conflict of interests and are therefore suited to influence the behavior of the member. The Supervisory Board shall also follow the guidelines below when defining the criteria for the assessment of the independence of a member of the Supervisory Board:

- ▶ The Supervisory Board member has not been a member of the Managing Board or Managing Director or a management-level staff of the company or a subsidiary in the two years prior to the appointment.
- ▶ The Supervisory Board member does not maintain or has not maintained in the past year any business relations with the company or one of its subsidiaries to an extent of significance for the member of the Supervisory Board. This shall also apply to relationships

- with companies in which a member of the Supervisory Board has a considerable economic interest, but not for exercising functions in the bodies of the Group. The approval of individual transactions by the Supervisory Board pursuant to L Rule 48 does not automatically mean the person is qualified as not independent.
- ▶ The Supervisory Board member has not acted as auditor of the company or has owned a share in the auditing company or has worked there as an employee in the past three years.
- ▶ The Supervisory Board member is not a member of the Managing Board of another company in which a member of the Managing Board of the company is a Supervisory Board member.
- ▶ The Supervisory Board member has not belonged to the Supervisory Board of the company for more than 15 years. This shall not apply to Supervisory Board members who are shareholders with an entrepreneurial investment in the company or who represent the interests of such a shareholder.

<sup>2)</sup> Until the end of the Annual General Meeting deciding on the discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board for the financial year 2022.

▶ The Supervisory Board member is not a close family member (direct descendants, spouses, companions, parents, uncles, aunts, siblings, nieces, nephews) of a member of the Managing Board of the company or of persons who are in a position described in the points above.

According to their own accounts, the following members are regarded as independent pursuant to C Rule 53:

#### Independence of Supervisory Board members

Name	Independent	
Pieter KORTEWEG	YES	
Christopher BRODY	YES	
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	YES	
Egbert FLEISCHER	YES	
Frederick S. HADDAD	YES	
Adam ROSMARIN	YES	

## SUPERVISORY BOARD MANDATES AND COMPARABLE FUNCTIONS AT LISTED COMPANIES

The following describes the Supervisory Board mandates and comparable functions of Supervisory Board members at listed companies in Austria and abroad as of 31

December 2018. Members not listed in the following do not have any functions at listed companies.

#### As of 31 December 2018

#### **Pieter KORTEWEG**

Name of listed company	Function
AerCap Holdings NV	Chairperson

#### Kim FENNEBRESQUE

Name of listed company	Function
Ally Financial	Member
BlueLinx Holdings	Chairperson
Ribbon Communications	Member

#### **Christopher BRODY**

Name of listed company	Function
eMagin Corp	Member

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD ACTIVITY REPORT

In 2018 the Supervisory Board convened for four meetings and adopted three resolutions via circular resolutions. No member of the Supervisory Board failed to personally attend more than half of the meetings of the Supervisory Board.

The Supervisory Board focused on the annual financial statements and the consolidated financial statements for 2017. The Supervisory Board discussed the appointment of the external auditor for 2019.

Other material topics which the Supervisory Board dealt with were the BAWAG Group's strategy, regular updates on digital transformation, M&A and integration (Südwestbank), discussions on the budget 2019, the mid-term plan and the acquisition and integration of Deutscher Ring Bausparkasse. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board was regularly informed about the progress of the new headquarter (ICON), the new branch concept (Concept 21) and several retail initiatives.

#### SUPERVISORY BOARD COMMITTEES

The Supervisory Board has the following committees:

- ▶ Audit and Compliance Committee
- ▶ Risk and Credit Committee
- ▶ Nomination and Remuneration Committee
- ▶ Committee for Management Board Matters
- ▶ Related Parties Special Audit Committee

The following section describes the composition and the activities of the individual committees.

