# Corporate governance

This corporate governance report is part of the directors' report.

#### Corporate governance in Opus Group AB 2015

Corporate governance in Opus Group is based on both external and internal instruments of control.

#### External instruments of control

External instruments of control include Swedish legislation (in particular, the Swedish Companies Act), the Swedish Corporate Governance Code ("the Code"), and the NASDAQ Stockholm listing requirements as specified in "Rule Book for Issuers".

#### Swedish Corporate Governance Code

Since July 2, 2013, the Company's shares have been listed for trade on NASDAQ Stockholm, and the Company has applied the Code from this date. Under the principle of "comply or explain", it is possible for the Company to deviate from the Code and choose other solutions deemed to better respond to the circumstances of the individual case, provided that the Company openly reports each such deviation, describes the chosen solution, and states the reason for this

#### Internal instruments of control

The most important internal instrument of control is the Articles of Association adopted by the Annual General Meeting. This is followed by the Board's rules of procedure and the Board's instructions to the CEO. In addition, the Board has established a number of policies, guidelines and instructions with binding rules for the entire Group. All policies are reviewed annually.

# Annual General Meeting

The shareholders' right to decide on the Company's affairs is exercised at the Annual General Meeting, or, where appropriate, at Extraordinary General Meetings, which is Opus Group's highest decision-making body.

The Annual General Meeting is usually held in April or May in Gothenburg. The Meeting appoints the members and the Chairman of the Board, elects the auditor, decides whether to approve the parent company's and the consolidated income statement and balance sheet, decides on the distribution of Company profits, decides whether to discharge the Board members and CEO from liability, and decides on director remuneration and auditor fees, etc.

Notice of the Annual General Meeting and of any Extraordinary General Meeting at which amendments to the Articles of Association will be addressed must be given no earlier than six and no later than four weeks before the Meeting. Notice of any other Extraordinary General Meeting must, in respect of companies whose shares are traded on a regulated market, be given no earlier than six weeks and no

later than two weeks before the Meeting.

Notice of the General Meeting will be published in the notification medium Post- och Inrikes Tidningar and on the Company's website. Indication that notice has been given will be published in the financial newspaper Dagens Industri.

#### 2015 Annual General Meeting

The last Annual General Meeting took place at Elite Park Avenue Hotel, Kungsportsavenyn 36-38 in Gothenburg on May 21, 2015. 151 shareholders and proxies were in attendance at the Meeting. These owners represented 106,244,105 shares, equal to 37 percent of the number of shares and votes in the Company. The Annual General Meeting adopted the financial statements for 2014 and discharged the Board and CEO from liability for 2014 management.

# The following decisions were made at the Annual General Meeting on May 21, 2015:

- The decision was made for a dividend of SEK 0.09 per share.
- Re-election of board members: Göran Nordlund (Chairman), Lothar Geilen, Jan Åke Jonsson, and Anders Lönnqvist
- Election of Heléne Mellquist as board member. Eva-Lotta Kraft chose to decline re-election.
- Selection of registered auditing company KMPG AB as auditor, with authorized public account Jan Malm as head auditor.
- The nomination committee's proposal for instructions to the next nomination committee were approved.
- Remuneration to executive officers in accordance with the Board's proposal for guidelines.
- Remuneration to the Board and the Audit Committee as proposed by the nomination committee.
- In accordance with the Board's proposal, the Board has been given mandate, for the period up until the next Annual General Meeting, to decide on new issue of shares corresponding to up to 10 percent of the existing share capital.

The full minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting are available at www.opus.se.

#### For the 2016 Annual General Meeting

Opus Group's 2016 Annual General Meeting will be held Thursday, May 19, 2016 in Gothenburg. For information on the Annual General Meeting, see page 37.

#### Nomination committee

Opus Group's nomination committee is tasked with submitting proposals to the AGM regarding the number of Board members to be elected by the meeting, Board and auditor remuneration, any remuneration for committee work, the composition of the Board, Board chair, chairman of the AGM, decisions on election nominations and selection of auditors.

The nomination committee shall consist of at least five members and shall be appointed after the Chairman of the Board has identified the number of votes held by the four largest shareholders in Opus Group AB. The identification shall be based on the share register and nominee list administrated by Euroclear Sweden AB, and shall refer to those registered in their own name or as part of an ownership group as of September 30.

The Chairman of the Board shall then, as soon as reasonably possible and in an appropriate manner, contact the four identified shareholders and request that they, in writing and within a reasonable amount of time (which shall not exceed 30 days), name the person that the shareholder would like to appoint as a member of the nomination committee

The composition of the nomination committee for the 2016 Annual General Meeting is presented in the table below. The nomination committee has met five times in preparation for the 2016 Annual General Meeting. No remuneration has been paid for work in the nomination committee. To satisfy the requirement of the Code that a majority of nomination committee members must be independent of the Company and its management, Lothar Geilen appointed Carl Schneider to represent his votes.

