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Compensation Report

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The 2024 compensation report for the members of the Executive Board of DWS Management GmbH as the General Partner of the DWS KGaA and the Supervisory Board of the DWS KGaA was prepared jointly by the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board in accordance with Section 162 German Stock Corporation Act.

The compensation report sets out the broad lines of the compensation systems for the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board and provides clear and comprehensible information on the compensation granted and due by DWS KGaA and subsidiaries of the Group to each current and former member of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board in the 2024 financial year.

The compensation report complies with the current legal and regulatory requirements of the German Stock Corporation Act (AktG), in particular Section 162 (1) and (2) AktG, the Remuneration Regulation for Institutions (Institutsvergütungsverordnung – InstVV) as well as the Investment Firm Directive and its transposition into national law in the German Investment Firm Act (Wertpapierinstitutsgesetz – WpIG) as applicable. It also takes into account the recommendations of the German Corporate Governance Code and complies with the relevant requirements of the applicable accounting rules for capital market-oriented companies.

Based on Section 162 AktG, the compensation report also provides clear and comprehensible information on the compensation granted and due to each current and former member of the Joint Committee in the 2024 financial year.

## Executive Board Compensation

### Compensation Governance

DWS Management GmbH is the General Partner of the DWS KGaA. As such, it is responsible for the management of the business of the DWS KGaA. The subject of this section of the compensation report is the compensation for the members of the Executive Board, who represent the General Partner and manage its business.

Due to DWS Management GmbH's legal form, not the Supervisory Board of DWS KGaA but the shareholders' meeting of DWS Management GmbH is responsible for the structure of the compensation system of the Executive Board of DWS Management GmbH and for the determination of the specific structure as well as the individual amount of compensation. The Joint Committee of DWS KGaA has a right of proposal with respect to the determination of the amount of individual variable compensation. Until 5 June 2024, the Joint Committee consisted of two members delegated by the shareholders' meeting of the DWS Management GmbH and two members delegated by the shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board. The number of members delegated by the shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board has been increased to three in accordance with the shareholders' resolutions of DWS KGaA of 6 June 2024.

The shareholders' meeting may resolve to amend the compensation system if necessary. In the case of significant changes, but at least every four years, the compensation system is submitted to the General Meeting of DWS KGaA for approval. After the compensation system was approved by the Annual General Meeting in 2021 and has not undergone any significant changes since then, the compensation system was reviewed and further developed in the reporting year. It will be submitted to the Annual General Meeting in June 2025 for approval.

Due to regulatory requirements, the Executive Board members with responsibility for the Product (until 31 December 2023) and Coverage (until 30 November 2024) division each had, in addition to their service contracts with DWS Management GmbH, an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group.

The shareholders' meeting is solely responsible for the structure of the compensation system and the determination of the individual compensation relating to DWS Management GmbH. However, the total compensation of the Executive Board members includes both the compensation determined by DWS Management GmbH as well as by the subsidiaries of the Group consolidated in the Group financial statements. For reasons of transparency, the compensation system on which compensation from the subsidiaries is based is explained in broad lines in section 'Application of the Compensation System in the Financial Year 2024'.

## Alignment of Executive Board Compensation with DWS's Strategy

The Executive Board of the Group is responsible for steering and controlling the entire Group. The compensation system for the Executive Board plays a vital role in promoting and implementing the Group's long-term strategy and developing a value-based, sustainable management system aligned with shareholder interests. An additional objective of the compensation system is to offer Executive Board members a market-oriented, competitive compensation package in balance with statutory and regulatory conditions and the principles of good corporate governance.

The following principles in particular have been taken into consideration in the development of the compensation system and the determination of individual variable compensation:

### General principles of the compensation

<b>Promoting DWS Group's strategy</b>	The strategy of the Group forms the basis for the definition of the relevant and at the same time ambitious objectives. The level of target achievement determines the level of compensation. Excellent performance can thus be rewarded appropriately, while a failure to achieve objectives results in the reduction of variable compensation, up to and including complete forfeiture (pay for performance).
<b>Focus on long-term group performance</b>	Long-term objectives and performance parameters as well as variable compensation granted on a largely deferred basis guarantee a forward-looking, sustainable work to promote further success and positive business development.
<b>Link with the sustainability strategy</b>	Responsible and sustainable action are of strategic importance. For that reason, the performance parameters of the compensation system are closely linked with DWS's sustainability strategy.
<b>Consideration of the shareholders' interests</b>	Clearly defined key financials that are aligned with the performance of the DWS Group, which directly determine the setting of the variable compensation and the granting of variable compensation in the form of share-based components ensures that variable compensation is closely aligned with the performance of DWS shares and shareholder interests.
<b>Motivating collective and individual performance</b>	Ambitious and motivating individual objectives in the Executive Board member's area of responsibility and consideration of the performance of the Executive Board as a whole promote a successful and dynamic environment.

## Compensation-Related Events in 2024

### Annual General Meeting 2024 Approval of the Compensation Report for the Previous Financial Year

The compensation report prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 162 of the AktG on the compensation granted and owed in the financial year 2023 to the current and former members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board by DWS KGaA and group companies was approved by the Annual General Meeting of DWS KGaA on 6 June 2024 by a majority of 98.50% pursuant to Section 120a (4) AktG. The format of the report will therefore also be maintained in principle for this compensation report for the financial year 2024. In section 'Application of the Compensation System in the Financial Year 2024 – Performance Related Component (Variable Compensation) – Short-Term Award', the individual achievement levels of each Executive Board member for both the individual Balanced Scorecards as well as the individual objectives were also included with the aim of greater transparency.

## Composition of the Executive Board

In the 2024 financial year, the following changes in personnel occurred: Rafael Otero has been appointed as new Chief Technology and Operations Officer and member of the Executive Board as of 1 October 2024 for three years. He took over responsibility for the Technology und Operations division including Information Security und Corporate Services from Dr Markus Kobler, who had held this role on an interim basis since the resignation of Angela Maragkopoulou at the end of 2023.

Dirk Goergen handed over the operational role of CEO for the Americas region to the previous Head of the CEO Office Americas effective 1 December 2024. He continues to represent the Americas region in the Executive Board and remains a non-executive member of the board of DWS USA Corporation.

The Executive Board thus comprised five members from January to September and six members from October 2024 onwards. In 2024, one woman was member of the Executive Board which equals to 20% (until September) and 16.7% (from October onwards).

## Compensation Decisions in 2024

For the new member of the Executive Board, Rafael Otero, appointed in 2024, the shareholders' meeting has set a target total compensation in accordance with the compensation system. Both the market environment taking into account compensation data of international asset managers (peer group) and the scope of responsibility as well as previous compensation conditions were included in the analysis. The shareholders' meeting determined the compensation as follows: The target total compensation was set at € 2,000,000 per year. This amount consists of a base salary of € 950,000 and a target variable compensation of € 1,050,000 per year and corresponds to the previous target total compensation for this function.

Against the background of Dirk Goergen's extension of his mandate for a further three years from 1 December 2024, the total target remuneration was revised to € 3,100,000 per year with effect from 1 December 2024. The sum consists of a base salary of € 1,450,000 per year and a target variable remuneration of € 1.650,000. The increase took into account, first, the previous remuneration conditions of the additional employment contract with a subsidiary in the US, which was terminated with effect from 30 November 2024 as well as the market environment taking into account compensation data of the peer group of international asset managers. In addition, the duration of membership in the Executive Board since December 2018 has been taken into account.

## Approval of the Compensation System by the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The current compensation system for the members of the Executive Board was submitted for approval to the Annual General Meeting of DWS Group on 9 June 2021, in accordance with Section 120a (1) AktG and approved by a majority of 99.21%.

Detailed information on the compensation system is published on the DWS's website ([https://go.dws.com/Compensation\\_system](https://go.dws.com/Compensation_system)).

The compensation system was implemented within the framework of the Executive Board service contracts and applied to all members of the Executive Board active in the 2024 financial year.

## Deviations from the Compensation System

The shareholders' meeting in the 2024 financial year did not make use of the possibility provided for in the compensation system pursuant to Section 87a (2) sentence 2 AktG to temporarily deviate from individual components of the system in special, extraordinary situations.

## Principles of Compensation Determination

### Compensation Structure

Compensation for Executive Board members consists of non-performance-related (fixed) and performance-related (variable) components. The fixed and variable compensation together constitute an Executive Board member's total compensation. The shareholders' meeting defines target and maximum amounts for all compensation components. The total compensation of all Executive Board members is furthermore subject to additional caps.

### Non-performance-related component (fixed compensation)

The fixed compensation comprises a base salary, contributions to a pension plan and fringe benefits.

### Base salary

Base salary is determined based on the position held by an Executive Board member and the associated shared responsibility for management. In addition, the duration of membership in the Executive Board is taken into account by the ability to set a higher base salary for Executive Board members upon reappointment. Furthermore, the amount of the base salary

offered depends on the relevant market conditions. In the light of regulatory requirements, a cap for variable compensation amounting to 200% of fixed compensation is factored in; therefore, fixed compensation is determined in such a way that a competitive and market-oriented total compensation can be ensured even while taking these requirements into account.

The base salary currently amounts to € 2,800,000 per year for the Chairman of the Executive Board and between € 950,000 and € 1,450,000 per year for the other Executive Board members. It is paid in twelve equal monthly instalments.

### Fringe benefits

Furthermore, all Executive Board members are entitled to receive “fringe benefits”. They consist on the one hand of contractually agreed regularly recurring benefits such as contributions to insurance policies, coverage of costs for participation in medical check-ups and – for Executive Board members based in Germany – a company car option on the basis of the applicable Company Car Policy of Deutsche Bank Group. In addition, Executive Board members not resident in Germany may be granted certain ad-hoc benefits, such as reimbursement of costs for preparing income tax returns.

The availability and individual utilization of fringe benefits may vary depending on location and personal situation, which is why the amount of fringe benefits cannot be precisely determined at the beginning of a year. However, the cap on total compensation (maximum compensation) pursuant to Section 87a (1) sentence 2 number 1 AktG (maximum compensation) may in total not be exceeded by these benefits.

### Company pension plan

In addition, Executive Board members receive a commitment to pension benefits under the defined contribution pension plan offered to employees in Germany.

For each of the Executive Board members a fixed annual value in the amount of € 90,000 and € 300,000 for the Chairman of the Executive Board is contributed to the pension plan. The annual contribution is invested in selected investment funds. Furthermore, an additional risk contribution of € 10,000 is provided to cover the risk of early pension events. The sum of the market values of the investments forms the pension amount available to be paid as pension benefit in case of a pension event (age limit, invalidity or death).

Executive Board members domiciled outside of Germany who pay taxes on their income outside Germany may opt for a pension allowance in lieu of the pension plan commitment; the allowance is equivalent to the annual contribution to the pension provision.

### Performance-related component (variable compensation)

Variable compensation is performance-related and is granted as either the Short-Term Award or the Long-Term Award, depending on the tenure of the relevant objectives. For variable compensation, the objectives and performance parameters are defined at the beginning of a fiscal year; the extent to which the objectives are achieved determines the amount of variable compensation. This always ensures a close link between performance and compensation.

#### Short-Term Award

The Short-Term Award is used to reward the achievement of individual and divisional objectives of an Executive Board member. The performance criteria on which the Short-Term Award is based are short-term objectives for a financial year. The agreed objectives support DWS's business and strategic objectives and are aligned with the individual Executive Board members' areas of responsibility and the specific challenges associated with it.

The Short-Term Award is determined based on the objectives listed in the individual Balanced Scorecard as well as on up to three further individual objectives. The portion of the Short-Term Award determined by the Balanced Scorecard accounts for 20% of the performance evaluation. The additional individual objectives account for an equivalent share of the Short-Term Award. The sum of the Balanced Scorecard and the additional individual objectives amounts to 40% of the total reference variable compensation.

The target amounts of the Short-Term Award based on a year-round full-time employment at 100% achievement grade are currently between € 200,000 and € 1,600,000. The maximum possible level of target achievement is capped uniformly at 150%.

#### Long-Term Award

The focus of assessment of variable compensation lies on the achievement of long-term and strategic objectives. The Long-Term Award, which covers the long-term strategic targets, uniformly comprising 60% of the total reference variable compensation.