#### **Audit and Compliance Committee**

Name	Function
Adam ROSMARIN	Chairperson
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	Deputy Chairperson
Egbert FLEISCHER	Member
Frederick S. HADDAD	Member
Ingrid STREIBEL-ZARFL	Delegated by the Works Council
Verena SPITZ	Delegated by the Works Council

#### **Decision Making Powers**

The Audit and Compliance Committee reviews the company's accounts and the annual financial statements and monitors the company's internal control system as well as the independence and work of the external auditor. The annual audit plans and regular reports of Internal Audit and the Compliance Office are submitted to the Audit and Compliance Committee. The Head of Internal Audit and the Compliance Officer have direct access to the Chairperson and members of the Audit and Compliance Committee.

#### **Activity Report 2018**

The Audit and Compliance Committee held four meetings, a telephone conference call and adopted one resolution via circular resolution. The Audit and Compliance Committee discussed the quarterly reports by Internal Audit and the Compliance Office as well as the audit plans 2019 of Internal Audit and of Compliance of BAWAG P.S.K. AG. The annual audit process for 2018 was also presented. Furthermore, regular updates on legal issues, compliance and AML topics were given. The external auditor as well as the Head of Internal Audit attended all meetings.

#### **Risk and Credit Committee**

Name	Function
Christopher BRODY	Chairperson
Frederick S. HADDAD	Deputy Chairperson
Egbert FLEISCHER	Member
Adam ROSMARIN	Member
Ingrid STREIBEL-ZARFL	Delegated by the Works Council
Beatrix PRÖLL	Delegated by the Works Council

#### **Decision Making Powers**

The committee advises the Supervisory Board on the current and future risk-bearing ability and risk strategy of the Group and monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of the risk management systems and compliance with the legal provisions and regulatory requirements.

#### **Activity Report 2018**

The Risk and Credit Committee held four meetings and adopted eight resolutions via circular resolutions. The Risk and Credit Committee discussed the Group Risk Report, which includes the calculation of the risk-bearing capacity and reports on corporate, retail and market risk. In addition, the credit risk validation reports 2018, an update on regulatory topics as well as the risk planning guidelines of the Group were presented to the committee.

#### **Nomination and Remuneration Committee**

Name	Function
Pieter KORTEWEG	Chairperson
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	Deputy Chairperson
Christopher BRODY	Member
Egbert FLEISCHER	Member
Ingrid STREIBEL-ZARFL	Delegated by the Works Council
Beatrix PRÖLL	Delegated by the Works Council

#### **Decision Making Powers**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee deals with Managing Board succession planning and the regular Fit & Proper evaluation of Managing Board and Supervisory Board members. The committee further deals with the general principles of the company's remuneration policy. It also monitors the remuneration policy, remuneration practices and remuneration-based incentive structures pursuant to section 39c BWG, except for those pertaining to Managing Board members.

#### **Activity Report 2018**

The Nomination and Remuneration Committee held two meetings. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee approved the amendments of the remuneration policy and acknowledged the mandates of Managing Board members which they hold outside the Group.

#### **Committee for Management Board Matters**

Name	Function
Pieter KORTEWEG	Chairperson
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	Deputy Chairperson
Christopher BRODY	Member
Egbert FLEISCHER	Member
Frederick S. HADDAD	Member

#### **Decision Making Powers**

The Committee for Management Board Matters deals with relationships between the company and the members of the Managing Board. The committee decides on the provisions of executive and severance agreements with Managing Board members. It also monitors the

remuneration policy, remuneration practices and remuneration-based incentive structures pursuant to section 39c BWG pertaining to Managing Board members. The committee further deals with individual matters of remuneration for Management Board members.

#### **Activity Report 2018**

The Committee for Management Board Matters held two meetings and a telephone conference call in which it discussed and approved the amendments of the Group's remuneration policy. Furthermore, the committee dealt with succession planning.