#### Composition of the nomination committee

Name	Representing	Percentage of votes as of September 30, 2015
Martin Jonasson	Second Swedish National Pension Fund – AP2	6.4%
Jörgen Hentschel	AB Kommandoran	14.5%
Carl Schneider	Lothar Geilen	6.8%
Henrik Wagner Jørgensen	Himself	3.6%
Göran Nordlund	In his role as Chairman of the Board	0.8%

## The Board and its work

Under the Articles of Association, the Opus Group Board shall consist of no fewer than four and no more than six members, with maximum five deputy members. Board members are appointed for maximum one year at a time. The Company's CEO is not a member of the Board. The Opus Group Board consists of five members. According to the Swedish Corporate Governance Code, a majority of the elected board members must be independent of the Company and its management. Board member Lothar Geilen is division manager of the Vehicle Inspection division and therefore cannot be considered independent of the Company and its management in accordance with the Code. Other board members are independent of the Company, its management, and its major shareholders.

Board responsibilities include being responsible for the company's organization and management of the company's affairs, ensuring that the company's organization is structured so that the accounting, cash management and the company's financial condition in general can be controlled in a satisfactory manner and that it is continuously possible to assess the financial situation of the company and the Group. The Board is accountable to shareholders for the organization and management of the company.

The Board shall establish rules of procedure for the Board

and instructions to the CEO. The Board also decides on changes to the adopted rules of procedure for the Board and the instructions to the CEO.

In 2015, the Board has addressed issues related to various investments, operations, financing, and other routine accounting and corporate law issues. According to the current rules of procedure, after the post-election meeting following the Annual General Meeting, the Board shall meet on at least five scheduled occasions during the financial year. In 2015, the Board met 23 times, including the post-election meeting. Attendance at these board meetings has been very high.

#### Board meeting attendance 2015

Board member	Number of meetings
Göran Nordlund	23
Lothar Geilen	21
Eva-Lotta Kraft	15
Jan Åke Jonsson	23
Anders Lönnqvist	22
Heléne Mellquist	7

#### Evaluation of the Board's work

The Chairman of the Board is responsible for evaluating the Board's work. In 2015, the Chairman held individual meetings with all board members and both surveys and individual interviews were conducted with the members. The results were presented and discussed among the Board and the nomination committee. The evaluation focused on Board work in general, and on the efforts of individual members, including the Chairman and the CEO.

#### Board committees

The Board has established two committees – the remuneration committee and the audit committee.

### Remuneration committee

The remuneration committee shall prepare matters related to remuneration and other employment terms for the Company CEO and executive officers. It consists of Göran Nordlund and Anders Lönnqvist. The remuneration committee's tasks include in particular preparing issues related to remuneration principles and other terms of employment for company management before the Board makes a decision, and following and evaluating ongoing and completed programs for variable remuneration to company management.

The committee shall also monitor and evaluate application of the guidelines for remuneration to executive officers that the Annual General Meeting, by law, shall decide on, as well as the remuneration structures and remuneration levels in force at the Company. The remuneration committee's rules of procedure are available in their entirety on the Company's website. The remuneration committee met once in 2015, at which time issues related to bonus models, bonus outcomes, and remuneration guidelines for executive officers were discussed. No remuneration has been paid for work in the remuneration committee.

#### Audit committee

The audit committee shall be responsible for preparing the

Board's work with quality assurance of the Company's financial reporting, internal control, and risk management. In addition, the audit committee shall stay abreast of information related to auditing of the annual report and the consolidated financial statements, meet with the Company auditor on a regular basis, examine the auditor's impartiality, evaluate the audit work, and assist the nomination committee in determining who to propose as auditor and remuneration to said auditor. The Opus Group audit committee consists of Heléne Mellquist and Jan Åke Jonsson (Chairman). The committee met five times during the year, with the auditors participating in three of these meetings. The auditors have also participated in one Board meeting to present their review. Issues related to the annual and quarterly financial statements, the auditors' review, risk management, and internal control were discussed during the year. A total of SEK 112,000 was paid for work in the audit committee in 2015

#### **Auditors**

One or two auditors, with or without deputy auditors, are appointed each year at the Annual General Meeting for the purposes of reviewing the Company's annual report and financial statements, and the management work of the Board and the CEO. At the 2015 Annual General Meeting, KPMG AB was chosen as the Company's external auditors until the 2016 Annual General Meeting. Jan Malm was appointed head auditor. The auditors report to the audit committee, and meet with the Company Board without the presence of the CEO or any other member of company management on at least one occasion per year. The auditor shall be paid regularly during their mandate period after receipt of an approved invoice. For more information on fees, see Note 7.