The Long-Term Award consists mainly of the **DWS Group component** linked in accordance with the strategy of the Group to three selected performance indicators as key metrics for the success and growth of the business: Adjusted cost-income ratio, net flows, and Environmental, Social and Governance footprint. In order to address the expected volatility of demand for Cash products and the associated risk of unpredictability/randomness of the measurement of success, the target for net flows was set as in at the beginning of 2024 on the basis of net flow excluding Cash unchanged compared to 2023. The identification of this

performance indicator for the year 2024 is therefore consistently shown in this report as net flows excluding Cash.

Each of the three aforementioned objectives is weighted at a fixed percentage of the reference size for the DWS Group component by the shareholders' meeting. This reference size amounts to a total of 50% of the total reference variable compensation.

Due to regulatory requirements, the overall performance of Deutsche Bank Group must also be taken into account when determining the variable compensation. For this reason, collective objectives are linked additionally to the Deutsche Bank Group strategy and performance. In accordance with this strategy, four performance metrics of the Deutsche Bank Group form the reference value for the **Deutsche Bank Group component** of the Long-Term Award, as in the previous year: Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio, post-tax return on tangible equity, cost-income ratio, as well as an ESG metric, considering all three dimensions of the ESG concept of Deutsche Bank Group. The four aforementioned objectives specified are equally weighted within the Deutsche Bank Group component. The Deutsche Bank Group component accounts for 10% of the total reference variable compensation.

The target amounts of the Long-Term Award based on a year-round full-time employment at 100% achievement grade are currently between € 300,000 and € 2,400,000. The maximum possible level of target achievement is uniformly capped at 150%.

### Compensation instruments and deferral periods

The defined variable compensation for Executive Board members can be granted entirely on a deferred basis, subject to a minimum deferral of 60%, this ensures that the sustainability of success is adequately taken into account in the business and risk strategy and leads to a long-term incentive effect of variable compensation. Moreover, more than half of the total variable compensation is granted in the form of share-based instruments, the value of which is linked to DWS's share price performance.

The deferred compensation instruments are subject to additional performance and forfeiture conditions which can result in the full or partial forfeiture (malus). In addition, the shareholders' meeting may reclaim already paid variable compensation under certain circumstances (clawback). Variable compensation awarded for a fiscal year is disbursed over a period of one up to six years.

### Overview of the compensation system

Compensation components			Maximum	Compensation instruments and deferral aspects	
Variable	Short-Term Award	<b>Individual objectives</b> – 20% Individual Balanced Scorecard – 20% Individual objectives	40%	150%	Non-deferred compensation – Cash-based – Share-based with 1 year holding period  Deferred compensation – Cash-based with tranche vesting over 5 years – Share-based with tranche vesting over 5 years and 1 year holding period
	Long-Term Award	<b>Collective objectives</b> – 25% Adjusted cost-income ratio – 10% Net flows (excluding Cash) – 15% ESG factor – 10% Deutsche Bank Group component	60%		
Fix	Base salary		100%	Terms of performance and forfeiture Malus- and Clawback-regulations	
	Pension plan / Pension allowance	Fringe benefits			

Further rules: Maximum compensation as well as commitments and benefits in connection with the start and end of the activity.

### Composition of the Target Total Compensation and Compensation Caps

In accordance with the compensation system, the shareholders' meeting defines a target total compensation for each Executive Board member.

In order to take appropriate account of factors such as competition and the market environment as well as the various areas of responsibility and the requirements of the respective position and duration of membership in the Executive Board, the compensation system allows for differentiation with respect to the amount of the target total compensation and the ratio of fixed to variable compensation components. The relative shares of the compensation components in the annual target total compensation are determined in the following ranges due to the differentiation:

## Compensation components and relative share

in %	Relative share of total compensation	
	CFO, COO, CAO and Head of Product Division	CEO and Head of Client Coverage Division
Long-term award	19–32	29–35
Short-term award	13–21	19–24
Base salary	42–63	38–48
Pension contribution/pension allowance	3–6	1–5
Regular fringe benefits	1	1
<b>Reference total compensation</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

The total compensation is furthermore subject to additional caps which are to be reviewed when determining the compensation:

Pursuant to Section 87a (1) sentence 2 number 1 AktG, the shareholders' meeting set a limit (maximum compensation) for total compensation for the Executive Board members amounting to € 9.85 million each. This cap comprises not only base salary and variable compensation but also regular and ad-hoc fringe benefits and pension service costs for company pension plan or pension allowances.

Pursuant to the Capital Requirements Directive applicable to the financial sector as implemented by Section 25a (5) of the German Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz – KWG) and Section 6 InstVV, the ratio of fixed to variable compensation is capped at 1:1, i.e. the amount of variable compensation may not exceed the fixed compensation. The shareholders' meeting has utilized the option provided by law and resolved to increase the upper limit for the ratio of fixed to variable compensation to 1:2.

The shareholders' meeting defines a target and a maximum amount for variable components. The maximum possible level of target achievement for short-term as well as long-term variable compensation components is limited uniformly to 150% of the respective target amount. If the level of target achievement exceeds that amount, short-term as well as long-term variable compensation determined at the end of the year is limited to 150% of the reference variable compensation.

If, after determining target achievement, variable or total compensation is calculated to exceed one of the above-mentioned caps, the variable compensation will be reduced accordingly by an equal percentage reduction in the Short-Term and Long-Term Awards until the amount of variable or total compensation meets the limit.

In the following table all target and maximum amounts for the variable compensation elements as well as the base salary for each Executive Board member in the financial year 2024 based on a year-round full-time employment is shown. The maximum amounts of short-term as well as long-term variable compensation components were set uniformly at 150% of the respective target amount according to the maximum possible level of target achievement.

Target and maximum amounts<sup>1</sup>

in €	Base salary	Variable compensation			2024	2023
		Short-Term Award	Long-Term Award <sup>2</sup>	Total	Total compensation	Total compensation
<b>Chief Executive Officer and Head of Executive Division</b>						
Target value	2,800,000	1,600,000	2,400,000	4,000,000	6,800,000	6,800,000
Maximum value	2,800,000	2,400,000	3,600,000	6,000,000	8,800,000	8,800,000
<b>Chief Financial Officer and Head of CFO Division</b>						
Target value	950,000	400,000	600,000	1,000,000	1,950,000	1,950,000
Maximum value	950,000	600,000	900,000	1,500,000	2,450,000	2,450,000
<b>Chief Technology and Operations Officer<sup>3</sup></b>						
Target value	950,000	420,000	630,000	1,050,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Maximum value	950,000	630,000	945,000	1,575,000	2,525,000	2,525,000
<b>Head of Chief Administrative Officer Division</b>						
Target value	950,000	200,000	300,000	500,000	1,450,000	1,450,000
Maximum value	950,000	300,000	450,000	750,000	1,700,000	1,700,000
<b>Head of Client Coverage Division<sup>4</sup></b>						
Target value	1,450,000	660,000	990,000	1,650,000	3,100,000	2,400,000
Maximum value	1,450,000	990,000	1,485,000	2,475,000	3,925,000	3,000,000
<b>Head of Product Division</b>						
Target value	1,200,000	360,000	540,000	900,000	2,100,000	2,100,000
Maximum value	1,200,000	540,000	810,000	1,350,000	2,550,000	2,550,000

<sup>1</sup> Values are annualised values.

<sup>2</sup> The Long-Term Award accounts for 60% of the total reference variable compensation, 50% are determined by the DWS Group component and 10% by the Deutsche Bank Group component.

<sup>3</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

<sup>4</sup> Due to regulatory requirements, the current function holder had another employment contract (until 30 November 2024) with a subsidiary within the Group. For reasons of comparability, the values given refer to full-time employment throughout the year. Information on the newly determined compensation for this function in 2024 against the background of the extension of the mandate, is outlined in the section 'Compensation-Related Events in 2024'.



## Application of the Compensation System in the Financial Year 2024

### Non-Performance-Related Component (Fixed Compensation)

The fixed components of compensation in the form of base salary, fringe benefits and pension contributions or allowances were granted in the financial year as non-performance-related and in accordance with the compensation system based on the individual contractual commitments and individual utilization.

### Short-Term Award

The Short-Term Award is determined based on the results of the individual Balanced Scorecard as well as on the achievement of individual objectives.

### Individual Balanced Scorecard

The Balanced Scorecard is a tool used to steer and control key performance indicators (KPIs) and renders it possible to measure the achievement of strategic objectives. At the same time, it offers an overview of the priorities set throughout the entire Group. The Balanced Scorecard contains key financial as well as non-financial performance indicators in a balanced ratio. In accordance with strategic priorities, aspects such as ESG considerations are also taken into account – for instance, sustainable products, regulatory requirements and corporate culture.

These performance indicators are bundled into five categories associated with the business model of an asset manager. The categories are individually weighted depending on the respective area of responsibility of the Executive Board members. Clear financial and non-financial objectives are set for all performance indicators; these can be reviewed at any time based on defined metrics and are measured transparently at the end of each fiscal year.

### Performance-Related Component (Variable Compensation)

The variable performance-related compensation for the 2024 financial year was determined by the shareholders' meeting following the proposal of the Joint Committee based on the achievement of the pre-defined and agreed financial and non-financial objectives. For all targets, demanding and ambitious target and maximum values as well as performance parameters for the 2024 financial year were defined, from which the level of achievement of the targets could be transparently derived. The range of possible target achievement was between 0% and 150%.

Balanced Scorecard (illustrative representation)

KPI categories	KPIs	Target	Individual category weighting	Achievement	Resulting Band <sup>1</sup>	Assessment	Factor x weighting	Resulting sum
I. Financial performance (e. g. Adjusted revenues)	KPI 1	Target	40%		Green to amber	110%	44%	85%
	KPI 2	Target						
	KPI n	Target						
II. Activity (e. g. Investor meetings)	KPI 1	Target	20%		Red	15%	3%	
	KPI 2	Target						
	KPI n	Target						
III. Operational & regulatory (e. g. Audit control environment assessment grade)	KPI 1	Target	10%		Green to red	80%	8%	
	KPI 2	Target						
	KPI n	Target						
IV. Culture, retention & leadership (e. g. Culture pulse survey)	KPI 1	Target	10%		Amber to red	40%	4%	
	KPI 2	Target						
	KPI n	Target						
V. Investment performance (e. g. Share of products outperforming benchmark)	KPI 1	Target	20%		Green	130%	26%	
	KPI 2	Target						
	KPI n	Target						

Framework (all KPIs) and determination of targets and performance criteria	Determination of individual targets and category weighting	Performance measurement	Assessment and evaluation	Result
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<sup>1</sup> Resulting bands of KPI categories: Green (100-150%), Green to amber (75-125%), Green to red (50-100%), Amber to red (25-75%), Red (0-50%).

The level of achievement of the targets is translated into a percentage target achievement for each category at the end of the year, taking into account predefined lower and upper limits. The target achievement level of the individual Balanced Scorecards for each Executive Board member is calculated based on the respective percentage of target achievement and the individual weightings of the individual categories.

The Balanced Scorecard achievement levels were between 90.0% and 112.5% in the reporting year 2024.

### Individual objectives

Up to three additional individual objectives are agreed between the shareholders' meeting and each Executive Board member as part of the annual objective setting process for each fiscal year. The objectives consider the respective area of responsibility and can be directly influenced. Thus, depending on the specific strategic and operational challenges for each individual Executive Board member, they play a key role in implementing the overall strategy of the Group.

The objectives balance financial and non-financial objectives, with at least one of them relating to the sustainability strategy. Objectives may cover strategic projects and initiatives as well as operational activities if they lay the groundwork for the structure and organization of DWS and its long-term development.

