Remuneration Report 2024 – Evolution AB (publ)

Remuneration Report for Evolution AB (publ), corporate ID 556994-5792 (Evolution) according to Chapter 8 Section 53 a of the Swedish Companies Act (2005:551).

1. Introduction

This Remuneration Report gives an overview of how the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives of Evolution, adopted by the Annual General Meeting 2024, have been applied in 2024. The Remuneration Report also contains detailed information about the remuneration to the CEO of Evolution. In addition, the report also contains a compilation of Evolution's outstanding share-based incentive programme. The Remuneration Report has been prepared in accordance with Chapter 8, Section 53 a of the Swedish Companies Act (2005:551), the Swedish Code of Corporate Governance Board's Rules on Remuneration of the Board and Executive Management and on Incentive Programmes.

Information according to Chapter 5, Sections 40-44 of the Annual Reports Act (1995:1554) is available in Note 5 on pages 96-98 in Evolution's Annual Report for 2024 (Annual Report 2024).

The Board of Directors has appointed a Remuneration Committee consisting of Joel Citron (Chairman), Ian Livingstone and Sandra Urie. Joel Citron and Sandra Urie are independent in relation to Evolution and the Company's management, Ian Livingstone is related to one of Evolution's larger shareholders and is not independent to Evolution, but to the Company's management. Information regarding the Remuneration Committee's work in 2024 can be found in the Corporate Governance Report on page 69 in the Annual Report 2024.

Remuneration to the Board of Directors who are not employed by Evolution is not covered by this report. Remuneration to the Board of Directors is resolved annually by the Annual General Meeting of Evolution and is presented in Note 5 on pages 96-98 in the Annual Report 2024. The Board of Directors receives no remuneration in addition to remuneration resolved by the Annual General Meeting, except for any travel expenses in connection with board meetings.

2. Significant events in 2024

Evolution's development in 2024

The CEO of Evolution summaries the Company's development in his statement on pages 5-6 in the Annual Report 2024.

Overview of the application of the guidelines for remuneration to senior executives in 2024

A successful implementation of Evolution's business strategy and the safeguarding of the Company's and the shareholders' long-term interests, including its sustainability, require that the Company can recruit and retain qualified employees. To do this, the Company needs to be able to offer market-based remuneration. The Remuneration Guidelines enable senior executives to be offered market-based remuneration.

According to the Remuneration Guidelines, the remuneration to the Company's management must be market-based and may consist of a fixed cash salary, pension benefits and other benefits. In addition, the Annual General Meeting may – and regardless of the Remuneration Guidelines – resolve on, for example, share and share price related remuneration or incentive programmes based on warrants, as well as remuneration to the Board of Directors. The Remuneration Guidelines adopted by the Annual General Meeting 2024 can be found on page 70 in the Annual Report 2024. The Auditor's Report on whether the Remuneration Guidelines have been followed is available on Evolution's website <u>evolution.com/investors</u>.

The Remuneration Committee has evaluated the performance of the CEO in 2024 and prepared the Board of Director's resolution on remuneration for the CEO as well as for other persons in the Company's management. Furthermore, the Remuneration Committee has reviewed the Remuneration Guidelines. The Remuneration Committee has also reviewed the Company's remuneration structures and remuneration levels, including the Company's incentive programme. A long-term ownership interest in the Company is encouraged through the

possibility for the Company's management to purchase warrants in the incentive programme that is aimed for employees in Evolution.

In 2024, Evolution did not make any deviations from the decision-making process that, according to the Remuneration Guidelines, must be applied to determine the remuneration.

Table 1 – Total remuneration to the CEO

Name of director (position)	Financial year	1 Fixed remuneration			3 Extraordinary remuneration		5 Total remuneration	6 Portion of fixed and
		Basesalary	Other benefits	-				variable remuneration
Martin Carlesund (CEO)	2024	3,086	3	-	-	438	3,527	100/0
	2023	2,613	14	-	2,232 ¹⁾	-	4,859	100/0

Table 1 below sets out the total remuneration to the CEO of Evolution in EUR thousands.

Other benefits comprise company car and health care insurance.