#### President/CEO

The CEO is responsible to the Board and shall manage and develop the Company. The CEO is responsible for the daily management of the Company's affairs and shall make the decisions required for the development of operations within the limitations set by the Companies Act; the business plan, budget and instructions to the CEO adopted by the Board; as well as any other guidelines and instructions provided by the Board. The CEO shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the Company's accounting is in full compliance with the law, and that financial management is handled in a satisfactory manner. The CEO and the Board of Directors of Opus Group have drawn up instructions regarding the CEO's work tasks and reporting duties.

The instructions to the CEO are defined annually at the board meeting immediately following the Annual General Meeting.

#### Vice President

As of April 1, 2016, the Vice President of the Company is Linus Brandt, who also serves as CFO of Opus Group AB. The instructions to the CEO also apply to the Vice President in instances when he is serving as acting CEO.

#### Remuneration

Guidelines for remuneration to executive officers
The Annual General Meeting 2015 decided on the following

guidelines for remuneration to executive officers. Remuneration to executive officers must be consistent with prevailing market rates. The remuneration is made up of a fixed part and a variable part. The fixed part is made up of salary, pension contributions and other benefits, such as company cars. The variable part refers to bonuses and must be based on profits or other, preset, measurable objectives.

The variable part shall in principle be capped and shall not exceed 30 percent of the fixed remuneration. Pension terms shall be consistent with prevailing market rates, and as a rule shall be premium based. The pension terms of company management are in line with other employees within the Group. The Company pays premiums for occupational pension insurance for other executive officers at agreed amounts or according to local agreements in Sweden. No severance pay shall be paid to executive officers. In the event of termination, a six-month notice period is required on the part of the CEO, and a twelve-month notice period is required on the part of the Company. Other executive officers have at most a twelve-month notice period, with the exception of Lothar Geilen, who is employed under a three-year contract. The contract expires on December 31, 2017. Issues related to remuneration to company management shall be addressed by the remuneration committee, and reported to and decided on by the Board. The Board is entitled to deviate from the guidelines if special circumstances exist

Prior to the Annual General Meeting 2016, no changes are proposed to the principles for remuneration and other employment conditions of the company management.

For further information regarding remuneration to Group management, see Note 8.

#### Incentive program

The Company's Board of Directors is convinced that the incentive program benefits both the employees eligible for the incentive program and the Company shareholders, and that it contributes to the Company's ability to recruit and retain skilled employees since it gives employees the opportunity to take advantage of the Company's growth in value, maintains confidence in the Company, and increases the value of the share. The incentive program is also expected to increase the commitment and motivation of program participants, and helps form a closer tie between those eligible for the program and Opus Group.

Opus Group has one outstanding option program for executive officers and other employees of the Company. Upon full exercise of Opus Group's option program, the dilution effect is maximum 5,878,757 shares or 2.0 percent of the share capital and number of votes. Under the terms of option program 2013:1, the number of shares that each option entitles the holder to and the issue price will be adjusted to reflect Opus Group's rights issues in December 2013 and March 2015.

For more information on the option program, see Note 8.

#### Internal control

The Board's responsibility for internal control is regulated in the Swedish Companies Act and in the Code, which contains requirements for annual external communication of information on how internal control related to financial reporting is organized. Opus Group's internal controls are

designed to provide reasonable assurance that the Company's assets are protected, and that the financial reporting is reliable in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, laws, and ordinances. The Board of Directors and CEO have overall responsibility for internal control in relation to financial reporting. The Board has adopted written rules of procedure that, among other things, establishes procedures for the Board's work and for its control of the management of Company affairs, and that defines the distribution of tasks and responsibilities between the Board and the CEO, and between the Board and its committees.

The Board has also appointed an audit committee, whose responsibilities include overseeing the financial reporting, the internal control and the external audit.

Opus Group has adopted guidelines and procedures relating to financial reporting, a finance policy, and an accounting manual that includes accounting principles, reporting procedures, and more. Through set authorization principles, levels and rules for approval of transactions within the Company and with external parties have been defined.

The audit committee and the Board also engage in discussions with the external auditor for purposes such as uncovering deficiencies in the financial reporting and/or the internal control.

#### Financial reporting and follow-up

In accordance with applicable law and stock exchange rules, as well as other regulations applicable at the respective time, the Company strives to regularly provide accurate, reliable, and current financial information. The financial information is published regularly in the form of quarterly reports, annual reports, and press releases containing news and significant events that could affect the share price.

Each month, the various segments of the Group create a package presenting the development in the Group and submits it to Group management. The package includes an income statement report with comments on the monthly results and on the aggregated results, and a comparison against budget and the corresponding period of the previous year. A monthly report to the Board is prepared by the Company's CFO, who is also responsible for consolidating the monthly reports.