

### **BOARD READY WOMEN**

The Board's Role in Executive and Director Compensation

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#### The Board's Role

#### Foresight vs Hindsight

• Strategy, capital, talent vs Compliance

#### **Compensation Related Responsibilities**

- CEO succession (promoting, hiring, terminating)
- Talent management, culture, D&I
- Setting and evaluating corporate performance goals
- Disclosure

#### **Governance Tools**

- Board & Committee Charters
- Board effectiveness reviews
- Defined compensation cycle

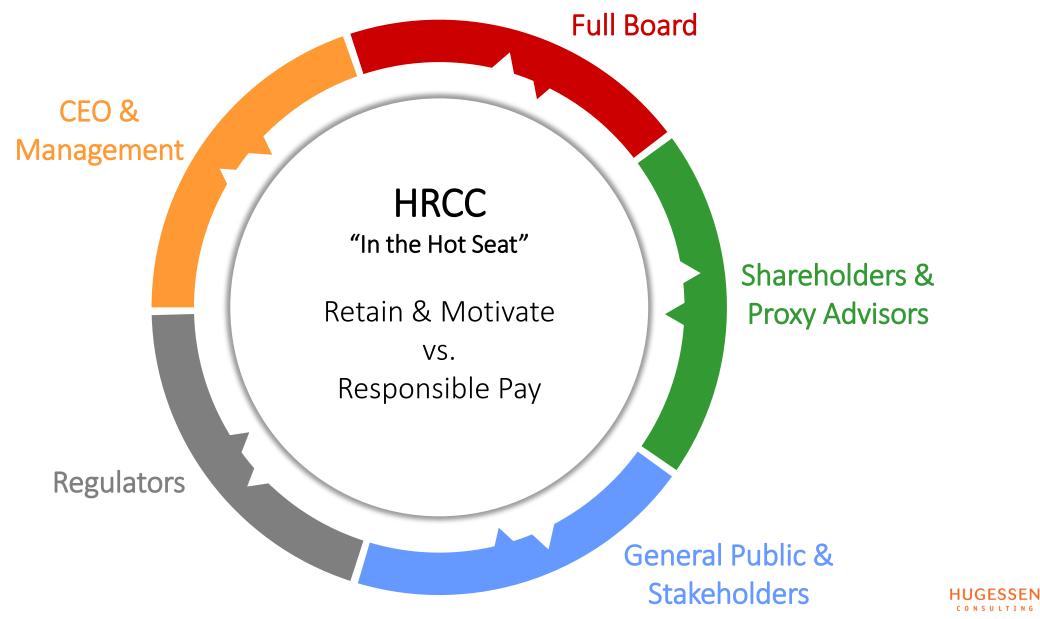
#### How do Boards lean in

- 1. Determines the extent of "nose in" and "fingers out"
  - a. On which topics and when?
- 2. Process is helpful
  - a. Compensation philosophy
  - b. Understanding performance
  - c. Collaboration between Board members, CEO and management