For the 2024 financial year, the shareholders' meeting has defined targets from the following subject areas topics for the members of the Executive Board and combined them with relevant and concrete evaluation criteria as well as a weighting:

### Individual objectives 2024

Member of the Executive Board	Weight in %	Individual Objectives	Overall achievement level in %
Dr Stefan Hoops	33.3	Improve DWS operating model and processes	130.0
	33.3	Ensure continued organic growth, and explore inorganic growth options	
	33.3	Drive DWS culture	
Manfred Bauer	50.0	Delivering on product pipeline 2024 and product related strategic initiatives	115.0
	30.0	Strengthening of the control environment through DWS Control Office function	
	20.0	Ensuring and strengthening of the cross-divisional and cross-country governance for the EMEA region	
Dirk Goergen	40.0	Further development of Client and Franchise Management ('ConnectingTheDots')	105.0
	30.0	Define and execute ESG net zero client engagement plans	
	30.0	DWS Americas: Oversee remediation from regulatory commitments while strengthening relationship and governance framework	
Dr Markus Kobler	30.0	Improve financial transparency in the IT infrastructure project and adhere to implementation timeline	110.0
	35.0	Progress DWS's sustainability agenda, including CSRD compliant disclosure and integration of relevant risk management frameworks	
	35.0	Ensure suitable risk management framework for strategic initiatives and focus on cost discipline	
Dr Karen Kuder	30.0	Development and implementation of DWS's people strategy	115.0
	30.0	Resolve greenwashing allegations against DWS	
	40.0	Further transformation of CAO control functions and strengthening the governance in the CAO controls	
Rafael Otero <sup>1</sup>	60.0	Delivery of in-flight COO division-led transformation programs for DWS Group, including solutions for DWS digitalization initiatives, process automation and platform modernization	110.0
	20.0	Contribution to DWS's ESG strategy	
	20.0	Contribution to DWS's strategy communicated at the Capital Market Day	

<sup>1</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

To determine the respective level of target achievement, contribution to the Company was measured based on pre-defined milestones and deliverables, measurable indicators or feedback from internal and external partners on the one hand. On the other hand, it was also assessed how the member of the Executive Board embodies DWS's values and beliefs in the day-to-day conduct. In particular, feedback from the various control functions such as Anti-Financial Crime, Audit, Compliance, Human Resources and Risk is also taken into account.

The individual objective achievement levels were between 105.0% and 130.0% in the reporting year 2024.

### Overall achievement of Short-Term Award objectives

The portion of the Short-Term Award determined by the balanced scorecard as well as the additional individual objectives account for an equivalent share of 50% each of the performance evaluation of the Short-Term Award.

Taking into account the respective level of target achievement of the balanced scorecard and the individual objectives, the following overall target achievement levels and amounts result in the Short-Term Award:

#### Overall achievement levels Short-Term Award

	Target value Short-Term Award in €	Achievement level		Overall Short-Term Award in €
		Individual objectives in %	Balanced Scorecard in %	
Dr Stefan Hoops	1,600,000	130.0	109.5	1,916,000
Manfred Bauer	360,000	115.0	112.5	409,500
Dirk Goergen <sup>1</sup>	231,000	105.0	95.0	231,000
Dr Markus Kobler	400,000	110.0	110.0	440,000
Dr Karen Kuder	200,000	115.0	112.5	227,500
Rafael Otero <sup>2</sup>	105,000	110.0	90.0	105,000

<sup>1</sup> The values given refer to the DWS Management GmbH contract (weighted 40% working time allocation from January to November and 100% in December 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

### Long-Term Award

The performance criteria on which the Long-Term Award is based consist of collective long-term objectives which were consistently defined for all Executive Board members. For 2024 financial year the shareholders' meeting determined the target values as well as lower and upper limits and the achievement grade matrix, from which the level of target achievement is determined at the end of the year.

### DWS Group component

In accordance with Group's strategy, the shareholders' meeting has selected the following three performance indicators:

- Adjusted cost-income ratio (weight 50%)
- Net flows (excluding Cash) (weight 20%)
- Environmental, Social and Governance footprint (weight 30%)

Based on the communicated medium-term targets by 2025 as well the ESG footprint ambitions, ambitious targets for 2024 were defined, the success of which was measured at the end of the year on the basis of the defined assessment matrix of 2024 as follows:

## Overall achievement DWS Group component 2024

Objectives	Medium-term targets/ambitions	Weight	Result	Target achievement level	Achievement level (weighted)	Overall achievement level	
Adjusted cost-income ratio	Adjusted cost-income ratio of <59% in the medium term to 2025	50.0%	62.3%	110%	55.0%		
Net flows (excluding Cash)	Positive net flows to 2025 in order to achieve strategic growth targets	20.0%	€ 24 bn.	70%	14.0%		
Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) footprint		30.0%		90%	27.0%		
Thereof:							
Environment	Sustainability rating	Maintain or improve our CDP (Climate change) B score by 2024	7.5%	B	100%	7.5%	96.0%
	Scope 3 operational emissions (travel – air and rail) <sup>1,2</sup>	Achieve a minimum 46% reduction of in-scope operational emissions by 2030 compared to base year 2019 (aligned to our 2030 interim net zero target)	7.5%	(34%)	100%	7.5%	
Social	Volunteer hours per employee	Perform 90 minutes of volunteering on average per employee per year by 2024	7.5%	85 minutes	80%	6.0%	
Governance	Ethics, conduct and speak-up culture <sup>3</sup>	N/A	7.5%	72.8%	80%	6.0%	

<sup>1</sup> DWS Group scope 3 rail emissions are determined on a pro-rata average number of effective staff employed (full-time equivalent) basis from Deutsche Bank Group data.

<sup>2</sup> DWS Group flight data is sourced from Deutsche Bank Group and the associated air emissions are calculated using Deutsche Bank Group methodology.

<sup>3</sup> The percentages figure reflects the level of agreement in a predefined set of questions asked within the Annual People Survey. The survey is conducted on a platform hosted by an external company.

### Adjusted cost-income ratio

The adjusted cost-income ratio underscores the consistent focus of the Group's management on further increasing operational efficiency and cost control in order to generate long-term growth and maximize shareholder value.

The adjusted cost-income ratio (adjusted for litigation expenses, restructuring and severance costs as well as costs incurred in the context of transformation) improved to 62.3% for 2024.

### Net flows (excluding Cash)

Net flows represent assets acquired or withdrawn by clients within a specified period. Inflows and outflows constitute a key driver of change in assets under management. For that reason, this financial indicator has represented a key yardstick for measuring the organic growth of the Group.

Supported by all three pillars – Passive including Xtrackers, Active and Alternatives – DWS recorded net flows (excluding Cash) of € 24 billion in 2024.

### Environmental, Social and Governance footprint

The Group's strategic direction remains committed to sustainability with a focus on climate change and stakeholder engagement.

The following collective ESG objectives and targets were achieved in 2024:

Under **environmental** aspects the sustainability CDP rating remained a B score, in line with the ambition. Emissions from travel (air and rail) are on track to meet the interim net zero target.

**Social** aspects are used as a benchmark for a corporate culture that actively promotes social commitment, striving to achieve a broad-based involvement of the Group's employees in projects relating to corporate social responsibility with partner organizations. The volunteering hours of employees were 85 minutes per employee and therefore marginally lower than our ambition for volunteer hours following a decrease in the average length of volunteering events in 2024.

Corporate **governance** aspects relate to ethical conduct, integrity and a speak-up culture as a component of the annual employee survey. In particular, the aim is to gain insight into and assess attitudes towards leadership and to develop a culture of open dialogue. The level of agreement achieved in 2024 was 72.8%.

For an overview of the strategy and all sustainability KPIs that have been in place since 2024, please refer to the sections 'Our Strategy and Our Market – Our Strategy – Internal Management System', 'Our Performance Indicators – Our Financial Performance' and 'Sustainability Statement – General Information – Strategy, Business Model and Value Chain' in the 'Summarised Management Report' of the Annual Report 2024.



## Overall achievement DWS Group component

From the aforementioned target achievements and taking into account the respective share of the three objectives, a calculated level of target achievement of 96.0% was determined for the DWS Group component.

## Deutsche Bank Group component

The overall performance of Deutsche Bank Group which is to be taken into account when determining variable compensation due to regulatory requirements, is determined by the following performance indicators:

### Overall achievement Deutsche Bank Group component 2024

Objectives		Target value	Weight	Result	Overall achievement level
Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio pro-forma under Capital Requirements Regulation III	The bank's Common Equity Tier 1 capital, as a percentage of the risk weighted assets for credit, market, credit value adjustments, and operational risk according to the regulatory rules applicable under Capital Requirements Regulation III on 1 January 2025	>=13.2%	25.0%	13.9%	
Post-tax return on tangible equity	The profit (loss) attributable to the bank's shareholders after AT1 coupons as a percentage of average tangible shareholders' equity	>=9.0%	25.0%	4.7%	
Cost-income ratio	Non-interest expenses as a percentage of total net revenues, which are defined as net interest income before provision for credit losses plus non-interest income	<=67.5%	25.0%	76.3%	
Environmental, Social and Governance			25.0%		70.0%
Thereof:					
Environment	Sustainable Finance Volume and ESG Investments	Volume of new sustainable financing and ESG investments facilitated across Corporate Bank, Investment Bank and Private Bank, as defined under the "Sustainable Finance Framework – Deutsche Bank Group"	>=€ 69 bn.	8.3%	€ 93 bn.
Social	Gender Diversity	Measures percentage share of Managing Director, Director and Vice President population who are women, aligned with the externally communicated target of 35% by 2025	>=33.2%	8.3%	33.0%
Governance	Control Risk Management Grade	The Control Risk Management Grade measures the timely and sustainable remediation process of findings and drives the culture of Risk Awareness and Risk Management	>=2.0	8.3%	2.61

The overall level target achievement in 2024 of all objectives of Deutsche Bank Group component was 70.0%.

### Overall achievement of Long-Term Award objectives

The DWS Group component accounts for 50% and the Deutsche Bank Group component accounts for 10% in the performance measurement of the variable compensation.

In summary, the Long-Term Award results in the following overall levels of target achievement, taking into account the respective levels of target achievement as well as the portion of the targets in the DWS respectively Deutsche Bank Group component:

### Overall target achievement level Long-Term Award

	Target value in €	Overall achievement level DWS Group component (50%) in %	Overall achievement level Deutsche Bank Group component (10%) in %	Overall achievement Long-Term Award in €
Dr Stefan Hoops	2,400,000			2,200,000
Manfred Bauer	540,000			495,000
Dirk Goergen <sup>1</sup>	346,500	96.0	70.0	317,625
Dr Markus Kobler	600,000			550,000
Dr Karen Kuder	300,000			275,000
Rafael Otero <sup>2</sup>	157,500			144,375

<sup>1</sup> The values given refer to the DWS Management GmbH contract (weighted 40% working time allocation from January to November and 100% in December 2024).

<sup>2</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

## Appropriateness of Compensation

The shareholders' meeting regularly reviews the appropriateness of the compensation system, the individual compensation components as well as the overall compensation.

It ensures that the compensation is market-oriented and appropriate for comparable companies and takes into account both the size and international business model of DWS as well as its economic position and profitability.

To that end, external and internal benchmark studies are performed to assess whether compensation is in line with the market:

### Horizontal – external benchmarking

Given the Group's international orientation, the review of market conformity of total compensation is based on compensation market data of international asset managers that are comparable in terms of assets under management and number of employees. This group of 20 companies includes independent, listed asset managers as well as asset managers who are part of a larger financial institution or insurance company. These include asset managers such as abrtn, Affiliated Managers Group, AllianceBernstein, Allianz Global Investors, Amundi, Morgan Stanley, Schroders and UBS. The comparison factors in the compensation levels and structures. In addition, compensation is benchmarked against companies in Germany listed on the SDAX and MDAX which are comparable in terms of market capitalization.

### Vertical – internal benchmarking

Furthermore, the shareholders' meeting considers the development of Executive Board compensation by way of a vertical comparison. It examines the ratio of average compensation of the members of the Executive Board to the average compensation of the first management level below the Executive Board and the employees of the Group worldwide over time. The workforce comprises non-tariff and tariff employees.

The review of appropriateness for the 2024 financial year has shown that the compensation resulting from the achievement of targets for the 2024 financial year is appropriate.

## Compliance with the Cap on Total Compensation (Maximum Compensation)

Compliance with the cap for total compensation for the Executive Board members amounting to € 9.85 million each set by the shareholders' meeting pursuant to Section 87a (1) sentence 2 number 1 AktG shall be verified each financial year. Finally, compliance with the maximum compensation in 2024 financial year can only be reported after the last tranches of the deferred remuneration instruments disbursed in fiscal year 2030.

## Multi-Year Variable Compensation

In accordance with the InstVW and the applicable provisions relating to AIFMD/UCITS V, at least 60% of total variable compensation is granted to Executive Board members in deferred form. Up to 100% of the variable compensation offered may be granted on a deferral basis.