¹⁾ Conditional for acquiring warrants in Evolution.

3. Share-based remuneration

Outstanding share and share-related incentive programme

Evolution currently has one outstanding incentive programme with subscription in 2026. Senior executives, including the CEO, have had the opportunity to acquire warrants in this programme, like other employees in Evolution.

Incentive programme 2023/2026: The Extra General Meeting on 9 November 2023 resolved to issue a maximum of 2,500,000 warrants. Each warrant entitles to subscribe for one new share in the Company of SEK 1,296.60 during the period from and including 16 November 2026 (however not earlier than the day after the publication of the Company's interim report for the period January-September 2026, the "First Exercise Date") up to and including the date that falls 14 calendar days thereafter.

In total 1,995,389 warrants were subscribed. If all 1,995,389 warrants are exercised for subscription of 1,995,389 shares, the dilution effect will be approximately 0.9 percent. The recipients were key employees throughout the Group. Employees in Sweden and Georgia paid the market value for the warrants. Other employees paid market value for one warrant, while receiving one without payment for each warrant that had been paid for. For warrants acquired at market value, the price (warrant premium) has been determined using Black & Scholes valuation model, with the valuation being carried out by Svalner Skatt.

Table 2 – Incentive programmes based on warrants, CEO

	Principal terms and conditions of the incentive programme				Financial year 2024				
					Opening			Closing	
					balance	During the year		balance	
Name of	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
director	Programme	Premium	Subscription	Subscription	Warrants at	Warrants	Warrants	Warrants at	
(position)		paid and	period /	price and	beginning of	alloted	exercised	end of the	
		allotment	subscription	subscription	the year			year	
		date	dates	dates for					
				shares					
Martin Carlesund (CEO)	2023/2026		16/11/2026						
		SEK 86.00	until and	SEK 1,296.60	175,000	-	-	175,000	
		16/11/2023	including						
			30/11/2026						
			20/03/2024						
	2021/2024	SEK 72.60	until and	SEK 1,113.80	650,000		-650,000	0	
		20/03/2021	including		050,000	-	-030,000	J	
			20/04/2024						

4. Compliance with the Remuneration Guidelines and application of performance criteria

Evolution's vision is to be the world's leading provider of online casino by making gaming operators successful and offering an unbeatable gaming experience for their end users. Evolution strives to constantly improve its offering and at the same time develop the entire online casino market through product innovation at the forefront. Evolution's market-leading position is mainly based on the competitive advantage that has come from the Company's operational cutting-edge expertise and sophisticated platform that provides scalability and the opportunity to expand without having to replicate software locally. This enables continued development and provides shareholder value.

A successful implementation of the Company's business strategy and the safeguarding of the Company's and shareholders' long-term interests, including sustainability, require the Company to be able to recruit and retain qualified employees. To do this, the Company needs to be able to offer market-based remuneration. Because the CEO's individual goals are linked to the overall goals of Evolution, these contribute to the Company's business strategy and the safeguarding of the Company's and shareholders' long-term interests.

Evolution does not apply variable remuneration for the CEO. Therefore, there is no variable remuneration that is linked to certain performance criteria.

5. Comparison of the Company's performance and changes in remuneration

Table 3 – Change in remuneration and the Company's performance during the last five reported financial years, EUR thousand

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Remuneration to the CEO	1,384	7,715 ¹⁾	2,122	4,859 ²⁾	3,527
Evolution's operating profit	299,700	654,004	908,062	1,142,730	1,419,553
Remuneration per employee ³⁾	107	330 ⁴⁾	127	333 ⁵⁾	169

¹⁾ EUR 5,759 thousand conditional for acquiring warrants in Evolution.

 $^{\rm 2)}$ EUR 2,232 thousand conditional for acquiring warrants in Evolution.

³⁾ Average remuneration on a full-time equivalent basis for employees in the Parent Company, excluding senior executives.

 $^{\rm 4)}$ EUR 196 thousand per employee conditional for acquiring warrants in Evolution.

⁵⁾ EUR 137 thousand per employee conditional for acquiring warrants in Evolution.