#### **Related Parties Special Audit Committee**

Name	Function
Christopher BRODY	Chairperson
Adam ROSMARIN	Deputy Chairperson
Kim FENNERBRESQUE	Member
Egbert FLEISCHER	Member
Ingrid STREIBL-ZARFL	Delegated by the Works Council
Beatrix PRÖLL	Delegated by the Works Council

#### **Decision Making Powers**

The Related Parties Special Audit Committee audits whether transactions of BAWAG Group and BAWAG Group's subsidiaries with related parties pursuant to IAS 24 are granted at arm's length terms.

#### Activity Report 2018

The Related Parties Special Audit Committee held one meeting.

# INFORMATION ABOUT THE REMUNERATION OF THE MANAGING BOARD AND SUPERVISORY BOARD

For their activities as members of the Supervisory Board of BAWAG Group AG during the reporting period, members of the Supervisory Board were entitled to the following remuneration:

Remuneration for financial year 2018			
in € thousand	Remuneration		
Pieter KORTEWEG	87.5		
Christopher BRODY	78.75		
Kim FENNEBRESQUE	57.5		
Egbert FLEISCHER	81.25		
Frederick S. HADDAD	52.5		
Adam ROSMARIN	56.25		

The remuneration policy of BAWAG Group determines the principles of the compensation of Managing Board members in consideration of European and Austrian legal framework. The remuneration policy is compatible with an effective risk management. It is designed to align the personal objectives of the Managing Board members with the long-term interests of BAWAG Group and to ensure an appropriate balance between fixed and variable remuneration components. The variable remuneration is determined on the basis of the individual's success (in quantitative and qualitative terms) as well as on the success of the company. In deciding on any awards of a variable compensation to members of the Managing Board, the Committee for Management Board matters takes into account apart from the evaluation of the performance criteria, the market situation and market trends, the appropriateness of bonus payments, the risk trends and

the strengthening of the equity base. Payments of contributions to pensions funds have been agreed with the members of the Managing Board individually. In case of termination of their function, entitlements and claims of members of the Managing Board will also be agreed on an individual basis. Managing Board and Supervisory Board members are covered by a D&O insurance at the level of BAWAG Group AG.

In accordance with the legal framework, identified staff, and therefore for Managing Board members, receive the bonus distributed over a period of five years and at least 50% in shares of BAWAG Group AG provided a certain amount of the variable remuneration is reached. The proportion of shares of the variable compensation for identified staff leads to a high level of alignment between the interests of the management and the shareholders focused on a growth of the corporate value as externally communicated to the shareholders.

The remuneration policy restricts bonus awards to 100% of fixed compensation. If a bonus award above 100% of fixed compensation shall be granted the process according to the Austrian Banking Act has to be observed. A Committee for Management Board Matters is in place to deal with individual matters of remuneration for Management Board members, which also monitors the implementation of the remuneration policy and submits regular reports on its activities to the Supervisory Board.

The remuneration of the members of the Managing Board is illustrated in the following table:

Remuneration for financial year 2018						
	Fixed					
in € thousand	salaries	Other remuneration	Bonus	Total		
Anas ABUZAAKOUK	3,000	2,220	1,450	6,670		
Stefan BARTH	1,500	410	300	2,210		
David O'LEARY	1,750	1,590	1,400	4,740		
Enver SIRUCIC	1,500	400	1,350	3,250		
Sat SHAH	2,250	1,970	1,000	5,220		
Andrew WISE	2,250	1,690	1,100	5,040		
Total	12,500	8,030	6,600	27,130		

## REFINEMENT OF THE DIVERSITY RULES

Rule L 52, which was incorporated from Sec 87 para 2a of the Stock Corporation Act, requires that the aspects of diversity be appropriately taken into consideration in the Supervisory Board with regard to the representation of both genders and the age structure and, at listed companies, also with regard to the internationality of its members.

