Governments. Short-termism is not a behavior of a limited number of investors. In fact, it is widely recognized that short-termism is relevant across all industries and for all shareholders. Indeed, remuneration frameworks for sustainable success is highly challenging, and particularly in the financial sector, are being challenged. Additionally, the manipulation of remuneration can create opportunities for companies, both by allowing them to mislead shareholders and by facilitating the avoidance of taxes and penalties. While recent focus has been on financial institutions, the issue of appropriate remuneration systems linked to long-term targets and integrating performance link rewards to corporate and individual performance in the financial sector has been identified as a significant concern for many investors.

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Conclusions

Remuneration will remain a key issue for companies, their shareholders, the financial sector and wider stakeholders. While recent focus has been on financial institutions, the issue of appropriate remuneration frameworks for sustainable success is highly relevant across all industries and for all shareholders. The Aspen Institute Business & Society Program and the World Economic Forum have identified as a significant concern for many investors.

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The key principles for a transparent and accountable remuneration framework are:

- The disclosure of information on companies’ remuneration policies, including how executive directors are chosen, their roles and responsibilities, and the total remuneration levels and benefits that they receive.
- The provision of a vote to shareholders on the remuneration policy of a board as a whole, and on specific remuneration issues such as bonus schemes, severance packages, and equity awards.
- The incorporation of sustainability and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) considerations into remuneration and compensation decisions.

Remuneration committees

The presence of remuneration committees with independent oversight is vital for setting the remuneration policy of a board is integral into a number of European corporate governance codes. The terms of reference for the committees are usually clearly defined and will often include the independence of the remuneration committee. In jurisdictions such as Switzerland, the remuneration policy is put to vote. Shareholders are also given the opportunity to vote on the remuneration report as part of the AGM. The legislation in these countries requires that shareholders are given a right to make recommendations to the board regarding the remuneration of directors.

Regulators

In recent years, regulators have taken a more active role in safeguarding the interests of stakeholders. For example, the Financial Stability Board (FSB) has called for a new supervisory framework that includes enhanced disclosure requirements. It also favors the focus on the risk management of the company to ensure that remuneration decisions are in line with the overall risk appetite of the company.

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to vote on executive pay has been a "say on pay" campaign for the recent competitive remuneration. This campaign has had some success, particularly in the United States, where there have been a number of shareholder votes on executive pay that have resulted in remuneration changes. A recent example is the vote against the re-election of the ex-CEO of Royal Bank of Scotland.

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The increased focus and scrutiny on remuneration presents new challenges and opportunities for companies. In the short-term, key challenges will come from:

- Requesting the detailed rationale behind actual remuneration practices and systems;
- Setting appropriate guidelines to promote good remuneration policies and systems;
- Monitoring the remuneration practices of institutions where there is a significant remuneration stand to benefit from traceable system.

Regulation should provide active dialogue between companies and shareholders, and wider stakeholders to:

- Legislation is required for shareholders, regulators, and companies to restore and sustain the credibility of remuneration issues and systems.
- Engaging with companies to promote detailed disclosure of remuneration policies and systems;
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**WHY REMUNERATION MATTERS**

In Europe, the integration of ESG issues in remuneration reports is in place in a number of countries. In the financial crisis, remuneration was one of the major areas of concern for many investor groups. The integration of ESG issues in remuneration is crucial to delivering sustainable growth.

Increasingly, investors also understand the importance of environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance in relation to the long-term sustainability of companies and their license to operate. While it is still only the norm for a limited number of companies, the linking of remuneration to ESG performance is becoming more widespread, particularly in investor culture.

As companies respond to the calls of regulators and shareholders, we hope to see remuneration policies that include shareholder dialogue supported by sound quality division and remuneration systems linked to long-term targets and differentiation on ESG issues. In particular, from a responsible investor perspective, the integration of ESG factors is critical to delivering sustainable companies, run in the long-term interests of shareholders and society.

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- Voting against unacceptable remuneration packages and calling for and taking part in shareholder dialogue in determining remuneration policy;
- Requesting the detailed rationale linking actual remuneration packages and pay levels for the interpretation of ESG into short-term and long-term variable pay;
- Working with regulators to encourage a “say on pay” vote;
- Engaging with companies to promote detailed disclosure of remuneration policies and practices;
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