More than half of the deferred compensation is granted in the form of share-based instruments (DWS Restricted Equity Award) while the remainder is granted as deferred cash compensation (DWS Restricted Incentive Award). The DWS Restricted Incentive Award may also be replaced, in whole or in part, with an award under the DWS Employee Investment Plan – Elected Employee Investment Plan Award, which will track the value of selected underlying DWS investment funds. The deferred components of compensation, whether granted as DWS Restricted Equity Award, DWS Restricted Incentive Award or Elected Employee Investment Plan Award, vest in equal annual tranches over a five-year period. Each tranche of the DWS Restricted Equity Award is subject to an additional holding period of one year after vesting.

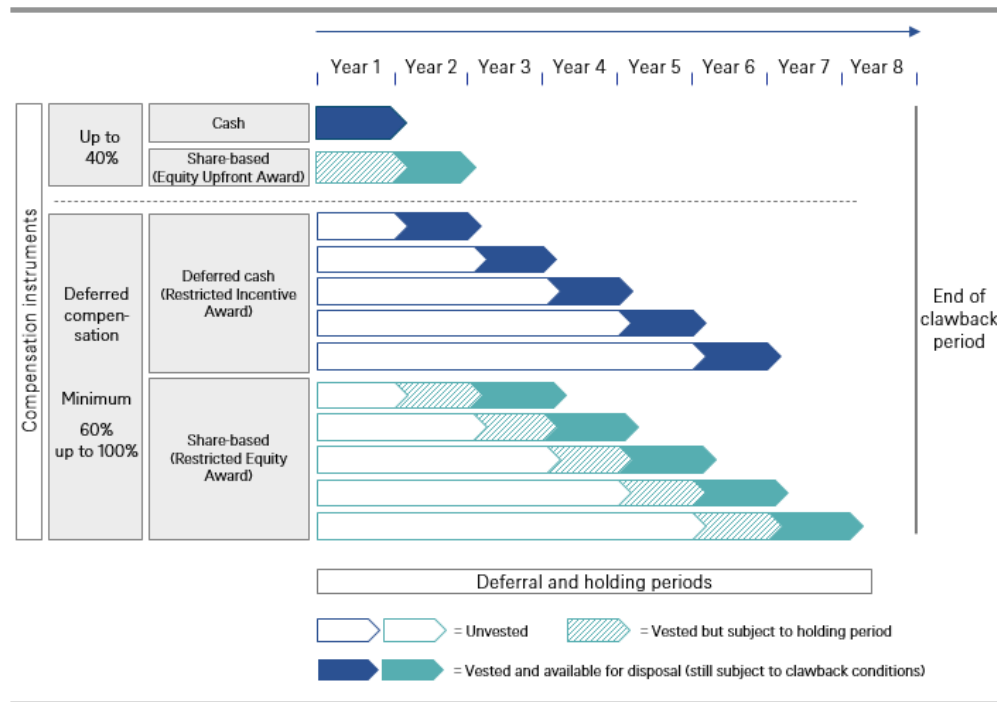
Additionally, more than half of non-deferred compensation is awarded in the form of share-based instruments (DWS Equity Upfront Award). The DWS Equity Upfront Award is also subject to an additional holding period of one year. Only the remaining amount of the non-deferred compensation can be paid out immediately in cash.

Of the total variable compensation, less than 20% may be paid out in cash immediately, while more than 80% are paid at a later date. Variable compensation awarded for a fiscal year is disbursed over a period of up to six years. Only then may Executive Board members dispose over the full amount of the variable compensation granted to them for a fiscal year. Payment is made after the expiry of the respective deferral or holding period of each tranche.

During the vesting and holding period, the value of the DWS Equity Award depends on the share price performance of DWS shares and thus on the sustainable performance of the Group, thereby establishing a link between compensation of Executive Board members and

the success of the company. The value of any Elected Employee Investment Plan Award (where applicable) depends on the value of the selected underlying DWS investment funds.

Overview of award instruments and deferral periods (illustrative representation)



Performance and forfeiture conditions and clawback

The variable compensation components are subject to special performance and forfeiture conditions during the deferral and holding periods; these conditions can result in a partial reduction to the forfeiture in full of the variable compensation granted but not yet paid out. This ensures that appropriate consideration is given to the sustainability of the success of the business and risk strategy and ultimately provides a long-term incentive for variable compensation granted to Executive Board members.

In particular, the following events can result in the partial or complete forfeiture (malus rule):

- Failure to comply with certain performance conditions set at DWS Group's level, such as DWS Group's pre-tax profit, regulatory own funds requirements under the Investment Firm Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 (IFR) and DWS's capital adequacy in line with DWS Group's risk appetite statement. In addition, for awards granted for financial year 2024 onwards, the performance conditions will also include DWS's IFR Liquidity Surplus as defined in DWS Group's risk appetite statement.
- Failure to comply with certain performance conditions set at Deutsche Bank Group's level, such as reporting an after-tax operating loss or exceeding certain capital adequacy requirements. Further information on the Deutsche Bank Group performance conditions can be viewed in the Deutsche Bank Group Annual Report.
- Misconduct on the part of individual Executive Board members, such as breach of internal or external rules and regulations, termination for cause or negative individual contributions to performance.

In the event of specific individual negative performance contributions by Executive Board members, the shareholders' meeting may reclaim variable compensation components already granted up to two years after expiry of the last deferral period (clawback) in accordance with Section 18 (5) and Section 20 (6) InstVV.

The possibility of a full or partial forfeiture (malus) or reclaiming (clawback) of the Executive Board members' variable compensation components is reviewed regularly and in a timely manner before the respective due dates. The suspension and postponement of the vesting and release date for Deferred Awards in the 2022 financial year, based on the review carried out for a former member of the Executive Board, was maintained in the 2024 financial year. The suspension and postponement of the vesting and release date ends with a final decision on the forfeiture or release of the awards. Beyond that, no use was made of the possibility of suspending and postponing the vesting and release dates for Deferred Awards in the 2024 financial year. Furthermore, there was no forfeiture or clawback of awards in 2024.

The following table shows the characteristics of the deferred and share-based compensation instruments that have been granted to active and previous members of the Executive Board since the IPO in March 2018 for the performance of their duties on the Executive board:

### Overview on award types

Award Type	Description	Deferral period	Retention period
2019-2024 DWS Equity Upfront Award	Upfront equity proportion (cash settled): The value of the DWS Equity Upfront Award is linked to DWS's share price.	N/A	12 months
2019-2024 DWS Restricted Incentive Award	Non-equity based portion (deferred cash compensation): The Executive Board members can also elect to link all or part of the value of the DWS Restricted Incentive Award to selected DWS investment fund(s), in which case the Awards will be granted under the "DWS Employee Investment Plan – Elected Employee Investment Plan Award". The value of the Employee Investment Plan depends on the performance of the selected underlying investment funds over the vesting period.	Pro rata vesting over five years	N/A
2019-2024 DWS Restricted Equity Award	Deferred equity portion (cash settled): The value of the DWS Restricted Equity Award is linked to DWS's share price over the vesting and retention period.	Pro rata vesting over five years	12 months
2019 DWS Performance Share Unit Award granted under DWS Equity Plan	One-off IPO-related equity portion (cash settled): The value of the DWS Performance Share Unit Award is linked to DWS's share price.	Pro rata vesting over three years	12 months

remaining term of the contract. The calculation of the severance payment is based on the annual compensation for the previous financial year and on the expected annual compensation for the current financial year, if applicable. The severance payment is determined in accordance with the statutory and regulatory requirements, in particular with the provisions of the InstVV.

In the 2024 financial year, no member of the Executive Board resigned prematurely. Benefits in the event of early termination were therefore not granted.

## Benefits relating to the Commencement of Activities as Executive Board Member

In the event of an initial appointment of external executives as Executive Board members, benefits may be granted to offset the forfeiture of benefits granted by the previous employer – particularly for outstanding variable compensation or pension plan commitments forfeited upon joining DWS Group. The Shareholders' Meeting shall decide on the form in which the compensation is granted. Since only one new member joined the Executive Board who was previously an employee of the DWS Group, such benefits were not granted.

## Benefits in the Event of Termination of the Mandate

### Benefits upon early termination

The Executive Board members are in principle entitled to receive a severance payment upon early termination of their appointment at the initiative of the shareholders' meeting, provided the shareholders' meeting is not entitled to revoke the appointment or give notice under the contractual agreement for cause. The circumstances of the early termination of the appointment and the length of service on the Executive Board are to be taken into account when determining the amount of the severance payment. The severance payment, as a rule, is two annual compensation amounts and is limited to the claims to compensation for the



## Benefits in the event of regular termination

The Executive Board members receive a commitment to pension benefits under the defined contribution pension plan offered to employees in Germany.

The following table shows the annual pension contribution and annual service cost for the years 2024 and 2023 as well as the corresponding commitment amounts as of 31 December 2024 and 31 December 2023 for the members of the Executive Board working in 2024. The different amounts result in particular from the different duration of the Executive Board's activities.

### Pension contribution and obligation

in €	Annual contribution		Total contributions, end of year		Service cost (IFRS) in the year		Defined benefit obligation (IFRS), end of year	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>DWS Management GmbH:</b>								
Dr Stefan Hoops	300,000	300,000	775,000	475,000	313,698	316,565	871,822	510,658
Manfred Bauer <sup>1</sup>	90,000	36,000	216,000	126,000	93,906	38,135	243,078	137,583
Dirk Goergen <sup>2</sup>	40,500	36,000	223,500	183,000	42,349	38,262	278,738	209,969
Dr Markus Kobler <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dr Karen Kuder	90,000	90,000	195,000	105,000	93,672	95,091	214,099	112,705
Rafael Otero <sup>4</sup>	22,500	–	22,500	–	23,277	–	24,284	–
<b>DWS Group:</b>								
Manfred Bauer <sup>1</sup>	0	54,000	0	189,000	0	57,084	220,357	206,181
Dirk Goergen <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>543,000</b>	<b>516,000</b>	<b>1,432,000</b>	<b>1,078,000</b>	<b>566,902</b>	<b>545,137</b>	<b>1,852,378</b>	<b>1,177,096</b>

<sup>1</sup> Manfred Bauer had an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group until 31 December 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Dirk Goergen had an additional employment agreement with a subsidiary of the Group, DWS Investment Americas Inc., until 30 November 2024. Under this agreement an annual pension supplement of € 49,500, less contributions made to the US retirement plan, were granted in lieu of the pension plan commitment. As of 31 December 2024, a defined benefit obligation (IFRS) amounting to € 291,089 (31 December 2023: € 256,673) results from an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group that ended on 31 December 2022.

<sup>3</sup> Dr Markus Kobler opted for a pension supplement in lieu of the pension plan commitment in the amount of € 90,000.

<sup>4</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

## Crediting from Other Board Memberships

The Executive Board members' service agreements stipulate that Executive Board members shall ensure that compensation to which they may be entitled as members of a board, specifically a supervisory board, an advisory board or comparable institution within a company of the DWS Group or Deutsche Bank Group (Section 18 AktG), does not accrue to them. Accordingly, Executive Board members did not receive any compensation in the 2024 financial year from mandates in Group companies.

This does not apply to the compensation received by the members of the Executive Board responsible for the Coverage (until 30 November 2024) and Product (until 31 December 2023) divisions as a result of their further contract of employment with a subsidiary within the DWS Group.

Compensation for board memberships – specifically on supervisory boards or advisory boards – for a company not belonging to the DWS or Deutsche Bank Group is offset against the base salary at a rate of 50%. Compensation not exceeding € 100,000 per board membership and calendar year is not offset. In the 2024 financial year, there was no offsetting from a mandate with a company not belonging to Group companies.

## Compensation System for Additional Service Contracts with a Subsidiary of the Group

Due to regulatory requirements, Executive Board members with responsibility for the Coverage (until 30 November 2024) and Product (until 31 December 2023) division each had, in addition to their service contracts with DWS Management GmbH, an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group. The total compensation of the Executive Board

members includes both the compensation received from DWS Management GmbH as well as from the subsidiaries of the Group consolidated in the Group financial statements. The compensation system on which the compensation from the subsidiaries is based is subject to the relevant branch-specific remuneration provisions stated in the EU Directives on Alternative Investment Fund Managers and Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities V. If employees of the subsidiaries have been identified as having a material impact on Deutsche Bank Group's risk profile (InstVV Material Risk Taker), the stricter regulation apply in case of deviating regulation.