According to the interpretation of the Austrian Working Group for Corporate Governance, the individual bodies to whom each rule is addressed are responsible for compliance with Corporate Governance principles pursuant to Rule C 61. Although Rule L 52 is not directly binding for shareholders, compliance with Corporate Governance principles should be strived for by the company in general. To this end, the shareholders should be encouraged to

implement the rule, for example, by referring to it at the Annual General Meeting or in the published documents for the Annual General Meeting. Compliance with the rule is therefore achieved by making reference at the Annual General Meeting or in the documents for the Annual General Meeting to the principles for appointing members to the Supervisory Board including the importance of taking appropriate consideration of the aspects of diversity.

BAWAG Group takes into account the members' expert knowledge, internationality, age structure and professional reliability. The Nomination and Remuneration Committee has defined a target ratio for the underrepresented gender among the Supervisory Board and the Managing Board.

## MEASURES TAKEN TO PROMOTE WOMEN ON THE MANAGING BOARD, THE SUPERVISORY BOARD AND IN MANAGEMENT POSITIONS

The preamble of the Code governs companies' responsibility toward society and recommends that appropriate voluntary measures and initiatives be taken such as to reconcile work and family life. According to Rule L 60, the Corporate Governance Report must contain measures taken to promote women on the Managing Board, on the Supervisory Board and in management positions as well as in key functions within BAWAG Group.

BAWAG Group makes efforts to implement initiatives and measures aimed, for example, at increasing the number of women in management positions.

#### Women's promotion program

Since 2012, BAWAG has had a women's promotion program, which was jointly evaluated by the BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Initiative and the works council in 2018 and was agreed in writing with BAWAG P.S.K.

It serves as a binding framework to promote equality and equal opportunities for women and men in the enterprise.

The women's promotion program is based on four principles and concrete measures:

- Awareness raising
- ▶ Same career opportunities
- ▶ Financial equality
- Promoting a better balance between career and family for women and men, especially the provision of targeted information for employees before, during and after parental leave

#### **BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Initiative**

The BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Initiative is an association of female experts and executives from all areas of the bank and existed since 2010. The initiative aims to promote gender equality in the bank and to support the exchange of experience and knowledge as well as networking within and outside the company. In addition to the yearly BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Prize, the BAWAG P.S.K. Women Mentoring Program is regularly held with the aim of supporting female employees, experts and managers in their professional and personal development.

#### **BAWAG P.S.K. Women Mentoring Program**

BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Initiative together with Human Resources organized in the past years a one-year women mentoring program for female employees, experts and leaders of BAWAG P.S.K. Group interested in advancing their professional development and their internal networks through a mentoring relationship. In 2018 the program was successfully continued.: Female leaders and experts of BAWAG P.S.K. have been mentored for one year by top executives from the BAWAG Group.

#### **BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Prize**

The BAWAG P.S.K. Women's Prize was awarded for the first time in 2013 in order to set a visible example. This EUR 5,000 award is given in recognition of outstanding achievements by women or special commitment to furthering women in society.

The prize is awarded to women who set an outstanding example for women on the basis of their achievements and commitment, especially in the areas of

- > science, journalism and art,
- social commitment.
- intercultural understanding,
- promoting equality of opportunity between women and men and
- creating awareness for the role of women in the professional environment.

In 2018, the prize was awarded to Dr. Martina Mara, university professor for roboter-psychology, Linz Institute of Technology of the Johannes Kepler Universität Linz. Her research is about making the technological future as comfortable as possible for us and is incorporating psychological insights into the development of robots. With her trendsetting research in the field of robotics, Martina Mara is a role model and pioneer at the same time.

#### **Audit family and career**

In 2013, BAWAG P.S.K. was audited and distinguished by the Ministry of Science, Research and Economy as a "family-friendly company." BAWAG P.S.K. is committed to enabling a good work-life balance. Following the expiration of the three-year basic certificate, BAWAG P.S.K. started the

re-auditing process in summer 2016. This process was successfully completed at year-end 2016. The seven new measures that were defined will be implemented in an ongoing process until end of 2019. In conjunction with the "berufundfamilie" career and family audit, BAWAG P.S.K. also joined the "Network of Family-Friendly Companies" in 2016.

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