### The Role of the HRCC



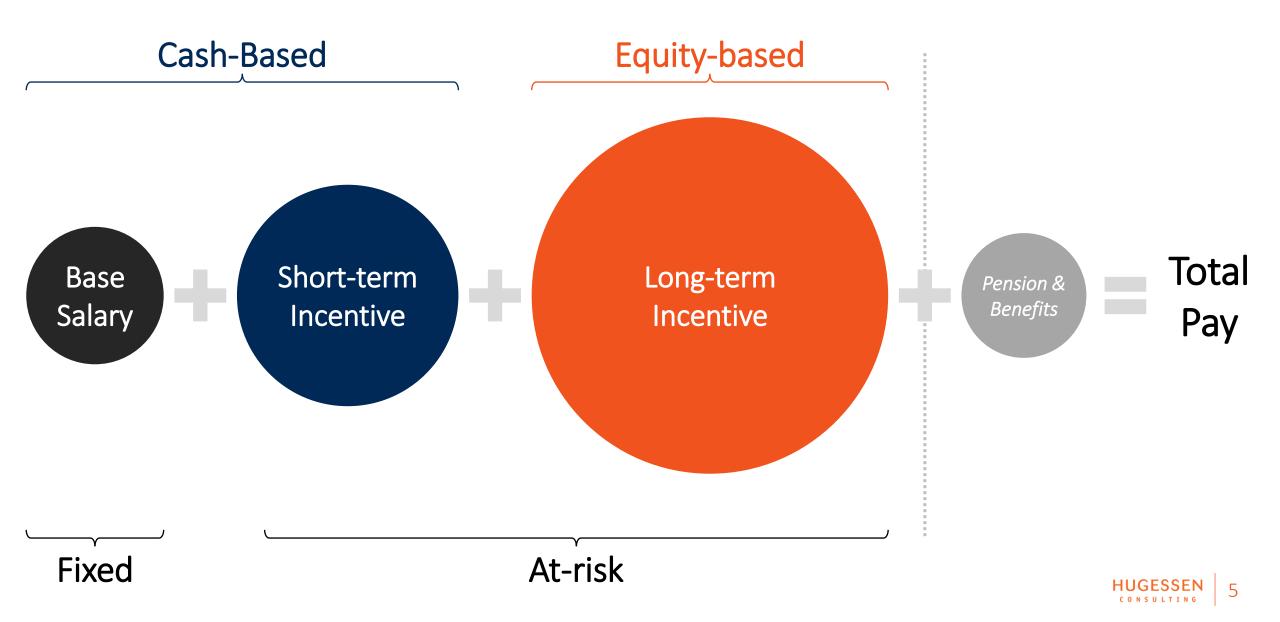
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# Pay Policy & Comparator Group

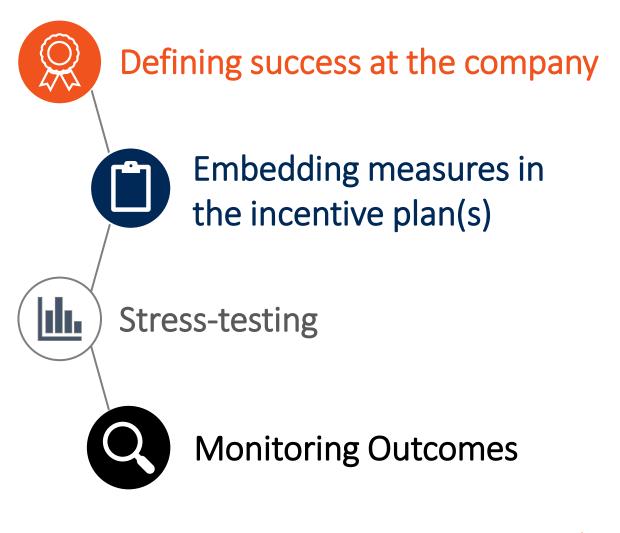




### Typical Components of Executive Compensation



# The Incentive Program Life Cycle





#### Executive Pay Trends – TSX 60

- CEO pay increases typically implemented through the LTIP
- Slightly higher CEO transitions
- STIP design Increased emphasis, prevalence of ESG metrics
- PSU design incorporation of ESG metrics, and increased number of financial metrics
- AGM trends
  - Environmental proposals at Banks
  - Social proposals
- Director pay levels increasing



### Prevailing ESG Issues

Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) topics have been experiencing increased airtime within Board rooms

- Many definitions of ESG
- Progress has been made on the Governance front
- ESG metrics in incentive plans (outside of Safety in extraction businesses)
  - Ex. Royal Dutch Shell (Net Carbon Footprint), PepsiCo (Water Replenishment)
- Gender pay equity and diversity & inclusion initiatives
  - Ex. Top of mind for major Canadian banks TD Bank has disclosed introduction of ESG scorecard in its executive compensation program, which includes D&I initiatives