The employees of the subsidiaries are subject to the compensation standards and principles as outlined in the DWS Compensation Policy. The policy is reviewed on an annual basis. As part of the Compensation Policy, the Group employs a Total Compensation philosophy which comprises fixed pay and variable compensation and ensures an appropriate relationship to each other.

Fixed pay is used to compensate employees for their skills, experience and competencies, commensurate with the requirements, size and scope of their role. The appropriate level of fixed pay is determined with reference to the prevailing market rates for each role, internal comparisons and applicable regulatory requirements.

Variable compensation enables to provide additional reward to employees for their performance and behaviours without encouraging excessive risk-taking. The variable compensation basically consists of two elements: DWS component (corresponds to 25% of the reference value of the variable compensation) and individual component (corresponds to 75% of the reference value of the variable compensation).

For employees identified as InstVV Material Risk Taker (MRT), half of the DWS component is determined by the three performance indicators at the level of the DWS Group, which also apply to the members of the Executive Board: adjusted cost-income ratio, long-term net flows and ESG footprint. Each of the objectives is weighted at a fixed percentage. The second half of the DWS component of variable remuneration considers four equally weighted objectives at Deutsche Bank Group level, also applicable for the Executive Board members: Common Equity Tier 1 capital ratio, post-tax return on tangible equity, cost-income ratio, and ESG KPIs.

For the 2024 financial year, a target achievement level of 80.0% was set for the DWS component based on the assessment of the defined performance indicators at the level of the DWS and Deutsche Bank Group, taking into account the weighting of 50% each.

The individual component of the variable compensation is determined on the basis of objectives agreed with each employee for the financial year.

Both DWS component as well as the individual component may be awarded in cash, share-based or fund-based instruments under the Group deferral arrangements. For employees who are identified as having a material impact on the company's risk profile at least 40% of the total variable compensation must be granted on a deferred basis. The limit is increased to 60% depending on the amount of the variable remuneration and the risks that a risk taker may pose. The Group retains the right to reduce the total amount of variable compensation, including the DWS Component, to zero in cases of significant misconduct, performance-related measures, disciplinary outcomes or unsatisfactory conduct or behaviour by the employee subject to applicable local law.

Total Compensation is supplemented by additional benefits, which are considered to be fixed remuneration in the regulatory sense, as they are not directly linked to the performance or individual discretion.

The fixed-to-variable compensation ratio is 1:3. Nevertheless, for employees identified as InstVV Material Risk Taker, the stricter ratio 1:2 still applies.

## Executive Board Compensation in the 2024 Financial Year

### Compensation of the Members of the Executive Board Acting in the Financial Year

In the 2024 financial year, the compensation for the members of the Executive Board for the performance of their duties for and on behalf of the Group and its subsidiaries is provided below.

This comprises on the one hand the compensation determined for their activity as a member of the Executive Board on an individual basis for the 2024 financial year. In addition, the compensation granted and due (inflows) in the year under review in accordance with Section 162 AktG is shown. The inflows are reported broken down by fixed and variable compensation components including the fringe benefits.

Inflows as well as the compensation determined for the 2024 financial year from the additional service contract of the member of the Executive Board with responsibility for the Coverage division are shown in a separate table.

## Compensation determined

Following the proposal of the Joint Committee, the shareholders' meeting determined the compensation and its composition under the service contract with DWS Management GmbH for the 2024 financial year based on the assessment of the achievement of the objectives as follows:

### Total compensation for the 2024 and 2023 financial years

in €	2024					2023
	Base salary	Variable compensation			Total compensation	Total compensation
		Short-Term Award	Long-Term Award	Total		
Dr Stefan Hoops	2,800,000	1,916,000	2,200,000	4,116,000	6,916,000	6,985,500
Manfred Bauer <sup>1</sup>	1,200,000	409,500	495,000	904,500	2,104,500	724,105
Dirk Goergen <sup>2</sup>	560,833	231,000	317,625	548,625	1,109,458	971,700
Dr Markus Kobler <sup>3</sup>	950,000	440,000	550,000	990,000	1,940,000	331,730
Dr Karen Kuder	950,000	227,500	275,000	502,500	1,452,500	1,482,188
Rafael Otero <sup>4</sup>	237,500	105,000	144,375	249,375	486,875	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,698,333</b>	<b>3,329,000</b>	<b>3,982,000</b>	<b>7,311,000</b>	<b>14,009,333</b>	<b>10,495,223</b>

<sup>1</sup> Manfred Bauer had an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group until 31 December 2023. For 2023, the table above sets out the compensation determined under the service contract with DWS Management GmbH (40% working time allocation).

<sup>2</sup> The table above sets out the compensation determined under the service contract with DWS Management GmbH (weighted 40% working time allocation from January to November and 100% in December 2024).

<sup>3</sup> Member since 1 November 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Member since 1 October 2024.

In the additional service contract of the Executive Board member with responsibility for the Coverage division with 60% working time allocation, the responsible for the compensation determined the compensation and its composition for the 2024 financial year on the basis of the assessment of the achievement of the respective targets as follows:

### Total compensation in the additional service contracts for the 2024 and 2023 financial years

in €	2024		2023
	Base salary	Variable compensation	Total compensation
Manfred Bauer <sup>1</sup>	–	–	–
Dirk Goergen <sup>2</sup>	888,467	918,239	1,806,705
<b>Total</b>	<b>888,467</b>	<b>918,239</b>	<b>1,806,705</b>

<sup>1</sup> Manfred Bauer had an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group until 31 December 2023. For 2023, the table above sets out the compensation determined under this contract (60% working time allocation).

<sup>2</sup> Dirk Goergen had an additional employment contract with DWS Investment Americas Inc. until 30 November 2024. The table above sets out the compensation determined under this contract (60% working time allocation).

In summary, within the scope of DWS Management GmbH and additional service contracts share-based components were determined for the 2024 financial year as follows:

### Share-based components

	2024		2023	
	Share-based components in €	Share-based components in units <sup>1</sup>	Share-based components in €	Share-based components in units <sup>1</sup>
Granted by DWS Management GmbH	3,655,511	78,093	3,329,000	89,101
Granted by DWS Group	459,120	9,808	693,125	18,552
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,114,631</b>	<b>87,901</b>	<b>4,022,125</b>	<b>107,653</b>

<sup>1</sup> Units were calculated by dividing the respective amounts in euro by the average share price of DWS share over the last ten trading days prior to 1 March 2024 and 1 March 2023 respectively.

## Compensation granted and due (inflows)

The following tables show the fixed as well as the variable compensation components granted and due to the active members of the Executive Board in the reporting year according to Section 162 AktG (broken down by cash portion and various award instruments differentiated according to the respective grant years). These are the compensation components that were either actually paid ("granted") to individual members of the Executive Board during the reporting period or were already due in law during the reporting period but have not yet been paid ("due"). In addition to the compensation levels, pursuant to Section 162 (1) sentence 2 AktG, the relative shares of fixed and variable components of the total compensation are shown.

With respect to deferred awards from previous years disbursed in the year under review, the respective DWS Group and Deutsche Bank Group performance conditions were met.

#### Compensation granted and due (inflows) in the 2024 and 2023 financial years according to Section 162 AktG

	Dr Stefan Hoops								Manfred Bauer <sup>1</sup>			
	2024		2023		2024		2023		2024		2023	
	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
<b>Components of fixed compensation:</b>												
Base salary	2,800	73	2,800	88	1,200	0	1,200	73	430	645	1,075	69
Pension allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fringe benefits	15	0	12	0	4	0	4	0	166 <sup>2</sup>	4	171	11
<b>Total fixed compensation</b>	<b>2,815</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2,812</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>1,246</b>	<b>80</b>
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>												
Cash compensation for 2023 (2022)	377	10	387	12	59	88	147	9	38	70	108	7
DWS Restricted Incentive Awards:												
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award: Buyout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2022	0	0	0	0	11	21	32	2	0	0	0	0
2023 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2022	149	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	23	23	1	0	23	23	1
2022 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	6	23	29	2	6	23	29	2
2021 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Equity Awards:												
2023 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2022	505	13	0	0	49	92	141	9	0	0	0	0
2022 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	74	125	8
2022 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	19	27	46	3	0	0	0	0
2021 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	7	26	33	2	6	22	27	2
2020 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total variable compensation</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>3,846</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,356</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,558</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Manfred Bauer had an additional service contract with a subsidiary of the Group until 31 December 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Fringe benefits in 2023 as shown include income tax for the benefits in kind resulting from the assumption of costs for legal advice in the investigations affecting DWS.



	2024				Dirk Goergen 2023				Dr Markus Kobler (member since 1 November 2023)			
	DWS Management GmbH		Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH		Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	2024		2023	
	in € t.	DWS Group <sup>1</sup> in € t.			in € t.	DWS Group <sup>1</sup> in € t.			Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
<b>Components of fixed compensation:</b>												
Base salary	561	888	1,449	45	480	970	1,450	44	950	72	158	91
Pension allowance	0	50	50	2	0	54	54	2	90	7	15	9
Fringe benefits	1	250	251	8	278 <sup>2</sup>	345	623	19	0	0	0	0
<b>Total fixed compensation</b>	<b>562</b>	<b>1,188</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>758</b>	<b>1,369</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>												
Cash compensation for 2023 (2022)	84	173	257	8	91	174	265	8	200 <sup>3</sup>	15	0	0
DWS Restricted Incentive Awards:												
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award: Buyout	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	6	0	0
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2022	27	52	80	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2023 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2021	39	53	92	3	1	53	54	2	0	0	0	0
2022 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2020	22	31	52	2	22	31	52	2	0	0	0	0
2021 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2019	15	23	38	1	15	23	38	1	0	0	0	0
2020 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2018	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
2019 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Equity Awards:												
2023 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2022	119	227	346	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	125	172	298	9	0	0	0	0
2022 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2021	46	63	108	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2020	25	35	60	2	20	29	50	2	0	0	0	0
2020 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2019	17	24	41	1	14	20	34	1	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2018	1	2	4	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
2019 DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	164	247	411	13	135	203	338	10	0	0	0	0
<b>Total variable compensation</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>932</b>	<b>1,492</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>3,241</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,184</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>3,261</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Dirk Goergen had an additional employment agreement with DWS Investment Americas Inc. until 30 November 2024. Due to local currency allocation, the compensation shown is subject to exchange rate fluctuations. Pension contributions under the US retirement plan are counted against the pension allowance shown. The fringe benefits as shown include benefits in kind agreed to Dirk Goergen in connection with his stay in America, such as the assumption of costs for tax advice and housing allowances.

<sup>2</sup> Fringe benefits in 2023 as shown include income tax for the benefits in kind resulting from the assumption of costs for legal advice in the investigations affecting DWS.

<sup>3</sup> Cash compensation includes a portion of the substitute Sign-On Award, which was reported in the 2023 compensation report.

	Dr Karen Kuder				Rafael Otero (member since 1 October 2024)			
	2024		2023		2024		2023	
	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
<b>Components of fixed compensation:</b>								
Base salary	950	87	950	98	238	100	–	N/M
Pension allowance	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
Fringe benefits	5	0	4	0	0	0	–	N/M
<b>Total fixed compensation</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>N/M</b>
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>								
Cash compensation for 2023 (2022)	106	10	16	2	0	0	–	N/M
DWS Restricted Incentive Awards:								
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award: Buyout	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2023 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2022	5	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2023 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2022 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2022 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2021 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2021 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2020 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2020 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2019 DWS Restricted Incentive Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2019 Elected Employee Investment Plan Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
DWS Equity Awards:								
2023 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2022	20	2	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2022 DWS Equity Upfront Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2022 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2021 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2020 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2019	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2019 DWS Restricted Equity Award for 2018	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
2019 DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	0	0	0	0	0	0	–	N/M
<b>Total variable compensation</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>N/M</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>N/M</b>

## Compensation of the Previous Members of the Executive Board

### Compensation granted and due (inflow)

The following tables show the compensation granted and due (inflows) according to Section 162 AktG in the year under review for former members of the Executive Board with regard to the previous performance of their duties for and on behalf of the Group and its subsidiaries shown in the order of their leaving date.

The variable compensation inflows are reported broken down by cash portion and various award types. These are the compensation components that were either actually paid ("granted") to former members of the Executive Board during the reporting period or were

already due in law during the reporting period but have not yet been paid ("due"). Furthermore, the inflows from further service contracts of the members of the Executive Board from commitments during the time in which they were members of the Executive Board are presented. In addition to the compensation levels, pursuant to Section 162 (1) sentence 2 AktG, the relative shares of fixed and variable components of the total compensation are shown.

With respect to deferred awards from previous years paid in the year under review, the respective DWS Group and Deutsche Bank Group performance conditions were met.

### Compensation granted and due (inflows) in the 2024 financial year according to Section 162 AktG for former members

	Angela Maragkopoulou <sup>1</sup> (member until 31 December 2023)		Claire Peel (member until 30 September 2023)		Mark Cullen <sup>2</sup> (member until 31 December 2022)		Stefan Kreuzkamp <sup>2</sup> (member until 31 December 2022)			
	2024		2024		2024		2024		2024	
	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
Termination benefits	410	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>										
Cash compensation for 2023	196	32	118	16	77	4	0	0	0	0
DWS Equity Upfront Award	0	0	0	0	712	34	550	249	798	35
DWS Restricted Incentive Award	0	0	0	0	344	16	284	250	534	24
Elected Employee Investment Plan Award	0	0	0	0	162	8	0	41	41	2
DWS Restricted Equity Award	0	0	212	29	397	19	203	285	488	21
DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	0	0	411	55	408	19	164	247	411	18
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>606</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>1,202</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>2,273</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Assignment contract ended 31 December 2023. The amount reported under termination benefits is a partial amount of the severance payments reported in the 2023 compensation report that was paid in cash in the reporting year.

<sup>2</sup> Variable compensation shown includes inflows from termination benefits.

	Dr Asoka Woehrmann <sup>1</sup> (member until 9 June 2022)				Pierre Cherki <sup>1</sup> (member until 9 June 2020)				Robert Kendall <sup>1</sup> (member until 9 June 2020)	
	2024		2024		2024		2024		2024	
	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	DWS Management GmbH in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>										
Cash compensation for 2023	60	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Equity Upfront Award	2,697	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Restricted Incentive Award	1,409	25	149	14	162	18	105	82	188	22
Elected Employee Investment Plan Award	215	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Restricted Equity Award	995	18	186	151	337	37	131	104	236	28
DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	280	5	164	247	411	45	164	247	411	49
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>5,655</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> Variable compensation shown includes inflows from termination benefits.

	Nikolaus von Tippelskirch (member until 9 June 2020)		Jonathan Eilbeck (member until 30 November 2018)		DWS Management GmbH		Thorsten Michalik (member until 30 November 2018)		Nicolas Moreau <sup>1</sup> (member until 25 October 2018)	
	2024		2024		2024		2024		2024	
	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	DWS Group in € t.	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %	Overall in € t.	Relative portion in %
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>										
Cash compensation for 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Equity Upfront Award	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Restricted Incentive Award	83	45	38	39	15	30	45	39	2,190	94
Elected Employee Investment Plan Award	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DWS Restricted Equity Award	102	55	59	61	24	47	71	61	142	6
DWS Performance Share Unit Award (IPO)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1</sup> The table above sets out the inflows for Mr Moreau with regard to the previous performance of duties as an Executive Board member. Inflows with regard to the previous performance of duties as a Management Board member of Deutsche Bank AG are disclosed in the Compensation Report of Deutsche Bank Group. Variable compensation shown includes inflows from termination benefits.

## Pension payments

No pension payments have been made to former members of the Executive Board.

## Compensation for Supervisory Board Members

The compensation for members of the Supervisory Board is set forth in the Articles of Association of DWS KGaA. Any amendment of the Articles of Association requires a resolution of the General Meeting of DWS KGaA.

The members of the Supervisory Board receive a fixed annual compensation (“Supervisory Board compensation”). The annual base compensation amounts to € 85,000 for each member, the Chairperson of the Supervisory Board receives twice that amount and the Deputy Chairperson one and a half times that amount.

Members and the chairpersons of the committees of the Supervisory Board are paid an additional fixed annual compensation as follows.

### Committee compensation

in €	Chairperson	Member
Audit and Risk Committee	40,000	20,000
Nomination Committee	20,000	15,000
Remuneration and Personnel Committee	20,000	15,000
Adhoc Committee ESG matters	20,000	15,000

The Supervisory Board compensation is disbursed within the first three months of the following year.

In case of a change in the composition of the Supervisory Board during the year, the compensation for the financial year will be paid on a pro rata basis, rounded up/down to full months.

The members of the Supervisory Board are reimbursed by the company for the cash expenses they incur in the performance of their office, including any value added tax on their compensation and reimbursement of expenses. Furthermore, any employer contributions to social security schemes that may be applicable under foreign law to the performance of their work on the Supervisory Board is paid for each member of the Supervisory Board affected. Finally, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board will be reimbursed appropriately for travel expenses incurred in performing representative tasks due to his role.

In the interest of DWS KGaA, the members of the Supervisory Board are included in an appropriate amount, with a deductible, in any financial liability insurance policy held by the company. In the financial year 2024, Deutsche Bank Group provided a directors’ and officer’s liability insurance to the members of the Supervisory Board.

The current Supervisory Board compensation and the underlying compensation system was determined prior to the IPO of DWS KGaA in 2018 with the support of an independent external remuneration advisor. The compensation takes into account the responsibilities, requirements and time commitment of the members of the Supervisory Board. It also reflects, based on a horizontal peer group comparison, the compensation arrangements of competitors and selected German listed companies of comparable size, market capitalization and structure and is therefore competitive.

The Supervisory Board considers the appropriateness of the compensation level and system in its annual self-assessment as part of the efficiency review.

In addition, the Supervisory Board compensation is reviewed from time to time with the help of independent external experts at the instigation of the Supervisory Board or the Executive Board, representing the General Partner. Based on the results of a review undertaken in the first quarter 2021, the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board saw no cause for any amendments. Subsequently, the confirmation of the current compensation of the members of the Supervisory Board was proposed to the General Meeting on 9 June 2021 and approved by 99.85% of all valid votes.

In the event that the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board see reason for change, they will submit a modified compensation system and a proposal for a corresponding amendment of the Articles of Association of DWS KGaA to the General Meeting. In any case, the compensation for the Supervisory Board, including the underlying compensation system, will be presented to the General Meeting for its approval (“Billigung”) every four years. Potential conflicts of interest on the part of individual members of the Executive Board or members of the Supervisory Board with regard to the compensation system for the Supervisory Board will be treated in accordance with the existing policies and procedures.

In the opinion of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board the design of the Supervisory Board compensation as a purely fixed compensation without performance-related elements is most suitable to properly reflect and promote the independence of the Supervisory Board and its advisory and monitoring function. This enables the Supervisory Board to make its decisions objectively and independently of the Executive Board in the interests of the company, without being guided by any short-term business successes that might be reflected in variable compensation.



The Supervisory Board compensation provides a useful counterbalance to the strategically oriented compensation system for the members of the Executive Board, which contains both fixed and variable components. Supervisory Board compensation thus contributes to the implementation of a sustainable corporate strategy at DWS KGaA.

The appropriateness of Supervisory Board compensation ensures that the company will continue to be able to attract appropriately qualified candidates to join the Supervisory Board; in this way, Supervisory Board compensation also makes a sustainable contribution to promoting the business strategy and the long-term development of the company.

The table below provides the Supervisory Board Compensation (excluding value added tax) granted and owed to the individual members of the Supervisory Board for the financial years 2024 in according to Section 162 AktG.

DWS KGaA does not provide members of the Supervisory Board with benefits after they have left the Supervisory Board.

### Supervisory Board compensation

in €	Compensation for fiscal year 2024						Compensation for fiscal year 2023					
	Supervisory Board	Audit and Risk Committee	Remuneration and Personnel Committee	Nomination Committee	Adhoc Committee ESG matters	Total	Supervisory Board	Audit and Risk Committee	Remuneration Committee	Nomination Committee	Adhoc Committee ESG matters	Total
Oliver Behrens <sup>1</sup>	99,167	–	–	11,667	11,667	122,500	–	–	–	–	–	–
Ute Wolf	127,500	40,000	–	–	15,000	182,500	127,500	40,000	–	–	15,000	182,500
Stephan Accorsini	85,000	20,000	–	–	–	105,000	85,000	20,000	–	–	–	105,000
Prof Dr Christina E. Bannier <sup>2</sup>	85,000	–	15,000	–	–	100,000	49,583	–	8,750	–	–	58,333
Aldo Cardoso	85,000	20,000	15,000	–	–	120,000	85,000	20,000	15,000	–	–	120,000
Christine Metzler <sup>3</sup>	85,000	–	–	–	–	85,000	42,500	–	–	–	–	42,500
Angela Meurer	85,000	–	–	15,000	–	100,000	85,000	–	–	7,500	–	92,500
Richard I. Morris, Jr.	85,000	20,000	–	15,000	15,000	135,000	85,000	20,000	–	15,000	15,000	135,000
Karl von Rohr <sup>4,5</sup>	120,417	–	–	8,333	17,083	145,833	28,333	–	–	3,333	3,333	35,000
Erwin Stengele	85,000	–	15,000	–	15,000	115,000	85,000	–	15,000	–	7,500	107,500
Margret Suckale	85,000	–	20,000	15,000	–	120,000	85,000	–	20,000	15,000	–	120,000
Kazuhide Toda <sup>2,6</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Members who left the Supervisory Board during the fiscal year 2024:</b>												
Bernd Leukert <sup>4,7</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Members who left the Supervisory Board before the fiscal year 2024:</b>												
Annabelle Bexiga <sup>8</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	42,500	–	7,500	–	–	50,000
Minoru Kimura <sup>6,8</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Said Zanjani <sup>9</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	–	42,500	–	–	7,500	7,500	57,500

<sup>1</sup> Member since 6 June 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Member since 15 June 2023.

<sup>3</sup> Member since 21 June 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Deutsche Bank Group shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board have waived their Supervisory Board compensation in line with Deutsche Bank Group policies and procedures.

<sup>5</sup> Member of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank AG and Deutsche Bank Group employee until 31 October 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Independent shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board waived their Supervisory Board compensation in line with applicable policies and procedures.

<sup>7</sup> Member until 6 June 2024.

<sup>8</sup> Member until 15 June 2023.

<sup>9</sup> Member until 21 June 2023.

## Compensation for Joint Committee Members

The compensation for members of the Joint Committee is set forth in the Articles of Association of DWS KGaA. The members of the Joint Committee receive a fixed annual remuneration of € 20,000 and the chairperson of € 40,000.

The compensation is disbursed within the first three months of the following year.

In case of a change in the composition of the Joint Committee during the year, the compensation for the financial year will be paid on a pro rata basis, rounded up/down to full months.

The members of the Joint Committee are reimbursed by the company for the cash expenses they incur in the performance of their office, including any value added tax on their compensation and reimbursement of expenses. Furthermore, any employer contributions to social security schemes that may be applicable under foreign law to the performance of their work on the Joint Committee is paid for each member of the Joint Committee affected. Finally, the Chairperson of the Joint Committee will be reimbursed appropriately for travel expenses incurred in performing representative tasks due to his role.

In the interest of DWS KGaA, the members of the Joint Committee are included in an appropriate amount, with a deductible, in any financial liability insurance policy held by the company. In the financial year 2023, Deutsche Bank Group provided a directors' and officer's liability insurance to the members of the Joint Committee.

The following table provides the compensation (excluding value added tax) granted and owed to the individual members of the Joint Committee for the financial year 2024.

### Compensation for Joint Committee members

in €	Compensation for fiscal year 2024	Compensation for fiscal year 2023
James von Moltke <sup>1</sup>	–	–
Oliver Behrens <sup>2</sup>	6,667	–
Minoru Kimura <sup>3,4</sup>	–	–
Karl von Rohr <sup>1,5</sup>	–	–
Volker Steuer <sup>1,6</sup>	–	–
Kazuhide Toda <sup>4,7</sup>	–	–
Ute Wolf	20,000	20,000

<sup>1</sup> Deutsche Bank Group executives, delegated by the shareholders' meeting of the General Partner to the Joint Committee, have waived their compensation in line with Deutsche Bank Group policies and procedures.

<sup>2</sup> Member since 28 August 2024.