# Shareholder Community & Engagement

Major Institutional Shareholders

- Policy compliance
- Pay for Performance
- ESG



Shareholder Association

- Guidance
- Best practices



# Appendix

### Typical HRCC Mandate

#### Annually

- Set CEO target pay
- Set CEO performance level
- Review and approve CEO's recommendations for executive compensation
- Approve incentives & performance conditions
- Talent management
- Review of processes and policies
- Approve disclosure

#### Every 2-3 years

- Comprehensive compensation policy review
- Incentive plan design review

#### Event-driven

- CEO and executives hire and terminations (e.g. contracts, severance)
- Organisational changes
- Major internal/external events (e.g. commodity shocks, executive fraud, etc.)

#### **HRCC Best Practices**

✓ Select independent HRCC members and Chair

 Schedule in camera sessions at the beginning and end of every HRCC meeting, and provide an in camera report to non-executive Board members

Make major decisions over 2 or 3 meetings

Retain independent advisor(s) as determined by the Committee

✓ Stay up to date on evolving executive compensation rules, trends, and best practices

✓ Get updates from management early and often, and engage in proactive decision-making

✓ Have a **strong sense of performance** when going into year-end decisions

## Evolving Pay Philosophy Through Business Maturity

Founder / Venture Capital	Private Equity	Venture-Listed	TSX Listed	
< \$50 million	REVENUES		> \$2 billion	
Business DrivenCost Focus•Affordability•Dilution•Profit Share	COMPE	SURES NSATION ERATIONS	Governance & Business Driven Value Focus • Responsibility • Compensation value • Motivate / Retain	
Widely accepted minimum standard practices	GOVERNANCE	APPROACHES	Emerging Governance Practices	
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**Focused** A few measures (no / limited discretion)

Comprehensive	Multiple metrics and more discretion (e.g.,
	scorecard)

Hybrid	Formula modified by informed judgement



### Stress-Testing

	<ul> <li>How would the plan have paid out under historical performance?</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Evaluating the positive / negative impact of exogenous factors</li> </ul>	
Sharing Ratio	Back- Testing	Forward / Stress- Testing	Impact of Exogenous factors	Dilution Analysis
<ul> <li>How much revenue/profit is being shared with management?</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Testing against extreme performance scenarios</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Evaluating the impact of equity grants on dilution / share reserve</li> <li>HUGESSEN</li> </ul>

### Monitoring Outcomes

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### Incentive Design Best Practices

- ✓ Keep it simple both for participants and shareholders
- Regular review for incentive alignment with overall company objectives
- Create a forum and culture which encourages open dialogue
- Test for reasonableness
- Use judgement



Can't anticipate all scenarios

✓ Getting it 80% "right" is pretty darn good!



### Examples of ESG in Incentive Plans

There are several approaches to incorporating an ESG metric into a short term incentive plan; below we outline three common methods and examples

#### Bucket

- Here, a company uses a weighted component of its scorecard that constitutes a "bucket" of various metrics, typically with unspecified weights
- This approach is often a starting point for introducing ESG metrics into an incentive program, as it naturally lends itself to a more discretionary approach

#### Discrete Metric

- This approach is how we most often see other types of measures (such as financial and operational) incorporated into a corporate scorecard
- This approach suggests a clearer sense of performance targets and shoulders, but may require focusing in on a few key metrics

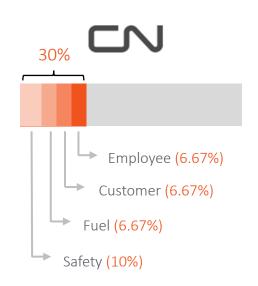
#### Modifier

- A modifier is a mechanism outside of the scorecard that can modify the results up or down, based on pre-determined criteria
- In the Scotiabank example outlined below, a "bucket" of metrics is used to evaluate the appropriate modification

30% Reducing GHG Emission Diversity and Inclusion Safety and Operational Reliability

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Thank You!