<sup>3</sup> Member until 15 June 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Members of the Joint Committee, delegated by the shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board from their midst, waived their compensation in line with applicable policies and procedures.

<sup>5</sup> Member until 31 October 2023.

<sup>6</sup> Member since 1 November 2023.

<sup>7</sup> Member since 22 June 2023.

## Comparative Presentation of Compensation and Earnings Development

The table below shows the comparative presentation of the annual change in compensation of the members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board, the performance of DWS KGaA and the Group and the average compensation of employees on a full-time equivalence basis. In the following years, the information referred to in Section 162 (1) sentence 2 number 2 AktG, will gradually be expanded to include the change in a financial year compared to the previous year, until a reporting period of five years is reached. From the financial year 2025 onwards, the annual changes for the last five years will be shown.

The information on the compensation of the active and former members of the Executive Board and the Supervisory Board shall be the compensation granted and due pursuant to Section 162 (1) sentence 2 number 1 AktG. The details of the compensation granted and due to the members of the Executive Board in the reporting year are shown in the respective tables of the compensation report for the members of the Executive Board.

The presentation of the company's performance is to reflect, according to the legal requirements, those of the legally independent company listed on the stock exchange. Accordingly, the net income (loss) of DWS KGaA is used to present earnings within the meaning of Section 162 (1) sentence 2 number 2 AktG. As the Executive Board compensation

is measured on the basis of Group relevant data, net income (loss) for the Group is additionally shown as well as adjusted cost-income ratio and net flows (from 2023 excluding Cash) related to the Group. The latter as important key metrics for the Group account for 35% in the performance measurement of the members of the Executive Board. Taking into account

the international business model of DWS, all employees of the Group worldwide were considered for the comparison group of employees.

in € t. (unless stated otherwise)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Annual change from 2024 to 2023 in %	Annual change from 2023 to 2022 in %	Annual change from 2022 to 2021 in %	Annual change from 2021 to 2020 in %
<b>1. Company profit development</b>									
Net income (loss) DWS KGaA (in € m.)	599	541	412	532	388	11	31	(23)	37
Net income (loss) DWS Group (in € m.)	652	553	595	782	558	18	(7)	(24)	40
Adjusted cost-income ratio (CIR) DWS Group (in %)	62.3	64.0	60.6	58.1	64.5	(1.6) ppt	3.4 ppt	2.5 ppt	(6.4) ppt
Net flows DWS Group (in € bn.)	26	28	(20)	48	30	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Net flows (excluding Cash) DWS Group (in € bn.)	24	23	(14)	42	11	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
<b>2. Average compensation employees</b>									
World-wide on a full-time equivalent basis <sup>1</sup>	157	155	190	193	179	1	(19)	(2)	8
<b>3. Executive Board compensation</b>									
Current members of the Executive Board:									
Dr Stefan Hoops (member since 10 June 2022)	3,846	3,198	1,564	–	–	20	104	N/M	N/M
Manfred Bauer (member since 1 July 2020)	1,655	1,558	1,495	1,004	478	6	4	49	110
Dirk Goergen	3,241	3,261	2,078	1,540	1,215	(1)	57	35	27
Dr Markus Kobler (member since 1 November 2023)	1,324	173	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Dr Karen Kuder (member since 1 November 2022)	1,087	970	159	–	–	12	N/M	N/M	N/M
Rafael Otero (member since 1 October 2024)	238	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Former members of the Executive Board:									
Angela Maragkopoulou (member from 1 January 2023 until 31 December 2023)	606	951	–	–	–	(36)	N/M	N/M	N/M
Claire Peel (member until 30 September 2023)	741	1,938	1,841	1,677	1,492	(62)	5	10	12
Mark Cullen (member until 31 December 2022)	2,099	2,053	2,610	2,152	1,741	2	(21)	21	24
Stefan Kreuzkamp (member until 31 December 2022)	2,273	4,386	2,721	2,217	2,101	(48)	61	23	6
Dr Asoka Woehrmann (member until 9 June 2022)	5,655	5,219	5,890	3,976	3,041	8	(11)	48	31
Pierre Cherki (member until 9 June 2020)	910	908	618	1,005	3,388	0	47	(39)	(70)
Robert Kendall (member until 9 June 2020)	834	722	420	704	2,670	16	72	(40)	(74)
Nikolaus von Tippelskirch (member until 9 June 2020)	185	505	244	288	1,453	(63)	108	(15)	(80)
Jonathan Eilbeck (member until 30 November 2018)	97	86	90	91	230	12	(4)	(1)	(60)
Thorsten Michalik (member until 30 November 2018)	116	104	108	110	276	12	(4)	(2)	(60)
Nicolas Moreau (member until 25 October 2018)	2,332	207	216	220	1,747	N/M	(4)	(2)	(87)

in € t. (unless stated otherwise)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Annual change from 2024 to 2023 in %	Annual change from 2023 to 2022 in %	Annual change from 2022 to 2021 in %	Annual change from 2021 to 2020 in %
<b>4. Supervisory Board compensation</b>									
Current members of the Supervisory Board:									
Oliver Behrens (member since 6 June 2024)	123	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Ute Wolf	183	183	183	168	168	0	0	9	0
Stephan Accorsini	105	105	105	105	105	0	0	0	0
Prof Dr Christina E. Bannier (member since 15 June 2023)	100	58	–	–	–	71	N/M	N/M	N/M
Aldo Cardoso	120	120	120	120	120	0	0	0	0
Christine Metzler (member since 21 June 2023)	85	43	–	–	–	100	N/M	N/M	N/M
Angela Meurer	100	93	85	85	85	8	9	0	0
Richard I. Morris, Jr.	135	135	135	120	120	0	0	13	0
Karl von Rohr <sup>2,3</sup>	146	35	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Erwin Stengele	115	108	100	100	100	7	8	0	0
Margret Suckale	120	120	120	120	120	0	0	0	0
Kazuhide Toda (member since 15 June 2023) <sup>4</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Members who left the Supervisory Board during the financial year 2024:									
Bernd Leukert (member from 21 July 2020 until 6 June 2024) <sup>2</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Members who left the Supervisory Board before the financial year 2024:									
Annabelle Bexiga (member until 15 June 2023)	–	50	100	100	100	N/M	(50)	0	0
Minoru Kimura (member from 10 August 2020 until 15 June 2023) <sup>4</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M
Said Zanjani (member until 21 June 2023)	–	58	115	100	100	N/M	(50)	15	0
Hiroshi Ozeki (member until 10 April 2020) <sup>4</sup>	–	–	–	–	–	N/M	N/M	N/M	N/M

<sup>1</sup> The average compensation of employees is based on a full-time equivalent basis and, since 2023, includes employees who were previously employed in service entities of the Deutsche Bank Group. In addition, an improved determination approach was implemented in 2023.

<sup>2</sup> Deutsche Bank Group shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board have waived their Supervisory Board compensation in line with Deutsche Bank Group policies and procedures.

<sup>3</sup> Member of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank AG and Deutsche Bank Group employee until 31 October 2023.

<sup>4</sup> Independent shareholders' representatives on the Supervisory Board waived their Supervisory Board compensation in line with applicable policies and procedures.

## Independent Auditor's Report

Note: Based on the results of our audit, we have issued an unqualified audit opinion in German language which will prevail of discrepancies between the English Translation and the German original. The English language text below is a translation of the independent auditor's report.

To DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA, Frankfurt am Main

### Report on the Audit of the Remuneration Report

We have audited the attached remuneration report of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA, Frankfurt am Main, for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2024, including the related disclosures, prepared to meet the requirements of Section 162 AktG [Aktiengesetz: German Stock Corporation Act]. We have not audited disclosures in the remuneration report marked as „unaudited“, which are beyond the requirements of the of Section 162 AktG [Aktiengesetz: German Stock Corporation Act].

### Responsibilities of Management and the Supervisory Board

The Management and the Supervisory Board of DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA are responsible for the preparation of the remuneration report, including the related disclosures, in accordance with the requirements of Section 162 AktG. The Management and the Supervisory Board are also responsible for such internal control as they have determined necessary to enable the preparation of the remuneration report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's responsibilities

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this remuneration report, including the related disclosures, based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the remuneration report, including the related disclosures, is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts, including the related disclosures, in the remuneration report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's professional judgement. This includes an assessment of the risks of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, in the remuneration report, including the related disclosures. In assessing these risks, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant for the preparation of the remuneration report, including the related disclosures. The objective is to plan and perform audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and the Supervisory Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the remuneration report, including the related disclosures.

We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit, the remuneration report for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2024, including the related disclosures, complies in all material respects with the financial reporting requirements of Section 162 AktG. Our opinion for the remuneration report does not include disclosures in the remuneration report marked as „unaudited“, which are beyond the requirements of the of Section 162 AktG [Aktiengesetz: German Stock Corporation Act].



## Other matter – formal examination of the remuneration report

The substantive audit of the remuneration report described in this independent auditor's report includes the formal examination of the remuneration report required by Section 162 (3) AktG, including issuing an assurance report on this examination. As we have issued an unqualified opinion on the substantive audit of the remuneration report, this opinion includes the conclusion that the disclosures pursuant to Section 162 (1) and (2) AktG have been made, in all material respects, in the remuneration report.

## Limitation of liability

The terms governing this engagement, which we fulfilled by rendering the aforesaid services to DWS Group GmbH & Co. KGaA, are set out in the General Engagement Terms for Wirtschaftsprüfer and Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaften [German Public Auditors and Public Audit Firms] as amended on 1 January 2017. By taking note of and using the information as contained in this auditor's report, each recipient confirms to have taken note of the terms and conditions laid down therein (including the limitation of liability of EUR 4 million for negligence under Clause 9 of the General Engagement Terms) and acknowledges their validity in relation to us

Frankfurt am Main, 7 March 2025

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## Employee Compensation (Unaudited)

### IFR Article 51

The content of the 2024 Employee Remuneration Report is based on the qualitative and quantitative remuneration disclosure requirements outlined in Article 51 of Regulation (EU) 2019/2033 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 November 2019 on the prudential requirements of investment firms and amending Regulations (EU) No 1093/2010, (EU) No 575/2013, (EU) No 600/2014 and (EU) No 806/2014 (IFR).

In line with Article 51 the following disclosure focusses on staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Group (i.e. Material Risk Takers or MRTs), as further detailed below.

This section excludes specifics of the Executive Board remuneration structure which are disclosed in the section 'Executive Board Compensation'.

### Regulatory Environment

DWS KGaA qualifies as an Union parent investment holding company and the DWS Group qualifies as an investment firm group within the meaning of the IFR, and is subject to the Investment Firm Directive and its transposition into national law in the German Investment Institutions Act (Wertpapierinstitutsgesetz) and the German Remuneration Ordinance for Investment Firms (Wertpapierinstituts-Vergütungsverordnung). DWS Group consists of a number of subsidiaries located both within the EU/EEA and outside in third countries. The majority of its regulated subsidiaries are management companies which, for those based in the EU/EEA, are regulated under the AIFMD or the UCITS Directive.

In the context of Employee Remuneration, the Group takes into account sector-specific remuneration regulations of its subsidiaries and therefore does not apply IFR and IFD remuneration rules to its AIF/UCITS management companies in EU/EEA and management companies in third countries. Instead, for those entities, the Group complies in general with sector-specific remuneration requirements under AIFMD/UCITS Directive.

DWS KGaA is also an indirectly owned subsidiary of Deutsche Bank AG, a Banking Group subject to the Capital Requirements Directive and its transposition into national law in the German Banking Act (Kreditwesengesetz) and the Remuneration Ordinance for Institutions (InstVV).

As a result of the sector specific remuneration regulations under AIFMD, UCITS Directive and IFD, and in accordance with Section 1 and Section 27 of InstVV, DWS KGaA and its subsidiaries are carved-out from the application of InstVV with the exception of individuals who are identified as having a material impact on Deutsche Bank Group's risk profile (InstVV MRTs). For InstVV MRTs, such as the Executive Board members, the stricter regulation applies in case of deviating regulation.

### Identification of Material Risk Takers (MRTs)

Employees who are not employed by an AIF/UCITS management company, and whose professional activities have a material impact on the Group, have been identified in line with Article 3 and 4 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2021/2154, supplementing IFD with regard to regulatory technical standards specifying appropriate criteria to identify categories of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of an investment firm or of the assets that it manages (IFD MRTs). In addition, any employee of an AIF/UCITS management company, who is mandated to perform professional activities that have a direct material impact on the risk profile or the business of the Group, has been identified as IFD MRT.

Furthermore, AIFMD/UCITS MRTs have been identified in accordance with the sector-specific remuneration requirements of the AIFM and UCITS Directives.

### Compensation Governance

The objective of our compensation governance is to ensure that the Group acts within the framework of its remuneration strategy and policy. The Executive Board is responsible for introducing and implementing the employee compensation system. The Supervisory Board of DWS KGaA has set up a Remuneration and Personnel Committee, formerly Compensation Control Committee, to support it in monitoring the appropriate design of such employee compensation system. This monitoring is carried out taking into account the impact of the compensation system on group-wide risk, capital and liquidity management and the consistency of the compensation strategy with the Group's business and risk strategy.

The DWS Compensation Committee is a delegated committee established by the Executive Board. Its mandate is to develop a sustainable compensation framework and operating principles, make recommendations on total compensation levels and ensure appropriate governance and oversight of the compensation processes. It establishes the Compensation Policy.

As part of its mandate, the committee, using quantitative and qualitative factors, assesses Group and divisional performance as a basis for compensation decisions and makes recommendations to the Executive Board on the total annual amount of variable compensation and its allocation across business divisions and infrastructure functions.

In 2024, the DWS Compensation Committee membership comprised the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Administrative Officer, Head of Product Division and Global Head of Human Resources. The Head of Reward is a non-voting member. Control functions such as Compliance, Anti-Financial Crime and Risk Management are represented on the committee by the CFO and the CAO. Control functions are also appropriately involved in the design and implementation of the Group's compensation system to ensure that conflicts of interest do not arise as a result of the compensation system and to consider the impact of compensation on the Group's risk profile.

## Compensation Framework

The compensation framework, generally applicable globally across all regions and business divisions, emphasizes an appropriate balance between fixed pay and variable compensation – together forming total compensation. It aligns incentives for sustainable performance at all levels whilst ensuring the transparency of compensation decisions and their impact on shareholders, investors and employees. The underlying principles of the compensation framework are applied to all employees equally, irrespective of differences in seniority, tenure, gender or ethnicity. The implementation of the gender-neutral compensation policy is monitored by the DWS Compensation Committee.

Fixed pay is used to compensate employees for their skills, experience and competencies, commensurate with the requirements, size and scope of their role. The appropriate level of fixed pay is determined gender neutral with reference to the prevailing market rates for each role, internal comparison and applicable regulatory requirements.

Variable compensation reflects affordability and performance at Group, divisional and individual level. It allows to differentiate individual performance and to drive behaviour through appropriate incentives that can positively influence culture. It also allows for flexibility in the cost base. Variable compensation generally consists of two elements – the franchise variable compensation component and the individual variable compensation component.

The Franchise Variable Compensation component is based on one of the overarching goals of the compensation framework – to ensure an explicit link between variable compensation and the performance of the Group. To assess our annual achievements in reaching our strategic

targets, three KPIs are utilized as the basis for determining the 2024 franchise variable compensation: adjusted cost-income ratio, long-term net flows and ESG metrics.

The Individual Variable Compensation takes into consideration a number of financial and non-financial factors, relativities within the employee's peer group and retention considerations. In case of negative performance contributions or misconduct, an employee's variable compensation can be reduced accordingly and can go down to zero. Variable compensation is granted and paid out subject to Group affordability. Under the compensation framework, there continues to be no guarantee of variable compensation in an existing employment relationship. Guaranteed variable compensation is utilized only on a very limited basis for new hires in the first year of employment and are subject to the standard deferral requirements.

The compensation strategy is designed to achieve an appropriate ratio between fixed and variable compensation. This helps to align employee compensation with the interests of clients, investors and shareholders and with industry standards while ensuring that the fixed compensation is a sufficiently high proportion of the total compensation to enable the Group to be fully flexible on variable compensation.

The DWS Compensation Committee has determined a ratio of 1:1 with regard to fixed-to-variable remuneration components for IFD MRTs in Control Functions, and a 1:3 ratio for other IFD MRTs.

## Determination of Performance-Based Variable Compensation

The variable compensation pools are subject to appropriate risk-adjustment measures which include ex-ante and ex-post risk adjustments. The robust methodology in place aims at ensuring that the determination of variable compensation reflects the risk-adjusted performance as well as the capital and liquidity position of the Group. The total amount of variable compensation is primarily driven by (i) affordability (i.e. what "can" the Group sustainably afford to award in alignment with regulatory requirements) and (ii) performance (what "should" the Group award in order to provide an appropriate compensation for performance and future incentive while protecting the long-term health of the franchise).

When assessing divisional performance, a range of considerations are referenced. Performance is assessed in the context of financial and non-financial targets (based on balanced scorecards). Whilst the allocation of variable compensation to infrastructure functions, and in particular to control functions, depends on the overall Group performance of, it is not dependent on the performance of the division(s) that these functions oversee.

At the level of the individual employee, established variable compensation guiding principles which are gender neutral and detail the factors and metrics that must be taken into account when making Individual variable compensation decisions. These include, for instance, investment performance, client retention, culture considerations, and objective setting and performance assessment based on the total performance approach. Furthermore, any control function inputs and disciplinary sanctions have to be considered in deciding on Individual variable compensation.

### Variable Compensation Structure and Vehicles

The compensation structures are designed not to provide incentives for excessive risk-taking but rather provide a mechanism to promote and support the long-term performance of employees and the Group. For MRTs a portion of variable compensation is paid upfront and, an appropriate portion is deferred to ensure alignment to the sustainable Group performance, and/or investors in DWS funds. Generally, DWS share-based instruments are used as an effective way to align compensation with Group's sustainable performance and the interests of shareholders. For investment professionals, where permissible DWS funds-linked instruments are used instead to ensure alignment with the investors.

MRTs with variable compensation at or above € 50,000 (or which exceeds one fourth of total compensation) have at least 40% to 60% of their variable compensation deferred over a period of at least three years. In case the variable compensation is below these thresholds, the Material Risk Takers receive their entire variable compensation in cash without any deferral.

The instruments are subject to a 12-month retention period, and all deferred components are subject to a number of performance conditions, continued employment within Deutsche Bank Group and forfeiture/clawback provisions which ensure an appropriate ex-post risk adjustment.

### Compensation Decisions for 2024

2024 was a year which paved the way for strong, disciplined growth as the firm enters the second half of the 2020s. Following the flow turnaround in 2023, the long-term net inflows have been doubled in 2024, thereby showing strength to grow organically.

The positive market environment paired with strong net inflows led to higher average AuM throughout 2024 and growth in revenues.

Against this backdrop, the DWS Compensation Committee has monitored the affordability of variable compensation for 2024. The committee has concluded that the capital and liquidity base of DWS remain above regulatory minimum requirements, and internal risk appetite threshold.

As part of the overall 2024 variable compensation granted in March 2025, the Franchise Component was awarded in line with the assessment of the defined KPIs. The Executive Board determined a payout of 90,0% for the Franchise Variable Compensation component in 2024.

### Material Risk Takers Compensation Disclosure

50 individuals were identified as MRTs according to IFD for financial year 2024. The remuneration elements for IFD MRTs are detailed in the tables below in accordance with Article 51 IFR.

## Remuneration awarded for 2024

in € t. (unless stated otherwise)	Supervisory Board	Executive Board	Other Material Risk Takers	Total Material Risk Takers
Number of MRTs <sup>1</sup>	13	6	28	47
<b>Components of fixed compensation:</b>				
Cash-based	1,331	6,814	10,952	19,097
Shares or equivalent ownership interests	–	0	0	0
Share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments	–	0	0	0
Other types of instruments under Article 32 (1) (j) (iii) IFD	–	0	0	0
Non-cash instruments which reflect the instruments of the portfolio managed	–	0	0	0
Approved alternative arrangements	–	0	0	0
Other forms	–	567	1,321	1,888
<b>Total fixed compensation</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>7,381</b>	<b>12,273</b>	<b>20,985</b>
<b>Components of variable compensation:</b>				
Cash-based	–	3,015	5,831	8,845
Thereof: Deferred	–	2,015	1,893	3,909
Shares or equivalent ownership interests	–	0	0	0
Thereof: Deferred	–	0	0	0
Share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments	–	3,656	5,183	8,839
Thereof: Deferred	–	2,656	2,608	5,264
Other types of instruments under Article 32 (1) (j) (iii) IFD	–	0	0	0
Thereof: Deferred	–	0	0	0
Non-cash instruments which reflect the instruments of the portfolio managed	–	641	714	1,355
Thereof: Deferred	–	641	714	1,355
Approved alternative arrangements	–	0	0	0
Thereof: Deferred	–	0	0	0
Other forms	–	0	0	0
Thereof: Deferred	–	0	0	0
<b>Total variable compensation<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>–</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>11,728</b>	<b>19,039</b>
<b>Total compensation</b>	<b>1,331</b>	<b>14,692</b>	<b>24,001</b>	<b>40,024</b>

<sup>1</sup> Beneficiaries only (headcount reported for Supervisory Board and Executive Board, FTE reported for the remaining part). Therefore, the totals do not add up to 50 individuals identified as MRTs under IFD.

<sup>2</sup> Variable compensation includes DWS's Year-end performance based variable compensation for 2024, other variable compensation and severance payments. It also includes fringe benefits awards to Executive Board Members which are to be classified as variable remuneration. The table does not include new hire replacement awards for lost entitlements from previous employers (buyouts).

## Guaranteed variable remuneration and severance payments – Material Risk Takers

in € t. (unless stated otherwise)	Supervisory Board	Executive Board	Other Material Risk Takers	Total Material Risk Takers
<b>Guaranteed variable remuneration</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Number of beneficiaries <sup>1</sup>	–	0	0	0
<b>Severance payments awarded in previous periods, that have been paid out during the financial year</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Severance payments awarded during the financial year</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,362</b>
Thereof: deferred severance payments awarded	–	0	0	0
Number of beneficiaries <sup>1</sup>	–	0	3	3
Severance payments paid during financial year	–	0	1,362	1,362
Highest amount of severance payments awarded to a single person	–	0	978	978

<sup>1</sup> Beneficiaries only (headcount reported for all categories).



## Deferred remuneration – Material Risk Takers

in € t.	Deferred remuneration awarded for previous performance periods			Explicit ex-post performance adjustment made in the financial year to previously awarded deferred remuneration		Deferred remuneration due to vest in the financial year that was paid out during the financial year
	Due to vest in the financial year	Vesting in subsequent financial years	Total	Due to vest in the financial year	Vesting in subsequent financial years	
<b>Supervisory Board:</b>						
Cash-based	–	–	–	–	–	–
Shares or equivalent ownership interests	–	–	–	–	–	–
Share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other types of instruments under Article 32 (1) (j) (iii) IFD	–	–	–	–	–	–
Non-cash instruments which reflect the instruments of the portfolio managed	–	–	–	–	–	–
Approved alternative arrangements	–	–	–	–	–	–
Other forms	–	–	–	–	–	–
<b>Total Supervisory Board</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>–</b>
<b>Executive Board:</b>						
Cash-based	2,012	6,116	8,129	0	0	1,932
Shares or equivalent ownership interests	1,562	3,399	4,961	0	0	1,562
Share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments	1,058	5,185	6,243	0	0	1,058
Other types of instruments under Article 32 (1) (j) (iii) IFD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-cash instruments which reflect the instruments of the portfolio managed	144	2,342	2,485	0	0	144
Approved alternative arrangements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other forms	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Executive Board</b>	<b>4,776</b>	<b>17,043</b>	<b>21,818</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,696</b>
<b>Other Material Risk Takers:</b>						
Cash-based	2,355	5,308	7,664	0	0	2,355
Shares or equivalent ownership interests	72	132	203	0	0	151
Share-linked instruments or equivalent non-cash instruments	2,891	5,346	8,238	0	0	2,891
Other types of instruments under Article 32 (1) (j) (iii) IFD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-cash instruments which reflect the instruments of the portfolio managed	494	1,001	1,496	0	0	494
Approved alternative arrangements	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other forms	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total other Material Risk Takers</b>	<b>5,813</b>	<b>11,788</b>	<b>17,600</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5,892</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,588</b>	<b>28,830</b>	<b>39,419</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10,588</b>

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